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summer
of the arts
SERIES

by David Reid

Summer of the Arts returns June 15 with a family friendly art activity. This Wednesday night program is now a summer tradition at FUMC. Most programs take place in the Parlor. Come for dessert at 6:30 p.m. Programs start at 7 and most are completed by 8. You'll enjoy an evening of entertainment, sometimes with audience participation. If you're entertaining out-of-town guests, bring them along. Donations to cover refreshments are always welcome.

Read on for the first three programs. Check next month's Carillon for July and August programs.

June 15, Nature Collage: Combine leaves, pine needles and other elements from nature with scraps of paper, magazine pages, markers and colored pencils to make mod podge art on cardboard squares. Hannah Lopez will lead this activity.

June 22, Open Mic Night: Come share your talent! You will enjoy Open Microphone Night. Talent can include musical numbers, comedy, dramatic skits, poetry reading, magic tricks, dance, or any other talent! Or just come to enjoy the multitudes of talent our church has to offer! Sign up in advance with emcee Cindi Ross-Bell at falcor@frii.com.

June 29, Faith and Beauty: The program, to be co-sponsored by the Faith Libraries of Northern Colorado, will consist of three 15-minute segments. The first will provide a brief overview on the subject using art, literature and poetry as examples. Presentations will then follow on faith and beauty as found in music, and on faith and fashion.

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Discovering God's Inspiring Work

by Pastor Charles

How does Christianity work, and what are the distinctive characteristics about a Christian's life? John Wesley explored these questions when he was at the heart of the Methodist reformation of England. In 1744, Mr. Wesley published a religious tract entitled *The Character of a Methodist* in which he describes foundational beliefs and acts that identifies a Methodist. When Wesley wrote his treatise, he identified the first mark as one who has "the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). We can learn from his 18th century wisdom. The focus is on the work of God in the life of an individual. What is shed abroad in us, or as one translation re-words the ancient text, what is "poured out in us"? Most of us have something other than the "love of God" poured out in us. Typically, some version of vanity is playing its tricks on us, and, the less than desirous product is more about us/me than it is about God or the changes God is bringing to us.

In transitioning from the era of John Wesley's Christian faith in the 18th century to living as a disciple of Jesus Christ in the 21st century, how does one have "the love of God poured out in us"? Or, to use modern terminology, what inspires us? The answer is not the same for everyone. Here are three. These, in no way, set limits.

One inspiration for the love of God "poured out in us" is prayer. Prayer is more than talking and God listening. Prayer can be God talking and us listening. When my cancer recovery was beginning, I deliberately drove to the ground of my being literally. I walked onto the land our family calls "The Old Place." I pulled a bench out of the crumbling barn, and I sat. I sat in the sun. I sat in the wind. I sat beside the stock pond. I sat under the soaring birds. I sat in the tall grass. And, I listened. I heard the crickets and cicadas. I heard the flutter of birds in flight. I heard the stillness and

the silence. I heard the wind sweep through tall pine branches. And, I heard that I might never be cured of cancer; yet, for the rest of my life, I will be recovering from cancer. That prayer motivates me still today.

Another inspiration for the love of God "poured out in us" is song. A song may not inspire all of us; it will inspire some of us. I have a friend who took his wife on a date for their 40-something anniversary. He drove to the high school where they were both students and sweethearts. On the car's radio, he played songs that were popular at their senior prom, and they danced in the school parking lot. There is a hymnal we use in church, and there is another hymnbook that is written in our hearts. What songs are in yours?

One more inspiration for the love of God "poured out in us" is seen in the actions of friends, neighbors, and people on the street. You have probably seen a person in line for a sandwich quietly buy a meal for the hungry and homeless person standing on the street corner. You may know of someone who gave money when a college student did not have enough to pay tuition. There are those who drive sick people to doctor's appointments, and others who befriend the kid who is seen as the least likely to succeed. When we witness the benevolence and the generosity given by a stranger to a stranger, it is inspiring.

How is the love of God poured out in you? Where have you discovered the inspiration to live the life God has given you? When you answer, you will see God's calling for you as a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is also what it means to be a Methodist: to live inspired, to have the love of God poured out in you, and for you to be poured out for someone else.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Charles



Membership Information

by Darcy Campbell

BIRTHS WITH JOY

Patrick John Hanna

son of John & Jen Hanna

brother of Kennedy & Charlotte

DEATHS WITH SYMPATHY

Terri Dail

Hazel Nobe

Kathryn (Kay) Maust

NEW MEMBERS WITH WELCOME

Jim & Susan Kutrubes

Gerry & Dana Sampson



It's Time to Party!

