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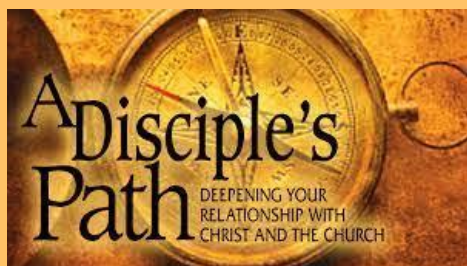
# The Carillon

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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.*



## Sermon Series: "A Disciple's Path"

**October 3**

"A Disciple's Path:  
Evangelism"  
Romans 10:14-18

**October 10**

"The Disciple's Path:  
Faith Formation"  
Genesis 15:1-6

**October 17**

"The Disciple's Path:  
Readiness"  
Luke 12:32-40

## Message from Melanie ...

I am reflective as we welcome October, because I turn 64 this month. How did I get so old so fast? I honestly feel like I am 34 (most days), and cannot believe the years are catching up to me so quickly. Seasons change and birthdays come and go, but God's goodness remains the same. I am deeply thankful for a faith that has sustained me through the years of blessing and loss, death and anguish, hope and celebration.

It feels good to spend these years of my life in ministry with all of you. I am thankful for our church, our mission, theology, and commitment to inclusion, and for the possibilities before us. More and more I am aware of God leading us into opportunities for greater service and more meaningful ministry in a post COVID world (which cannot come soon enough). Occasionally I catch glimpses of what we could be and do with God's help, and it is promising.

The longer I live the more I understand that our only legacy is what we invest in, the people and organizations we love, support, and serve. Our legacy will be what we generously shared with the world, not what we kept for ourselves.

In these October days as the earth gently passes from one season to another, let us pause and give thanks for the ways that God is guiding us from season to season. With God's guidance, the future of this congregation is promising indeed.

I consider it a privilege to serve as your 64-year-old Lead Pastor.

*Melanie*

Dr. Melanie Rosa, *Lead Pastor*



**We encourage everyone to wear masks in worship and in large groups while in the church  
Building to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you!**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

David Reid

Rev. David Dalke introduces his book *Don't Miss It: Four Seasons of Stories that Spark Enjoyment and Reflection* in a conversation with Rev. Charles Schuster at 7 p.m. October 13 in the Parlor.

Copies of the book will be available for \$11 at the event. For those unable to attend, limited number of copies will be available at the Adult Faith Formation table on Sundays.

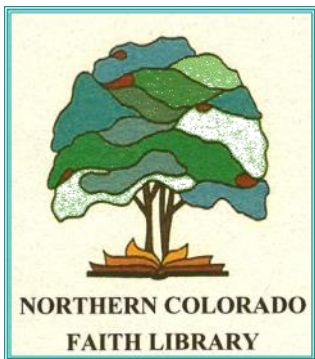
Dalke's stories on human behavior are drawn from his own life experiences and those of his eight grown grandchildren. Topics include personal growth, lessons from others, being imperfect, exploring the mystical, surviving difficult times and spiritual comfort.

"David Dalke's writing is a combination of Andy Griffith of Mayberry, Harper Lee and Paul Tillich," said Schuster. "This book has two complimentary assets. It is a fun book to read and it is full of profound wisdom."

Coffee and snacks will be available at this event sponsored by the Northern Colorado Faith Library.



## NORTHERN COLORADO FAITH LIBRARY



Mark these dates on your calendar for events featuring retired clergy members from First Church:

October 13, 7 p.m. – Rev. David Dalke presents his book, *Don't Miss It: Four Seasons of Stories that Spark Enjoyment and Reflection* with Rev. Charles Schuster facilitating the conversation.

December 8, 7 p.m. – Rev. Charles Schuster presents his book, *Angels We Have Heard Are High: Stories that Bring Christmas Down to Earth* with Rev. Dalke facilitating.

Copies of the books will be available for purchase. Both events are sponsored by the Northern Colorado Faith Library.

## WELCOMING, HOSPITALITY & DISCIPLESHIP



**SUNDAY HOSPITALITY** is from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. every Sunday.

Donuts and healthier snacks like hardboiled eggs, fruits, cheese sticks, and mini muffins will be available. Tablecloths and table decorations will be present to enhance your experience. Since it has been really difficult to get volunteers to run hospitality every Sunday, we have decided to hire Hospitality Coordinator Michael Shestak, who has 14 years of food/restaurant industry experience as a cook. Funding for Sunday hospitality is fully dependent on your donations to the hospitality ministry.

