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Happy
Thanksgiving

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

November is Stewardship season in the church, a time when we think about the ways we are giving back to the God who created us and loves us. Moving Forward in Faith is the theme of our Stewardship Campaign this year. You will soon be hearing more about all that we are doing to bless and change the world, and ways that you can support and further that ministry through your generous financial support. As you know, we rely almost entirely upon the voluntary support of our members and friends to fund our ministry. Without it, we cannot pursue life changing, thought-provoking, bridge building, hope radiating ministry you have come to expect. We need your support more than ever as we move into our 150th year of ministry in our community. Thank you!

Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor

NOVEMBER 18 IS CELEBRATION SUNDAY



November 18 is Celebration Sunday, when we are able to demonstrate our love for God by making a financial estimate to fund our ministry for the coming year. We will celebrate with pie in Fellowship Hall all morning long. ***Please bring your favorite pie***, and we will share in the bounty of God's goodness and generosity.



SAVE THE DATE

November 4 - All Saints Sunday
November 17 - Annual Mtg.
November 18 - Celebration Sun.
December 2 - Advent Workshop
December 16 - Messiah - a.m.
"Joy" - 5:00 p.m.

First Youth News



SAVE THE DATE

- High School Retreat-
Nov. 2-4
- Middle School Retreat-
April 26-28
- High School Mission Trip to
Alaska-June 15-22

Check us out on Instagram
@firstyouthfc

MESSAGE FROM DR. MELANIE ROSA, LEAD PASTOR

How will you measure your life? How are you investing this precious gift of life that God has given you? The way that we expend our time, energy, attention and money matters. It reveals everything about what we value most.

This month we will invite you to prayerfully consider what you can give to support our ministry in the coming year. 2019 happens to be our 150th year of blessing and serving our community; a pivotal juncture during which we will consider where God is leading us in the next 150 years. Our church is not an irrelevant monument to the past, but a center for life changing ministry to a hurting world. And this world needs what we have to offer, more than ever before. Every day I have the opportunity to see what a difference this church has made, and continues to make, in people's lives. I witness the multiple ways in which our time, energy and money is magically transformed into miracles of hope, healing and new life. We continue to reach new people with an inclusive, loving, serving Christian community that they did not know existed.



Some call the advantages of religious affiliation "intangible religious benefits" yet the results are tangible indeed. What value do you place upon peace of mind, forgiveness, hope in the face of suffering and death? What value do you place upon authentic community? Spiritual growth for children, youth, adults? Unconditional love for all? What value do you place upon helping the suffering and the sorrowful, the less fortunate in every place? What we offer is precious beyond price.

We are inviting all of our faithful members and friends to generously invest in this ministry for the coming year during our Move Forward in Faith campaign. You will be invited to estimate what you consider an appropriate and generous commitment to our shared mission and ministry.

You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give away. How will you measure your life?

See you in church.

Dr. Melanie Rosa

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Please join us for a special tradition at First Church:
The Advent Workshop!**

What is it? Crafting, holiday fun, carriage rides, music and food for all ages.

When: Sunday, December 2nd from 12-2:30

Where: Crafting is in Fellowship Hall & food is in the Parlor

Cost: Please bring a dozen cookies as your contribution to the event! Donation of \$5 suggested for pizza as well.

We need your help! If you would like to host a craft station or help in some way, sign up in fellowship hall or visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084baba72ba02-advent2>



CONGRATULATIONS GLEN HAUSER

Glen was a part of the very last honor flight to the World War II Memorial in Washington DC, giving these vets a chance to visit this important memorial. Glen is a distinguished World War II Veteran and he laid a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier, which was a great recognition of his service. As we honor our Veterans this month, we are so grateful for the sacrifices and brave service they have given to preserve our freedom and democracy.

Congratulations, Glen.



Glen Hauser 1942

EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON AND OTHER LIES I'VE LOVED

At age 35, Kate Bowler and her childhood sweetheart were finally able to have a baby. But only a few months later she was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer.

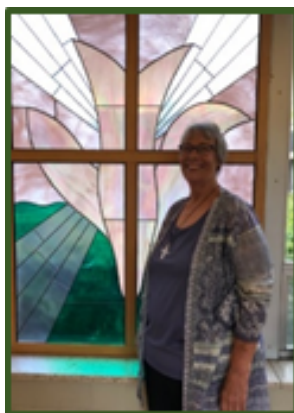


The way she tells the story of the following year is heartbreaking but also full of joy and good humor. Bowler's memoir, *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*, will be the focus of group studies at noon and 7 p.m. Wednesdays during the first three weeks of November. Sessions will be Nov. 7, 14 and a date to be determined by the groups to avoid conflicts with Thanksgiving.

