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WITH GUEST MUSICIANS GLORIA CHOI AND ESTHER PARSONS

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THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE

by David Reid

Scientific advances in genetics, robotics, nanotechnologies and engineering have given rise to a spectacular push for radical human enhancement. Daniel McFee, chair of religious studies at Mercyhurst University and husband of former FUMC associate pastor Rebecca McFee, will give an overview of how theologians, religious ethicists and religious groups are thinking about these changes. This interactive presentation is sponsored by the Theologian in Residence program and takes place at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Stuart St. A donation of \$10 is suggested but not required.

LIBRARY NEWS

by David Reid

The traveling book display from faith libraries across Fort Collins will visit FUMC on Oct. 9. Be sure to drop by the library's table in Fellowship Hall anytime that morning to check out some outstanding books from the Faith Libraries of Northern Colorado network.



CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

A Time for Children Training Session

Thursday, October 6, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

by Lynette Szantho

Last fall, Fort Collins First United Methodist Church had the exciting opportunity to be a pilot church for a program called "A Time for Children," developed by Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley. We adopted this approach because our church has something unique to offer to our community and our world, and we are called to do so in a way that is effective, engaging, and transformative.

The "A Time for Children" project seeks to enhance our entire faith formation ministry to specifically meet the spiritual needs of our children and families. It has provided a vision and implementation of holistic ministry unique to our own setting, resulting in a stronger, more sustainable ministry.

The first year of this three-year program was spent analyzing what is happening for children in and around our church in order to strengthen our existing programs as needed. In addition to the initial training last November, we implemented a beautiful prayer room upstairs, available to children, youth, and families as a place to pray and reflect together. We trained "Holy Listeners" to be available to our youth to pray and connect. And the addition of "blessing boxes" in each Sunday school classroom has been a special piece of our time together, complete with a chime and balm "blessings." The insightful and meaningful program has been enthusiastically embraced by the entire children's ministry team, as will expand across the entire faith formation programs within our church.

As part of our implementation, and as we head into our second year, we have the opportunity to attend the second annual training session, held at FUMC on Thursday October 6th, 9:30 – 3:30. We will spend time in small groups, exploring where we were and where we are; we will learn about how the "U shape model of transformation" is innate to the Liturgical Calendar and how we can use it to shape and create holistic ministry; and focus on volunteer recruitment and retention... a method of "reaching deep inside the church and reaching out beyond our doors."

This training session is open to everyone, so please join us!

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

By Jayme Harper for Children and Family Council

When I sat in on a “Listening Session” conducted last fall, the pastors asked a set of simple questions: “What brought you to our church?” and “What keeps you here?”

When members answered, I witnessed people reveal things like:

“My husband and I started looking for a church when we had kids.”

“My family needed to find a church with great programming for children.”

“We found our best friends in this church through experiencing things together with our children.”

It’s clear that children’s programming is very relevant. A quality Children’s Ministry program is key to how many different people experience church. Whether you are a parent or grandparent, childless or single, we all benefit from having high quality, enriching programming for the young people in our church. Our children’s ministry program here at FUMC is constantly evolving to meet the needs of our youngest disciples, and I’m happy to share some recent developments.

Devoted Prayer Room--In the Sunday School hallway, we have allocated a Prayer Space that we hope children and families will utilize. There are several prayer prompts and hands-on tools to help children reflect. Our Sunday school students will be welcome to explore this room on Sunday mornings with their classes, but we also want families to feel free to utilize this inviting room as they see fit throughout the worship morning.

New 3rd Grade Bibles--Given that the church has moved to using the Common English Bible translation, we have purchased an age-appropriate CEB Bible to give to our children. All 3rd graders were given these Bibles at the September 25th services.

Children’s Sabbath--This year, on October 9th, our children will participate as greeters, ushers, lectors, musicians, and other leaders. We have such a mature and talented group of young people at this church, and this is a fabulous opportunity for them to lead us in a worship service. If you know a child who would like to have a specific role, please inquire with Lynette Szantho at childrensdirector@fcfumc.net.

Trunk or Treat--What a fabulous FUMC tradition! Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday, October 30th from 3 pm to 5 pm. Look for some “decked out” vehicles and the opportunity to Trick or Treat car-to-car. Church members can donate candy in advance, and if you’d like to host a car on the day of the event, please contact Jen Hanna at jelinley@gmail.com.





DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER

By David Adkins, Director of Music Ministries

October 9 Joyful Noise Choir sings at 9:30 and 11:00 Services
God's Kids Chime Choir plays at 9:30 and 11:00 Services

October 16 Organ Concert by Karen Stoody at 3:00 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN MUSIC MINISTRY

- 1) **Musicians** interested in playing for the Pause contemplative service Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm
- 2) **Volunteer director** for a new preschool choir on Sunday mornings from 10:30—11:00
We have a great problem - too many children for one children's choir.
We have grown and now need to start a choir for K-2nd grade children!

If you are interested in helping in either capacity, please email David Adkins at Choirdir@fcfumc.org.



Meet Anthony Weber, Children's Choir Director

By Karen Stoody, Organist / Associate Music Director

Education. While there he sang and studied conducting with the renowned Dr. Z. Randall Stroope.

For the past two years Anthony studied for and received his MM degree in vocal performance at Colorado State University, studying with Dr. John Seesholtz. He was also an apprentice artist with Opera Fort Collins. Anthony had the opportunity to perform many times during these past two years, and one of the most unique roles was the witch in Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" at CSU in the fall of 2015. Anthony will be featured as the Beast in the upcoming production of "Beauty and the Beast" with Fort Collins Children's Theater this November.

Anthony is eager to work with

the elementary age singers at FUMC, and choir will meet from 10:30-11:00 on Sunday mornings. Welcome to this new position, Anthony!



ANTHONY WEBER
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR

The Staff Parish Relations Committee recently hired Anthony Weber as the new director of the Children's Choir, Joyful Noise. Anthony has been visibly involved in the music of First United Methodist Church for a little over a year, singing in the Sanctuary Choir as the tenor section leader, sharing his talent through vocal solos many times, and even being an assistant director of the choir several times.

Anthony is originally from the Dallas, Texas area, where his family attended a United Methodist Church similar to here. He attended college for 5 years at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he received a degree in Music



SENIORWISE

by Linn Zink

October Double Nickel Lunch *Insights and Affirmations for FUMC!*

Join us for the Friday, October 14, Double Nickel Senior Lunch when we will share about our church, hear from some of its dedicated disciples (church members!), and learn more from Pastor Vivian Hiestand about our current T-IIMS model for ministry. She will lead us in considering the following:

**The way we were *Then everything changed *The way things are *Why T-IIMS? *Hope for the future*

Our church is getting closer to our 150th anniversary! We have much to celebrate! We have current members active in a full spectrum of ministry within and beyond our walls! We have a rich history to remember! And currently we are beginning to grow again in numbers and financial support for this church we all love!

Come and join us and be a part of this conversation from 12:00 noon to 1:30 in Fellowship Hall. Supportive fellowship abounds as we enjoy 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 for meal tasks before and after and for transportation help for those who need it!**

In September, we had over 40 to participate in our bus trip to Frisco, Summit County, Colorado.



We loved Lake Dillon and the hospitality and scenery of the town of Frisco and surrounding area.

SENIOR MINISTRY OCTOBER CALENDAR

Thursdays, 6 & 20 – *Okay Chorale* open singing group from 3 to 4 in the Village Commons – newcomers of all ages welcome – especially those with memory issues!

Friday, 14 – Double Nickel Senior Lunch – *see details above*

Monday, 17 – Movie from 1 to 3, *Theory of Everything*, Cinema Room – free and all ages welcome!

Thursday, 20 – 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)

October - throughout the month we are planning small group walks, hikes, outings

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY—October 2

by Pastor Cynthia and Georgia Metz

World Communion Sunday is one of six church-wide special Sundays celebrated in the United Methodist Church which occurs on October 2 this year. It calls the church to be the catholic inclusive church. You are invited to wear international and ethnic outfits to church for worship services at FUMC in celebration of Word Communion Sunday on October 2.

We also have an opportunity to give to the UMC World Communion Scholarship Fund, benefitting students of ethnic minorities both undergraduate and graduate in the United States and around the world.

