



I have a mustard seed, and I'm not afraid to use it!

For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. -Matthew 17:20

Each fall, United Methodist congregations across the connection are invited into a season of prayerful reflection about stewardship. While it is easy to think of stewardship only in terms of financial giving, the truth runs much deeper. Stewardship is a spiritual practice, a way of remembering that everything we have—our time, talents, resources, and even our very breath—is a gift from God.

When we participate in the stewardship campaign, we are not simply filling out pledge cards or setting church budgets; we are also demonstrating our commitment to the church. We are making commitments to sustain and strengthen the ministries that shape lives, serve the Fort Collins community, and share the love of Christ. Every offering given, every hour volunteered, every prayer lifted becomes part of a greater witness to God's transforming grace.

This campaign matters because it reminds us that the church is not just a place we attend—it is a family and community we build together. Through our stewardship, we support worship that nourishes our spirits, discipleship that deepens our faith, mission that feeds the hungry and shelters the vulnerable, and outreach that welcomes the stranger. Our gifts make these ministries possible.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, often spoke of stewardship as a matter of holy living. He urged believers to “earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.” That rhythm of generosity is not about obligation but about joy—the joy of knowing that what we share in faith has eternal impact.

As we enter this year's stewardship campaign, let us approach it not with hesitation but with gratitude and hope. Gratitude for the ways God has already provided, and hope for the ways God will continue to use us to bring light and life into the world.

Together, as a church family, let us prayerfully consider how we can respond to God's blessings with generosity. May our stewardship be a living testimony that we are indeed the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Leah

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHEDULE



10/05
SUN

**WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY**



10/09
SUN

Blood Drive



10/29
10/31

**Goblin Walk
Trunk or Treat**



11/09
SUN

**Friendsgiving
Thanksgiving Potluck**



11/17
MON

**Make
Cheeseballs**



Buckhorn Camp Closing

If you would like to help with closing Buckhorn for the season, we have a couple days where we could use a hand.


On Tuesday October 14th we will be blowing out water lines, putting antifreeze in the bathrooms and sealing up windows in the cabins.

On Saturday November 1st we will be blowing out water lines and putting antifreeze in Elkhorn and Buckhorn lodges as well as taking curtains down. If you would like to help on either day, please let me know so we can get a lunch count.

Thanks! Larry Glover - 970-635-9696 - laglover2016@gmail.com.

**CAMP**

October Birthdays

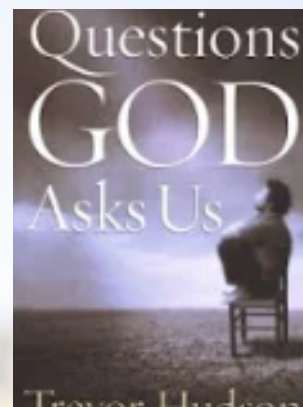
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Carol Hopson	4 Lois Veitch
5	6 Elaine Sample	7 Dar Crawford	8	9 Nan Beard	10 Vandy Staley	11 Becky Braun
12 Barbara Spahr	13 Carma Zimmerman Sam Ptacek	14 Roger Cornett	15	16	17	18 Lee Coleman
19 Lynn Sample	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Hap Stowe Val Cornetet	29 Helen Corl Jackson Utter Leah Coleman	30	31 Dee Williams	

**MONDAY 9:30 A.M. BIBLE STUDY:**

The Monday Morning Bible Study meets in room 107. Our current study, The Acts of The Apostles, from the New Testament shows the growth of the early church after Jesus' crucifixion. All are welcome to join us.

**Adult Sunday School:**

Adult Sunday School has begun a new study from Max Lucado entitled "The Checkered Heart". The study follows the journey of young David, a shepherd, chosen to providing King Saul with harp music (to relax his troubled soul). The story then follows David as he hides from King Saul for many years to David's crowning as King. Join us for this interesting study Sunday mornings in Room 107 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. as Lucado provides us with great background for each session to put us right there with David on his journey! Sue Ptacek 970-218-8701.

**Bible Study****Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study**

In October, the Tuesday afternoon Bible Study will continue the study: Questions God Asks Us by Trevor Hudson. God wants to enter into a conversation with us, His children, and the questions He poses in the Bible draw us into a deeper sharing and intimacy with Him. Come join us on October 14th and 28th at 2:00 pm in the Lounge for interesting insights and discussion.

Contact Carma at Mynacee@aol.com for materials.

Seekers Bible Study

We have begun a NavPress study of John's Revelation. The group meets in room 107 each Tuesday morning at 9:30.

All are welcome. Contact Carol Hopson (817-228-3452) for additional details.





Pastor Leah — Thanks for the
GOODIES!

Thank you very much for
Blessing + Sharing to you!
Thank you
Fatty R.

Thanks for letting us meet in this
space and thanks for the treats!

Thank you
Audrey Simon
Thank you for this beautiful
space (and the goodies!)
Janet Lataona

Thank you for opening up this
perfect room for us! *Angela*
Thank You Karen

Congregational Care Team

The goal of the Congregational Care Team (CCT) is to reach out to those in our community of faith who have special needs and to help make our church a friendly, nurturing faith community.

