



an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

**United Church**  
OF BROOMFIELD

*Rooted in Love. Rooted in Faith. Rooted in the Community.*

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**The  
Visitor**

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# Pastors' Peace

## A Spiritual Response & Reminder

In today's political climate, it's easy to become disheartened, frustrated, or even angry. The promises, policies, and rhetoric of administrations often stir deep emotions; dividing families, communities, and even churches. But as people of faith, how should we respond to politicians and political discourse?

### 1. Pray for Our Leaders

Scripture reminds us to pray for those in authority, regardless of our personal opinions about them. In 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Paul urges believers to pray for kings and all those in high positions, "that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." Praying for politicians—whether we support them or not—softens our hearts and aligns us with God's will rather than our own frustrations.

### 2. Seek Wisdom Over Emotion

Political decisions have real consequences, and it is easy to respond emotionally. However, James 1:5 encourages us to seek wisdom from God. Instead of reacting in anger or fear, we should seek understanding, ask questions, and approach political matters with discernment and patience. We can take action to care for those in the cross-hairs of political orders, but we need to do so diligently and with a level head.

### 3. Hold Leaders Accountable with Grace

It is our responsibility to hold politicians accountable for their words and actions. However, this must be done in a way that reflects Christ's character—through truth, love, and justice. Ephesians 4:15 calls us to "speak the truth in love." Whether advocating for justice, writing to representatives, or engaging in political discussions, we should strive for a tone that reflects God's righteousness rather than personal resentment.

### 4. Remember Where True Hope Lies

Political systems will always be flawed because they are made up of imperfect people. While we should be engaged citizens, our ultimate hope does not rest in any leader or government but in Christ alone. Psalm 146:3 reminds us, "Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save." Our faith should be in God's eternal kingdom, not temporary political victories.

### 5. Be a Light in Political Conversations

In a world of division, let us be voices of peace, wisdom, and reconciliation. Our words and actions should reflect the love of Christ, even when engaging with those who hold different political views. As Jesus said in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

Let us care for those around us. Hold tight to friends, family and our church community. Listen to one another to be "in the know," whether that's about current events or how someone is doing, physically or mentally. We have many connections and outlets at our fingertips to actively be involved in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Politics matter, but they should never overshadow our faith or our calling to love God and others. Instead of being consumed by political turmoil, let's respond with prayer, wisdom, accountability, and a steadfast trust in God's sovereignty. By doing so, we become spiritual beacons in a world that desperately needs the light of Christ. Let us move forward with faith, hope, and love—knowing that no matter who is in office, God remains on the throne.

**early risers** will meet  
**7:30AM**  
**Sat., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**@First Watch**  
**in Broomfield**



**Fellowship**  
 ALL ARE WELCOME



**Join Us**  
 Sat. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>  
 10:15AM  
 Steele Commons  
 Room

**All Are Welcome**



**Collection**  
**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**



**Broomfield FISH**

1<sup>st</sup> 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

# VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH



A V U A N G C A N D Y Q E I Y N J E T F  
 J R R Z A O C G C S G C B O U Z P A W Y  
 T D Y Q C B P M K O J S R U T Q W O P D  
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Valentine  
 Candy  
 Chocolate  
 February  
 Flowers  
 Friend

Cupid  
 Cuddle  
 Hug  
 Kiss  
 Love

Be Mine  
 Hearts  
 Card  
 Love  
 Arrow

Pink  
 Red  
 Roses  
 I Love You  
 Sweet



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# MORNINGSTAR FELLOWSHIP

Tues. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 11AM  
 @ First Watch in Broomfield



The Gathering Circle will be meeting on  
**Thur. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM**  
 @ **Le Peep Broadlands, 3700 W. 144th Avenue in  
 Broomfield**

**JOIN US**

## Church Council MEETING

**Thur. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM via Zoom**

As always, thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift! I continue to feel very fortunate to be creating, collaborating on and offering music with all of those who contribute to UCB's Music Ministry, and to be giving of my and our time and talents to such a gracious and kind community. I am very grateful for your continued support, and I hope UCB's Music Ministry is continuing to enhance your worship experience. You all remain a blessing to me, Kevin, Nicholas, and our extended families beyond! -Keri Jacobs



*All are Welcome*

**will be held  
Friday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at  
1:00 PM in Steele  
Commons**

**We will be discussing  
"The Paris Novel" by  
Ruth Reichl**





# don't forget to email in your prayer requests

✎ A prayer request for Jean Markel:  
 Last Saturday, Jean took a fall at home and broke her arm and wrist. She is ok, but clearly will be "out of commission" until she's all healed. Family are responding with additional visits to ensure she and Bill are getting the best care and love. If you'd like to call and check in on them, please do so. Let's pray for a speedy healing!

✎ A prayer for Dale Bokowski:  
 Dale was disposing of some tree branches just before Christmas, he slipped in the back of his truck and broke his femur. They took him to the hospital in Colorado Springs where they did surgery to pin everything back in place. He is recovering at his sons house in Longmont.



**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](mailto:prayers@broomfielducc.org).**



- ☆ Robert Hoyle 2/2
- ☆ Marie Rowe 2/3
- ☆ Doug James 2/5
- ☆ Maria Mankin 2/9
- ☆ Royce Joo 2/19
- ☆ Kathy Plomer 2/24
- ☆ Alice Kidney 2/26
- ☆ Holly Brinckerhoff 2/27

*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.**



☆ **Earl & Lu Reuter**  
**2/28/1970**



**Your 2025 Church Leadership**

- Michael Blackwood - Senior Pastor
- Andi Fox - Associate Pastor
- John Pepperdine - Moderator
- Brian Conn - 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
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Fellowship



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SUNDAY SCHOOL: ADULT 9AM ; CHILDREN DURING 10AM WORSHIP AS NOTED  
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10AM IN-PERSON & STREAMING VIA FACEBOOK

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<sup>1</sup> EARLY-RISERS FELLOWSHIP 7:30AM @ FIRST WATCH KNITTING 4 PEACE 10:15AM @ CHURCH
<sup>2</sup> FISH COLLECTION	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>4</sup> MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP 11AM @ FIRST WATCH	<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>7</sup>	<sup>8</sup>
<sup>9</sup>	<sup>10</sup>	<sup>11</sup>	<sup>12</sup>	<sup>13</sup> GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM	<sup>14</sup> VALENTINE'S DAY	<sup>15</sup>
<sup>16</sup>	<sup>17</sup> PRESIDENTS DAY	<sup>18</sup>	<sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup> CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	<sup>21</sup>	<sup>22</sup>
<sup>23</sup>	<sup>24</sup>	<sup>25</sup>	<sup>26</sup>	<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup> BOOK CLUB 1PM @ CHURCH	

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<sup>9</sup> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	<sup>10</sup>	<sup>11</sup>	<sup>12</sup>	<sup>13</sup> GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM	<sup>14</sup>	<sup>15</sup>
<sup>16</sup>	<sup>17</sup> ST PATRICK'S DAY	<sup>18</sup>	<sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup> CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	<sup>21</sup>	<sup>22</sup>
<sup>23</sup>	<sup>24</sup>	<sup>25</sup>	<sup>26</sup>	<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup> BOOK CLUB 1PM @ CHURCH	<sup>29</sup>
<sup>30</sup> ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING COLLECTION	<sup>31</sup>					