Now is the time to brainstorm ideas for our fall kickoff on August 21st. If you love to plan parties with good food, toe tapping music and fun activities all in the name of Christ, then join our Congregational Connections Team.

The WAM committee is looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to join our team to assist in planning the all-church fall kickoff event. This will be a lot of fun with no long-term commitment. We will be discussing ideas for themes, music, food and activities for everyone to enjoy.

Please let Darcy Campbell know if you are interested in being part of this really fun-filled activity asap. Contact Darcy at membership1@fcfumc.net.

Take Note

We WANT you to use our building! But please fill out a Building Use Request Form so we can manage our facility. Forms can be found in a file outside the church office or online at www.fcfumc.net/component/rs-form/form/12-application-for-building-use



Many Thanks

The staff wishes to thank **Jerry Hager** for his generous donation of a patio umbrella that now resides in the Rose Garden (just west of staff offices). Thank you for helping create an inviting and comfortable place for meetings, conferences, and sunny lunch breaks, Jerry!

Many thanks to **Joe Settle** and **Richard Skaggs** for their assistance in cleaning out the 2nd floor VBS closet- these gentlemen helped Christy Loewen haul loads down to the dumpster, clean out old paint cans and folding chairs from dusty corners, and get it looking and feeling a thousand times better in there. A job well done!



From the Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Meet Darcy Campbell

Perhaps you have noticed someone new at the Welcome Center near the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Darcy Campbell has been named director of membership and engagement. Darcy was already serving on the Welcoming and Membership Committee and felt she could use her knowledge and experience to reach out to our community and assist people in the church in finding a place that brings them joy of being an active part of the family of God.

She and her husband, Mike, grew up in Iowa and now make their home in Windsor. Darcy hails from Ames, where she attended Iowa State University and earned a degree in home economics journalism, with a concentration in textile and clothing. Mike is general manager of four magazines based in Wisconsin. They have two sons, Brayden, 22, who works for Vector Corporation. Brayden is a record-setting salesman for Cutco, a kitchen cutlery company. Carter, 17, will soon be a senior at Windsor High School, is in the school's marching band, which will play at the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day in Hawaii. Darcy and her husband are also caregivers for Darcy's 90-year-old mother who now resides with them.

"I'm honored and blessed to have been chosen for this position. As members, my family and I have already experienced the warmth of our FUMC family. As director of membership and engagement, my goal is to grow our church membership, welcome new members and assist them in finding their passion for involvement and to nurture them along the way."

Darcy also works as a marketing consultant with Discover Fort Collins Magazine. She enjoys gardening, interior decorating and antiquing which she refers to as "going junkin," and describes herself as a "magazine nut," which she credits to her journalism background. She enjoys people and finding ways to connect them with their passions.

Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday morning to meet Darcy and let her connect you with new friends and find new meaning in your church membership with FCFUMC.



Effective July 1, 2016, Rev. Cynthia Paquette will join the staff as Associate Pastor. While we have been glad to have Cynthia here on staff overseeing congregational care ministries, we are thrilled to welcome her to the clergy team at FUMC. Watch in next month's Carillon for more information. Congratulations, Cynthia!



Notes from the Loft...

Thank all of you for so warmly welcoming me to the staff of FUMC. I look forward to getting to know more of you personally in the future and appreciate all of your encouragement and support over the past month.

Building on the strong foundation laid by the previous leadership of the choral programs at FUMC, we can work together to build a choral program that will be a viable ministry for years to come. There are so many talented individuals in this church and I look forward to working with all of you as we move into the future together.

If you enjoy singing, I would encourage you to give our Sanctuary Choir a try over the summer months. We will continue having weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings and singing on Sunday mornings through the month of June. In July, we will not have rehearsals on Thursday evenings, but will meet each Sunday morning at 8:45 to rehearse an anthem for the services. You are welcome to join us at any time – Thursday evening rehearsals at 7:00 pm each week, or at our abbreviated rehearsals on Sunday morning at 8:45 am each Sunday.

Please feel free to email me if I can be of assistance to you in any way. When you have the opportunity, please take the time to come up and introduce yourself to me. It will take me some time, but I look forward to getting to know each of you and learning all of your names.

Again, thank you for the warm FUMC welcome.

David Adkins

Music Team News

by Karen Stoody

FUMC's music team is working again, currently comprised of David Adkins, Sanctuary Choir Director; Karen Stoody, organist/handbell choir director; and Pastor Vivian, supervisor. As in the not too distant past, it will include the children's choir director, the Crosswalk music director, and a representative from the Stover Street Stompers.