Bowler, who is an expert on the prosperity gospel, writes about her life in contrast to that strain of Christianity that promises earthly reward for faithful living. *Kirkus Reviews* calls this "an

Islam and Buddhism: World Wisdoms Project will present Destinations in Islamic and Buddhist Traditions at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Stuart St. Suggested donation is \$10 per person.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Sandy Wyllie



Julie Iven



Sherri Wahlgren

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

This program supports the sacred space of rest and self-care. It will follow lunch on November 8, 2018, United Methodist Women will welcome as our speaker Sara Bates. Sara will be speaking about self-care and wellness. She owns a business in Fort Collins that offers acupuncture and use of Chinese herbs for relaxation and wellness. She is a Colorado state licensed acupuncturist. She treats each patient's needs, whether it is pain management or prevention, or overall health. She offers resources that can be used in daily life to support healing.

"Natural forces within us are the true healers of disease."
Hippocrates

Lunch in the parlor at 11:30. All women are invited to attend our unit meeting when the six circles come together. You do not have to be a member of a circle to enjoy the fellowship.

YOU ARE WELCOME!



HAGEN LECTURE SERIES November 19, @ 7:00 p.m.

Amy G. Oden will speak on "Radical Hospitality in a Time of Fear," when she delivers the second annual Richard Hagen Lecture at 7 p.m. Nov. 19 in Fellowship Hall.

Oden is professor of early church history and spirituality at St. Paul School of Theology at Oklahoma City University and the author of *God's Welcome: Hospitality for a Gospel-Hungry World*. After the lecture, she will sign copies of *God's Welcome* and her 2017 book, *Right Here, Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness*. "In a time of fear and anxiety, Christians have an opportunity to make a powerful, countercultural witness to God's love through welcoming the stranger," said Oden. "But it's not easy because hospitality requires risk and change. The strangers we welcome inevitably transform us, our churches and communities. Through hospitality, God will do a new thing and maybe, if we pay attention, we'll come to know Jesus in the stranger."

Oden is steeped in United Methodism. She previously served as dean and professor of Christian history at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. Both St. Paul and Wesley are United Methodist seminaries. She holds a doctorate in religious studies from Southern Methodist University.

The Hagen Lecture is funded by an endowment of the Adult Faith Formation Committee. It honors the late Richard Hagen, a member of First Church and exemplar of lifelong learning. Donors including his family, friends and other individuals and classes at First Church have met the initial goal of \$20,000 for the endowment. The committee seeks to increase the endowment significantly so that no budget funds are required to underwrite this annual event in the future. There is no admission charge for the lecture but donations to the endowment fund are encouraged. Checks designated for the Hagen Lecture also may be sent to the FCFUMC Foundation.

In 2017, Bryan J. Dik, of the Department of Psychology at Colorado State University, delivered the inaugural Hagen Lecture titled "Callings in Work and Life." His presentation was well received by people at all stages of life.



THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The United Methodist Church has been wrestling with the issue of homosexuality for decades now. Coming before the called General Conference in February are three plans to move the church toward a resolution. Ultimately, whatever the general church decides, First Church will continue to be accepting and warmly welcoming of all people, no exceptions. We acknowledge the deep pain that has been caused by churches demonizing and excluding our LGBTQ sisters and brothers, and that will not happen here. We are all equally beloved children of God created in God's image.

Our regional College of Bishops has endorsed the One Church Plan which gives churches the room they need to maximize the presence of a United Methodist witness in as many places in the world as possible. A report from the Commission on a Way Forward says that this plan honors the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church and that no annual conferences, bishops, congregations or pastors are "compelled to act contrary to their convictions."

This plan would remove the restrictive Book of Discipline language which says: "The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching."

Also deleted is the requirement that ordained clergy not be "self-avowed practicing homosexuals." Each annual conference board of ordained ministry and clergy session may determine standards for ordination or certification, including standards related to human sexuality.

Local church members can decide what is best for their congregational and missional context related to same-sex marriage on church property. Local churches must vote — in a church conference open to all members — to allow their property to be used for a same-sex ceremony.

