

Pastor Anne's Message, September 2021

Welcome September! Our preschool, elementary, middle, high school, home school students of all ages, and college students are back in the classrooms and on campuses; or soon to return to universities, new jobs and adventures, explorations, journeys, and new beginnings! This is what I think of as we move out of "summer mode" to "The Fall."



The IALAC Story is told to illustrate how one's self-concept can be damaged and destroyed by others. Take a sheet of paper and write the letters IALAC on it in bold print. (Pronounced "I-ah-lack.") Holding it to your chest so that the children can see it, tell them "Everyone carries an invisible IALAC sign around with them at all times and wherever they go. IALAC stands for 'I Am Lovable and Capable.' This is our self-concept, or how we feel about ourselves. If somebody is nasty to us, teases us, puts us down, rejects us, hits us, etc. ...then a piece of our IALAC sign is torn away."

Here is a great illustration one can do with kids. Make a sign for yourself and tape it to the front of your shirt. Tell a story like this: "A 7th grade boy named Buddy is still lying in bed three minutes after his alarm goes off. His mother calls to him, "Buddy, you lazy head, get your body out of that bed and down here for breakfast!" (RIP!) Tear a piece of the paper off from your IALAC sign. When he can't find his socks, mom says, "wear yesterday's pair." (RIP!) Buddy's sister is hogging the bathroom and he skips brushing his teeth. (RIP!) As he leaves for school, he forgets his lunch and his homework, and then misses the bus! (RIP! RIP! RIP!) Arriving late, he has to get a pass from the principal who gives him a lecture. (RIP!) Now, you can think of many more examples of little and bigger things which would tear one's IALAC sign to bits!! The bullies in the halls, on the playgrounds, in the lunchroom, in town. Move along and end your story with Buddy ending the day and going to bed with his personal IALAC ("I Am Lovable and Capable") sign the size of a quarter!! Not good.

Now...this is the best part. How can you and the children rebuild the torn IALAC sign? By sincere compliments and "lifting up" the downtrodden person. Children love giving uplifting comments to you as you retape the torn pieces, until you have a (rough looking) but reassembled, intact IALAC sign.

Specific, positive compliments and encouragement to our children (especially) are invaluable to supporting and building up individuals who someday will be adults. Confident, well-adjusted, and happy adults, likely received steady love and attention as youngsters; thereby, maintaining their IALAC Signs of childhood and youth...to adulthood.

Let's all reach out to one another ~ children, youth, AND adults as we strive to buildup and maintain the IALAC Signs of each individual. You are a beloved child of God. Remember that!

Blessings in this hopeful fall season,

Pastor Anne

The IALAC story was originally conceived by Sidney Simon and Merrill Harmin. From: 100 ways to enhance self-concept in the classroom, Jack Canfield, Harold C. Wells. Prentice Hall Curriculum and Teaching Series, 1976. Pages 91-93.

Moderator's Report

Visitors to the Council meeting, Lew and Tilda Evans joined us on August 9, 2021 to discuss offering overhead music and words during worship. This offer was eagerly received by Council, and we look forward to adding that to future worship services. We appreciate Tilda's computer knowledge.

We remind everyone to attend the Western Association meeting on Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2 in the sanctuary at the church. Collbran Church is sponsoring the meeting this year, and we plan to install Pastor Anne Djokic on Saturday after the meeting that day.

We are accepting offers for housing on Friday night for "out-of-towners". If any of you would like to offer a guest room for Friday night, October 1, please call Cindy Price, Moderator at (970) 487-3264. Leave a message if she doesn't answer the phone. Many thanks for those who have offered.

Women's Fellowship will provide meals for Friday supper, and Saturday breakfast and luncheon following Pastor Anne's installation. Please call Sue Bellotti (970) 487-3474 or Julia Cox (970) 487-3750 to offer your assistance for the meals.

The water system backflow valve had its annual check and passed. We expect that check and certification annually.

