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On October 31, 1517 an obscure monk walked down the street from his cloister, nailed a piece of parchment to the door of a church, and sparked a religious revolution. Martin Luther and his 95 Theses called out church corruption, causing a split within Christianity, and "...propelled Europe from Middle Ages darkness to Renaissance humanism, inspired the Enlightenment and arguably gave birth to the modern Western world." (Eliot Stein, *The Washington Post*)

This is significant for Protestant Christians as we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. While Luther was an obscure monk, he was also a professor at the University at Wittenberg and Assistant Pastor at the Castle Church. He chose October 31 because the next day was All Saints' Day, and he knew that the church would be filled with worshipers, many of whom were educated and literate. He wanted his theses to get as wide a public viewing as possible, and this was the equivalent of posting on Facebook or taking out a newspaper ad.

Luther addressed many things, including the Catholic doctrine of salvation by works and the selling of indulgences, which were certificates purchased from the church that absolved people of their sins and promised salvation. Pope Leo X used them to raise money to complete St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome. Some of Luther's parishioners purchased these indulgences and asked him about them. This infuriated Luther.

Luther's reading of Scripture taught him that salvation could never be obtained by indulgences, good works, piety, or excessive devotion. He argued that salvation was an act of God—pure gift, given through faith. God provided for our salvation through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and it is ours to accept through faith. This notion of justification by faith alone was instrumental in the heartwarming experience of John Wesley and countless others over the years. Another major theme of the Reformation was the priesthood of all believers, giving all Christians access to Scripture, prayer, grace, ministry, and relationship with God. These beliefs are foundational to the United Methodist Church, and they continue to shape our theological understanding to this day.

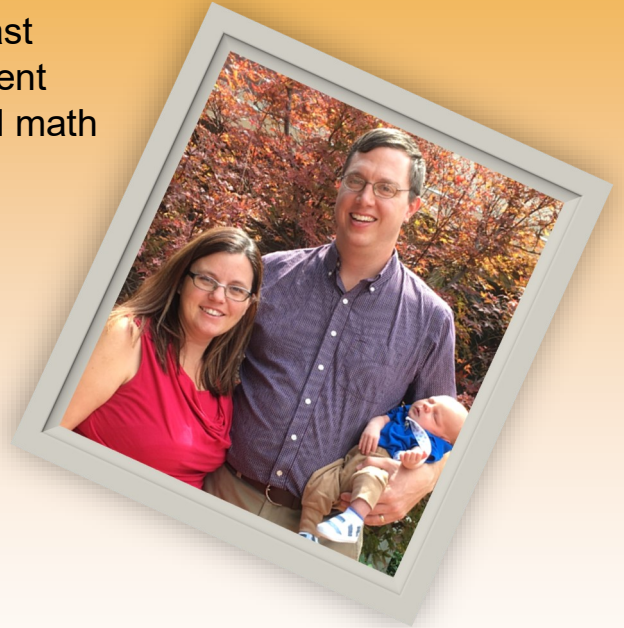
It is a good thing to consider the lessons of the Protestant Reformation, particularly the temptation to take on the values of the world and to believe that we need to earn God's favor, blessing, and love. I believe the church is still being reformed as we seek God's guidance for our time and work to reach hurting people with the light and hope of faith. The body of Christ is a living organization, open to new revelation and truth, which is constantly unfolding. Let us join in the ongoing reformation, as we adapt, change and grow into the living, vibrant body that God intends for us to be.



Dr. Melanie Rosa

Welcome To Our New Members!

PAT & CHRISTI BICKLEY moved to Fort Collins last December from the Indianapolis area. Pat is a patent attorney with Otterbox and Christi is a science and math teacher with Thompson Online. They have four children—Elinor, Kathryn, Alexandra, and Samuel.



KELLY MCBARTLETT & BLAKE DONOHO Kelly grew up in Monte Vista in Southern Colorado. He claims to be a country boy who studied marketing and is now working at The Group Real Estate. Kelly loves to travel and cannot wait to get back to Europe. Blake is from Cheyenne, Wyoming. Currently, he works at Summit Stone Health Partners, and he enjoys time with family and friends.



