



The *Carillon*

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Reviving Words

by Pastor Charles, Lead Pastor



A funny and memorable line from Homer Simpson comes in an episode involving the parody of a magazine known in the cartoon comedy show as *Reading Digest*. Homer comments to the publication's editor, "Oh, I love your magazine. My favorite section is 'How to Increase Your Word Power.' That thing is really, really, really ... (ah) good." Here are few words that will "really, really, really" increase your vocabulary:

Snoutfair (from the 1500s) – handsome or a good looking person,
Twitter-fair (from the 1600s) – a synonym for twilight,
Apricity (from the early 1600s) – the sun's warmth on a cold winter day, and
Monsterful (from the early 1800s) – wonderful and extraordinary.

Can you think of any words worthy of reviving? How about this one—"piety"? Upon hearing this term, our minds quickly revert to "self-righteous" or "holier than thou", but it simply means "reverent". Could not our world use more reverence? Or consider "evangelical". When any phrase or statement containing the syllable "evangel" is exchanged in a conversation, there is a tendency to connect it with fundamentalism or a deeply-held set of beliefs outside mainline theology. However, it literally means "good news." Could not our world use more good news, and could not we express more good news in our faith?

Recently, I was reading when the sentence on the page contained another word rarely used. Its roots are in late 16th century Latin. Its meaning relates to something super or huge. In primitive speech, it means "great souled" or "great spirited". This word is "magnanimity", which is the quality of being high-minded, noble, or the virtue of being generous toward one's opponents.

If you tour Richmond, the capital of Virginia and (for a time) of the Confederacy, there is a site that offers an illustration of magnanimity. Inside the Richmond National Battlefield Park is a statute of President Abraham Lincoln. The sixteenth President of the United States is carved into history at this national memorial where he is seated on a bench along with his son Tad. The statute commemorates April 4, 1865, the day Mr. Lincoln and his twelve year old son visited the abandoned city after the great battle there. Lincoln entered on foot. He did not ride into Richmond as a commanding victor. To reinforce the idea that the President presented after the war, words from his second inaugural address are etched into the wall behind the statute – "To bind up the Nation's wounds."

Reports from a journalist on that day read: "He walked through the streets as if he were a private citizen, and not the head of a mighty nation. He came not as a conqueror, not with bitterness in his heart, but with kindness. He came as a friend, to alleviate sorrow and suffering—to rebuild what has been destroyed."

In our day of extreme partisanship, in this time of great division of what it means to be a republic and a democracy, in this time of drawing lines to separate us from those who have opposite ideas, could not we all benefit from exercising the virtue of magnanimity? Would our local, state, and federal government accomplish more for the common good? Would people in the houses just down our street create a more neighborly atmosphere? Would the persons in pews live with more respect for theologies standing in contrast to our own? How can our leaders, whether in government, in business, or in church, be effective without some measure of magnanimity? I believe the church can revive this "really, really, really" good word.

Pastor Charles, Lead Pastor

Happiness

by Pastor Vivian, Executive Pastor



I think most people's basic understanding of the Christian life is all wrong. Whether it's the portrayal of Christians on film, articles in journals, or what they see on the news, most people think that being a Christian is about being right and fighting for good and controlling the bad actions of other people.

I profoundly disagree with this image. I think Christ made it clear, and the apostles affirmed it: to follow Christ means being deeply, wonderfully, fantastically **happy**.

Happy? Yes – happy. In our passion for justice and to reach the least and the lost we seem to have forgotten that Jesus said, "I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest" (John 10:10); and "I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete" (John 15:11).

Complete joy! Just think how attractive that quality is in a person. I suspect the joy Jesus exuded was one reason his presence was so compelling. Jesus was, for the most part, a very happy person. The one incident we know in which his anger towards others was expressed – the cleansing of the Temple (Matthew 21) – is far exceeded by the number of times he taught and fed and healed and partied.

The same is true for the Apostle Paul. If you want to read an inspiring part of the Bible, just turn to the Letter Paul wrote to the Philippians. In it Paul is filled with exuberant joy – and the letter was written from a jail cell where Paul was kept in horrible conditions by today's standards.

