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Inspire Hope • Grow in Faith • Serve With Joy
First Church: *An inclusive, deeply relational community
inviting all people to experience God's presence today.*

TO MARS AND BEYOND



EXPLORE WHERE GOD'S POWER CAN TAKE YOU!

FIRST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 10—14 • 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

GO BEYOND WITH
HOPE!

GO BEYOND WITH
BOLDNESS!

GO BEYOND WITH
FAITH!

GO BEYOND WITH
KINDNESS!

GO BEYOND WITH
THANKFULNESS!

To register and pay for 2019 VBS or to volunteer to help, please go to our website (www.fcfumc.net) and click on Ministries/Children. Then follow the instructions and click on the appropriate links.

Please contact Barb Grauberger at
childrensdirector@fcfumc.net
with questions.



First Church's 2nd Annual COMMUNITY NIGHTS ON THE LAWN

First Church's second annual Community Nights on the Lawn will extend all the way to Eastside Neighborhood Park this summer, with the August program scheduled there. Here's the schedule for events in June, July and August that will be hosted by Adult Faith Formation and Welcoming, Hospitality and Discipleship.

The format is the same as last year for the June and July events: Bring something to grill, bring something to share and bring something to sit on. Drinks will be provided. Dinner is 5:30 to 6:30. The program starts at 6:30.

In case of rain, the three events will go on as scheduled, with grilling in a protected area and the programs moved to an inside location in the church.

June 6: Rev. Kimberly Salico-Diehl will lead off with a storytelling event titled, "Love Fest: Love Letters, Love Stories and Love Songs."

The three stories are somewhat personal will take you to places of sadness and humor, said Salico-Diehl, who was installed as pastor of the American Baptist Church, 600 S. Shields St., Fort Collins, last fall.

She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School and a Master of Music in piano performance from State University of New York. She also serves as the congregation's pianist and often writes original songs for worship.

Co-sponsor for the June 6 event is Faith Libraries of Northern Colorado, a network of libraries that includes those at American Baptist Church, Clearwater Church, First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, and the Northern Colorado



Faith Library at First Church.

July 11: Community game night will feature an array of board games, music and other attractions. Feel free to bring your own board game if you have a favorite. Everyone will be encouraged to try at least one of the board games and other activities such as cornhole.

Look for updates on music and other attractions as details become available. This will be a very informal evening.

August 6: This event will be held at Eastside Neighborhood Park, 100 E. Locust St., a 12-minute walk from First Church. The church has submitted a proposal to sponsor the Neighborhood Night Out event, which is popular in many Fort Collins neighborhoods, but which has not been held in Eastside for the last four years.

We'll get under way at 7 p.m. with an ice cream social. At sunset, 8:10 p.m., we'll screen the animated movie, *The Lorax*, which runs an hour and a half.

As previously announced, First Church plans to work with the city to make improvements to this park as our gift to the city that has been our home for 150 years. The city's Parks Planning Department conducted an input meeting with neighbors and church members in February and the church will sponsor a workday based at the park on Oct. 19.

Parking is limited at Eastside Park. We may provide a shuttle service from the church that night. We're working with the city to see if folding chairs can be provided.



Memorials Committee Update

The Memorials Committee was created by the Church Council in 2014 to manage and distribute memorial gifts given to the church that were not designated for a specific purpose. The Committee has distributed over \$32,000 for such things as new Bibles and hymnals in the sanctuary and chapel, key pieces of equipment for the sanctuary audio visual and hearing assistance systems, chairs for the parlor, furniture for our staff, and many other causes. Application forms for grants are available in the church office. We appreciate the generosity of our congregation and, if you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or to honor a special person in your life, please make a donation to the Memorials Fund and designate "Memorials Fund" in the "Memo" line on your check. Thank you for your support and prayers for our church.

