

an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

United Church OF BROOMFIELD

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JUNE 2025
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The
Visitor

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Pastors' Peace



A Tiny Loss, A Major Choice



Last month, the U.S. Treasury confirmed that it will discontinue producing pennies starting next year. I was disheartened to hear this ... and I'm trying to understand why.

How often do you actively use pennies?

I guess I could say the same thing about cash in general. Our society has progressively become more and more cash-less, starting with credit cards and now with digital payments like Apple Pay, Venmo and PayPal, to name a few. I carry around some money, but it's almost entirely paper bills and if I have coins, they're usually quarters; "a bigger amount" that's worth the space and effort. Logically, it makes sense also. It costs \$3.69 to produce one coin! Any accountant would advise you to never *waste* your money in such a way. So, why was I initially sad to hear about the penny's end of production? I think it's entirely a nostalgic thing. As a child I remember a little bowl at every store's check-out with a sign, "take a penny, leave a penny." But I can't remember the last time I saw one. I also remember getting pennies as a reward or present, but those days are long gone due to the cost of ... well, everything! What can you get for a penny now-a-day? Nothing. Pennies are practically worthless. So, will you get rid of your pennies? Will you stop using them?

This reality called to mind the widow's offering from the gospel of Mark (12:41-44). Her offering was so measly and small comparatively. It was seen as worthless – why bother? While the cost of penny production is impractical and pennies aren't really being used and/or circulated as they once were, I think we can stop making them, but I don't think we should stop using them. *Because of the widow.*

Pennies are no longer a primary source of payment, but they aren't worthless. The widow wasn't useless. Her offering, however small, wasn't worthless. Some people, primarily low-income individuals who rely on cash transactions, still use pennies because *that's what they have*. Also, keeping pennies in use has proven to keep costs down, so until we can reduce economic poverty, we need to keep using pennies.

I feel sad about halting the production of pennies, but the announcement of this plan has reminded of the importance of the little things that are too often dismissed as worthless. I need to "re-engage" the penny and appreciate it again for all that it is and all that it can offer.



Collection
June 1st



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. June 3rd 11AM

@ First Watch in Broomfield

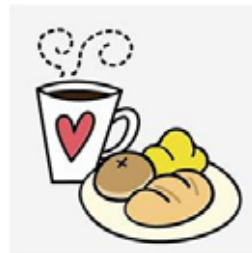


Join Us

will meet
10:15AM
Saturday, June
7th in Steele
Commons at
Church

All Are Welcome





early risers



Fellowship
 ALL ARE WELCOME

**will meet
 7:30AM
 Saturday,
 June 7th @
 First Watch in
 Broomfield**



Broomfield Pride will be on **Saturday, June 7th** from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Community Park Shelter behind the library, just off Main St. Our church will have a booth at the festival, so we encourage you to attend, enjoy all of the amazing festivities and stop by the booth to say hi to Pastors Michael and Andi. Festivities will include a dance party, food trucks, drag queen story-time, face painters and more!





**Sunday,
June 8th**

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

**Strengthen
the Church**



**The Gathering Circle will be meeting on
Thur. June 12th at 8:30AM
@ The Huckleberry, 700 Main Street in Louisville**



Church Council MEETING

Thurs. June 19th 7:00PM via Zoom



All are Welcome

**will be held
Friday, June 27th at
1:00 PM in Steele
Commons**

**We will be discussing
"The Kitchen God's Wife"
by Amy Tan**



The Adult Sunday School class that meets in the front part of the Steele Commons Room will not meet during the summer. We will resume class on September 7 at 9:00. We will resume our study on the resurrection of Jesus and His appearances. All are welcome to join us. For more information contact Pat James.



Summer Word Search



- SUMMER
- SUNSHINE
- SWIM
- BOAT
- CAMP
- HIKE
- GARDEN
- PLAY
- BEACH
- JULY
- AUGUST
- PARK
- PICNIC
- POPSICLE
- ICE CREAM
- SHORTS
- DRESS
- TRAVEL
- VACATION
- SEASON

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ONESTOPWORDSEARCH





✂ Please pray for Rowyn. Rowyn is 6 months old and currently in ICU, critically ill with RSV. Rosemary Vandertulip is Rowyn's nanny and is asking us to keep Rowyn and her family in our prayers.

✂ Prayers for Brian Conn and Family: Brian's nephew, Marcus Conn-Minister, was killed in an auto accident. Marcus, age 20, was a student at Northern Arizona University and a talented vocalist, having sung the national anthem at numerous sporting events, including the Arizona Diamondbacks (baseball). Please keep Brian and family in your prayers as they grieve this tremendous and shocking loss.



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.



Sign up

**in the
narthex**

Steak Fry
Sat. August 16th 5PM
@ church

\$10 each covers steak & drinks
 bring a dish to share

This is an adult only event...if you would like childcare, please let Pastor Michael or Andi know



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Jeff & Kim
Jones

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Theresa Holst
& Dean Toda

🌸

Paul & Peggy
Diekhoff



*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.



★ Eleanor Witte	6/4
★ Leo Mankin	6/8
★ Shirley Grantham	6/9
★ Carolyn Crouse	6/12
★ Keri Jacobs	6/14
★ Kevin Jacobs	6/21
★ Bette Erickson	6/27
★ Jonathan Wade	6/28
★ Haydn Primrose	6/29



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 WORSHIP 10AM IN-PERSON & STREAMING VIA FACEBOOK

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 FISH COLLECTION	2	3 MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP 11AM @ FIRST WATCH	4	5	6	7 BROOMFIELD PRIDE - 11AM-3PM @ COMMUNITY PARK SHELTER
8 PENTECOST STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH COLLECTION	9	10	11	12 GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM	13	14
15 FATHER'S DAY	16	17	18	19 JUNETEENTH CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	20 RMC ANNUAL CELEBRATION - LOVELAND, CO	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 BOOK CLUB 1PM @ CHURCH	28
29 DENVER PRIDE PARADE	30					

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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July 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP 11AM @ FIRST WATCH	2	3	4 INDEPENDANCE DAY	5
6 FISH COLLECTION	7	8	9	10 GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM	11 UCC GENERAL SYNOD 35, KC, MO THRU 15	12
13 UCC GENERAL SYNOD 35, KC, MO	14	15	16	17 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	18	19
20 CHRISTMAS FUND IN JULY COLLECTION	21	22	23	24	25 BOOK CLUB 1PM @ CHURCH	26
27 MDA Collective Worship	28	29	30	31		