



# The Carillon

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## MESSAGE FROM REV. MELANIE ...

**“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:19**

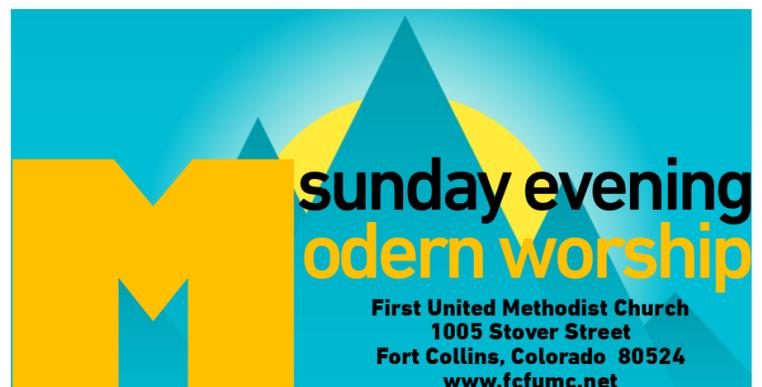
God is doing a new thing at First Church, something with much promise and potential. From the moment I arrived last summer I learned of the need for an alternative worship service to better serve our diverse community. We offer outstanding traditional worship week after week, but this style of worship does not appeal to everyone. High quality worship services, no matter what style, do not come to fruition easily, and require thoughtful consideration and planning. Creating such a service has been one of my top priorities in the last year. I have been reading, listening, and learning. I have spoken with many people, attended several alternative worship services here in Fort Collins, and watched others online.

An alternative to our current Sunday morning worship services offers our best opportunity to attract new people, while better serving our current members. We are blessed we are to have found such an outstanding Worship Leader in Joseph Noelliste, who will bring us creativity, professionalism, and impressive musical ability, which is what we are accustomed to at First Church.

Starting a new worship service is similar to launching a new church. It is a process which requires time, energy, money, and support in order to flourish. Like anything new, it will be fragile for a while, and we need your patience and prayers. Whether or not you plan to attend the service, this is a major initiative of our church, and positive support from all of us will be critical to its success.

There are ways in which this service will not satisfy everyone. Some will dislike the day and time. Others will dislike the location and the format. Some will have specific expectations for such a service that will not be met. I ask you to please suspend criticism and give this new thing a chance to succeed. After thoughtful and careful assessment, in consultation with many others, what we have created is the very best we are able to offer in this place and at this time. The new worship service will begin Sunday, September 9 at 5:00 pm.

Please pray for this service and support it as enthusiastically as you can, whether you attend or not. Invite your neighbors and friends, furthering our efforts to reach new people with the transforming love of the God we serve. And continue to support the mission and ministry of our church as we seek to make our circle of love wider and wider still. Thank you!



**Widening the Circle ...**

**STATE OF THE CHURCH REPORT**  
**BY Rev. MELANIE ROSA**

**You can listen to recent sermons on our church website [www.fcfumc.net](http://www.fcfumc.net), just lick Media in the upper right-hand side of the page. Visit our website often for upcoming events and ministry opportunities.**

On Sunday July 1, I gave a state of the church report regarding all that God has done among us in the past year. There is so much to be thankful for, and I was asked to include some excerpts from that sermon in this edition of the Carillon. Since July, 2017 we have seen a 33% increase in worship attendance and a 16% increase in giving. We have been able, so far this year, to tithe \$23,000 to the denomination, after tithing very little last year.

After hosting several Exploring First Church classes, we have received 38 new members, many of whom have become very involved in our ministry.

We have had 12 baptisms, including 10 children and 2 teenagers. We celebrate 3 weddings this summer within our church family. We have greater interest and involvement in mission and outreach, more authentic engagement with our neighbors in need both near and far away.

Barb Grauberger joined our Staff team to lead newly invigorated Children and Family ministries, with new Sunday curriculum and 130 kids in Vacation Bible School. Rebecca Dunagan has led our youth in faith development, mission and service, with 15 students being Confirmed into membership in our church. Scott Grantland came to lead the Wesley Foundation. Catherine Pawlikowski joined us in the areas of Membership, Finances and Volunteer Coordination. And we welcome Joseph Noelliste, our Modern Worship Leader who will help launch our new service next month.

