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I am writing this article on Sunday, October 8 which is the benchmark of completing my first 100 days as your Lead Pastor. Before I arrived, I envisioned what I would hope to accomplish during this critical time. Overall I am satisfied with our direction and momentum. I said in my very first sermon the appointment of clergy in the United Methodist Church is similar to an arranged marriage in which we have to learn to love one another, for better or worse. In so many ways I already love you, and I am hopeful about our shared future.

In my attempts to get up to speed quickly I have met with a variety of groups and individuals, both within our church and community. The dessert gatherings were most instructive, and I learned that you love your church and are ready to invest in our future. What you appreciate the most: music, children and youth, educational opportunities, inclusivity, a new beginning. What you are worried about: finances, number of deaths, the age of our congregation, lack of a contemporary worship service, developing new leaders, maintaining our facility.

My meetings with various community leaders have also been instructive. I have met with administrators at Putnam Elementary, Amy Pezzani with Food Bank for Larimer County, Erika Nossokoff with Habitat for Humanity, Fort Collins Mayor Wade Troxell, CSU President Tony Frank, Islamic Center President Tawfik Aboellail, Yvonne Myers with Columbine Health Systems, as well as some neighbors living near the church. For the most part, we have a positive reputation in this community.

We have a tremendous opportunity to fill a unique niche in this city of 167,000 residents (and growing). There is a need for a vibrant large-membership church that is intelligent, inclusive, and progressive--warmly welcoming of all people. There are growing needs for affordable housing, human services, and care for those who struggle and suffer. Our community needs what we have to offer.

Of course, our ministry requires money. As our Stewardship Campaign: **A New Day for First Church** continues I remain optimistic that we will reach our goals and therefore do even more to inspire our members, friends, and community. Please join us on Commitment Sunday, November 19, as we celebrate all that God is doing in and through our church. Here's to the next 100 days and 100 years.



Dr. Melanie Rosa

Youth Events

October—December

October

October 4, 11, 18, 25—Dinner and Echo groups,
5:30-7 p.m.

November

November 3-5—Retreat @ Buckhorn Camp

November 12, 19 & December 3—Measure Up Series,
6-8 p.m. Youth Wing

November 1, 8, 15—Dinner and Echo groups,
5:30-7 p.m.

November 26—No Youth

December

December 3—Measure Up Series, 6-8 p.m. Youth Wing

December 10—Youth Christmas Party, 6-8 p.m.



November Worship Schedule

November 5

All Saints Sunday/Holy Communion

(Daylight Saving Time Ends)

“Ordinary Saints”

Luke 19:1-10; Psalm 107

November 12

New Members Received

“Enough and More than Enough”

Exodus 36:1-7; Psalm 78:1-7

November 19

Commitment/Thanksgiving Sunday

“Assisted Living”

Philippians 1:12-21; Psalm 76

November 26

Christ the King Sunday

“Recognizing the Shepherd in the Sheep”

Matthew 25:31-46; Psalm 100

Pie Sunday & Hanging of the Greens

We all know that food and United Methodists go well together, so Welcoming, Hospitality, and Discipleship is hosting two outstanding opportunities to share food together in November. On Commitment Sunday, November 19, we'll celebrate **Pie Sunday**. Bring your favorite pie to share during fellowship time between services. On Sunday, November 26, we'll prepare for Advent with **Hanging of the Greens** and a **potluck meal** at noon. Bring a dish to share — salads, casseroles (leftover turkey, anyone?), and desserts are welcome!

Faith Family Hospitality

Thank you to all who helped make our families feel loved and nurtured as we hosted them October 15–22.

From Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee regrets to inform you that our Director of Children's Ministries, Lynette Szantho has resigned effective the end of October. Lynette has served us faithfully for over one year, and the children and their families have come to love and appreciate her ministry, as evidenced by our wonderful Children's Sabbath. We will honor Lynette on Sunday, October 29 and thank her for blessing our church and our precious children. In the meantime we will be searching for a new Director of Children's Ministries to lead us into the future. Please keep Lynette, her family, and this ministry of our church in your prayers. Thank you.