The cost per Sunday is \$140, for a total of \$7,280 per year. You can give to the hospitality ministry by:

- 1) Check (on memo line write "Hospitality")
- 2) Credit card through online giving (choose the "Hospitality" fund)
- 3) Cash in donation boxes in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings.

Please be generous so Sunday food and drink fellowship continues indefinitely. We are trying our best to satisfy everyone's needs and wants. Please be patient. Take life easy; eat, drink and be happy!

Thank you very much for supporting Sunday Hospitality. Thank you very much to all who voluntarily coordinated and ran Sunday Hospitality while we searched for a paid hospitality coordinator.

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES** celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October, signifying a celebration of the unity among Christians around the world.

This year, 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 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.

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.

We will honor the global sacrament of Holy Communion with our brothers and sisters around the world. We are part of the Church Universal, united in Christ across time and space. Please join us.

## CONCERNING THE 2021 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Hopes were high for a 2021 Women's Retreat on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, but the surge of COVID caused the committee to postpone our traditional retreat. **However**, we are happy to inform **all FUMC women** that the committee created plans for an equally exciting gathering. Our new plan is scheduled for a Sunday afternoon in the latter half of February 2022. Fort Collins own and well known author on subjects of faith and religion, **Leslie Verner**, will be our special guest and facilitator. In Verner's book, **INVITED: The Power of Hospitality In An Age Of Loneliness**, she passionately guides her readers to consider hospitality as being sacred spaces and times for Welcoming friends, neighbors and strangers. You **WILL NOT** want to miss it! **WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN ALL OF FIRST CHURCH'S MEDIA OUTLETS + Fellowship Hall!**

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will hold their October Unit Meeting on Thursday, October 14. We will be in the Parlor at 11:20 a.m. Circle Sarah will be the hostesses and the program will be given by Charissa Dull on Education. Hope to see you there. Questions? [elbode8@gmail.com](mailto:elbode8@gmail.com)

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you don't have to journey that path alone. Our Grief Support Group is available to help you through lonely, sad and difficult times. This group meets twice a month and is free to anyone. We promise not to try to "fix you" but will share the path with you and offer suggestions for healing. Join us the second and fourth Tuesday of each month starting October 12 at noon in the church conference room. Enter the church through the east entrance off of Stover Street. Contact JoAn Hopkins ([JODHOP@hotmail.com](mailto:JODHOP@hotmail.com), 970-222-5925) or the church office ([administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net](mailto:administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net), 970-482-2436) for more information.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE OPPORTUNITIES

### Love in Action

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE** is in search of a Coordinator for Love in Action. Love in Action partners with members needing assistance with one time tasks such as lawn work, rides to medical appointments, grocery pick up and other acts of kindness with volunteers from the congregation. This person will receive requests, send emails to the list of existing volunteers and connect a volunteer with the requester whenever possible. Recently, there have been only one or two requests per month.

Please contact the church office at

[administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net](mailto:administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net) or 970-482-2436 or Stephanie Lane at [talsal2@comcast.net](mailto:talsal2@comcast.net) or 970-229-0296 if interested in helping with this important ministry.



### Transportation Ministry



**CONGREGATIONAL CARE** is in search of a Coordinator for our Transportation Ministry. This ministry coordinates rides to Sunday church services for our members at care facilities that are no longer able to drive. We are also in need of a few more drivers and assistants. Please contact the church office at

[administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net](mailto:administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net) or 970-482-2436 or Stephanie Lane at [talsal2@comcast.net](mailto:talsal2@comcast.net) or 970-229-0296 if interested in helping with this important

## ALREADY TIME TO ORDER FRESH CHRISTMAS GREENERY !



As your family prepares for the celebrations of autumn, it's also time to pre-order your UMW Christmas greenery! With the help and support of our wonderful congregation, First Church United Methodist Women has been selling Christmas wreaths and décor for over 60 years to support local and worldwide mission, especially for women, children and youth. We have not only four sizes of wreaths for sale, but also swags, garlands, crosses, grave blankets, table centerpieces and decorated trees.

Look for our order table in or near Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, October 10 through October 31, 2021. Order forms will be mailed to the congregation in early October and may also be found on the UMW bulletin board or on the church website, [www.fcfumc.net/wreaths](http://www.fcfumc.net/wreaths).

Please take time to fill out your order form soon! **Orders will be accepted only until Monday, November 1, 2021.**

Have questions?

Contact Dea Carroll at 970-222-5545 or Joan Richard at 970-206-0447 or [joanaire@gmail.com](mailto:joanaire@gmail.com).

