Christ United Methodist Church Grow your love of God ~ family ~ Community

December 7, 2025 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Service Assistance:

Ask an usher if you need hearing-enhancement headsets, footrests, large-print bulletins, hymnals, or Bibles. Braille bulletins are available upon request--Please order by Thursday before worship.

Welcome Visitors!

Everyone is welcome at Christ UMC, and we are grateful you're here. Please accept a small gift from our Outreach Team! If you'd like more information about Christ UMC or are interested in becoming a member, contact the church office at (970) 226-2341.

Adult Sunday School: **ALMOST CHRISTMAS!** Adult Sunday School is looking at this Advent Experience on video each Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. in December. Join us in the Lounge for viewing and discussion. All are welcome! Sue Ptacek (970) 218-8701.

Monday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study: Room 107. Our current study, <u>The Acts of The Apostles</u>, from the New Testament shows the growth of the early church after Jesus' crucifixion. We follow the ministries of Peter, Stephen, Philip, John and others to Samaria, Antioch, Jerusalem and Damascus. Sound exciting? Come join us!

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

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study (2nd & 4th Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.): In December, the Tuesday afternoon Bible Study will continue the study: Questions God Asks Us by Trevor Hudson. God wants to enter 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 December 9, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lounge for interesting insights and discussion. We will not be meeting on December 23, 2025, but will return in January. Contact Carma at Mynacee@aol.com for materials.

There will be no Coffee Fellowship TODAY as the UWF prepares for their Christmas Tea. We will resume our get-together on December 14.

Volunteer Opportunity: A position is available on the Sunday counting team responsible for processing offerings. We are seeking an individual with computer proficiency to accurately enter donation information and generate the required reports using Church Windows software. Counting generally takes place after Sunday church services and lasts about an hour. With four sets of counters, each person typically only needs to count once a month. If you are interested or want more information, please reach out to Sandy Beardmore at sjbeardmore@msn.com or (970) 988-5809.

Christmas Joy - Get into the joyful spirit of Christmas at the CUMC Annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The celebration is sponsored by the CUMC United Women in Faith and will feature music, music, and more music. The Dickens Carolers (from the Larimer Chorale) will bring "Christmas in Music" to our ears and hearts. All of us will join in singing our favorite carols as well. We'll also enjoy refreshments and visiting. Bring your neighbors and friends. All are welcome and wanted!!

You are warmly invited to celebrate Christmas Eve at Christ United Methodist Church! Join us on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. for a beautiful candlelight service as we rejoice in the birth of our Savior. Together, we will reflect on the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings into our world and into our lives. Come as you are—bring family, friends, and neighbors—and share in Scripture, prayer, carols, and the holy wonder of this sacred night. We look forward to welcoming you as we gather around the manger and celebrate the Light that shines in the darkness.

It's that time of the year again to gather canned goods and non-perishable food for the Larimer County Food Bank. Please drop off food in our narthex from November 30 to December 21. Thanks for all you do!

Heifer International will have a table in the Narthex the first four (4) Sundays in December. Passing on The Gift is the heart of our sustainable community development philosophy. Every family who receives an animal must pass on one or more of the animal's offspring, along with training and skills, to other families in need. This unique approach creates a ripple effect that transforms lives and communities. Recipients build new levels of self-confidence and fulfillment as they become donors themselves. "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise." Luke 3:11. Stop by the table for order forms and Christmas Cards.

Do you have a prayer request? You can share your joys or concerns by putting your request in the prayer box in the narthex or by emailing the church office (<u>info@cumc-fc.org</u>). Be sure to use this email address when corresponding with the office.

Church Office Hours are (M-F) 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The office will be closed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.



At Christmastime,

we cuddle in a wool blanket in front of the fire. The sheep that provide warm, soft wool can also give a family the help they need to survive.

Did you know?

- Families can sell wool for income or turn it into clothes for an even greater profit.
- Sheep often give birth to twins or triplets, so a family can quickly grow their flock.

It was not long before this family could Pass On The Gift by giving their first offspring to friends and neighbors.

Website: Do you have a church event you want to include on the church website or Facebook page? Please email Janis and Jessie at info@cumc-fc.org.

Bulletin announcement deadline: Tuesday at noon of the week you want included.

Newsletter deadline: Articles for the newsletter are due on the third Monday of each month.

Offering: Please know that whatever gifts you can share are appreciated as we grow as Christ UMC. Thank you!

Meetings/Events this week:

Church Office Hours (M-F): 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Morning Glory Preschool (M-F):** 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Adult Sunday School: Sunday 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in room 107

Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Time: Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **CANCELED FOR Today! UWF Christmas Program:** Sunday 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Joyful Noise Belles: Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in room 106 **Bible Study:** Monday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in room 107

Church Council Meeting: Monday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

SPRC Meeting: Monday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. via Zoom

Seekers Bible Study: Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in room 107

CCT: Tuesday 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in room 104

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study: Tuesday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m. in room 104

Explorer's Circle: Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in room 107

CUMC Outreach Group: Wednesday 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in room 018 **Chancel Choir Rehearsals:** Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary