



# *SPECIAL FALL KICK OFF EDITION*

## The Carillon

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### END OF SUMMER PICNIC August 26, 4-7 p.m. (Music Begins at 4:30)

Menu: Pulled pork and chicken, cole slaw,  
potato chips, ice cream, popcorn, vegetarian options

\* Please select a food item from the display in fellowship hall  
that you are willing to purchase. Please bring that item  
to share with everyone.

Music by Barbara Jo and the Hippie Buckaroos

Face Painting

Decorate your bikes or skateboards for a  
parade around the block!

Bouncy House

Games



1005 Stover Street \* Fort Collins, CO 80524

Make new friends and catch up with old friends!  
An event for all ages and stages!  
All are welcome!

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**New Modern Service Begins  
September 9 - 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**



# ***Widening the Circle ...***

- **Beginning at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, September 9**
- **Worship designed to inspire the entire family**
- **Music provided by COMPASS - our new worship band**
- **Inspiring message**
- **Special time for children and optional children's programming**
- **Nursery provided**
- **Free dinner for all following worship**

## **Exploring First Church September 30**

We, here at First Church are so excited to see so many new faces and meet so many new people on Sunday mornings. We are here to help new people get connected. Would you like to learn more about the United Methodist Church in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, Rev. Melanie and Rev. Cynthia invite you to attend the Explore First Church sessions on September 30 at noon in the Parlor. We will have a light lunch followed by a session on the United Methodist Church and the many ministries to be involved in at First Church. You will also have a chance to tour the church building. As soon as possible, please email [OfficeManager@fcfumc.net](mailto:OfficeManager@fcfumc.net) or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 12 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided if requested ahead of time. New members will be received at all three worship services on October 21.

## Message from Melanie, Lead Pastor...

I don't know exactly when the religious faith of my childhood and youth became the faith of my adulthood.

It was a long journey of doubting and questioning the faith in which I was raised, after a season of loss. I essentially outgrew it. I began to doubt if God was a personal God who actually cared about creation. Besides, I had seen too much hypocrisy and inconsistency in the lives of those who claimed to follow Jesus. I had seen too much suffering in the world to believe God could do anything about it, or worse, chose not to.



And yet the persistency of belief would not leave me alone. I tried to walk away but found myself coming back to a God revealed in vulnerability and gentleness who cared about suffering humanity. I found a God who actually identified with all creatures and all creation, a God who understands this mysterious human experience. I tried to leave, but this faith never really left me. It was a sojourn that eventually allowed me to see the faith again as if for the first time. I came to understand that there is indeed a timeless truth, beauty, and liberation in the way of Jesus Christ.

My own journey back to faith did not happen in isolation. It was inspired and nurtured by spiritually mature Christians who lived what they believed. People who were more concerned with right relationships than the purity of dogma, who took an interest in my life while inviting me into theirs. It was inspired by a church that was spiritually vibrant and missionally engaged.

Many of us are working hard to help our church become a place filled with spiritually mature Christians eager to serve God and neighbor. I want to invite you to take another step in your faith journey this Fall, so that we can become just such a church. The Path is a journey of deepening your connection with God and others. This experience will help you align your everyday life with practices of spiritual attentiveness and growth. Our Spiritual Gifts Inventory will help you identify how your gifts can best be used to serve God and others. We will offer a yearlong Bible Study, and many small groups to help nurture connection and community. Our Wednesday book study will consider the book *Grateful* by Diana Butler Bass. You can sign up for these classes on our website at [www.fcfumc.net](http://www.fcfumc.net), or email Rev. Cynthia or visit the Adult Faith Formation table on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Additionally, our ongoing Sunday morning Adult classes offer stimulating ideas, spiritual growth, and deeper relationships. Newcomers are always welcome in these classes.

We want to help you become more deeply committed Christians seeking to better know God, love God, and serve God and others. Investing in your spiritual growth is a gift that you give yourself, with countless benefits. I am eager to share this journey of faith with you.