The truth is, happiness is more likely to be interwoven with goodness than anger ever will be. The happy do not support tyrants, nor are they drawn to cruelty. One can appeal to the compassionate heart of a happy person; it is difficult to inspire the angry to be kind.

Just remember: happiness and pleasure are

not the same thing. Pleasure is a hard task master, always needing more. Happiness is comparatively easy, for it is the natural result of truly trusting God for the outcome.

After all, when Jesus died the outlook was bleak. But he trusted God and acted in accordance with God's plan for salvation. The result was the resurrection and eternal happiness offered to everyone.

As we move into the final months of our transition as a church, I invite you to be happy. Take Paul's advice:

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. (Philippians 4:8)

See the best in your brothers and sisters. Whatever your mood, greet them with joy so that their joy might be complete. Trust God for the outcome.

God is good, and you won't be disappointed.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Vivian





Southeast Asia - Past and Present

Our Friday, May 12 Double Nickel Lunch program will be *Southeast Asia – Past and Present*, presented by Dale and Martha Conant who traveled there recently.

Through their photos and experiences, Dale and Martha will leave us with a deeper understanding and appreciation for what was formerly called Indochina. “The sights, sounds and smells of Southeast Asia left us entranced with this part of the world”. That was their response, and we are so fortunate that we will experience some of that entrancement through them!

No reservations are required for this lunch program that will be held this month in the Church Parlor. \$4 is the charge, and volunteer help is always appreciated!

Senior Ministry May Calendar

Thursdays, 4 & 18 – *Okay Chorale*, open singing group from 3 to 4 in the Village Commons – newcomers of all ages welcome – especially those with memory issues!

Friday, 12 – Double Nickel Senior Lunch – 12:00 noon to 1:30 in the Parlor, \$4

Monday, 15 – Movie from 1 to 3, *Me Before You*, Cinema Room – free; all ages welcome!

Thursday, 18 – Seniors volunteer at Larimer Food Bank, 9:00 to 11:00

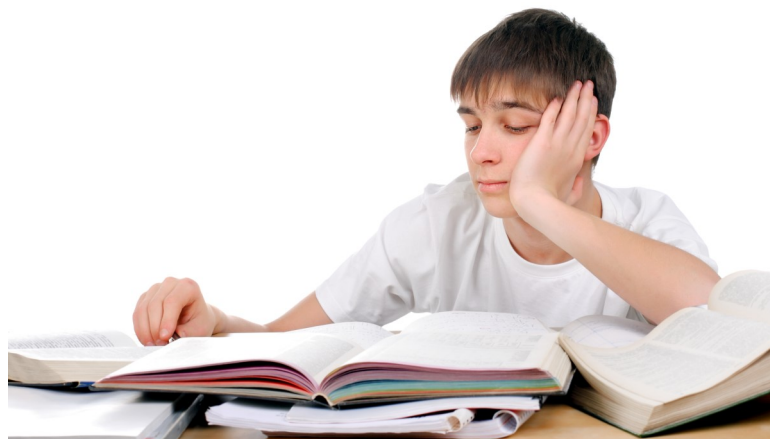
Thursdays, 18 - 3rd Thursday Lunch at 11:30 at Locality, 2350 E Harmony Rd.

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](mailto:lczink@gmail.com) or 970-689-3047.

