

Peace with Justice Sunday- May 22, 2016 by Megan Wieck

Together, we spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States, and globally.

In Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and sold against their will. Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.

Although you, and possibly even our congregation, may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace.

When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because you give, Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities; United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue; and Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad. These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give.

Will you continue to support Peace with Justice Sunday? Will you empower local Christians—in Pennsylvania and Arizona and Liberia—to build the kingdom of peace that Jesus ushered in? In Jesus' inaugural address, standing in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he detailed his game plan:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

Through your giving, good news is proclaimed to—and experienced by—the poor. Thanks be to God!

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Transvaluing

by Pastor Charles

It has been 30 years since I read the magazine column about increasing my vocabulary. Yet, I continue to enjoy learning new words and the nuances of the English language. One word to hit the bright lights of renewed usage is “transvalue.” It, like many European words, migrated into American English in the early 20th century, and it appears to have taken a sabbatical for the last 100 years. Now, it is returning to the language workforce. Its definition reads “To evaluate by a principle that varies from accepted standards” or “to re-estimate the value of something especially on the basis differing from accepted standards.” Now, let’s apply this word to church life.

When John Wesley recorded his Aldersgate experience in his journal on May 24, 1738, the worship life of the church was centered in cathedrals, chapels, and other institutional church halls. Based on the events of that night when “I felt my heart strangely warmed,” he transvalued English worship life and experience from sanctuaries to the streets and fields. There were times Wesley stood on the street corner loudly singing “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,” and at the end of the doxology, he announced preaching would begin at this location at an hour later in the day.

Preaching and worship followed this or slight variations of this in the pioneering era of the United States. Worship and preaching formats incorporated hymns, Scripture readings, prayers, sermons, and the usual elements in venues ranging from church halls to dance halls, from street preaching to store fronts.

Today’s Christians find we are mid-stream in another transvaluing era of worship. One can easily find churches constructed to look like a business rather than a church. The interiors require more than pews and pulpits. Rather, it’s “lights, camera, action” with any number of musical instruments. And, this is just

the tip of the iceberg in the current transvaluing of worship. There is more, and it is complicated. In the book *Worship Ways: For the People within Your Reach*, authors Tom Bandy and Lucinda Holmes point out that one size does not fit all. Church services to reach a new generation must be created with an intentional style. Bandy and Holmes identify seven:

1. Coaching Worship
2. Educational Worship
3. Transformational Worship
4. Inspirational Worship
5. Caregiving Worship
6. Healing Worship
7. Mission-Connectional Worship

To determine the worship brand best fitting for a specific congregation, Bandy and Holmes advocate utilizing socio-demographic data in worship planning. Lifestyle information supplies the basis for a congregation to offer worship to address the fundamental issues for the people who are within reach.

Finally, here is good news for our church. Our Church Council has organized a task force to review worship options and opportunities in our church. The task force is studying Bandy and Holmes’ book as a resource for their work. It is an exciting thought that our congregation’s leaders and people will discern how God is leading us in transvaluing worship at First United Methodist Church for a new generation of Christians who are within reach.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Charles



Membership Information

by Darcy Campbell

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daughter of Courtney Renee & Cason James Simpson

sister of Blake Simpson

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Marion Heikes

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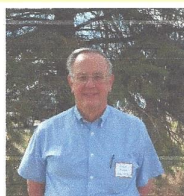
Tom Lane

(Excerpt from the Lay Servant Ministries Newsletter)

Peaks Sub District Lay Servant Ministries

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Congratulations to the Peaks Sub District Lay Servant of 2016



John Allum

Fort Collins First United Methodist Church

The Peaks Lay Servant of 2016 is dedicated to his family, his church, his community and the conference. He has been a Lay Servant since 1976. He is active in his church on the "Foundation board", coordinates the Lay liturgists, served on the church council, the "Large donations working group" and "Memorials committee". He is also serves communion.

He serves the conference on the New Church Development Committee and the Peaks and Plains New Ministries Council.

