



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH LOVELAND UCC

THE HERALD

APRIL 2023

Minister's Musings

Dearly Beloved,

It should be no surprise to us that this season of Seeking has brought us more questions and conversation than anticipated. From discussions about symbols to early discernment around the property we own at 832 N Lincoln Ave. How is God calling and leading us into new and renewed life? How do we delve more deeply into authentic relationship with one another? Where is God finding us and where and how are we finding God?

Personally, I have found myself continuing to reflect on the work I did with a small team from our congregation exploring “belonging” and the southern African idea of *ubuntu*, wondering how I may continue the work of owning my story, connecting and reconnecting with my childhood experiences in southern Africa.

How about you? How are themes of belonging showing up in your life? Where do you feel you belong? Where or how is it challenging to make room for others belong? Where do you feel isolated or alienated? What helps you experience belonging?

As we approach Easter, our scriptures take us with Jesus on his journey of isolation and alienation – a journey that ends in his execution. So often, I try to avoid these things. So often, I want to jump to resurrection without actually navigating the fear, shadows, and pain of all that precedes resurrection: rejection, betrayal, denial, and death.

I hope and pray that this holy season may speak to your soul – that even as you seek God, you may discover that when you feel most lost, most alone, most desolate, God is waiting for you, God has found you, God will always find you.

With love and hope,
Thandiwe

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Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 am

In-Person Worship

Join us in the sanctuary! Masks are optional. The balcony and west section of the sanctuary are available for physically distanced seating, with masks required.

Zoom Call-In

Dial: 312 626 6799, Meeting ID: 966 390 616#

Zoom Meeting By Computer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/966390616?pwd=eXBIRC9Kc0V6S3BxM3NBQzIDaHRTdz09>

Meeting ID: 966 390 616; Password: 773088

Sunday Worship on Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/LovelandUCC>



Holy Week Worship

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| April 2, 10:00 am | Palms to Passion Worship and Choir Cantata
Beautiful melodies and powerful texts will lead us through Christ's journey. |
| April 6, 7:00 pm | Community Maundy Thursday Worship
@ First United Presbyterian Church, 400 E 4th St, Loveland |
| April 7, 7:00 pm | Community Good Friday Worship
@ First Christian Church, 2000 N Lincoln Ave, Loveland |
| April 9, 6:30 am | Easter Sunrise Service (bring a chair and dress warm!)
@ Kauffman's Home (502 S CR 9E, Loveland) |
| April 9, 10:00 am | Easter Worship |
| April 9, 11:00 am | Easter Egg Hunt |
| April 16, 10:00 am | Resurrection Sunday & Baptism of Theodore Snyder |



Worship Night - May 2, 7 pm

Join us for an uninterrupted time of praise through scripture and music. Whether you come to sing along or just to listen and reflect, we hope to see you there.

Palm Sunday Choir Cantata - April 2, 10 am

For the first time since 2019, the choir will be sharing a Cantata on Palm/Passion Sunday, which is April 2. "Journey to Hope" was inspired by the great tradition of spirituals. As arranger Joseph Martin explains: the beautiful melodies and powerful texts of over 15 spirituals will lead us through Christ's journey: from calling disciples and the weary and burdened to the joyous entry into the city of Jerusalem and the road beyond. Jesus' journey continues into a walled garden, where despair meets conviction. On the road to calvary, walking leads to stumbling and falling, and Jesus's journey closes with gasps for forgiveness out of love and mercy.

The music helps tell the story, along with narration and scripture, our prayers, and our fellowship together. The congregation will also be invited to participate in the palm processional, and we will share Communion as we remember Jesus breaking bread that fateful week.

Men's Coffee Group - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 am

The Men's Coffee Group will meet in Fellowship Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at 10:00 am. Please contact Frank Kauffman with any questions.



Be A Blessing - Yard Sign \$20

Spring is here! Adorn your yard with a message of encouragement for your neighborhood! Purchase a "Be A Blessing" Yard sign for \$20 from the church. Supplies are limited. First come, first served.



Audio/Visual Team Volunteers Needed

The Audio Visual Team of Craig Jump, Jon Haux, and Jacob de Bes have worked hard to staff and support our church's ministry, outreach as well as opportunity for members to attend while away from the building. They are ready to teach a few volunteers who appreciate how necessary this service is, and are willing to dedicate some time to supporting our church in this new way of welcome. Please consider offering your time and talent to this endeavor. Please see any A/V Team member for more information.

