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The communicator

September, 2016

The future's so bright, I gotta wear shades

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Whew! I don't know about you, but for me the last few months have been a cross between an emotional rollercoaster and a forced march. Bidding a good goodbye to a much loved Lead Minister and his family created the opportunity to experience love, sorrow, pride, grief, hope, longing—and that was just during **Jenny Chapman's** beautiful song in the July 24th church service. The thought and hard work that many, many members of our congregation put in to creating that good goodbye was amazing to behold. Please indulge this shout out to Lynn Young, who despite many personal and professional prior commitments, took a deep breath and said "YES!" when asked to coordinate the farewell festivities. And thanks to everyone who plunged in and made it happen.

So now we've had a little time to decompress, reflect, grieve and hope, and we'll have more. I see the wisdom in the recommendation of our incoming Interim Lead Minister, **Rev. Nayiri Karjian**, seconded by Conference Minister **Rev. Sue Artt**, that Council hold off choosing the Search Committee until **Rev. Karjian** arrives in September to help guide us through the process. Like you, I've had an opportunity to think about our future, and, as the title of this article implies, I think our future is going to be wonderful. I'm no Mighty Karnac, but allow me to offer some predictions.

1. **Rev. Karjian** will be a dynamic, deeply involved, engine of progress at FCUCC. She will cover fresh, challenging ground theologically, and from her family's experiences present us with the perspective of the other, the refugee. We'll thrive under her leadership. Do you know that during our last interim period, we continued to hold new member classes and add new members? It's going to be even better this time. **Sue Artt** will visit us this fall, and I can't wait for you to hear the story of how she became aware of **Pastor Nayiri** as a potential Interim for us. Let's just say our generous support to the Rocky Mountain Conference has been repaid many-fold.

2. The Annual Stewardship Campaign will be a powerful affirmation of the importance to our Congregation of FCUCC's impact on our lives, our community, and the world around us. Even now **Ruth Roland**, Director of Financial Ministries, is working diligently behind the scenes to build on the exemplary foundation of stewardship we have established over the last several years. By the way, just the fact that we have a Director of Financial Ministries speaks volumes about the progress we have made in the area of stewardship. As our clergy have reminded us, the only thing Jesus mentions more than money is the Kingdom of God. We really get that as a Congregation and it's going to show this fall.

3. The Search Committee will hit the cover off the ball, finding the amazing Settled Lead Minister who at this point we cannot even comprehend, but who is already known to God. Again, in large part I'm going to defer to **Sue Artt**, who will very effectively discuss our strengths from a minister's perspective. Just know that because of our appreciation for theological depth, our presence as a progressive Christian voice in a largely conservative community, our attention to clergy and staff salaries, our vital and growing ministries, and many, many other attributes of FCUCC, we will have a very attractive Lead Minister position for a fascinating and diverse pool of candidates.

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THE FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT CONT'D | SEPTEMBER 2016 WORSHIP

The Future's So Bright continued.

4. Finally, may I cheerfully predict that on January 29, 2017, we'll have a new Moderator, well before we have a new Settled Lead Minister. (This isn't much of a prediction, since the probability of a new Moderator approaches 1.0.) Some have expressed understandable concern about a Moderator change in the midst of the Lead Minister search, but I maintain this is excellent timing. The Search Committee will be off and running, only requiring monitoring and guidance from Council, and Rev. Karjian will be fully in place in the Lead Minister and chief of staff roles. And when we call the (amazing) next Lead Minister not long thereafter, she or he will have more than two years of continuity with the new Moderator. **This makes the Moderator position pretty enticing, I think.** Along with all the other intriguing components of the job, the next Moderator will get to welcome and help integrate the next Lead Minister into the fabric of FCUCC. Pretty heady stuff! If you agree, and your curiosity is a little piqued, I'd be glad to discuss the position with you and introduce you to the Leadership Cultivation Committee. I'm at leel@mitre.org or 719.649.6523.

Enthusiasm is contagious, and I sense it spreading. As you can see, I'm a Ray Bans guy (figures, doesn't it?), but we celebrate diversity here at Primo Congo, so grab your favorite pair of shades and let's welcome this bright future together!

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

**Sunday morning worship services are at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
with Faith Formation Hour in-between at 9:45 a.m.**

04
september

16th sunday after pentecost / gathering of the waters

Today we gather for our final Sunday of the summer schedule with worship at 9:30 a.m. We will gather and bless waters gathered by the congregation on summer travels for use in Holy Baptism ceremonies throughout the coming year. We will celebrate Holy Communion and **Rev. Nayiri Karjian** preaches her first sermon as Interim Lead Minister.



11
september

17th sunday after pentecost / Rally sunday

Today we launch the regular year schedule of ministry program year:
8:30 a.m. Community Worship (Holy Communion weekly)
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Hour for all ages
11:00 a.m. Community Worship (Chancel Choir weekly, Holy Communion monthly)

Rev. Nayiri Karjian preaches a sermon on Revelation 21: 1-7, 22: 1-2 entitled "The Alpha and the Omega." The Chancel Choir kicks off the Program Year with Andre Thomas' "I'm Gonna Sing!"



18
september

18th sunday after pentecost / Mission sunday

Today is our annual Mission Sunday. We will lift up our various mission partners whom we support with grants and volunteers. A Mission Fair happens in the Founders' Room in between services. **Rev. Jacque Franklin** preaches a sermon on Just Peace. The Chancel Choir sings "Heaven And Earth, And Sea And Air" by Verne de la Peña at the 11:00 a.m. service.



25
september

19th sunday after pentecost

Today, **Rev. Nayiri Karjian** preaches a sermon entitled "Once Upon a Story" focusing on Matthew 13: 10-17. The Chancel Choir shares "I Love to Tell the Story" by Bradley Ellingboe at the 11:00 a.m. service. *(Please Note: Plan ahead on your route to church since some streets may be blocked off for the Colorado Springs Marathon.)*



GREETINGS FROM THE INTERIM LEAD MINISTER

words from nayiri karjian

By Rev. Nayiri Karjian, *Interim Lead Minister*nayiri@fcucc.org

In every change, in every falling leaf there is some pain and some beauty. And that's the way new leaves grow.

— Amit Ray



Through the moves I have made from one continent to another, one state and one church to another, about 13 of them, I continue to learn, to appreciate the bittersweet nature of a move. The experience is always filled with a tinge of sadness and loss for what was and a splash of excitement and joy for what is to come.