JOAN GANDEL moved from California to Fort Collins to be closer to her daughter and family. Joan is a musician and is already actively involved in the Alleluia Handbell Choir.

FRAN STARCK moved to Fort Collins three years ago after spending 39 years working for the federal government. Fran raised three daughters on her own after she was widowed at age 33.



RUBEN & ELIDA LOPEZ moved from Mount Pleasant, Texas to Fort Collins several years ago and have been attending First Church. Elida and Ruben are parents of Enrique Lopez (Hannah) and proud grandparents of Tobin and Alder who are also a part of this church.



GEORGE MARCY came to First Church at the invitation of a friend of his and a member of ours, Dave Rubenthaler. Dave thought George's son, Coulter, might enjoy the Youth Group. With Coulter coming to church, George came too. George likes sports, specifically football, and all outdoor activities.



Welcome home Pat, Christi, Kelly, Blake, Joan, Fran, Ruben, Elida, and George.

Welcoming, Hospitality, and Discipleship

by Martha Conant

It's a New Day at First Church and the Welcoming, Hospitality, and Discipleship (WHD) Ministry is committed to upping our game in these important areas. We have four goals:

- To ensure that guests are welcomed when they visit our church, on their first visit and repeat visits
- To ensure that prospective new members are provided with the right information
- To ensure that new members are supported in their engagement with the life of the church
- To ensure that there are opportunities for people in our congregation to get to know others

Thanks to a \$2000 grant from the Rocky Mountain Conference, WHD leaders Martha Conant, Connie Mahan, and Marjie Woodring, along with Cynthia Paquette, attended the Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, September 27-29. The ideas, tips, and best practices we learned from experts will help us create the culture and organization needed to accomplish our goals. **Your help is needed, though – Here are two ways you can help First Church become more welcoming:**

- ⇒ Wear your nametag – If you don't have one, order one at the Welcome Desk. A welcoming community ought to be able to call one another by name.
- ⇒ Introduce yourself to at least one new person each Sunday. If you see someone sitting alone, engage them in conversation.

Mark your calendars for the Chili Cook-Off on October 29. Stay tuned for more information about this opportunity to enjoy some tasty chili, meet new people and have fun!



First Youth News

Sunday Mornings

First Sunday of the month

9:30-10:30 a.m. *Serve Sunday*

All other Sundays

9:30-10:30 a.m. *Coffee Talk*

Sunday Evenings

5:15-6 p.m. Youth Worship Team
Practice

6-8 p.m. - Youth Group

Wednesdays

3 p.m. Homework Hang Out

5:30-6 p.m. Dinner

Save the Date:

- Fall Retreat: Nov 3—5
- Believe Conference
(Jr High) March 24—25
- Move Conference
(Sr High) July 1—5
- Jr High Mission Trip
July 30—August 3
- Sr High Mission Trip—
July 14—21

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100% of Donations Provide Needed Aid

by Jim Collinson

UMCOR is the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Our "One Great Hour of Sharing/UMCOR Sunday" offering last spring, along with offerings from other United Methodist congregations, paid for UMCOR's overhead expenses; therefore, one hundred percent of our donations for disaster relief go directly to relief efforts, not administrative overhead.

Please write a generous check to FUMC, memo UMCOR, or go online directly to UMCOR.com to help with Hurricane Harvey relief in Texas and Louisiana and Hurricane Irma relief in Florida. UMCOR needs our support!

As I write this message, parts of Houston are still flooded, and residents where the water has resided are trying to make their homes livable. For many this seems an impossible task. Meanwhile Hurricane Irma appears to be bearing down on Puerto Rico, Florida, and the southeastern coast. UMCOR is there to help clean homes and get people back on their feet. Please pray for these people in need and UMCOR.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is frequently one of the first non-governmental organizations on the spot where disasters occur. In 2010 our congregation donated more than \$25,000 to UMCOR for earthquake victims in Haiti. We had invited Jim Gulley, a Coloradan working for UMCOR, to speak to us about the mission to South Sudan. Instead, he related his harrowing of being trapped for 55 hours in a collapsed building under rubble in Haiti and the extensive destruction he saw there.