We will offer groups this fall to enhance our spiritual and discipleship formation so that we can grow into spiritually mature Christians. With the help of your elected Lay Leaders we are working to clarify our mission and vision become more nimble and flexible administratively. There are many other signs of new life and transformation taking place, with God's guidance and grace.

However, we cannot become comfortable or complacent. Comfortable churches are closing all the time. We need to keep growing, moving, reaching out seeking new ways to serve and bless others. We need to be hungry for the life changing power of God that first changes us and then changes the world. We have to tell our story more effectively and enthusiastically, to let the world know of a loving, life giving God that we find in Jesus Christ.

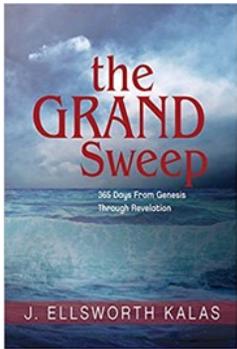
There is a significant niche for an intelligent, inclusive, progressive, large membership Christian church in a University community where ALL people are welcome all the time. Please commit yourself to go deeper in your faith, through prayer, study, worship and service as we work together to build a vibrant and vital church for those who follow us. It is an honor to serve in ministry with you.



## DISCIPLESHIP AND ADULT FORMATION OVERVIEW

### Details about each of these opportunities are included in this issue:

- Financial Peace University: 7 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 5.
- The Path: 7 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 5.
- Year-Long Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning in September.
- Spiritual Gifts Inventory: Various times for one hour on Aug. 30, Sept. 4, Sept. 30 and Oct. 2.
- Small Groups: New community groups will be forming and will meet at various times.
- Study of Diana Bass's *Grateful*: Noon Wednesdays beginning Sept. 5.
- Dr. Tink Tinker: 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13



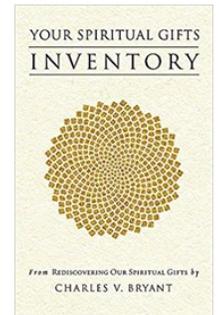
### YEAR-LONG BIBLE STUDY: The Grand Sweep (by J. Ellsworth Kalas)

Have you always wanted to read the entire Bible? Then study the whole Bible in a year with J. Ellsworth Kalas. You will have daily scripture readings, a devotional, prayer time, and an invitation to view life through the lens of Scripture to draw guidance and insights for living and deepening your conversation with Scripture. Weekly group time is on Thursdays 6:30 – 8 p.m. Please sign up with Rev. Cynthia Paquette ([c.paquette@fcfumc.net](mailto:c.paquette@fcfumc.net)) who will be the group facilitator or at the Adult Faith Formation table in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays.

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY

Have you struggled with how you should serve God through your church and other organizations? Do you know your spiritual gifts (teaching, hospitality, music, healing etc.)? Would you like to know your gifts so you can use them to serve God and others? If yes, please attend ONE of the following sessions:

August 30 (Thurs) – 4 – 5 p.m.	September 30 (Sun) – 3:30 – 4 p.m.
September 4 (Tues) – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	October 2 (Tues) – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Please sign up at the Adult Faith Formation table in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays or e-mail [c.paquette@fcfumc.net](mailto:c.paquette@fcfumc.net).

### SMALL GROUPS THAT CREATE COMMUNITY

Is your life full but you feel disconnected from others? Do you feel disconnected from God? Do you feel disconnected from your dreams and purpose? Would you like connection, for some people to join you on your life journey? If your answer is yes, Small Group is for you. The group will meet twice per month for conversation, sharing a meal together, prayer, and learning together. The meeting day and time will be chosen based on the availability of people who sign up. Group members pick the venue(s). Each group will have between 12 and 17 people. Childcare can be arranged. Please sign up at the Adult Faith Formation Table on Sundays or e-mail [c.paquette@fcfumc.net](mailto:c.paquette@fcfumc.net).



