



The Carillon

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Having served as the primary means of communication about ministries and events taking place at First Church for many years, *The Carillon* is being retired in its current format. With the advent of electronic communication, the creation of "First Wire" (a weekly digital newsletter) and the ability for anyone to view the current weekly Sunday bulletin on our website, the information in *The Carillon* is often old news by the time it reaches the congregation. The most widely read communication of First Church is now "First Wire" and often the information in "First Wire" is also repeated in the Sunday bulletin. It is no longer logical or good time management to publish the same information yet again in a monthly format.

However, *The Carillon* is not going away completely. Instead of continuing as a monthly publication, it will now be published quarterly based on the seasons of the church year including **Advent, Lent, Summer and Fall Kickoff editions**. These quarterly editions will be a source of information for everything happening at First Church during the designated season. For example, the Advent edition published in late November will include a calendar of all classes, events, and worship services taking place during Advent. **The deadline to submit information for the Advent edition is November 16, 2022. Please email submissions for the Advent edition of The Carillon to both David Adkins (communications@fcfumc.net) and Shelley Nelson (administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net).**

Our goal is to keep you as informed as possible about all things First Church while at the same time making the best use of our resources. Don't forget to send in your information for the Advent edition, which will be available on our website the first Sunday of Advent!

David Adkins, *Director of Music and Communications*



HAPPY
Thanksgiving

COMMUNITY BUILDING by David Reid

Election time is a good time to talk about community organizing's relationship to democracy. The Industrial Areas Foundation's (IAF) nonpartisan approach can be refreshing in the midst of electoral politics.

The IAF, which is working with First Church to establish a new affiliate in Northern Colorado, was founded "to restore the democratic way of life to modern industrial society." The desire was to return to the principles of Jefferson, Madison and Paine.

Political theorist Romand Coles has written that the IAF "is one of the more promising modes of democratic organizing in cities and states across the U.S.

"IAF is a rapidly growing, grassroots organizing network involving tens of thousands of people in over sixty cities in the U.S., that draws together strong and enduring coalitions of poor and middle-class people across lines of race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, and neighborhood to address poverty, housing, education, public infrastructure, environmental justice, and many other issues".

Luke Bretherton, a Duke Divinity School ethicist, says that the community organizing in the IAF tradition is "what we might call small-d democratic politics and is rooted in the idea that people can come together to solve their own problems. It's a very American tradition, and I would say it's what Alexis de Tocqueville is talking about in *Democracy in America*.



On Thursday, November 10, United Women in Faith (UWFaith) will hold their unit meeting in the church parlor, starting with lunch at 11:30. We will be having a World Thank presentation and collect a World Thank offering to support global missions of UWFaith,

We will also have a memorial service to celebrate the lives of those members who have died in the last 12 months, and elect the members who will be filling our leadership roles for 2023.

Questions? Call Karen Waldron at 970-219-0898 or Mary Ann Kerttula at 970-219-6747.

First Church Did It Again for the Food Bank!

This spring, the Missions Committee asked you to plant extra fruits and vegetables in your garden for the Food Bank and you all responded to this request with gusto. Throughout the summer and fall, people brought in their surplus garden goodies to the Fellowship Hall on Sundays. These goodies were then promptly delivered to the Food Bank. This included delicious apples, peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, beans, yellow squash and more! We ended up providing over 800 pounds of produce this season. What is even more amazing is that some people provided monetary gifts to the Food Bank in exchange for the excellent produce. The total cash donations added up to \$652. Your kind donations helped minimize food insecurity for so many deserving people in our community. Thanks to all of you who gave produce and dollars for this very worthy cause!





Habitat Volunteers on Saturday, September 24
Upper: Victor Norell, Randie Bell, Jim Collinson, Bonny Thomas, Jan Byers, Janet Shupe, Jim Whitlock
Lower: Cindi Ross Bell, Stephen & Ashlen (homeowners), Bob Pawikowski, Don Silar.