These gifts go to support students like Chloe Garden, an African-American computer engineering student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a lifelong United Methodist. “I feel so blessed to have been accepted to my dream school,” Chloe says. “But attending MIT is so expensive. My parents and I have been on a faith walk to fulfill this dream. We haven’t always known where the money would come from, but we stepped out on faith. This scholarship was an answer to our prayers.”

Please consider giving to students like Chloe and the thousands of others that have benefited from World Communion Scholarships through the special envelopes in your bulletin on October 2, or online at donate.gfca.org.

WESLEY FOUNDATION SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

by Pastor Sue and Georgia Metz

As an ordained deacon per the *Book of Discipline*, I am called to “a lifetime of Word and Service to both the community and the congregation.” With this call on my heart, I recently chose to join the Wesley Foundation on CSU campus to provide coffee and hot chocolate to CSU students. Several CSU students, Ross Loomis, Jayme Harper, and their dogs Rhubarb and Furley were also there to help out. Despite a light rain or maybe because of it, we had many students that visited our little table. Two things were very popular – the dogs and the marshmallows for the hot chocolate! The students were very thankful for the hot beverage and an opportunity to pet Rhubarb and Furley.

My take away from this experience gleans from being a chaplain. We all need time to catch our breath, and I witnessed one student actually take a deep breath with her cup of hot beverage in her hand. We all need a time and place to just let go of all of our stresses even if for just a few minutes. It does not matter what country you are from, what religion you follow or you age, we all need some loving! Partaking in small conversation with these people and saying “God bless you” was for me an opportunity to share the love of Christ with the world. Thank you to Georgia and the students of the Wesley Foundation for being a loving presence on campus, and the great work you are doing in the community!

If you have time on Friday mornings and would like to join the Wesley Foundation in handing out coffee to students, contact Georgia Metz: wesleydirector@fcfumc.net, 971-300-3969.





“JESUS SAID, ‘YOU LACK ONE THING.’”

by Pastor Charles

A lot of good things are happening at First United Methodist Church.

To name a few:

Only 7 empty chairs in our choir loft last Sunday during the 9:30 service.

Regular worship attendance showing growth for the first time in 6 six years.

One Sunday’s worship attendance being above 490 for the first time in 12 years.

A gaggle of 50+ kids for Children’s Time.

Church finances being accurate and offerings growing 10% above last year.

A lot of things have yet to be accomplished. Again, to name a few:

Completing the work of the task force on all worship services.

Interviewing candidates for Director of Youth Ministries.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee’s responsibility for church and pastoral profiles.

Solid financial foundations for daily ministries and church administration.

Incorporating new residents in the Fort Collins region into the church’s ministries.

Developing and initiating plans for future ministries.

In the two lists above, we have identified things. What are things? You have either said, heard, or both (something like):

Did you wash the breakfast things?

I have a thing for music.

She is just doing her thing.

He is upstairs unpacking his things.

If the question in a family is, “Are you getting the things out of the car?” These things could include anything from car keys to a plastic sleeve covering freshly cleaned shirts to a car trunk full of moving boxes out of a college dorm room. What are things? Some people have all of their things stowed in a grocery cart they push around town. Others of us have things packed in storage units for which we pay a monthly fee. Some neighbors barely have the things necessary to live. Most of us in First United Methodist Church barely have room to put things.

Jesus had an ethical thing about things. His teachings were about things more than any other thing. We can re-examine his sermon on the mount (Matthew 5:1-7:28) and re-discover, “Notice how the lilies of the field grow. They do not wear themselves out with work ... Even Solomon in all his splendor was not dressed like one of these.” The ethics of Jesus posit people like Solomon, like you, and like me are concerned with things. Lilies and the rest of creation have an advantage; they are not.

Later in the same sermon, Jesus advanced his idea even further. “Stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself,” he said. “Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Why connect his teachings about worry with things? It is because he introduces these words with “...seek first and foremost ... God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given you.” Essentially, Jesus is saying human-kind spends a lifetime pursuing things that are the desires of our hearts instead of seeking things that nurture our souls. We have sung about this notion many times with the hymn text of Harry Emerson Fosdick’s “God of Grace and God of Glory” (Stanza 3).