*Rev. Melanie*

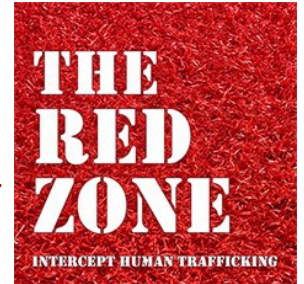
## United Methodist Women

By Karrie Patterson



### Join UMW Sunday, September 9th in the Red Zone

Since 2008, United Methodist Women members across the country have worked to raise awareness about the modern-day sale and trafficking of human beings not only around the world but in our own communities. Through this **Red Zone** event the Fort Collins FUMC United Methodist Women hope to help educate members and raise awareness about this critical issue impacting our world and our community.



There will be an informational table in Fellowship Hall between services, in addition to this topic being the focus of the UMW Fall Kickoff Luncheon.

**FIND OUT:** About Human Trafficking, globally and in Northern Colorado

**GAIN INSIGHT:** Receive valuable information and resources for parents, supporters, and victims

**LEARN:** How you can help end Human Trafficking

The UMW Luncheon (Noon in Fellowship Hall) will feature Beth Bruno speaking on ways in which we can stop human trafficking in our community. She is Manager of Domestic Anti-Trafficking with the U COUNT Campaign, co-founder and facilitator of the Larimer County Anti-Trafficking Community Response Team, and a partner in the First Offender Restoration Initiative.

For additional information contact Rita Bee (970-215-7857) or Karrie Patterson (303-748-1248).

## New Name, Same Great Program!

**M**other's Day Out has a new name, but we are still offering the same great service. Parents' Day Out will be our new name, but we will still be offering 3 days a week of fabulous drop in childcare available for ages 1 and walking up to six years old. Drop by our open house on August 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. for tours and program details. For more information, contact Gail Farnum at 970-443-5255.





## Adult Faith Formation

By David Reid

Hurry to enroll in these classes and events that are scheduled to start this fall. All have been featured in the August Carillon or other church media. For more information visit the Adult Faith Formation table on Sundays, call 581-2707 or email [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com).

- Financial Peace University – 7-8:30 p.m. starting Sept. 5
- The Path Discipleship Journey – 7-8 p.m. starting Sept. 5
- Yoga and Spirituality (featured in this issue) – 6-7 p.m. starting Sept. 26
- Spiritual Gifts Inventory – 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
- *Grateful* book study – 12-1 p.m. starting Sept. 5
- Year-long Bible study – 12-1:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. starting Sept. 6
- “Stories of Spiritual Journey: Practices in the American Indian Tradition” with Dr. Tink Tinker at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13
- Yoga and Spirituality (featured in this issue) – 6-7 p.m. starting Sept. 26; and
- Small Groups that Create Community – will start when 12 people sign up

## Spiritual Yoga

by Rev. Kaitlin Elmore



As spiritual beings we use the breath of life (prana) that God has graciously given us to connect our minds, bodies and spirits in a way that allows us to experience life fully and to give that breath of life to others. In this beginners' introduction course to yoga and spirituality, I will introduce tools to improve your connection to your breath and your body to promote spiritual healing and connection.

All you need are comfortable clothes, a yoga mat, and an open mind and heart to join us. I am a certified yoga instructor through the Sivananda lineage. This activity pairs nicely with my call to ministry as a United Methodist deacon.

All are welcome! The five-week course is \$5 per class and will be Wednesdays 6-7 p.m. on Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24. Contact Rev. Kaitlin at [revkaitlin@gmail.com](mailto:revkaitlin@gmail.com) for more information.



## CHARGE CONFERENCE – August 28, 7 p.m.

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.

# FINANCIAL *Peace*<sup>®</sup> UNIVERSITY



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FORT COLLINS**  
Beginning September 5 and Ending November 7  
7:00—8:30 p.m.

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**CHANGE YOUR LIFE**

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once and for all. Sign up today!

**T**he Cost is \$109 per family (single person or a couple with or without children under 17). Scholarships to reduce your portion of the fee are available to offset costs if the fee is outside your ability to pay. If interested in a scholarship, contact David Reid and the Adult Faith Formation Committee. Payment is due at registration.