He has taken several Lay Servant Classes and facilitated at least one!

He participates in a musical group called "The Stover Street Stompers", where he plays the trombone. The Stover Street Stompers are a ministry outreach from First United Methodist Church, Fort Collins. Organized in 2002, the band has played Dixieland tunes, gospel songs, spirituals, and traditional hymns. The band travels to churches other than their own to play. This gives the pianist or organist a day off. They also play at charity events such as the Crop walk, Alzheimer's walk and more.

This Lay Servant is truly what we hope to cultivate in our Lay servants. One who serves in many areas, encourages others to serve and emulates an attitude of service, faith and caring that is truly contagious.

Congratulations John Allum. You are the Peaks 2016 Lay Servant of the year!



From the Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Choir and Bell Choir Director Announcements



The Staff Parish Relations Committee is delighted to announce the hiring of David Adkins as our Sanctuary Choir Director. David brings a wealth of education, training, and experience to this position as well as deep connections to the Fort Collins community. David holds a B.A.

degree in music with an emphasis on vocal performance from the University of Alabama in Birmingham, a M.A. degree from Samford University with an emphasis in choral conducting, a M.S. degree from Samford University in secondary education, and a MBA degree from the University of Denver with an emphasis in organizational leadership and human resource administration.

Originally from Birmingham, David has studied choral conducting with Robert Shaw of the Robert Shaw Chorale. Based on the merits of his thesis on English church music, David was chosen by the Methodist Music Society of London, England, to participate in a three year study of English church music with various English conductors and scholars including a summer with John Rutter and the Cambridge Singers at Clare College of Cambridge University. More recently, David has studied organ with Dr. Joel Bacon of Colorado State University. David currently works full time as Senior Vice President and Director of Marketing for Home State Bank. He is also on the board of directors of the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra, the American Guild of Organists Tri State Chapter, and is President of the Board for Homelessness Prevention Initiative in Fort Collins.

David looks forward to working with our choir and other musicians in the church to grow and more fully integrate the children's and youth choir programs into our worship services. He has many ideas for developing the presence of the arts in our church so that it becomes the premier site for ecclesial artistic expression in our region.



The Staff Parish Relations Committee is also delighted to announce the hiring of Karen Stoody as the Hand Bell Choir Director. Karen is well known to our church community from her years of service as our Church Organist and Music Administrator. Now that she is retiring from her full time position

with Colorado State University, Karen is eager to expand her participation in our music ministries. She is looking forward to contacting the members of our Hand Bell Choir and working with them to bring them back into full participation in our worship services.

We look forward to an exciting new era of musical excellence as David and Karen lead us into the 21st century!

Positions Available at First United Methodist Church

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is receiving resumes for the following staff member positions at the church. To apply, please forward your resume to officemanager@fefumc.net.

Publications and Communications

Specialist (Part time) – Develops print and on-line communications, including the church newsletter. Requires skills in graphic design, publishing software, marketing, and communications.

Director of Children's Ministries (Part time) – Coordinates comprehensive ministries with children. Supervises Mom's Day Out, Pre-School, and Nursery ministries.

Kid's Closet Coordinator (Part time) – Organizes and manages the operation of the Kid's Closet.

Calling all Handbell Ringers! by Karen Stoody



I am excited to get to work with the handbell choir at FUMC! We will officially start weekly rehearsals in mid-August, or whenever school starts. However, I would like to have a meeting of former and interested new ringers to talk about best possible rehearsal days/times and to sight-read a few pieces for fun! My “retirement” from opera does not happen until the end of May, but I have a couple days after CSU juries and before my last Opera Fort Collins rehearsals begin. I would like us to meet on **Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 pm** in the choir room downstairs. I hope you are ready to ring again or for the first time! Feel free to contact me any time. My email is karstoo@earthlink.net. See you on May 11.



Memorial Day Service

by Ted Schlagenhauf

On **May 29th**, immediately following the 11:00 service, the Columbarium will hold their annual Memorial Day Service. ALL members of Fort Collins First United Methodist church who have passed since last Memorial Day will be recognized. We welcome your presence.