Confirmation



Eva Abbott



Reece Abbott



Cole Boyd



Ayda Brandt



Katherine Grauberger



Noah Hoseth



Colin Kiser



Susan Land



Carsten Mueller



Benton Orr



Gavin Payne



Tru Wieck



Robert Webber

Congratulations Class of 2019

Message from Melanie

In the fifth century B.C. the historian Herodotus wrote about the seven wonders of the Ancient World. These wonders were a celebration of human religion, art, mythology and accomplishment. Some of them did not survive into the Middle Ages (only one survives to this day) yet they were impressive enough to be listed as wonders by ancient peoples. The seven wonders of the Ancient World were: The Great Pyramid of Giza, The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, The Statue of Zeus at Olympia, The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, The Colossus of Rhodes, and The Lighthouse of Alexandria. Centuries later, someone decided to make a list of the seven wonders of the Natural World. Those are: The Grand Canyon, The Northern Lights, Victoria Falls, Mt. Everest, The Great Barrier Reef, Paricutin Volcano in Mexico and The Harbor at Rio de Janeiro. Not to be outdone, centuries later someone compiled the seven wonders of the Modern World: The Eiffel Tower, Panama Canal, Hoover Dam, Golden Gate Bridge, Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, and The Empire State Building.

What are the greatest wonders of your world? What in your life inspires awe, gratitude, and reverence? Be attentive to the wonders in your life in the form of family, friends, and faith. Bask in the glories of nature, for summertime in Colorado is a wonder in itself. Rest, relax and play this summer, for soon enough it will be September and we will be preparing for winter.

Clergy colleague Rev. Beverly Sawyer has written a prayer for summer that beautifully expresses my wish for us:

"Dear God: help us to remember you in the midst of our summer lives--from the patios, pools and playgrounds of our leisure. Help us to come to you, sunburned and bug-bitten, tired and sore from a baseball game, swim meet, or tennis match. Help us to remember you even while on vacation, at the reunion, or when company comes. We are busy people, O God, when we work and when we play. But we do not need you less in summer than we did in the midst of winter work and worry. Summer too has its sorrows, its broken bones and broken hearts. Be with us, when we mow the lawn, hike in the hills, go away and come home again. O God of summer, see us safely through. Do not let us forget you."

Enjoy the wonders of summer and remember the God who cares for all creation. Also remember your church this summer, for the ministry of Jesus Christ never takes a vacation. I hope to see you in church often this summer!

Melanie

Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor

Exploring First Church • June 2 - Church Parlor

We, here at First Church 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 Methodism 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 Explore First Church sessions on June 2 at noon in the Parlor. We will have a light lunch followed by a session on Methodism 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 e-mail OfficeManager@fcfmc.net or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 112 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided if requested ahead of time. New members will be received at all worship services on June 30.

Thank You and Farewell to Rebecca Dunagan our Youth and Family Minister

First Church, specifically the First Church Youth Group has been so blessed to have Rebecca Dunagan as our Youth and Family Minister since July 1, 2017. During her tenure at First Church, Rebecca has built a Youth Group that is dynamic, exploratory, fun, grounded in Biblical and theological principles, mission oriented, welcoming to all youth in the church and the community, and has never shied away from the tough questions that youth often have. Together, they have discussed and explored the tough issues that youth face in the 21st century.

In addition, since of September 2018 Rebecca has also been involved in Children's Ministry, helping Barb Grauberger, our Director of Children and Family Ministries. Over the year she has helped provide a smooth transition for our students from elementary school to middle and high schools.

As of July 1, 2019, Rebecca has asked to be appointed by the Mountain Sky Conference as the *Kindred CSU Pastor*. *Kindred CSU a Wesley Foundation* is the college ministry of the United Methodist Church at Colorado State University that First Church supports. This is a great opportunity for Rebecca to further explore her call to ordained ministry and serve in a capacity that is more closely aligned with her calling at this time. Rebecca's last day with us is June 30. You are invited to a farewell reception for Rebecca on June 30 in the Fellowship Hall between 9 and 11 a.m.



Welcome to our Financial Secretary Shauna Bjork!



Shauna came on board as our Financial Secretary on February 26. She has a Bachelor's in Economics from Colorado State University and has been a bookkeeper for more than a decade. In addition to working at First Church, Shauna owns a bookkeeping business. Shauna works on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like information about your offering, would like to increase your contribution to the church or say hello, stop by Shauna's office or give her a call (970-482-2436 ext. 133).

Peace with Justice Offering June 16, 2019

The Peace with Justice Special Offering, Sunday, June 16, 2019, supports ministries that teach and advocate for principles of peace and justice around the world.