**YOUTH MINISTRY, REBECCA DUNAGAN/  
MINISTER OF YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

**THE PATH DISCIPLESHIP  
JOURNEY**

Youth Events-August

August 13- Girl's Service Day, 3-5:30 pm at the Norton's, join us over tea and cakes while we help with the Days For Girls Mission

August 16- Bring your family and join us on the lawn for the final of four summer Community Nights, dinner is at 6:30 followed by the movie UP, on the lawn

August 19- Back to School Pool Party at City Park pool, 3:30-6:30, we'll meet at the pool at 3:30 and swim until 5:30, then we'll walk to the Dunagan's house for a BBQ, pick-up at 6:30, bring a friend!

The Path, developed at Hope UMC in Denver, is an invitation to align your everyday life with those practices that reconnect you with God and with others. During each 3 month process of intentional experimentation participants will rediscover a sense of spiritual attentiveness within the context of their everyday lives.

The Path is for **you** if

- you're new to First Church and looking for a way to form new relationships.
- you're looking to deepen your spiritual journey.
- you crave a safe space to explore what God is calling you to be.

First Church will offer The Path Discipleship Journey in September-November 2018. If you think The Path is for you, your first step is to meet with Rev. Cynthia prior to August 24 to learn more about how The Path works and if it's right for you. If you're ready to commit, the next step is to meet with the Path Guide Martha Conant (970-482-6997, [marthaconant@gmail.com](mailto:marthaconant@gmail.com)) to create your unique commitments for the next 3 months. Participants in The Path will meet

on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 from September 5 through November 14 as a small group or in a one-on-one meeting with the Path Guide.

More information about The Path Discipleship Journey will be available at the Adult Faith Formation table on Sunday mornings.

**FROM COSROW ...**

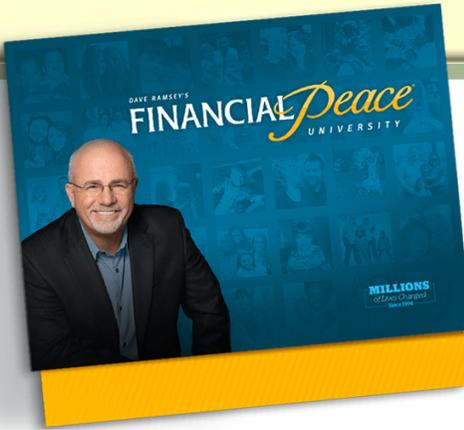
**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 20  
AT TAMASAG**

**SPECIAL GUEST: REV. DR. MELANIE ROSA  
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON**

**Sponsored by COSROW**

**FUMC Commission on the Status and Role of Women**

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



Our church is interested in helping people with every area of their lives, to find the peace of mind and freedom that God intends for us all. Yet 76% of people live paycheck to paycheck and 24% of their paycheck is spent paying off debt. The average household debt is made up of approximately \$187k mortgage, \$30k student loans, \$17k car loan, and \$5k credit card debt. This is nearly a quarter million dollars of debt. Would you be interested in an approach that has helped nearly 100% of 5 million people pay off their debt, save \$2,700, and creating an emergency fund of \$1,000

in 90 days?

Our Stewardship and Generosity Team will sponsor Financial Peace University this Fall. Participants do not need to be members of the church, since we hope to better help the entire Fort Collins community by being more active in serving all those who are struggling with their finances, which if we're honest, includes almost all of us.

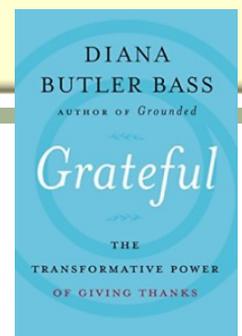
It will begin on Wednesday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and end on November 7<sup>th</sup> and will be held in the second floor Village Commons room. No meeting will be held on Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup> due to Halloween. Each session includes a 1-hour video and ½ hour for discussion.

Cost will be \$109 per family (single person or a couple with or without children under 17). Scholarships to reduce your portion of the fee are available to offset costs if the fee is outside your ability to pay. If interested in a scholarship, contact David Reid and the Adult Faith Formation Committee. Payment is due at registration.

All materials are supplied; all you have to do is show up. Space is limited, so do signup as soon as possible and you will be so glad you did.

For more information visit: [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com)

## WEDNESDAY BOOK STUDY AT NOON



Diana Bass's timely new book, *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*, will be the subject of the noon Wednesday book study throughout September.

Although most of us know that gratitude is good – and good for us – there is a gap between our desire to be grateful and our ability to behave gratefully. The implications of the gap are bigger than we realize, affecting both our personal and public lives. In *Grateful*, Bass weaves together social science research, spiritual wisdom, and contemporary issues as she calls for a richer understanding and practice of gratitude. What emerges are surprising insights about the power of thankful living to change how we treat one another, and how we might transform the world.

## WORLD WISDOMS PROJECT BY DAVID REID



*Dr. Tink Tinker, professor emeritus of Iliff School of Theology, will present “Stories of Spiritual Journey: Practices in the American Indian Tradition” at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at First Church. This is the first World Wisdoms Project (WWP) program for 2018-19 and is co-sponsored by First Church.*

Tinker, an Osage tribal elder, will share personal stories of American Indian spiritual practice whose goal is to balance the community with its world. A sharp contrast will emerge with our contemporary American culture of individualism and competition. That dichotomy has caused great devastation to other cultures and to our planet. The question will be raised as to whether a change in our contemporary starting point could provide the secret to our survival and sustainability as a people and a planet.

Tinker taught at Iliff from 1985 until his recent retirement. He has taught courses in American Indian cultures, history, and religious traditions; cross-cultural and Third-World theologies; and justice and peace studies. His most recent publication is *American Indian Liberation: A Theology of Sovereignty*.

In the Fall of 2018, WWP’s “Shared: Stories of Spiritual Journey” will focus on experiences, pilgrimages and sacred destinations in the American Indian, Jewish and Christian as well as the Buddhist and Islamic traditions. The Winter-Spring 2019 program will focus on the moral growth toward the care of the “Other” in the Jewish/Christian traditions and ethical growth toward the care of “Mother Earth” in the Buddhist and Humanist traditions. The 2019-2020 programs will explore images/names of the sacred, spiritual experiences of mystery and awe, and the sacred /secular dialogue.

## CAN WE TALK ??? BY CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE

***The Church and Society Committee invites your participation in a series of three roundtable discussions on the important issue of how our faith affects our participation in the contemporary political scene. The Committee believes it is timely for our community to explore just how being disciples of Christ makes a difference in how we assess our political choices.***

**Roundtable #1 on August 19**, starts with the assumption that we all follow the same Lord. With this assumed, we’ll explore the phenomenon that Republicans, Democrats Independents and whatever other self designations there might be sit comfortably together in the same pews. Is “faith” so unimportant? Is political ideology a preeminent concern?

The premise underlying this discussion is that the objective is not for someone to persuade someone else that this or that position is the “right” one. Faith is a matter of belief.

In a short essay called “Don’t Believe Everything You Think”, Michael Josephson says: “All our beliefs are essentially opinions as to what is true and the intensity of our convictions does not increase the likelihood that we are right. Sincerity is a demonstration of honesty, not objective truth.”

Our intent is for all to listen and hear. It is a certainty that Christians sharing openly together can emerge with fuller understanding of our own belief systems, and a better appreciation of why someone else believes differently.

**Join us in the Parlor after church.  
A light lunch will be served.**



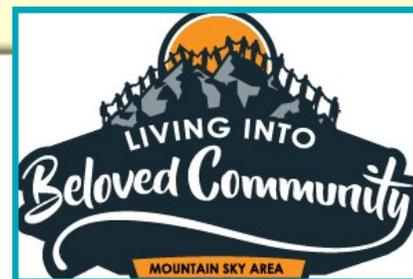
## WELCOME JOSEPH NOËLLISTE AS OUR NEW MODERN WORSHIP LEADER

After interviewing 5 candidates, the interview team consisting of Dr. Melanie Rosa, Rev. Cynthia Paquette, Director of Music David Adkins, SPRC Chair Kate Orr, and SPRC member Kelly McBarlett is delighted to announce the addition of Joseph Noëlliste to our Staff. We are incredibly blessed that a musician of his caliber was interested in this job. Joseph is a recording artist who holds a Masters in Music Theory and is a PhD candidate in Church Music at Baylor University. His dissertation is: "On Merging Choirs and Bands: The Capacity and Conflict of Worship Leading Choirs in Contemporary Worship Music." Joseph is a well-trained pianist, tenor, composer, arranger, and worship leader. He has also served as a professor of Music theory and Music Director for a local church.



