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Supper in the Spirit Beginning September 7

Supper in the Spirit, a weekly gathering for people of all ages for food, fellowship and spiritual growth, kicks off the evening of Sept. 7 for a new five-week block. Thanks to Music Ministries, there are now musical opportunities for children and adults on the same night. Pick the activities that fit your interests and your schedule:

4:30-5:30 pm – Handbell choir practice for beginning adults led by Karen Stody.

5:30-6:00 pm – Dinner prepared by chef Theresa Holbrook;
\$6 per person or \$20 for a family of 4 or more.

6:00-7:00 – Adult classes. Choose any of these three options:

1) The Book that Interprets Itself: Introducing the Book of the Revelation to John is a course designed and taught by Pastor Charles Murry. A short section of Revelation will be the focus each week. This class will continue through Nov. 16.

2) Voting Faithfully is a five-week exploration of ethics and elections led by Don Gaymon. It will be grounded in recent books by Miroslav Volf/Ryan McAnally and Michael J. Sandel, but books will not be required.

3) A DVD series to be announced. No preparation is required to participate fully.

6:00-6:30 – God's Kids Chime Choir led by David Adkins.

6:30-7:00 – Activities for children led by Lynette Szabo.

7:00-8:15 – Carillon Handbell Choir practice with Karen Stody.

THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE

by David Reid



The Theologian in Residence program returns to FUMC at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 29 with a presentation by Heidi Russell, who teaches theology at the Institute of Pastoral Studies of Loyola University Chicago.

Russell starts with the theory of entanglement from quantum physics, which posits that a particle that becomes entangled with another particle can no longer be completely separated and has changed the other particle. She applies this metaphorically to the Christian sacraments of baptism and Eucharist to draw out new understandings of inclusiveness.

The TIR program is an independent non-profit that inspires, educates and mobilizes the Northern Colorado interfaith community. By hosting ten innovative and transformative programs annually, TIR provides a forum for connecting theological reflection and world wisdom traditions to real world application and spiritual practice.

For several years, FUMC has considered TIR a ministry of the church. However, TIR does not receive any direct funding from FUMC and is completely dependent on contributions. The usual suggested donation for each event is \$10 per person. Programs for 2016-17 are scheduled for FUMC and Trinity Lutheran Church.

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CHOOSE HOPE – A Community Response to Despair

by Pastor Vivian



In the late fall of 2015, the community was stunned to learn that an eleven-year-old child

had committed suicide. Less than a day later people were shocked when another eleven year old did the same – and the two children did not know one another. Shaken to the core, this church held a prayer vigil followed by a conversation with people from throughout the Fort Collins community about what could be done to prevent other children from taking their lives. Two different ways of addressing the issue arose from that meeting. One was to gather a coalition of non-profit organizations – social services, mental health, schools, health care, and faith-based – to meet monthly to talk about how to best serve the people most likely

to attempt suicide and their families. Led by UC Health, this is now the Northern Colorado Youth Suicide Prevention Coalition, and First UMC Fort Collins is the only faith based organization in that group.

The second effort grew out of conversations held at Coalition meetings: a conference to raise awareness about this issue, educate and inform the general public, and support those struggling with despair, which too often results in suicide. The conference is co-sponsored by First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins and UC Health.

“Choose Hope: A Community Response to

Despair” will be held here at the church on October 7 & 8 (Friday/Saturday). It will feature two nationally recognized speakers, Rev. Dr.

Leanne Hadley and Michelle Snyder; workshops about suicide prevention, dealing with the aftermath of an attempt or completion; and opportunities for people to support

one another as everyone learns to cope with this difficult issue.

Registration for the event will cost only \$20 and will be available through the church web site beginning September 6. Look for more complete information in bulletins and on the web site in September.

