

Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

In this holy and joyful Holy Week, we gather to proclaim the good news that stands at the very heart of our faith: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! These words are not just a phrase we repeat once a year—they are a truth that reshapes our lives every day. The empty tomb reminds us that God’s love is stronger than death, hope is greater than despair, and new life is always possible.

Easter meets us where we are. Some of us come filled with joy and celebration. Others come carrying burdens, grief, or uncertainty. Yet the miracle of Easter is that God speaks into all of it. Just as the stone was rolled away, God continues to roll away the stones in our own lives—the things that keep us stuck, afraid, or disconnected from hope.

As a congregation, we are called to be Easter people. That means we carry resurrection into the world—not only in what we say, but in how we live. We show compassion where there is hurt. We offer hope where there is despair. We extend love where there is division. In doing so, we become witnesses to the living Christ in our midst.

I invite you to look for “little resurrections” in your daily life—the small yet powerful ways God is bringing new life from ordinary moments. A restored relationship, a renewed sense of purpose, a quiet moment of peace—these are all signs that resurrection is still happening.

As we celebrate new life, I also invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support the ongoing mission and ministry of our church. Because of your generosity, we are able to worship together, serve our neighbors, care for those in need, and share the love of Christ in meaningful ways. Your gifts make a real difference.

If you are able, I encourage you to make an Easter offering or to continue (or begin) a commitment to regular giving. Whether through a one-time gift or ongoing support, every act of generosity helps sustain and grow the ministries that bring hope and healing to our community.

Together, we are resurrection people—bringing light into darkness and love into the world.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Grace and Peace
Pastor Leah

April Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wednes	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 James McMeeking
5 Jeanette Peters Tim Jones	6 Carole Lee Brown	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Lyle Beaumont		17	18
19 Hannah Freese	20	21 Kemper Harris	22 Inez Silvas	23	24	25 Gloria Williams Jim Catalano
26 Dwight Gutsche	27	28 Carol Jensen	29	30		

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE



4/5
SUN
10:00 A.M. **EASTER SUNDAY
SERVICE**



4/5
SUN
11:00 A.M. **EASTER EGG
HUNT**



4/19
THROUGH
5/3 **FFH
ROTATION**

Library News



The Reading Program books for 2026 are now in the UWF Library. Fiction and non-fiction—good reading for everyone. You do not have to be a member of UWF to check out a book

United Women In Faith has many books in their section of the Library. Those shelves are at the far east end of the Library. Current books 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 CHECKED OUT IN 3 WEEKS OR LESS. Other readers are waiting.

Here is a short review of a book from the “Nurturing for Community” category.

“Finding Me” A Memoir by Viola Davis

Notes from the author, Viola Davis: “In my book, an Oprah’s Book Club pick, you will meet a little girl named Viola who ran from her past until she made a life-changing decision to stop running forever.

This is my story, from a crumbling apartment in Central Falls, Rhode Island, to the stage in New York City, and beyond. This is the path I took to finding my purpose but also my voice in a world that didn’t always see me.

As I wrote Finding Me, my eyes were open to the truth of how our stories are often not given close examination. We are forced to reinvent them to fit into a crazy, competitive, judgmental world. So I wrote this for anyone running through life untethered, desperate and clawing their way through murky memories and overcoming trauma, trying to get to some form of self-love. For anyone who needs reminding that a life worth living can only be born from radical honesty and the courage to shed facades and be . . . you.

Finding Me is a deep reflection, a promise, and a love letter of sorts to self. My hope is that my story, a candid Black actress memoir, will inspire you to light up your own life with creative expression and rediscover who you were before the world put a label on you.

“Finding Me” is the story of my journey, but it is also an invitation to own your own past with radical honesty”.

BUCKHORN SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Spring is just around the corner, and here at Buckhorn we're beginning to feel that familiar sense of anticipation for another season on the mountain.

As we begin to prepare, we're eagerly looking ahead to welcoming campers, retreat guests, students, and volunteers back to a place that feels like home to so many.

This winter has been a bit drier than we'd like, which reminds us how important it is to care for this land well and be thoughtful stewards of the space entrusted to us.