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

First Church was very well represented in Ogden, Utah for Annual Conference this year. We had 11 people from our church in attendance as we gathered for the annual meeting of pastors and lay members from the United Methodist churches in our 4 state region. We are charged with addressing the budgetary, legislative and organizational matters related to our mission and ministry. This Conference was historic, as we voted to merge the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Conferences into one Mountain Sky Conference which includes Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Montana.



Bishop Karen Oliveto called the first session of the new Conference to order after the vote was taken. Additionally, we honored those who had died in the past year, honored our retiring clergy, learned about the Commission on the Way Forward, and ordained 3 Deacons and 13 Elders into ministry, including our own Rev. Cynthia Paquette. Representing our church were: Rev. Melanie Rosa, Rev. Cynthia Paquette, Rev. Kaitlin Elmore, Lay Delegates Catherine Pawlikowski and JoAn Hopkins, Equalization Delegates Karen Waldron, Bob Pawlikowski, Joan Carter and Joan Richard, Conference Co-Lay Leader Margaret Hotze and observer Deborah Kohler.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING / AUGUST 28, 2018



**Our August 28 Church Council meeting will be a specially called Charge Conference with the purpose of having a discussion and vote about restructuring Church Council.** Your Church Council leadership team has been working on this for some time, and we believe this will help facilitate our ministry and lead us into a vibrant and vital future.

## A GENTLE REMINDER ...

**All flyers, brochures, posters, and displays put up throughout our church should be approved by David Adkins, Director of Publications and Communications. David and MCAT are happy to help you with all of your publicity and promotional needs.** This includes all organizations and groups within First Church including ministry areas such as Adult Formation, Missions, Children's Ministries, Youth Ministries, Music Ministries, and United Methodist Women. If it is to be on display for or visible to the entire church, it should be approved prior to use. Exceptions include displays in Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour, and bulletin boards. Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to unify the look and feel of our promotional materials.

"A Gentle Reminder"

## VIETNAM BIG BUILD – NOVEMBER 1-11 BY JIM COLLINSON



From the land of kings to fields of lotuses, the Vietnam Big Build 2018 will take place in Cao Lanh District, Dong Thap Province, about 100 miles from Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). Dong Thap Province is considered the “Rice bowl” of Vietnam. However, the population of more than 1.6 million is at risk from annual flooding. Such natural disasters make these agriculture-dependent families – who earn less than US\$100 a month – vulnerable to falling back into poverty. Habitat for Humanity Vietnam has been helping families in Dong Thap to build a better life for themselves since 2011.

Erika Nossokoff, Faith & Global Engagement Manager at Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity, will lead our team of 13. This includes 7 from First Church. We are part of the “Vietnam Big Build” during which dozens of teams from around the world will travel to Vietnam during the same week to build more than 20 houses. In addition to building a house for a family, we will build relationships with Vietnamese people and learn about their culture.

Thrivent Financial and Habitat International have helped sponsor the Vietnam Big Build. If you want to be a part of this mission, purchase bricks at \$5 each. Make your gift to First Church with “Vietnam Build” designated. This will support bricks, mortar, tools, housing, and airfare for First Church participants who need help. More information is available in the Mission Corner.



**AMAZON.COM SHOPPERS...**



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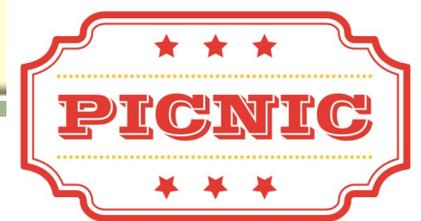
## FIRST CHURCH END OF SUMMER PICNIC BY MARTHA CONANT

**Sunday, August 26 from 4-7 pm on the North Lawn**

Food: Pulled pork and chicken, cole slaw, potato chips, ice cream; fruit; vegetarian options too; popcorn; pick a food item to bring from the display in Fellowship Hall

Fun: Music by Barbara Jo and the Hippie Buckaroos; face painting; decorate your bikes or skate boards and parade around the block; bouncy house; games

Family and Friends: Meet new people and catch up with old friends; all ages welcome.