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AN INTERFAITH RESPONSE TO DESPAIR



SANCTUARY CHOIR NEW MEMBER/WELCOME BACK NIGHT

By David Adkins

Sanctuary Choir New Member/Welcome Back Night Thursday, September 8 6:30 PM - Refreshments and Welcome 7:00 - 8:00 PM - Rehearsal

The Sanctuary Choir will host a New Member Night on Thursday, September 8 for anyone interested in joining our choir. This is an opportunity to come and meet other choir members and participate in a rehearsal. No audition is necessary and childcare is provided. If you have ever considered joining the choir, this would be an excellent opportunity to come and join us. Perhaps you sang in the choir in the past and are considering coming back to choir. We would love to have a full choir loft this December when we present *Magnificat* by John Rutter with the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra. If you have any questions, please contact David Adkins at choirdir@fcfumc.net.



BELLS AND PIPES

By Karen Stody



Now that school is back in session, the Carillon Handbell Choir is also back rehearsing and preparing to be part of worship services once a month. The new rehearsal time is 7:00-8:15 on Wednesday evenings. In addition to this established bell choir, and because of considerable interest, a beginner handbell choir will be offered. This group will meet from 4:30-5:30 on Wednesdays in the choir room, and will be participating in worship as soon as possible.

Finally, on Sunday, October 16, at 3:00 pm, I will give another organ recital to benefit the Marcussen organ maintenance fund.

During the daytime hours on September 12-14, our local organ tuner/technician, Jim Steinborn, will be doing some additional pipe work for us. The Spanish Trompette pipes (the

visible festival pipes that extend out from the facade of the organ) will have necessary re-bushing work to tighten the reeds and help the pipes stay in tune better. This work has been under discussion for a couple years, and the money for this comes from the Marcussen organ maintenance fund that is managed by the Foundation board. Jim Steinborn will also individually dust these beautiful pipes while he does this work!

Finally, on Sunday, October 16, at 3:00 pm, I will give another organ recital to benefit the Marcussen organ maintenance fund. This recital will showcase the newly re-worked Spanish Trompette

pipes, and will also demonstrate the versatility of the Marcussen. The recital is titled "Mostly Toccatas!" and will include almost all new material, from Bach to Richard Elliott (organist for the Mormon Tabernacle.) Esther Parsons will join me for a beautiful piano/organ duet, "Symphony of Spirituals" by Joel Raney; and Gloria Choi will actually share the organ bench with me playing an organ duet titled "Tocatta on 'For All the Saints'" by Charles Callahan.

For more information on bells and pipes, contact Karen Stody: organist@fcfumc.net or karstoo@earthlink.net.





SENIORWISE

by Linn Zink



September Double Nickel Lunch *China Revisited*

Join us for the Friday, September 9, Double Nickel Senior Lunch for *China Revisited*, a presentation by church member Judson Harper who visited China in 2011 and returned there just last year to observe again some of the ongoing changes that are taking place in this most populated country of our world and a cradle of civilization.

Jud Harper moved to Fort Collins from the Midwest to join the CSU faculty in 1970. He headed the Dept. of Agricultural Engineering, later became the university vice president for research, and served also as interim president for CSU during his tenure there. His accomplishments are significant and numerous – just “google” his name to learn so much more. We are fortunate to have him as a long-time church member and as our September speaker at Double Nickel.

Plan to join us for this informative program from 12:00 noon to 1:30 in the church parlor, to enjoy good fellowship, and for a delicious meal with others ages 50 – 90+ (though younger folks are allowed!). Lunch is \$4– no reservations are required. Special thanks this month and every month to *Diane Smith* and the many volunteers who make this monthly event possible! Contact Diane if you would like to help before, during or after this gathering: dianes@mindspring.com. **Volunteers are always needed and appreciated!**

SENIOR MINISTRY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2016

Thursdays, 1 & 15 – *Okay Chorale* open singing group from 3 to 4 in the Village Commons – newcomers of all ages welcome – especially those with memory issues!

Friday, 9 – Double Nickel Senior Lunch – *see details above*

Thursday, 15 – Seniors volunteer at Larimer Food Bank, 9:00 to 11:00

3rd Thursday Lunch at area restaurant begins at 11:30 (watch the bulletin for details)

Monday, 19 – Movie from 1 to 3, *Theory of Everything*, Cinema Room – free and all ages welcome!

