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Discover God's Love

Inspire Hope • Grow in Faith • Serve With Joy

First Church: An inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

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chorus

HOME

Featuring the Northern Colorado premiere of

STREET REQUIEM

for those living and dying on the streets

Supporting:



January 19, 2019

7:30 pm

First United Methodist Church
1005 Stover Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tickets:

DGMC.org or 303-325-3959

FUMC is pleased to host the Denver Gay Men's Chorus on January 19, 2019. The first 20 minutes of the program will be presented by our Sanctuary Choir followed by a presentation of STREET REQUIEM for those living and dying on the streets. All profits will support FOCO Café, Neighbor to Neighbor and the Coalition for the Homeless in Northern Colorado. Please purchase a ticket and enjoy an inspiring evening of music while supporting nonprofits in our area that are reaching out to help those who are homeless and those facing homelessness.

The Denver Gay Men's Chorus was invited as a suggestion from our Welcoming and Reconciling Ministries Committee, and we are pleased to be participating in this event.



Committee of the Month: Staff Parish Relations

Staff Parish Relations works to develop a strong and positive relationship between the paid church staff and the congregation, to better equip the congregation to make disciples who transform the world. This committee works with the pastors to equip, evaluate, support, and develop staff, as well as fulfill the legal and ethical responsibilities related to staff. All paid staff, including the clergy, are evaluated annually. They also administer the relationship between the congregation and the District Superintendent so that the mission of the church moves forward in alignment with the Mountain Sky Conference. Those serving in this capacity are expected to be Christian leaders of high moral character, who are actively involved in our ministry and support the staff and mission of the church.

Members for 2019: Kelly McBartlett (Chair), Matt Putman (Vice Chair), Kate Norton (Lay Leader), Deb Kohler (Delegate to Annual Conference), Gerry Sampson, Tom Anderson, Lois Quintana, Rich Rabb, Mary Ann Michels, Barbara Cline, Stephanie Matthews.

An Anniversary Gift

In honor of the 150th anniversary of First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins, a booklet telling the story of the church has been created as a gift for our church family. The booklet contains stories, photos, and fun facts recounting the church's 150-year history as part of the Fort Collins community. It will be available in January, and copies will be available in the church office on Sunday mornings and during our regular office hours during the week.



Double Nickel Luncheon - JANUARY 11



Fellowship Hall, 12 noon, \$4. Best lunch in town. Reservations not necessary.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Melanie Rosa talking with us about FUMC Fort Collins 2019 and beyond.

Message from Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor

I majored in History in college, and it has always fascinated me to learn about those who have gone before us and the forces that shaped their lives. No less fascinating is the history of this congregation. It was 1867 when a Methodist circuit preacher organized a Methodist “class” of believers, the very first of the denominations to organize in Fort Collins. From this class our church was born. When Rev. G.W. Swift assumed a full-time pastorate in 1869, it became an official congregation. The church and community grew quickly and Colorado Agricultural College (CSU) was founded the following year, with the city of Fort Collins becoming incorporated in 1873. Our church is appropriately named, since we really were the first church in Fort Collins.



This burgeoning congregation continued to grow in a variety of different locations, attracting diverse people eager to connect, worship, learn and serve. First meeting in homes, then in a modest wood building at the corner of Mason and Laporte, to the “Old Grout” building at Linden and Jefferson, to Mountain Avenue, then College and Olive, and finally to Stover and Elizabeth. You can see pictures of these structures in the History booklet that church member Kathy Kuenzer wrote for us. It is an impressive history, and it is humbling to think of the sacrifice, service, and faithfulness of those who preceded us in this ministry. We have a sacred responsibility to honor their legacy by creating a vibrant faith community for our current congregation and for future generations.

I believe we have been called together for a time such as this. I believe that even with the decline of mainline Protestantism, there is still a need and a niche for a church like ours. A church that is intelligent, inclusive, missional and committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with people who are starved for connection, meaning, and a hope beyond themselves. I believe that with God’s help and your continued support, we can flourish as we invite our neighbors experience God’s presence today. It is going to be a great year, and it will be fun to share this 150th birthday with all of you.

Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor

Quarterly Events to Celebrate 150 Years

Sunday, January 27, 2019 Homecoming Sunday

Dr. Charles Shuster preaching--8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 services

Sermon: “Which Way Does the Carillon Lean?”

