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

**Discover God's Love**  
*Inspire Hope • Grow in Faith • Serve With Joy*

## MESSAGE FROM MELANIE ...

We are eager to gather as a church family as we begin worshipping together in person. It has been far too long since we have seen some of you.

On behalf of the Restart Team, I wanted to let you know what to expect if you attend either the 9:30 a.m. or 11a.m. service beginning May 2. Masks will be required, and the Greeters will have extra masks in case someone forgets. We will practice social distancing and sit 6 feet apart in every other pew (those in the same family will sit together). The ushers will take the offering by holding the plates themselves; they will not be passed. We will not have bulletins; everything will be on the screens. We will not be serving coffee or donuts in Fellowship Hall. Two custodians will be available to help disinfect, clean, and assist with any needs which may arise. We will continue to follow protocols so that this is a safe experience for everyone, and adapt as conditions warrant. Our online worship will be available to you the following week. **We ask for your patience, grace, and understanding as we are working hard to make this as uplifting and positive experience as possible.**

As you can imagine, this has been a most challenging year for your staff and Lay Leaders. We have diligently tried to innovate and adapt, and I am proud of our efforts. Please bear with us and know that we are all doing our best.

I am hopeful about the journey ahead as we discover the new opportunities God will present to our congregation. Let us spread a quilt of love over our community as we Inspire Hope, Grow in Faith, and Serve with Joy. Blessings, my friends!

*Melanie*

Dr. Melanie Rosa, *Lead Pastor*



**IN PERSON WORSHIP**  
**9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

## WELCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in extending a warm and inviting welcome to others? If so, you are invited to be a part of the Welcoming team on Sunday mornings to welcome others to worship. First Church's Welcoming teams are seeking out warm hearted and cheerful people to join us. Please consider serving in one or a few of these roles:



**Greeters** are at all entrances to the church before worship to welcome people to worship services. As we continue to mask up, greeters will also hand anyone who forgot their mask one. This team is led by Mike Kohler ([execprcoach@gmail.com](mailto:execprcoach@gmail.com)).

**Ushers** welcome people into the sanctuary as they arrive for worship, assist people with seating and exiting, and collect the offering. The leader is forthcoming.

**Welcome Center Angels** are at the Welcome Center to answer any questions that visitors might have or direct them to others who might be able to answer their questions and give out first time guest gift bags. This team is led by Pam Metzger ([pammetzger3531@comcast.net](mailto:pammetzger3531@comcast.net)).

**Sunday Morning Receptionists** are in the church office to answer the phone and questions from anyone on Sunday mornings. This team is led by Janice Whitaker ([janwhit11@gmail.com](mailto:janwhit11@gmail.com)).

You can choose to serve on one or more teams, once or more times per month or per quarter. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact the above leaders, or Welcoming Team Lay Leader Sandy Merriweather ([sandy@beesky.com](mailto:sandy@beesky.com)).

## MAY SERMON SERIES: LIFE SAVING VIRTUES

**May 2— Galatians 3:23-28**  
“Life Saving Virtues: Attachment”

**May 9—1 Corinthians 13:1-7**  
“Life Saving Virtues: Patience”

**May 16— Philippians 2:1-18**  
“Life Saving Virtues: “Humility”

**May 23— Acts 2:1-21**  
“Life Saving Virtues: Resilience”

**May 30— John 3:1-17**  
“Life Saving Virtues: Courage “



## 2021 QUIET DISCIPLE BONNIE THOMAS

Bonny was honored at District Conference in April and we are so proud of her. Bonny's main passion is Faith, Family, and Hospitality. She cooks, serves, lines up volunteers, and builds relationships with the families and staff at Faith Housing Network. She helps cook at Catholic Charities, sorts at the Food Bank, and serves meals to Habitat for Humanity builders. She helped to cook for young families, and pack and deliver Christmas and Lent care packages. She has been involved in international missions - Vietnam Habitat build, Kenya water, and the Women and Children mission trip. She also enjoys being involved with Children's Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Bonny is part of the Flower Ministry and Congregational Care team; she participates in Bible studies and other small groups to deepen her faith. She has a large family and yet she sets aside time to strengthen her relationship with God, and diligently and quietly serves her church, community, and world.

Bonny is a true quiet disciple who shares her time, talents, gifts, and witness freely, and we are blessed by her ministry at First Church.

# A Garden Patch in the First Church Quilt of Love

SUBMITTED BY KATE NORTON



The First Church Quilt of Love is an initiative meant to inspire us all to reach out to our neighbors and community and support those in need following this challenging year. The Mission Team would like to add a gardening patch to the Quilt of Love! We are asking all of you who plant gardens this spring to sow some extra seeds or plant some extra plants for the Food Bank. This will help ensure that all our neighbors who are food insecure are able to feed themselves and their families this summer and fall. Last year, thanks to Rich Fisher and a group of volunteers, we were able to donate ~1770 pounds of fresh healthy vegetables for people in our community! Our goal is to beat (or should that be “beet” ) that goal! As your gardens grow and produce delicious veggies, bring them to the church on Sunday mornings and we will bring them to the Food Bank for you. For those of you who do not garden, but would like to support this gardening effort, we welcome store-bought produce or monetary donations to the Food Bank as well.



We all are excited to usher in Springtime and all the outdoor joys it brings. We hope gardening for your neighbors is one of those joys. Please contact Rick Norton at [ricknorton14@msn.com](mailto:ricknorton14@msn.com), the Missions Umbrella Coordinator, if you have any questions regarding this patch of our Quilt of Love.