Children’s Ministry Happenings

VBS will be June 6-10! This year’s theme is “Surf Shack,” and we are all invited to “Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love.” VBS is a great way to introduce and affirm the wonders of our awesome God, and we welcome all preschool and elementary-aged children. If you are a teen or adult, don’t worry- we have a spot for you too! Contact Christy Loewen to volunteer and use your gifts and passions during this fabulous week. **Early bird online registration will be available until May 15! To register, go to <http://cokesburyvbs.com/fumcfortcollins>.**



Faith Formation Appreciation Sunday- May 22! If you have helped guide someone’s faith formation this year- be it as a Sunday School teacher, shepherd, or behind-the-scenes volunteer, for children, youth, or adults, please join us for this special Sunday as we recognize you. We are grateful for the time, talents, and love you have poured into our children and ‘children at heart’ this year at FUMC!

Summer Sunday School: It’s hard to believe, but we are already gearing up for a fabulous summer Sunday school program for our FUMC kiddos. This is a great chance to get your feet wet in Children’s Ministry, and give our regular teachers and shepherds a well-deserved break. Contact Christy for details on how to be a blessing- and be blessed!

Adult Faith Formation Events

A Dialogue on Race



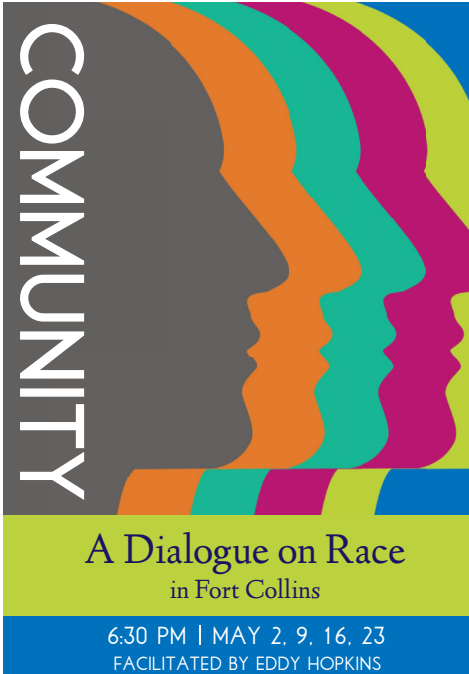
Fort Collins seems like a racially homogeneous city, but our history and neighborhoods of color say otherwise. How do we talk about race when people with power feel intimidated, and people of color ignored?

In *A Dialogue on Race in Fort Collins*, we will learn to listen to each other, our community, and the biblical witness on this topic of racial division. Our emphasis will be on listening well, which includes a genuine response, so we will look at a few examples both modern and biblical.

Eddy Hopkins, former Northern Colorado Faith Library librarian who now pastors PEAK Community in Fort Collins is the instructor. The class meets at FUMC at **6:30 pm for four Mondays in May**. Here is the schedule:

- May 2: Learning to talk about race: examples, experiences
- May 9: Ta-Nehisi Coates and Richard Beck: One Christian’s response
- May 16: Museo de las Tres Colonias: The history of racism in Fort Collins
- May 23: The biblical witness and practical first steps

Hopkins holds a master’s degree from Regent College (Vancouver, B.C.) and has taught previously at FUMC on intersections between Scripture and agriculture, and faith and literature. He lives with his wife and sons in Wellington.



Navigating Senior Services

It’s never too early to start gathering information about senior services and housing, whether for yourself or your loved ones. FUMC will host a panel of experts from the senior industry to explain options and take your questions on **June 7 at 12:00 noon and again at 7:00 pm**. The program is free and light refreshments will be provided.

The panel will consist of experts representing independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing care and in-home, non-medical assistance. They will also share additional resources available in the community.

This 90-minute program is presented by MacKenzie Place, Good Samaritan Society, the Green House at Mirasol and Homewatch CareGivers.