The interim transitional journey is one such time for a congregation that walks through a goodbye, the loss of a beloved pastor, and through a welcome, the receiving of an interim transitional pastor with the purpose of preparing for a settled pastorate. All are moments of transition and passage and, hopefully, of learning and transformation.

Through this move, I have been pondering about that which lasts and that which does not, the permanent and the impermanent, the enduring and the transient, the solid and the fluid. And, as always, I am confronted with a paradox - everything changes but nothing changes.

I wonder if it is so because enduring does not mean unmoving, lasting does not mean unchanging, permanent does not mean static.



Consider the permanence of a rock often signifying stability and reliability although it constantly changes and reshapes, albeit slowly, in a cycle known as the rock cycle. Consider the constancy of water. Permanent yet in motion, abiding yet coursing, enduring yet unfolding, always flowing into the new.

It seems God too is enduring yet moving, lasting yet flowing and blowing through our lives. We experience the Spirit as she moves and speaks and courses through us. Through this moving Spirit, I look forward to being with you and ministering with you, beginning September 1.

I am excited about meeting you, sharing with you a chapter of our journey and to do ministry in Christ's name in a world that seems to be changing too fast yet not fast enough toward peace, justice and wholeness.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Nayiri

THE CORE STAFF TEAM

WHO IS THE CORE STAFF TEAM?!

REV. NAYIRI KARJIAN, INTERIM LEAD MINISTER

I was named **Nayiri**, an ancient name of a province in Armenia, in the kingdom of Urartu, during the Assyrian Empire. Recently I learned that the area was known as the land of rivers or canyons. I, of course, prefer the land of rivers!

If there were an international passport I would have one. I am a global human. My personal faith is deeply mystical. My God is universal, a spirit whose core is grace. As I walk the journey I continue to discover that the purpose of my life is to learn love and compassion after the image of Jesus.

At FCC I will be responsible for the spiritual wellbeing of the congregation, worship and preaching, guiding the interim transitional process, acting as a resource for the search process, keeping FCC's vision alive in all we do, working with the leadership and a gifted staff team to continue to discover where God is guiding us to go and calling us to do.

When I am not working I am usually exploring the new city in which I find myself and enjoying its new culture, its culinary offerings and the Arts, as well as reading, connecting with friends, keeping up with the news, international issues, fashion and good chocolate.



REV. JACQUE FRANKLIN, MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

I've served as FCUCC's Associate Pastor since August 2008. Recently my title was changed to Minister of Pastoral Care. Pastoral Care was my focus in seminary education and has been my love in ministry ever since. My role is to coordinate a comprehensive care Network for the congregation and to extend pastoral care as outreach and advocacy to the community beyond these walls. I serve in worship on Sundays; I preach once a month. I do weddings, funerals, hospital visitation, and coordinate with Staff and Council as one of the called ministers on staff. I do pre-marital and marital coaching as needed, short term spiritual direction, and meet with a number of ministry teams and committees to discern the movement of God's spirit in our midst.

My first priority is my family, spending valuable time with them grounds me. In my spare time I keep sane by painting landscapes and portraits, Olympic style weightlifting, pilates, and when I can equestrian activities (jumping, dressage, trail-riding).

RUTH ROLAND, DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL MINISTRIES

This obviously means that I am involved with just about anything having to do with money at the church including development tasks and accounting. Less obvious is that I'm also involved with managing the buildings and grounds, and human resources. In my free time, I like to be with my family, read, practice yoga, and take long walks.



MANDY TODD, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ARTS

Mandy Todd is the Director of Music and Arts. In August, she celebrated ten years at FCC. Her role has evolved over the years, and she currently directs the Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise Children's Choir, Bells of St. Vrain Handbell Ensemble and the Men's and Women's Ensembles, and is an integral part of worship planning. Mandy has a passion for creating engaging and inspiring worship for all ages, which has developed since she began worshiping with her two children, **Drew** (5) and **Luke** (2). When she's not at FCC, you can find Mandy riding her bike, Caroline, and enjoying beautiful downtown Colorado Springs.

CANDACE DATZ,
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND ADULT MINISTRY

Candace Datz is the Director of Youth + Adult Ministry. This month, she'll begin the process of graduate school at Iliff School of Theology, effectively eating up all of her free time. But if she ever does get free time, she enjoys hiking with her pup, Tucker, watching *Parks & Rec* on Netflix, and meeting friends (old + new) at the Wild Goose for a beer.



DEL HOKANSON,
DIRECTOR OF
CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY MINISTRY

With my part time job at FCC, I revel in creating relationship with and between children and the community. When they feel comfortable they are more open to explore the many ways we can create relationship with God, individually and also in the space with and between others. I began my career as a high school teacher in Australia and I played and coached Field Hockey well into my 40s.

On a personal level, I revel in finding cool coffee shops to share with our daughters in Denver, skiing and travelling with **Pete**, my life love, cycling and triathlons with Manitou Spokes, camping beside water in our sweet little Aliner. I relish being in nature and the outdoors. We live in a Manitou ghost house.

EMILY BOND,
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Emily Bond has been the Communications Coordinator for three years. She is the one to bombard you with regular email blasts, issues of *The Communicator*, and social media posts! Her weekly duties include finalizing and printing the Sunday bulletin. Emily is also the staff member liaison to the Risk Reduction & Response Training Team - working with the trainers and conducting background checks on volunteers. She loves sharing an office with Candace, where you will frequently find them harmonizing together to tunes on Pandora!



When not at FCC, Emily spends most of her time with her seven-year old daughter, **Kayla**. Together, they love to walk around the Garden of the Gods with their Woodlee (Wheaton Terrier/Poodle), Delphi, or speak in a variety of UK accents as they read books by Roald Dahl!

INTERESTED IN GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF BETTER?
INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING WITH FCC?

Why not sign up to be an Office Volunteer at FCC. We have a wonderful group of Office Volunteers who join the staff for 3-4 hours a week, and we are looking for a few more!

Tasks include:

- greeting visitors at the Front Desk
- answering and directing telephone calls
- collating bulletins
- preparing Kids Community Worship supplies

If interested, please contact **Emily Bond** (719.635.3549/emily@fcucc.org).

