# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

#### All Are Welcome Here – We Strive For It.

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins commits to offering a community in which persons of diverse age, color, culture, sexual orientation and gender identity, economic status, and physical or mental ability are all welcomed and affirmed. To all who have known pain of exclusion or discrimination from church or in society, we ask forgiveness and offer a place of respite and welcome.

If you are new to our church and would like more information, please ask one of our greeters or ushers or visit the Welcome Center. They can direct you to classrooms, nursery, restrooms, food, and fellowship, as well as introduce you to our staff. We would be honored to get to know you better and learn about your life and spiritual needs. Our community may not know you yet, but we already love you and hope you will make this your spiritual home. Thank you for joining us today, and God bless you!

Liturgists 8:00 Theresa Holbrook, 9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell, 11:00 Kelly McBartlett

Flowers: Given in memory of Lynne Holt by Sheryl Holt

#### Nurserv/Childcare

A well-staffed nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Pagers are available upon request.

# FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

#### Children's Sunday School Classes – 9:45 a.m.

Please sign in your children at the Children's Ministries check-in desk, south entrance, before the 9:30 a.m. worship service begins. Children sit with their parents/guardians during worship in the Sanctuary until the conclusion of Children's Time. Then, parents of preschoolers escort their children to Room 121, and children in grades K-5 meet their shepherds outside the Narthex. The shepherds will escort elementary children to their classrooms. Parents, please pick up elementary children from the upstairs Village Classrooms following the service.

For children attending our worship services, children's worship bags, bulletins, and notebooks are available in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary.

#### Sunday Morning Adult Groups – Please join us.

**8:00 a.m.:** Adventures in Faith Men's Group – Village Commons 9:30 a.m.: Samaritan Class - Parlor; Serendipity Class -Village Commons: Upper Room Class – Upper Room (Room 235) 11:00 a.m.: Open Hearts Class – Village Commons; CrossWalk Community – Youth Large Group Room

## ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	Toccata in G	Th. Dubois
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
<b>Prelude 8:00</b> 9:30 & 11:00	<i>Sing to the Lord A Merry Peal</i> Carillon Handbell Choir	Lani Smith P. Jerome
Invocation	Canilon Handbell Choir	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	When Our Confidence is S Alternate Tune	Shaken UMH 505
9:30 Reception of New Members		
9:30 Children's Tin Hymn	ne and Teacher Dedication Where Children Belong	TFWS 2233
<b>Anthem</b> 8:00	<i>There is a Fountain</i> Brenna Martin, piano	arr. Shackley
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's PrayerRev. Cynthia Paquette		
Scripture	Psalm 84 page 731	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offertory 8:00 Count Your Blessings Innes Brenna Martin, piano; Karen Stoody, organ 9:30 & 11:00 Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord Mark Hayes Sanctuary Choir and Carillon Handbell Choir		
Give online at fcfumc.net; text to give at (970) 355-3021; every \$1 bill goes directly to those in need.		
<b>† Doxology</b> Prais	e God, from Whom All Bless	ings Flow UMH 95
Scripture	Galatians 5:16-26 page 1421	Liturgist
Sermon	"What Faith Can Do"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
† Hymn of Dedicati	on Without Seeing Yo	u TFWS 2206
† Benediction		
Postlude	Toccata on 'Old 100 <sup>th</sup> '	G. Young

Let's kick off the school year with fun, food and fellowship! Enjoy games, face painting, music and more TODAY August 26 from 4:30 - 7:00 p. Choose an item to contribute to the meal from the display in Fellowship Hall – pulled pork. chicken, buns, vegetarian options and drinks will be provided. Friends and neighbors are welcome too!

If your child is in 3rd-5th grade and would like to participate in an important part of Sunday services, please join us for Acolyte training **TODAY August 26<sup>th</sup> at** 10:45-11:30 a.m. in the Chapel. The commitment on behalf of your child is as much or as little as you choose. Questions: Contact Barb Grauberger at childrensdirector@fcfumc.net.

Our August 28 Church Council meeting will be a specially called Charge Conference with the purpose of having a discussion and vote on restructuring Church Council. Your Church Council leadership team believes this will help facilitate more vibrant ministry and mission for First Church.

After the summer hiatus, CARILLON HANDBELL CHOIR will resume their rehearsals on Wednesday, August 29, at 6:00 pm. The ALLELUA HANDBELL ENSEMBLE will start up a week later, on Thursday, September 6, at 4:30 pm. Both groups meet downstairs in the choir/music room. Contact Karen Stoody. karestoo@gmail.com for information.

Book of the Week: The American Spiritual Culture and the Invention of Jazz, Football and the Movies by William Dean. 201.7 DEA. Dean. professor emeritus of constructive theology at Iliff School of Theology, finds spiritual meaning throughout American society.