One way that UMCOR deals with disasters is to provide cleaning buckets and hygiene (health) kits. Examples are on display in the Mission Corner in Fellowship Hall. Your donation will go directly and speedily for aid where it is needed most.



CROP Walk for Hunger

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

1 p.m., Sunday, October 1



Join other community participants in a 5K walk around Fort Collins to raise money to combat hunger and poverty here and around the world. It's a fun occasion as people of all ages from many faith communities, with dogs and strollers, in tennis shoes and roller blades. Join in this annual event. Meet at First Presbyterian Church, 531 S. College Ave. for registration and instructions at 12:45 p.m., Sunday, October 1.

Walkers gather sponsors to support their walk and the donations are divided so that 25% goes directly to Food Bank for Larimer County and 75% goes to Church World Service (of which the United Methodist Church is a member). CWS uses the donations to eradicate hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world through emergency and disaster relief as well as education and resource programs.

Forms, route maps, materials, and information are available in the Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.



Stone Soup Build

by Jim Collinson

Our next Stone Soup Build is scheduled on Saturday, October 21. We will meet at 8 a.m. at the Harmony Cottages on the southeast corner of Shields and Harmony roads. You are invited to help with the construction or preparing and serving a lunch. No special skills are required for construction. A supervisor and experienced Habitat for Humanity workers will be there to help and guide us.

World Communion Sunday October 1, 2017

by Cindi Ross-Bell

United Methodist Churches celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of every October. World Communion Sunday is an ecumenical celebration by people of many denominations in an effort to promote unity among Christians around the world.

This year, on October 1, followers of Jesus Christ in large churches and small, on farms and in cities, in ornate buildings and under tents, will gather to receive the consecrated bread and cup of Holy Communion. Clergy will lead in many different languages with a variety of liturgies. Despite the differences in our denominations and traditions, we will celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

In honor of our global community, we at First Church will celebrate Holy Communion with a variety of breads from around the world, including bagels from Poland, focaccia from Italy, naan from Asia, tortilla from Mexico, and challah, traditional Jewish Sabbath bread.

Come to First Church this World Communion Sunday prepared to participate in the global sacrament of Holy Communion with our brothers and sisters around the world. As you receive the bread and cup, remember that you are part of the Church universal, united in Christ across time and space.

Special Offering

by Diana Burkholder

World Communion Sunday began in the 1930s, in the midst of some of the darkest days of World War II when it seemed that our world was being torn apart. A Presbyterian church, in an effort to bring Christian unity and peace, thought that we needed a Sunday where all who were Christians could gather at the table for the Lord's Supper and remember we were one. Now, more than 80 years later, World Communion Sunday celebrates our inclusivity and diversity. As we break bread together, we remember that we are still one body in Christ even though we have different languages, cultures, and traditions; different ways of worship, praying, and praising.

Nelson Mandela said that "[e]ducation is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Our World Communion Sunday Offering empowers marginalized youth and young adults by providing undergraduate and graduate scholarships for U.S. ethnic as well as international students. It also funds ethnic in-service training programs. Most scholarships range from \$500 to \$12,500 a year. Thank you for your generous support.

On World Communion Sunday, we remember we are one.

New First Church Pictorial Directory

by Rev. Cynthia Paquette

It is time for a new church directory. All who consider themselves a part of First Church are welcome to have a photo taken for the directory. In addition, you may bring your family members who are not affiliated with First Church to have family portraits taken for personalized Christmas cards. Photography sessions are available:

October 24 (Tues.) through 28 (Sat.)
November 1 (Wed.) through 3 (Fri.)
November 8 (Wed.) through 11 (Sat.)

Weekdays: 2—9 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m.—5 p.m.

Please sign up online or at the church. All who have their pictures taken will receive a free photo and a paper copy of the church directory.

In conjunction with this new church directory, we will have a food drive. Please bring canned food for the Larimer County Food Bank when you come for your photography session.

Stage to Storage Dedication Sunday, October 1

Please join us on Sunday, October 1 from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. when we formally dedicate our newly refurbished Fellowship Hall. Under the leadership and hard work of trustee Dean Block, we now have an updated, appealing, and user-friendly space for fellowship, meals, meetings, concerts, lectures, special events, and best of all—storage! It looks wonderful, and we hope you can join us in celebrating this accomplishment.