THE FORUM



The forum in september: sacrifice and religious violence, times of uncertainty

By Howard Ray, FCC Member

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Created in 1982 by Dave Seyfert, The Forum is an FCC speaker series involving the exchange of a diverse set of spiritual, historical, scientific, ecological, and other ideas selected for engaging with Christian faith creatively and critically. The Forum, which satisfies both the soul and the intellect, starts each session with the phrase “where all ideas are safely spoken”.

Each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. the Forum meets to listen to a member of our own congregation as well as selected outside speakers. Forum attendees are very inquisitive and love to delve into topics by asking questions and engaging in discussion. Do you enjoy learning new things that matter? Stretching your mind a bit? Upcoming topics include Ute Indian Prayer Trees, Emerson and Spirituality, Historic Local Homes, Economic Inequality, and the 2016 Election.

11 SEPT: DAVID WEDDLE - SACRIFICE AND RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE [IN SANCTUARY]

Dr. David L. Weddle, CC Prof. Emeritus of Religion, returns to the Forum once again (in the Sanctuary because he always attracts a crowd). He asks, “Why is the lofty ideal of sacrifice implicated in the abysmal depth of violence?” He will explore the continuing fascination with the story of Abraham’s near-sacrifice of his son in the religions that claim his legacy: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Sacrifice also resounds in the rhetoric of war and martyrdom, inspiring heroic acts in defense of country and faith. But does the call for sacrifice contribute to religious violence? David has just completed a book *Sacrifice: Cost and Meaning in Religions of Abraham*. It is a companion to his book *Miracles: Wonder and Meaning in World Religions* (2010), which he previously shared at the Forum. His review of a work on Islamic sacrifice appears in the *Journal of Qur’anic Studies*.



The Forum - January 2016

18 SEPT: NO FORUM [MISSION FAIR IN FOUNDERS’ ROOM]

25 SEPT: LUKE CAMMACK - WHAT BINDS US TOGETHER: SENSE MAKING IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY [IN CHAPEL]

Luke Cammack returns to the Forum to talk about the uncertain times in which we live. Pre-Socratic Greek philosopher Heraclitus of Ephesus wrote that we can’t step into the same river twice and writer Stephen Covey suggests life is now permanent whitewater. From global turmoil to an election season that is fraying old norms to a major passage at FCC, change can be challenging. But simple wisdoms can offer solace and support. Luke will lead a dialogic exploration on what sustains us during transitional periods. A long time member of FCC, Luke recently served as the leader of Adult Education and has taught classes on social media. He has served our church in so many ways, including co-chairing a capital campaign to participating in the annual folk music service. Come and listen to this always interesting and insightful man.



The Forum - March, 2009

Lessons from the borderlands

By Candace Datz, *Director of Youth & Adult Ministry*

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This summer, 22 of our youth and 5 adults ventured out of town and away from our comfort zones in search of experiences that would transform us and the people we met along the way. And guess what? We found them! From the margins of society in our own state to the physical and spiritual borders that we erect on our nation's southern edge, our youth group found the still-speaking God in these new environments.



In Alamosa, with the middle school team, we were able to work with longtime FCC MG+O grant recipient La Puente. This organization started as homeless shelter and has grown into a vast network of projects that work to end homelessness and poverty in the San Luis Valley. One of my favorite moments of this trip was going to the local food pantry distribution center with the kids that we were being "Big Buddies" to with the PALS (Positive Activities Lead to Success) program of La Puente. These kids have experienced neglect and poverty and maltreatment, and we were able to work alongside them, serving their community, by putting together boxes of food that would be distributed the next day (some possibly to the families of the PALS kids). These 5-9 year olds and our FCC middle schoolers organized themselves into an assembly line, carefully putting together boxes, placing canned goods and juice boxes into them, and stacking them on pallets. It was organized chaos for just over an hour, as we completed 140 boxes of nourishing food that would go to local families. It was an incredible experience, seeing our youth modeling servant heartedness and carefully helping the kids they were buddied up with find ways to engage in the service activity. Our youth learned that those who have received much are the ones who

give much—the kids who had experienced malnutrition and poverty were so excited about making boxes of food for other families in their community who were currently in need. It was a profound moment.

Then in July, the high school team ventured off to El Paso, Texas for a Border Awareness Experience with an organization called Annunciation House. A House (as it is referred to by guests and staff) was started in 1978 to house undocumented people experiencing homelessness in migration. Since then it has expanded into different areas of service for those in the immigration system. Casa Vides, where our team stayed, houses señoras who have to travel to the US for one month every year to collect their Social Security benefits. The system is rigged to make it difficult for those in poverty who live in Central America to receive their legally earned SSI benefits. Our team visited with Border Patrol and undocumented immigrants alike. We heard stories from people fleeing violence in their home countries who were seeking asylum in our nation, most of whom will have their cases rejected and will be deported back into the dangerous situations from which they came. We cried over the injustice and laughed in joy as we played with the kids staying at A House.



And that leads me to one of the major takeaways from both of our trips: that you can usually find the heart of God moving and working among the children. No matter the distressing situations that they have been subjected to, kids are able to express creativity, compassion, and resilience in incredible ways. They do not cower in fear at injustice, but instead keep playing hide and seek, coloring, dancing, and laughing. Might we all learn to see our God in the children.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | MUSICAL ENSEMBLES



children's ministry

By Del Hokanson, *Director of Children's and Family Ministry*

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Full Faith Formation programming recommences on September 11, RALLY DAY. Expect to be fascinated as you walk into an Atrium designed to represent this year's theme. Join in that day with the picnic at McAllister House after the second service and rekindle your bonds with this amazing community.

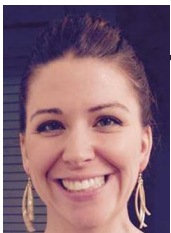
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will begin during Faith Formation Hour between services.

- ON LINE ANNUAL REGISTRATIONS will simplify this year's process of updating information to ensure our records are accurate.
- GRADE 1 OUR WHOLE LIVES: *Sexuality and Our Faith* will be offered during the fall in their regular Sunday School time slot. PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE MANDATORY MEETING ON SEPT 11 for their child to participate this fall and the class will start the following week. (*Due to high interest, we are going to offer this course every year to Grade 1 children, hence Kindergarten children this year will take the class next year as 1st graders.*) Facilitators are Pete Hokanson and Polly Strovink.
- GRADE 3 BIBLE WORKSHOP will also commence on September 11. If there are Grade 4 students who missed out last year, they are also eligible to attend this fall. Facilitators are Cathy White and David Bribach, with parents being expected to volunteer one week to support the program.
- Deep gratitude for the slate of teachers who have volunteered their time for your children. Please support them by providing your children with as much continuity as you can during the fall. Sunday School classes include Preschool, Kindergarten, Grade 2, Grade 4/5.

