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WELCOME DR. MELANIE ROSA!

Dr. Melanie Rosa has been appointed as the next Lead Pastor of First UMC Ft. Collins. She comes with years of experience serving churches large and small, having just completed 7 years as District Superintendent of the Mile High Pikes Peak District. Pastor Melanie has a passion for reaching people outside the church with the love, hope, and acceptance of Jesus Christ. She has served in Mission in Guatemala, Haiti, Romania, Mexico and various places in the US. She is married to Fred and they are the parents of Mark and Katie.



"First of all, I thank God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because the news about your faithfulness is being spread throughout the whole world. I serve God in my spirit by preaching the good news about God's Son and God is my witness that I continually mention you in all my prayers. I am always asking that somehow, by God's will, I might succeed in visiting you at last. I really want to see you to pass along some spiritual gift to you so that you can be strengthened. We can mutually encourage each other while I am with you. We can be encouraged by the faithfulness we find in each other, both your faithfulness and mine." Romans 1:8-12

Dear First Family of Faith:

I am very excited to soon join you in mission and ministry. What an honor to support your vital ministries and discern together where God is leading us next.

My association with First UMC, Fort Collins goes back decades, for this is the place where I was ordained both a Deacon and Elder. Additionally, my late mother (a pioneer clergywoman in the Rocky Mountain Conference) was also ordained there. This spiritual connection is very significant for me, to have knelt at the altar in your sanctuary as the Bishop placed hands on my head and said: "Take thou authority as a minister in the church of Jesus Christ." In some ways, it feels like coming home to be appointed as your next Lead Pastor, because I have admired this congregation for a very long time. I understand that there have been challenges along the way, yet your leaders have navigated them well and I believe you are stronger as a result. The future of this congregation looks promising indeed. I am particularly grateful for your dedicated lay leaders who serve so faithfully, your outstanding staff, and Pastors Charles and Vivian. The way has been well prepared for the next season of ministry as I join Pastor Cynthia as a member of your clergy team.

My prayers have been in earnest for all of you and our future together. Along with you, I have been asking God: "What do you want to do through me at First United Methodist Church?" It will take time to get to know each other, trust each other, and discern where God is leading us, yet I am confident wonderful things are in store for our ministry together. We will be encouraged by the faithfulness we find in each other, and by the blessings God will provide. Thank you for the many ways that you support your church as you seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who change the world for the better. I plan to be present and assisting Pastor Charles in worship on Sunday, July 2, and then my first "official" Sunday will be July 9. I could not be more excited or grateful.

With love and hope,

Pastor Melanie
Dr. Melanie Rosa



ANNOUNCING SUMMER SERMON SERIES:

Christian Community

This summer Pastor Cynthia and I will be preaching a series of sermons on Christian Community. What does community mean to you? Family? Friends? Neighbors? Church? A place where you can be yourself without reservation? We are social creatures who need other people - to know and be known. Isolation withers our spirits. Companions call us out of ourselves and expand our horizons, particularly those who share our spiritual values.



In **The Company of Strangers**, Quaker writer Parker Palmer wrote:

"In true community, we will not choose our companions, for our choices are so often limited by self-serving motives. Instead, our companions will be given to us by grace. Often, they will be persons who will upset our settled view of self and world. In fact, we might define true community as that place where the person you least want to live with lives."

In these deeply divided times, the church of Jesus Christ has the opportunity to be something increasingly rare: a community of loving acceptance and diversity, with the capacity to transform individuals and culture. I have much to learn, but I do know that our church is situated in a vibrant University community filled with thoughtful, intelligent people committed to the common good. Moreover, we strive to be a faith community that lives out the Gospel of Jesus Christ, even – or perhaps, especially – when we struggle together with differing worldviews and opinions. As Jesus said in Matthew 5:46, "If we love only those who agree with us, what more are we doing than anyone else?" It is exciting to be a part of a vibrant community where all are valued as sisters and brothers created in the image of God; and where each individual is honored, respected, heard and loved. The First UMC community needs all of us working together to bless, heal and transform the world. Pastor Cynthia and I do hope to see you often in worship this summer.

Pastor Melanie

Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor

- July 9—Pastor Melanie Preaching **"Longing to See You"**
Romans 1:8-17
- July 16—Pastor Melanie Preaching **"Remembering Forward"**
Hebrews 11:1-13; Matthew 13:1-9
- July 23—Pastor Melanie Preaching **"Fellow Sufferers"**
Isaiah 43:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- July 30—Pastor Melanie Preaching **"Welcoming Strangers"**
Leviticus 19:33-34; Hebrews 13:1-2
- August 6—Pastor Cynthia Preaching **"Welcome to Abundant Life"**
Isaiah 55:1-3a; John 10b-16
- August 13—Pastor Melanie Preaching **"Embracing Differences"**
Proverbs 12:15-18; Matthew 18:15-22

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE PASTOR



Dear Church,

I feel very blessed and truly excited to enter A New Era with all of you as your appointed Executive Pastor and with our Lead Pastor, Melanie leading the way. It is such an honor and privilege to serve the people of Fort Collins through First Church.