TUF Accessory Sale for Girl Rising by Caroline Vacante

Our Accessory Sale is going on now! The Teens United in Faith group at First United Methodist Church is holding an Accessory Sale on **May 1 and 8 in the Fellowship Hall**. The proceeds from the sale will go to Girl Rising. Thank you so much for all of the beautiful, generous donations!

Girl Rising is an organization that helps girls all over the world get the education they need to reach their full potential. 62 million girls are missing from classrooms. Sometimes they are sold into slavery and sometimes they are married to older men when they are as young as 11! Girl Rising partners with 7 non-profit agencies to help provide scholarships and uniforms, to build libraries and classrooms, and to provide safe spaces and health education. All of these allow young girls to stay in school and that helps not only each girl, but the world's economy as well. If you wish to learn more, please visit their website, girlrising.com, or watch the movie entitled Girl Rising.

How can you help? Come shopping! On May 1 and 8, TUF will be holding our Accessory Sale in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!

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Upcoming UMW Events

Spirituality Presentation: On **Wednesday, May 13th at 11:30 am** Pastor Vivian will present a program on Spirituality. This is a topic frequently discussed but not really understood. Join us for lunch and this interesting program.

PVH Layettes: The UMW is putting together the layettes for the Poudre Valley Hospital again. These are so fun to shop for and we have always had a great response. So let's do it again and have the items turned in no later than **May 3rd**. A list of items needed are on the UMW bulletin board.

Mission U: Have you registered for Mission U yet? It will be held **July 21 - 23 at St Andrews UMC in Highlands Ranch**. The studies this year are Climate Justice, The Bible and Human Sexuality, and Latin America. Get your registration form from the UMW Bulletin Board and send it in as soon as possible.

Days for Girls: Our UMW is starting another very important mission. The Days for Girls project helps young women stay in school and not be embarrassed those 3-5 days every month. The planning and organization for this project will be **Wednesday, May 11th, at 10:30 am in the Parlor, and again at 5:00 pm for those who are working or in school**. We will need people to cut, sew, and trim. Money donations will also be needed as the start of this programs will need bolts of material, and equipment to start. People of all ages are urged to attend.



Mission Corner (Community & World Outreach Committee)

Kenya Projects

Since 2010, FUMC has been a faithful partner with other USA churches, the Methodist Church in Kenya (MCK) and most recently, Rotary International in building clean water and hand-washing projects at more than 55 primary and secondary schools. Our GBGM Advance #3021424 has attracted investments from individuals and churches across the nation. We have resources now to reach about 30 more schools. All the schools are identified and prioritized by the Bishop of the Kaaga Synod in Meru, Kenya. The leaders at each of the schools have requested that clean water be brought to their school and they each have made some sort of significant investment of their own in their project.

The Clean Water movement is part of a larger international effort known as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) because all three elements are critically linked in communities trying to improve their human health. FUMC has joined this approach by agreeing to add the third element, sanitation, to our work. Improving sanitation can be done in a variety of ways but is best when tailored to the needs and resources of a particular location.

We have also participated in developing a concept gaining worldwide traction known as Holistic WASH. This concept constructively addresses key three issues in developing nations. One is the WASH hardware (water filters, hand-washing stations and latrines). Another is educating school children about personal and community hygiene. This includes our helping to build school libraries and computer teaching centers. Still another is youth training and employment about WASH with the expectation that unemployed youth can start a business building WASH projects elsewhere in their country. Thank you to FUMC for your long time passionate interest in this work. Your commitment is making a positive difference.