The summer news is exciting, with the handbells getting together to play once in June, the Stompers playing on June 12, and choir continuing through the summer on a more limited basis. We will have special music from students and many others throughout the summer, in addition to the choir. We have themes; we have interest in a beginner bell choir; we have plans for a choir retreat; we have plans for another organ recital

to benefit the foundation organ fund; we have plans to pursue a youth choir and a church orchestra/band. What a joy to report all these positive items to the congregation!

I personally want to thank Mary Ann Michels for volunteering to lead the Joyful Noise Children's choir through the past 8 months. We have all been blessed by their frequent presence in worship services!

Thank you also to the MANY members of the congregation who take the time to express their appreciation to us. We will continue to strive to give you our best gift for the worship of God.

Children's Ministry Corner



Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut the dough into slices $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!

Summer will be a busy time in Children's Ministry! Summer Sunday School will begin **Sunday, June 12** (children will be promoted this day), and this summer we will Splash in God's Word, learning about Jonah, Noah, and the Woman at the Well. Our regular teachers and shepherds will take a well-deserved break, so this is a great opportunity to pitch in and get your feet wet in Children's Ministry! Materials and curriculum will be provided. Please contact Christy asap if you would like to be involved this summer, whether it's for one week or ten!

If you haven't yet been up to the Prayer Room, please stop up when you have a few moments! It is a room where you may experience God in a quiet and holy space. There are 8 prayerful activities to explore, and it is intended to be a space where both children and adults can experience God's holy and healing presence. The prayer room is upstairs just east of the kitchen. It is labeled "Science Station" and is available weekdays as well as Sunday mornings.

SPRC is in the process of hiring a new Director of Children's & Family Ministries. Christy Loewen's last Sunday will be June 12, and SPRC is working hard to ensure a smooth transition this summer as we welcome a new Director of Children's & Family Ministries to FUMC.

Finally, I would like to offer a word of thanks to the children, families, staff, volunteers, and congregation here at FUMC. It has been an honor to serve here at FUMC, to work alongside such gifted and generous folks, and to get to know your amazing children. I will carry you in my heart and my prayers as we move to Michigan next month.

With love and gratitude, *Christy Loewen*



VBS Update

VBS will be June 6-10! This year's theme is "Surf Shack," and we are all invited to "Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love." Don't worry if you walk into church next week feeling like you are at the beach! VBS is a great way to introduce and affirm the wonders of our awesome God. We are looking forward to a spending this wonderful week with

over 160 children and 80+ volunteers. If this all sounds like too much fun to miss out on, don't worry- it's not too late! Contact Christy Loewen to volunteer and use your gifts and passions during this fabulous week at FUMC.



S'more Fun at Buckhorn Camp! by Diana Burkholder

It's even S'more fun at Buckhorn Camp! Fort Collins First United Methodist Church, through its Community & World Outreach Committee, provided the seed money & with a matching grant, Buckhorn is buying paddle boards, paddles, and life vests for a new water safety and paddle boarding skills program. Youth camps & Camp Hope attendees will benefit as they learn important life skills while having lot of summer fun.

Special thanks go to **Rob Bean** for the suggestion of paddle boards instead of canoes & the subsequent research into paddle board specifications, availability, & pricing. We are looking to expand this program to include one or two canoes. Does anyone have a gently used canoe they would like donate to Buckhorn? If so, contact Diana Burkholder, 204-1651 or in the Mission Corner on Sunday mornings, to make arrangements.

A barn is being built to house miniature donkeys, Rosie & Nibbles. Other fun activities include a low ropes course & human foosball. Remember, camperships (scholarships) are available for FCFUMC children & youth (3rd grade through high school). Come to the Mission Corner for summer camp schedules or other information.

Paid Summer Jobs Available at Buckhorn Camp

One or two COOKS are needed this summer at Buckhorn Camp. No experience is necessary--they will train you. The position provides room & board plus \$200-250 per week. Contact Marieke or Ryan Culby at marieke@buckhorncamp.org.



Adult Faith Formation Events by David Reid

Interfaith Spirituality Book Gathering: Everyone is welcome to attend at **3 p.m. on July 17** in the Study Room of the Northern Colorado Faith Library. The book to be discussed is *One River, Many Wells* by Matthew Fox. No reservation is required. Host is Rich Thompson, former president of the Fort Collins Interfaith Council.

