



The Carillon

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Discover God's Love

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First Church: An inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

Message from Melanie ...

When our kids were small I would read bedtime stories to them every night. Some nights I was just too tired to read an entire book, so I would secretly skip over several pages, hoping they would not notice. Occasionally it worked, but more often than not they realized what I was doing and made me start over from the beginning. As I prepare for the 40 days of Lent, I am reminded of how quickly we move from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It often feels like we are skipping over some essential parts of the story. To hear only the message of Easter is to miss a definitive journey which is the essence of our faith. Lent is a powerful season, and the joy of Easter means so much more to those who pay attention to the events leading up to it.

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This year during Lent we will be thinking about the God of second chances. Ours is a God who does not give up on us, even when we give up on ourselves. We will consider Biblical stories that have to do with people who were given another chance, and their lives were so much better as a result. We will offer a Lenten study based upon the book **Entering the Passion of Jesus** by Professor Amy-Jill Levine. This is a time for all of us to reflect deeply upon our lives in light of the ministry, mission and sacrificial journey of Jesus Christ.

My hope for all of us this year is that we will realize our spiritual experience is greatly enriched when we embrace our faith not in part, but in its completeness. Please share the fullness of this sacred season of Lent with us this year.

Melanie

**Ash Wednesday Service
March 6, 2019**

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship on Wednesday, March 6 at 12 noon or 7:00 pm in the Chapel. This service will be an introspective and thoughtful way to begin the sacred season of Lent, when we prepare to follow Jesus to the cross.

Committee of the Month: Board of Trustees

The Trustees oversee, maintain, and supervise all church property and vehicles, including the usage of the church in order to help further our ministry. They receive and administer all gifts made to the congregation, maintain adequate insurance, ensure that the articles of incorporation are up to date, submit budget requests for insurance, property maintenance and improvements. With a facility as large as ours, this is an enormous responsibility. Trustees are accountable to the Charge Conference and Church Council. They are to be Christians of high moral character committed to the mission of the church and to our congregation.

Members for 2019: (One third must be women and two thirds must be church members) Bill Whitaker (Chair), Dana Sampson (Vice Chair), Laura Davis (Secretary), Gary Gramlick, Bob Pawlikowski, Stephani Hardon, John Hervey, Chris Bandy, David Sutter, Dr. Melanie Rosa.

March Sermon Series

- MARCH 3- TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY/HOLY COMMUNION
"DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN"
PSALM 99; LUKE 9:28-36
- MARCH 10- FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
"THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES: TEMPTATION"
PSALM 91:1-3, 14-16; LUKE 13:31-35
- MARCH 17- SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
"THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES: THE HUMBLE"
PSALM 27; LUKE 18:9-14
- MARCH 24- THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT/UMW 150 YEARS
"THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES: SAMARITAN WOMAN"
PSALM 63:1-8; JOHN 4:4-18
- MARCH 31- FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT/NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED
"THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES: PRODIGALS"
PSALM 32:1-7; LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

A Note of Thanks

"What a wonderful Homecoming Celebration you all planned for the 150th festivities. It was such a treat for us to see so many friends and familiar faces, it was truly a homecoming for us, as well. It was evident that the planning committee pulled out all the stops, from the superb music, the clever historical skit, and the brunch graced by the Stover Street Stompers. It all captured the common theme of the day: "We are all so pleased to be a part of this place." Thank you for the warmth and hospitality you extended to us and for allowing us to share in your celebrations."

Kathy and Charles Schuster

From the Mountain Sky
Conference of the
United Methodist Church

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Children and Family Ministry

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AT FIRST CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE! Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th @ 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall. Rain or Shine.

Please bring a dozen filled eggs (per child) to the media center or the church office by Thursday April 18th.

Questions? Contact Barb Grauberger at childrensdirectorfcfumc.net

Friends and neighbors are welcome.

This is a family-friendly, community wide event.

**Easter EGG 20
19
HUNT**

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School. June 10th-14th 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Our biggest Children's Ministry event is coming soon.

Travel with us **To Mars and Beyond** and explore where God's power can take you!