Even so, the beauty of Buckhorn remains constant, and we're excited for all that this next season will hold.

We're grateful for this community—your presence, your support, and your belief in the impact of camp.

We can't wait to welcome you back to camp soon.

2026 Dates

Saturday April 25th 9:00 AM – 4 :00 PM

Workday to get camp ready for the season

Projects will include cleaning cabins, light maintenance, outdoor prep and more. Please let us know you are coming so we can have enough lunch and work supplies.

Camping dates for your calendar

Camp Hope June 22nd - June 26th

For more than 45 years, Camp Hope has been a place of belonging, joy and renewal for adults with a wide range of intellectual and physical disabilities.

***Youth Camp (3rd – 10th grade) June 28h – July 3rd & July 19th – July 24th**

***Mini Camp (2nd – 4th grades) July 12th – July 14th**

To Learn more and registrar go to:

<https://www.buckhorncamp.org/summercamp>

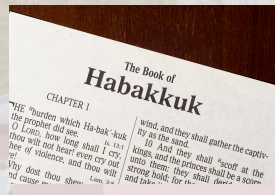
To learn about camper ships see Pastor Leah

If you would like to work at some or all of the camps there are several jobs open. For more information or for a complete list of job openings contact Sean Orner at <https://www.buckhorncamp.org>

Thanks, Larry

MONDAY 9:30 A.M.
BIBLE STUDY:

The Monday Morning Bible Study in room 107. We have begun a new four-lesson study about Habakkuk, one of the Minor Prophets. There will be a video and discussion. Come join us!



Seekers Bible Study

Seekers Bible Study continues to meet every Tuesday morning at 9:30 in room 107. The new study centers on various Psalms that connect to our daily lives.

All are welcome & can contact Carol Hopson for a study book.
(817-228-3452)
carolhopson54@yahoo.com

Adult Sunday School

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World?? Join us in our SS class for a video and discussion on this topic. We meet in the lounge at 8:45 a.m. just before church on Sunday mornings. Always interesting with good discussions! Questions?

Sue Ptacek
(970) 218-8701

Mid-Week Bible Study

The Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study has become the Mid-week Bible Study to accommodate the schedules of more of our members. In April, we will begin watching season 5 of The Chosen. Come along with us as we follow Jesus and his disciples toward the end of his ministry on earth. Please join us on Thursdays, April 16th and 30th at 2:00 pm in the Lounge for interesting discussion and insights!
Contact Carma at Mynacee@aol.com for materials.

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April is FILL THE PANTRY MONTH!

Habitat for Humanity will be having many homes completed this year. It is their practice to supply each new homeowner with a pantry of food, cleaning supplies, etc. to welcome them. CUMC will be collecting Pantry items (canned food, boxed food, cleaning supplies, bathroom supplies) during the month of April. Boxes in the Narthex will be available for your donations Every can of food, boxed item will be appreciated and used!!!! Thank you.



FFH Volunteers Needed:

Our first rotation for this year is 4/19 – 5/3. Please watch for your e-mail invite in the middle of March and use SignUpGenius to get first choice of available slots. NOTE: This is a 2 week rotation. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for both weeks. New volunteers are always welcome so encourage a friend to join you. If you have questions about the upcoming rotation or need help with the electronic sign up, please feel free to contact Nathalee Novy at 970-224-5331.