KC WORSHIP (8:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.) will again be provided during services to enrich your child's understanding about worship. Fall focus will be on prayer and the mystery of God.

GODLY PLAY will provide a more age appropriate worship option for preschoolers and kindergarteners and is offered at 11:15 a.m., during the 11:00 a.m. service.

***** HAVE YOUR CHILD PLEASE BRING A PHOTO / DRAWING ON RALLY DAY
REPRESENTING WHERE HE OR SHE FELT CLOSE TO GOD OVER THE SUMMER *****



Join a musical ensemble at FCC!

By Mandy Todd, *Director of Music and Arts*

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chancel choir

This SATB vocal ensemble offers music for the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service and other special services. No audition is required.

First Rehearsal: Wednesday, September 7. Potluck at 6:00 p.m. in the Founders' Room.
Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room.

Contact Mandy Todd, mandy@fcucc.org, for more information.

joyful noise children's choir

All children in grades Preschool-5 are invited to join this treble choir! This choir sings at the 8:30 a.m. service on the first Sunday of each month.

First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 13, 4:30 p.m. in the Music Room.

Please contact Mandy Todd, mandy@fcucc.org, to register.

bells of st. vrain

Instrumental background preferred with ability to read music and be comfortable with 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meter.

Contact: Mandy Todd, mandy@fcucc.org, for more information about being a substitute ringer in the choir.

flute choir

Flutists from the church and the community play for services several times a year and perform outreach concerts in the community. All intermediate or advanced level players are welcome.

First Rehearsal: Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dwelling Place.

Please contact Phyllis White, phyllisvwhite@gmail.com, for more information.



A MULTI-FAITH EXPERIENCE



shalom, salam, shanti
at children's faith camp
Words cannot capture the true
success of the Multi Faith Camp
- this was an inner, beautiful and
spirit filled journey.

Over 30 adults led 4 rotations of
cool activities at each of the host
communities (from writing their
names in Arabic, to Israeli dancing,
to meditating with natural objects
to petting a donkey).



60 registered children, 39 from
FCC, the rest from ISCS, Temple
Shalom, and outside connections.

We wrote prayers for peace on the back
of 8 different peace language signs which
hang on the 4 peace poles that will stand
as a reminder of the camp at each of the
host Faith Communities.



We played different cultural
games together and worked
together to we could care and roll
the Earth around a parachute.

We all joined hands and circled as new
friends around the peace poles on the final
day, remembering how far we had travelled
together in just one week.

Children listened to leaders
sharing some basic faith
constructs in their sacred spaces.



We wrote
personal
greetings
on 80+
cans of
food that were delivered
to Care and Share, and 80+
toothbrushes that will travel
to an orphanage in Uganda.



*I just want to personally thank
you and all of the others involved
in helping with the Multi Faith
camp this week. From day one,
both of my girls came home
with more excitement about this
camp and group of children than
I have ever seen before. When I
think about what this camp has
done for my children and the
others involved, I get overcome
by emotion and deep gratitude.
You have, in such a beautiful
way, taught our children the
importance of coming together
while teaching them to love
and be compassionate of our
differences. I hope that we can
continue this lesson pass this
week to set this foundation for our children to grow upon.
- My heart is SO FULL! With love and appreciation, Jera Wooden.*



LEADERSHIP CULTIVATION COMMITTEE | BIBLE NERDS



LCC works on Discerning Leadership for FCC

By Jessica Gemm, Chair of the Leadership Cultivation Committee

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How does a community as vibrant and multifaceted as ours make key decisions and steward our collective resources? What is the impact you want to have? Who are the future pillars of Primo Congo? The Leadership Cultivation Committee is energized by the talent in our congregation, and we look forward to finding out what passions and vision you would like to bring to a leadership role in our church. We are actively looking to match the passions and gifts of FCUCC members with key leadership positions on our Church Council to influence and act on the questions above.

If this interests you, we invite you to either talk with a member of the LCC for more information or visit the Leadership Cultivation Committee's web page at <http://fcucc.org/new-to-fcc/nominating-governance-committee/>. There you will find full descriptions of the two Council positions to be filled at the Congregation's Annual Meeting in late January 2017 and a Statement of Interest form if you prefer to contact us that way.

This year's open Council positions are:

- **COUNCIL MEMBER FOR CARE & FELLOWSHIP**
This Council Member helps us define what a Culture of Care means for our church, working with a wide-ranging portfolio of ministries and embodying open-minded compassion in action in our community.

- **MODERATOR OF THE COUNCIL**

The Moderator facilitates the work of the Council, bringing forth the Council Members' strengths, skills, and experience and helping to develop and communicate the church's vision.

This year, the Leadership Cultivation Committee is also charged with identifying candidates for:

- **2-3 MEMBERS FOR THE LEADERSHIP CULTIVATION COMMITTEE**

LCC members bring a diversity of perspectives and involvement to building leadership in our church, from 'connectors' who love meeting and getting to know people, to those who are great at discerning people's strengths and potential, to those who just care about building leadership abilities within FCC.

In addition to these self-nominations, we welcome referrals of others you believe would bring positive impact, for these or future openings. Through conversations and interviews, the committee will identify the roster of candidates to present to the Congregation in the January Communicator for information at the annual meeting for a vote.

For more information, please e-mail or call Jessica Gemm (jess.robinson@gmail.com/617.335.5040), Chair of the Leadership Cultivation Committee (LCC aka Nominating Committee).



YOU TOO CAN BE a Nerd

By Kathy Beck, Bible Nerds Chief Wrangler

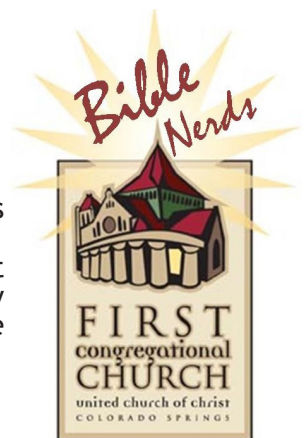
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Time for confession—don't you secretly aspire to be a nerd? My favorite definition is from the online *Urban Dictionary*: "someone whose IQ exceeds their weight."