Anti-bullying Workshop

Saturdays, October 14 and 21 at First Church

This interactive workshop will give youth the skills to cope with a bully.

Faith Family Hospitality

by Bonnie Thomas

We will be hosting families that are experiencing homelessness at First Church again the week of October 15—22. You can get involved in the outreach mission of our church in the following ways: Sunday setup; evening hosts; dinner cooks and cleanup; overnight hosts; and early Sunday takedown, cleanup, and laundry.

The job descriptions for the volunteers are as follows:

Sunday setup (11 a.m.—12 p.m.): Help to set up the cots, lamps, clocks, toiletries, sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels in each family room and the hosts' room.

Evening hosts (5:30—8 p.m.): Play with the children and socialize with the families as you share a meal. Help clean up the Fellowship Hall after dinner and any homework or games.

Dinner cooks (5:00—7:30 p.m.): Plan (with help) and prepare a meal at church for about 20-25 people. Enjoy the meal with the families and hosts. Clean up food and kitchen area. Most food is provided for you to use.

Overnight hosts (6 or 7:30 p.m.—7:30 a.m.): Enjoy dinner with the families or arrive later. Lock the church at 9 p.m., serve a cold breakfast in the morning. The families need to be on their way for day by 7:30 a.m. with their rooms locked. We would like to have two overnight hosts each night.

Early Sunday takedown (7—8 a.m.): Help clear the rooms, vacuum, clean bathrooms, mop, and get laundry ready to go. Be sure rooms are ready for Sunday school.

Laundry: Take home sheets, blankets, pillowcases, and towels to be laundered and returned to the basement.

As you can see, it takes a village (a church village) to provide a loving, temporary home for these families until they can get back on their feet. Will you be a part of this mission here at home? Look for the large white board in the Mission Corner and sign up become a part of this outreach.

Remember to Order Christmas Wreaths

by Joan Richard

It's already that time of year to pre-order your Christmas greenery. Our unit of United Methodist Women has been selling Christmas wreaths and greenery for 59 years to support local and worldwide mission, especially for women, children, and youth, with the help and support of our wonderful congregation. We have not only wreaths for sale, but swags, garlands, evergreen crosses, grave blankets, table centerpieces, and decorated trees.

Look for our order table in or near Fellowship Hall on Sundays, October 8 through October 29, 2017. Order forms will be sent to you by separate mailing in early October and may also be found on the UMW bulletin board or on the church website. Please take time to fill out your order form soon, and your order will be available to pick up from Fellowship Hall just after Thanksgiving weekend:

Orders will be accepted only until October 31.

Questions? Contact Dea Carroll at (970) 223-6530 or Joan Richard at (970) 206-0447 or joanmgr4972@q.com.

Wreath pick up dates:

Monday, November 27, 12—6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29, 10 a.m.—7 p.m.

October Sermons from the Lectionary

The practice of reading appointed Scriptures on given days or occasions dates back to the time of Moses and began with the annual religious festivals of Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles. By the Medieval era the Jewish community had a standardized schedule of scripture readings both from the Torah and the prophets to be read in the synagogue. Hebrew and Christian lectionaries have developed over the centuries. Typically, a lectionary will go through the scriptures in a logical pattern and also include selections which were chosen by the religious community for their appropriateness to particular occasions. Within Christianity, the use of pre-assigned, scheduled readings from the scriptures can be traced back to the early church. The United Methodist Church uses the Revised Common Lectionary, shared by the majority of mainline Protestant churches.

Please join us each week in October for these Lectionary-based sermons:

October 1—"All Are One"

Exodus 17:1-7

World Communion Sunday

October 8—"Not Weight but Wings"

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Children's Sabbath

October 15—"How Can I Be a Disciple?"

Micah 6:8; Matthew 25: 34-40

Women's Sunday

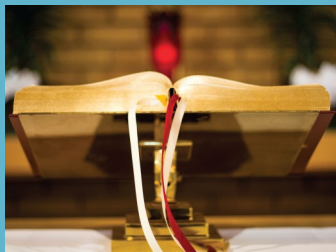
October 22—"Whose Message Is Stamped on Your Heart?"

