



August 2022

Senior Newsletter

That's a wrap! Here are highlights from a couple of annual summer events!

FUMC Marketing and Outreach was blessed again this year to be able to offer free water and popcorn at the Rialto Summer Concerts at the Foote Lagoon!

Jocelyn Rowley with the Reporter Herald stated that the event coordinator, Heather Rubald, estimated attendance to be about 2,000 per concert! It is good to see the community back in action.

The volunteers always receive many thanks from concert goers and are told they look for our table each year. At least one visitor worshipped with us as a result of FUMC presence at the concerts.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all of the volunteers and Larry & Marilyn Hagan for providing the church banners, stickers and decals that help the community know that FUMC is a welcoming place.



FUMC/TUMC held another Vacation Bible School this year with the theme Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness. Kids took an adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest to "form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead."

There were 37 kids, up by 12 from 2021. And, 25 volunteers, also up from last year. It was a fun week for all involved! Thank you for your prayers and for your financial support to help make this a success!

Behind the Music

By Lee Anderson-Harris

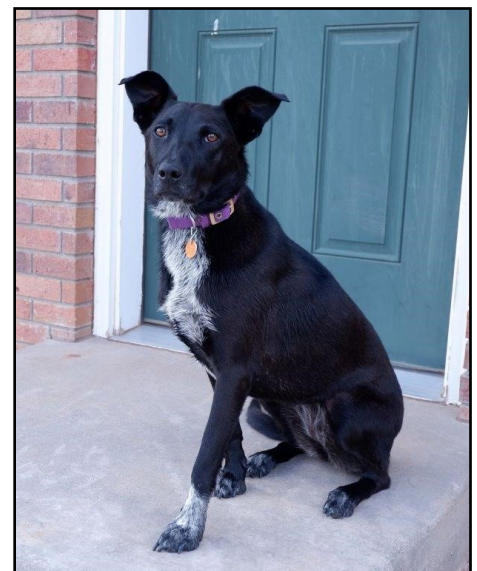
FUMC is blessed with good music. This is my personal opinion, but it's also an opinion I often hear expressed from members of the congregation. We have talented singers and instrumentalists within our congregation, as well as quality choirs: The Spirit Sounds Bell Choir and the Children's Choir, both under the direction of Susan Harding, and the Chancel Choir (which will soon be under the direction of Nicole Ceciliani). And we also are blessed by musicians from beyond FUMC as well. Who finds these musicians? Who coordinates the music with the worship themes? Who schedules musicians and makes sure we have the variety of music that we enjoy? It's the woman behind the organ (and piano, and hammered dulcimer): Kathryn Peiffer.

This is to help the congregation get to know Kathryn a little better. She joined the staff not much longer before I did, and a lot of her work was hidden behind the scenes during our time of online-only worship. Kathryn taught music for 20 years in the Thompson School District; she taught at Truscott Elementary the last 14 years. When she retired in 2019, Susan Garcia contacted her about the organist/pianist position at FUMC. Kathryn said it was as though God opened a door for her. While she loved working with children, she wasn't able to do church music how she really wanted to. I personally have come to know how much music as a means of worship is valued by Kathryn. Hymnology (the study or composition of hymns) is important to her, and it shows in the careful selection of hymns that help us worship with our whole being.

I asked Kathryn what the best part of her role is, and she said the ability to meet new people and hear a variety of musical talent. She will contact people she's never met before to ask if they will play in worship...including talking to street musicians with whom she's impressed! And what is the hardest part? Not to "overuse" people or be so persistent in asking them to perform that it's annoying. However, she says, you have to go to people personally and ask them to be a part of worship. Music is what kept her in church for so long, and she recognizes this is true for many people, so she wants to create opportunities.

She also works two days per week at the Colorado Cherry Company in Loveland. She loves this job, and it's a good company to work for. She likes meeting the tourists, and everyone who enters the shop or takes a tour is in a good mood! She teaches piano as well, and wants to thank FUMC for allowing her to use the space to do so. Teaching and passing on her knowledge is also of importance to her because, as she puts it, "the piano is a phenomenal instrument."

