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**WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST  
SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF ...**

Margaret Lee - December 11, 2020

Arlene Short - January 8, 2021

**WE CELEBRATE WITH JOY  
THE BAPTISM OF:**

Zoila Elizabeth Rox on December 11, 2020

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST CHURCH?

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# The Carillon

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## MESSAGE FROM MELANIE ...

Last year, the season of Lent began on February 26. We held Ash Wednesday worship services in the Chapel with the imposition of ashes and considered what we might sacrifice as we journeyed with Christ to the cross. Just two weeks later, we closed the church and moved to online worship, classes, and meetings, as everything came to a screeching halt. None of us had planned on giving up so very much for Lent last year. That seems like a lifetime ago, considering how innocent we were (I was sure we would be back together by Easter!).

Well, here we are again, observing our second Lent in quarantine, after one year of sacrificing to preserve the health of others and our own. We know we must sacrifice to contain the virus, which now takes the lives of two souls per minute in this country. This is no time to complain and feel sorry for ourselves, for there are unexpected gifts to be recognized. Not being able to be with friends and family, we are reminded of how much we love and need them. If we are sick, we are reminded of what a blessing it is to feel well. Unable to go where we like, we recall how precious that freedom is, and so much more.

This year, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17 and continues until Easter. Lent signals the slowing down of ordinary life, a season of reflection upon the journey of Jesus to the cross, and all that he endured to identify so completely with our human condition. We pause to remember, repent of our selfishness, shortcomings and failures, and give thanks.

Our second Lent in isolation brings continued sacrifice, as well as persistent hope in God's providence in the face of uncertainty, dependence upon the healing power of God, and fresh appreciation for communities of love and support. May our journey through Lent be a time of listening, reflecting, and healing as we consider all that Jesus sacrificed for us.

*Melanie*

Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor



## SEASON OF LENT BEGINS

**Wednesday, February 17 is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent.** Lent is the season of repentance, introspection, and reflection in preparation for the great celebration of Easter. During Lent, we prepare ourselves by journeying with Jesus all the way to the cross, and beyond. Ash Wednesday is a solemn and significant observance in the Christian calendar, during which we receive ashes on our bodies as a reminder that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

Join us for online worship on Ash Wednesday, February 17 as we begin the sacred season of Lent together, preparing to follow Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb. You will receive ashes to mark the beginning of this season of sacrifice.

## HOLY VESSELS



A LENTEN SEASON OF RECOVERY

Ash Wednesday - February 17  
through  
Palm Sunday - March 28



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## THE COLUMBARIUM AT FIRST CHURCH

As you walk down the hallway toward the east entrance of our church, have you noticed the lovely garden on your left? Have you wondered about the sandstone slabs on the north side of the garden? What is the purpose of the curved wall in the center of the garden? This area is called the Columbarium for First Church. Columbarium is derived from the Latin word *Columba* which means dove and Columbarium is a symbolic resting place for doves. The use of columbarium was wide-spread during the early Roman Empire, and human cremation was also standard practice. Our Columbarium is a resting place for cremains and area for remembrance. The curved wall is one of the places in the garden for remembering loved ones with a special place for cremains. The sandstone slabs are etched with the names of loved ones who have left us. In the southwest corner of the garden is an area called David's Garden. The Columbarium is a serene, peaceful, sheltered environment for meditation and reflection. When we are able to attend services in our Sanctuary again, please drop by the east hallway and pick up a brochure. In the meantime, if you have questions, please call Ted Schlagenhauf at 970-635-4345.

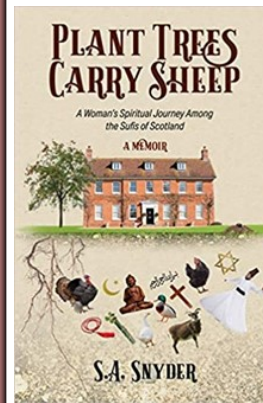


THE COLUMBARIUM AT FIRST CHURCH IN  
EARLY SUMMER

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION ROUNDUP David Reid, Director of Adult Faith Formation



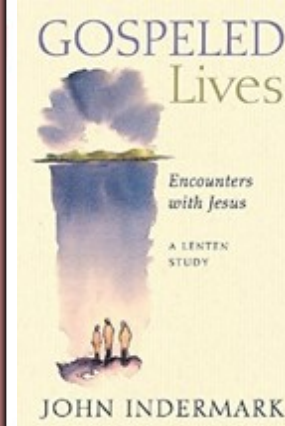
**Would you like to know how the Coronavirus vaccine fights off Covid-19? What emergency use means?** Join First Church member Kate Norton, Ph.D., for a Zoom presentation at noon February 7 on "How the Coronavirus Vaccine Fights Off Covid-19." The presentation is for anyone interested in knowing how the vaccine works. Norton has been a regulatory professional in the pharmaceutical industry for more than 20 years and holds a graduate degree in molecular biology. To obtain the Zoom link, contact David Reid at [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com) or 970-581-2707, voice or text.



**Author S. A. Snyder** will discuss the two-year experience at a retreat house in Scotland that changed her life in a Zoom presentation at 6:30 p.m. February 8. Her memoir is titled *Plant Trees, Carry Sheep: A Woman's Spiritual Journey Among the Sufis of Scotland*. It's available at Amazon, Nook, Barnes & Noble and other platforms.

Snyder's second book, *The Value of Your Soul: Rumi Verse for Life's Annoying Moments*, was published in 2020. Find out more about Snyder at [lunarivervoices.com](http://lunarivervoices.com).

