



The Carillon

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Discover God's Love
Inspire Hope • Grow in Faith • Serve With Joy
**First Church: An inclusive, deeply relational community
inviting all people to experience God's presence today.**

Message from Melanie

October is my favorite month, not only because it is so colorful, but because it is a herald of changes to come. The stunning beauty of autumn gives way to the coming chill of winter, when shorter days and falling leaves remind us of the transitory nature of all things. It is a time to pause and reflect upon God's mysterious ways and the fleeting seasons of this precious life.

I hope to see you often this month. We will celebrate World Communion Sunday with Christians in every corner of the globe on October 6. We will celebrate Children's Sabbath, featuring the lovable children of our church family on October 13. Sunday, October 20 will be the wrap up to our 150th celebrations, with festive morning worship and a beautiful Gala in the afternoon. October 27 is Reformation Sunday, and we will receive New Members into our family of faith. That afternoon we will host Trunk or Treat, followed by Modern Worship and the always anticipated Chili Cook-off.

Good things are happening in our church, my friends. We are reaching more and more people with God's love. Every week new people find their way to us, and very often they return and in many cases join our church. They want to be a part of something dynamic, vital and outwardly focused. They often tell me they are impressed by our mission and vision, and the various opportunities to learn, serve, and grow in faith. Our ministry to children is growing, as is our ministry with youth. Our faith formation offerings for adults are well attended, and our mission and service projects are making a tangible difference in our community. Our neighbors are very impressed that we care enough to take the lead on the refurbishment of Eastside Park.

As we have been saying during our September sermons, we are so much better together. There is no telling what lies ahead for this promising congregation, and I am so proud to be a part of it.

Melanie

Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor



Fall Stewardship Campaign

20/20 Vision and Beyond

This is the theme of our Fall Stewardship Campaign, as we prepare to fund our ministries for 2020 and prepare for the next 150 years of serving our community (and beyond!) Please join us in the prayer, that God will give us continued vision and abundantly bless our church for the year ahead. Thank you!

"What God has planned for those who love him, is more than eyes have seen or ears have heard."

1 Corinthians 2:9

World Communion Sunday October 6, 2019



Sunday, October 6th is World Communion Sunday. The offering supports the division of chaplains and ministries, Crusade Scholarships and the scholarship fund for minority groups. 50% of it goes to World Communion Leadership Scholarships, 35% to ethnic scholarships and journey toward ordained ministry scholarships, and 15% to ethnic in-services, training. Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." Please give generously. More information is on Church and Society Table, Fellowship Hall.

What is World Communion Sunday and Why is it Significant? by Cindi Ross-Bell

United Methodist Churches celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of every October. World Communion Sunday is an ecumenical celebration by people of many denominations in an effort to promote unity among Christians around the world.

This year, on October 6th, followers of Jesus Christ in large churches and small, on farms and in cities, in ornate buildings and under tents, will gather to receive the consecrated bread and cup of Holy Communion. Clergy will lead in many different languages, with a variety of liturgies, and will partake of many different elements. Despite the differences in our denominations and traditions, we will celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.



In honor of our Global Community we at First Church will celebrate Holy Communion with a variety of breads from around the world, including Bagels from Poland, Focaccia from Italy, Naan from Asia, Tortilla from Mexico, and traditional Jewish unleavened bread called Matzo as described in the Bible.

Come to First Church this World Communion Sunday prepared to participate in the global sacrament of Holy Communion with our brothers and sisters around the world. As you receive the bread and cup, remember that you are part of the Church Universal, united in Christ across time and space.

150th Celebration Weekend

Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20

Saturday, October 19 we will serve our neighbors in a variety of ways, please join us!

