



an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

United Church
OF BROOMFIELD

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JANUARY 2025

Monthly Newsletter

**The
Visitor**

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Pastors' Peace

Christmas isn't just a single day. There's Christmas Day and then Christmastide which ends with Epiphany (the celebration of the visit of the Magi) on January 6th. Like the song says, there are 12 days of Christmas. It's hard sometimes to celebrate Christmas for that long. Our culture has been celebrating Christmas since after Halloween, so they're ready to move on to New Years. I don't do New Years resolutions because I'm still in recovery from

December as we move into January. I have periods of reflection and intention setting throughout the year, so I don't feel like I'm missing out. I honestly just want to keep celebrating Christmas. Not the stockings and gift-giving of December 25th but the love, kindness, light, togetherness, and slowness that the baby Jesus inspires.

As I'm writing this newsletter article a couple days after Christmas, our cat Eda is sleeping on my legs. We have what we call 'cat law' in this house - when the cat is sleeping on you, you can't move. So I'm stuck on the couch for a while. The Christmas tree is still lit, and there's a scattering of gifts underneath for friends we haven't seen yet. I'm listening to the soundtrack of A Charlie Brown Christmas with my sermon for 12/29 on the special not quite done yet. There's a bedroom with gifts that haven't found places to live yet. There's clean laundry that hasn't been folded yet. There's a workout queued up for today that hasn't been done yet. Eventually Eda will get up off my lap, and I'll have to go back to my chores. I have a good reason to do my chores. My sister promised that when we all get our chores done today (or make a good attempt and it hits 6pm) we'll go to the local dumpling shop for dinner. I think that promise is to motivate my nephew more than me, but it's still working for me. This newsletter article is one of the things on my list I can do with a cat sleeping on me.

I know that when we go to the dumpling shop, even if our chore lists still have things left undone it will feel like Christmas. The three of us will set aside everything else and be present with each other. My nephew will talk about Christmas Eve and Day at his dad's house. My sister will update us on her long-distance partner who she's gotten to spend some time with virtually since they're both off work. I'll tell them about UCB's Christmas Eve service and my sermon that may be fully drafted by then or may still need some work. My sister may tease me about how many hours I've played the new video game that Santa brought me, and I'll tease her about re-reading the same book at Christmas as she did last year (The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper - it's worth a first read or a re-read!) My nephew will show off the latest fidget he's designed and created using his 3D printer. To me that's the spirit of Christmas continuing on.

I'd like to suggest a New Year's resolution for us all (even if you're like me and don't really do those) - keep the spirit of Christmas going. Christmas is the reminder that God is with us and that God cares about the life on this planet. God cares so much that They came as one of us. Jesus may not have had a dumpling shop, but he knows what it's like to have a list of chores and a good meal with family to look forward to. So take time to snuggle with your pets. Take time to eat meals with family and friends. Take time to do things you enjoy. Take time to be intentional about your spirituality. Take time for Christmas. Take more than 12 days. Take all year.

early risers will meet
7:30AM
Sat., Jan. 4th
@First Watch
in Broomfield

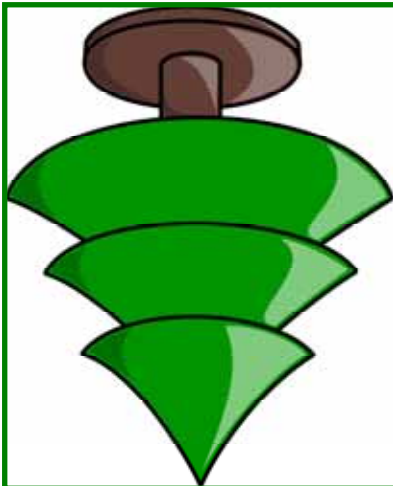


Fellowship
 ALL ARE WELCOME




Join Us
Sat. Jan. 4th
10:15AM
Steele Commons
Room

All Are Welcome



Stick around after service on Sunday, Jan. 5th to help de-green the church



Collection Jan. 5th



Broomfield FISH
 1st Sunday each month

Collection:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo and/or conditioner
- Razors
- Bar soap, Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products

Bring these...

Send this... Check or charge \$ donations accepted ... please put "FISH" in memo field

All are welcome

MORNINGSTAR FELLOWSHIP

Tues. Jan. 7th 11AM
@ First Watch in Broomfield



The Adult Sunday School class that meets in the front part of the Steele Commons Room will continue their study of the Harmony of the Gospels. They will study the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Pat James.

**Save your
pull-tabs**



PULL A TAB!

