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The BIG Questions ... A MESSAGE FROM REV. BRAD

Some of the most powerful and meaningful conversations begin with questions— big questions. It seems the questions that don't have easy answers are the ones most likely to spur life changing conversation and deepen relationship. And I am grateful we share a community where such questions are not only asked, but celebrated, because it's not so easy to find.

The world prefers to avoid such questions. Even our own sensibilities often want to steer clear of big questions. Small questions are easier. Small questions are more likely to have answers. Small questions don't push us or change things. Small questions are comfortable. Why? Because small questions only have small answers. Our lives are far too complicated to rely on small answers, because small answers don't hold up in the big moments, moments when we ask: "Who am I?" "Why does any of this matter?" "Where do I go from here?" "Can I bounce back from this?" "Why me?"

Over the coming weeks, we will be asking these questions together in worship. Full disclosure, we may not find all the answers— but then, they wouldn't be big questions if we could. What we will find, I pray, is that we are not alone as we ask them and that the answers we do find are sacred.

Grateful to ask the questions with you,
Rev. Brad

MISSIONS POTLUCK SEPTEMBER 13

Join the Missions team and Don Messner of the Center for Health and Hope for a potluck dinner Tuesday, September 13 5:30 pm. We will learn about how this Colorado based organization works in Kenya and other parts of the world to support those affected by HIV/AIDS. We have provided funding for building a home for orphans to live with other family members and want to learn more about this organization. Contact Rick Norton (ricknorton14@msn.com) for details.

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Missions Potluck

A graphic with a light blue background featuring a white sun and clouds. The text "NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY" is written in large, bold, orange letters with a slight shadow effect.

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 25-29

OUR CHURCH IS DOING A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY! WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET A NEW PICTURE MADE SO THAT OUR NEW DIRECTORY WILL BE COMPLETE. WE HAVE SO MANY NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY; A NEW DIRECTORY IS ESSENTIAL IN HELPING ALL OF US PUT NAMES TO FACES AND GET CONNECTED WITH EACH OTHER. IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU! SIGNUPS FOR PICTURE TAKING BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE 8" X 10" PORTRAIT AND A FREE DIRECTORY IF YOUR PICTURE IS IN THE DIRECTORY.



Welcome Back!

We are officially back in the swing of things! We kicked off our fall events with our first annual "Mock-in." We had a blast playing hide-and-seek, competing in a scavenger hunt, and getting to know some of our new 6th graders! We even had the pleasure of some Q&A time with Rev. Brad.

Weekly Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Middle and High School students are invited to join us in the youth basement Sunday mornings at 9:30! Come hear a new lesson each week (and maybe get some time to play Wii Sports!).

We will no longer have Sunday school on the first Sunday of the month so that our students can join the 9:30 worship service!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

For our Wednesday Night gatherings, we are trying something new: both Middle and High School students are invited to meet us in the youth basement where we will have snack time and fellowship together followed by break-out-groups. In other words, we will have two separate Bible Studies (one for Middle and one for High School) at the same time. And of course, there will be game time!

FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH MOCK-IN





Help needed! Our Kid's Ministry is growing upstairs, and we need adults that have a passion for hanging out with an excellent group of kids. We need Sunday School teachers and Shepherds (helpers) every Sunday. If you are interested in learning more, contact Barb Grauberger at childrensdirector@fcfumc.net. If you are a veteran helper/teacher visit the sign up to pick a date to help.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49aaab22a7fc1-childrens5>

September 9th- Movie night -Sing 2

Join us in the South parking lot for a free outdoor movie. The free snack stand opens at 7 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7:20 p.m. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Invite your neighbors and friends. All ages are welcome!

September 11th – Children's choir begins!

Interested in singing in the Kids Choir? This group is open to kindergarten-fifth grade. The first rehearsal begins at 10:30 immediately following Sunday School every week. The choir directors will come and pick your child up for rehearsal. Parents retrieve their child at 11:00 a.m. from the music room upstairs in the Children's Ministry Wing. Children will sing several times during the semester and conclude the semester with a Christmas program on December 7th.

October 9th- Children's Sabbath and third grade Bible presentation

Look for more details to come soon.

Parent's Day Out

Parent's Day Out is opening on September 6th for the school year. We offer high a high-quality early childhood learning experience in a loving childcare environment. We have spots available from 1 years old (must be a full-time walker) to 5 years old. We are open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9-1. Check us out at parentsdayoutfcfumc.org or contact Gail Farnum at 970-494-5950 for more details. We would love to meet your family!

PLEASE HELP US WELCOME STEPHEN AND ASHLEN, OUR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY COMMON GROUND FAITH BUILD FAMILY FOR 2022, ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH. COME HEAR THEIR INSPIRATIONAL STORY AND JOIN THEM FOR A MEET AND GREET AFTER THE 9:30 SERVICE. WE WILL BE HOSTING THEM WITH A CAKE RECEPTION IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL IN-BETWEEN SERVICES DURING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP. THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING THE CONGREGATION, AND A CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE FUNDING AND ON-SITE HELP FIRST CHURCH IS PROVIDING FOR THEIR NEW HOME.

IN OTHER HABITAT NEWS, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH BUILD OF STEPHEN AND ASHLEN'S HOUSE IN THE HABITAT HARMONY COTTAGES AT THE CORNER OF TAFT HILL & HARMONY RD. SEVEN (7) BUILDERS ARE NEEDED AND THREE (3) PEOPLE TO HELP PROVIDE LUNCHES. NO BUILDING EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED. HABITAT STAFF WILL BE PRESENT FOR GUIDANCE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT JIM COLLINSON AT JIMCOLLINSON56@GMAIL.COM OR CALL (970) 227-0789.