- 8:00 am: Donuts and coffee in Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 am: Work begins
- 11:30 am: Work ends
- 11:30 am: Lunch in Eastside park
- 12:00 pm: Kick Off Ceremony with City Officials

You will be able to serve in one of the following ways:

- Assemble diaper kits for Kid's Closet or pack brown bag lunches
- Help neighbors by raking their lawns or washing windows
- Help to beautify Eastside Park itself



Here's how to join us:

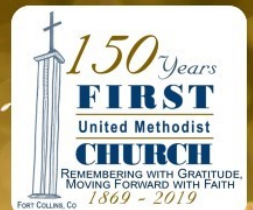
1. Enter your name on one of the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. OR
2. Send an email to Lisa at: Lisa@rmhealth.org or call Lisa at 970-985-5533.
3. "First Church Serves" T-Shirts on sale in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, October 20 morning worship celebrations at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

4:30—7:00 Gala Event (see below)

150th Anniversary Gala

Sunday October 20



- 4:30 – 5:00 Dedication in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 – 7:00 Celebration in Fellowship Hall
- Tickets for this event will go on sale August 25th and be sold every Sunday through October 6th. Tickets are \$20/person. (Nursery available for 4 & under)

Don't Forget to Order Christmas Wreaths and Greens!

Don't forget to order your Christmas wreaths! Already?! As your family prepares for celebrations of autumn, it's also time to pre-order your Christmas greenery! Our unit of United Methodist Women has been selling Christmas wreaths and greenery for over 60 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 for sale, but swags, garlands, evergreen crosses, grave blankets, table centerpieces and decorated trees. Look for our order table in or near Fellowship Hall on Sundays, October 13 through November 3, 2019. Order forms will be sent to you by separate mailing in early October and may also be found on the UMW bulletin board or on the church website. Please take time to fill out your order form soon! Orders will be accepted only until November 3. Have 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:



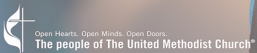
Monday, December 2
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 3
12 Noon - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Student Day / Sunday, October 27

Together, we educate
students so they
can make a
difference
in the world.



Sunday, Oct. 27 is United Methodist Student Day. The offering collected then is joined by money at GBHEM from endowments, wills and other donations to provide scholarships and loans for Methodists. Information and brochures for how to get loans, scholarships and grants are available on Church and Society table in Fellowship Hall through October. Scholarships and loans for any accredited institution in US require 1 year as full member. International

applicants, 3 years. <https://www.gbhem.org/loans-scholarships/>

Children's Sabbath - October 13

Join us for a very special morning. ALL children will be invited to join our Children's Parade in the 9:30 a.m. service. Please meet adult shepherds in the Narthex before the service. Children will parade up to the front of the church during the opening hymn. There will be no Sunday School at the 9:30 service! There are spots available for children ushering, greeting and liturgists! If your child is interested in participating in Children's Sabbath, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49AAAB22A7FC1-childrens>



3rd and 4th Grade Bible Presentation

3rd graders and 4th graders! We will be presenting you a Bible of your very own at Children's Sabbath on October 13th at the 9:30 a.m. service. If you didn't receive your Bible at Children's Sabbath, Barb will have it ready for you. Look for more details to come.

If your child is interested in receiving a Bible on Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service, RSVP to Barb Grauberger at childrensdirector@fcfumc.net.



2019 TRUNK OR TREAT!

Welcome fall and all of the wonderful traditions that come with this season! At First Church, we have hosted a Trunk-or-Treat event for many years.

There's nothing spooky about fun and costumes and plenty of treats. Cars will take over the southeast parking lot in preparation for trick or treating. Kids can attend in costume and trick-or-treat from car to car and even pick out a pumpkin from our pumpkin patch. Stick around afterward for our Modern Worship Service and the Chili Cook Off, too!

Want to host a Trunk? Want to donate candy or help in some way? Follow this link, or contact Jayme Harper at jaymeandcory@gmail.com
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BABA72BA02-trunkortreat1>

2019 CHILI COOK-OFF

Chili cooks and chili tasters needed! Do you think that yours is best? Will your chili stand the test? Sign up on Sundays in Fellowship Hall. Don't want to make chili? That's cool – just sign up to bring cornbread or condiments instead! Free will donation – proceeds go to Youth Ministry.

Sanctuary Choir Plans Tour to Salzburg, Austria in June of 2020

Music Celebrations International, the Austrian National Tourist Office, and the Salzburg Tourist Board have invited the Sanctuary Choir of First United Methodist Church Fort Collins to participate and perform in the Salzburg Choral Festival, *Jubilate Mozart!*, June 24—28, 2020.

Artistic Directors are Eph Ehly, and Janos Czifra and the concert will feature Mozart's Mass in C Major, "Coronation", KV 317 accompanied by the Orchester der Salzburger Dommusik with Austrian soloists under the direction of Herr Czifra, music director of the Salzburger Dom.