## FIRST KIDS HAPPENINGS

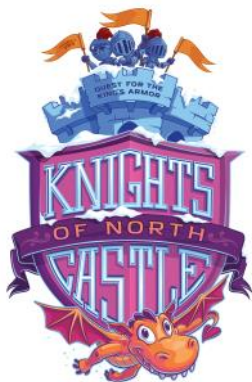
SUBMITTED BY BARB GRAUBERGER



First Kids will be back for in person Sunday School on May 2nd. Preschool through 5th grade will begin with children's time in the Sanctuary. Then, we will adjourn for our regular Sunday School classes. Nursery care will also be provided for those children under the age of 3 (your child must have turned 3 by September 15th, 2020 to join the preschool Sunday School). Social distancing will be in place for the Sunday School classrooms and masks will be required. We look forward to seeing you back in person at church.

Beginning May 2nd, we will no longer be teaching on-line Sunday School. If you are unable or not comfortable in re-joining for in person worship, I will be sending out the usual worship experiences for all ages plus parent guides to enhance the lesson. You may view these videos in the comfort of your own home. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [childrensdirector@fcfumc.net](mailto:childrensdirector@fcfumc.net)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—*Knights of North Castle*



We will be hosting VBS this year, June 7-11th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. VBS is offered to preschoolers (child must have turned 3 by 9/15/2020) up to children finishing 5th grade.

Things will look a little different and we will be capping our participants, but we still look forward to all the fun things we have always done during the week. I am encouraging you to sign up early for a spot. After you reserve your spot, you will be sent a link to officially sign up and pay. If you are a full-time volunteer during VBS, your child can attend for free. I would encourage you to sign up soon if you know your child will attend. We only have 60 spots available due to COVID restrictions. One slot=one child.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49AAAB22A7FC1-vacation>

# FIRST CHURCH COLUMBARIUM

SUBMITTED BY MARILEE ROWE

As was mentioned in the February Carillon, part of the Columbarium is an area named David's Garden. You might be wondering who was David? David Kelly was the son of Donald and Marlene Kelly. He grew up in Fort Collins and in the First Church family. David was an accomplished man who served his country in the U.S. Army for twenty years. Earning a Ph.D. in history in 1959 from the University of Nebraska, he worked as a historian for the Army. Sadly, his life was cut short by Scleroderma, an autoimmune disorder, at the age of 48. His parents had raised him to be a gentleman, scholar, patriot, and Christian.



Donald and Marlene Kelly were native Coloradans who moved to Fort Collins in 1959. They joined First Church where they raised their son, David, and daughter, Kathleen. After distinguished careers at Colorado State University of 24 years for Donald and 29 years for Marlene, they retired and remained active in our community. As the Columbarium neared completion, they made a significant contribution to complete the project successfully. To honor David and his parents, the garden area closest to the windows on the south side of the Columbarium was named for David. The Kelly family left a legacy of generosity and Christian principles that is forever memorialized within the First Church community.

David's Garden is an area within the Columbarium where cremains can be spread. If you are interested in purchasing a niche or more information regarding the Columbarium, please contact Ted Schlaenhaus at 970-635-4345.

## MAY I HELP YOU?

SUBMITTED BY DONNA NEWKIRK

**May I Help You?** May is here! Mother's Day and Memorial Day are this month. Spring has sprung, Easter has come, and church is open again! With that happy news, I am VERY excited to continue expanding what I am able to do as your Faith Community Nurse. I have enjoyed writing health-related articles for the Carillon and for FirstWire. Now it's time to "take up a notch", and I need your help. I want to know what health topics are of the most concern to YOU, and start addressing them. Please take just a couple of minutes to fill out this survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GNTG37S> and I will use this information to get started. (Trust me, it's REALLY, REALLY EASY-even easier than a ZOOM meeting!) Next month, I will be filling you in on more upcoming plans for this exciting ministry. If you have any questions, suggestions, or feedback, please e-mail me at: [D.NewkirkANP@gmail.com](mailto:D.NewkirkANP@gmail.com)



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION ROUNDUP

### David Reid, *Director of Adult Faith Formation*



There is still time to register for *Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World*.

Studies of this book are planned for noon and 7 p.m. on Wednesday from May 5 through June 9. The author is Vivek H. Murthy, the Surgeon General of the United States. The noon study will be in person at First Church. The evening section is scheduled as a Zoom class. Contact [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com) to register or for help obtaining the \$20 text.

Dr. Murthy makes a case for loneliness as a public health concern: a root cause and contributor to many of the epidemics sweeping the world today from alcohol and drug addiction to violence to depression and anxiety. Loneliness, he argues, is affecting not only our health but also how our children experience school, how we perform in the workplace, and the sense of division and polarization in our society.

## OUR NEWEST MEMBERS RECEIVED ON EASTER SUNDAY WELCOME HOME!



**Whitney Pennington & Josh Keller**



**Nikki & Ben Lucas with Nora & Bodhi**

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United  
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"Bold Steps in  
Defiance of Injustice"  
is the theme for the  
May 13 UMW Unit  
Meeting. It will be  
held at 7 p.m. via  
Zoom. A  
representative from

the Children's Advocacy Center will speak to  
us as to how our actions today can provide for  
the thriving of mothers and children through  
advocacy for access to health care and paid  
family leave. Everyone is welcome!

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

Join Zoom Meeting  
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QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81560334085?pwd=T2JDWURFcnZpS3NCUWpFQzkxbVJzQT09)

To join by phone, dial  
+1 346 248 7799 or  
+1 312 626 6799  
Meeting ID: 815 6033 4085  
Passcode: 722656

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

Ernie Martz - April 1, 2021

Myrt Batch - April 11, 2021

## WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Ben and Nikki Lucas,  
*Joining by Profession of Faith*

Josh Keller and Whitney Pennington,  
*Transferring from University Temple UMC,  
Seattle, WA*

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