*Cure thy children’s warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness rich in things and poor in soul.*

The Bible passage referenced in the title above is found in Mark 10:21. Jesus is talking with a man about life’s most important question, and he told the fellow, “You are lacking one thing.” What was that one thing? I believe when our souls are pointed to the important and ultimate thing every other thing, even something urgent, will take care of itself. I believe living with that attitude and with that ethic is consistent with Jesus’ message about lilies of the field and worrying.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Charles*



UMW CHRISTMAS WREATH AND GREENERY SALE



AS YOUR FAMILY PREPARES FOR ALL THE CELEBRATIONS OF AUTUMN, DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATHS!



It's that time of year again! Time to pre-order your Christmas greenery. The unit of United Methodist Women at this church has been selling Christmas wreaths and greenery for 58 years to support local and worldwide mission, especially for women, children and youth, with the help and support of our wonderful congregation. We have not only wreaths, but swags, evergreen crosses and grave blankets, table centerpieces and decorated trees.

Look for our table at the church on Sundays, October 9 through October 30, 2016. Order forms will be sent to you by separate mailing and may also

be found on the UMW bulletin board or on the church website at www.fcfumc.net/events/wreaths. Please take time to fill out your order form soon!

And while you're at it, sign up for the Christmas wreath decorating workshop sponsored by the Arts Committee! It will be scheduled during wreath pickup. Grace our art wall with your finished wreath during the month of December. Or you may take decorated wreaths home with you to enhance your own décor or to give as gifts.

Orders will be accepted only until October 31.

Questions?

Contact Dea Carroll at 970-223-6530 or Joan Richard at 970-206-0447 or joanmgr4972@q.com.

Your order will be available to pick up from Fellowship Hall just after Thanksgiving weekend:

Monday	November 28	12 Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 29	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	November 30	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

by Karen Waldron for SPRC

Wanted - Your Ideas!

Each year, by December 1, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is required to submit to the Rocky Mountain Conference (RMC) a Church and Pastoral Profile form which can be found on the RMC website. SPRC would like input from the congregation to assist us in preparing a report that accurately reflects our congregation and our ministry in Fort Collins and the world. Specifically, the Church and Pastor Profile requests information that will assist the District Superintendent and Bishop to better understand our church and identify the skills and qualities of the Lead Pastor to be appointed following the intentional interim term, who will help us live into our mission and vision. You will find our church's Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Long Range Plan and Annual Mission Plan on the website at www.fcfumc.net (choose About and then choose Beliefs) .

The members of your SPRC are Daphne Bear (Vice Chair), Eileen Gaymon, Carol Green-Weishaupt, Fran Lefler, Catherine (Kate) Orr, Mario Sosa, Karen Waldron (Chair), Megan Wieck, Martha Conant (Lay Leader) and JoAn Hopkins (Member of Annual Conference), along with Pastors Charles and Vivian. Please contact any of us to share your ideas and dreams for our church. You can find our contact information in the church directory, or contact Karen via email at keakw@comcast.net.

Understanding TIIMS and the Clergy Appointment Process

In July 2015, our congregation received a clergy team who are trained as Transitional Intentional Interim Ministry Specialists (TIIMS). TIIMS clergy are appointed to a church for a defined period of time to help the congregation begin a structured process to initiate a new era of ministry. Appointments of this type usually come after a long-term pastor is moved or when a sudden event causes an unanticipated move for a pastor. You can learn more about the TIIMS program and when and why a TIIMS pastor would be appointed to a church at <http://www.gbhem.org/clergy/district-superintendents/interim-ministry/transitional-intentional-interim-ministry-united>. Our TIIMS pastors were delighted when they arrived to find that our church had already adopted a well thought out, defined Long Range Plan for the future of the church. What we hadn't yet developed was the ministry plan to help us live into the Long Range Plan. Together, the pastors, Church Council and the lay leadership of our church have developed an annual mission plan for 2016 that can be found on our church website at www.fcfumc.net. The annual mission plan for 2017 is currently being developed.