Children enjoyed an end of summer dance recital in the gymnasium. They are learning and dancing, and having fun, thanks to Rachael Jennings.

We have been happy to host some of the local Mesa County Branch library programs and Farmers Market in Mothers Park this summer.

Women's Fellowship recently hosted the reception for Delores Scott's graveside service on August 14, and we enjoyed seeing family members and friends who came to share tears and memories.

Thank you again for your support of the church. Please continue to pray for God's generous blessings on the churches in our valley.

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Cindy Price, Moderator



Installation of Pastor Anne Djokic



All members of the congregation are invited to the Installation Service of Pastor Anne Djokic on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 12:00 pm following the Western Association of the Rocky Mountain Council of the United Church of Christ meeting in Collbran.

Becky Cornett

M. Rebecca Cornett, “Becky”. was a member of the church, having joined with her husband, John, shortly after they moved to Collbran from California.

She was the mother of three sons. Sean and wife, Cyndi; Stephen, and Jeremiah, all residing in Texas. She was the grandmother to five grandchildren. Jacob, Gracie, Mason, Gabe, and Bella.



She was always happy to manage the registration days for church VBS. Her beautiful alter arrangements of seasonal silk flowers was a blessing to all.

The family hosted a casual, open house at her home on Sunday, August 22, 2021.

Trustees' Report

During the month of July the Trustees continued to communicate with the construction company and the Project Manager about the remodel project at the church. The delays of supply availability and miscommunications regarding permits have been frustrating, at the least. We continue to expect the work to begin "next week", or the "next"...

Window pulls will be checked and repaired as needed in the office/classroom part of the building. A new locking doorknob is in place at the dining room entrance.



Robert Salamanca has taken very good care of the lawns. The Mother's Park is struggling with slugs, broken sprinkler heads, and the heat. Sprinkler heads have been replaced, slug control has been applied, and another dose of high nitrogen fertilizer spread. It is starting to look better. Two of the old stumps have been removed and we can look forward to another coming out soon. This not only makes mowing much easier but it looks so much better.

The cross in the park received a new coat of paint as well as the entrance porch and the marquee. We plan to renew the stain on the coverings over the office doors and the back stairs of the gymnasium soon.

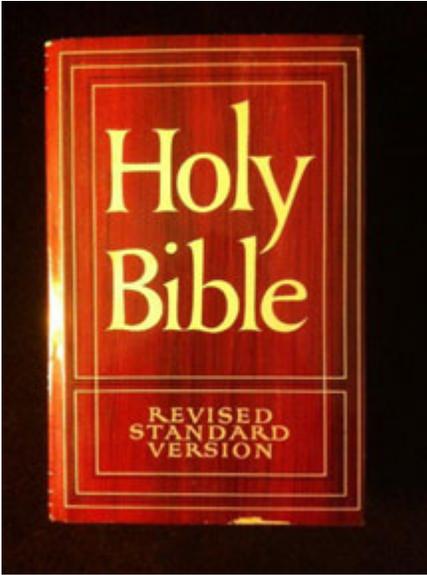
We will be looking for bids from local contractors for a new sign for the south lawn of the church. As soon as dimensions and the description are determined we will publish the request for bids.

We are waiting to find our church at the top of the list for repairing the pilot light in one of the ovens.

Thank you for your continued support. Please pray for God's continued blessings for the church.

Trustees, C Price, J Cox, S Bellotti, B Yanez

Bible Sponsorship



We have purchased New Revised Standard Version Bibles in large print for the pews. They will be placed in the sanctuary soon. If interested, you may sponsor a Bible for \$20. Sponsorship can be as a memorial, dedication, or straight sponsorship. A dedication plates will be placed in the front of each Bible. Donations may be sent to Sue Bellotti at Collbran Congregational Church, PO Box 160, Collbran, CO 81624. Please indicate the names to go on the dedication plate.