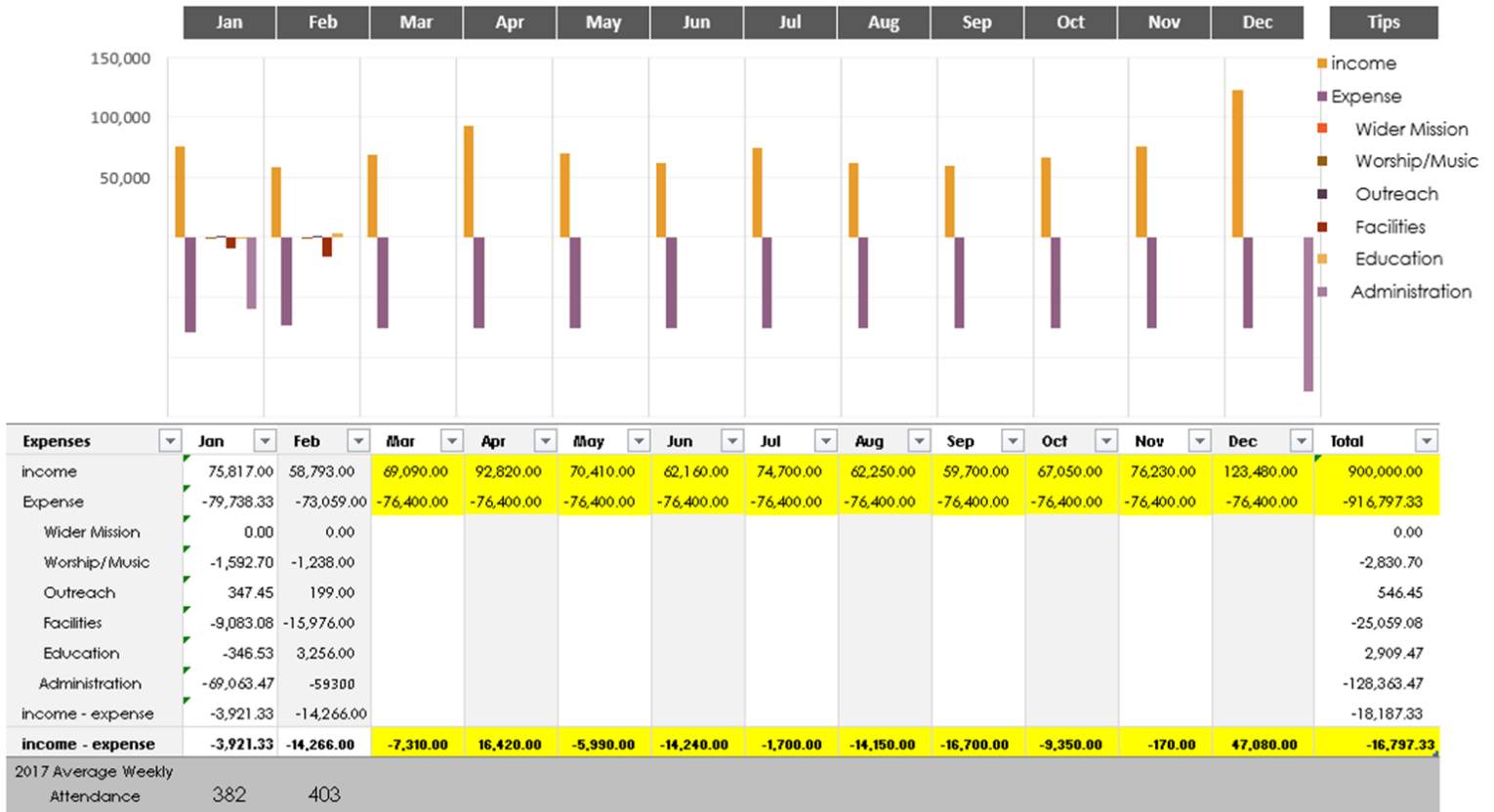
Help a college student get through finals week! by Georgia Metz

The Wesley Foundation is seeking donations of individually wrapped candy, granola & energy bars, and packets of tea/instant coffee that we will give to CSU students during finals week. Please drop off any donations in the tub outside the front office or give to Georgia Metz by May 8th.

And please stop by the Wesley Foundation table in the Fellowship Hall on April 30th and May 7th to write a note for a student expressing the support and best wishes of FUMC as they embark on their finals!



FEBRUARY 2017



Current Financial Standing

Financial Information – as of February 28, 2017

For the Month of February (2017)

Gifts/Offerings: \$58,793

Expenses: \$73,059

Number of commitments: 232

2017 Year to Date

Gifts/Offerings: \$134,609

Expenses: \$ 152,797

Staffing Updates

by Pastor Vivian, Executive Pastor

Introducing Our New Youth Director



Rebecca Dunagan will be joining the First UMC team as of July 1st. She is currently serving Oakland United Methodist Church (Johnstown, PA) as their Associate Pastor. While coffee is her fuel, connection and community are her passion! As a leader she loves raising up volunteers who make a deep commitment to connect and serve. Currently a Licensed Local Pastor, Rebecca is a candidate for Elder, and attends United Theological Seminary in Ohio (mostly online). She hopes to complete her Master of Divinity degree in 2017. She and her husband Sean have four sons, Owen, Teddy, Patrick and Finn.