Your order will be available for curbside pickup west of Fellowship Hall just after Thanksgiving weekend:

Monday	November 29	12 Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 30	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 1	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



## Children's Sabbath and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL MORNING** in which we honor the children of First church. There will be no Sunday School at the 9:30 service! There are spots available for children to usher, greet and read liturgy! Look for the sign ups, coming soon.

3<sup>rd</sup> graders! We will be presenting you a Bible of your very own at Children's Sabbath on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 a.m. service. Look for more details to come.

If your child is interested in receiving a Bible on Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service on October 10th, RSVP to Barb Grauberger at [childrensdirector@fcfmc.net](mailto:childrensdirector@fcfmc.net).



## Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook-Off Sunday, October 24th, 3:30 - 4:30

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT** and a chili supper. The afternoon will be filled with free pumpkins to decorate and lots of exciting decorated cars filled with candy. This is an event you won't want to miss! Stay for the chili supper after trunk or treating. Further details to follow.

**PARENT'S DAY OUT IS NOW OPEN!** Space is available for ages one and walking up to 5 years old. We offer quality childcare with flexibility and affordable pricing.

Check out our new and improved website and some important changes to our business model. Begin the registration process via our website, [Parentsdayoutfcfmc.org](http://Parentsdayoutfcfmc.org).

*Tell your friends and neighbors about our program. We look forward to welcoming new and old friends!*



## FREE ESTATE PLANNING PRESENTATION—NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Do you have a will? Has your will been reviewed or updated recently? Have you talked openly with family and loved ones about your plans?

Please join us on November 7<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor for a free presentation on estate planning where attorney Mike Miller will discuss the things everyone should know about estate planning regardless of your age.

Mike will discuss and have handouts for:

- 1: Medical power of attorney.
- 2: General (finances) power of attorney
- 3: Last will and testament

After the presentation Mike will answer any questions you may have, and Mike will be able to provide the expertise to create the legal documents described above at a discounted price.

## YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BARB GRAUBERGER!**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, Barb for filling the role of Interim Youth and Family Ministries Director for the last two months. We could not have made such a smooth transition without your help and hard work.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**

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### **WELCOME, VICTORIA BURKETT!** **New Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries**

WE WELCOME VICTORIA BURKETT who is First Church's new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries! Victoria graduated from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies in 2018. For the last five years, Victoria has worked with youth and young adults as a Youth Ministry intern, Summer Camp Counselor, tutor, Summer SUCCEED counselor (for youth in foster care program), Colorado Youth for Change AmeriCorps member, Paraprofessional at Rocky Mountain High School, and Kindred Director. Victoria's passion and call to ministry is to youth and young adults. Victoria attended, served as liturgist and assisted with AV at our Modern Worship Service. She is a pastor's kid who hopes to be a professor in religious studies in the future. Victoria is married to Brandon Burkett. They are very creative people; Victoria draws and paints while Brandon does woodworking. Victoria is also a runner and avid reader. They have a beloved dog, Mabel. Do come to extend a warm welcome to Victoria in her new role as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.



Welcome on board, Victoria!



# DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

## SERVE WITH JOY

Being a disciple of Jesus Christ involves more than simply growing in our knowledge and belief. It also involves action. Servanthood is the practice by which the love of God becomes a tangible reality in our lives and through which we become active participants in God's transformation of the world. God has prewired us to use our natural talents, personalities, gifts, and passions to serve others and, by doing so, results in our personal joy. Every disciple is called, gifted, and needed in the ministry of the church. First Church wants to help each of us to discover our gifts and find our place to serve, and then to support us as we serve. Visit the Missions table in Fellowship Hall between services on Sundays or review the Discipleship brochure available in Fellowship Hall or on our website. The Discipleship team is ready to assist in finding ways to serve with joy.

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Margaret Janson, [mlirish53@gmail.com](mailto:mlirish53@gmail.com)

Mendy Rushing, [rushmendy@gmail.com](mailto:rushmendy@gmail.com)

## **J**ourney to Belonging *Discover God's Love*



For more detailed information, please see the *Journey to Belonging* brochure or the church website. ([fcfumc.net](http://fcfumc.net))



**We extend our deepest  
sympathy to the following families:**

Betty Slone      December 28, 2020  
Shirley Johnson   August 23, 2021  
Marion Baker (wife of former pastor Rev. Monte Baker)  
September 9, 2021  
Joanne Rowe      September 22, 2021  
Carol Echols      September 23, 2021