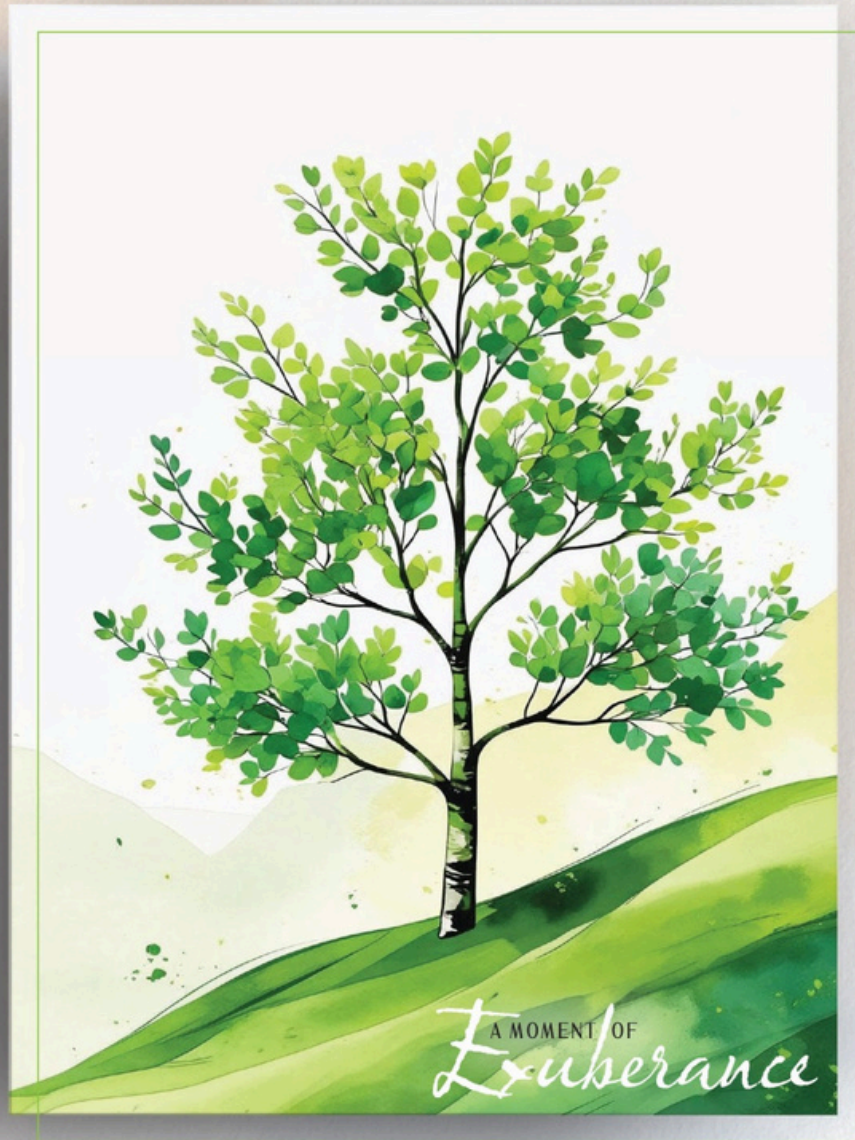
Other FFH News:

The move to the FHN central location is progressing. There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony held in late February, and FFH hosting should begin at the new location sometime this summer. This model is similar to the model used during COVID. There will be tours scheduled for our volunteers once the transition has occurred. For more details, please refer to the February Newsletter.

LARIMER CHORALE PRESENTS

FRENCH CONNECTION

featuring Francis Poulenc's *Gloria*



IN PERSON
TICKETS:



LIVE STREAM
TICKETS:



MAY 17, 4 PM
UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS



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One of the wonderful things about being a preschool, which is a ministry of a church, is the support we feel from the congregation. Each February 15th through May 15th, Christ United Methodist Church centers around the theme

“Bless the Heart of a Child,” with special intention given to our students through thoughts and prayers.

We truly appreciate the CUMC congregation for always keeping our school in mind, and especially during February when that care is so thoughtfully focused on our children.



family housing network



WE ARE MOVING TO A CENTRAL LOCATION!!!

Late in the Summer 2026, we have high hopes we will be able to move our four FFH overnight families (and the entirety of our Overnight Program) to our new central location at 811 E. Myrtle. This central location will house not only our FFH/Overnight Program, but will also house our Day Center, including our staff offices. Our move is motivated by our passion to help best serve families, and we found during COVID that families best stabilize by staying in ONE place to focus on the goal of getting into housing. We also are happy this helps ease the burden on our coordinators/volunteers by eliminating the need for set-up/tear-down, as well as the wear and tear on our faith communities.

Though things will look DIFFERENT at our new location, and families will no longer rotate through our faith communities, the need for your help as a volunteer and faith community remains the SAME!!!

YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE SPECIFIC WEEKS in which your volunteers will provide hospitality as evening hosts, meal hosts, and overnight hosts. The signup genius will continue to be the same link, so please sign up because WE NEED YOU and so do our families!!