Exodus 33:12-23

October 29—"A Modern Day Reformation"

Matthew 22:34-46

Reformation Sunday



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October Unit Meeting

On Thursday, October 12 at 11:30 a.m. the United Methodist Women will be having their unit meeting in the parlor. Following lunch we will have Reverend Sue Harmon share with us her path to becoming a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. She will tell us about her duties as a chaplain at Poudre Valley Hospital as well as her volunteer work in congregational care here at First Church. Her call to become a deacon is different than the United Methodist Women's deaconess call. Deaconesses are laity who make a lifetime commitment to love, justice, and service in their communities.

All women of the church are invited to join us in fellowship, food, worship, and learning. We pray, sing, listen, laugh, and share. We are a community of women who have at times been referred to as "mission mammas." Our vision is "Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world."

Upcoming UMW Events

- UMW Peaks and Plains Annual District Conference — September 30, Brighton, CO
- UMW Rocky Mountain Annual Meeting — October 20-21, Sandy, UT



World
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A World of Wisdom in Stories and Storytelling

by David Reid

Three storytellers will share the stage for "A World of Wisdom in Stories and Storytelling" at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Stuart St. This is a presentation of World Wisdoms Project.

The storytellers will offer a brief orientation into the origin, evolution, and art of their craft. Each will share a story that evokes a vivid experience of wisdom from a particular culture and engage the audience in reflecting upon these stories and others.

The storytellers are Kathleen Santopietro Weddel of Fort Collins, Cherie Karo Schwartz of Denver, and Ron Elms of Longmont.

Suggested donation is \$10.

Pine Ridge Trip

by Theresa Holbrook

First Church will be taking a Christmas trip to Pine Ridge. December 13-16 will be spent at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center, helping with holiday children's programs, serving Christmas dinners (over 80 people the last time we went), and having some good holiday fellowship with our friends on the reservation. If you are interested, please contact Theresa Holbrook at (970) 219-5960 or at tkh4kids@yahoo.com. We will have an info and planning meeting on Sunday October 22 at 12 p.m., with Indian Tacos and info from past adventures. Mitakuye Oyasin!

A Day of Reflection and Listening

First United Methodist Church Women's Retreat



- Saturday, October 21, 2017
- Tamasag on the Poudre River in Bellvue, CO
- 8:15 a.m. Meet in the church South Parking Lot; carpool to Laporte, then carpool Tamasag.
- 9 a.m. Retreat begins at secluded and beautiful Tamasag.
- Cost: \$20.00

Our retreat is an opportunity to enjoy precious time with other First Church women; breathe in the fresh air around Tamasag on the Poudre; have some fun and refresh your soul. Sign-up in the office during office hours on weekdays, or on Sundays you may sign up in the office or the Welcome Center. This event is

sponsored by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) and all women are welcome as space allows. Questions? Call Alyce at (970) 484-1463.

Deepest gratitude to the FUMC Foundation for a generous grant in support of this special event.

A New Day for First Church

by Stephen Zink and Stephanie Lane, Stewardship & Generosity Committee

Last year, "Into a New Era" asked for prayerful consideration of two-year financial commitments to support the vital ministries we provide to our congregation, our community, and the world.

First Church members have come through in a significant way. Thanks to more than 230 two-year pledges thus far from the congregation, our ministries enjoy dependable support. It's clearly "A New Day for First Church!"

Enthusiasm is sky-high under the leadership of our settled pastors and new staff members. Exciting things are happening, so we want you to know how we are working to expand the base of support across the congregation in the weeks ahead.

Every church receives support from a variety of members at different levels. You will be hearing more about our stewardship initiative, "A New Day for First Church." Our "New Day" objectives are these:

1. To thank the many members who pledged their support last year.
2. To ask others to come on board as we finish this first year of the two-year plan.
3. To offer people across the congregation an opportunity to estimate their support for the coming year so that we may better plan for ministry growth.

In the coming weeks, you will hear the stories of congregation members whose lives have been changed and who are changing the lives of others through First Church.