The festival will take place in the Salzburger Dom, where Mozart was baptized, worked as a court composer, and was the venue where many of his works were premiered.

In addition, our choir will sing for the morning Mass at the Salzburger Dom on the Sunday following the festival concert..

This will be a wonderful opportunity to build community not only within our choir, but with church musicians from across the United States. Traveling together and performing great sacred music for huge European audiences will strengthen the musical abilities of our choir and give members an opportunity to sing under the direction of world renown conductors.

More details will be forthcoming. Please check future editions of *The Carillon* for more details. There may be room for a few additional non-singers to accompany us on this trip depending on how many spouses, partners, and significant others of our choir members travel with us. Special activities are planned for non singers while the choir is in rehearsal.

This is a great opportunity for our choir and we look forward to sharing more details about this life changing event in coming months.



ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

Eph Ehly

János Czifra



Salzburger Dom Cathedral

Faith Formation

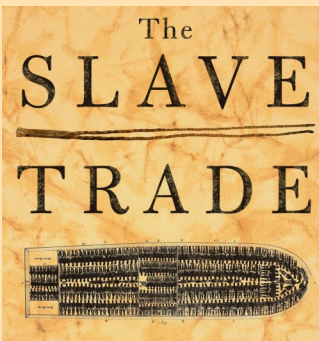
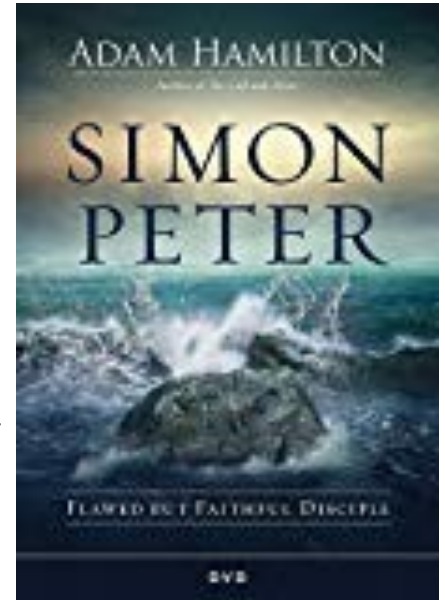
Bob Simpson, a retired United Methodist pastor, will lead a study of Adam Hamilton's *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple* for six Wednesday evenings beginning Oct. 23.

Simon Peter is mentioned by name in the Gospels more than any other disciple—more than 120 times! On one hand, Simon Peter is known as the “Rock” on which Jesus would build his church. On the other hand, Peter could be quick-tempered, anxious, tentative and skeptical in his faith. In other words, he was an ordinary person who heard and did his best to follow God’s call.

Each episode reveals not only our human challenges in following Jesus, but more importantly illuminates the overwhelming grace, transformation and possibilities available to anyone willing to trust and offer their life to God.

Simpson has served churches in Northern Colorado since 2003. He enjoys sharing his faith with everyone and especially with those who seek to grow in their faith and in their connection with Christ. Bob and his wife, Jill, also offer a monthly worship service and ministry in a senior living community in Fort Collins.

Each session runs 6:30 to 8 p.m. and will include a video clip. Books are \$15 and available at the Adult Faith Formation table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Questions: Bob Simpson at pastorrf@gmail.com or call or text (970) 420-4839.



SLAVE TRADE HISTORY: A Brief History of the European Slave Trade

Trade is a one-session class led by Diane Smith at noon and 7 p.m. Oct. 16. It's been exactly 400 years since the first slaves arrived in Jamestown in what was to become the United States of America, which is leading to new discussions about slavery in United Methodist Churches. The denomination has prepared a study guide and other resources. As Smith notes, the history of slavery goes back to the time before the birth of Jesus. You'll learn some surprising new information about where slaves came from, who owned slaves and the intersection of slavery – and its abolishment in parts of the world – with Christianity.

DAVID BROOKS STUDY

The next session of the Spirituality Book of the Month Club will look at *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life* by David Brooks, the New York Times columnist. The meeting is 3 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Northern Colorado Faith Library. Questions: Rich Thompson via rich.interfaith@yahoo.com.