Pastor Melanie interviewed Rebecca and strongly affirmed Rebecca's hiring. Pastor Melanie is deeply grateful to the volunteers who have kept this vital

ministry going during the long search for the right person. She understands the importance of a strong youth ministry, and will be deeply invested in its success.

Adult Faith Formation & Faith Libraries of Northern Colorado

by David Reid, Director of Adult Faith Formation



Amy Frykholm to Speak on The History of Christian Futures

FUMC is pleased to welcome back Amy Frykholm, author, poet, and Associate Editor of *The Christian Century*.

We will meet in the Parlor at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, as Amy guides us on a tour through more than two millennia of Christian thought on the future, based on her recent book, *Christian Understandings of the Future*.

Starting with the contexts of the Hebrew Bible and moving forward, Amy will outline the enduring fascination believers have had with future events and the myriad ways they have articulated their beliefs about what the future holds. From the imperial contexts of the book of Revelation to the end times prophecy of Harold Camping, Amy will present a thoughtful and insightful tour.

Dessert and coffee will be served starting at 6:30. After her presentation, Amy will sign copies of her book, which will be available for purchase. Her talk is co-sponsored by the Northern Colorado Faith Library at FUMC and the Northern Colorado Faith Libraries network.

Faith Libraries of Northern Colorado to Host 2017 BookTalk

The Faith Libraries of Northern Colorado network will host its annual BookTalk Roundtable for Writers and Readers from 9 to 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, in the library at Christ Center Community Church, 2700 S. Lemay Ave. It's easy to participate: just present a 10-minute review of any book you have found meaningful from a faith perspective. Or just come to listen. To register, call David Reid at 581-2707 or email him at davidreid24@gmail.com.

GIFTS FOR NEWBORN BABIES AND THEIR MOMS

Time for us to do the real fun shopping. The newborn unit at the hospital hands out the layettes we put together so that every baby has new clothes to wear home. We need to have these delivered to 1st Presbyterian Church by May 15th. The ONLY items they collect and will accept are medium sized diaper bag with security pockets on the outside, 2 receiving blankets, 1 large warm blanket or quilt

1 or 2 sleepers with feet, or shirts and gowns (no strings please) in sizes 3-6 months and 9-12 months, 2 larger size, 2 onesies size 3-6 month and 9-12 months, 1 baby towel set, 2 pair or Infant socks, 1 baby shampoo and 1 baby lotion.



Extras gifts to moms may include: body lotion, bath talc, bath shampoo, pens and calendars.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 15 - 18

The Rocky Mountain Church annual conference in Denver is June 15th thru the 18th. There are many sessions on Mission and of interest to UMW. The UMW Breakfast is June 17th. Hope to see many of our UMW members there.

MISSION U July 21 and 22

Be sure and put the Mission U July 21st and 22nd on your calendar. It will be at St. Andrews church in Highlands ranch.

New Hospitality Group Forming by Minnie Krueger

We are forming a funeral hospitality group to take charge of the receptions after funerals. Anyone who would be willing to serve on this committee please contact Minnie Krueger 970-484-9138 (david.krueger@colostate.edu) or leave your name and number at the church office.



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We remember with sympathy the families of ...

February 16 – **Opal Downing**
March 15 – **Stan Usel**

Music at First Church

by David Adkins, Director of Music Ministries / Print and Digital Communications

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCUSSEN ORGAN

Ken Cowan, organist

Wednesday, June 7 • 7:30 PM

Free - donations accepted*

Presented in conjunction with CSU Organ Week.

Ken Cowan is one of North America's finest concert organists. Praised for his dazzling artistry, impeccable technique and imaginative programming by audiences and critics alike, he maintains a rigorous performing schedule which takes him to major concert venues and churches in America, Canada, Europe, and Asia.