The One Church Plan ends the threat of church trials over same-gender weddings. Local churches already have the authority to establish wedding policies, and pastors already discern whom they will or will not marry.

The One Church Plan honors United Methodist who believe that the denomination's impasse over marriage and ordination of homosexual individuals "does not rise to the level of a church dividing." It would be tragic to split our denomination and diminish all of the good we do in the world because we cannot agree on this matter. Either way our church will stand up for justice and inclusion. We will keep you posted.

Dr. Melanie Rosa



ANNUAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 17

Our annual Charge Conference will be held on Saturday, November 17 from 9 to noon at Christ UMC in Fort Collins. Again, this will be a cluster Charge Conference including other United Methodist churches from Loveland, Windsor, Berthoud and Fort Collins. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PINE RIDGE MISSION TRIP

Holiday Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Reservation!
Wednesday, Dec 5 – Saturday, Dec 8. Cost is \$100 per person, scholarships available. Anyone over 14 is welcome. We will serve a holiday turkey meal to residents - last year we served 80 meals, and this year we expect to increase by 50%! We will also spend time with the children after school, and meet some of the crafters and story tellers that live in Pine Ridge. A wonderful experience and a great way to begin the holiday season! To join, please contact Theresa Holbrook at 970-219-5960.

GIFTS OF MUSIC

Over the summer the music ministry was the recipient of two major gifts.

One was a beautiful set of new risers given by Beverly and Joe Winsett in memory of their parents, Nolan, Sr. and Lillian Winsett, Aaron and Zelma Hale and in honor of all the many musicians, choir members and music directors who have shared their talents over the years with Fort Collins First United Methodist Church.

In addition, Bart and Millie Kingham donated a spectacular 6' Yamaha grand piano for use in the choir room.

Many, Many, Thanks!!

KIDS' CLOSET



Much love and used clothing is being exchanged in the basement of First Church!

The Kids' Closet has seen rocketing growth in numbers of children being served. Thank you to church members and community for volunteer hours and donations.

Please consider a gift of diapers, baby wipes, new children's socks and underwear. Monetary donations are most effective for purchasing in bulk and use of the church's tax exempt status.

The Kids' Closet was established 12 years ago as a ministry to serve the families and children of the area. The numbers of families seeking our help has grown and the word is out. We are open Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon. Volunteers to sort used clothing are needed on Wednesday mornings from 10-12. Female volunteers are needed during store hours. Please leave a message at the church office for Liza Judd-Salimbeni if you are interested in working or would like a tour of the closet!

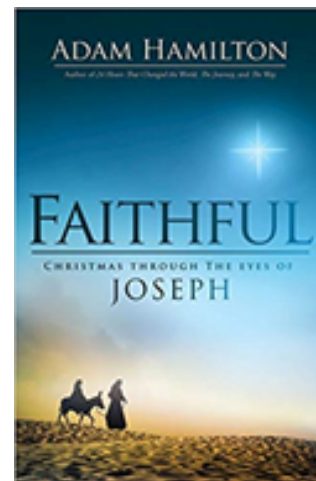
Thanks to the foundation, the closet was redecorated this summer. We are clean and snazzy!

We are on target for over 1900 kid visits this year!

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph

When we, as Christians explore the birth of Jesus, we often focus on Mary, the mother of Jesus. For Advent this year, we will focus on Joseph by looking into his life and his role in the birth and life of Jesus. Come on November 28, December 4, 12, and 19 at noon-1 p.m. or 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. to learn more about Joseph, from his humble beginnings as a carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ. Please sign up for this class at the Adult Faith Formation table on Sundays or e-mail Rev. Cynthia at c.paquette@fcfumc.net.





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WE REMEMBER WITH SYMPATHY THE FAMILIES OF: Marilyn Meyers – September 17



Bruce Schendel - August 23
(Son of Wyn and Joanne Schendel)

SERMON SERIES

The Measure of Life

November 4—"The Measure of Life: **Who You Love**", Matthew 13:1-9; All Saints Sunday, Holy Communion;
Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 11—"The Measure of Life: **What You Give**", Matthew 25 14-19; Veterans Day

November 18—"The Measure of Life: **Who You Serve**", Mark 10:35-37, 41-45; Commitment Sunday

November 25-- "The Measure of Life: **Who You Follow**", John 18:33-37; Christ the King Sunday