Look for our registration table in Fellowship Hall beginning April 7th
or Online registration begins April 3rd

Cost: Register by May 20th-1 child \$50, 2 children \$65, 3 children \$75
After May 20th prices increase to \$75, \$90, \$105

For more information, or to volunteer please contact Barb Grauberger at childrensdirectorfcfumc.net



The Early History of Methodism in the West - Norma Cowell

The Reverend William H. Goode, D.D. was well past middle age when he accepted the appointment from Bishop Scott of the Kansas Nebraska Conference to go to the Pikes Peak and Cherry Valley Mission in Colorado.

Originally, a presiding elder of the North Indiana Conference, he had previously accepted the mission to travel to the Nebraska Territory, in 1854, to explore places to establish missions and churches. At that time the Nebraska Territory covered not only Nebraska and Kansas, but also North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, and part of Colorado.

When Dr. Goode and his assistant, the twenty three year old Reverend Jacob Adriance, arrived that June day of 1859, Denver was without a name. Seventeen years would elapse before Colorado would qualify for statehood. There were only thirty four stars on the flag of the United States.

By the next year, 1860, our name had changed to The Rocky Mountain District. Three years later, the Rocky Mountain Conference was officially organized on the tenth day of July, 1863, with only two districts, the Colorado and the Denver Districts. The appointments were read by Bishop E. R. Ames. After they were read, twelve Methodist preachers mounted their horses and rode to their assignments.

Twenty years later, in 1883, there were forty nine ministers, forty three church buildings and three thousand eight hundred twenty nine full members of the Methodist Church in The Rocky Mountain Conference. Our first building, erected at the corner of Mason and LePorte in 1873, was one of those church buildings.

By the end of the century, there were ninety two ministers and fifteen thousand eleven full members.



Can We Talk? (Can We Listen?) Panel Discussion



This Panel Discussion will be held on Sunday, March 17, 12:00-2:00 in the Parlor with a light lunch served.

The Panel Discussion will be followed by individual discussion. The topic for this #4 Roundtable, moderated by Don Gaymon, is **“What should I as a political person but also as a member of a community of faith be doing to influence our current political discourse toward an environment of understanding and civility?”**

There is no expectation of collective action, but rather the emphasis will be on understanding differences between us and exploring where differing individual perceptions and actions may meet. Please join us for this lively discussion. All are welcome.

Easter Flowers for Chancel

You may order Spring Flowers to adorn our Sanctuary on Easter morning to honor or in memory of a loved one for \$15 each. Orders will be accepted through April 8th. We will have a colorful variety of locally grown Spring Flowers from Fort Collins Nursery. Flower dedications will be listed in the bulletin on Easter morning. ***Order forms are available at the East and South entrances, at the Welcome Center, and in the Church Office.***



United Methodist Women Celebrate 150 Years!

On a dark and stormy night in Boston in 1869, six women met and decided to raise funds to send a female doctor and a female teacher to India. From this humble beginning, our organization has grown to about 800,000 members. Our name has changed many times, becoming United Methodist Women in 1972. But the focus has always been about mission with women, children, and youth in our local churches, communities, country and world. We draw the circle wide!



We support 100 mission institutions in the United States that teach and transform lives through education, health care, housing, child care, prison ministry, helping victims of domestic violence, sex trafficking or child abuse and much more.

Beyond the United States, through Mission Giving, we are in ministry in Africa, Asia and South Pacific Islands, Caribbean, Europe, Mexico and Central America, Middle East, and South America.

Through our connectional system, our Mission Giving makes our voice for justice and charity more impactful!

Our local history dates back to 1887 when fifteen women drew up a constitution and circles were formed to meet monthly and all together once a month. That tradition continues. Our programs and studies are based on five main areas:

- Spiritual Growth
- Education for Mission
- Social Action
- Nurturing for Community
- Leadership Development

As we celebrate 150 years, members are encouraged to give to the Legacy Fund to ensure a vital and vibrant future of United Methodist Women.

The congregation is invited to join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 24th for celebrating this special occasion with video, cake, and conversation! All women of the church are welcome to become a part of this amazing legacy-putting faith, hope and love into action.

Save the date:
UMW Tea, Saturday, April 13, 11am, in Fellowship Hall.
Celebrating 150 years of UMW.

Double Nickel Luncheon March 8 and April 12



March 8

The Vietnam Big Build Mission Team will share their excitement of this mission trip through a slide presentation and stories of their experiences.

April 12

Dr. Gerald Olsen, retired ophthalmologist of the Eye Center of Northern Colorado, is also an international traveler and avid photographer. Dr. Olsen will share some of his photos and travel insights to Africa.

