

## World Wisdoms Project

World Wisdoms Project will hold its second fall event in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 14.

“Encountering ‘the holy’ in a complicated world” features panelists Laurie Gudim, Sivea Key, and Trinity Wilbourn. From their perspectives as teachers, mentors, and spiritual directors, the presenters explore the hunger for a sense of connection and wholeness in an era marked by personal and collective trauma.

## Double Nickle Lunch - November 8

### Two Sides of the Coin: The Russian’s Point of View

Double Nickel is privileged to have as our guest speaker Dr. Milt Garrett, an internationally known consultant and executive coach to CEOs and public officials, federal, state and local officials. He has worked across Russia’s 11 time zones with clients in 226 cities, from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific Ocean, from the Arctic Ocean to the Black and Caspian Seas. Dr. Garrett will share some of his points of view and perspectives of Russia’s political, economic, social and environmental issues and the numerous conflicts between the United States and Russia. He welcomes questions at the end of his presentation though he says he may not be able to answer all.

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



## A Message from Welcoming, Affirming, Reconciling Methodists

The informative booklet OUR STORIES: Journeys to Welcoming, Affirming, and Reconciling compiled by WARM\* is must reading for all FUMC members and friends. Check the east and south entries anytime, the Welcome Center and C&S table in Fellowship Hall every Sunday for a copy!

\*Welcoming, Affirming, Reconciling Methodists

## Habitat for Humanity First Church Habitat Builders Work on Natasha’s House

On September 19, a beautiful sunny day, 7 First Church builders joined other Habitat regulars working on Natasha and Samantha’s home. As you can see in the photo the house is taking shape. Janet Shupe, Barbara Cline, Jan Beyer, Bonny Thomas, and Elaine Andersen furnished a delicious lunch for about 20 people.



Builders: Robin Hause, Tom Andersen, Keith Metcalf, Jim Snyder, Roy Wood, Don Silar, and Jim Colinson

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

## Message from Melanie

I have heard every reason imaginable for why people dislike church, and some of the reasons make good sense to me. When people are made to feel guilty and ashamed, when they are not inspired or uplifted, when they feel like their time is wasted, I understand. However, one reason I do not understand is this: “Churches are always asking for money.”

Of course we are! You would rarely set foot in the Sanctuary without an offering taking place (although I do draw the line at funerals). We ask for money every chance we get, so we can give it away, change the world, invest our community. We need money to assist our neighbors in need, to care for the hungry, homeless and bereaved. We need money to keep up our building, grounds, and equipment, to offer lifelong faith formation, to invest in our children and youth, to offer inspiring worship and comforting pastoral care. We need money to help people with rent, food, and health challenges. We need money for just about everything, because it is a tool that makes ministry possible.

The best part about asking for money is not what the church needs at all. Far more important is what giving does for us individually: helps us to be less greedy, less self-centered, less attached to our own insatiable desires, and more deeply attached to the work of God revealed by Jesus Christ.

Of all of the dollars that have passed through my hands, the ones I feel best about are those that I have given away to worthy causes that improve the quality of life for others. No economic challenge, stock market fluctuation, or financial crisis can take that away. The best investments we make are in what we give away. This is our legacy.

This month we begin our 20/20 Vision campaign, as we invite everyone in our church family to join us in funding our mission and ministry for our 151st year of serving this community. It is a challenge in times like these, when lots of people have good reasons why they do not go to church. Yet asking for money is not a good reason to stay away. First Church is alive, and lively churches cost money, more all the time. I am glad our church needs money, not only for the good we do for countless people, but for the good that comes our way when we grow in generosity and faithfulness.

*Melanie*

Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor



## 20/20 Vision Campaign

First United Methodist Church Fort Collins  
Seeing a Clear Future



This month we will ask you to prayerfully consider the ways that you can give back to the God who has blessed us so abundantly. 20/20 Vision is our Stewardship campaign during which we will invite you to help support this vital ministry we share. We rely upon the generous financial support of our members and friends, and without that support we cannot pursue the life changing, through provoking, bridge building, hope radiating ministry you have come to expect from First Church. Please prayerfully consider how you can generously invest in our promising future.

### November 24 is Pie Sunday

We will celebrate our many blessings on Sunday, November 24, and invite you to bring your favorite pie to share for coffee hour. No donuts that day, just delicious pies as we celebrate God's bounty and provision.

## November Worship

**November 3**—All Saints Sunday/Communion  
“Simplicity” Matthew 6:25-34

**November 10**—“Dedication” Luke 10:25-37

**November 17**—“Generosity” 1 Timothy 6:6-10

**November 24**—Celebration Sunday/ Pie Sunday  
“Joy” 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

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## We Celebrate Children Receiving Bibles on October 13

We celebrate those children who received Bibles on October 13: Malika Bandi, Priyam Bandi, Max Caston, Kennedy Hanna, Ella Nguyen, Corey Putman, Garrett Putman, Eva Remington, Sky Wieck-Novak, Piper Sutter.



May these words of life be an inspiration and blessing to you. We are proud of you!

