



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH LOVELAND UCC

THE HERALD

JUNE 2023

Minister's Musings

Dearly Beloved,

Truly, every time I think of you, dear church, I give thanks. For you are a source of hope and faithfulness and joy.

Yesterday, at our congregational meeting, we made the decision to sell our rental property at 832 N Lincoln Avenue. As someone said to me as we wrapped up our congregational meeting, it was a reminder that the church is indeed made up of its people – of all of you, all of us. There is no one person who can make decisions for us, but we make decisions together. We do not always agree, and there are some of us who did not vote to sell the building, and still we come together to live as best we can into God's world, serving and loving God's beloved community here in our congregation and well beyond.

Our theme for worship this summer is: "Growing in God's Love." Scripture is full of farming, growing, harvesting, and sowing imagery. Plants and fruit are used as metaphors for everything from the body of Christ to the fruits of the spirit. In scripture, we will find God as the gardener, in hymns God is the one who walks with us in the garden, and in parable God's kingdom is a seed.

We will use the image of a garden to ground us this summer – reflecting on seeds being planted, taking root, sprouting, growing, blooming and fruiting. Reflecting on the need for rest and rain, sun and soil, for toil and tending, for mulching and mowing. What seeds of faith, love or service have been sown in your life? What tending may they need to grow and flourish? What fruits of love and compassion are needed in our neighborhoods and communities? How can we plant seeds that might one day bear that fruit?

We hope that this theme will invite curiosity and delight all through the summer as many of us tend flowers, fruits and veggies as well as our own bodies, souls and spirits and the relationships that nourish us.

I hope and pray that you can feel God's love growing in you and in our congregation today and in the season to come!

With love,
Thandiwe

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>



Summer Adult Education

Colors of Hope 10-Week Study

Beginning week of June 18th and ending week of August 20th

"Colors of Hope provides a much-needed resource to individuals and churches who long to deepen their welcome to LGBTQ+ people as well as to LGBTQ+ folks who want to begin to integrate their... identity and spirituality. Reflecting on the colors of the [original] Pride flag, each contributor offers a reflection on the meaning from their perspective and the chance for readers to embody meaning for themselves."

- Fr. Shannon T.L. Kearns (he/him) co-founder QueerTheology.com

"This book will move you beyond pride, into a wholistic understanding of who God made you to be, and what you are called to do in the world."

- Ross Muray (he/him), author, *Made, Known, Loved: Developing LGBTQ-Inclusive Youth Ministry*

Colors of Hope is an expansive resource for personal growth and collective change. This book explores themes of life, healing, sunlight, nature, sexuality, art and magic, harmony and serenity and spirit with a weekly reading and a daily reflection or activity that reminds readers we are all children of God.

If you are interested in joining this study, please sign up on the trophy case and indicate your preference for time and forum (in-person/Zoom). You can also contact Pastor Thandiwe (thandiwe@lovelanducc.org, 970-405-9184).

Summer Season Worship

June 4 Communion Sunday

Isaiah 55:10-13 "Sowing Joy and Planting Peace"

June 11 Isaiah 58:1-11 "God's Garden"

June 15-17 Rocky Mountain Conference UCC Annual Celebration

June 18 Father's Day, [Juneteenth](#)

Matthew 5:43-48 & Psalm 65:9-13 "Raindrops keep falling on my head..."

June 21 – Screening of "Fern Gully"

June 25 Open & Affirming Sunday

June 27-30 Middle School Mission Trip to Laramie, Wyoming

July 2 Communion Sunday

Micah 4:1-4 & Isaiah 2:1-5 "Swords into Plowshares"

July 9 Outdoor Worship and All-Church Picnic, Namaqua Park

Matthew 6:25-34 "Grass in its Glory"

July 19 – Screening of "Moana"

July 16 Guest Preacher

Matthew 9:35-38, 10:5-14 "The Harvest is Great"

July 23 Hymn Sing

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 "The Time of Singing has Come"

July 30 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 "Seeds and Soil: A Parable"**Aug 6 Communion Sunday**

Matthew 13:24-32 "The Smallest Seed"

August 9 – Screening of "My Octopus Teacher"

Aug 13 Blessing of the Backpacks

Amos 5:7, 21-24 & 9:11-15 "Make Gardens"

Aug 20 Matthew 14:13-21 & 15:32-38 "Enough for Everyone!"

