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

MESSAGE FROM REV. BRAD ...

God is at work through First United Methodist Church and I am grateful to join you as we live the teachings of Jesus— love, acceptance, justice, and hope. I look forward to experiencing and sharing in the reasons you call this congregation home. The opportunity to serve alongside a congregation that believes in making a difference in the community, creating space for all God's people, and celebrating God's grace through music and worship warms my heart and stirs my imagination. So where do we begin? I approach that question with humility and openness. My time with you will begin focused on listening, learning, and love.

I am committed to listen. I ask you to join us at the small group gatherings that begin in August. Get together, hosted in church member homes, creating space for sharing and relationship. I want to hear from you. What do you love about this place? When is our congregation at its best? Questions like these, and the conversations that follow, will help me hear what matters to you and listen for all of the ways the Spirit is at work.

I need to learn. First Church is busy! There is a lot happening. There are so many amazing people on staff and in leadership. There is an incredible history in this congregation and community. There are people and stories to learn from. I recognize that I am joining a ministry already in progress and that is best served by coming up to speed with what is already going on. I cherish the opportunity to ask questions and be curious about all that makes First Church's ministry what it is. If there are unique perspectives or important stories you have to share with me, I appreciate the chance to learn from them.

I am already falling in love with Fort Collins and cannot wait for the opportunity to fall in love with the congregation. I have been blessed to love each and every appointment I have served. I accepted the Bishop's invitation to First Church because I know this is a congregation I will love too. In conversations with the Staff Parish Relations team (SPR) and Church Council, I can already feel the shared values and passions Bishop Karen and Rev. Melanie told me would be such a good fit. And so, my heart is open to all that God has in store for us together.

I look forward to joining you in August. Almost a year ago, not expecting an appointment change, I planned my renewal leave for this July. I appreciate the Bishop and SPR's understanding and encouragement to honor that commitment to myself and my family. I appreciate the staff's support to care for worship and ministry in July. I appreciate the chance to show up at my best, ready to join you in God's work every day.

God is at work through First United Methodist Church and I am grateful to join you. In living the teachings of Jesus — love, acceptance, justice, and hope— we claim our part in bringing forth God's vision for our lives, for our congregation and community, and for the world. I give thanks to call this place our new home.

May you be blessed and be a blessing,

Rev. Brad

Rev. Bradley Laurvick, *Lead Pastor*





FIRST CHURCH IN JULY

By Dana Sampson, Chair/Staff Parish Relations Committee

First Church will not miss a beat in July although Rev. Brad is on renewal leave. Rev. Cynthia will work with our committed and dedicated staff and lay leaders to get every aspect of ministry covered this July. The preaching schedule for July is set. Rev. Cynthia will be attending meetings she normally attends and those the Lead Pastor attends; she will provide pastoral care

when needed. Ministry teams are serving at full capacity and church leaders are leading with gusto.

Although David Adkins is taking accrued vacation time during the month of July, the music for Sunday worship throughout the month is planned and in place. Both musicians from within our congregation as well as guest musicians will continue to provide wonderful music for all of our worship services.

First Church will not miss a beat this July. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me, Dana Sampson (danalsampson@gmail.com) or Rev. Cynthia (c.paquette@fcfumc.net).

SAVE THE DATES ...

First Church will be hosting a few community building opportunities at Eastside Park this summer and fall. Right now, please save the date for these two events.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL on SUNDAY AUGUST 14, 4-6 PM

Glacier Ice Cream Fort Collins will be serving delicious ice cream. Rev. Brad and Ms. Barb will be putting on a puppet show. We will have trackless train rides starting at 3 PM.



COMMUNITY & CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC - AUGUST 28, 10:45 AM-12:45 PM

Waffle Lab Food Truck will be serving delicious sweet & savory waffles. Kona Ice will be providing cool shaved ice. There will fun inflatables for children & other fun games for older kids & adults young at heart.



These events are sponsored by the Bohemian Foundation for the purpose of building communities and relationships. First Church is reaching out to our neighbors and community to build meaningful relationships. Through these events, our church, neighbors, and community will have an opportunity to meet and get to know our new pastor, Rev. Brad Laurvick.

LET US HAVE FUN AND BUILD COMMUNITY!

Dessert Gatherings



HELP INTRODUCE OUR NEW PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY TO OUR CONGREGATION!!

There will be several in-home events for small groups to gather and meet our new pastor, **Brad Laurvick and his family, Meghan, Joey and Gracie.**

Please plan to attend a dessert gathering that will be hosted by members of our congregation. The events will be at **7:00 pm** and will include light refreshments.

There will be sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall every Sunday in July for you to sign up to attend a dessert gathering.

The dates that will be available for sign up are:

Thursday, August 18

Monday, August 29

Thursday, September 15

Monday, August 22

Thursday, September 8

Monday, September 19

Thursday, August 25

Monday, September 12

Thursday, September 22

Please help us introduce Brad and his family in small group settings—this is the best way for him to learn about us and for us to learn about him.

LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME.