## Faith Formation - Daily Meditations for Advent

**Two books for reflection are on sale this month at the Adult Faith Formation table in Fellowship Hall**

**Preparing for Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent** by Richard Rohr offers a reading for every day of this season. "Advent is not about a sentimental waiting for the Baby Jesus," Rohr asserts. Advent is a time to focus our expectations and anticipation on "the adult Christ, the Cosmic Christ," who challenges us to empty ourselves, to lose ourselves, to surrender.

Father Rohr is a Franciscan priest and the academic dean of the Living School for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque. He is the author of numerous books.

**The Upper Room Disciplines 2020: A Book of Daily Devotions** is a favorite of many First Church members. This devotional guide offers daily, lectionary-based scripture readings and reflections. Each week of devotions focuses on a particular theme and engages readers with the lectionary texts for the week.

Writers for 2020 include Kathleen Flood, Luther Smith, J. Barrie Shepherd, Wendy Wright, Roberta Bondi, Michael Downey, Rachel Hackenberg, Don Saliers, Jan Johnson, Kristen Vincent, Gerrit Dawson, Marilyn McEntyre, Mark Burrows, Deborah Smith Douglas, and others.

The Advent book is \$10. Disciplines 2020 is \$15; large print can be ordered for slightly more.

## New Additions to The Northern Colorado Faith Library

The Northern Colorado Faith Library has added two audacious and controversial holdings to its collection – new translations of the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Robert Alter spent 22 years single-handedly translating the Hebrew Bible into English. It has been published in segments but now the magisterial project is available in its entirety as a three-volume set.

Alter said his translation was necessary because modern translations generally display “a shaky sense of English” while more ancient translations, such as the 17th-century King James Version, exhibit “a shaky sense of Hebrew.”

A review in *Publisher's Weekly* called Alter's translation of the Old Testament “clunky.” The *Christian Century's* reviewer called it “remarkable” with “an organic, often graceful English.” Readers can judge for themselves.

David Bentley Hart is the author of *The New Testament: A New Translation*. The notoriously cantankerous scholar produced the mind-bending work to be “an often pitilessly literal translation.”

Reviewing Hart's work for *The Christian Century*, N.T. Wright found this translation “as idiosyncratic as it is bold.” The *Atlantic's* reviewer wrote, “Oddness, in fact, might be the signature—the breakthrough, even—of Hart's translation.”



## Update on the United Methodist Church - Way Forward

Please join us at noon on Sunday, November 3 in the Parlor for an update on the Way Forward for the United Methodist Church from Reverend Melanie. Everyone is welcome.

## Thank you 150th Celebration Team



Many people came together to make our Sesquicentennial year such a success. From Homecoming Sunday in January, to our Mission Fair in May, Old Fashioned Picnic in August and Day of Service and Gala in October, it has been an outstanding year. Additionally, our gift to the community, the refurbishment of Eastside Park is coming along well, thanks to an exceptional team, and has been a blessing in fostering good will with our neighbors and community partners. Deepest thanks to everyone who has helped with this effort, as we prepare for the next 150 years!



Address Correction Requested

**Don't forget the time change on November 2**

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 3, so please turn your clocks BACK before you go to bed Saturday night November 2.



**We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of ...**

Barbara Voas - September 21

**Congratulations on your wedding ...**

Congratulations on the wedding of Thomas Henry Cross and Michelle Howard on October 12.

**We celebrate the baptism of ...**

Bodhi Cameron Lucas on October 20

**Congratulations to Grand Sweep Bible Study Participants**



Left to right: Louise Thornton, Rita Bee, Margaret Janson, Janet Shupe, Amanda Gentile, Susan Willard, Julie Wilson, Bonny Thomas, Susan Kutrubes, JoAn Hopkins, Jim Kutrubes, Cynthia Paquette, Daphne Bear, Cindi Ross-Bell, Kate Norton, Charissa Dull, Rick Norton, Chris Weber, David Reid, Randie Bell (not pictured: Lorena Mast)

Congratulations to the nineteen people who completed the Grand Sweep Bible Study, which is a year-long Bible study that involves studying the Bible from cover-to-cover! The group spent 57 weeks on this pursuit and have come out energized, transformed, and excited to use what they have learned in their lives and on their spiritual journey. Many new relationships were formed and existing ones were strengthened as they learned from each other, shared in small group discussions, told life stories, and spent time together. The class was led by Rev. Cynthia with the help of David Reid.

**Church and Society presents:  
CAN WE TALK? "Healthcare: What's Next?"**

We seek to understand the healthcare situation as it is, and to explore near term and long term solutions to this national crisis. Emphasis will be on identifying facts, exploring differing interpretations of those facts, and consideration of whether or not our Christian faith inclines us toward any specific way forward.

- Roundtable discussion,
- Sunday November 17, 2019
- 12:00 P.M., (after church),
- Parlor
- Light lunch provided



**Welcome to our newest members ...**



David & Shirley Thomas



Ezekiel Jackson



Sandy Merriweather



Maurine Sanford & Halsey



Jim & Jenn Snyder



Janet Delaney



Suzanne Doyle, Ginger & Dottie Rob Doyle (not pictured)



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