Back-to-School Pool Party hosted by Dawn Briggs and Karen Jazowski

Aug 27 John 15:1-8 "Being Branches"**Sept 3 Communion Sunday, Last Sunday of the Summer Season**

Matthew 7:15-20 & Galatians 5:16-25 "Fruiting"

Summer Season Art Opportunity

During our summer season, engage your creative side and take photographs or create artwork (drawings, paintings, sculpture, pottery, sand castles, etc) that captures how you see God's love growing in and around you. We hope to gather these pieces of artwork into an art show at the end of the summer and potentially to create a calendar and/or offer some of these original art pieces for sale.

Please submit images and/or artwork to Pastor Thandiwe in-person or via email (thandiwe@lovelanducc.org). Want to help with an art show or auction? Talk to Pastor Thandiwe!

Thriffs & Gifts Grand Opening - June 2, 10-3

The Thriffs & Gifts GRAND OPENING will be Friday June 2 from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Please stop by for the festivities!

Thank you all who have made this possible!

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

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



Save the Date! Outdoor Worship & Picnic July 9

Mark your calendars! We will worship in the outdoors on Sunday, July 9, at 10:00 am at Namaqua Park (730 N Namaqua Ave) followed by a picnic!

RMC 49th Annual Celebration - June 15-17

Our RMC Annual Celebration will be held in Grand Junction June 15-17.

Registration is open and can be found [HERE](#). Deadline to register is 6/12/2023. To book your room online, click [HERE](#). To book over the phone, call 970-241-8888 and be sure to ask for the Rocky Mountain Conference UCC rate when making your reservation. Business meeting information as well as other details about the gathering will be posted [HERE](#) (rmcucc.org/annual-celebration-2023) so please check back often.

Summer Lunch Lab Mobile Meal Program

Save your family time and money with free summer meals for your kids this summer! No application or registration needed, just stop by and enjoy. To find meal sites near you, visit thelunchlab.org or text FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304. You can also call The Lunch Lab at 970-493-4477 for more information.



Chancel Mountain Mural

After we fell in love with the temporary foam board mountains requested by the 2019 spring worship team and created by Eunice Baer, there has been significant discussion around replacing those with a mural painted on the chancel wall behind the altar. You may have noticed that the foam-board mountains have been removed (they were not in great shape and posed a fire hazard) and that Pat and Brian Kukus have graciously repainted the blue behind the cross in preparation for a mural.

Daniel Gardner and Eunice Baer stepped forward and volunteered their artistic skill and expertise to create a proposal to share with our congregation for what that mural will look like. They have already invested considerable time and energy into this design.

On an upcoming Sunday morning, Eunice and Daniel will present this design in-person to the congregation. Then, we will schedule a congregational meeting on a following Sunday to vote on moving forward with this mural design.

Some notes about the proposed mural:

Eunice Baer and Daniel Gardner selected colors drawing from tones in the stained glass windows and woodwork in our sanctuary. They also considered our liturgical colors: green, red and purple. Golds and yellows were intentionally placed at the level of the altar to draw out the gold designs in all of our paraments (the cloth that we place on our altar and pulpit).

Like our stained glass windows, the woodwork on our pulpit, altar and baptismal font, and the bronze statue in our narthex, this mural will add beauty and the gift of original art and craftwork to our worship space. It will remind us of God's presence and majesty within our building, within our beloved community and indeed in all of creation, especially the mountains where many of us experience God's presence and grace.



Free Tool to Help You Maintain & Regain Balance - NYMBL

Looking for a way to stay healthy and active? Check out this free App - one of our congregants who is using it asked that we share this information more broadly.

Nymbbl is a free and scientifically proven balance training app. Nymbbl's program was created by our resident physical therapists (and balance experts) just for you. Sign up for Nymbbl's free training app today to improve your balance in only 10 minutes a day - anytime, anywhere. We've teamed up with your local Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) to offer our scientifically proven app-based program just to Coloradans 60+ for free, so you can live a thriving and independent life.