KYLEN BEQUEST DISTRIBUTED

Longtime FUMC member, **Anne Kylen** passed away in 2021, leaving a bequest of \$110,000 to our church. Ms. Kylen received her master's degree at Colorado State University in Food Science and Human Nutrition and was a long-time educator. Her career included teaching high school home economics, teaching and doing research at the college level, and working for 22 years in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at CSU, retiring in 1988.

Per FUMC's specific Policy for Managing Large Unrestricted Bequests, a working group of church leaders representing all areas of the church was assembled. This group discussed the needs of our church and the greater community, researched organizations, and determined how to best honor the legacy of Ms. Kylen. The final plan for the bequest received final approval by the Board of Trustees and the Church Council in May 2022.

The generous bequest was allocated as follows:

- \$52,106 – Trustees General Fund (determined by a prescribed formula in policy)
- \$20,000 – FUMC internal security project
- \$ 5,000 – FUMC Youth Community Project
- \$ 6,894 – UMCOR for Ukraine relief
- \$ 5,000 – Coloradans for the Common Good – Community Organizing Project
- \$ 7,500 – Larimer County Food Bank to support FUMC Bookmobile
- \$ 7,500 – Sproutin' Up Community Garden employing youth
- \$ 6,000 – Faith Family Hospitality



We are incredibly grateful to Ms. Kylen for her love and care for our church and our community and for her generous bequest. We are also grateful to the church members who served diligently on the working group to further the legacy of our sister in Christ, Anne Kylen.

Bill Barkoskie, Chair of Kylen Bequest Working Group and Vice-Chair of Church Council
Helen Gray, Chair of Church Council

FIRST CHURCH YOUTH

Victoria Burkette, *Director of Youth and Young Adults*



Pictures from our recent mission trip to Buckhorn Camp in Bellevue ...



CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

First Church is a busy place not only on Sundays, but also on week days. We are in need of volunteers to answer the phone and assist with basic office tasks Monday through Friday. You may work as much or as little as you would like. Typically volunteers have worked a two or four hour shift either in the morning or in the afternoon. You may work once a week or once a month if you prefer. Having volunteers to answer the phone and greet the public allows our Administrative and Communications Assistant to have more time to work uninterrupted. If you are willing to volunteer, please email Shelley Nelson at administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net. Thank you for your willingness to serve your church in this capacity!

WELCOME ALI GESSLER, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

We are delighted to welcome Ali Gessler to the role of Preschool Director, following the resignation of Kelly Boettger. Ali has been a Pre-Kindergarten teacher in our Preschool for 11 years, so she knows the program well! She is respected and loved by Staff and Parents alike, and most especially by the children in her care. Ali holds a degree from CSU in Human Development with a concentration in Early Childhood Education, and has many years of experience in a variety of educational settings. We warmly and gratefully welcome Ali in this new role.



COMMUNITY ORGANIZING By David Reid



First Church members and constituents are invited to observe a Delegates Assembly of Coloradans for the Common Good (CCG) 6:30-8 p.m. July 13 at Regis University in Denver.

CCG is an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), which has been building power organizations throughout the country for more than 80 years. The IAF builds organizations that are representative of the people in a given community and truly owned by that community.

Here are items expected to be on the agenda July 13:

- An invitation from CCG to form a new IAF affiliate in Larimer and Weld counties. This is the project that our church is spearheading.
- A report of several wins in the Colorado legislature such as a new law that prohibits school districts from inciting cafeteria workers to sell junk food to students;
- A discussion about how CCG can become more diverse, including introduction of some new faith communities;
- A discussion of an ambitious project to turn out the vote in key elections over the next two years and how we in Northern Colorado might participate

The meeting will be at St. John Francis Chapel, 3333 Regis Boulevard, Denver. If you plan to attend or for more information, contact David Reid at (970) 581-2707 or davidreid24@gmail.com.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of:

Charles Welsh - June 22, 2022

We welcome the following new member into our church family:

Nancy Bryan

We celebrate with joy the baptism of:

Charlotte Belle Wenderoth on May 29, 2022

THANK YOU!

It is impossible to express the depth of my gratitude for all that you did to make my retirement celebration so special and memorable.

I gave you 5 years, and you honored 40 years of ministry! The Retirement celebration was perfect, and we will never forget your kindness and generosity. We have loved sharing ministry with you, and know that you are well positioned for great things in the days ahead. Thank you, thank you, thank you. God Bless you each and every one.

Melanie

Dr. Melanie Rosa



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JULY SERMON SCHEDULE
 by Rev. Cynthia Paquette

This July, while Rev. Brad is on renewal leave, I will be joined by several guest preachers, Lonnie Eakle, Bob Firebaugh, and Mark Lee to bring uplifting and meaningful worship to all. We will celebrate the sacrament of **Holy Communion** on **July 10** instead of July 3. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Baptism on July 10. Below are the scriptures and sermon titles.

DATE	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE
July 3	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Good News for New Places
July 10	Luke 10: 25-37	Our Neighborhood Has Changed!
July 17	Luke 10:38-42	Looking Beyond the Weeds
July 24	Luke 11:1-13	Life as Prayer
July 31	Acts 2:42-47	Refocus