



NoCo Beet

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Welcome to a new adventure – the first issue of *NoCo Beet*.

Our goal is to deliver a monthly package of events, resources and ideas that you will find useful in your own faith formation.

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Why the name *NoCo Beet*? Read about it [here](#).

If you receive First Church's *First Wire* newsletter, you are already subscribed to *NoCo Beet*. If not, you can subscribe by using the link at the bottom of the newsletter. And if you have questions, feel free to contact David Reid at davidreid24@gmail.com.

David W. Reid, editor



Northern Colorado



Rev. Adam Hamilton, the prolific author who pastors the largest congregation in United Methodism at multiple locations in Greater Kansas City, just delivered a new study for Advent. Bob Simpson, a United Methodist pastor, will lead a four-week study of *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, on

November 16 (a week ahead of Advent) and 30, and December 7 and 14. This study offered via Zoom will include opportunities for individual reflection and group discussions using *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*—book and video by Adam Hamilton.

To sign up, contact Bob at pastorrf@gmail.com or phone/text at 970-420-4839. The book costs \$13.49 at Cokesbury.com; \$9.99 Kindle at Amazon. [Here's](#) a video preview.



World Wisdoms Project presents "You do what? Spiritual Practice in Times of Crisis, Part 1" on November 18, with a follow-up discussion group December 2. Find out more details [here](#).



The Serendipity Class at First Church is in the midst of a study of *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by the late Rachel Held Evans. The class meets at 9:30 a.m. Sundays via Zoom. A copy of the book is helpful but not required.

For more information and the Zoom link: davidreid24@gmail.com or text or phone 970-581-2707.

Fort Collins Interfaith Council offers a wealth of opportunities in the latest newsletter, which can be viewed [here](#).

First Church's Samaritan class is enjoying an informal weekly Zoom meeting at 11 a.m. Sundays with only an occasional formal presentation.

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First Church's Church and Society Committee is concerned about healing the many divisions in American society. Read some thoughts on the topic from chairman Don Gaymon [on this page](#).

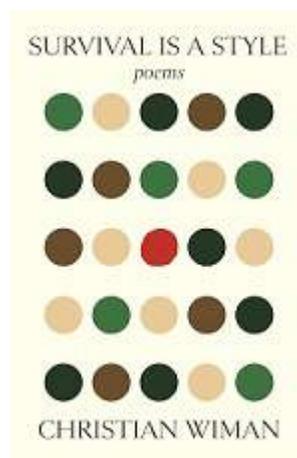
The Northern Colorado Faith Library at First Church is open to everyone – but only by appointment during the pandemic. You can make an appointment by calling 970-482-2436 to come in and browse and check out books and DVDs. We'll be happy to help guide you through the online catalog at fcf.scoolaid.net or even deliver to your home.

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Do you know **Brené Brown**? She's a research professor at the University of Houston where she holds the Huffington Foundation – Brené Brown Endowed Chair at The Graduate College of Social Work. She has spent two decades studying courage, vulnerability, shame and empathy. There's a discussion of a podcast with Dr. Brown at 7 p.m. Tuesdays from her series, *Unlocking Us*. Recent episodes include Episcopal Bishop Michael Curry on love and hope in troubling times, Harriet Lerner on apologizing, Sue Monk Kidd and Jen Hatmaker on longing, belonging and faith.

For weekly podcast info and Zoom link: David Reid at davidreid24@gmail.com or 970-581-2707.

Poet **Christian Wiman**'s new collection earned a [starred review](#) at *Publisher's Weekly*. [Here's](#) the listing in the Northern Colorado Faith Library catalog.



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ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES GUIDE



Mountain Sky Conference 2020

With many United Methodists increasingly concerned about the effects of systemic racism, the **Mountain Sky Conference** (covering Colorado, Utah, Montana and a part of Idaho) has released [this](#) wonderful list of anti-racism resources.

National/International

Duke Divinity School's **Dr. Kate Bowler**, author of the ironically named *Everything Happens for a Reason*, produces an insightful podcast. Listen to it [here](#).



Diana Butler Bass, who studies, writes and speaks about religion, has spoken twice in Fort Collins in recent years. She launched a newsletter last spring. Subscriptions are free at [this link](#).



Anthony Pinn will deliver the inaugural James H. Cone Lecture at Union Theological School in New York on November 11 to honor the father of Black Liberation Theology. Read more [here](#).

A handful of agencies of the United Methodist Church has produced a series of excellent panel discussions on **Dismantling Racism**. Register for a future event or view past discussions [here](#). The Emerging Leaders and Seasoned Leaders sessions are among the best.