I am looking forward to a productive year working with the programming staff of the church, the Welcoming, Hospitality, and Discipleship Ministries, and the Congregational Care Ministries. I am also excited to preach and teach the Word, to serve with all of you in ministry, care for all who could benefit from pastoral care, and to have lots of meaningful experiences together in ministry as a church. These are exciting times!

If you are new to First Church, "Welcome!"

If you have not been a part of First Church for some time, "Welcome Home!"

If you have been a part of First Church and have been involved in the life of the church, I hope you feel at home and experience God saying to you each day in your life and ministry, "Welcome My Beloved Child – all that is mine is yours (Luke 15:31)!"

I look forward to getting to know more people, building new relationships and deepening existing relationships as we serve God and God's people together. Welcome Home church as we begin the new appointment year 2017-2018 together.

Blessings,

Pastor Cynthia

Rev Cynthia Paquette, Executive Pastor

INTRODUCING THE PASTORAL PASSAGE TEAM

What Is the Pastoral Passage Team?

Some of you have asked this question recently. The Pastoral Passage Team, a short-term task force, assists with the transition of our new lead pastor, Dr. Melanie Rosa, as she arrives in Fort Collins and begins her tenure at our church. Among other things, the team is planning July - September dessert gatherings to help us all get to know Pastor Melanie. They are also coordinating the mission food drive for July that she has requested. The team will meet with her regularly during her early months here and assist as tasks and input are needed.

Team members include Kate Orr and Matt Putnam of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) along with Heidi Priebe, Pam Raab, Joe Settle, Gordon Smith, and Linn Zink.

New Pastor Begins with Food Drive For the Food Bank for Larimer County

Coinciding with her first sermon at our church on July 9, Pastor Melanie Rosa has asked that we, as a congregation, engage in a missional activity to support our local community. She and her Pastoral Passage Team, in coordination with our Community & World Outreach Committee, have chosen a special food drive in July for the Food Bank for Larimer County. Our entire congregation can participate in this effort, as we respond to a growing, year-round need in our own community.

From Sunday, July 9 - Sunday, July 30 we are requested to bring a variety of canned and packaged goods in original packaging to one of three drop-off locations at our church: NW corner of Fellowship Hall, east church door, or south church door. Our goal for the month is to collect 5000+ pounds of food for the Food Bank for Larimer County.

Through this food drive, Pastor Melanie inspires us to remember why we as a church exist – *to bless, heal, and transform the world around us*. This missional effort will be a wonderful way to welcome Pastor Melanie to Fort Collins and First United Methodist Church with a demonstration of our passion for mission.

Most Needed Items Requested by the Food Bank for Larimer County:

Peanut butter (non-hydrogenated oil)
Canned meat/fish (chicken, salmon, tuna)
Canned Fruit in Fruit Juice
Whole Grain, Low Sugar Cereal
Whole Grain Pasta
Brown Rice
Macaroni and Cheese

**Can we make it to our goal of
5000+ pounds?!**



FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY –

Our Mission At Home

It's that time again! Our next week to host families who are experiencing homelessness will be **July 23 through July 30**. Can you help?

- Cook a meal
- Unload a trailer
- Spend a night at the church
- Play with children
- Do a load of laundry
- Clean up and get rooms ready for Sunday School



You can sign up at the Mission Corner in Fellowship Hall. Join the team and make a difference in someone's life.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNER

What a wonderful VBS week we had! We opened our doors to almost 140 kids, all learning and celebrating how we can all become God's heroes!

Our theme this year was Hero Central, and our scripture for the week was Psalm 34:14b — "Seek peace and go after it!" It was a week filled with incredible stories of true heroes, and how we all can become heroes, serving God and God's mission for our lives. Our children are some of our world's greatest heroes. It's up to us to make sure they never stop learning that they can offer so much! They have heart, courage, wisdom, hope and power. If you ask any child who attended VBS, they will recite these 5 super powers for you!



We also supported our own FUMC Bookmobile with books, toys and cash donations. It was wonderful to see our kids learn about and support one of our special, local missions. In addition, our 4th and 5th graders had the opportunity to be a special kind of hero in our community, by reading to younger children as reading buddies at Linton Elementary school.