Thank you for your years of dedication to Family Housing Network, Faith Family Hospitality and our greater FTC community and thank you for your continued support in this new chapter and new endeavor in serving families experiencing homelessness!!!

We appreciate ALL of your support and are excited to continue to partner with you and continue our commitment to our families and our efforts to eliminate family homelessness in Northern Colorado!!!



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 21 cards and emails, made 15 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.



From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Lee and Kendra Coleman of Consolidated Electrical Distributors, for their efforts in installing new astronomical timers on our four switches for outside lighting around the Church. Kendra suggested these electronic timers as being a good answer to bringing on the lights at dusk and off and dawn with the switches doing all the adjustments for light and time changes throughout the year. Lee installed them at no charge for labor, and we are most grateful for this. Lee also replaced all the LED lights in the soffit area around the church.

The Trustees also had a fire alarm installed by Merit Electric in the Preschool that could be better heard in that area, making it safer for the children and teachers. This cost was split 50/50 between Preschool and Building Funds.

The Trustees are also working on getting quotations for parking lot resurfacing, hopefully by this summer.

We are grateful for your building fund donations and will spend them wisely to keep our church in good condition.



TRAINING

The Church Council will offer CPR/AED training. We especially encourage ushers to get the latest training. All church members, their families, and friends are welcome to be trained also.

We have located trainers who are willing to come to the church for the training. Their charges for CPR/AED training on adults, children, and babies are:

- \$25 for training only
- \$55 for training and CPR certification for 2 years

There is no difference between the training offered. They are both about 2.5 hours long.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
RECEIVING THE TRAINING, PLEASE
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR
GARY TURNER
GEETURN@COMCAST.NET
970-217-1232
BY APRIL 15.

MORNING GLORY PRESCHOOL

APRIL NEWS



LITERACY AT MORNING GLORY

Early literacy is at the heart of learning at Morning Glory Preschool. When children are immersed in rich language experiences through stories, songs and conversations, they build the foundation for reading, writing and communication. These skills support brain development, strengthen relationships and spark curiosity about the world. At Morning Glory, we create environments where print, storytelling and playful language are part of day. By nurturing literacy, we prepare children for kindergarten and help them become confident thinkers and lifelong learners.

On the horizon:

April 2 & 3 - Easter egg hunts
April 16 & 17 - Rocky Mountain
Childcare Conference
April 23 & 24 - No school
April 27 - May 1 - Teacher
Appreciation Week

**Enrollment is open for
Fall 2025**

**Let your friends and
neighbors know!**

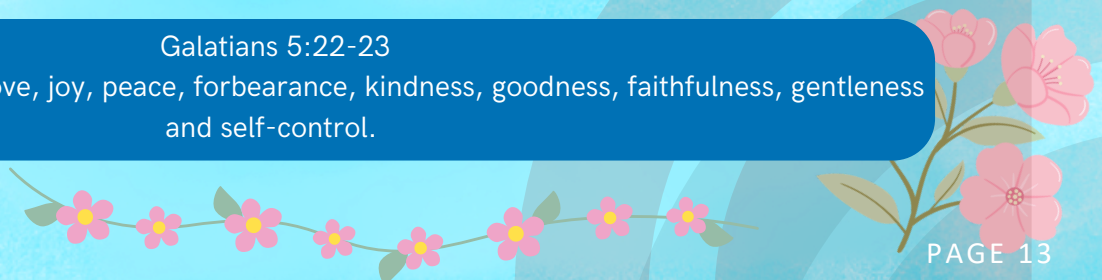
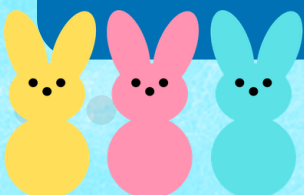


WHAT'S HAPPENING

Staff at Morning Glory are so excited to be going to the Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference in Denver on April 16 & 17. It's an opportunity to grow in our field, learn new ideas and connect with other educators who share our passion for early childhood. It also supports one of our staff training goals outlined in our Quality Improvement plan for the year.

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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