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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.**

Message from Melanie

On Sunday, August 11, I had the privilege of baptizing our granddaughter, Madeline Ann Reams, at the Garden Street United Methodist Church in Bellingham, Washington. Our daughter Katie and her husband Michael are members there, and with that family of faith they promised to raise Madeline in the knowledge, love, and grace of God. There are very few grandmothers who have the honor of baptizing their grandchild.

The members and friends of Garden Street UMC promised to show Madeline a God who loves her and to be a community that will support her no matter what. I believe that they will. They have supported this family and demonstrated their unconditional love for them every step of the way. The gifts, meals, and support from this church honoring Maddie's birth have been amazing. Pastor Kathy Hargraves has created the culture of a supportive community that has embraced this family. And our daughter Katie was recently hired as the Children's Ministry Director there. Never in my wildest dreams did I think one of our kids would be working in the church. (Could there be anyone better to coach her in Children's Ministry than our own Barb Grauberger?) Blessings abound!



This tangible support of a faith community means something, possibly everything, in our fragmented world. People promising to love and nurture children to whom they are not related, to model the highest ideals of the Christian life, to rejoice and suffer with one another - it is profound.

I remember when my dear mother baptized our children. Fred and I promised to raise them in the Christian faith and show them the way that leads to abundant life. Communities of faith promised to support, nurture, and love them no matter what. And they certainly did. Whatever happens to them, they have the knowledge that they are loved by God and the people of God. I am so grateful to be able to continue this legacy of faith, hope, and love from generation to generation.

Thank you, First Church, for the ways that you support, encourage, and nurture children like our precious granddaughter Madeline. You are indeed mentors in faith to the next generation, and our young ones need your wisdom and example more than ever.

Melanie

Dr. Melanie Rosa
Lead Pastor

Sallie Youngman Scholarship Award

At the Modern Service on August 18, Hannah Hatheway received the Sallie Youngman Scholarship Award to help with her tuition at CSU and in recognition of her potential and promise. She came to the very first Modern Service one year ago and has been coming ever since. She was very active in her United Methodist Church in Cedaredge, Colorado before moving to Fort Collins. Deepest thanks to Sallie for her generosity and vision in supporting many students over the years at First Church!



Hannah with Rev. Melanie



Sallie Youngman with Hannah

History of the First Church Library

The origins of the library at First Church are not well documented, but our first library may well have been in the College Avenue building.

At Stover Street, the library was first located in the administrative hallway along one wall of the original parlor. The 1960s were a boom time for church libraries nationwide and when the building was renovated and the current Parlor added, the library was given its current home along the main corridor between the south entrance and the Sanctuary.

Charlotte Allum, a pioneer supporter of the library, credits Shirley DeWitt and Bob DeWitt, who was a CSU librarian, with establishing the first card catalog. With a home at Stover and Pitkin, the DeWitts spent much of their spare time at the library. Princetta Rutter, a current member, worked untold hours typing the cards.

Library holdings were boxed up in the basement and awaiting the new, highly visible space when the church experienced a flood. When she heard about the flood, Charlotte headed straight for the church to check on the boxes of books. When she opened one, the red dye on the cover of a *Jerusalem Bible* came pouring out and covered her arm. But the *Books of Discipline*, which were a point of pride for the library, were unharmed.

When the church offered its space to the Har Shalom community before the construction of their synagogue, members of the Jewish congregation donated numerous books to First Church's library.

Other early major contributors included Pam and Rich Raab and Eleanor Hoag.



Modern Worship One Year Anniversary Celebration



The graphic features a blue background with a large yellow 'M' and a yellow sun. The text 'You're Invited...' is written in a white, cursive font. Below it, a circular logo for 'First Church Fort Collins' is shown, with the text 'Widening the circle...' and 'MODERN WORSHIP'. To the right of the 'M', the text 'sunday evening modern worship' is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the church's address and website are listed: 'First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524, www.fcfumc.net'. At the bottom, the text 'WIDENING THE CIRCLE' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font, followed by '5:00 p.m. Sunday Evenings'.

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WIDENING THE CIRCLE

5:00 p.m. Sunday Evenings

Please join us Sunday evening, September 8 when we kickoff another uplifting year of the Modern Worship Service. We will celebrate a successful first year with worship at 5:00 pm followed by dinner. We are drawing the circle wider, and everyone is always welcome!

September Sermon Series: "We're Better Together"

Our September sermons will highlight how we were created to be connected and together. This is essential for our happiness and well-being, especially in a time of increasing isolation and fragmentation.

September 1—"Better Together: Belonging"
Holy Communion

September 8—"Better Together: Accepting"
Modern Service Kickoff & First Anniversary Celebration

September 15—"Better Together: Enduring"

September 22—"Better Together: Serving"

September 29—"Better Together: Encouraging"



FINDING GRACE; Stories Lived; Lessons Learned

People in any stage of bereavement are encouraged to attend the presentation by Fort Collins author and speaker Jane Nicolet titled, "Finding Grace: Stories Lived; Lessons Learned" at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Parlor.

"I welcome anybody who feels they are journeying in some kind of grief," said Nicolet. "If you think you are in grief, you are in grief. It is an emotional ride."

The free, interactive presentation includes a packet of materials that will help individuals discern where they are on the pathways of grief and explore the meanings of grief, grace, morning and healing.

"I look at it as if we are storytellers and we're telling our story today," said Nicolet.

Nicolet has written two books on the subject: *Finding Grace: Journeys of Grief, Courage and Healing* and *Letters for Grace: One Mother's Journey*. The latter recounts the 10-year bereavement journey of the author after the death of her son, Matthew. Both books will be available for purchase at the presentation, which is sponsored by Adult Faith Formation and the Grief Group at First Church.



Habitat Stone Soup Build September 19

The next First Church Stone Soup build is on Thursday, September 19. We will be working on Natasha's home, which is now fully framed. Many of you met Natasha when she visited our services on June 23. It was her daughter's 3rd birthday. Please sign up in the Mission Corner of Fellowship Hall to volunteer for the build or to help with the lunch. Building does not require special skills. Habitat personnel will be there to guide us and there is something for everyone to do. It is a great way to meet and know other folks in our congregation. Habitat has several homes at Harmony Cottages in various stages of progress--truly God at work and thanks to many of you.



150th Anniversary Gala Sunday October 20



- 4:30 – 5:00 Dedication in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 – 7:00 Celebration in Fellowship Hall
- Tickets for this event will go on sale August 25th and be sold every Sunday through October 6th. Tickets are \$20/person. (Nursery available for 4 & under)

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Our church directory is getting an update. Lifetouch photography will be coming September 23 & 24 to take pictures for our updated directory. If you did not get a picture taken for our directory last time or you want to update your picture, please sign up for a time slot. The photographers will be at the church from 1pm-8pm both days. There is no obligation to purchase photos and you will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait as well as a free directory. If you would like to purchase photos, Lifetouch will be donating 5% of the purchase price back to the church and you will also receive a \$30 gift card to shutterfly. Look for photography sign ups in Fellowship Hall or contact Catherine Pawlikowski (membership@fcfmc.net) or by calling the church office.

CROP Walk for Hunger **Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty** **Sunday October 6th - 1:00 p.m.**



Join other community participants in a 5K (3.2 mile) walk around Fort Collins to raise money to combat hunger & poverty here and around the world. It's a fun occasion as people of all ages from many faith communities, with dogs and strollers, in tennis shoes and roller blades, join in this annual event! Meet at 1st Presbyterian Church, 531 S. College Ave. at W. Mulberry St. for registration and

instructions at 12:30 p.m., on Sunday, October 6.

Walkers gather sponsors (non-walkers) to support their walk and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the donations go directly to support local programs at the Food Bank for Larimer County, and $\frac{3}{4}$ goes to Church World Service (which the United Methodist Church is a member). Church World Service uses the donations in efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world through emergency and disaster relief, as well as, education and resource programs.

Forms, route maps, materials, and information will be in the Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

Cans Around the Oval - All Church Food Drive

First Church is participating in Colorado State University's **Cans Around the Oval** campaign to benefit the Food Bank for Larimer County. The drive begins Monday September 9, and Collection Day at CSU (the Oval) is Wednesday October, 16.

Cans around the Oval 2018 raised **35,456 lbs. of food** and **\$61,459!!** That translates to a total impact of **\$307,395 of food** collected.

Although it looks and sounds good to give **cans of food**, it is even better to give \$\$\$\$. For every \$ donated, the Food Bank is able to purchase \$5 worth of food. It also allows the Food Bank to provide fresh dairy, fruit & vegetables to its program recipients. Make checks out to FUMC, write Food Bank on the memo line, and First Church will write one big check to the Food Bank to be presented to CSU on Collection Day.