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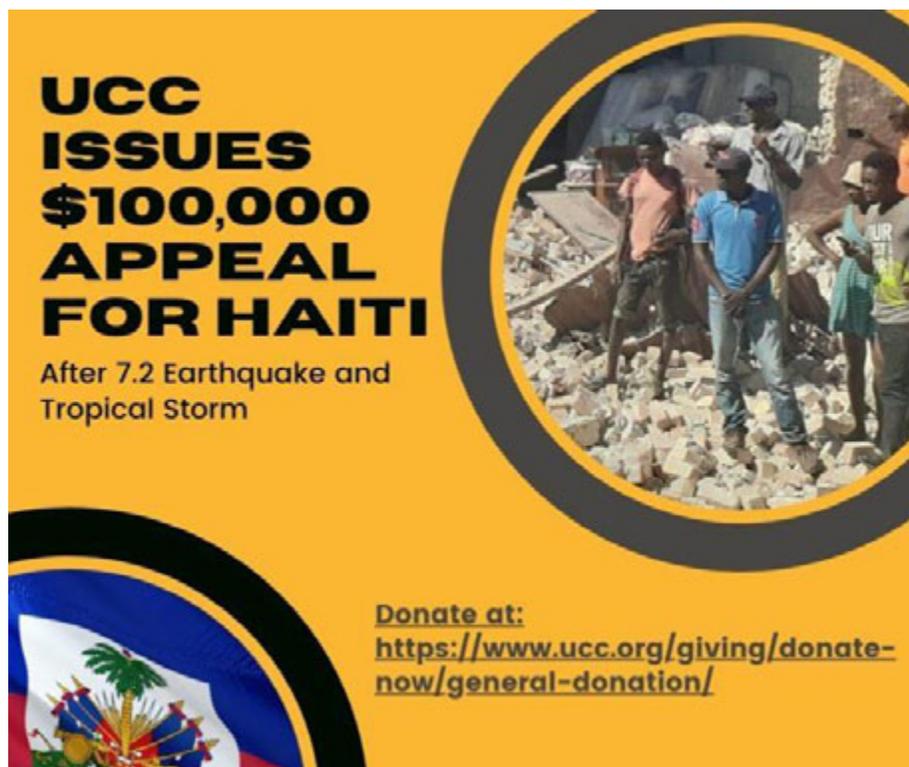
Call to action to help the people of Haiti.

A massive 7.2 earthquake on Saturday has killed nearly 1,300 people. Search and rescue efforts are expected to be hampered by Tropical Depression Grace, which came ashore on Monday. These dual natural disasters struck just over a month after Haiti's president was shot to death at home, sending the country into political chaos.

The UCC appeal hopes to raise \$100,000 to assist the people of Haiti through this crisis. "The purpose of the appeal is to support immediate relief efforts assisting survivors as well as to have resources for long-term rebuild opportunities," said Joshua Baird, team leader of Global H.O.P.E. "Support will be channeled in multiple ways, including through bilateral partners whose relationship is held by Global Ministries, as well as through Church World Service and the ACT Alliance."

To donate to this appeal, use this link and designate the gift to "Haiti Appeal." Please share this resource with your church community so that together we might provide Haitians with much-needed relief.

You may also mail a check made payable to the United Church of Christ, to 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115. Please be sure to note "*Haiti Appeal*" on your check in the memo section, or in an attached letter.



Sunday School



Sunday school will begin Sept 12, 2021. Classes will be held for children from 4 years to 14. Classes will begin at 9:45am and end at 10:30.

Please contact Sue Bellotti at 487-3474 or email to collbranucc@gmail.com. You can also return the preregistration form if you have children who will be attending.

Looking forward to an exciting year.

Christian Education Director

Sue Bellotti

Sunday School Signup

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

THE MUSTARD SEED
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
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Worship Time Change
Beginning September 5, 2021,
worship starts at 11:00 am.