Weighty questions aside, Bible Nerds is a group for people whose curiosity about Scripture exceeds their present knowledge, who are willing to question what they thought was true, and who have confidence that indeed God is still speaking. Here are a few issues we have recently considered:

- In the Psalms, what is the difference between complaining and lamenting? What place does lament have in our prayers?
- Which feels more real, the presence or the absence of God? What is the connection between the two?
- Are Jesus' words in Luke 12 about bringing not peace but division prescriptive or descriptive, that is, a threat or a simple acknowledgement of what is likely to happen?

We seek to build our academic understanding of and historical background in Scripture, but our primary mission is to examine thoughtfully the lectionary choices for the upcoming Sunday and wrestle with the text. We pool our knowledge, challenge each other, and laugh a lot. Whether your Bible background is solid or sketchy, we encourage you to join us on Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:00 in the Gregg Library. You too can achieve Nerdhood!



HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER?



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Whether you have or haven't, please do so now because Stephen Ministers are making a difference in our church community!

Currently, our Stephen Ministers are serving those who are:

- Grieving the loss of a loved one
- Terminally ill (and their families)
- Homebound
- Experiencing a crisis
- Hospitalized
- Facing major life transitions
- Aging, elderly, and/or lonely
- Facing other life altering situations

Please consider the opportunity to help others in our church community. You may have the skills and desire to help meet the needs listed above. Right now, our church has 14 active, well trained, Stephen Ministers who are committed to providing Christian caring for many who are facing some of the above situations. But, we need more Stephen Ministers!

Enrollment for training to become a Stephen Minister is underway now. Once again FCC/UCC will join other churches in the area as a way to enrich the training experience. **Classes will begin Monday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. and continue through May 6, 2017.**

To inquire, contact **Pastor Jacque Franklin**, 635.3549 or **Stephen Leader, Margaret Reiber**, 432.6733.

Consider joining this dedicated team!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Gregg Library

September 25 - 6:00 p.m.

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Our current selection is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce.

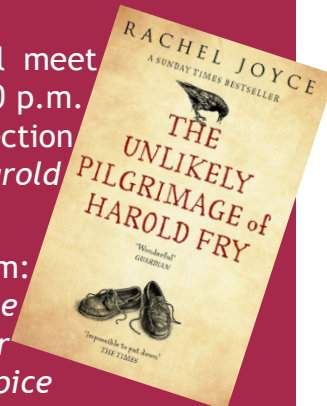
From a review on Goodreads.com:

"Harold Fry is convinced that he must personally deliver a letter to an old friend who is in hospice care in order to save her.

So without hiking boots, rain gear, map or cell phone, one of the most endearing characters in current fiction begins his unlikely pilgrimage (600 miles) walking across the English countryside." Along the way he meets various characters and reminisces about his life - evoking sometimes painful memories. It is a gentle and thought-provoking story, deserving of its critical acclaim.

We always welcome everyone who loves to read!

For more information, contact **Linda Boles** (593.9748/jjobolesjr@comcast.net).



PLYMOUTH CIRCLE

Plymouth Circle will meet on Wednesday,
September 7 at 1:00 p.m.

WHAT IS PLYMOUTH CIRCLE?

It is a women's fellowship circle that meets on the first Wednesday of each month through December. This group is open to ALL women of the church!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN PLYMOUTH CIRCLE?

Come along and pay an annual due of just \$10!

Watch Sunday Bulletins and e-Blasts for details.

A VERY GOOD GOODBYE | PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



A very good goodbye...
plan. execute. exalt.
move on!

By Lynn Young, FCC Member

It was my joy to lead our farewell for our minister, **Benjamin Broadbent**. It's now time to exalt. Good exultation always includes gratitude. Many have thanked me for HOW we did this. With hearts wide open, love overflowing. I was at the microphone but this was not a solo act! Amazing members said "Big Yeses" to make this so!



- Posters, postcards--- by the uber-creative **Tiffany Schmid**!
- Very Good Goodbye Picnic co-chairs **Connie Raub** and **Judy Kort**, queens of organization. Thirteen angel donors!
- Delicious picnic food catered by **SEEDS Community Café**. Want more? 109 E. Pikes Peak. Lunch 11-2:30 M-F. Grab friends and go! When you're there say thanks from FCC!
- An Evening of Tributes and Tunes. **Brian Hofflander** was the king of chords and cords. Tribute-givers and musicians touched hearts. **Patti White's** magic of "campfire scenes" and nibbles! **Andrea Barker** spearheaded CDs and libation. **Tom Francis** spun tunes, created the memories slide show, and live-feed.
- FCC staff shone and partnered at every turn!
- **The Broadbent/Bells** are now in California, wrapped in prayer shawls by the Contemplative Prayer Shawl Ministry, their new home graced by an original painting by **Sarah Stevens**.

And many more pitched in! We loved right into the final goodbyes. We felt God moving in each moment. We still do. We gather waters once again. This is who we are. A dynamic community of faith. There's only one more thing left. To move on...with joy and faith!



prayer shawls sent with Broadbent-bells

By Mary Jane Ray, Member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry

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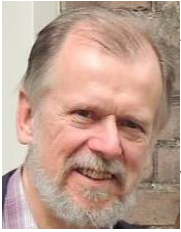
It has been a fun and busy summer for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We were so please to present each member of the **Broadbent-Bell family** with a specially knit or crochet prayer shawl in their favorite color. It will be a reminder and a "little piece of our congregation" in their new home in California.

After a refreshing 'break' from General Meetings this summer, the Prayer Shawl Ministry is ready to get busy again. Our next General Meeting will be our annual Fall Retreat at **Jane Gazal's** home on Saturday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m. It will be a "potluck luncheon" with everyone bringing something to add to a green salad.

Even with our summer break from our Saturday General Meetings, we have continued to knit and crochet the beautiful prayer shawls at home and also in our Contemplative Prayer, Thursday gatherings. Please feel free to join us anytime you can, at the Contemplative Prayer meetings on Thursday mornings at 11:30 a.m. or on the second Saturday of each month at the General Meetings.



PEOPLE AND THE PAST | RALLY DAY



A peek in the past: growing up congregational

By Chris Steenbergen, Church Historian

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With the exception of a photograph of Pastor Gregg's children, there are no pictures of children before 1900 in the FCC archives, nor is there much information beyond Sunday School registers.