When the Care Team is made aware of someone who needs a little extra encouragement, they do their best to be there with cards, phone calls and visits. During the past month CCT members sent 65 cards and emails, made 4 calls and 4 visits.

The Congregational Care Team (CCT) meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the church lounge to update, review and to assure that the known needs of those in our community of faith are being met. You are invited to join the Team!

For more information, please call Linda Glover, 970-481-1415.

MORNING GLORY PRESCHOOL



We're excited to share a new community partnership this year. Morning Glory Preschool has joined hands with Realities for Children, an organization dedicated to supporting at-risk youth in our area. Over the summer, we held a successful school supply drive, and next up is our Bucks for Bikes fundraiser—our goal is to donate at least one bike (maybe more!) to children in need. We'd love for you to be part of this meaningful effort! Please be on the lookout in the Narthex for the Bucks for Bikes jar display and drop in a buck if you're able to!

Thank you! MGPS



**"OUR UNITY IN CHRIST
DOES NOT ERASE DIVERSITY.
OUR DIVERSE VOICES ALLOW
GOD'S TRUTH TO BE TOLD
IN MANY WAYS."**

Kathy Khang

#RAISEYOURVOICE

United Women In Faith have many books in their section of the Library. Those shelves are at the far east end of the Library. Current books (fiction and non-fiction) on Social Action, Nurturing for Community, Leadership Development, Education for Mission and Spiritual Growth give many choices for every reader. You will see the checkout instructions on one of the shelves.

PLEASE RETURN ANY BOOKS YOU CHECK OUT IN 3 WEEKS OR LESS. Other readers are waiting. Here is a short review of a book from the "Spiritual Growth" category.

Library News



Raise Your Voice: Why We Stay Silent and How to Speak Up by Kathy Khang

You have a voice. And you have God's permission to use it. In some communities, certain voices are amplified and elevated while others are erased and suppressed. It can be hard to speak up, especially in the ugliness of social media. Power dynamics keep us silent and marginalized, especially when race, ethnicity, and gender are factors. What can we do about it? Activist Kathy Khang roots our voice and identity in the image of God. Because God created us in our ethnicity and gender, our voice is uniquely expressed through the totality of who we are. We are created to speak, and we can both speak up for ourselves and speak out on behalf of others. Khang offers insights from faithful heroes who raised their voices for the sake of God's justice, and she shows how we can do the same today, in person, in social media, in organizations, and in the public square. Be silent no more. If you have wondered when and how to speak, hear God's invitation to you to find and steward your authentic voice, whether in word or deed, to communicate the good news in a messed-up world. As you discern God's voice calling you to speak, you will discover how your voice sounds as you express God's heart to others. And the world will hear you loud and clear.

Finance Committee
Monthly Review of Gifts and Expenses for the Church's
Operating Fund

Monthly Review	Givings	Expenses	Difference
Jun, 2025	29,958.00	24,515.00	5,443.00
Jul, 2025	21,620.40	23,926.79	-2,306.39
Aug, 2025	26,167.24	25,326.67	840.57

Our financial picture has stabilized somewhat, but we are still negative year to date. The deficit in July was \$2,306 which is lower than in some months earlier in the year. Thanks to all of you who gave extra to help out. We still have an amount we owe to one of our funds that we borrowed from, and the balance is, \$25K. Both June and August show more gifts than expenses and this is helping to reduce the debt that was created earlier in the year. We also continue to look for ways to cut down on expenses.

Luke 12:34



For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

October 9th

Garth Englund Blood Center Blood Drive

Hosted by:

Ft. Collins Breakfast Rotary & Christ UMC Church



Thursday, October 9th 2025 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
301 E. Drake Rd, Fort Collins, Co 80525

Appointments are strongly encouraged. Walk-ins welcome.

Please register in advance via the HemaConnect link:

1. Scan the QR code.
2. Create an account (use your legal name as it appears on your ID).
Note this is separate from the UHealth Connection App you may have
3. Leave the "Donor ID" section blank.
4. Select the time you wish to donate.

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MORNING GLORY PRESCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWS



We're back!

Our staff, children and their families have had a great first month of school! We're all getting used to the new faces and routines and are grateful to be settled in.

Stop by the preschool to say hi if you're in the building!



On the horizon:

October 3 - No school

October 20 - 21 - Scholastic book fair in the Narthex

October 16 - 19 No School

October 30 - Halloween parties

October 31 - Trunk or Treat

Volunteer opportunities

Almost every week, someone in our fabulous congregation asks me the question "What can I do to help the preschool?" My answer is usually "What are you good at?" We've had volunteers make our playground easel (wood working), read us books in the Sanctuary (and sing), bake the staff cookies (yum!), help weed our garden and pick up pine cones from our sidewalks and many many other things.

If you have a talent you'd like to share or if you want to help and don't quite know what you can contribute, please see Molly so we can talk it through. We always need extra hands for our Trunk or Treat event! Come help us, we love it!

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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