Kathryn and her husband Ron have an Australian sheepdog named Josie. In fact, dogs have been another love in her life! There is so much more to know about Kathryn of course, but I hope this provides a snapshot. We are thankful for her ministry and devotion, and for helping us all worship through music!



Josie in her "purple dress collar"

Delivery Volunteer Spotlight

By Barry Wehrle

I was born and raised in Newark, NJ. My father was a Newark policeman and my mother a registered nurse. I have one younger brother, Dennis, no sisters. I was educated in the city school system which was quite good if you wanted it to be and graduated high school in 1963. I was fortunate enough to have grandparents who lived outside of the city in the “country” where I spent most weekends, every holiday and every summer. I was both a city kid and a country kid.

Both of my pastors while I was in high school thought I ought to go into the pastoral ministry. I studied in that direction my four college years. As a freshman, I walked the “sawdust trail” and gave my life to Christ during an evangelism emphasis week at school. That was the best decision I ever made. Running a very close second was dating and becoming engaged to Phyllis Grimm. We were married in August 1967.

Phyllis and I moved to NJ for my seminary training at Drew University. Phyllis began teaching a 4th grade class to pay my way through school! I graduated in 1970 with a Master of Divinity degree (sounds impressive doesn't it?). Phyllis graduated with a Ph.T degree (Putting Hubby Through). During my 40 year pastoral career, I served 6 churches, shortest 4 years, longest 15. Phyllis taught school and raised children for a number of years and then opened, with a friend, a pre-school where she worked as co-owner/head teacher for 24 years.

While serving my city congregation, I became an EMT. In the next town I worked on the local ambulance squad for 5 years and enjoyed that very much. I took a two year course in counseling and personal development from the Blanton-Peale Institute in New York City. I love to sing and did so in all my church choirs as well as community choruses.

Early in our marriage Phyllis and I had two children, David and Emily. Emily lives in Berthoud (and thus we live in Loveland!) and has taught pre-school special education for 26 years in our local school system. Our son lives now with his family in Myrtle Beach, SC. He is a United Methodist pastor working with Ends of the Earth Cycling, a missionary group here in the U.S. We have 7, mostly grown, grandchildren, 6 boys and one girl.

Upon our retirements, Phyllis and I moved to Ocean County NJ where we lived for 9 years before moving to Loveland. During that time I worked part-time for 5 years with the United Methodist Homes of NJ in church relations. I volunteered in the emergency room in our community hospital (78 beds!), sang with the Shrewsbury Chorale and served a couple of short interim ministries in UM churches. We moved to Good Samaritan Village in Loveland in August of 2017 and found FUMC very shortly thereafter. Both of us enjoy worshipping and serving at FUMC and volunteering in our community. We hope to do so for many more years!



Thank you Barry for serving!

August Birthdays

August 3

Keven Aggers

August 8

Ann Aggers

Randy Starr

August 13

Millie Ternasky

August 21

Vicky Shields

Mike Spoon

August 27

Patricia Gillespie

August 4

John Irelan

August 9

Kathy McMillan

August 14

Sandra Stever

August 22

Margie Billingsley

August 30

Virginia Brant

August 5

Raymond Flynn

August 11

Elden Gayman

August 16

Suzanne Proctor

Norma Hammond

August 31

Eleanor Phillips

August 6

Doug Hill

Trish Moreland

August 12

Bob Beers

Craig Johnson

August 17

Mame Chambers

Duke Phillips

August 24

Robert Hoch

Mary Jordan

Susan Rostvedt-
Johnson

August 7

Tom Pitts

Joanne McGinnis

Dona White

Anita Williams

August 20

Cecilia Ball

August 25

Marilyn Roberts

Resource for Aging Well

Are you familiar with the **Seniors Bluebook**?

It's a free resource guide for seniors that lists services such as in-home health care, support groups, senior housing options, and articles written by local professionals.

Want a **free book** for Northern Colorado? You can order one by calling the 800# or going online. Or, you can pick one up at the Ask Me Desk. Call Pastor Lee if you need one delivered to you!

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