United Methodist Women invite you to stand with them in the "RED ZONE" on UMW Kickoff Sunday. September 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a potluck lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall followed by a program to shed light on an important issue: Human Trafficking! We will focus on how this problem is impacting our local community and what we can do to empower change. Wear red and join us in the "Red Zone".

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **FIRST CHURCH KICKOFF PICNIC!**

## **ACOLYTE TRAINING TODAY**

## CHARGE CONFERENCE – AUGUST 28. 7 P.M.

#### **CARILLON HANDBELL CHOIR &** ALLELUA HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

## SANCTUARY CHOIR NEW MEMBER/WELCOME BACK NIGHT

Thursday, August 30 Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal from 7 - 8 p.m. New members are needed and welcomed at all rehearsals

# COMMUNITY AND WORLD MISSION

Faith Family Hospitality: Sign up now for our At Home Mission September 2 through September 9. We will host four families experiencing homelessness for the week. We need cooks, evening hosts, overnight hosts. Saturday breakfast cooks, as well as help setting up and cleaning up. More information and sign up at the Mission Table in Fellowship Hall, or call Elaine Andersen, 682-1147.

## NORTHERN COLORADO FAITH LIBRARY

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

#### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

Flowers Delivery Ministry could use more vases. We deliver flowers that are donated to the ministry from Sunday worship services and funerals to people who are ill, experiencing crises, lost loved ones, and shut-ins. Please bring your vases to the church office - medium and large vases are welcomed. We have enough small and narrow vases.

### **DONATION OF NEW CHORAL RISERS**

The beautiful new choral risers in the Sanctuary are given by Joe and Beverly Winsett in memory of their parents, Nolan, Sr. and Lillian Winsett, Aaron and Zelma Hale, and in honor of all the many musicians, choir members, and music directors who have shared their talents over the years with First United Methodist Church.

The shipping costs of the new risers were donated by various members of our congregation.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the new risers possible by helping move and assemble them. We are very thankful to have more substantial, safe risers for our choirs.

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Spiritual Gifts Inventory: Have you struggled with how to serve God? Do you know your spiritual gifts? This one-time, one-hour class will be offered on four dates -- 4-5 p.m. Aug. 30: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 4: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 30: and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 2. Sign up at Adult Faith Formation table or email c.paquette@fcfumc.net.

Year-long Bible Study: Here's your chance to read the entire Bible in a year in a program designed by famed biblical scholar J. Ellsworth Kalas. Weekly group meetings will start this fall on Thursdays beginning Sept. 6 Participants can choose 12-1:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Info at AFF table or email c.paquette@fcfumc.net.

Read and be Grateful: Author Diana Butler Bass brings together a variety of sources - social science research, spiritual wisdom and contemporary issues to develop new insights about the power of thankful living. Class meets at noon Wednesdays in the Parlor Sept. 5-26. Books are \$16 at Adult Faith Formation table or davidreid24@gmail.com.

Theology on Tap will meet on Tuesday, September 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Moot House in the Garden Room. Join us for our monthly conversation about the intersection of faith and life. September's topic is Evangelism in a Diverse World. We look forward to having you join us! Questions: Kate Norton, flf67@live.com or Martha Conant, marthaconant@gmail.com.

New Small Group: Sign up at the Adult Faith Formation table or email davidreid24@gmail.com for information about the new small group forming this fall. Dates and times will be set by members.

Wednesday Night Recharge: Here is the lineup of new offerings and contacts. We've dropped meal service on Wednesdays and none of the groups will meet on Halloween.

Financial Peace University - 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 5-Nov. 7, is sponsored by the Stewardship and Generosity Team. Cost will be \$109 per family and scholarships are available. Advance registration required.

The Path Discipleship Journey is a three-month process. Participants will meet 7-8 p.m. Sept. 5-Nov. 14 and in one-on-one meetings. Meet with Rev. Cynthia before August 24 to start The Path.

Yoga and Spirituality - Rev. Kaitlin Elmore will offer a five-session yoga program 6-7 p.m. Sept. 26-Oct. 24. Bring your mat; fee is \$5 per session.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS







**Holly Hooks** 



**Lorrie Wagner** 



**Barbara Cline** 



Sana Long

Coming Next Week: September 2 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

> "Rules and Rituals" Psalm 72:1-7, Mark 7:1-8

Music: 8:00 Keilani McConnell 9:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary Choir

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"What Faith Can Do"



# We are delighted to have you with us today.

Sunday Worship: 8:00 in the Chapel, 9:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary.

Faith Formation opportunities listed on the next page.

Food and Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall just south of the Sanctuary.

May you be blessed because you joined us today!