Summer Bookmobile

The FUMC Summer Bookmobile began in 2012 at the request of Putnam Elementary. June-August we load the church van with crates of books and drive to low income neighborhoods designated by the school. Our volunteers help kids choose two books of the correct reading level to borrow each week. A grant was given by Group Publishing last fall to build a small trailer, so that novels can be organized but not unloaded at each neighborhood stop. We also received a generous trailer donation from an anonymous church couple in 2014. We've designed our own trailer. Components are being purchased and assembled! We will need a large number of volunteers weekly at our largest Hickory Village trailer park site, which serves 50 kids or so. A day and time for that stop are not set, but will likely be Tuesday evening or Friday just before lunch. We are hoping to develop a facebook page and twitter feed to be able to communicate schedules, changes, and highlights. Please contact Janet Krech, 225-0330, ajkrech@msn.com, to be added to the bookmobile email group.

Putnam Elementary News

Putnam Elementary News: Theresa Holbrook, Cynthia Paquette, and Jim Collinson painted faces and applied dinosaur tattoos during the school's Cinco de Mayo Celebration! We also supported the Putnam book fair with volunteers who helped kids spend \$7 of Scholastic credit each. The church purchased small prizes to act as incentives for good student behavior. Thanks to Karen Waldron, Mary Ann Kertula, Dee Fortin, and Mary McBride for working at the school PRIDE store! We need 10 volunteers on **Friday, May 13th** to hand out water or tally laps at the school Jog-A-Thon from 8-noon and we need another 10 for field day from 9-3 (or in shorter shifts) the same day! Please contact Janet Krech, 225-0330, ajkrech@msn.com.

Congregational Care

by Cynthia Paquette (c.paquette@fcfumc.net; 970-482-2436 ext. 22)



Leaders needed for Congregational Care Teams

A chair person is needed for each of the teams: Congregational Care Visitation Team, Telecare, Flowers Delivery Ministry, and Worship CDs for Shut-Ins. The chair person will recruit and assign volunteers, organize and manage the ministry, and join the team in carrying out the ministry.



Pastors' Emergency Line (970.294.6595)

If you have an urgent need to talk to a pastor after office hours or during the weekend, please call 970-294-6595. An urgent need include death of a loved one, death of a loved one is imminent or a crisis where you or a loved one has had a medical emergency. In the event of a medical emergency please call 911. After calling 911, call this number if you urgently need to talk to a pastor.



Love in Action

Do you or someone you know need one-time help with yard work, ride to medical appointments, ride/help to get groceries or any other one-time need? If yes, please call the church office (970.482.2436) and ask for Love In Action help. Love In Action does not provide monetary help.

For more information about Congregational Care at FUMC, contact Cynthia Paquette, c.paquette@fcfumc.net or 970-482-2436 ext. 22.

Communion Server Training

by Rae Batch

Dear Communion Server:

*Here is bread.... here is wine.... Christ is with us:
Break the bread.... taste the wine.... Christ is with us here.
Here we are.... joined in one.... Christ is with us:
In this bread there is healing; In this cup there's life forever.
In this moment by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.*

Our pastors, Lead Pastor Rev. Charles Murry, and Associate Pastor, Rev. Vivian Hiestand, are inviting all *current and prospective* communion servers to attend **Communion Server Training on Sunday, May 15 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

We will gather in the sanctuary to become better acquainted with our pastors and with each other, seeking consistency and improvement in our efforts as we serve, while recognizing the importance of Holy Communion to all who are gathered at the Lord's table. I hope you will plan to attend one of the training sessions. Thanks so much for serving.

Guatemala 2016 Reflection

submitted by Georgia Metz

Traditionally, the Wesley Foundation college ministry at CSU sponsors a trip to Lemoa, Guatemala for college students and members of FUMC over spring break every other year. Following is a reflection from Alyssa Jenkins, a CSU 2015 graduate and regular attendee at FUMC, about her third trip to Guatemala with Wesley Foundation this past March.

Guatemala has changed my life in more ways than one. This past March was my third trip to Guatemala. The trip always puts me out of my comfort zone- whether it be the spiders, the uncomfortable beds, the language barrier, or the fact that you can't flush your toilet paper... But I think that's what we need every once and a while. I need to be pushed out of my comfort zone and be able to experience a different culture to grow in myself. These trips have also helped me expand my vision of God. He's working in more than just my tiny life in Fort Collins. It's a beautiful thing to be able to connect with the people of God in a whole different part of the world- we are all children of God even if we don't speak the same language or live the same lifestyle. The people of the country are what keep me coming back. The people of Lemoa have great hearts and always welcome us with open arms.