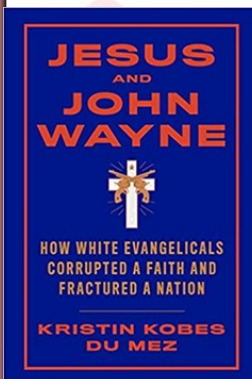
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**A virtual Lenten study** of *Gospeled Lives: Encounters with Jesus* will be facilitated by Bob Simpson, a retired United Methodist pastor who has served churches in Northern Colorado since 2003.

Author John Indermark, a United Church of Christ minister, says that to speak of "gospeled" lives speaks of lives that have been acted upon by an encounter with Jesus. In every case, the story of gospeled lives remains open-ended. That is, response to encounter with Jesus continues to unfold in ongoing choices and unfinished stories of our lives.

The study runs 7-8:15 p.m. for seven Mondays beginning February 15. Books: \$9.99 at Cokesbury; \$15 at Amazon; \$9.99 Kindle. To register, contact Simpson at [pastorrf@gmail.com](mailto:pastorrf@gmail.com). For assistance obtaining the book: [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com) or 970-581-2707.



**Jesus & John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation** is a five-week book study beginning February 25. Challenging the commonly held assumption that the "moral majority" backed Donald Trump for purely pragmatic reasons, author Kristin Kobes Du Mez reveals that the 45<sup>th</sup> president in fact represents the fulfillment, rather than the betrayal, of white evangelicals' most deeply held values.

Choose noon or 7 p.m. on Thursdays. David Reid will facilitate. Contact him to register at [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com) or 970-581-2707. Books: \$25 at Amazon; Kindle e-book \$15.

**Learn how to write a spiritual biography** in a four-hour course offered by World Wisdoms Project on February 21. Cost: \$40. Full details at <https://www.worldwisdomsproject.org/event/writing-spiritual-autobiography-fundraising-event/>



## MUSIC AT FIRST CHURCH INSTALLATION OF NEW CARILLON IN BELL TOWER

We are excited to announce the installation of a new digital Schulmerich Carillon located in the bell tower next to the Columbarium in early February. The new carillon will provide an improved authentic sound, the ability to be easily programed, and the ability to be stopped and started remotely for weddings, worship services, and funerals. Funding for this project was made possible by the Carillon Fund in the FUMC Foundation. No funds were used from the general budget. Please watch for a time of dedication and celebration for this wonderful addition to our church campus! Thanks to the trustees for their help with the installation!



## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY THIS MONTH

After the busyness of the holidays, First Kids have settled back into the routine of school, childcare and days that are getting a little longer. **The First Kids at First Church continue to have Sunday school each week and the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders continue to learn about their Bibles each month.** Join us on Zoom for Sunday school each Sunday morning. 9:30-10 a.m. for Preschoolers and 10-10:30 a.m. for Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade. We watch a fun Bible story video, music videos and interactive activities. Come join us!

Zoom link: **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84044134167?pwd=QkNvT045dE40dm9RZzcwbVVyV3VjQT09>

**Children's Ministry started a pen pal program last summer.** Children who were interested in communicating with an adult from the church were assigned a pen pal. It is a great way to make connections with different generations. If you are an adult or a child that is interested in being a pen pal, please contact Barb Grauberger @ [childrensdirector@fcfumc.net](mailto:childrensdirector@fcfumc.net)

Below is a picture of our very own Kennedy, Charlotte & Patrick Hanna out delivering special treats for their pen

pals.  
Thanks  
sharing  
Hanna  
Family!

for



## JUST AND UNJUST POLICING: REFLECTIONS FROM A CHRISTIAN ETHICIST/FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Do Christian ethics have anything to say about how police should do their work? Dr. Tobias Winright, a former policeman and Christian ethicist, is one of the few people anywhere to address this question.

Winright will speak on "Just and Unjust Policing: Reflections from a Christian Ethicist/Formal Law Enforcement Officer" at 7 p.m. March 3 in a Zoom presentation sponsored by Adult Faith Formation.

He is the author of a recently published collection of essays titled *Serve and Protect: Selected Essays on Just Policing*. Dr. Winright is associate chair of health care ethics and theological ethics at St. Louis University.

Numerous recent cases of police killings of black men and women, including George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, have attracted scrutiny, criticism, and protest, as well as calls for "defunding" or "abolishing" the police. While violence has received serious attention since Christianity's inception, police use of force has not. While capital punishment and incarceration have been repeatedly addressed, policing has not. In this presentation, the institution and practices of policing will be examined in light of Christian ethics.

Contact David Reid at [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com) or 970-581-2707 for the link.



DR. TOBIAS WINRIGHT

## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING NOTES FEBRUARY 2021

In February, our minds turn to Valentine's Day and many images of Valentine "hearts". It's no coincidence that February is also National American Heart Month. Heart disease is one of our country's biggest killers, but it can be prevented. Now it may be more important than ever to take good care of our hearts. Love your heart. Practice prevention by eating healthy foods, working on maintaining a healthy weight, getting exercise, and avoid known risks such as smoking. For more information, check out the following website from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/education-and-awareness/heart-month> and this link from the American Heart Association at: <https://www.heart.org/>. Let's all do our part to help each other stay healthy!



Donna Newkirk, MSN, APRN-BC,  
Faith Community Nurse



**"Knit Together Against Violence"** is the theme for the February United Methodist Women's Unit Meeting. It will be held via Zoom on Thursday, Feb.11 in the EVENING at 7:00 p.m. Sandy Merriweather will be our speaker.

Questions? - [elbode8@gmail.com](mailto:elbode8@gmail.com)

**February UMW Unit Meeting**  
**Feb 11, 2021 01:00 PM Mountain Time**  
**To Join Zoom Meeting, click this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81560334085?pwd=T2JDWURFbnZpS3NCUWpFQzkxbVJzQT09>

To join by phone, dial

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+1 312 626 6799)

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