Help Get Family Bingo Nights Going!

Want to help us get a Family Bingo Night going? We're looking for event organizers and coordinators! Please contact Pastor Thandiwe for more information.

Rental Property Discernment - Please Join Us!

Dear Congregation,

Two years ago, we discussed what to do with the property we own at 832 N Lincoln Avenue. We decided to table the conversation and return to it later. That later has come. **Our Trustees are working with a team from our congregation to gather as much information as possible from professionals about the property and want to share that information with you.** I hope you will pray for our congregation in this time of discernment and join us for conversations around what's next with this rental property.

Peace and love, Thandiwe

March 26th Informational Meeting -- Community Hall following worship

Presentation & handouts will be shared with information pertaining to the following and their impact on our congregation in terms of finances, volunteer hours and opportunities for ministry:

- Maintenance and repairs expected over the next 1-3 years for 832 N Lincoln;
- Requirements for bringing the building at 832 N Lincoln up to ADA code;
- Options for continuing to rent the building;
- Options for selling the building.

Please bring your questions!

April 23 Q&A Session -- Community Hall following worship

We hope you will have had time to process the information shared on March 26th. Please bring your questions, thoughts, etc to this Q&A session on April 23rd. This will be a time for conversation about what might make sense in terms of moving forward.

May 21 -- Congregational Meeting -- immediately following worship

Taking into account the conversations of March 26th and April 23rd, our Trustees will present a proposal for what they believe to be the best path forward with regards to our property on 832 N Lincoln Avenue. We will vote on their proposal.

Financial Notes

Budgeted Offerings through February: \$25,520.00

Offerings Received: \$30,953.40

Donation of Goods/Services in February: \$162.75



Serving in April

GREETERS:

4/2 Dana Stanke & Lee Daniels
 4/9 Dana Stanke, Ali Eleam, Kathy Bialy & Diane Biegert
 4/16 Elizabeth Endicott OR Kathy Bialy
 4/23 Kim Leibbrand
 4/30 Eunice Baer

USHERS:

4/2 Lucas Gardner, Colton Leibbrand, Diane Levy & Georgene Hill
 4/9 Allen Lebsack & John Schwartz
 4/16 Allen Lebsack & Troy Jackson
 4/23 Bob & Mary Miller
 4/30 Georgene Hill

AUDIO/VISUAL:

4/2 Craig Jump & Jacob de Bes
 4/9 Jacob de Bes & Jon Haux
 4/16 Jon Haux & Craig Jump
 4/23 Craig Jump & Jacob de Bes
 4/30 Jacob de Bes & Jon Haux

REFRESHMENTS:

4/2 Troy & Heather Jackson
 4/9 Easter - no refreshments
 4/16
 4/23 Dawn Briggs
 4/30

ACOLYTES:

4/2 Mya & Jeslyn Haux
 4/9 Gavin & Grayson Snyder
 4/16 Lucas Gardner & Colton Leibbrand
 4/23 Josiah & Jehu Nalwood
 4/30 Mya & Jeslyn Haux

LAY READERS:

4/2 Alycia Pisano
 4/6 Diane Biegert (@ FUPC)
 4/9 Diane Levy
 4/16 Bev Laing
 4/23 Karen Jazowski
 4/30 Kathy Bialy

TRUSTEES:

4/2 Mary Kauffman & John Schwartz
 4/9 Brian Kukus & John Schwartz
 4/16 Bernie Depperschmidt & Brian Kukus
 4/23 Greg Greaves & John Mc Coy
 4/30 Alexandra Stanke & Allen Lebsack

April Celebrations

Birthdays

Delores Helzer
 Mary Depperschmidt
 Jim Croissant
 Valerie Carlson
 Orlene Biggert
 Molly Baker
 Lucas Gardner
 Don Brehm
 Heather Jackson

Parker Jackson
 Allison Goerke
 Rebecca Trupp
 Grace Haskins
 Jon Haux

Anniversaries



Kim and Jennifer Ogle



If your birthday or anniversary is NOT listed, please let the office know.



APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Choir Rehearsal 9 am Worship with Nursery Care 10 am Children's Worship 10:15 am Rental Property Informational Meeting 11 am	27 Virtual Faith Formation Board 7 pm	28 Virtual Lectio Divina 8 am Mah Jongg 1 pm Choir Rehearsal 6 pm	29	30 Lent Study: Forgiveness 1:30 pm	31	1
2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Choir Cantata</i> Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am Worship with Nursery Care 10 am Fellowship 11 am S3 Youth Group 11:15 am	3 Deacons 7 pm	4 Virtual Lectio Divina 8 am Men's Coffee Group 10 am Mah Jongg 1 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	5	6 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Worship @ First United Presbyterian Church 7 pm	7 <i>Good Friday</i> Worship @ First Christian Church 7 pm	8
9 <i>Easter</i> Sunrise Service @ Kauffman's 6:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9 am Worship with Nursery Care 10 am Children's Worship 10:15 am	10 Trustees 6 pm Church Board 7:30 pm	11 Virtual Lectio Divina 8 am Staff Meeting 10:15 am Mah Jongg 1 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	12	13	14	15
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30 Choir Rehearsal 9 am Worship with Nursery Care 10 am Fellowship 11 am	1 <i>First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month</i> Deacons 7 pm	2 Virtual Lectio Divina 8 am Men's Coffee Group 10 am Mah Jongg 1 pm Worship Night 7 pm	3	4 	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6 

From the Rocky Mountain Conference (UCC) Board of Directors Volunteer to Serve the Rocky Mountain Conference

The Conference Nominating Committee has begun our work of identifying those interested in serving as Officers, Board Members or Committee members of the Rocky Mountain Conference.

The committee's proposal for candidates will be presented at the annual celebration for approval by conference delegates at the annual celebration in June.

As a Nominating Committee we are committed to developing a Board and Committee structure that reflects the diversity and inclusion in ethnicity, gender, gender identity, economic status, age, disabilities, and geographic location across the three states of the RMC.

As an initial step in our process we identified all the positions that will be voted on at the Annual Celebration. Those positions are listed [HERE](#). In this list, an asterisk indicates a position in which a person is currently serving and is eligible to serve a second term or begin a first term because they were filling a vacant position. The positions without an asterisk are vacant positions, or positions with no incumbent eligible to remain in the position.

As a general practice, we are approaching all who are either completing a first term, or completing an unfilled term, and asking if they are interested in continuing to serve another term. And, in a desire to be more transparent, we are listing all positions here to let you know ahead of time what positions will be voted on at the annual meeting.

If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities or would like to nominate someone to a position with their permission, please use this [Google Form](#) to indicate your interest, or send an email to nominations@rmcucc.org with the following information: Name of Nominee, Position of Interest, Association, Local Church (include city) and any information regarding identity that you are comfortable and willing to share to help the Nominating Committee ensure diversity within the leadership of the Conference.

If you have questions about any of these positions, Rev. Erin Gilmore, Associate Conference Minister, will be glad to answer questions you have about the responsibilities or time commitments of these positions or connect you with the appropriate committee chair for more detailed explanations. We invite all into a spirit of discernment to consider whether your gifts meet the present needs for leadership in carrying out the mission and ministry of the Conference.

Congregational Meeting - May 21

The next congregational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 21, following worship. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

PACE

Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly

InnovAge PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) is an alternative to nursing facilities that provides customized healthcare and social support to aging adults—to help them stay independent.

IS PACE RIGHT FOR YOU?

YES NO

- ☐ YES ☐ NO I am 55 years or older.
- ☐ YES ☐ NO I have made multiple trips to the hospital or emergency room in the past 6 months.
- ☐ YES ☐ NO I need help from other people with activities like bathing, dressing, eating, or walking.
- ☐ YES ☐ NO I need transportation assistance for medical appointments.
- ☐ YES ☐ NO I am able to live safely in my home with help from others.
- ☐ YES ☐ NO I live within the InnovAge PACE service area.*
- ☐ YES ☐ NO I currently have Medicaid.

If you answered “yes” to any of the questions above, you may be eligible for the InnovAge PACE program.



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Please note: InnovAge Colorado PACE (ICOP) participants must receive all needed healthcare, including primary care and specialist physician services (other than emergency services) from ICOP or a person or company authorized by ICOP. ICOP participants may be fully and personally liable for the costs of any out-of-network services.

**Call 855-487-6768 to confirm that your residence is in our service area.*

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