Thank you to those who have given of themselves for the sake of our church and our children, specifically:

- **The Children and Family Council.** Your outstanding leadership set everyone up to succeed.
- **The 50+ adult volunteers.** Whether you were in a classroom or not, you taught our children, and taught them well! You're our kids' heroes!
- **The thirty five youth volunteers.** Anyone who saw you in action this week would never doubt that young people can do amazing, powerful things.
- **Our wonderful church women** who lovingly made prayer squares for every child in attendance.
- **Our church staff.** No job was too dirty. No costume was too silly. Thank you for demonstrating that a children's event like this really is a church-wide event.
- **This amazing church.** Your prayers, your love, and your support mean so much.

Lynette

Lynette Szantho, Director of Children's Ministry

SCENES FROM VBS 2017 ...



Love Feast on the First Sunday of the Month Continues...

July 2 - Pastor Melanie's first Sunday
 August 6
 September 3
 October 1
 November 5
 December 3



Please bring a plate of goodies to share with guests and your church family as we continue to build community and relationships on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall.



On Sunday, July 9, Pastor Melanie Rosa will preach for the first time at all services. We will be welcoming her that morning along with new Youth Pastor Rebecca Dunagan and welcoming back Pastor Cynthia Paquette.

Watch for details and plan to join us!

Welcome Pastor Melanie at a Dessert Gathering

Please sign up to meet and welcome Pastor Melanie at a dessert gathering during the coming weeks. The desserts will be a great opportunity to get to know Pastor Melanie and for her to meet you and learn how, together, we can further the mission of our church. You can sign up to attend a dessert reception in Fellowship Hall on Sundays beginning June 18th or contact Pam Raab, (970) 484-8312 or pbr2308@gmail.com.

Date	Time	Host	Address
July 6	6:30 p.m.	Stephanie Lane	6369 Compton Rd. FTC 80525
July 13	6:30 p.m.	David and Louann Reid	2538 Tucker Ct. FTC 80526
July 17	6:30 p.m.	Rich and Pam Raab	2308 Brookwood Dr. FTC 80525
July 18	6:30 p.m.	Bart and Millie Kingham	534 Hawks Nest Way FTC 80524
July 24	6:30 p.m.	Gerry and Dana Sampson	8283 Spinnaker Bay Dr. Windsor 80528
July 30	1:00 p.m.	Church Parlor	
July 31	6:30 p.m.	Stephen and Linn Zink	3500 Swanstone #42 FTC 80525
August 9	6:30 p.m.	Barbara Hagen	5920 Palmer Ct. FTC 80528
August 23	6:30 p.m.	Norma Cowell	1539 Alcott FTC 80525
August 27	5:00 p.m.	Church Parlor	
August 29	6:30 p.m.	Phil and Heidi Priebe	2909 Percheron Dr. FTC 80525
August 30	6:30 p.m.	John and Charlotte Allum	1207 Camrose St. FTC 80525

Adult Faith Formation

David Reid, Director of Adult Faith Formation

First Church's small-group initiative is five months old and thriving.

Here's a roundup of what has been happening.



- **Theology on Tap** is off to a great start, according to member Shan Watkins. The group has visited Wolverine Letterpress & Publick House, the Wild Boar Café, and Old Chicago. Topics have ranged from an open conversation with Pastor Vivian deftly fielding theological questions, to a lively conversation about Anglican theologian Alan Watts and his exploration of eastern meditation forms. Paul Pettinger, of New Belgium Brewery, provided a lesson on the proper technique of evaluating a beer along with a presentation on the Trappist Monks and how making beer fits into the monastic lifestyle. Lately, the group has enjoyed showing and discussing TED Talks. **Theology on Tap** meets on the fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. Watch the bulletin or contact the church To find out where the group will meet next. No preparation or registration is necessary. Just show up and enjoy the conversation along with a pint of beer, a glass of wine, or a cup of tea.
- **John Wesley's Class Meetings in a 21st Century Context:** This group is exploring how to use communications technology to facilitate a small group experience that is rewarding for individuals whose schedules are exceptionally crowded. Contacts are Don and Eileen Gaymon.
- **Dinner for 8 (or 7 or 10):** Several dining groups are meeting and each has adapted to changing needs of its members. One group of older adults meets regularly for lunch rather than dinner. Another group convened at the Chocolate Café after attending the Hagen Lecture. One group was formed with the idea of attracting people of wide variety of ages. An on-the-go group has plans for miniature golf followed by dinner and going to a Rockies game via Bustang.
- **Bread and Wine:** This small group may be looking for a new name. Facilitated by Jen Hanna, members just finished a study of *Bread and Wine* by Shauna Niequist and plan to keep going with a new study. Composed of younger couples (so far), the group meets on the last Friday of the month in members' homes. The church provides child care at the meeting place to support this effort.
- **Short-term groups:** Several short-term groups have already concluded and new ones are forming all the time. Short-term groups have included an **Introduction to Methodism** class on Sunday mornings and Pastor Cynthia's hugely successful **God's Welcome** class, which had more than 30 participants in five sections. A **Parenting Class** was offered on Wednesday nights.
- **How to Start a Group:** *Adult Faith Formation has responsibility for encouraging and growing new small groups and helping people join existing groups. Anyone may start a group. Training to facilitate a small group is available as requested and is an essential component of forming a new group. For information or just to discuss an idea, contact David Reid at davidreid24@gmail.com or 581-2707.*

