



First Church Communicator

October 2022

Monthly Newsletter of the First United Methodist Church, Castle Rock, Colorado
1200 South Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104



Please join us at our annual
Harvest Dinner

Saturday, October 29, 2022
4:30 – 7:00 PM

Tickets available at the Church and the Senior Center

Adults	\$15
Seniors (65 +)	\$12
Children (6-12)	\$9
Children 5 and under	Free

*Tickets are \$2 more at the door
Your paragraph text



Menu

Cranberry Relish
Turkey
Ham
Traditional Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Green Beans
Roasted Sweet Potatoes
Rolls
Homemade Pies

Featuring – Entertainment - TBA

***Sponsored by United Methodist Women
& First United Methodist Youth***



Harvest Dinner Coordinator
Leslie Spencer is looking for
volunteers to:
bake turkeys
donate pies
prepare food
serve food
sell tickets
deliver meals

Sign up at the Welcome Center
or Contact Leslie at
mrssuperk@msn.com

Pastor Matt's October Reflection



This month in worship we will be talking about what it means to #BeUMC I would love for you to join us in person or online in worship as we discover what it means to #BeUMC. We start with the mission statement of the United Methodist Church.

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches and extension ministries of the Church provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making

occurs. ~from ¶ 120 in the 2016 Book of Discipline

We are called by Jesus to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of self and the world. So what is a disciple? Two definitions that resonate with me are:

“A disciple is a follower of Jesus whose life is centering on loving God and loving others.” ~ James A. Harnish, *A Disciples Path: Deeping Your Relationship with Christ and the Church.*

“A disciple is one who knows Christ, is growing in Christ, serving Christ, and sharing Christ.” ~Rev.Junius B. Dotson. *Developing an Intentional Discipleship System: A Guide for Congregations*

Two questions I want us to focus on are: 1. How is the Church making disciples? 2. How are you making disciples? Wrestling with these questions will allow us to see what we can do to help center our lives on the loving God and loving others foundation that Jesus established. Let's make disciples of Jesus!

Data from Cottage Meetings

You can find all the data collected here: <https://bit.ly/cottagedata22>

I would say we need a clearer Mission, Vision, and Plan that will help us articulate why we make disciples of Jesus. We need to utilize our strengths so that we can be successful and have a lot going in a positive direction. I will be working with the Ad. Council to help craft a mission, vision, and plan that we as a Church can lean into so that we can make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



1st Wednesday Coffee with Pastor Matt

Join Pastor Matt at Crowfoot Coffee Bar to have a time for conversations, questions, and prayer from 7:45 a.m.-9 a.m. It's a come-and-go thing. Next one Nov. 2nd

Charge Conference

11/16 6:30 p.m. On Zoom A registration link will be emailed out later in October and will be on our website.

Castle Rock FUMC Trunk or Treat



October 25th 6-8 p.m.

A NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY



DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, WE WILL HAVE PHOTO
DIRECTORY PICTURES TAKEN ON SUNDAY'S
COST FOR THE PICTURES IS \$10.00
MORE INFO IN THE NEWSLETTER, OR ASK PASTOR MATT

SOCK VOLUNTEERS

Sock volunteers are needed to provide
and prepare meals for our Tuesday
afternoon SOCK program.
Look for the sign-up sheet at the
Welcome Center



Mission Team will
host a food drive
on Sunday,
October 30th

Items will be donated to
the Help and Hope Center
in Castle Rock.

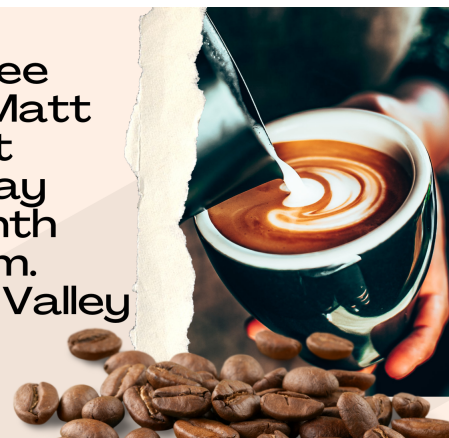
Zoom Coffee Time
with Rev. Sarah

Every Wednesday
at 9:30 a.m.

Check with Office for
Zoom Links



First Coffee
w/ Pastor Matt
The first
Wednesday
of the Month
at 7:45 a.m.
at Crowfoot Valley
Coffee



TIME AND TALENT AUCTION LUNCHEON

Join us in Fellowship Hall after the 10:45 a.m. worship service on **November 6** and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by our Youth as well as an opportunity to purchase items graciously donated by our Church family.

This is our Church's annual benefit for our youth's mission trip, the Trustees' purchase of equipment for the Church, and the Mission Team local mission projects. With a goal this year of \$7,250, this is an opportunity to share your time and/or special talent.

Consider offering: artwork, homemade crafts, jelly, cakes, and breads; a round of golf or restaurant gift certificate; your time and expertise in gardening, painting, home repairs, quilt instruction, tutoring; or a week at a timeshare.

Green pledge forms are available at the Welcome Desk and should be returned by Thursday, November 3rd by either placing the card in the offering plate or returning it to the Church office.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Find out more info.