As Co-Chairs of "A New Day for First Church," we are grateful for the joy of sharing faith and service with so many of you who are truly dedicated to transforming lives. Please contact us with any questions or ideas you may have.

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Stephanie Lane talsal2@comcast.net



Supper in Spirit

by David Reid

Supper in the Spirit continues its fall run through Nov. 15. Supper is available at 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor every Wednesday. Classes listed below are scheduled to end by Nov. 15 or earlier.

Exodus in Seven Weeks will be offered weekly at 7 p.m. by Rev. Cynthia Paquette from Oct. 4 through Nov. 15. Class will meet in the Upper Room.

Interrupted by Hope: Turning Toward Advent is a four-week DVD series that will include short films featuring Barbara Brown Taylor, Richard Rohr, Parker Palmer, and others. This series starts Oct. 25 in Village Commons and goes from 6 to 7 p.m.

Way of Love: Recovering the Heart of Christianity is a study of Norman Wirzba's book from 2016. It will run 7-8 p.m. Oct. 11—Nov. 15. David Reid will facilitate. The class will also be offered at noon. Books are available for \$17.

What's New in Children's Ministries?

by Lynette Szantho

October is a busy month in Children's Ministries! Our families have settled into a school routine, and now it's time to celebrate two of our favorite traditions here at First Church:

Children's Sabbath, October 8: Each fall, we honor and celebrate our children by participating in Sunday worship led by them. Our kids will be greeters, ushers, readers, musicians, and acolytes at all services. It will be a special morning of worship, beautifully enriched by our children. Please join us as we highlight and confirm the gift and gifts of children. For more information about how to volunteer in the worship planning or how to have your child involved, please contact Lynette Szantho.

Third Grade Bible Sunday, October 8: Another honored celebration for our children is our annual distribution of Bibles. It's something that our third graders anticipate, and we love to celebrate with them on this special Sunday. We will take time during the services to highlight these children, and they will have a special follow-up class "Discovering Your Bible," during Sunday School in the weeks that follow. We look forward to honoring your 3rd graders on this day.

Volunteer in Children's Ministries: Teaching and blessing our kids at First Church is such a wonderful experience and is one of the most rewarding ways to plug in to First Church. We are looking for several more Sunday School teachers to volunteer once every four to six weeks (or more, if your schedule allows). There is very little prep—the lessons are preplanned, and everything is ready for you. Spending an hour with the kids at First Church will be the best hour of your week! Please contact Lynette Szantho to get started. All ages welcome.



From Dr. Melanie Rosa

Thank you for your enthusiastic response to the 14 dessert gatherings held during the past 2 months. They provided a wonderful opportunity for me to get to know some of you in a more intimate setting. I learned many things, particularly what high hopes you have for our church and its future. Special thanks to those

who graciously opened their homes, and to the Pastoral Passage Team for all of their efforts in making these gatherings such a success.

From Rev. Cynthia Paquette:

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Kickoff Sunday. Specifically, I would like to thank the Welcoming, Hospitality, and Discipleship Team who recruited volunteers and did a great deal of the prep work. Thank you to all who bought and brought food, helped set up, cooked, served, and cleaned up. Thank you to all our vendors and volunteers who provided wonderful entertainment and fun for kids and adults. I am especially thankful to our custodians who did the heavy lifting, set up, and teardown. You are the reason this event was so successful! You all rock!



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We remember with sympathy the families of ...

August 27—David Brown
August 31—Jim Willard

September 1—Fred Kaehler
September 3—JoAnn Evans

We celebrate the baptism of...

September 10—Julia Renee Freeman

Exploring First Church

We, here at First Church are so excited to see so many new faces and meet so many new people on Sunday mornings. If you are new, we are here to help you to get plugged in. Would you like to learn more about the United Methodist Church 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 sessions on October 22 and 29 at noon. We will have a light lunch followed by a session on the United Methodist Church (October 22) and the many ministries to be involved in at First Church (October 29). You will also have a chance to tour the church building. As soon as possible, please email officemanager@fcfumc.net or call (970) 482-2436, ext. 12 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided if requested in advance. New members will be received at all three worship services on November 12.