Danny and Sehar Bhatti will present a program on the culture of their native Pakistan Sunday morning, July 30.

The highlight will be a slide presentation at 11 a.m. in the Parlor. The country has four distinct regions and a variety of languages, climate and geography, including K2, the world's second-highest mountain. A rare Christian family from predominantly Muslim Pakistan, the Bhattis say they share many customs with the Muslims who were their neighbors.

Throughout the morning, they will offer for sale a variety of crafts from Pakistan, including jewelry, decorative boxes, men's caps, toys and other items. The items were shipped to Sehar by her sister to repay a personal loan. U.S. regulations make it nearly impossible to send cash to America from Pakistan, according to Danny, so the merchandise was sent as a substitute. Now the Bhattis are hoping to turn those items into cash.

Immigration rules have prevented the Bhattis from working for most of the two years they have been in the United States, but Danny began work as a banker in June.

The family includes their daughters, Cherry, 6, and Alessa, 3. Danny's parents, McArther and Riffat (Gloria), and their daughters, Arooj and Elishba, have been members of FUMC for several years.

This cultural program is sponsored by Adult Faith Formation Committee.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL KICK OFF

AUGUST 27 BEGINNING AT 10:45 AM

It's a new era at First Church and a new school year is approaching. Save **AUGUST 27** for First Church's **Fall Kick Off** to welcome our neighbors, guests, and our church community home from all their summer travels as the school year begins. We have lots of fun and excitement planned starting at 10:45 AM. Activities currently planned are:

- ♦ Barbara Jo and the Hippie Buckaroo Band
- ♦ Horse Wagon Rides
- ♦ Balloon Twister
- ♦ Face Painter
- ♦ Popcorn Stand
- ♦ Inflatable Basketball Challenge
- ♦ Inflatable Pony Race

To continue to build community and extend God's welcome to our guests and to one another, we will have a **LOVE FEAST** for this Kick Off event. For this Love Feast, please bring specific food items to share with your church family and guests. Tags with specific food items needed for the Kick Off Celebration will be available at the Welcome Center (located near the east door of the Sanctuary) starting July 16. Please take one or more tags and bring the food items listed on the tag(s) to the Kick Off Celebration.

Your church depends on your help for this event. Please sign up online or at the Welcome Center starting July 2 to help.

LET'S GET EXCITED!!



Seniorwise

Double Nickel Lunches Set for 2017

July 14: Jo Ella Turner, long-time member of our church and an active participant in FUMC Senior Ministry, will present *The Many Faces of Morocco*, based on her 2016 travels there. Located in Northwest Africa, Morocco's coastline is on both the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea. In addition to seaports, its many faces also include the Sahara Desert with Nomads, the High Atlas Mountains reaching over 13,000 ft. elevation, and large cities, such as Marrakech with its famous plaza with monkeys and cobras for entertainment for tourists. Come see pictures and hear about this enchanting country.

Other 2017 Programs on the Calendar:

August 11 - Pastor Melanie Rosa: *Leading with Grace—One Woman's Journey*

September 8 - Eric Wilkinson: *Update on the Issues: Northern Colorado Water*

October 13 - *The Stover Street Stompers in Concert*

November 10 - Kaitlin McMichael: *Journey of a Hospice Chaplain*

December 8 - *The Sunshine Singers Christmas Program*



Senior Ministry July Calendar

Thursdays, 6 & 20 – *Okay Chorale*, open singing group from 3 to 4 in the Village Commons – newcomers of all ages welcome – especially those with memory issues!

Friday, 14 – Double Nickel Senior Lunch – 12:00 noon to 1:30 in the Parlor, \$4

Jo Ella Turner presents: *The Many Faces of Morocco*

Monday, 17 – Movie from 1 to 3, *Star Trek Beyond*, Cinema Room – free; all ages welcome!