The drive is sponsored by our youth and the Community & World Missions Committee. Collection barrels will be placed conveniently at the East & South entrances and in the Fellowship Hall.

Come to Mission Corner in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, to get more information on the Food Bank as well as its [Most Needed Foods List](#).



Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



Calling all people that have a heart for children and youth! If you love spending time with kids and youth, this is the training for you! Please join us for the **Children and Youth Sunday School Teacher/ Shepherd and Safe Sanctuary training on September 5th from 6:00 p.m.-8 p.m. in Village Commons**. This training is for seasoned, as well as, brand new volunteers. We will be reviewing the curriculum for our fall Sunday School teachers, as well as providing you with the Safe Sanctuary training to get you started for the school year. No experience necessary, just a desire to be a presence in a child's life. **DINNER & CHILDCARE PROVIDED!** Questions: Contact Barb Grauberger at childrensdirector@fcfumc.net or Josh Malave at youth@fcfumc.net.

Double Nickel Luncheon September



Cyndy Luzinski will present a program on Dementia-Friendly Communities of Northern Colorado and provide information on education and engagement opportunities concerning dementia.

- **Best lunch in town \$4.00**
- **No reservations required**
- **12:00 Noon**
- **Fellowship Hall**

Our Usher Team greets and assists First Church members and guests as they prepare to worship. You may also see them collecting the offering and providing assistance to attendees.



Our Usher Team is always looking to grow so that we can keep our Sunday worship services running smoothly. Would you please consider serving on our Usher Team one Sunday a month? This is a great way to meet people whether you are new to our church or have been a long time member.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Catherine Pawlikowski, to learn more about our Usher Team as well as the many other volunteer opportunities within First Church. You can reach Catherine by email membership@fcfumc.net or by calling the church office.

Neighborhood Night Out at Eastside Park a Huge Success!

More than 100 neighborhood residents and First Church members attended the Neighborhood Night Out at Eastside Neighborhood Park on August 6!



United Methodist Women



United Methodist Women invite you to attend our kick-off on Sunday, September 15th at noon in Fellowship Hall. Our lunch will be a pot luck buffet followed by a program given by Mary Beth Downing, an active member of Mountain View UMC in Boulder. Mary Beth is social action coordinator for her unit and on the Green Earth Team. Most recently she was given the opportunity to train

as a Global Earth keeper through the new Creation Care branch of the UMC Global Missions.

Her topic will be climate action, exploring the overall topic of climate crisis and action we can take. Climate change has been one of the study topics for United Methodist Women for several years.

Please plan to join us for good food, good fellowship, and good information on how we can make a difference with climate change. Whether you have been involved with United Methodist Women for many years, are a newcomer, or interested in learning more about this topic, you are welcome!

2019 FUMC Women's Retreat sponsored by
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CIRCLES of CONNECTIONS: Women Weaving Nets of Love

Spiritual leader: Rev. Cynthia Paquette
At Tamasag in Bellevue, CO
Saturday, October 5, 2019 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
\$20.00

BOOKS: Grateful, Diana Butler Bass
(optional - \$10.00 donation)
The Little Book of Gratitude, Robert Emmons
(included in retreat fee)

**Sign-up on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall,
in the Church Office or Welcome Center**

**Commission on the Status and Role of Women*

WHAT WE DO ...

- Learn from Our Spiritual Leaders
- Share Thoughts and Listen
- Participate in Simple Movement Exercise
- Enjoy Music Together
- Deepen Our Faith and Spiritual Practices
- Meet and Greet Other Woman
- Come Together for Refreshments and Lunch
- Relax and Meditate During Quiet Time
- Absorb the Beauty of God's World
- End with A Love Feast

Informative Booklet Compiled by WARM* Available

Beginning September 8, 2019

**Title: OUR STORIES: JOURNEYS TO WELCOMING,
AFFIRMING, AND RECONCILING**

Booklet contains the following-

True Stories from members of the LGBTQ community.
30 Contributors including past and present clergy, bishops, friends and laity.
Thoughtful writings concerning our beloved UMC.
True stories by people who changed their mind.

Copies available at the two main entrances and the C&S table Sunday mornings.
Booklets are free.



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Our Newest Members—Welcome Home!



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THE BARKOSKIE FAMILY



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