Light Brunch in Fellowship Hall—9:00 to 11:00, with Stover Street Stompers

Sunday, May, 19, 2019 Mission Fair

Fellowship Hall--9 am-12 noon

Featuring the many missions our church supports

Sunday, August 25, 2019---Old-Fashioned Church Picnic

Outdoor games, activities, music and storyteller Rev. David Dalke--4-7 pm

Saturday, October 19, 2019—Gift to our Community

Church Day of Service--Eastside Park, 100 Locust Street, near Laurel Elementary School

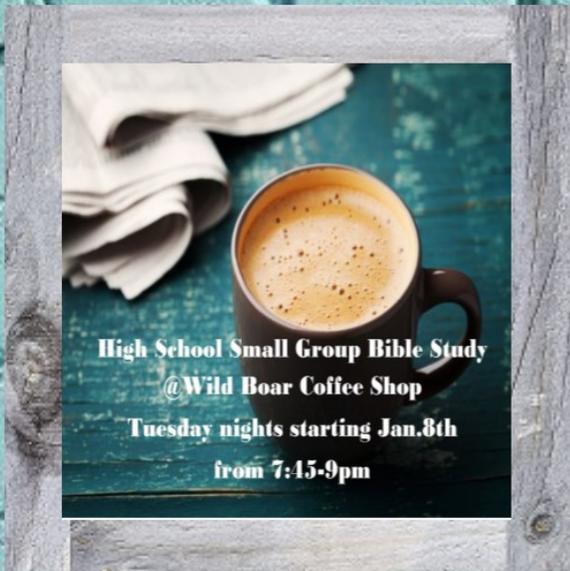
Sunday, October 20, 2019 150th Anniversary Gala

Celebration and Gala in Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Inspiring program, excellent food, music and celebration of 150 years

(Tickets for this event go on sale July 15, 2019)

First Youth News



Youth Events

- Confirmation Retreat-
March 2-3 @Buckhorn
Camp
- Confirmation Celebration-
May 12
- Youth Quest Middle School
Retreat- April 26-28
- 5th Grade Welcome-
May 15

Check us out on Instagram @firstyouthfc

Christmas Dinner Mission to Pine Ridge Reservation

On Wednesday, December 5, a mission team from First Church packed up 14 turkeys, 2 hams, and the makings of a Christmas dinner and headed to the Retreat Center on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. On Thursday we visited old friends from previous trips to Pine Ridge, Red Cloud School, and the site of the Wounded Knee battle. Later in the afternoon we helped entertain 56 children with games and reading. Friday we prepared a buffet dinner for about 50 people from families involved in the Retreat Center programs. Gifts including baby blankets, hats, mittens, and gift cards donated by First Church members were distributed. Meanwhile 100 complete dinners with turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, candied yams, corn, carrots, and pumpkin pie were distributed to whomever came to the door. Everyone seemed very pleased with the celebration and we made new friends including the Lakota workers at the Retreat Center who helped serve the dinners.



Exploring First Church

We are so excited to see so many new faces and meet so many new people on Sundays. We are here to help new people get plugged in. Would you like to learn more about the United Methodist Church in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, Rev. Melanie and Rev. Cynthia invite you to attend the Exploring First Church sessions on January 20 at noon in the Parlor. We will have a light lunch followed by a session on the United Methodist Church and the many ministries to be involved in at First Church. You will also have a chance to tour the church building. As soon as possible, please email OfficeManager@fcfumc.net or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 12 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided if requested ahead of time. New members will be received at all worship services on February 3.

An Evening of Vietnamese Desserts and Stories from the Vietnam Big Build Mission Team

The Vietnam Big Build Mission Team will be serving Vietnamese desserts and sharing stories on the build on January 16 at 7 p. m. in the Parlor. Do come and share our excitement through our stories!



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FUMC CO-OP PRESCHOOL 2019-20 BEGINS FEBRUARY 6 FOR FUMC CHURCH MEMBERS

Class Offerings

Primary (Must be 3 years old by September 15)

2 day/week:

Mon & Wed Morning 9-12

Tues & Thurs Morning 9-12

3 day/week:

Mon, Wed & Fri Morning 9-12

Pre-K (Must be 4 years old by September 15)

3 day/week:

Mon, Wed & Fri Morning (2 classes) 9-12

4 day/week:

Mon – Thursday Morning (1 class) 9-12

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Preschool

FUMC members not currently enrolled in preschool will be able to register Wednesday February 6th at 9:00am.