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, the United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. God's Spirit is always and everywhere at work in the world fighting poverty, restoring health, renewing creation, and reconciling peoples. For example, this offering helps Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities that are dramatically divided, implement UMC Social Principles in Liberia to address human rights violations, and assist Pennsylvania students to educate their community to stop sex-trafficking at home and abroad.

"As disciples of Christ, we are called to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict." United Methodist Social Principles, ¶165.C www.umcjustice.org

Love In Action Coordinator

Love In Action is in need of a coordinator. If you are wanting to offer your service to the church but are not interested in attending meetings, we have an opportunity for you. Here is the job description:

- Promote and maintain a list of volunteers and communicate with them by email as needs arise.
- Requests for help typically come from the church office manager, but requests are directed to the listserv various ways.
- Evaluate whether request is appropriate for this ministry.
- Communicate with church members who seek assistance for short-term help.
- Coordinate care - lawn care, meals, rides and other help as needed.
- Time commitment can vary, but it's minimally 1-2 hours per month.

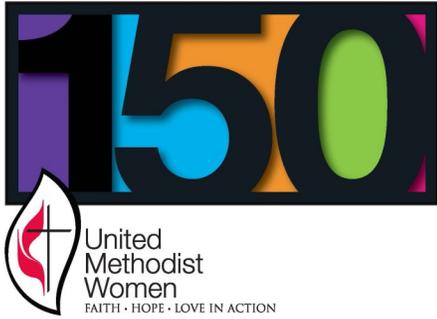
If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Karen Waldron at keakw@comcast.net or



"Moving On" - A Grief Support Group

"Moving On", a group for those going thru the difficult journey after the death of a loved one meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm. Each of us travel the grief experience in a different way. The support of members and the sharing of their stories is very valuable. New members will not be expected to share your loss until it is comfortable to do so. If it would be easier to bring a friend for support on the first visit they will be welcome. For more information contact JoAn Hopkins at jodhop@hotmail.com

United Methodist Women



On June 13, at 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Women will be meeting in the parlor for supper and a program by JoAn Hopkins. All women and girls are invited to attend.

JoAn will be doing an impersonation of Clara Barton, a pioneering nurse who founded the American Red Cross in 1881 at age 60 and led it for the next 23 years. She was a hospital nurse in the American Civil War whose nursing skills were largely self-taught because there

was no formal training at the time. She risked her life to bring supplies and offer support to soldiers in the field, whether Union or Confederate. Her devotion to helping other was an inspiration to others, earning her the title of "Angel of the Battlefield." No wonder she is one of the most honored women in American History!

We are hoping an evening meeting will make it possible for women to come who usually can't come because of schedules and work. We'll welcome a chance to get better acquainted.

Changes to the Grocery Card Program

King Soopers' donation to the Church and United Methodist Women has changed. They will no longer be giving us a discount for Grocery Gift Cards. They are still supporting our organization through your Loyalty Card, Alternate Number, or Key Tag. This is the one you give them at the store for discounts and use for gas points.

You can get these free at the store if you do not have one. Make sure it is registered with an email address and password. You can register them at the Service Desk in the store or by calling 1-800-576-4377.

Then you must enroll on line at www.kingsoopers.com/communityrewards using this email and password. If you do not have a computer or do not think you can do it, you can have someone do it for you using your email and password. You also may come to the Grocery Card Table on Sundays where there will be a computer and someone to help you.

When you enroll you will be asked to choose an organization to contribute to. The number they have given us is SB653. This number will take you directly to Fort Collins First UMW-EOM group. You can only sign up for one organization under your email address. The card can still be used for discount, gas points, etc..

We still have some King Sooper grocery gift cards available at the grocery card table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. These will still help our organization and are good to use, but if you refill them they no longer give us a percentage of these.

There are still Albertson's/Safeway and Sprouts cards available at the Grocery Card Table in

Please Welcome our new Accountant Julie Lease Firebaugh

Julie is a church member who sings in the Choir and serves on the Foundation Board. She offered to help us as a financial and accounting consultant through the end of the year, as we transition to a new fiscal calendar. Julie is a CFO and Financial Executive with a Master's Degree in Business Administration and Accounting. She is a CPA and CGMA (Chartered Global Management Accountant) having served in a variety of impressive capacities over the years. We are so very blessed that Julie was willing to step in and help us during this time of transition.