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Financial Notes

Budgeted Offerings through April: \$51,040.00
Offerings Received through April: \$60,581.00
Donation of Goods/Services in April: \$119.20





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <i>Pentecost</i> Worship with Nursery Care 10 am Children's Worship 10:15 am Fellowship 11 am	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>  THANK YOU !	30 Virtual Lectio Divina 8 am Mah Jongg 1 pm	31 Thrift Store Sorting & Prep 9 am	1 <i>First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month</i>	2 Thrifts & Gifts Grand Opening 10 am	3 Thrifts & Gifts 10 am
4 Worship with Nursery Care 10 am Fellowship 11 am Thrifts & Gifts 11 am	5 Deacons 7 pm	6 Virtual Lectio Divina 8 am Men's Coffee Group 10 am Mah Jongg 1 pm	7 Thrift Store Sorting & Prep 9 am	8	9 Thrifts & Gifts 10 am	10 Thrifts & Gifts 10 am
11 <i>Music Minister Out of Office</i> Worship with Nursery Care 10 am Children's Worship 10:15 am Fellowship 11 am Thrifts & Gifts 11 am	12 Trustees 6:30 pm Church Board 7:30 pm	13 Virtual Lectio Divina 8 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mah Jongg 1 pm	14 <i>Flag Day</i> Thrift Store Sorting & Prep 9 am 	15 <i>RMC Annual Celebration</i>	16 <i>RMC Annual Celebration</i> Thrifts & Gifts 10 am	17 <i>RMC Annual Celebration</i> Thrifts & Gifts 10 am
18 <i>Father's Day</i> Worship with Nursery Care 10 am Fellowship 11 am Thrifts & Gifts 11 am	19 <i>Juneteenth</i>	20 Virtual Lectio Divina 8 am Men's Coffee Group 10 am Mah Jongg 1 pm	21 Thrift Store Sorting & Prep 9 am	22	23 Thrifts & Gifts 10 am	24 Thrifts & Gifts 10 am
25 <i>Music Minister Out of Office</i> Worship with Nursery Care 10 am Fellowship 11 am Thrifts & Gifts 11 am	26 Virtual Faith Formation Board 7 pm	27 <i>Mid High Mission Trip</i> Virtual Lectio Divina 8 am Mah Jongg 1 pm	28 <i>Mid High Mission Trip</i> Thrift Store Sorting & Prep 9 am Virtual Mission & Outreach 3 pm	29 <i>Mid High Mission Trip</i>	30 <i>Mid High Mission Trip</i> Thrifts & Gifts 10 am	1 Thrifts & Gifts 10 am

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Serving in June

GREETERS:

6/4 Dana Stanke & Elizabeth Endicott
6/11 Kim Leibbrand
6/18 Eunice Baer
6/25 Kathy Bialy

USHERS:

6/4 Craig Bialy & Allen Lebsack
6/11 John Schwartz & Diane Levy
6/18 Bob & Mary Miller
6/25 Allen Lebsack & Georgene Hill

AUDIO/VISUAL:

6/4 Jacob de Bes & Jon Haux
6/11 Jon Haux & Craig Jump
6/18 Craig Jump & Jacob de Bes
6/25 Jacob de Bes & Jon Haux

REFRESHMENTS:

6/4 Mary Kauffman
6/11 Kathy & Craig Bialy
6/18 Father's Day - no refreshments
6/25 Noreen Flood

ACOLYTES:

6/4 Mya & Jeslyn Haux
6/11 Gavin & Grayson Snyder
6/18 Lucas Gardner & Colton Leibbrand
6/25 Josiah & Jehu Nalwood

LAY READERS:

6/4 Alycia Pisano
6/11 Diane Biegert
6/18 Diane Levy
6/25 Bev Laing

TRUSTEES:

6/4 Greg Greaves & John McCoy
6/11 John Schwartz & Mary Kauffman
6/18 Bernie Depperschmidt & Alexandra Stanke
6/25 Brian Kukus & Allen Lebsack

FINANCIAL SECRETARY/TREASURER:

6/4 Pat Kukus
6/11 Dawn Briggs
6/18 Eileen Walker
6/25 Dawn Briggs

June Celebrations

Birthdays

Lee Daniels
Ali Eleam
Evan Snyder
Bernard Depperschmidt
Jay Britt
Thandiwe Dale-Ferguson
Josiah Nalwood
Giovanni Glantz
Bruce Helzer
Jehu Nalwood
Celia Glantz
Molly Vetter
Macy Ziegler
Kathy Schuetz

Anniversaries

Mike & Linda Arndt
Donald & Valeria Brehm
Fred & Helen Koch
Greg & Linda Greaves
Allen & Terri Lebsack
John & Sandra Drage
Frank & Mary Kauffman
Dan & Nikki Glantz
Jeff & Tricia McWhorter



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