*Note: Eleanor Witte
& Jan Fausset are
now coordinating
Gathering Circle*



The Gathering Circle will be meeting on
Thur. Jan. 9th at 8:30AM
@ IHOP on 120th in Broomfield
RSVP to Church office by Jan. 6th

ANNUAL REPORT

reports s/b submitted by all
staff, officers & committee chairs

input for the 2024 UCB Annual Report
is due to the church office
by Fri., Jan. 10th
please email to ucboffice@gmail.com

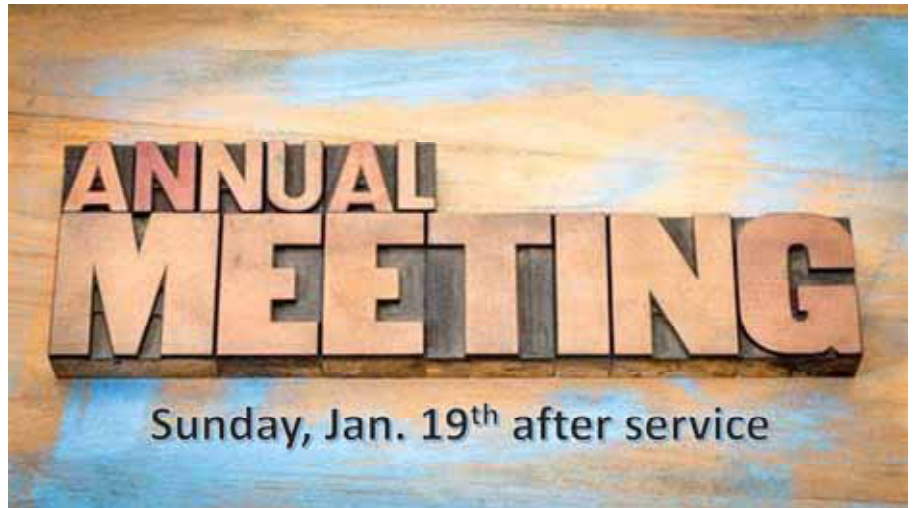
COMMITTEE FAIR
EXPLORE VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Sun. Jan. 12th after service




**Church Council
MEETING**

Thur. Jan. 16th 7:00PM via Zoom

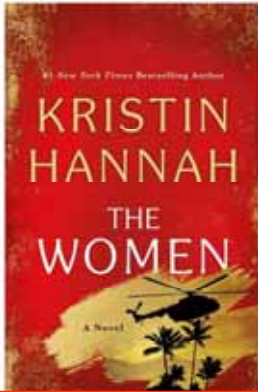


**ANNUAL
MEETING**

Sunday, Jan. 19th after service



**We will be discussing
"The Women" by Kristen
Hannah**



will be held
Friday, January 24th
at 1:00 PM in
Steele Commons



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**ONA Celebration &
Installation of
Officers
Sun. Jan. 26th**

Installation of Officers



HAVE A Prayer Request

✎ Glen Hopson asks for prayers for ...

His facility (Ralston Creek) which has had a major outbreak of Norovirus. Norovirus is very contagious, so it is interrupting residents receiving visitors or leaving the facility. This is especially difficult during this holiday season. Please keep Glen and all the residents in your prayers that they stay healthy and remember that they're loved!

✎ We ask for prayers for Neola Roberts and family ...

The results of Neola's lung biopsy came back as cancer. She will begin testing to determine if the cancer has spread and get as much specificity as possible. As she and family determine the journey ahead, please lift them up in prayer.



If you would like to share a prayer request with Pastor Michael , please call the Church Office at (303) 466-8355 or via email at prayers@broomfielducc.org.



★ Emily Crouse	1/8
★ Sara Worcester	1/8
★ Nancy McKee	1/9
★ Jeff Belval	1/19
★ Elsie Leach	1/20
★ Glen Hopson	1/21
★ Dennis Leach	1/25
★ Tom Ottem	1/26
★ Tom Belval	1/28
★ Rhonda Davis	1/31

If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary please contact the church office.

Our Mission Statement

Our Church is dedicated to the love of God as demonstrated by Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit. We demonstrate our love of God through everyday living.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we grow in our faith and in our relationship with God and each other through worship, teaching, caring and fellowship.

DIVERSITY

INCLUSIVITY

LIFE

HEALING

SUNLIGHT

NATURE

HARMONY

SPIRIT

★ Tom & Heather Ottem
1/10/1998

★ Gorge Darr & Jean Riehl
1/11/2014

★ Pat & Laura O'Kelly
1/12/1980



Your 2025 Church Leadership

Michael Blackwood - Senior Pastor
Andi Fox - Associate Pastor
Brian Conn - Moderator
John Pepperdine - Vice Moderator
Eleanor Witte - Clerk
Financial Secretary - Jonathan Wade
Gary McKee - Treasurer
Jackie Lyells & Sara Worcester
- Members at Large

Committee Chairs

Corey Hill - Trustees
Alice Kidney - Worship
Jane Shelton / Kathy Wathen - Spiritual Care
Jennie Belval - Christian Education
Mary Beth Jones - Mission
Desi Hill - Fellowship



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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10AM IN-PERSON & STREAMING VIA FACEBOOK & ZOOM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NEW YEARS DAY	2	3	4 EARLY-RISERS FELLOWSHIP 7:30AM @ FIRST WATCH KNITTING 4 PEACE 10:15AM @ CHURCH
5 FISH COLLECTION DE-GREENING THE CHURCH AFTER SERVICE	6	7 MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP 11AM @ FIRST WATCH	8	9 GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM	10	11
12 COMMITTEE FAIR	13	14	15	16 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	17	18 LAPP LODGE DEDICATION
19 ANNUAL MEETING	20 MLK DAY	21 ECUMENICAL SERVICE 7PM	22	23	24 BOOK CLUB 1PM @ CHURCH	25
26 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	27	28	29	30	31	

If you see something on our website, Facebook, newspaper that you like - please tell others ... 'like' a Facebook post ... forward to your friends, neighbors. Help more know why you like our church.

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