The school year is right around the corner which means we will be kicking off our fall events very soon:

Our first Tuesday night gathering is on August 30th at 6:30 PM and we will be meeting in City Park while the weather is nice to enjoy the food trucks! Stay tuned to find out about our new study.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Victoria Burkett at kindrednoco@gmail.com

We have started a new Book Study for the fall! Join us on the second Sunday of each month as we discuss "The Scandal of Holiness: Renewing Your Imagination in the Company of Literary Saints" by Jessica Hooten Wilson. Can we learn truths from fiction stories? What makes narrative such an effective teaching tool? Whether or not you are a literature buff, you can enjoy this text that explores faith through a creative lens.

We will read a segment of the monthly reading together at our gathering so you don't feel left behind if you aren't able to read in advance. That means reading is not required but it will certainly enrich your experience!

If you are interested in getting a copy of the book or being added to our newsletter for detailed updates, reach out to Victoria Burkett at youngadult@fcfumc.net



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT
THE FUTURE OF FORT COLLINS**

Fort Collins City Council Presentation

Sunday, September 11 • Noon • Fellowship Hall

Potluck Luncheon

Members Bring a Dish to Share – Guests Come and Enjoy!

Learn about United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women). Find out how to get involved with this 800,000 member organization of women making a difference locally and globally.



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into action on behalf of
women, children and youth
around the world.*

Alleluia Handbell Choir

The Alleluia Handbell Choir is making a return post Covid and will be meeting each Thursday beginning September 8 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The choir is for beginning and intermediate ringers. Previous experience is not required. Come have some fun and learn to ring handbells! For more information please contact David Adkins at choirdir@fcumc.net.



We express our sympathy to these families:

Mike Slawson - July 29, 2022

Wayne Crownhart - August 5, 2022

Kevin Klingelsmith - August 19, 2022

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022,
8:30AM - 1:00PM
(BRUNCH INCLUDED)**

Our world is fractured along lines of politics, class, race, religion, and nation, but many of us long for ways to reach across these divisions. This half-day workshop will teach us practical skills to enter into Courageous Conversations - discussions where we genuinely listen and engage across differences to heal division and transform the world. For more details and to register, [click here](#) or visit the Adult Faith Formation table on Sunday mornings. Please register by Monday 9/12.

You may choose to prepare for the workshop by reading the book *A House United: How the Church Can Save the World*. Copies of the book are available for \$10 Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall.

Camera Surveillance System Update

You may have noticed new cameras appearing around the Church over the last couple of months. This is associated with the Camera Surveillance System that is nearing completion and will improve the security in our building. We have contracted with First Class Security Systems for the installation of the cameras and future support. Phase 1 installed 21 cameras inside the Church and Phase 2 located 7 cameras in the parking lot and playground areas. The last Phase 3 is in progress and will add 2 cameras in the sanctuary plus 2 cameras outside near the West entrance. Additionally, it is important to know that this effort includes First Church volunteers who have pulled around 1500 ft of cable for the phase 1 cameras and they will be pulling around 800 ft of cabling for phase 3. Many thanks go to Bill Whitaker and Dale Conant for their 24+ combined days spent and to John Hervey and David McCowen for their combined 5 days spent pulling cable. By doing this they saved us about \$13,000 in labor that would have been paid to FCS. Thanks Bill, Dale, John and David for volunteering your time and skills!

Nancy Symes - Trustee Chair

Bill Ault - Trustee Vice Chair & Project Manager



SPIRITUAL PRACTICES THAT TRANSFORM • SMALL GROUP

Rev. Cynthia invites you to join in learning, practicing, and sharing the spiritual practices that transform our lives. We will meet weekly in person on Mondays from noon to 1 PM (this fall: September 12 - December 12, 2022) in the Conference Room or off-site to learn and share with each other a spiritual practice that we will practice individually throughout the week. On September 12, we will begin with the spiritual practice of worship. Human beings are made for worship; we are prone to worship someone or something.

YEAR-LONG BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Cynthia will be leading a year-long Bible study using the Grand Sweep Year-Long Bible Study by Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas as a guide. Together we will study the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and apply the lessons to our lives. We will meet weekly in person on Mondays from 6:30 to 8 PM in the Conference Room from September 12, 2022 to end of October 2023.

Zoom option is available for both offerings whenever you are out of town but would still like to be present. Questions? Contact Rev. Cynthia, c.paquette@fcfumc.net. Sign up at the Faith Formation Table in the Fellowship Hall.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS ...



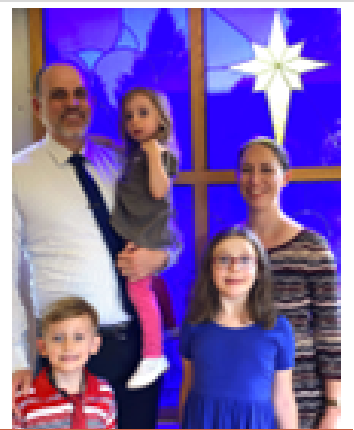
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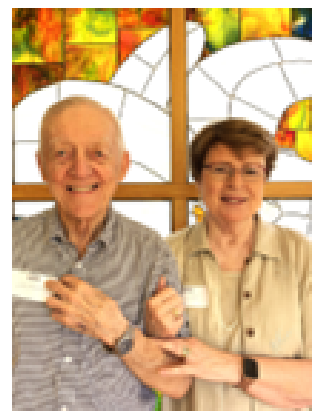
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE AT 9:30 AND 11:00.
THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR
SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND CONNECTION FOR ALL AGES.**