I was surprised with a picture in a book of photos on childhood in early Colorado that Wilma bought for me at a flea market in Littleton. It is a winter scene with several of the Gile and Parsons family's children, who grew up at FCC. Both professors Gile and Parsons started teaching at Colorado College around 1893 and their families likely became close.

Moses Clement Gile brought his wife, Josephine Ellen, and four children to Colorado Springs from Andover, Mass., where he taught nearly 10 years at the Phillips Academy ("one of the best teachers they ever had"). He taught Greek and Latin at CC until his early death in 1916. M.C. Gile was a Baptist ("a pillar of First Baptist"), but his wife and children went to FCC. Josephine was active in the Colorado Woman's Missionary and the Woman's Educational Societies. We owe her special insight into Colorado Springs and FCC of the early 1900s from her diaries (CC special collections), which she kept till her death in 1938.

Miriam (not pictured), Richard, Harold and Clement Gile had been born less than two years apart and were baptized at the time of their confirmation; the boys in the same short order at age 14 or 15 as was typical in those days, Miriam at age 18. In 1895, youngest daughter Ruth was born. We have no record of her confirmation or baptism: she may have become a Baptist. Samuel, born in 1900, died young. Both Miriam (in 1914) and Ruth (in 1919) married and moved East.



Clement ("Clem") M. Gile; from *History of the Class of 1914, Yale College, Vol. 1*



Right to left: Clement, Richard, and Harold Gile; Charles, Esther and Elizabeth, Parsons; Feb. 1898. From: Gile family collection in *History Colorado*; object ID 91.379.2

Miriam regularly visited her mother in her old age and went to church with her, but Josephine wrote with regret that she couldn't get the boys to join her at services when they were in town. Clem, who had studied at Yale, moved to Boston and started a shoe factory there (1918). Both Richard, a major in the US air service, and Harold, a lieutenant aviator, fought in the "Great War." Harold was downed over France and spent time as a prisoner of war in a German camp ("Dear Phil, here I am, out of luck. Didn't last long; engine ... caught fire ... arrange to have food sent ... anything solid. Please send bill to mother, ... and, for the love of Mike, some chewing tobacco.") FCC removed the boys from the books in 1929.

Rally Sunday — September 11, 2016 beginning of the program year - join us!

8:30 a.m. **COMMUNITY WORSHIP** (includes Holy Communion)

9:45 a.m. **FAITH FORMATION HOUR**

- Sunday School (Preschool-Gr 5)
- Middle & High School Youth (Gr 6-12)
- The Forum in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. **COMMUNITY WORSHIP** (Chancel Choir sings)

After the Children's Message, worship continues for Preschool through Grade 5 at Kids' Community Worship (in the Kids' Community Worship Space) or at Godly Play Worship for Prechool & Kindergarten (in Classroom W1).

12:15 p.m. **COMMUNITY POTLUCK** - McAllister House Lawn, 423 N. Cascade. Please bring a salad (potato salad, green salad, fruit salad, Jello salad, you name it!) to share. Members of the Music & Arts Ministry Team will be in the FCC Kitchen so you can drop your salad off before services. Food, fellowship, activities for all ages.

This is an interesting article which we found at www.restorationliving.com. During this time of transition, it may be helpful to know what our ministers are going through. First Congregational Church encourages our ministers to take two days a week off and to flex time for family when necessary. Every minister on staff has a Clergy Congregational Relations Committee (CCRC) of six members that meets bimonthly or whenever needed. The CCRC's mission is to listen to clergy for support needs. Clergy receive four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education. Every five years clergy are eligible to submit a sabbatical plan for three months of paid leave. Rev. Jacques Franklin would like to thank the congregation for their generous support.



1. YOU EXPECT EVERY SINGLE ASPECT OF THE CHURCH EXPERIENCE TO BE CATERED TO YOUR UNIQUE NEEDS, TASTE, AND PREFERENCES.

Of course we all see the world, and our churches, from our unique perspective of taste, past experience, and desires. Yet a church is made up of all kinds of people, and is also poised to engage with those who haven't even shown up yet. Your church isn't, and should be, catered to YOU specifically—and each of us has this expectation, it becomes impossible for a pastor to 'win' or make anyone happy. What's the big deal, you say? The phrase "death by a thousand paper cuts" sums it up pretty succinctly.

Try This: When you encounter something "wrong" at church, ask yourself, "Is this wrong? Or simply not suited to me and my preferences?" Before complaining, pause and remind yourself of the mission of the church, and that it doesn't exist to make you, personally, happy and comfortable.

2. YOUR PASTOR FEELS PRESSURED TO BE AVAILABLE AROUND THE CLOCK, AND PRESENT AT CHURCH FUNCTIONS 24/7.

"It's part of the job!" Right? Wrong. While the career does usually include non-traditional hours, there still needs to be a balance of work/rest, ministering/rejuvenating, congregation time/family time/alone time. And just as important: a pastor needs space to be in the local community, to have relationships and an identity outside of the leadership spotlight. And no, not just for outreach—but for a true break from being "on."

Try This: Offer to head up an event or function and encourage your pastor to take the evening off. Don't expect or ask your pastor to make an appearance at every function, or to be involved in every ministry. Encourage your church family to lighten the after-hours expectations, and to resist complaining when the pastor doesn't show up to every single gathering.

3. YOU BEFRIEND YOUR PASTOR, OR HIS/HER SPOUSE AND CHILDREN, IN ORDER TO BE A PART OF THE "IN CROWD."

Does this sound crazy? It is. Yet it happens all the time. So often in fact, that many pastors and their families don't feel that they can be open and at ease with anyone—because it can be impossible to sift the sincere friendships from the ones with an agenda.

Try This: Be a sincere friend. Or, be a kind acquaintance. Or, be a loving supporter. Never, ever try to worm your way to the inside for social gain or an inside scoop.

4. TOO MANY QUADRANTS OF YOUR PASTOR'S LIFE OVERLAP.

What happens when your work life, spiritual life, family life, social life, and financial security are all wrapped up into one? An insane amount of pressure. For most of us these different aspects of life are generally separated out. But for a pastor, stress in any one of these areas directly adds stress in the others. An upset church member likely contributes to your financial stability, is socially connected to your friends, has children in class with your own... and all of this is intertwined with your faith. When things go sour, it doesn't just affect one area of life, it infiltrates the core.