Fellowship Hall • 12 noon • \$4 for the BEST LUNCH IN TOWN!
No Reservations Required

Putnam Elementary Science Fair Club Volunteers Needed

Imagine 24 Putnam Elementary students at tables with tiny chairs, excitedly building paper plane launchers, extracting ink from beets, mixing up sugar candy crystals, or painting shoebox houses to test how roof color affects temperature inside. Students choose their own experiments and work one-on-one or in a small group with an adult mentor. Out of 26 mentors, sixteen are from First Church!

Janet Krech organizes this 8 week after-school Wednesday Science Fair club. She is motivated by the deep connections made between mentors and students. The club was Jim Collinson's idea, and he been a mentor all four years. Experiment supplies for the club and display boards for the school's science fair are purchased through donations to First Church.

Being able to recruit enough mentors for the club is crucial. A few mentors are still working in fields like nursing, law, and atmospheric science research, but most are retired. Some mentors are working in pairs because they are unable to volunteer all eight weeks. Three CSU engineering students began mentoring at the end of January, after their winter break.

You just never know where the curiosity and love of science sparked by the students' mentors will lead. This is a great opportunity for First Church to show at-risk students in our community we think they are special. The Putnam Science Fair is open for community viewing Thursday, March 7 from 5-6PM. Judges will be needed at lunch time on March 5th and 6th. Please contact Janet at ajkrech@msn.com if you can assist.



Bren Shuler helps build A LEGO tower to withstand a wrecking ball



Keith Metcalf helps a student test his idea for coloring Easter Eggs using electricity



Rarick Ziegler, a First Church 5th grader, drives his solar car up a ramp

2019 Annual Book Sale

The annual used book and puzzle sale is scheduled for March 8-10 in the Northern Colorado Faith Library and the Parlor. Hours are 9 a.m.–1 p.m. March 8, 9 a.m.–noon March 9; 8 a.m.–noon on March 10.

All funds raised through the sale will buy new books, audio books, DVDs, and equipment. Donations of used books, puzzles, DVDs and CDs may be dropped off at the library through March 5. To schedule a pickup, call David Reid at (970) 581-2707. Popular fiction, mysteries westerns, and cookbooks are among the best sellers. No encyclopedias, textbooks, or magazines, please.



Adult Faith Formation

2019 Hagen Lecture

Willie Jennings, a renowned theologian from Yale Divinity School, will deliver the 2019 Hagen Lecture at 7 p.m. April 8 in Fellowship Hall.

Jennings is associate professor of systematic theology and Africana studies at Yale. His address is titled, "Living a Revolutionary Love: How to be a Christian in a Racial World."

His book, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*, received the Grawemeyer Award in Religion for groundbreaking work on race and Christianity. The award is given by the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the University of Louisville to those who have presented ideas with the potential to bring about change in the world through religion. It is accompanied by an award of \$100,000.

Jennings' commentary on the Book of Acts won the Reference book of the Year award from the Academy of Parish Clergy.

Jennings was born and reared in Grand Rapids, Mich. He received his B.A. in religion from Calvin College, where he was president of the Black Student Union. His M.Div. degree is from Fuller Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. degree is from Duke University.

Along with his wife, the Rev. Joanne L. Browne Jennings, he served as associate minister at Mount Level Baptist Church in Durham, N.C., for many years and as interim pastor for several Presbyterian and Baptist churches in North Carolina.

The Hagen Lecture is funded by an endowment of the Adult Faith Formation Committee. It honors the late Richard Hagen, a member of First Church and exemplar of lifelong learning. Donors including his family, friends and other individuals and classes at First Church have met the initial goal of \$20,000 for the endowment. The committee seeks to increase the endowment significantly so that no budget funds are required to underwrite this annual event in the future. There is no admission charge for the lecture but donations to the endowment fund are encouraged. Checks designated for the Hagen Lecture also may be sent to the FCFUMC Foundation.



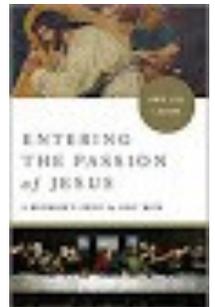
Studies of two thoughtful books will be offered in the weeks leading up to Easter.

Both will start the week after Ash Wednesday and continue through Lent. There are no sessions during spring break and child care will be available during the evening classes.

Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish person who specializes in the New Testament at Vanderbilt University, is the author of the 2018 book, **Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week**. Levine delves into the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life, sets the narrative in historical context and analyzes the risks and motives of the story's characters.

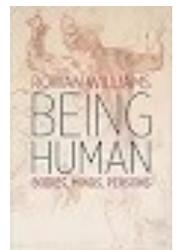
She shows how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

This study will be offered at noon and 7 p.m. for five Wednesdays -- March 13, 27; April 3, 10 and 17 and will be facilitated by Rev. Cynthia Paquette. The book is \$15.



Being Human: Bodies, Minds, Persons is the work of Rowan Williams, the former archbishop of Canterbury. Williams draws on sources from neuroscience, philosophy, psychology and literature to help answer some major questions. He also highlights the value of silence as a spiritual practice.

Being Human will be offered at noon and 7 p.m. for four Wednesdays -- March 13, 27; April 3 and 10 and will be led by David Reid. Books are \$10.



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Eva Kienholz – 1/10
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Glenn Gill – 1/24
Richard Guest – 2/5

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF ...

Emmett Charles Jenk 1/27

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS ...



Keith Garland



Audra Kohler



Dean & Roy Wood



Sally & Bob Castner



Beth & Alan Stevens



Donna & Ken Newkirk



Brian & Linda Sutter



Marilee Rowe

KINDRED CSU

A WESLEY FOUNDATION

The college ministry at the church is making some changes this semester. Under new leadership, the Wesley Foundation has changed its name to Kindred CSU. Youth and Family minister, Rebecca Dunagan has taken over as director of Kindred CSU with the help of long-time Wesley Intern, Emily Mills, as her assistant. This semester, the new team is continuing in Wesley's Coffee on the Plaza tradition, which is a twice monthly outreach event that students do on the CSU plaza. Dates for those events are March 6, March 13, April 25, and May 8. Feel free to stop by to help spread joy and free coffee to CSU students. In addition, Kindred CSU started a new book study this semester, "Can I Ask That?: 8 Hard Questions about God and Faith." They meet once a week for thoughtful discussion. Rebecca and Emily both are excited for the possibilities this semester.

Meet Emily Mills



Emily Mills is a recent grad of CSU with a BA in Communication and Media Studies and a CSU Wesley alumni. She first joined Wesley in 2014, and started as Wesley intern in 2015. She has been in the position ever since. Emily enjoys film, all things food, and her tiny cat. She is excited to continue to move forward with Kindred this semester.

Habitat for Humanity Update

Habitat for Humanity Fort Collins celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2018. A photo below shows Glen Goff viewing some of the artwork at the exhibit in October. Glen was instrumental in the early success of the program and led First Church in sponsoring a house in 2008.

On December 16 a home for Munawar, Rebecca and family was dedicated in the Harmony Cottages addition. First Church participated in the building and financing of their home along with 17 other local churches in the Faith Build Coalition.

First Church is joining several other local churches again to sponsor a home for Natasha and Iman in 2019. A wall-raising for their home in Harmony Cottages took place early Saturday morning, February 16.

We are scheduled to participate in the 2019 Stone Soup Build on Saturday, April 6. Please sign up to help with the construction and/or the lunch in the Mission Corner. Construction managers will be at the site to supervise, so you are encouraged, whatever your skills, to help build a home for Natasha and Iman's family.



Glen Goff viewing displays at 25th anniversary exhibit of Habitat for Humanity Fort Collins



Munawar, Rebecca and family at the dedication of their new home on December 16

UMCOR Kit Build Party - Saturday, March 16

All are invited to an UMCOR Kit Build party at the Johnstown United Methodist Church, 108 King Ave., Johnstown on Saturday, 16 March starting at 10am. Potluck lunch. This an opportunity to build Cleaning Kits and Hygiene Kits that UMCOR sends as relief to emergency locations around the country. Supplies and monetary donations needed and accepted. Contact Nicole Hill (970-381-3945 or hilln1989@yahoo.com) for more info.

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Sunday March 31, 2019

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special **UMCOR Sunday** offering, laying the foundation for UMCOR's ministry of relief and hope.

Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover our costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs.

UMCOR's Vision: As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR strengthens and transforms people and communities.

UMCOR's Mission: Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

Please help UMCOR continue to share the love of Christ by making a special donation on UMCOR Sunday. **Together, we do more!**