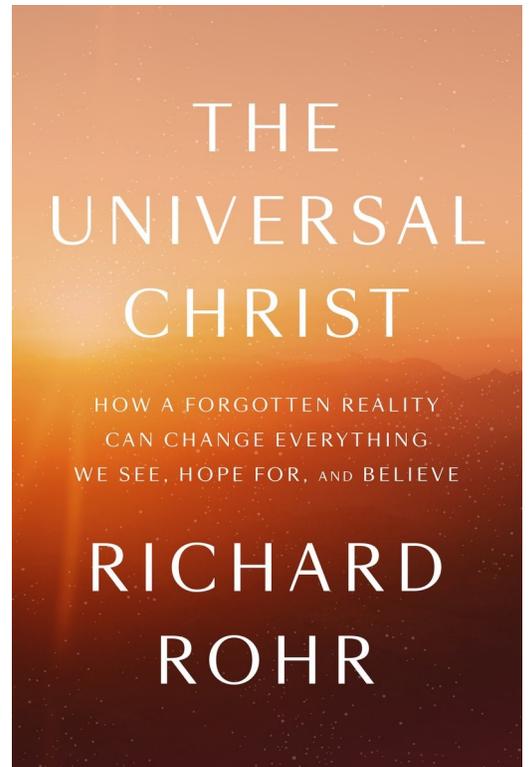


Adult Faith Formation

Dr. Melanie Rosa will lead a four-part study on Tuesdays in July of the new book from Richard Rohr, one of the world's most influential spiritual thinkers. The study of *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope for, and Believe*, is scheduled for noon in the Parlor on July 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. "God loves things by becoming them," he writes, and Jesus' life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God—except by its own negative choice. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God and more about learning to recognize the Creator's presence all around us and in everyone we meet.

Thought-provoking, practical, and full of deep hope and vision, *The Universal Christ* is a landmark book, and an invitation to contemplate how God liberates and loves all that is.



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 create 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. 11 at 7 p.m. and end on Nov. 6 and will be held in the second floor Village Commons room. Each session includes a 1-hour video and a half 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 Team. Payment is due at registration.

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

For more information visit: www.daveramsey.com

Disaster Early Response Team (ERT) Training

In response to the multiple hurricanes, floods, wildfires and other natural disasters in recent years, the Mountain Sky Conference Disaster Preparedness and Response Ministry will hold Early Response Team (ERT) training for individuals interested in becoming team members to assist survivors in the early days following a disaster. Christ United Methodist Church, Fort Collins will host an ERT training on June 6, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The trainees will learn:

The basics of disaster response

How to work effectively with survivors and the response team

Skills to help survivors get back into their homes and begin the recovery process.

This all day session will provide training for individuals seeking new certification, as well as those who need to re-certify expired badges. Lunch and snacks will be provided, and there is no fee for this training.

Please visit the Early Response Team website [Early Response Team Website](#) to register and for more detailed information about the program. For additional information please email mtnskyumcert@gmail.com.

First United Methodist Church to Host “The Canadian Brass” Wednesday, June 19, 2019 • 7:30 p.m.



The 2019 edition of CSU’s Organ Week features the Canadian Brass and world-renowned organists Joel Bacon and Ken Cowan performing a concert of great works for organ and organ and brass on the rare Marcussen organ at First United Methodist Church. In addition to pieces for organ and brass, the Canadian Brass will also perform works from their own repertoire.

Hailed as the “Kings of Brass,” this quintet has performed in virtually every major concert hall in the world. Displaying a full stylistic range from Baroque to Dixieland to contemporary compositions, their virtuosity is served up with trademark audience-engaging light-hearted

banter. “These are the men who put brass music on the map with their unbeatable blend of virtuosity, spontaneity and humor.” —The Washington Post.

Tickets to this joint venture presented by Colorado State University and First United Methodist Church may be purchased online at the CSU online box office. Seating is limited, so please purchase your tickets early. Tickets are not available in the church office.





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We remember with deepest sympathy the families of:

Margaret Cribbs – April 14th
Dr. Michael Paddack – April 28th

Congratulations Kaitlin Elmore

Kaitlin will be ordained a Deacon in the UMC at Annual Conference in Billings, Montana on Sunday, June 16. This is the culmination of a long and demanding process and we celebrate this significant milestone in her professional journey.



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