The TIIMS pastors and our congregation work under a mutual covenant relationship, which defines the responsibilities of the congregation, the TIIMS pastor and the District Superintendent/Rocky Mountain Conference. In our covenant with Pastors Charles and Vivian, our congregation has agreed to accept and support the appointed clergy, and to invest and commit to specific tasks during their time with us, which include:

- Reviewing the history and legacy of First United Methodist Church,
- Discovering both continuity and newness of identity through a congregational ministry analysis,
- Identifying, equipping, and empowering laity for ministry by strengthening, renewing, and discovering new lay leadership,
- Analyzing pastoral and staff needs,

Organizing the church's lay leadership for ministry according to The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2012),

- Increasing connections with the Rocky Mountain Conference and the United Methodist Church, and Pledging to envision and initiate a ministry plan in the life of the congregation of First United Methodist Church; and to support the SPRC in its collaborative work to develop a pastoral profile as a consultative instrument identifying the skills and qualities of the Lead Pastor to be appointed following the intentional interim term. This pastoral profile is part of the church profile for which SPRC is requesting input from the congregation. (Continued on page 11)

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE (continued from page 10)

by Karen Waldron for SPRC

When the transitional interim process was starting in our church, Rev. Skip Strickland, our District Superintendent, began looking toward making the best pastoral appointment to follow the transitional period. District Superintendents consider a pastor's skills, experience and talents, and the local church is reviewed according to its context, community, ministries and areas for potential growth. Our future pastor will be committed to continue and build upon the ministry plan which we will have initiated during our covenant transitional period.

Our covenant with each of our pastors is for a 2 year period, with the possibility of extending for a third year. In June 2017, we will come to the end of the initial two years. Many factors are considered as the determination is made about the continuation of the TIIMS appointments or traditional appointments. First, there are several pastors with the skills and experience to have an effective ministry in our church. Availability is one aspect. For example, is the potential pastor at a point in his/her current church assignment where it would not disrupt the ministries of their current congregation? Are they currently in the middle of a building program, a church-wide missional decision, or a capital campaign? Secondly, in the consultation process, will he/she willingly agree to be assigned to Fort Collins and to continue our adopted ministry plan?

Everyone involved in the process - the congregation, the SPRC, our pastors, our District Superintendent our Bishop and her Cabinet - want Fort Collins First United Methodist Church to be successful and fruitful. We will all join in prayer during the period in which the decision will be made. SPRC welcomes your input as we prepare our church's profile and our pastoral profile. The profiles will be developed between now and December 1. By December 1, the profiles will be submitted to our District Superintendent. If you have questions about the process, contact a member of SPRC or a pastor.

COMMUNITY AND WORLD OUTREACH

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY STUDENTS NEED YOU!

One important thing we FUMC folks offer Putnam students is a different perspective. When a 4th grader argues he doesn't need to know math, because he'll probably work at Burger King and there you just push buttons on the cash register, WE can be there to point out that a Burger King job is not an easy way to make a living and support a family. We can encourage him to work hard to learn the math, praising him for his efforts. When a table of 1st graders is calmly discussing spousal abuse in their homes in support of one another, we can be there to say, "I've been married for years, and my spouse has never hit me. I wish that kind of marriage for you someday." Without this outside perspective, the kids may not hear of other ways of being. Let's get many FUMC people into the school regularly to share a hopeful, encouraging, worldview. We can positively impact generational poverty!

Putnam Elementary teachers have asked for help with the PRIDE good behavior store, reading with 5th graders, stuffing Monday folders, 1st grader gardening day, guitar tuning, etc, and we have many unfilled slots, so please pray for discernment about your possible involvement this year and email Janet Krech at ajkrech@msn.com to learn your options for serving these children with socio-economic disadvantages. Putnam students struggled mightily on state tests last year, and the school has relied on our partnership for many years to provide encouragement and support to staff and students. Let's continue this good work in the community!



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**WE REMEMBER WITH
SYMPATHY THE FAMILIES OF ...**

April 14 – Harry Howard
June 17 – Charles Mahoney
July 19 – Terry Keating
July 21 – Margaret Mathre
July 22 – Lynne Holt
August 2 – Ronald Ryder
August 2 – Dorothy Rhoads
August 12 – Marylynn Fischer
August 21 – Rita Turner

**WE CELEBRATE WITH JOY
THE BAPTISMS OF ...**

July 17 - Ethan Lee Hudson
August 7 – Ivy Elizabeth Kazee
Sept 4 – Cora May Schroder