My three trips have all been different, but they each have their own special moments that I take away with me. This last trip, specifically, I felt more comfortable than I ever have been before. This time, I felt like I could take a breath, really enjoy where we were at each moment, and not worry about what was coming next or what the week had in store for us. I think God gave me peace that week and allowed me to let my heart rest in all of the people and the places we encountered.



A total of **\$1,402.22** was collected from our Annual sale last February of books and puzzles! Thank you from the Northern Colorado Faith Library to all the volunteers who helped and everyone who contributed! We welcome you to drop off books and board games for 2017!

Senior Wise

May Double Nickel Lunch

Georgia Metz, Director of Wesley Foundation College Ministry Outreach at CSU and Front Range Community College will talk about “Wesley in Guatemala” at the **Friday, May 13, Double Nickel Lunch at noon in Fellowship Hall**. Georgia co-led the recent mission to Guatemala for our church which included a mixture of college students and FUMC members. Last month they traveled to Lemoa, Guatemala to spread the love of God through construction projects and interaction with the people there. Georgia will share stories of small miracles encountered on the trip and show pictures of the mission’s highlights. Come and learn about how God is working in Guatemala and FUMC’s vital partnership with the people of Lemoa!

After graduating from Bluffton University (Bluffton, Ohio) with a degree in religion, Georgia has spent the last three years working in campus ministry. As the leader of FUMC’s college ministry, Georgia spends her time coordinating weekly bible study, lunch, and other events for students; meeting 1-1 with students; developing partnerships with other faith groups at CSU; leading a small group; and most recently, co-leading the mission to Guatemala. Georgia enjoys hiking, reading, and root beer floats. We will have some time to ask her both about the Guatemala mission and her ongoing Wesley ministry.

Come and get to know more about Georgia Metz and our FUMC Wesley mission and ministry while enjoying conversation and a good meal with others ages 50 – 90+ (though younger folks are allowed!). Lunch is \$4– no reservations are required. Contact Diane Smith if you would like to help before, during or after this gathering: dianes@mindspring.com. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated! (Come early for a blood pressure check with nurse JoAn Hopkins.)

Senior Ministry May Calendar

Okay Chorale

meets Thursdays, May 5 & 19
from 3:00 - 4:00 in the Village Commons

Monday at the Movies

Monday, May 16
will feature *Still Alice*, from 1:00 - 3:00 in the
Cinema Room- free for all!

3rd Thursday Lunch

Thursday, May 19
11:30 am, location TBA in the bulletin.



For more information about these and other senior ministry activities or to sign up for the Seniorwise email mailing list, contact Linn Zink, Senior Council member, lczink@gmail.com or call 970-988-0836.



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Electronic Giving

by Pam Raab

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving! Do you know all the options available to you in making your financial contributions to the church? As check writing is on the decline, we have added convenient ways for you to support the ministries of our church.

1. Electronic Funds Transfer – You authorize the church to deduct a specified amount out of your bank account monthly.
2. Online Giving – Go to fcfumc.net and click on the tab “Give Online”. You will be directed to a secure website where you can enter a one-time or recurring contribution from your bank account or credit card.
3. Mobile Giving – Download the “Joyfully2UMC” app from the app store and enter Fort Collins First United Methodist church. Or, simply scan this QR code with your mobile phone and you will be directed where you enter your giving information.
4. Credit Card - Swipe your credit card and enter the desired amount on the dedicated iPad located at the Welcome Center.



Don't forget to place a “I Give Electronically” card (found in the pew pockets) in the offering plate as it is passed when you use any of these forms of payment.

If you would like help with any of the methods of giving listed, please contact Pam Raab in the church office or financialsecretary@fcfumc.net.