First Church Art Wall

For nearly 10 years the changing exhibits on our Art Wall in the east hallway have delighted church members and offered both members and local artists a venue to display their work. All kinds of two-dimensional art are welcomed including paintings, drawings, and fiber work. The Art Wall committee invites YOU to consider displaying your work - it's especially nice to see the work of our church friends. Talk with Marjie Woodring, chair, or any of the other committee members - Kathy Lenz, Kay Lybecker and Martha Conant.



Double Nickel Luncheon October 11



INTO AFRICA

Plan to attend Double Nickel Luncheon for an exciting and visually stimulating program with Georgia Evans, owner of Westwind Graphics in Loveland. Georgia presents a personal journey "Into Africa" featuring a slide show and talk illustrating her adventures in Tanzania and her program of delivering clean water filters and malaria bed nets to three remote villages. Her magnificent professional close up photos of wildlife and village life are not to be missed.

- **Best lunch in town \$4.00**
- **No reservations required**
- **12:00 Noon**
- **Fellowship Hall**

Our church's mission is to Discover God's Love, Inspire Hope, Grow in Faith, and Serve with Joy. Joining the Welcome Desk Team is an opportunity to serve First Church by offering a smile, information, and a warm welcome to our guests. Serving at the Welcome Desk for just 30 minutes a month can quite literally change the life of one of our guests or members! Please contact Pam Metzger, Welcome Center Team Leader, to learn more and get involved.



Pammetzger3531@comcast.net
or (970) 430-0062.

Care Closet

Medical care supplies such as walkers, wheelchairs, canes, etc. are available for check out at the front office. There is no charge, but please return the items when no longer needed. Donations of medical care supplies are appreciated and may be brought to the church office. When you check item(s) out, please sign the checkout form and complete your contact information. When you return the item(s), enter the date

on the checkout form. Each time you visit the Care Closet, please leave the lights off and the door locked.



Message from WARM

The informative booklet OUR STORIES: Journeys to Welcoming, Affirming, and Reconciling compiled by WARM is must reading for all FUMC members and friends. Check the east and south entries anytime, or the Welcome Center and C&S table in Fellowship Hall every Sunday for a copy!

*Welcoming, Affirming, Reconciling Methodists

First Church Fort Collins Welcomes Nick Tomasini as Youth Ministry Intern

Nick's first day was September 16th, and he will be in this role through mid-May. Nick is a freshman at CSU, and a recent graduate of Poudre High School. He is passionate about helping younger students learn about Jesus, and helping them pursue a meaningful relationship with God. He will be working hard to continue growing our vibrant youth ministry, in the midst of discerning his educational and professional direction. We are excited that he is coming aboard! Be sure to congratulate him if and when you see him at church!



United Methodist Women Program on Food Bank for Larimer County

On October 10th at 11:30 in the parlor, United Methodist Women will have a lunch followed by a program on the Food Bank for Larimer County. The facility moved to its new headquarters in Loveland and opened for business on May 21, 2018. The newly renovated 42,000 square feet facility allows for more room to meet the demands of growing need. There is more freezer, cooler, warehouse and office space. The Fresh Food Share Pantry remains at Blue Spruce Drive in Fort Collins.

First United Methodist Church is participating in CSU's "Cans Around the Oval" campaign to

benefit the food bank. Non-perishable food can be dropped off in barrels at church or the food bank can always use money since \$1.00 donated buys \$5.00 worth of food. The drive begins Monday September 9 and Collection Day at CSU is Wednesday October 16.

Our church has several volunteers who help at the Food Bank for Larimer County one morning a month and some have been volunteering for many years.

You are welcome to come hear a speaker from the food bank who will share statistics, stories, and answer questions. You are welcome to bring a donation on

October 10! We hope to see you there!



Love in Action

Love In Action (LIA)- Co-coordinator needed. Will share position and receive requests from church office and FUMC LIA email and send requests to committee volunteers through listserve. Questions- contact Jeri Neely, jeri.neely@gmail.com.

Love In Action volunteers provide short term needs like rides to doctors, meals, gardening and other acts of kindness to church people. If you want to join the committee or have a need, email fumc.loveinaction@gmail.com or call the church office, 970-482-2436.





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**Our Newest Members-
Welcome Home!**



Neely Goree & Katie Tingle

**We extend our deepest sympathy
to the family of ...**

Ken Nobe - August 4



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