All materials are supplied; all you have to do is show up. Space is limited, so do sign up as soon as possible. For more information on the program visit:  
[www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com)

Contact Don Silar for more information @ [dsilar@aol.com](mailto:dsilar@aol.com)  
or call the church office at 970-482-2436

## Children, Youth, and Adult Choir News

by David Adkins



### Sunday Mornings

The Children's vocal choirs will meet each Sunday morning from 10:30-11:00 a.m. beginning September 9, 2017.

- Cherub Choir - For Kids K5 and 1st grade. Meets in the Rhythm Road Room. (Brenna Martin, director)
- Joyful Noise Choir - Kids 2nd grade through 5th grade. Meets in the Choir Room (Josh Colonnieves, Director)

### Wednesday Evenings

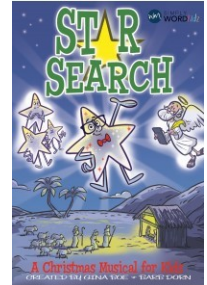
- God's Kids Chime Choir - Kids K5 - 5th grade. Meets in the Rhythm Road Room from 5—5:30 p.m. beginning September 5, 2018. (David Adkins, Director)
- Church Orchestra - Youth through Adults. Meets in the Sanctuary from 5:45—6:30. All are invited who play at a moderately advanced level.

### Children's Choir Christmas Musical "Star Search"

Wednesday, December 5

6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

(Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, December 1, 10– 11:30 a.m.)



### Youth Music

Members of our Youth Group are invited to participate in any of the Adult groups (choir, handbells, Compass Worship Band, or Church Orchestra). Please contact David Adkins for information on all groups except the Compass Worship Band. For information on the Worship Band, please contact Joseph Noelliste.

### Sanctuary Choir New Member/Welcome Back Night

Thursday, August 30

Refreshments at 6:30

Rehearsal from 7 - 8 p.m.

**New members are needed and welcomed at all rehearsals**



## Ministry Fair September 30, 2018



Are you a committee chair? Do you have a class or activity you want to promote? Are you in charge of a group or action committee here at FUMC? Then This is the place for you!

The annual First Church Ministry Fair will be held on Sunday, September 30, from 9– noon in the fellowship hall. Many of our church programs, classes, committees, outreach activities, and mission groups will have displays to share what they do and how you can get involved in our vibrant and active church - do a little, or do a lot! To reserve a table for your display, contact Theresa Holbrook at 219-5960.

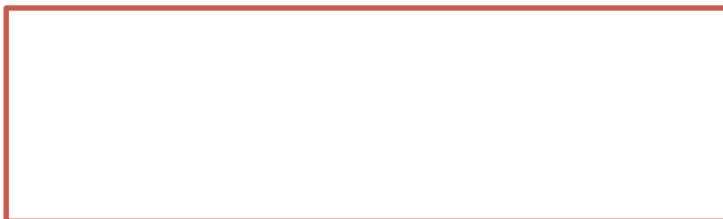




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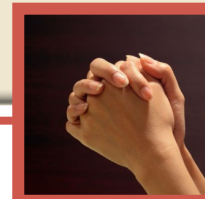


## ***SPECIAL KICK OFF EDITION!***

**We Remember with Sympathy the Families of ...**

James Ahlbrandt - July 6  
Althea Williams - July 7  
Maureen Malmgren - August 6

Retta Wilson - August 12  
Eileen Gaymon - August 13



### **Peaks Sub District 2018 Fall Classes**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 - 4pm**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1pm - 4pm**

**First United Methodist Church Loveland**

**533 Grant Street, Loveland CO**

**All laity are invited to participate in Lay Servant Ministries courses, not just persons seeking to become a Certified Lay Servant or a Certified Lay Speaker.**

**★ Courses for Certified Lay Speaker can be found on line at [BeADisciple.com](http://BeADisciple.com).**



**First Church's  
Epic Kickoff Sunday  
August 26**