Aging Options: FUMC will host a panel of experts from the senior industry to explain options and take your questions on **June 7 at noon and again at 7 p.m.** The 90-minute program is free and light refreshments will be provided. The panel will include experts representing independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing care and in-home, non-medical assistance. They will also share additional resources available in the community.

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UMW News



TUF Accessory Sale for Girl Rising by Beverly Winsett

Teens United In Faith Accessory Sale was a BIG success! Thanks to all the generous accessories that were given to our teen circle, our fundraiser for Girl Rising was very successful. We raised \$1,039 to send to the organization of Girl Rising.

As was noted in the last several articles in the Carillon, Girl Rising helps girls in third world countries get an education and improve their lives. Getting an education gives them self-confidence and increases their options of how to reach their potential and how to effectively make an impact in their communities.

Our small United Methodist Women teen circle is grateful to you for your support of donations and to those of you who shopped! Also, for the moms' help.

If you wish to learn more about Girl Rising, visit their website, girlrising.com or watch the DVD, *Girl Rising*. It follows the story of nine young girls/women and is narrated by professional and well known actresses. You will understand why our T.U.F. circle was so excited about doing something to help.

With thanks,

Megan Bean
Anna Campbell
Lizzie Priebe
Anne Priebe
Katherine Skonning
Caroline Vacante
Lizzie Vacante
Tru Wieck
Co-Leaders: Dea Carroll and Beverly Winsett

Makinen Bequest Distribution

by Stephanie Matthews

The estate of Ken Makinen (a long time member of First UMC) made a bequest of over \$409,000 to the church without restrictions on its use. The Charge Conference adopted the “Managing the Expenditure of Large Unrestricted Donations Policy” in 2011. In accordance with the policy, about \$53,000 was distributed to the Rocky Mountain Conference as part of the Tithe Plus policy established by the Conference and about \$49,000 was given to the Board of Trustees leaving \$307,000 to be assigned to a work group for allocation.

The Makinen Bequest Working Group was formed in July 2015 by the Church Council in compliance with the Large Donations Policy and included Stephanie Matthews, chair (Nurturing ministries), Joe Settle (Long Range Planning), Forrest Walters (Finance Committee), Gary Gramlick (Trustees), Bonny Thomas (FUMC Foundation), John Allum (Witness ministries), Pam Metzger (Church Council), Sandy Hoffman (Outreach ministries) and Rev. Vivian Hiestand representing the clergy as a non-voting member. Joan Richard (chair of the Church Council) attended many of the meetings as an observer.

The purpose of the MBWG was to “analyze the needs of the church, taking into account the church’s short and long-term plans, special requests by interested church entities, and the current requirements of the church” and make a recommendation to the Trustees and Church Council for the allocation of the portion of the bequest for which they were responsible. The Working Group did a survey of the congregation, held open meetings and put articles in the Carillon and bulletins to solicit ideas for the use of the funds. They received over 85 suggestions (with some duplication in suggestions) from 34 different members and interested parties. After careful review of the information, the Working Group made the following recommendations for the allocation of the funds.

\$25,000 to the Faith Family Hospitality for their new family transition home facility

\$10,000 to the Wesley Foundation to use as they see fit

\$10,000 to the Senior Council to use as they see fit

\$15,000 to the Community and World Outreach Committee to use as they see fit

\$80,000 to the Trustees in conjunction with the Long Range Planning Committee and the Site Facilities

Master Plan Study Group to do as many of the following projects in priority order as possible:

1. Improve the lighting in the south parking lot
2. Remodel the stage area of Fellowship Hall to provide more storage space
3. Do initial remodeling of the main kitchen

\$20,185.49 to the Trustees to use as they see fit

\$50,000 to the Administration and Technical Resources Committee (ATRC) for the initial implementation of some of the suggested upgrades for such things as the sanctuary sound and lighting system, improvements to the church-wide internet and cell phone services, video for the chancel area, staff hardware and software improvements, video streaming, etc.

\$21,950 for the payment of rent for March – December, 2016 (10 months) of the Lead Pastor’s house

\$50,000 for a financial reserve fund to be administered by the Finance Committee

\$25,000 for a college scholarship fund to be administered by the Youth Council

The allocation was reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Church Council in April. The funds will be distributed through the church accounting office. We thank the Makinen family, the members of Working Group, the Trustees and Church Council for their diligent effort in distributing the very generous bequest.

