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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.*

Sermon Series: Stronger Together: God's Blessings Prevail

NOVEMBER 7

All Saints Sunday/
Holy Communion

"Stronger Together: Our Hope"
Hebrews 12:1-2

NOVEMBER 14

25th Sunday after Pentecost

"Stronger Together:
Our Potential"
Mark 10:17-27

NOVEMBER 21

Christ the King/
Commitment Sunday

"Stronger Together:
Our Legacy"
Luke 3:1-6

NOVEMBER 28

First Sunday of Advent/
UM Student Day Offering

Jeremiah 33:14-16;
Psalm 25:4-5
"The Inn: Hope"

Message from Melanie ...

November is the month of giving thanks, and also the month of Stewardship, when we commit to generously invest in the ministry we share.

Our church is not an irrelevant monument to the past, but a center for life changing ministry. Every day I have the opportunity to see what a difference this church has made, and continues to make, in people's lives. I witness the multiple ways in which our time, energy and money is transformed into miracles of hope, healing and new life. We nurture children and youth in the faith. We care for our elderly, bereaved and sick. We educate and offer spiritual growth opportunities. We care for the less fortunate. We continue to reach new people with an inclusive, loving Christian community that they did not know existed.

What value do you place upon peace of mind, forgiveness, hope in the face of death? What value do you place upon inspiring worship and authentic community? What value do you place upon helping the suffering and the sorrowful? What we offer is precious beyond price.

We are inviting everyone affiliated with our church to generously invest in our ministry for the coming year during our Stronger Together: God's Blessings Prevail campaign. You will be invited to prayerfully estimate what you consider a generous commitment, which will help us carefully prepare for ministry in the year ahead. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give away.

Melanie

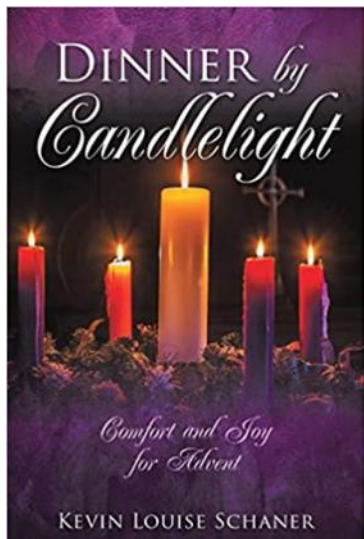
Dr. Melanie Rosa, *Lead Pastor*



We encourage everyone to wear masks in worship and in large groups while in the church Building to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you!

Adult Faith Formation

David Reid



Dinner by Candlelight: Comfort and Joy for Advent has been chosen for study during the upcoming season of Advent.

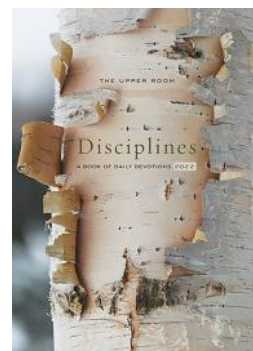
This easy read from Kevin Louise Schaner guides you through the Advent themes of hope, love, joy and peace with short essays, open-ended questions and suggestions for Advent actions. Please join discussions of the book and your Advent memories and hopes on December 1, 8, 15 and 22. David Reid will facilitate the noon section in person. Kate and Rick Norton will facilitate the discussions on Zoom only at 7 p.m.

"*Dinner by Candlelight* will encourage you to continue your Advent traditions while considering new ways to prepare for His birth. A beautiful thought-provoking read," says Debbie Vest, retired director of South Central Jurisdiction Volunteers in Missions of the United Methodist Church. Contact David Reid at davidreid24@gmail.com or 970-581-2707 to register for either section. Books are \$12 and available at the Adult Faith Formation table on Sundays or by

contacting David.

Upper Room Disciplines 2022 Are Available

Copies of *The Upper Room Disciplines 2022* are available for purchase at the Adult Faith Formation table on Sundays. The cost is \$17 for regular type or \$20 for enlarged type. Contact David Reid if you are unable to purchase on Sundays.



Habitat News



First Church has had another successful year working with Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity on a Faith Build. We have pledged to help build and raise \$5,000 each year for several years and last year raised \$63,000 toward a house for Becky and Ember. This year we raised \$5,350, which with pledges and builders from several other churches, we are building another house. Volunteer days were on June 8, August 3, and September 25. We were limited in the number of volunteers by a reduced Habitat supervisory staff because of the pandemic.

Builders this year were: Bev and Scott Addington, Bill Ault, Colin Campbell, Mike Foley, Jeff Johnson, Keith Metcalf, Marilyn Pullin, Dave Rubenthaler, and Roy Wood. On our last build day on Saturday, September

25 lunches were provided by Bonny Thomas, Janet Shupe, Diana Burkholder, and Jim Collinson.

Stronger Together: God's Blessings Prevail

"Stronger Together: God's Blessings Prevail" is the theme of our Stewardship Campaign this month, as we give thanks for how well we did during the challenging year just past, and all that God will continue to do in and through us in the coming year. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to help fund the ministry of our church for 2022. We are making a difference in countless lives, and hope to expand our ministry even more in the year ahead. We are indeed stronger together.

November 21 is Commitment and Pie Sunday!

Please bring your favorite pie to Fellowship Hall on November 21st. We will celebrate God's bounty and provision by committing our estimate of giving to the church during worship, and then enjoying pie and fellowship together. Please join us as we celebrate God's provision and give thanks for our community of faith!



Exploring First Church

EXPLORING First Church

We, here at First Church, are so excited to see so many new faces and meet so many new people on Sundays. We are here to help new people get plugged in. Would you like to learn more about Methodism in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, Rev. Melanie and Rev. Cynthia invite you to attend the Exploring First Church session at noon on November 14 the Parlor. We will have a light lunch followed by a session on Methodism and the many ministries to be involved in at First Church. there will also be a virtual tour of the church building. Please email membership@fcfmc.net, or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 111 by November 9 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided.

Sunday Worship Care Team



On October 24 First Church began having one Sunday Worship Care Team member seated at a marked pew just outside the Sanctuary who is trained to attend to medical and emotional emergencies during the 9:30 AM worship service. Members of this team have medical or mental health training. If there is a medical emergency, and if needed, this person will respond appropriately and take the lead to call 911. If someone is experiencing emotional distress, this person will also reach out to provide care. If during worship you or someone you know could use help from the Sunday Worship Care Team, please reach out to the person.

FUMC Preschool Christmas Service Project



This Christmas season FUMC Co-op Preschool will be helping the Larimer County Foster Adoptive Parent Association with their Christmas Party. A tree with gift tags will be located in the education wing.

Wrapped gifts must be returned to the tree no later than DECEMBER 14th.

Questions please call Pre-School Director Kelly Boettger 482-0343



UMW Christmas Wreath Project



Your wreath orders are being tallied and the products will soon be freshly created as you read this notice. Our unit could not be successful at raising funds for worldwide mission if it were not for your generous orders each year. (If you missed the November 1 deadline, please call 1-970-222-5545 or email joanaire@gmail.com.)

Remember to pick up your order from Fellowship Hall right after Thanksgiving, Monday through Wednesday during the following hours:

November 29	<u>12 Noon</u> to 6:00 p.m.
November 30	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
December 1	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please park near the outer doors into Fellowship Hall and stay in your car. You will be greeted by a volunteer and your order will be brought to your car. Curbside delivery! Monday will be the most chaotic day while orders are sorted, so please don't arrive before Noon and you may want to wait until Tuesday or Wednesday to come to the church. We will try to follow COVID protocol just to be safe during flu season.

Orders not claimed by 7:00 p.m. the last day will be bagged and stored in the Rose Garden for pickup. We cannot be responsible for satisfying your order, nor can we guarantee the freshness of your items, after December 1.

Thank you so much for your participation! Enjoy!





We had a fabulous time at the Trunk or Treat last Sunday. Over 100 children attended from the church, preschool, Parent's Day Out and the community. The weather could not have been more perfect. Check out a few of the photos from the event. Thanks to all that helped make this event a success.



FREE ESTATE PLANNING PRESENTATION—NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Do you have a will? Has your will been reviewed or updated recently? Have you talked openly with family and loved ones about your plans?

Please join us on November 7th in the Parlor for a free presentation on estate planning where attorney Mike Miller will discuss the things everyone should know about estate planning regardless of your age.

Mike will discuss and have handouts for:

- 1: Medical power of attorney.
- 2: General (finances) power of attorney
- 3: Last will and testament

After the presentation Mike will answer any questions you may have, and he will be able to provide the expertise to create the legal documents described above at a discounted price.

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS



Youth group for grades 6-12 from 6:30-8 pm meets in the Youth basement. Join us for fun games, fellowship, learning about God and just being with your community. Led by Victoria Burkett and Nick Tomasini.

High School Bible Study

Where: Starbucks, 4218 South College Ave (this is the newest Starbucks at College and Troutman)

When: Sunday 4:00-5:30 pm

What: Jesus Prom by John Weece (book will be provided to students)

Upcoming!

Mark your calendars for this year's Fall Retreat! The Ignite Conference will be November 12-14 at Buckhorn Camp. This event is open to grades 6-12. More details soon!

Learn more about Buckhorn at their website: buckhorncampco.org



Journey to Discipleship - Inspire Hope

In today's world, holding on to hope is not always an easy thing to do. Our presence with one another is one of the ways we hold on to hope. We find our humanity in our connections with others; and being a follower of Jesus means being in community with other followers of Jesus. The writer of Hebrews tells us to "encourage one another." (Heb. 10:25) We cannot be growing disciples of Jesus Christ without the encouragement, guidance, wisdom and accountability of other disciples. "Two are better than one.. for if one falls, the other can help him up.." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

First Church offers many opportunities for connecting, and becoming a network of care and concern for one another, such as men's & women's groups, children's & youth activities, music ministry, support groups, fellowship time, social events, and others.

Being present in Christian community is a critical component In our growth in relationship with each other and Christ. The Discipleship Ministry Team is ready to help you connect with a loving community to find, and inspire, hope in one another.

Contact Pam Raab pbr2308@gmail.com ; Margaret Janson mlirish53@gmail.com , 970-482-9448 ; or Mendy Rushing rushmendy@gmail.com .

United Methodist Women



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The United Methodist Women will have their next unit meeting on Thursday, November 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Special Mission Recognition pins will be awarded, a Memorial Service will be held for those members we have lost this past year, a World Thank Offering will be taken, and we will elect new members of the Leadership Team for 2022. Hope to see you there! Questions – elbode8@gmail.com

To all women

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday afternoon - February 27, 2022

"You're INVITED: Hospitality Begins with You and Me"

An Afternoon with Fort Collins Own

Leslie Verner

FUMC Fellowship Hall

2 to 4:00 p.m.

Leslie Verner authored the book

INVITED: The Power of Hospitality in an Age of Loneliness

Her literary genre includes faith, family and cross-cultural issues.

Leslie, her husband and three children reside in Fort Collins.

Join other women for a stimulating afternoon with famed author Leslie Verner



We extend our deepest sympathy to the following families:

Neva Lawton - October 6, 2021
Rae Batch - October 10, 2021
John Staples - October 23, 2021
Charles Schuster - October 27, 2021