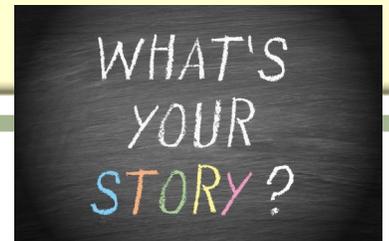
Did you know that over 1.2 million girls in the world have no access to sanitary products? Consequently, these girls miss up to 3 months of school every year. Many of these girls end up getting behind in school and ultimately dropping out. This is a sad situation that can be easily fixed with our help!

For the last two years, a dedicated group of women at First Church has been busy making reusable Days for Girls sanitary kits ([www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org)) that have been well designed by the Days for Girls organization. Seventy-five of these kits were distributed in Kenya this spring while First Church members were on the clean water mission trip and the girls were absolutely thrilled! We have had many requests for more kits and need more help getting them made. For anyone interested, please join us for a **September 18 training session** from 9 am to noon. During the training session, we will provide general information on the program and then split people into groups to train on how to make specific components of the kit. Do not worry if you cannot sew. You can either be trained on how to sew or help cut materials and add snaps. Once you are trained, you have the option of working from home when it is convenient for you or you can join us at the church at our regular sewing sessions (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 9:30 am to noon).

In addition to cutters and sewers, we would love to have materials donated for the project. The materials needed are as follow: **sewing machines, sergers, medium dark to dark patterned durable 100% cotton or cotton/poly fabric, medium dark to dark patterned durable 100% cotton flannel fabric, grosgrain ribbon and polyester thread.** Please avoid fabric prints with eyes, faces, animals, people, guns, camouflage, hunting, flags, pop culture and words on them. Any donated materials can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall in the Mission Corner.

If there are any questions, please contact Kate Norton ([flf67@live.com](mailto:flf67@live.com)/970-402-6783) or JoAn Hopkins ([jodhop@hotmail.com](mailto:jodhop@hotmail.com)).

## **A MESSAGE FROM WARM** **(WELCOMING AFFIRMING RECONCILING METHODISTS)**



### **DO YOU HAVE A STORY?**

Chances are you have an important story to tell that could help change the world. That may surprise you, but everyone experiences “AHA” moments that completely change understanding, attitude, compassion and maybe a whole way of thinking about other people. WARM wants and needs your stories.

The members of WARM plan to gather transforming stories concerning social justice issues that affect the lives, liberties and happiness of our sisters and brothers. We intend to publish the booklet in the spring of 2019 with the hope that your transforming stories will help others in their spiritual journey and change the world for greater peace.

**More information concerning sharing your stories is available at the Church and Society display in FH every Sunday morning or the church office during week days during business hours and by members of WARM who may contact you.** Please think about your stories and share them.

**Megan Weick, Janet Callie, Sana Long, Jan Beyer, Alyce Kaehler**

## MUSIC AT FIRST CHURCH

### CHURCH ORCHESTRA FORMING FALL OF 2018

For some time now we have been planning to begin a church orchestra for anyone (high school through adult) that plays at a moderately advanced level. Here are the specifics:

- 1) We will meet the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 5:45—6:30 in the Sanctuary
- 2) We will plan to play once a month if possible and for special occasions
- 3) This is a great opportunity for instrumentalists to be a part of an intergenerational music group
- 4) If you play a band or orchestral instrument you are invited to join us.
- 5) We will undoubtedly start out as a small instrumental group and grow over time **and that's OK!**

**For more information, or to express interest, please contact David Adkins at [choirdir@fcfumc.net](mailto:choirdir@fcfumc.net).**



### NEW BAND FOR MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE ORGANIZING

Our new Modern Worship Service begins on September 9 at 5 p.m. and we are organizing a new band to provide music for this exciting new service. Music for this service is coordinated by Joseph Noelliste, our new Modern Worship Leader. **If you are interested in participating in the band for this new service, please contact Joseph at [jnoelliste@gmail.com](mailto:jnoelliste@gmail.com).** He would love to hear from you.

The general theme of the new service is “Widening the Circle”. For that reason, our new band will be known as **CompAss** - a tool used for drawing circles.

Please consider joining **CompAss** and contact Joseph and express you desire to participate. He will set up a time to meet with you personally and see how you can be involved in this ministry.