Recent feature performances have included appearances at Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa California, Philadelphia's Verizon Hall, Spivey Hall, and Walt Disney Concert Hall, as well as concerts in Germany and Korea. In addition, Mr. Cowan has been a featured artist in recent years at the national conventions of the American Guild of Organists held in Los Angeles and Minneapolis, has performed at many regional conventions of the AGO, and has been featured at several conventions of the Organ Historical Society and the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

**All funds received will be used to help underwrite the cost of this and future concerts on the Marcussen, as well as for ongoing maintenance of this beautiful instrument.*



BUCKHORN CAMP

Summer Camps and Retreats

News from Buckhorn Camp

Welcome to new Director, Austin Hubbard & his family (Wife, Taylor & children, Rowan, almost 6 & Levi, almost 2). Former Directors, Ryan & Marieke Culby, are now serving a UM camp in Michigan to be closer to their ailing parents. Buckhorn is already busy with weekday Outdoor Education programs for secular & parochial school children.

Job Opportunities at Buckhorn Camp:

Food Service/Housekeeping Manager: Full time, year round job perks that include a separate house at the camp!

Summer Camp Cook, Summer Camp Counselors (males), Summer kitchen/support staff, and Camp Hope Volunteer Counselors.

For job descriptions & more info visit www.BuckhornCamp.org or call 970.484.2508.

2017 Summer Camp Schedule:

It's **S'more Fun** at Buckhorn Camp with paddle boards, archery, hiking, fishing, rock climbing & rappelling, arts & crafts, field games, geocaching, GREAT FOOD! & much, much more!!!

Youth in Mission Camp in June; two Adventure Camps (white water rafting on the Poudre River!) in June & July; Eclipse in late July, early August for you night owls!; two Camp Hope sessions in June & July; and a special Family Camp on a weekend in July (all ages; 1 or more persons). Schedules & more info in Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

FCFUMC youth (3rd grade through high school): Remember we have **Campership scholarships** available—check Mission Corner in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. You may register online at www.BuckhornCamp.org but see us *first* about the camperships.



Buckhorn Camp 2017 Schedule

Elementary Camps: students entering grades 3-5

Pioneer Camp 1: Sunday, July 9th-Friday, July 14th

Pioneer Camp 2: Sunday, July 30th-Friday, August 4th

(teambuilding, Gaga, field games, slip 'n slide, wilderness skills, arts & crafts, 9 square, campfires, etc.)

Middle School Camps: students entering grades 6th-8th

Youth in Mission: Sunday, June 25th-Friday, June 30th

(fire recovery group projects in camp, worship, small group activities, large group fun, campfires, etc.)

Adventure Week 1: Sunday, June 25th-Friday June 30th

Adventure Week 2: Sunday, July 16th- Friday, July 20th

(climbing, rappelling, teambuilding adventure challenges + regular camp fun + 1 day white water rafting on the Poudre River!)

Eclipse (late night): Sunday, July 30th-Friday, August 4th

(for *night owls*—lunch to breakfast @ midnight: regular camp fun, vespers. etc. but bring a good flashlight & extra batteries!)

High School Camps: students entering grades 9th-12th

Youth in Mission: Sunday, June 25th-Friday, June 30th

(fire recovery group projects in camp, worship, small group activities, large group fun, campfires, etc.)

Adventure Week 1: Sunday, June 25th-Friday June 30th

Adventure Week 2: Sunday, July 16th- Friday, July 20th

(climbing, rappelling, teambuilding adventure challenges + regular camp fun + 1 day white water rafting on the Poudre River!)

Eclipse (late night): Sunday, July 24th-Friday, July 29th

(for *night owls*—lunch to breakfast @ midnight: regular camp fun, vespers. etc. but bring a good flashlight & extra batteries!)

Camp Hope: for persons with physical & developmental disabilities

Camp Hope 1: Monday, June 13th-Friday, June 17th

Camp Hope 2: Monday, July 18th-Friday, July 22nd

(fun camping activities possibly including a horseless rodeo—with maybe one horse!
Campsite, program, & activities are adapted to meet the campers' special needs)

Family Camp: fun for people of all ages!

Come as a single person or as a group! Participate in as many (or as few) of the planned activities as you desire! Great food! Great atmosphere! Friday, July 14th-Sunday, July 16th

FCFUMC Camper Scholarships are available for elementary, middle, & high school youth: Check with Diana Burkholder in the Mission Corner for more information. You may register online at buckhorncamp@gmail.com.