Thursday, 20 – Seniors serve at Food Bank for Larimer County, 9:00 to 11:00

Watch for details in the church bulletin and emails about our upcoming July outing and hike!

For more information or to sign up for any of these activities, or the senior ministry email list, contact Linn Zink, Senior Council member, lczink@gmail.com or 970-689-3047.

GREAT NEWS!



FC FUMC WOMEN'S RETREAT FALL 2017 will be on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.

Place: Our favorite get-away spot, TAMASAG, outside of Laporte, CO on the beautiful Cache La Poudre.

More details will be available in the next edition of the Carillon.

This event is sponsored by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW).

UMW NEWS

Don't forget to register for the Day Apart in Ft. Morgan July 15th. The morning will be devoted to the Unbuntu project, our own Days for Girls mission project. A presentation by a guest speaker will take place in the afternoon which is always very interesting,

Also, it's time to register for Mission U July 20 and 21st. If you have never been to a Mission U, see Ellen Bode and she will give you forms to register for a scholarship.

Information about one day mission events which are in various locations is available on the UMW bulletin board in the south hallway.

There will be no UMW unit meetings in July and August.

Get ready for the fall kick off in September. Bring a friend! They will be amazed at all of the mission projects our UMW supports.



MUSIC AT FIRST CHURCH

David Adkins, *Director of Music Ministries*
Print and Digital Communications

ORGAN RECITAL A HUGE SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first concert of the "Music at First Church Concert Series" and the first Summer of the Arts event a tremendous success. Organist Ken Cowan presented a stunning recital celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Marcussen Organ to a full, and enthusiastic house. Many have said they believe it was the best organ recital ever presented at FUMC. A special thanks to David Reid and the Summer of the Arts Committee for their assistance, and to all of those that attended and gave a donation in lieu of a ticket.

Pictured are Bill Emslie and Alyce Kaehler, two members of the organ committee that selected and oversaw the installation of the Marcussen 30 years ago, with Ken Cowan, our guest organist. The next recital of the concert series is another world renown organist, Nathan Laube, who will present a recital on October 15.



SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE FOLLOWING
SPECIAL MUSICAL
PRESENTATIONS ...

October 15, 3 PM
Organist, Nathan Laube

November 5, 3 PM
Tenor, Brian Skoog &
Sanctuary Choir
"A Concert for All Saints"

December 6, 6:30 PM
Children's Choir Musical

December 10, 9:30 AM
Christmas Oratory
by Camille Saint-Saens
Christmas Symphony
by James Bassi
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

MUSIC GROUPS MEETING THIS FALL ...

Sanctuary Choir
Chamber Choir
Alleluia Handbell Choir
Carillon Handbell Choir
God's Kids Chime Choir
Joyful Noise Choir
Cherub Choir
Stover Street Stompers
Youth Choir
Church Orchestra

Please plan now to fall into a place of service in our music ministry in late August and early September. **Please join us!**

*Music is what feelings
sound like.*

The Stover Street Stompers
will be leading the music portion of the worship services at 9:30 and 11:00 on August 20!

SANCTUARY CHOIR TO SING FOR JULY 9 SERVICES

The Sanctuary Choir will regroup to rehearse on Thursday, July 6 and prepare special choral music for our new Lead Pastor's first Sunday preaching at FUMC, July 9. Anyone who would like to participate in this one time event is welcome to join us. Simply show up in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM on July 6 for a rehearsal lasting about 1 1/2 hours. We want to give Pastor Melanie a big First Church welcome. Please consider joining us if you sing. It would be great to have a full choir for this special milestone in the life of our church.

Following the services on July 9, the Sanctuary Choir will be on a summer sabbatical until August 17 when we return to our regular weekly rehearsals and prepare to sing for the first Sunday of the fall on August 27. We need new members and hope if you are a singer you will consider joining us.



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We remember with sympathy the families of ...

May 17, James Dudley

June 7, Dan Maust

Please welcome our new Youth Director, Rebecca Dunagan

(pictured below with Sons Patrick, Teddy, Finn and husband, Sean. Eldest son Owen not pictured)

On July 2, Rebecca will be introduced to the congregation during worship services.

July 9, Youth will be celebrating and welcoming Rebecca during Sunday School 9:30-10:30.

Youth families and the congregation are welcome to come to the Youth Basement following Sunday School to meet Rebecca.



Calling All Artists!

The Religion and Art Committee would like to give our FUMC artists the opportunity to display their art work on the art wall.

Contact Marjie Woodring at
mwoodring4@comcast.net or
970-226-8621.