Open registration for the public will be February 8th. Members may register after their designated day, but they will lose their priority status. Registration involves filing out a registration form and paying the \$50 non-refundable registration fee.

Our Annual Open House is January 30, 9:30-11:30 we invite you to come visit. If you have any questions or would like to visit the program, please call the Preschool Director, Laura Lechtenberg 482-0343 or email lauralechtenberg@fcfumc.net.

Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors about our excellent preschool program!

MISSING!

Missing roasters! People often borrow items from the kitchen, sometimes without informing anyone. For several weeks now, we've hoped that our two missing roasters would be returned, but so far we haven't seen them. So if you borrowed one and forgot to return it, we understand and just would appreciate having it returned. One of the missing roasters was donated and one was purchased using Memorial funds. Thanks!



Moving Forward in Faith into 2019

As of December 17 we had received 215 estimate of giving cards for a total amount of \$663,022. Our anticipated budget for the coming year is \$1.1 million. Several of you increased your commitment for 2019, thank you so much! If you have not returned an estimate of giving card, **please do so soon** so that we can plan realistically for staffing, programming, and outreach for the coming year. We need to plan carefully for the sort of ministry we can provide, which may include eliminating some things. You can pick up a card at the church or we are happy to mail you one. Thank you for generously supporting First Church as we move forward into our 150th year.

Children & Family Ministry Programming 2018-2019

Happy 2019 FCFUMC Families.
Check out what is happening every week in our program.

Sunday Morning:

Nursery at all services-infant-6 years old

9:30 am service- This is our main service for Children's programming. We offer Sunday school classes for 3 year old's (by September 15th of 2018) through 5 years of age. If your child is Kindergarten-4th grade they will join us after the children's message upstairs in the Theater room for our large group gathering. After large group, we will break up according to grades for more small group God time. If your child is a 5th or 6th grader, join us in the youth wing for Club 56 at 9:30 sharp.

On the first Sunday of the month, we offer our fun and interactive **First Kids Club** for Kindergarten-6th grade. After the children's message in the Sanctuary, join us in the Theater room for fun and games. We will deliver your child back to the Sanctuary at the start of communion so that they may partake in communion with you. If your child is a preschooler, they may stay in the service or be checked in at the nursery.

Sunday Evening:

During our Sunday evening Modern Service, children are welcome and encouraged to stay at the service. We provide an area that is just for kids and grown ups where children can play, parents can be near their children and enjoy the service at the same time. If your child prefers, the nursery is always available. Check out our new "Pray Ground" below.



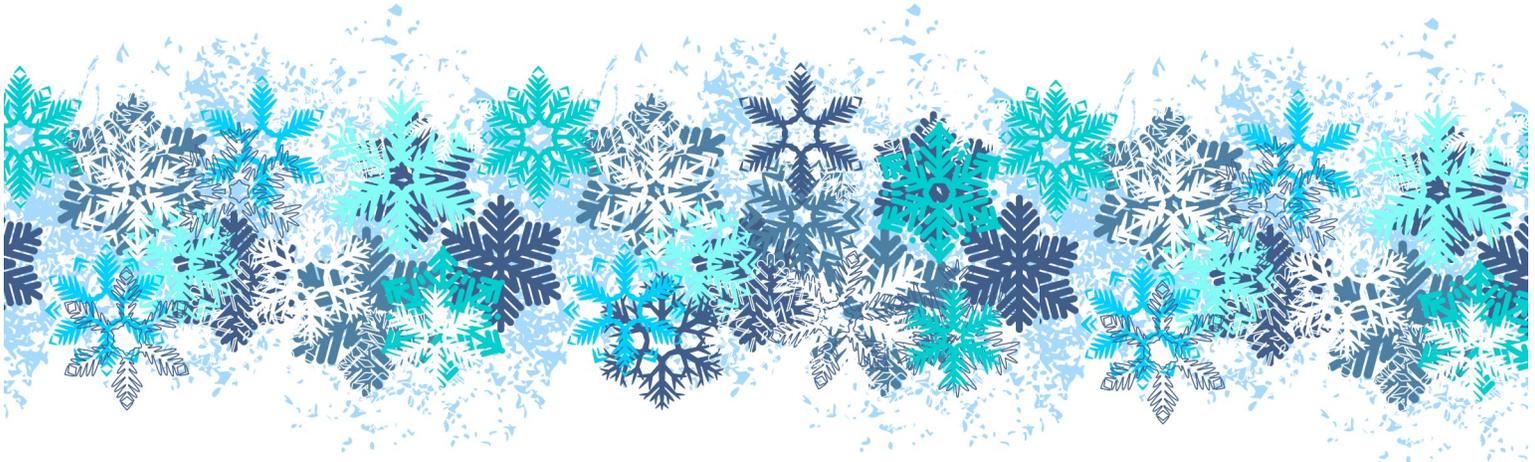


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November 15 - Betty King
November 28—Joy Schneider