Thursday, 29 – Fall Bus Trip to the High Country *see details below*



On Thursday, September 29, we will **head to Summit County high country** on a very comfortable commercial bus, stopping in *downtown Frisco and at the Frisco Lake Dillon Marina*. We will view fall foliage going and coming home and have time to explore the museum, historical buildings, shops and restaurants in a few blocks area of downtown Frisco, plus have the option of a scenic boat ride on Lake Dillon. The trip will be from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm from the south church lot - cost is \$30 per person plus your lunch or \$30 plus an optional \$20 boat ride (includes picnic lunch). Sign-up by email or phone (see below) or at Double Nickel lunch - **you pay when you step on the bus**. *Confidential scholarships are available.*

For more information or to sign up for any of these activities, or the senior ministry email list, contact Linn Zink, Senior Council member, lczink@gmail.com or 970-689-3047.



WESLEY FOUNDATION NEWS

by Georgia Metz



With the start of the new semester, there are a lot of things returning to the Colorado State

University campus: freshman students eager and nervous to start their college adventure, the colors of fall around the Oval, long lines at the coffee shops in the student center... and the street preachers stationed in the center of campus yelling at passing students about hell. For the past few years, there have been a group of men dedicated to coming to campus and getting students to repent from their sins, which is mainly accomplished by running in front of students going from class to class and screaming in their face about the depth of their wickedness. For many young adults at CSU, this may be the only way they experience religious expression in college.

However, two years ago some Wesley students decided to take a stand and offer an alternative look at faith. A couple of dedicated students started "Coffee on the Plaza," a booth in the center of campus (known simply as The Plaza) that offered free coffee and expressions of love and grace in the name of Jesus and the United Methodist Church. Students often passed right by

street preachers yelling about the fires of hell to receive coffee and conversation from their friendly Christian peers. It was a chance for students to talk to people they normally wouldn't speak with and hear a message of grace and peace.

For the past couple of years, this program has expanded and changed. The Wesley Foundation has gone from holding Coffee on the Plaza once a semester to three

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times a semester, and we have seen relationships with students usually outside our reach blossom and grow as a result. This year we were very fortunate to receive a grant from the United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries enabling us to host it once every other week! Together with other Christian ministries on campus, this year we will be hosting not only a place to get coffee and chat, but a space where people can talk about what they believe in, what is important in their lives, and how that has changed since they entered college.

The Wesley Foundation believes that the message of Jesus changes lives, but if it's only communicated with angry screaming it might drive those just starting their adult lives away from the church forever. With the expansion of our Coffee on the Plaza program, we hope to give college

students a chance to encounter a living and grace-filled God.

If you are interested in helping out with Coffee on the Plaza, we would love for you to join us! Whether you can come often or only once, we are happy to welcome volunteers from the congregation who want to hand out coffee and talk to students. Contact Georgia Metz for more information, wesleydirector@fcfumc.net or 971-300-3969.

TRUSTEES UPDATE

by Bill Whitaker

Improved South Parking Lot Lighting Coming Soon

Using funds from the Makinen Bequest, the Board of Trustees has contracted with ParkWay Electric to install a new lighting system in the south parking lot. The work is scheduled to start the week of August 22 and should be complete in early September. The new lighting will consist of two poles on the centerline of each side of the parking lot and three poles located in the large playground in the center of the parking lot. The existing poles will be removed at a later date after coordination with the City of Fort Collins, the owner of the poles. The parking lot will remain available during construction. Please avoid construction activity and marked areas. The large playground will be closed during construction.



BEING JESUS

by Pastor Charles



E. Stanley Jones served as a Methodist missionary in India. During his work, he had the opportunity to have conversations with Mohandas Gandhi, the famous leader who advocated nonviolence and civil disobedience. Dr. Jones once asked him, “Though you quote the words of Christ often, why is it that you appear to so adamantly reject becoming his follower?” Gandhi’s answer: “I do not reject your Christ, I love your Christ. It is just that so many of you Christians are so unlike your Christ.”