Try This: As a congregation, cultivate a culture that makes it possible for your pastor to be involved in life outside of the church and its social circles (see #2). Don't expect your pastor or his/her family to put their whole life on display for your consumption. Do make room for them to be "normal people" in the broader community.

5. YOUR PASTOR LACKS SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING.

Just like many unique life experiences, leading a church can be a lonely endeavor. There is a reason why those experiencing divorce, addiction, or serious medical complications often seek support groups—because we need others who truly understand our struggles and our journey. Pastors need this kind of support and understanding, yet most don't have it.

Try This: Connect with your church leadership and be sure your pastor has access to professional counseling (meaning both the financial coverage and the space in his/her schedule). If YOU YOURSELF are a pastor, find a kindred spirit with whom you can share the ups and downs. Email a pastor from another area church and meet for coffee—look up an old friend from seminary. If you're truly stuck, email or comment to us here and we'll help you connect. Don't try to make it alone.

FRIENDS OF EMERSON | GREGG LIBRARY

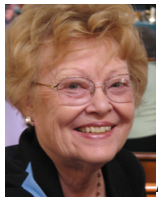
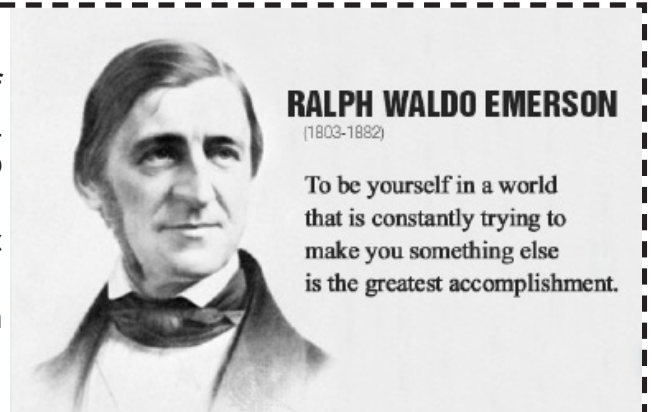
friends of emerson

New members are always welcome at the Friends of Emerson group which has met at First Congregational Church twice monthly since December, 2003. The group meets from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Carey Chapel. We read and discuss Emerson's works—from the classic to the little known.

Contact facilitator, Lucy Bell for further information (lucybell@comcast.net).

Remaining Gatherings in 2016:

September: 8, 22	November: 10
October: 13, 27	December: 1, 15, 29



first congregational's best-kept secret

By Jeanie Tate, Library Team Chair

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As many of you know, our church was built over 125 years ago, designed by a noted New York architect, and placed on the National Register of Historical Places in 2002. When built, the church became a jewel of downtown Colorado Springs. The incredible organ, rich wood details, and dazzling stained glass amazed. However, on a quiet shelf in the Sacristy, there was also a library. That library has been growing ever since. What you may not know is that our library is not part of the church budget, thanks to Rev. James Gregg's family. They donated 10,000 dollars in the 1930s to the Gregg Library and that original amount plus interest still funds us today.

However, the best-kept secret is not the Gregg's funding; it's the Library itself. We hold almost 3000 titles and are constantly updating. Our focus for adults is the spiritual and theological. For our children's program, the sky is the limit. And, as far as I know, we are the only church library in town that is online. You will find us on the church's website, www.fcucc.org. Click *About Us*, *Gregg Library*, and then *online catalog* (in red), and you are there. Make your search and check titles you want. You will be directed to my email to request the books, DVDs, etc. I respond, pull the titles (if not already checked out), and leave them on the library counter with your name. We have the most generous checkout times in town.

Keep in mind that any library catalog has its quirks, and ours is no exception. Following are a few tips:

1. After you enter your search term, choose *Match Phrase*. That seems to get better hits than *Find Any Word* or *Find All Words*.
2. **Category** searches are useful for Children's books. For example, try *Spiritual*, *Growing Up* or *Poetry*.
3. The program is unforgiving about misspelled words - sorry about that.
4. Use author's last name first for author searches.
5. *Advanced search* makes it possible to use two search terms together.
6. Your search terms will NOT be highlighted in search results.
7. The word *Search* under the church logo always begins a NEW search.

If you're browsing the shelves in the library, use the library computer, go to the Internet, and find us on the church's website. Instructions are posted by the computer. Fill out a checkout slip and Take That Book Home. Please!

photo ministry organizing meeting

A few folks at FCC are planning to get together on a monthly basis to share our interest in photography, including its ability to help tell the stories of the life and liturgy of the church. The only requirement for membership is an interest in photography at any level, from beginner to advanced, using a mobile phone or a digital camera. Some of our work will also focus on activities outside the church.



We plan to gather monthly to share photos, tips on approach, technique, software and equipment, and to participate in occasional, somewhat more formal workshops. Interested? Contact Royce Field at royce.field@usa.net. Our first meeting is planned for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the church.



congregational life (may 22 - august 14)

By Rev. Dr. Jacque Franklin

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THANK YOU

Jessica Gemm, Rev. Tamara Boynton, Rev. Jim White, Vicky Gregor, Brooke Bell, Sophia & Marin Broadbent-Bell, Nancy Henjum, Dennis Kleinsasser, Matt Turner, Steve Fehl, Suzanne Laffely & Isaac Laffely, and Lynne Stefonik who served as Sunday liturgists. High School Mission Trip team: Emma Brachtenbach, Nora Brachtenbach, Candace Datz, Alana Khederian, Dawn Khederian, Thea Roland and Sarah Smith created and led Youth Mission Sunday. Brandon Chavez, Dave Seyfert, Georg Gehrunge, Jenny George, Randy Goodwin, Lee Lehmkuhl, Chris Reimer, Sarah Rickman, Paul Schwotzer and Ani Rose Whaleswan led Folk Music Sunday including Mandy Todd as guest preacher. Hadley Hazen and the Clarion Winds; Phyllis White and the Flute Choir; Ruth Roland as pianist; Ben Broadbent, Candace Datz, Jenny George, Shannon Kilzer, Susie Marten, Paul Schwotzer, Mandy Todd, Russ Ware, Ruth Lehmkuhl, Dave Babin, Matins Choir with Susan Waller, director, and Carl Gravander, organist and accompanist; Linda Cummings, guest organist; Men's Ensemble, Sandi Shroads, Rebecca Harrison, Charla McGaugh and Phyllis White, special music. The Kids' Multi-Faith Experience was brought to life by Becky Weiss, Carolyn Hill, Cyndi McFarland, Valerie Colegrove, Polly Strovink, Lisa Mason, Mindy Matthes, Mike Aragon, John Stevens, and parents and FCC children. Connie Raub and Judy Kort coordinated Good Goodbye Picnic attended by Teri Walton and Munchkin. Patti White coordinated Friday night's Good Goodbye reception. Lynn Young was the lead planner of the Very Good Goodbye events. Tiffany Schmid designed of the Very Good Goodbye artwork. Jacque Franklin, Erin Lloyd, Dawn & Amber Khederian, Joan Landrum, Tyescha Clark, Claudia De La Cruz, Vicki Gregor, Alysa Webb and Jessica Gemm helped in sewing the giant Rainbow Flag. All who marched in the Pride Parade. Erin Lloyd, Melanie Mays, Jennifer Ross, Jill Cameron, Joan Landrum, George Woodhead, Becky Weiss, Karen Peace, Claudia De La Cruz, Emily & Mark Bowker, Sean & Kathy Buchanan, Laura Pfender, John Beavers, Jeanie Tate & Brian Nicklas supported KC Worship.