Aurora Rae Masters on December 23



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Adult Faith Formation

Martha Conant will facilitate a new course on Christian mindfulness to lead off the new year of Adult Faith Formation Wednesday evening offerings at 7 p.m. from Jan. 23 through Feb. 20.

According to Dr. Amy Oden in her book *Right Here, Right Now*, Christian mindfulness is a simple awareness of Divine presence, here and now. It is a way to abide in Christ. In this five-week class, we'll trace the roots of Christian mindfulness and explore many methods of mindfulness practice for both individuals and communities. There will be plenty of opportunity to try the practices suggested by Oden. The book written by this year's Hagen Lecturer costs \$12.



A study of John Pavlovitz's 2017 book, *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic and Hopeful Spiritual Community*, will run concurrently at 7 p.m. and at noon on Wednesdays for five weeks.

No one likes to eat alone; to approach a table filled with people only to be told that despite the open chairs there isn't room for you. Yet that's exactly what the church has been saying to far too many people for far too long, says Pavlovitz. David Reid leads this study. Cost of the book is \$12.

Child care will be available on Wednesday nights if requested in advance.

Developing an "exit strategy" is the focus of a half-day class that will be offered by Rev. Linda J. Battello on Jan. 24.

A retired UMC clergywoman from the Nebraska Annual Conference who is an active participant at First Church, she has offered such classes in other locations for many years and is passionate about the need for people of all ages to be prepared for medical disability or death. Being unprepared can have devastating and lasting effects on any family, she said.

The class is free with pre-registration requested. Contact davidreid24@gmail.com, call 581-2707 or sign up at the Adult Faith Formation table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays.

Recommended reading is *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. Books are available for \$11 at the Adult Faith Formation table. (A copy of the book and the audio book are available in the Northern Colorado Faith Library.)

The class, which will run from 8 a.m. to noon in the Parlor, will cover:

- when to start preparing – assessing your place in the journey of life and how to talk about living and dying;
- making decisions – determining in advance who will make medical decisions and how often to review your plan;
- paperwork matters – wills, durable power of attorney, living wills, final instructions, who to notify and caring for your family; and
- Biomedical ethics.



Adult Faith Formation (Continued)

United Methodist Men's Bible Study meets at 6:30 a.m. Thursdays at *The Egg and I*, 2809 S College, Fort Collins. Currently, the group is studying the Acts of the Apostles.

Our dynamic includes *lively discussion* such as whether Jesus was a Zealot (from the book of the same name by Reza Aslan). Several *probing questions* pop up during our study, such as: What is love? There is a *search for meaning*: "If I believe this, what does it mean for my actions?" These questions and discussions help us to think and rethink our relationship to Christ, to Christ's church and to our human interactions. We openly and honestly share our Christian faith and life experiences.

We welcome all who would like to attend. This past summer a person visiting family in Fort Collins joined us. After attending worship at First Church on his first Sunday in Fort Collins, he inquired of Rev. Cynthia if there were any study groups that would welcome him. She referred him to us. He came, he participated, and he looks forward to rejoining us next summer. We added him to our contact list and stay in touch while he is back home in Texas.

For more information contact the church at 482-2436 for a contact person. Come enjoy food, fellowship and study with us.



Human Relations Day Offering

The Human Relations Day offering on Jan 20, the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day, calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children to realize their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. Drawing heavily on Mathew 25, the offering benefits neighborhood ministries through the Community Development Program (57%), community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services (33%), and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program (10%). For example, the "Amachi," Program, a Nigerian Ibo word that means, "Who knows but what God has brought us through this child?" Grants have helped the program (led by United Methodist Men) match adults with children whose parents are in prison. It is a way to change a trend in which 70 percent of children of incarcerated parents later go to prison. More information is available at Church and Society table in Fellowship Hall.