This is one point influencing young adults today. Is the church being Jesus? And what does it mean to be a church being Jesus? First, it is not a church promoting a Jesus with a religious smile floating off in a celestial cloud. It is not a church unconcerned with the hurts and hopes of humanity. Young adults are looking for Jesus the man who walked the dusty roads around Nazareth and Jerusalem. They are looking to know more about Jesus who was a friend to the outcast when no one else would touch them. They are looking for Jesus who identified fake piety in religious leaders. They are looking for Jesus who called for sacrificial giving of one’s possessions, money, and life and who abhorred manipulation of the poor in the temple. Being Jesus is to live in a way that lifts the poor out of poverty, strengthens the weak, and does not prey on the vulnerable. Being Jesus is living like this and doing so in God’s holy name.

There is a crisis in church life today, and part of it is centered on what the next generation sees and experiences. The generation we older Christians should be mentoring are like Gandhi. Many young adults are willing to confess, “We love your Christ. It is just that so many of you Christians are so unlike your Christ.”

The good news is God can change that. God is in the business of transformation. Here are four characteristics to consider.

We live in a day in which there is no “one size fits all” for faith and church life. One of the expectations from former days was uniformity. Uniformity has morphed into a selfish concept reading something like “if I want it or if I like it, everyone else will like it and the world will be better off.” One person comes to church to be social. Another person comes to church to be quiet and pray. Ask this: Am I being aware of what others need at church? Giving away your own desires and preferences is being Jesus.

Expect a revolution. And this is a good thing. The world’s events, technology, communications are rapidly changing. Intransigence in church life has created institutional paralysis when the church needed to be nimble. Being Jesus is being part of a movement in which people’s lives are drastically changed. Zacchaeus was a different man when he climbed out of the sycamore tree. You and I may be in our own sycamore tree and can expect the same when we come down.

Embrace the challenge. Jesus encountered some “stuck in the mud” people. The woman talking to Jesus in John 4 is one example. Read the first part of the conversation she had with Jesus and read it with notes of sarcasm and cynicism. By the end, she was running to tell others. Jesus did not count her as lost; he embraced the difficult nuances of their dialogue. Being Jesus involves embracing the challenge. God is at work in the church, even when it does not look like it. God is at work in people’s hearts, even when you, I and others may not feel like it.

Trust God. It is an uncomplicated matter to trust God when we witness the miracle of feeding a multitude; it feels painless, even undemanding, to trust God while observing change in others, and it is almost effortless to trust God on resurrection morning. We are called to trust God in the hard places. When life hits a tough spot, we can ask, “Where is God in this?” and “How is God at work here?” How often do we read past the garden prayer when Jesus agonized and sweated out the words, “Not my will, but thy will be done.” Being Jesus is to trust God when the going gets rough.

The role of the church is to be a training ground for people to be Jesus. We can grow to be people who are being Jesus in daily life. Our lives yield testimony and witness to who we really are. There is an aphorism credited to Coach John Wooden: “Character is what you do when no one is watching.” In today’s world, sooner or later, someone is watching.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Charles

COMMUNITY AND WORLD OUTREACH

THANK YOU FROM FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY

Submitted by James W Collinson

August 16, 2016

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generosity! Your gift to Faith Family Hospitality provides the lead gift towards the FFH Sherwood House. The Sherwood House will provide transitional (six-month) housing where up to seven families will get to regain their independence as a family while continuing to have graduated case management and support as they save money for their futures and obtain the necessary skills for long-term, sustainable self-sufficiency.

Through careful stewardship of the gifts you give Faith Family Hospitality, we are able to respond with compassion and love to the needs of our guests.

Thank you so much for supporting FFH and sharing your resources with us and those we serve. Your gift is greatly appreciated.

With gratitude,
Annette Zacharias
Executive Director/Faith Family Hospitality



UPDATE ON THE KENYA CLEAN WATER (WASH) PROJECT

by Rich Fisher

Over the last seven years our church has supported the Clean Water Project in Kenya. In the last few years we allied with Rotary, and together we have installed clean water systems in 55 poor rural schools. About 40 additional schools are on our list for assessment and possible future installations.

The Methodist bishop in central Kenya recommends and prioritizes almost all the schools with which we are working. Our contractor, Isaac Soita of Running Water International, a young Kenyan entrepreneur, does the installations. When one of those in our group visits Kenya (about every 6 months), we meet with Isaac to assess his progress, and we visit as many schools as time permits. Visiting schools where the water systems have been installed allows us to evaluate how they are being used and to what extent the clean water and hand-washing stations are making a difference with the students. By visiting schools thought to need clean water systems, we evaluate the need and potential success for the systems. A key criteria is the commitment and capability of the school leaders, especially the head teacher.

