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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 ...

It has been said that there are two kinds of people in this world: those who believe there are two kinds of people in this world, and those who don't. How often we are tempted to classify others in terms of right or wrong, good or evil, with us or against us. Of course, we know that our human family is diverse and complicated, and yet we categorize, judge and condemn.

The mission of our church is to offer a refreshing alternative to this mindset. We seek to make this world a more accepting and welcoming place; to focus upon what unites us and not what divides us. We invite all those in need of God's love to join us, as we inspire them to grow in faith and participate in service to a world in need. We offer purpose, meaning, belonging, and a sacred vision, which are essential for navigating the uncertainties of this life.

I am less inclined to agree with Shakespeare's Polonius, who said, "To thine own self be true," than I am inclined to agree with Matthew Arnold who wrote, "Ah, Love, let us be true to one another." What would it mean for us to be true to one another, placing the common good above our own?

This is exactly what is needed at this critical time. We have been given the gift of a rare opportunity to be a part of something which will allow us to make a positive impact for many years to come. Together we will heal and help, restore and renew, and make God's love tangible for future generations. I believe this is the most important work there is. Thank you for helping to ensure a vital future for this congregation. Thank you for attempting to see the big picture and for your patience with us. Thank you for your continued prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.



Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION RETURNS ON JUNE 6

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

We will once again celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month starting June 6. Since the pandemic is not over, to keep the elements clean and everyone safe, if you are worshipping in person, you will be given a pre-packaged Holy Communion kit when you are greeted at the doors by our Greeters and Ushers. Regular and gluten-free elements will be available. If you need gluten-free elements, please just let the Greeters or Ushers know. If you did not receive your elements when you walk through the doors, you will have a chance to receive them during the Offertory; just raise your hand or stand up and the Ushers will hand you the elements. If you are worshipping online, do continue to prepare your own elements of bread or cracker and juice or water. Together we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

FUMC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2021 GRANT PROGRAM

Kathryn Lonowski

The 2021 Grant Program of the Foundation for the First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins will begin on **July 1st**. Grant money is available for church committees and groups to be used for programs, equipment and services that are typically not funded through the church operating budget. The Foundation was begun in 1986 and has distributed approximately \$386,000 in grant money since that time.

Grant Application Timeline

July 1 – 31: Grant applications may be found online on the church website or picked up in the church office. Applications will also be placed in committee mailboxes.

July 31: Deadline: Completed grant applications must be returned to the church office with the necessary signatures and placed in the Foundation mailbox.

August Review: The Foundation Board will review each application and determine this year's recipients.

September 1: Notification: Grant applicants will be notified as to the status of their application.

The Foundation Board will review each application to determine if the request should be fully funded, partially funded or not funded. In general, the total amount requested for all grants far exceeds the funds available.

Each grant application requires signature approval, and the signatures must be obtained prior to submission to the Foundation. Unsigned applications will not be considered for funding.

If you would like additional information about the Foundation Grant Program, please contact Kathryn Lonowski at klonowski@wicklaw.com.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to help the Foundation grow in capability, please contact FUMC Foundation President Bill Whitaker at w Whitaker@gmail.com.

Applications are available on our website.

HABIT FOR HUMANITY NEWS

CINDI ROSS-BELL

Through all the ups and downs of a pandemic year, we at First Church continued to step up and step out. Because of our efforts and giving from the heart, Becky Ailor and her daughter Ember have moved into their new home at Harmony Cottages. One of the beautiful bookcases we built to raise funds for their home now graces Ember's bedroom, and all the food/sundries collected filled their pantry as a very special housewarming gift from First Church.

Once again this year, First Church has committed to help Habitat for Humanity financially. This year our commitment is \$5,000. We have raised a little over half of those funds, and ask that you prayerfully consider donating as you are able to help us achieve our goal.

Love in Action will be inactive until

further notice. We recently lost our ministry leader for this group. If you have an interest in coordinating volunteers to help members of our congregation with a variety of tasks from car rides to appointments to yard work to picking up groceries, etc., contact Stephanie Lane (steph.daileylane@gmail.com, 970-229-0296) or the church office (administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net, 970-482-2436) to get more information.

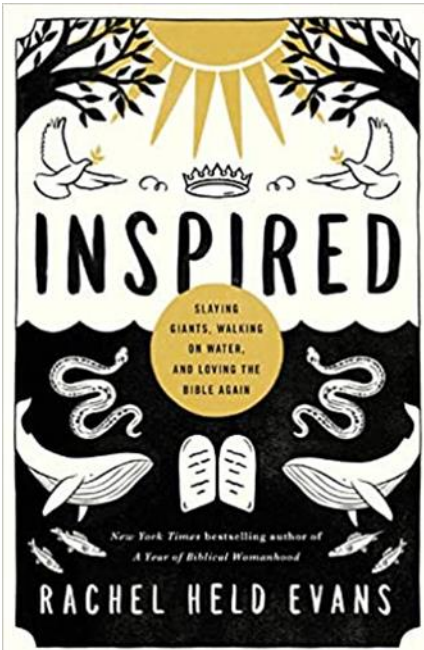
FUMC APP IS NOW AVAILABLE IN APPLE STORE, GOOGLE PLAY STORE, AND ROKU STORE!



A new First Church App is now available to download on your phone. Simply go to your app store, search for First United Methodist Church Fort Collins, and download the app. It is available to everyone, and of course, there is no charge for the app. The app makes accessing our website, looking at our Facebook page, giving electronically, and checking out the latest announcements as easy as clicking on one button. When you download the app, ***please do choose to allow push notifications from the church.*** We will not abuse this feature, but it will allow us to remind you of meetings and classes you have signed up for through text messages.

We are currently working to load information on the app one area at a time, so check back often to see what new has been added. Keep First Church conveniently with you

If the Bible isn't a science book, instruction manual, or position paper, then what is it?



New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans invites readers on a journey of rediscovery as she explores the magic of the Bible, engaging the old, familiar stories in new ways that honor the past and enlighten the present.

A seven-week study of *Inspired: Slaying Dragons, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* begins the week of June 14. Two offerings led by First Church member Whitney Pennington: Mondays at 7 p.m. (virtual, young-adult specific) and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (virtual, all welcome). Questions or to RSVP, email Whitney: pennwhit09@gmail.com



First Church member **Whitney Pennington** will lead the book study.

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS WELCOME HOME! 2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS



Elinor Bickley



Ella Gentile



Will Barkoskie



Callaway Orr



Jaden Putman



Scout Harper



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH•HOPE•LOVE IN ACTION

"Learning in Community" is the theme of the UMW Unit Meeting being held on Thursday, June 10. The program will be about the UMW Reading Program and will be given by Julie Wilson and members of Circle Hannah. It will include several book reviews and some fun activities with books. Books extend opportunities for us to understand God's call through studies offered by United Methodist Women. We will be meeting at the church at 5:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you! Questions? Ellen Bode elbode8@gmail.com

Address Correction Requested



Congratulations to our High School Graduates!



Stella Straubing
 Fort Collins HS



Sarah Keller
 Fort Collins HS



Evan Kiser
 Fossil Ridge HS

Not pictured ...

Abraham Pease
 Poudre High School

Reece Abbott Rocky
 Mountain HS



Colter Marcy
 Fort Collins HS



Cole Boyd
 Fossil Ridge HS

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

Don Niewald - March 4, 2021
 Agnes Benedict - April 12, 2021
 Kathy Kuenzer - April 14, 2021
 Anne Kylan - April 30, 2021

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBER

Teddy Wintersteen -
transferring from the First United Methodist Church in Tucson, AZ

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