Liz Eden drove middle schoolers to the Switchback's game. IHN set-up and break-down teams and families hosted and provided IHN meals to families experiencing homelessness. Alysa Webb, Judy Kort, and their Ministry teams coordinated the PB&J Interchurch Picnic. Charlotte Bundgaard and Drew Cavin served as chaperones on the Middle School Mission Trip. Jan Erikson donated fleece to make toys for Interfaith Hospitality Network. James Knapp and Out Loud Men's Chorus collaborated with the Chancel Choir. Mike & Jessica Gemm facilitated the Staff/Council retreat. Pete Hokanson nurtured potted plants for teacher thank-yous throughout the year.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE CONTINUED

congregational life *continued*

By Rev. Dr. Jacque Franklin

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PRAYERS

Sibley Savoy prepares for surgery. **Barbie Clark** moved to be closer to family. **Clay Taylor** is recovering from back surgery. **Mallory Everhart's** mother, **Sandy**, has health concerns. **Alysa Webb's** grandfather, **Frank Cancino**, is recovering from a car accident. **Jack Barber** is recovering from surgery after a car accident. **Joanne Jardine** is preparing for her second surgery. **Richard Grebenstein** is recovering from knee replacement. **Gene Yelken** continues in hospice care. **Linda LeMieux** progresses in cancer treatment. **Celia Snyder** suffered a stroke and has returned home after hospitalization. **Ben, Brooke, Marin and Sophia** arrived safely to their new home in California. **Ben Young** was hospitalized with an infection but has recovered and returned home. **Marie Newbrough** was hospitalized and has returned home. **Peter Rule** had surgery on a broken collarbone. **Judy Kort** had shoulder replacement surgery. **Jim White** suffered a minor stroke and continues in occupational therapy to gain back the use of his right hand. **Burl Kreps** had shoulder surgery. **Mo Morrow's** son, **Julian Hathaway**, was hospitalized in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. **Denise Ellsworth** had foot surgery. **Don Drake** was hospitalized with heart concerns. **Karen and Bob Jones's** daughter had reconstructive surgery. **Amanda Terrell-Orr's** son **Ethan Orr** asked for prayers around health concerns. **Ed Holman** recovered from a heart attack. **Sylvie Robinson** sustained a knee injury. **Jessica Gemm** had surgery. **Mark Bowker** asked for prayers around health concerns. **Nora Brachtenbach** received treatment for Lyme disease. **River Atkinson** recovered from back surgery. **Sarah Groh-Correa** traveled to Kansas for *Our Whole Lives* facilitator training. **Lori Miskel's** brother-in-law, **Victor Verdeal**, recovered from an accident. **The Downs family** moved to Portland, Oregon.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ben Sloan had several roles in the FAC Youth Repertory Theatre production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. **Chloe Kiskiras** directed and choreographed the pre-show and opening dance for Theatreworks' *Anthony and Cleopatra* at Rock Ledge Ranch. **Pam Shockley-Zalabak** was featured in the COS Business Journal. **Rosemary Lytle, Guy McPherson, and Benjamin Broadbent** were among various winners of the 2016 Indy Inclusion Awards. **Marie Newbrough** is now the Marketing Coordinator at the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum. **Barb DeGrand and Margaret Garrett**, celebrated their twenty-ninth anniversary together! **Rev. Marta Fioriti** was ordained into the Pastoral Ministry on May 15 at Broadmoor Community UCC. **Lydia Downs** was named 1st chair clarinet at Cheyenne Mountain Junior High and lettered in 7th Grade band. **Joyce Aubrey** was nominated for the 2016 Leadership Pikes Peak Award, Modeling the Way: Community Leadership.

CONDOLENCES

Barbara Schaefer and Bill Edmondson lost their son-in-law, **Steve Corning**, who died unexpectedly on July 11 in Denver. **Brooke Bell** lost her grandmother, **Rosamund Bell**, of Connecticut, on July 17. **Rose Enyeart** lost her niece, **Sandra Miles**, who died from cancer at age 54. **Alysa Webb** lost her great uncle, **Gregorio Cancino** of Pueblo, on July 9. **Karen Brown** lost her father who lived in Spokane, Washington. **Trig Bundgaard and family** lost Trig's grandfather, **Paul Andreas Hofstad**, on May 17 in Arizona. **The Uveges family**, lost their son, **Andrew** who was a student at Manitou Middle School. **Ardith Hanson** lost her mother, **Elisabeth Hanson** on May 14. Long time member, **Jean Taylor** died May 8 and her services were held at FCC on May 18. **Ted Nace's** memorial service was held at FCC on May 14. **Paul and Jan Foreman** lost their grandsons **Paul Jacob Foreman**, age 10, and **Daniel D'mitri Foreman**, age 7, in a tragic drowning accident on May 8. Services were held May 15 in Loveland.

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We welcome you to contribute to *The Communicator*!



The Communicator invites articles, notices, and letters relevant to the life of our congregation.

Accepted submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and correctness.

Opinions expressed by writers do not necessarily reflect official FCC policy.

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is Thursday, September 15, 2016.

Please send to: Emily@fcucc.org AND Petehokanson@gmail.com



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