[https://www.fumccr.org/
stephen-ministry](https://www.fumccr.org/stephen-ministry)

Stephen Ministry

The Power of Presence by Rosie Andrade

Sometimes when I am trying to write about my place as a Stephen Minister and what I am doing to help my fellow Stephen Ministers and their care receivers, something happens to make me see what that is. Like getting a new care receiver or going to visit a person in need. That's when I feel God telling me why I am a Stephen Minister. We are there to listen, pray and help our fellow Christians and people of other faiths. I know this is why I became a Stephen Minister.

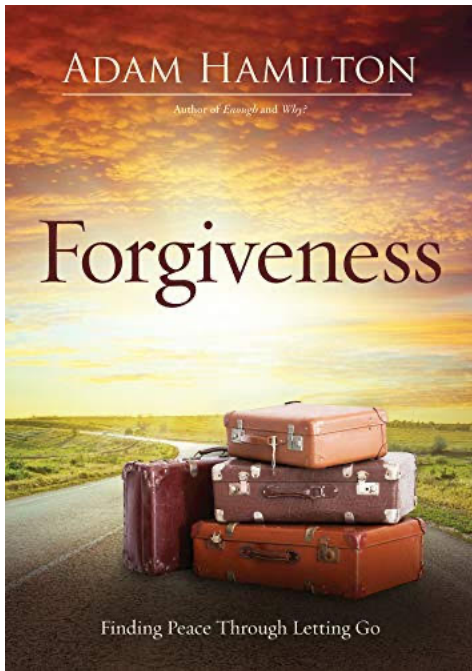
I went to a book signing a few days ago, not having any idea what it was about. The book was "Spirit of the Heart" by Edward Hanania, a local author (you can probably meet him at the dog park!) . Here is one of his poems.

If you feel a calling to become a Stephen Minister, we will be partnering with another church for classes soon. For more information ask someone with the blue name tag!

If you have something going on in your life that you may need a listening ear and someone to walk alongside you, contact Pastor Matt, Rev. Sarah, Cheryl Smith.



Rev. Sarah's Contemporary Issues Class



We will be studying Forgiveness: finding peace through letting go by Adam Hamilton

In Person: October 17 through November 4 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

On Zoom: October 21 through November 11 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"If your enemies are starving, feed them some bread; if they are thirsty, give them water to drink." Proverbs 24:17 (CEB)

There is nothing more crippling than holding on to anger. Anger, more than any other emotion, has the power to consume all aspects of our lives, distort our sense of purpose, and destroy our relationship with God.

In the passionate and life-changing book *Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go*, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings the same insight that he applied in the bestseller "Why?" to the challenge of forgiveness. Hamilton argues that revelation comes when we realize that forgiveness is a gift we give ourselves rather than to someone else. He also contends that only when we learn to forgive others and ourselves can we truly receive forgiveness from God.

"Adam Hamilton not only reminds us about the importance of reconnecting the broken pieces of our lives, but shows how the process of grace and forgiveness is possibly our most complete picture of God." -Shane Stanford, author of *Making Life Matter: Embracing the Joy in the Everyday*

"Deeply rooted in the Bible's testimony about God's extravagant mercy, this fine little book explores the Christian call to practice both repentance and forgiveness in the image of God. Straightforward and practical, Hamilton vividly sketches the habits of the heart that discipleship requires in our daily relationships with spouses and intimate life partners, family members, friends and strangers."

--Patricia Beattie Jung, Professor of Christian Ethics, Saint Paul School of Theology

Youth Ministry News

Josh Hay has put together a SignUp Genius for anyone that would like to volunteer making a meal for any of our Thursday night meetups for the remainder of this school year. We typically have anywhere between 6-12 students on a given night and the sign up starts THIS THURSDAY NIGHT if anyone is interested!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48AAA62BA31-fumy>

We'll help with the setup and cleanup if you just want to send your student with dinner for the night. And while we always appreciate parent culinary skills, phoning it in with a pizza order is perfectly acceptable as well!

Youth Ministries
OCTOBER Events!

Sunday, Oct. 2nd 8:30-10:30am Meet Up	Saturday, Oct. 29th 6:00pm Harvest Dinner & Lock-In!
Tuesday, Oct. 25th 6:00-8:00pm Trunk-or-Treat!	

Reminder: Social Media Have Been Updated

We have updated our social media to help us be easier to find and connect with.

All the links in one place: <https://linktr.ee/castlerockfumc>

Website: www.fumccr.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/castlerockfumc>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/castlerock_fumc/

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/>

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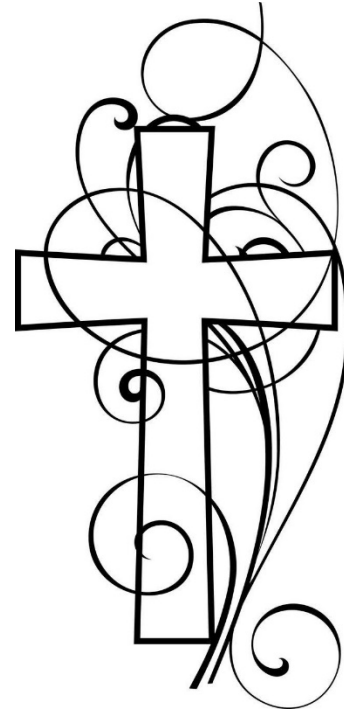
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Submit your articles, photos, poems, coming events,
stories, and news items to: **firstchurchcr@gmail.com**

You may also bring them to the church office.



November NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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