Stephen and Ashlen's Habitat for Humanity Home in Harmony Cottages Addition

First Church is thankful to its members for the support of this year's Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. Its members donated more than \$7,000 and build time towards Ashlen and Stephens new home. A dozen or so other local faith groups and volunteers also donated money and much building expertise. Ashlen and Stephen donated 200 hours of "sweat equity" toward their own home and will be responsible for payments calibrated toward their income. Stephen works for the Fort Collins Mission and Ashlen the Food Bank of Larimer County. Soon, perhaps in December or early January, we will celebrate the completion of their home.

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 28	12 Noon to 6:00 p.m.
November 29	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
November 30	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 November 30.

Thank you so much for your participation! Enjoy!



CROP Walk for Hunger

To raise awareness and funds to fight hunger, First Youth joined the annual CROP Hunger Walk by walking a loop through Old Town. Our team was able to raise over \$1,100! Thanks to everyone for your support!



Service Projects

Part of the Confirmation journey is a commitment to serving our church community and beyond. Our confirmands had a great opportunity to visit Rev. Mark Lee's farm and lend a helping hand. We are excited to continue Confirmation both inside and outside of our church walls!



An Afternoon Concert
with
British Composer/Conductor

Philip Stopford

Conducting his new extended work
Missa Deus Nobiscum (Mass for the People)
for Chorus and Orchestra

Featuring the choirs of First United Methodist Church and
St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Fort Collins

with members of the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra
and works for solo organ by guest organist Dr. Joel Bacon

Sunday, November 13
3:00 p.m.
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
2000 Stover Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

For more information:
stlukesfc.org
fcfumc.net



Philip W. J. Stopford

**Holiday Courageous
Conversations Discussion
Sunday, November 13, 2022,
12:15pm - 1:30pm (lunch included)
First United Methodist Church
Church Parlor**

Holidays can be challenging when we gather with family and friends who differ in political opinions and personal beliefs. In his work with us this year, Dr. Allen Hilton helped us think about having Courageous Conversations in a polarized world. Please join us at 12:15pm on Sunday, November 13 to practice having these difficult conversations with family and friends.

Everyone is welcome whether or not you attended the Courageous Conversations Workshop. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 worship service.

Please register by Thursday 11/10 to guarantee lunch. Questions or concerns? Contact Lisa Fenton
Free: fentonfreelisa@gmail.com.

ADVENT STUDIES Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

The Christmas Stories: Celebrating, Questioning, & Explaining the Biblical Narratives. This online asynchronous class is hosted by Homebrewed Christianity and will feature four virtual lectures with **Dr. John Dominic Crossan**. At your own pace follow his book *The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Birth*. The first streamed session is Nov. 28, 12:00 noon MST. Sign-up and find more information at <http://crossanthroughadvent.com>.

God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas. Ross Loomis and Rev. Mark Lee will lead a 4-week study of *God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas* by **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**. The study will meet Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-2:00pm in-person on 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21 in the Village Commons. Sign-up during Sunday fellowship hour in November, by emailing Rev. Mark Lee at AFDL@fcfumc.net, or completing the online sign up [here](#).

Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist. Sandy Merriweather will lead a 4-week study of *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist* by **Rev. Adam Hamilton**. The study will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm MT via Zoom on 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21. Sign-up during Sunday fellowship hour in November, by emailing Rev. Mark Lee at AFDL@fcfumc.net, or completing the online sign up [here](#).

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HAPPY Thanksgiving

SAVE THE DATES ...

December 4 - Advent Workshop
December 7 - Children's Choir Musical / 6:30 p.m.
December 18 - Blue Christmas Service / 7 p.m.
Christmas Eve Services - 2, 5, & 7 p.m.

Christmas Day Service - 9:30 a.m.
Jan 1 Services - 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Pine Ridge Turkey Time Returns!

Covid did not allow us to visit the Pine Ridge Reservation for the last three years, but the annual turkey dinner we have provided is on for 2022! Please help us make this opportunity a success!

What: Purchase or donate food for the dinner (see list of needs)

Where: Pine Ridge Reservation

When: Thursday, 12/8-12/10
Carpooling and dorm accommodations at the Reconciliation Center

Why: To build a respect and understanding for all of God's people

How: Preparing and serving 150 meals, meeting with some of the people, and experiencing some Native American history

Sign up in the Mission Corner on Sunday.

For more information, please contact: Elaine Karns (970) 225-6720