The Methodist General Board of Global Ministry (GBGM) Advance Project #3021424, "Delivering WASH to Kenya Schools," continues to be a successful outreach for this project. Tax-deductible donations to the project can be made directly online at www.umcmmission.org.

Anyone seeking to be involved in this project can contact Rich Fisher (rich.fisher@comcast.net).

Finally, it is interesting to note that over the past several years, we have had a number of Kenyans associated with this project visit our church, including Rev. Dr. Peter Mukuccia, Charles Mwiti, Bishop William Muriuki, Isaac Soita, Bishop Catherine Matua, Isaac M., Jennifer Murithi, Isaack Oenga, Wafula Nabutola, Purity Kiguatha and Lawrence Mathiu.



KICKOFF SUNDAY A BIG SUCCESS

Over 300 people gathered on the north lawn on Sunday, August 21 for “Faith, Family, and Fun in the West.” The Stover Street Stompers started us off right with their lively blend of Dixie Land Jazz and Gospel music. Those who attended the 8:00 am worship service enjoyed their coffee and doughnuts around tables on the lawn as the Stompers played.

By 10:00 am the party swung into high gear as Barbara Jo and the Hippie Buckaroos launched into their unique blend of bluegrass, country and gospel music. The men fired up the new grill, which worked great, and ended up serving almost 300 hamburgers with all the fixins. Dean and Mary Daggett spent their time serving up delicious ice cream from Cold Stone Ice Cream in Old Town.

There were plenty of activities for all ages. Adult Faith Formation and the Library provided an Old West photo booth, complete with coonskin caps and lariats as props. The smaller children enjoyed a Western-themed bounce house (supervised by our youth). Our bookmobile was on display so everyone could get a sense of the wonderful ministry we provide (courtesy of Janet Krech, our tireless volunteer). There were games and face painting provided by our Children’s Ministries team.

And throughout the party Pastor Vivian gave away almost two dozen prize packages, each worth at least \$40. The prizes included gift certificates or cards for all kinds of items; from oil changes to pizza, from Subway to Walmart, nearly two dozen prize packages were given away.

The prize highlights were a pair of tickets to the CSU-Boulder Showdown on September 2 (won by Janet Krech); a pair of tickets to the Fort Collins Symphony (won by Shannon Skoelling); and the grand prize of an Alibi Step Through Bicycle (won by the Molina family). Please patronize the many generous businesses that donated to our drawing.

Everyone who attended agreed that the event was a lot of fun and drew a number of people new to our church. Thank you to all who helped make the event happen. It was a great way to start off the church year!

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Grand Prize Winners
*The Molina family
pictured are Mateo,
Sabine (children) and
Miguel (dad)*

PAUSE – a Contemplative Evensong Service

A hunger for a quiet, direct experience of the holy has led to a new/ancient style of worship. This service is more quiet than most and uses candles and music to create an atmosphere of interior stillness. There is no sermon, and no offering is taken. Instead, the service draws the worshipper deeper into a sense of God’s Presence culminating in several minutes of silence. Holy Communion follows the silence for those who wish to receive it. The congregation then departs quietly, either to share a light snack or return home with a lingering sense of God’s love.

“Pause” is First UMC’s version of this kind of service. **It will be offered at 5:30 on Sunday evenings beginning September 11.** In remembrance of 9/11, the theme for the first four Sundays will be Healing. During Communion, people may also receive anointing, and people will be available to lay on hands and pray with those who request it.

We need musicians to help provide music for this service. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact David Adkins, our Director of Music Ministries. If you have other questions about the service, please contact David Reid, Pastor Vivian, or Pastor Cynthia. All of them may be contacted by calling the church office, or through our web site.