About the Columbarium at First United Methodist Church

by Ted Schlagenhauf and David Adkins

You may have noticed the beautiful garden on our church grounds between the Administrative Wing and the Chapel. Located in this garden is the beautiful First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins Columbarium. This Columbarium is a consecrated structure used for the inurnment of the deceased after cremation. The term is derived from the Latin word *columba* which means dovecote. This structure is a place where the cremains of a loved one are treated with respect and dignity.

From birth and baptism, to death and eternal life, the church cares for and ministers to its congregation. Traditionally for Christians, the consecrated grounds of the church have been the most fitting place for burial. As one drives the countryside, cemeteries are frequently seen adjacent to established churches. Many churches in recent years have dedicated a portion of their property to create a Columbarium for cremated human remains inurnment.

The cost of a niche in the FUMC Columbarium will be increasing in January of 2018. The cost for a niche with two urns provided will be \$1,200. The cost for a niche with one urn provided will be \$900. Please note that the cost of the urns for inurnment in the standing Columbarium will now be included in the total cost. The cost for a ground niche will remain \$300 for the first person and \$200 for the second person in the same niche. Engraving of a name on the Remembrance Wall is \$200 per entry. A niche in the First Church Columbarium includes the niche, an urn, and the engraving of the name, birth date, and death date of the deceased.

There are currently 200 additional niches available for use, and the Columbarium is maintained in perpetuity by a \$40,000 endowment in the FUMC Foundation. The Columbarium is managed by the Columbarium Board of Directors currently chaired by Ted Schlagenhauf. The original board of directors included Rod Anderson, Don Lybecker, and Barb Hagan, who all remain on the current board of directors along with Ted Schlagenhauf, Kate Norton, and Stan Woodring. If you are interested in learning more about the FUMC Columbarium, or wish to purchase a niche or engraving on the memorial wall, please contact Ted Schlagenhauf at (970) 635-4345 or tedschlag@hotmail.com.



The FUMC Columbarium was carefully designed and planned to be a beautiful memorial for a loved one. It is also a place of rest and peaceful reflection for all who seek a quiet place to be in communion with God.



World Wisdoms Project

Exploring Universal Truths.
Discovering Spiritual Transformation.

by David Reid, Adult Faith Formation

Music at the End of Life will be presented by the World Wisdoms Project at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7 in Fellowship Hall.

This program explores the use of music in caring for the dying from three perspectives: historical tradition, the profession of music therapy, and the profession of music thanatology. In medieval Europe, caring for the dying person included chants, prayers, and rituals. Contemporary music therapists offer interventions to relieve physical symptoms, support spiritual needs, and facilitate the creation of legacy projects. The profession of music thanatology trains musicians specifically to attend to the dying with music.

The presenters are Elaine Hild, musicologist from the University of Colorado Boulder; Beth Mosko of Pathways Hospice and Lindsey Wilhelm, assistant professor of music therapy, Colorado State University. Suggested donation is \$10.

Veterans got questions?



We've got answers! The United Veterans Committee of Colorado and Vietnam Veterans of America are co-hosting an information

table to help interested vets and family members.

The VA and Colorado both offer important benefits, many of which are new or not well-known. Let us help with any VA issues. We'll be in the Fellowship Hall on November 5 and November 12, 9:00 a.m. to noon.



United
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FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

by Beverly Winsett

At the United Methodist Women's meeting on November 9 at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor, we will celebrate a few of the ministries in our church. Four women will share about their particular involvement in ministries at First United Methodist Church that reach out to needs in our community and overseas.

Bonny Thomas will talk about Faith Family Hospitality; Elva Petring will talk about the prayer shawl ministry; Liza Judd-Salimbini will talk about Kids' Closet; and JoAn Hopkins will talk about Days for Girls. There will be a collection of socks, underwear, and diapers for Kids' Closet by those in attendance.

Lunch at 11:30 will be followed by the program. Nominations for officers in 2018 will be presented. World Thank Offering from circles will be collected to go toward mission in our National Mission Institutions and international needs.