Church Foundation Awards 2016 Grants by Stephen Zink

Did you know that our church has its own Foundation which awards grant money for special needs of the church each year not funded in the annual budget? Since 1988, the Foundation Board has awarded more than \$300,000 in grant money to various church committees and groups. The grant application process begins in March each year and is completed with the grants awarded by May. This year grant monies totaling \$18,390 were awarded to the following recipients:

Youth Ministry: Youth Basement Renovation

Church & Society Committee: Choose Hope: An Interfaith Response to Despair

Kitchen Committee: Main Kitchen Coffee Maker

Recycle Committee: Recycle Stations

Finance Committee: Stewardship Training

Welcoming & Membership Committee: Card File Cabinet

Adult Faith Formation Committee: Richard Hagen Memorial Lecture Funding

Wesley Foundation: University NEXT Conference 2016

Communications Committee: Search Engine Optimization

Grant Money is generated each year by the general fund of the Foundation. A formula preserves and grows the principle of the general fund of the Foundation so that it will continue to provide funds for new grants each year. The FCFUMC Foundation is a separate 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation. Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible, gratefully accepted and are conservatively held and invested to support special needs of the church and its ministries. Donations can be made to the general fund which generates the annual grant awards or to the other restricted funds that the Foundation holds.

If you are interested in helping to grow the capabilities of the Foundation by making a tax deductible contribution of some kind, please contact Stephen Zink, Foundation President, at (970) 980-3037 or suzink42@gmail.com.



Mission Corner

(Community & World Outreach Committee)

2016 Bridge of Love Offering to Benefit 3 Projects

Silver buckets will be placed on each table in Fellowship Hall to collect change/dollars for our Bridge of Love offering at the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference in Westminster on June 11. All conference churches will bring their donations to support the Conference Board of Global Ministries. This offering will benefit the following three programs/agencies that minister with people on the margins: **1. UMCOR Global Refugee/Migration** supports refugees who have been displaced from their homes due to war, persecution, and violence; **2. Crossroads Urban Center, Salt Lake City** provides services to hungry, homeless and/or low-income people; **3. Denver Urban Ministries** gives emergency and stabilization services to people in need.

Senior Wise

June Double Nickel Lunch: SOAP Presents Music & Fun!

Join us for the 3rd Friday in June, **Friday, June 17**, for Double Nickel Lunch and program, *SOAP Presents Music & Fun!*, led by Craig and Lorraine Shuler & several of their very talented friends. SOAP stands for *Slightly Older Adult Players!* The Shulers both perform with The Mostlies parody group, the Senior Center SOAP troupe and SOAPtones, and our FUMC Adult Choir. Lorraine also sings with our church trio, The Grace Notes. If you have heard them perform before, you will not want to miss this opportunity to hear them again – they have become an annual favorite at Double Nickel Lunch!

Double Nickel Senior Lunch is from **12:00 noon to 1:30 in Fellowship Hall**. Come enjoy good conversation and a delicious meal with others ages 50 – 90+ (younger folks allowed!). Lunch is \$4 – no reservations are required. Special thanks to Diane Smith and many volunteers who make this monthly event possible! Contact Diane if you would like to help: dianes@mindspring.



Senior Ministry June Calendar

Okay Chorale

meets Thursdays, June 2 & 16
from 3:00 - 4:00 in the Village Commons

Cub Lake Hike

Friday, June 10
Moderate Hike in RMNP

Monday at the Movies

Monday, June 13
will feature *The Intern*, from 1:00 - 3:00 in
the Cinema Room- free for all!

Walker Hymn Sing & Picnic

Saturday, June 18
4:00 - 8:00 pm

A Day In Boulder

Thursday, June 23
Tour Celestial Seasonings, lunch, and Leanin’
Tree Museum of Western Art

To sign up for a hike or outing or the senior ministry email list, or for more information about any of the above activities, contact Linn Zink, Senior Council member, lczink@gmail or 970-689-3047.



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Let's Be a Welcoming Church

Summer is a time when lots of guests visit our church. This is a great opportunity for us to stand out as a welcoming congregation! Here are a couple of easy ways that we can help guests feel welcome (adapted from buildfaith.org).

Remember the rule of 3-to-1.

Talk to three newcomers on any given Sunday for every one “regular” person that you talk to. Remember that the church is for fellowship as well as church work and that busy leaders should avoid the impulse to spend times of fellowship doing “business” with other busy leaders.

Don't leave a newcomer hanging.

Pass off a new person you've just met to someone else. Don't just greet someone and say, “It was nice to meet you.” Introduce them to someone else. Let your newcomers connect to as many people as possible.

Don't just meet; invite and engage!

That is, don't just say hello to the newcomer, find out what his or her interests are and connect that person with an appropriate activity or person in the church, such as ministry, small group, Sunday school class, Bible study, and so forth.