FUMC WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB READING LIST

September—December 2016

by Jayme Harper

We will be meeting in the parlor from 7-8:30 pm on the dates listed

(Please see our complete brochure available in the library for more details and a complete listing of all books chosen for the 2016-2017 year)

Monday, September 19

A Letter from an African-American Man to his Son

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates (non-fiction)

Monday, October 17

A Creepy Tale for the Season

Let Me Die in His Footsteps by Lori Roy

Monday, November 21

A Likable “Grumpy Old Man” Story

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

Monday, December 19

A Short Book with Deep Thought for the Holiday

Ida B...And Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World by Katherine Hannigan



LIBRARY NEWS

The Northern Colorado Faith Library at FUMC and its five partners in the faith libraries network invite everyone to a seminar on Reflections of Faith for writers, publishers, readers and librarians. The event will be Sept. 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Shepardson Hall at First Presbyterian Church, 531 S. College Ave., Fort Collins.

Speakers include Eddy Hopkins, our former library director and currently pastor at Peak Community Church; Todd Simmons, director of Wolverine Farm Publishing; Brianna Van Dyke, editor-in-chief of *Ruminant Magazine*; Karla Oceanak, author and editorial director of Bailiwick Press; David Reid, library and

adult faith formation director at FUMC; blogger Brad Rhoda, manager of facilities and operations at Harvest Farm; and authors Judith Couchman from Colorado Springs and Judith Dupree from Pine Valley, Calif. Topics range from finding evidence of faith and spirituality in novels, poetry, non-fiction, children's literature and art to the roles of the literary magazine and the church library as avenues of invitation and access.

Registration and coffee service will begin at 9 a.m., but we would ask that you preregister if possible, either by emailing flncnetwork@comcast.net or by contacting David Reid at 266-8388. A box lunch may be ordered when you arrive for \$10. The event is free and open to the public. An opportunity will be provided for free-will donations to help cover expenses.

Registration and coffee service will begin at 9 a.m., but we would ask that you preregister if possible, either by emailing flncnetwork@comcast.net or by contacting David Reid at 266-8388.

Successful Habitat Stone Soup Build on August 14

by James W Collinson

FUMC builders spent Saturday, August 14, helping build the house that Rachel and Ava Strodman will move into by December. We made great progress on a beautiful not too hot, day. Several women provided a delicious lunch. Below is a photo with a list of participants. The Strodman house is in the background.

We are currently supporting the Stone Soup Build with several other churches and Thrivent Financial. In 2009 we sponsored a house for the Garza family through the efforts of 300 donors and volunteers. In 2014 and 2015 we were leaders in the Faith Build program at Habitat Fort Collins by contributing more than \$10,000 and volunteers. We hope to continue in a leadership role this year and in the future.

Please make a financial gift supporting this project by making out a check to FUMC earmarked Stone Soup Build. If you have questions, contact Jim Collinson by email at jimcollinson@q.com or call (970) 377-9687.

Pictured: Rich Skaggs, Keith Metcalf, Jim Collinson, Dave Rubenthaler, Craig Shuler, Jan Beyers, Bonny Thomas, and Elaine & Tom Anderson. Missing from the picture: Diana Burkholder, Georgia Locker, Carrolyn Law and Diane Peterson.



Crop Walk 2016

The annual Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 2. This is one of the most successful fundraisers for Church World Services, for both their international food relief programs AND for our local Food Bank! 25% of the money raised stays right here in Larimer County – and since 1988, over \$70,000 has been donated to the Larimer County Food Bank! We are looking for someone to head up our church's team this year-help to coordinate the teams, advertise and encourage, and work with the FUMC team members to make this our best year yet!

For information or to volunteer come by the Mission Corner on Sunday mornings or call Theresa Holbrook at 219-5960.



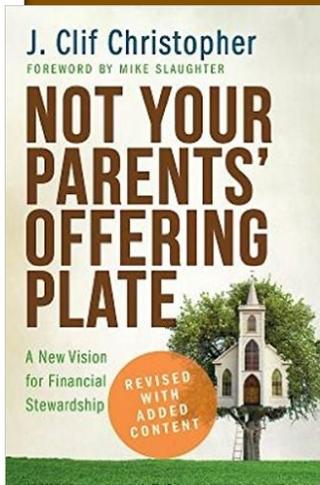
FUMC Mission Fair



The FUMC Annual Mission Fair will be Sunday, September 18. Many of the committees and work areas of our church will have displays showing what they do and how you can be a part of the action. If you wish to host a table to share your program with our congregation, please contact Theresa Holbrook at 219-5960.

STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Stewardship Discovery and One Journey by Stephen Zink



The Stewardship & Generosity Committee, in cooperation with the Finance Committee and Church Council, is working with Consulting Pastor Franklin ‘Zip’ Long of Horizons Stewardship Company to provide a thorough assessment of our effectiveness in stewardship and reveal new opportunities for enhancing a culture of generosity.

The first phase of this process is called *Stewardship Discovery* and involves collecting and analyzing data of our church from the preceding years and meeting with representative groups, couples and individuals within our current church community. Pastor Long completed the data collecting and interview process in early August. He specified the kinds of information that he needed for this process, as well as what groups, couples and individuals that would be selected for interviews during his visit to our church in order to maintain privacy and

confidentiality.

Around the middle of September, after analyzing information from his on-site visit, Pastor Long will present a comprehensive written report that will describe his findings and suggest areas and methods for improvement. In addition, Horizons Stewardship will provide our church with 15 to 20 recommendations and strategies for implementation over a 12 to 18 month period. The report will be presented to a subcommittee of church leaders, submitted to the Church Council, then shared with the church at large.

The second phase of this process is called *One Journey* and includes *Stewardship Discovery* as described above, plus a two-year ministry plan that includes ways our church could focus on giving to ministry, how to grow regular giving and special projects, a plan for developing beginning-to mid-range givers, and twenty-four months of on-site “hands on” support by the Pastor Consultant, Zip Long. The goal of the *One Journey* process is to involve up to half of our active families with some kind of task or invitation to participate in ministry. Through a variety of team tasks, service events, and promotional activities, members of the congregation are invited to become part of the campaign and the life of the church in new ways.

More information is available on the company web site, www.horizonsstewardship.com, or by reading ‘Not your Parents Offering Plate’ (four copies available in the church library) by J. Clif Christopher, President of Horizons Stewardship Company, or by contacting Stephen Zink, Stewardship & Generosity Committee Chair, at svzink42@gmail.com or (970) 980-3037.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

By Lynette Szantho

Sunday School Fall Kick-Off September 11!

Don't miss this year's Sunday school Kick-Off on September 11 from 9:15 – 10:45. Stop by the Fellowship Hall before worship to get registered for Sunday school and to pick up a balloon. After the children's message, kids will be led by shepherds to their classrooms for an engaging hour of fun and worship as we get reacquainted and excited for the year ahead. Immediately following Sunday school, parents please join us for a family coffee

hour and open house. We are looking forward to a wonderful morning to kick off a great year at FUMC! Please contact Lynette (childrensdirector@cfumc.net) for more information.

Kids' Closet

We are happy to introduce Alison Wiltzius, our new Kids' Closet coordinator. Alison brings a wealth of experience in ministering to children in need in our community. Please stop by to say hello and to see what's new. She is also looking for volunteers to help sort and organize the inflow of donations. Please contact Alison (970-988-9175) for more information about how to get involved.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

by David Reid

Spirituality Book Group: Rabbi Abraham Heschel's *Sabbath* is this month's selection. Join new friends from around Fort Collins for the Spirituality Book of the Month at 3 p.m., Sept. 25, in the Northern Colorado Faith Library.

Noon Book Study: Jim Wallis's recent book, *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*, is the focus of a five-week study beginning Sept. 7 at noon Wednesdays in the Parlor. David Reid is the leader. Books are available for \$15 at the Adult Faith Formation table or by calling 266-8388.

We WANT you to use our building!

But please fill out a Building Use Request Form so we can manage our facility. Forms can be found in a file outside the church office or online at: www.fcfumc.net/images/images/documents/facility_use_policy_and_procedures_approved_07192016.pdf

UMW KICKOFF

The September UMW kickoff is at noon September 11 with a wonderful Methodist potluck. The program is for everyone. Carol Miller will be talking about bullying, which is a devastating problem we should all have an interest in stopping.