Are you receiving our weekly email about upcoming events at First Church? To sign up for these emails please go to our website at www.fcfumc.net. Click media, click communications, then scroll down to Weekly E-News to sign up. You may sign up to receive *The Carillon* electronically as well.

Trunk-or-Treat & Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, October 29

3:30–5 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat

5–6:30 p.m. Chili Cook-Off in the Fellowship Hall

**Bring your favorite chili (white, red or green),
and tasters will vote for their favorite.**

Sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring chili.

**All ages are invited to this fun fall celebration of
treats, pumpkins, chili, and apple cider!**

**A suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$15 per family for the
Chili Cook-Off only. Proceeds go to support the
First Church Youth Group.**

Hosted by Children and Family Council
and Welcoming, Hospitality and Discipleship.

United Methodist Student Day Sunday, October 29, 2017

by Diana Burkholder

On Sunday, October 29, First Church will honor our college students by commemorating United Methodist Student Day. We will support them as they “. . . prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge” by promoting a special offering to provide scholarships and loans to deserving United Methodist students.

The United Methodist Church has a long history of supporting education dating back to 1866. The Church administers more than 70 scholarship programs that are awarded to more than 3,500 students annually. These programs are funded entirely by special offerings including UM Student Day, World Communion Sunday, and Native American Ministries Sunday as well as other donations.

Students may apply for both a scholarship and a loan and need to reapply annually. More details are available in Fellowship Hall at the Church & Society table and from Rebecca Dunagan, Director of Youth Ministries.

Please keep our college students in your prayers and encourage their endeavors by supporting the United Methodist Student Day special offering on October 29. Thank you.

Marcussen Organ Has Full Schedule

by Karen Stoody

As the 30th anniversary year of the Marcussen Organ continues, it is exciting to report the many ways this beautiful instrument is being used to include audiences outside the First Church membership. It seems like the distant past now, but the concert by Ken Cowan in June was a huge success and a spectacular showcase of the Marcussen. Well over 300 people attended the concert, probably half of them from outside the church membership.

On October 5, I gave a demonstration of the Marcussen to a convention of the American Guild of Organbuilders. Their 2017 convention was in Northern Colorado and southern Wyoming, and they had a very keen interest in our spectacular instrument.

On October 15, another nationally renowned guest artist presented a second anniversary year concert. Nathan Laube, one of the most highly respected young artists, performed a magnificent program featuring the capabilities of the Marcussen along with his amazing artistic skills. It was an exciting afternoon!

On All Saints Day, November 5, guest artist Brian Skoog, tenor, will be featured in concert with our Sanctuary Choir and the Marcussen organ. This concert will be at 3:00 p.m.

Two small local programs are also happening in November, and I do some of these every year. On Friday morning, November 17, the residents of Parkwood Estates will have the opportunity to take their bus to First Church and hear seasonal music on the Marcussen. The program will go from 10:30-11:30 a.m., allowing them to return for lunch. Anybody from the church family is welcome to attend. This is my personal outreach, since my 96-year-old mother lives at Parkwood, and I share a piano program with the residents every month.

The very next Tuesday, November 21, I will present a different program to students from Rocky Mountain High School. For several years now, their music history classes have taken a field trip to hear the organ, and it is a great outreach.

As we then head into the Advent and Christmas seasons, the organ will be used frequently for special music services in church. The Larimer Chorale also features the organ in their Christmas concerts, which will be December 15 and 16. So you can see, the Marcussen organ, now a healthy 30-year-old instrument, has a very full schedule!



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Youth Hosting Coffee Fellowship

Have you noticed that the coffee on Sunday tastes better? That's because it is now lovingly prepared and staffed by First Youth. In both an effort to serve the church in an ongoing way and to raise funds for youth mission trips to go out into the world and serve others, our youth and their

families are now hosting Coffee Fellowship each Sunday. Please encourage them by greeting them on Sunday and financially supporting the mission work through your generous donations.

This summer's trips will be to Denver, CO and Jackson, MS.