**Widening the Circle ...**

## Music Ministry Fall Schedule

### WEDNESDAY

**GOD'S KIDS CHIME CHOIR** (Beginning September 5)  
5:00 - 5:30 (1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays of each month)  
**CHURCH ORCHESTRA** (Beginning September 5)  
5:45 - 6:30 - (1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays of each month)  
**CARILLON BELL CHOIR** (Beginning August 22)  
6:00 - 7:15

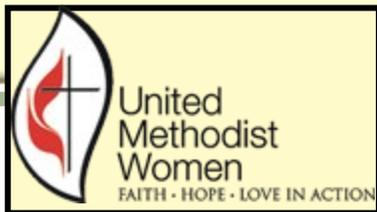
### THURSDAY

**ALLELUIA BELL CHOIR**  
4:30 - 5:30 (Beginning August 29)  
**SANCTUARY CHOIR**  
7:00 - 8:15 (Beginning August 16)  
**FIRST CHURCH SINGERS** (Beginning September 5)  
8:15 - 8:45

### SUNDAY

**JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR** (Beginning September 9)  
10:30 - 11:00  
**CHERUB CHOIR** (Beginning September 9)  
10:30 - 11:00  
**CompAss MODERN WORSHIP BAND**  
3:30 - 4:30



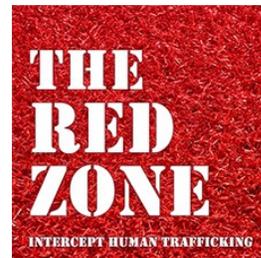


## Let's Stand Together in the Red Zone

The United Methodist Women invite you to stand with them in "The Red Zone" on Sunday, September 9. In an effort to help shed light on an important issue to our country and our local community, UMW is hosting a Human Trafficking Awareness event.

Did you know:

- Human trafficking is the second largest criminal industry in the world
- There are an estimated 20.9 million trafficked adults and children worldwide
- Colorado has one of the highest number of reported cases
- Northern Colorado is considered a hub



Be a part of the Red Zone - Wear Red!

Change starts with awareness. We invite you to wear red on Sunday, September 9th as we stand together to raise awareness of this growing problem. Plus, stop by the UMW information center in Fellowship Hall to learn more and find out how we can all work together to reduce human trafficking in the world and our community.

The UMW Luncheon on September 9 will be focused on how this problem is impacting our local community and what we can do to empower change.

Why the "Red Zone"?

In football, the area between the 20-yard line and the goal of the defensive team is known as the Red Zone. When a team on offense has the ball in the Red Zone, that team is often about to score; fans take notice and pay close attention to what is happening on the field. In the fight to end human trafficking, UMW is in the Red Zone, poised to score points that intercept human trafficking.

Please come join us. For more information contact Rita Bee at 970-215-7857 or Karrie Patterson at 303-748-1248.

## Pine Ridge Reservation Mission Trip August 4-10, 2018



We still have openings for people who wish to participate in our annual Pine Ridge Mission Trip. We are going to the poorest reservation in the United States for a week of learning and activities. We will stay at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center, participate in a Bible based children's program, visit with old friends, and experience culture and life on the reservation. The cost is \$325 for the week, all inclusive (except for personal purchases) and there are scholarship funds available. Youth 14 and older can participate. Contact Theresa Holbrook at 219-5960.



## Calling All ... Everyone!

Are you a committee chair? Do you have a class or activity you want to promote? Are you in charge of a group or action committee here at FUMC? Then This is the place for you!

The annual First Church Ministry Fair will be held on Sunday, September 30, from 9– noon in the fellowship hall. Many of our church programs, classes, committees, outreach activities, and mission groups will have displays to share what they do and how you can get involved in our vibrant and active church - do a little, or do a lot! To reserve a table for your display, contact Theresa Holbrook at 219-5960

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**WE REMEMBER WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY THE FAMILIES OF:**

May 17 - George Turner  
May 21 - Kaye May  
May 24 - Artie Suposs  
May 20 - Gene Fischer  
June 1 - Richard Winther



**GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS UPON THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO WERE JOINED IN MARRIAGE THIS SUMMER:**

Kelly Mc Bartlett and Blake Donoho  
Andrea Scandrett and George Marcy

Raleigh Voas and Rebecca Warren



**WE OFFER CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

The Bickley family on the Baptism of Samuel Patrick Bickley on June 24.

