



Heart to Heart E-pistle

Loving God. Serving others. Changing lives.

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The HeartBeat

We've started to *pay it off...*

Wow! The astounding generosity of this congregation continues to reflect God's amazing love for us. Together, we are realizing our dream of paying off our mortgage in our 25th anniversary year (2018). THANK YOU!

As of our Celebration Picnic last Sunday, we'd received \$142,800 in commitments toward our \$150,000 goal. **To date, we have received \$143,840 in pledges.** We are confident that through God's grace and your continued generosity, we will fully fund our goal by June 1, 2018.

Now the fun begins: Imagining how we will *pay it forward...*



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Staff Updates

Celebrating Katie

Our office manager of nearly 10 years, Katie Hinojosa, will have her last day in the office on June 21. Celebrate her faithful ministry on **Sunday, June 25**, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided. We are now receiving contributions for a gift to be presented to Katie on that day. Earmark your gift "Katie Celebration" and place it in the offering basket or the Financial Secretary's box in the church office between now and then.

Executive Assistant

We are excited to welcome Dustin Hawks as our new Executive Assistant in the church office on June 21. Dustin is the founder and owner of Harmony Music Studio. In addition to business management skills, he brings a wealth of experience in technology from websites to social media that will help us move efficiently and effectively into the future of our communications and publications.

Associate Pastor Search

This week, we have been conducting in-person interviews with a small group of candidates who are at the top of our current list. Join our team in praying for the pastor God is preparing for us. Contact: [Stacy PonceLOW](#), Search Team Leader.



Vacation Bible School

A fun- and faith-filled week at the Maker Fun Factory wraps up tonight!

We created a world where our kids became hands-on inventors who discovered they're lovingly crafted by God. Thank you to all of our hard-working volunteers and to our church family for donations that allowed us to offer this program at a low cost to our families. Finally, thank you to our planning committee: Erin Tyler, Penny Mitchell, Sherri Jackson, Christina Iverson, Lynette Thayer, and Erica Wharton. We couldn't have done it without you!

Catch a glimpse of what the week was like [here](#).



Thank you from our 16 kids and 35 youth/adult volunteers who had a great week playing and exploring God's love!

Summer Schedule

One service of worship at 10 a.m. runs through Sunday, September 3. Education hour for adults (youth welcome!) is at 8:50 a.m. in the modular.

June 4-July 16 (8:50 a.m.): *Disciples Bible Study*. Get connected to our Disciples' General Assembly by participating in Bible studies provided by scholars and faculty from Disciples-affiliated seminaries and divinity houses. Led by Melissa St. Clair.

July 23-August 27 (8:50 a.m.): *Stories for the Heart*. Everyone loves a good story - even grownups! Join us as we listen to short, thought-provoking stories read by Maggie Daniel. Although some of these tales were originally written for children, we as adults can enjoy them and learn valuable lessons of faith. Each week, we will hear and discuss a different story, so come when you can! Let a simple story transform your day-and maybe even your life.



Children & Youth

Summer spiritual journeys are now underway.

Chi Rho Mission Trip

If you've finished 6th-8th grade, join us July 31 - August 3 to serve others as we partner with local agencies in Laramie, WY, to meet needs in the surrounding community. Contact [Rachel Nelson](#) to reserve your spot.

Camp Thank You

Thanks to those who prepared care packages for our campers and staff headed to LaForet this week and next! Join us in praying for all those who will grow in God's love and their faith this summer.



More mission & ministry...

- On Monday, June 12 (5:00-7:30 p.m.), join [Kids at Heart](#) for a [launch party](#) at Bad Daddy's Burger Bar in Fort Collins (next to Cinemark Movie Bistro). Learn more about the exciting next chapter for this ministry with foster, adoptive, and kinship families that Heart of the Rockies started. Bring a friend who has a heart for at-risk youth. Executive Director, Erica Wharton, will speak at 6 p.m.
- [SKYhill \(Strengthening Kids and Youth\)](#), the kids' campus envisioned for our property, is slowly taking shape. The SKYhill Board of Directors is being re-

constituted to continue discussions and decision making regarding the engagement of non-profit partners who would develop facilities here. Curious about SKYhill? Attend "**SKYhill 101**" after worship on **Sunday, July 9** to learn about the history, the heart, and hope for SKYhill. Perhaps this class will move you into a heart for service on the next SKYhill Board. Nomination forms will be available in the lobby and will be accepted through July 31. Questions? Contact [Deanne Frederickson](#) or [Sue Anderson](#).

- You're invited to participate in a monthly dining event to support [Elderhaus Adult Day Program](#), a non-profit organization providing day services for adults with disabilities. Tuesday, May 16 (4-10 p.m.) Texas Roadhouse at Harmony and Timberline will donate 20% of the tab for those presenting a flyer. Flyers are available in the lobby of the church or [here](#). Contact Gordon Thayer (970-443-0938) if you would like to know more about Elderhaus.
- Thanks to the generosity of individuals in our congregation and many others across northern Colorado, this year's [Tennyson Center](#) dinner donations totaled \$100,939.00!
- Save the date for our **4th Annual S'mores at Heart** camping weekend - August 11-13 at Glendo State Park for boating, swimming, worship, fun/food/fellowship.
- **SMILE!** Sign up for Heart of the Rockies as your charity of choice on [Amazon Smile](#), and your shopping will support our mission and ministry. It's easy and free and supports our ministry and mission.

Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Heart of the Rockies,

As I write this note, my heart is full of gratitude for your generosity. Our brother and sisters in Christ, in Nicaragua will be so happy to receive these gifts. They will provide beautiful Spanish books for children, protection from an ever shining sun, white t-shirts that creative and resourceful women will transform into works of art and income to help feed their families and protection for feet that walk miles every day. I am excited to have voice recorders for our story project and thanks so much to Jim & Sherri Jackson for researching and purchasing those and Outreach for pledging part of the budget. Yes, my heart is overflowing along with my luggage. Keep me/our project in prayer, as I will all of you!

Donna Greene

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the support that was given to our family during the death of my father Neville. The phone calls, emails, cards, and dinners helped so much. Thank you to Melissa Dexter, Jeff Wright, Ruth Meyers, Richard Austin, Katie Hinojosa and all of the amazing volunteers who worked hard to make my father's memorial perfect. My father would have loved it.

Sincerely,
Matt, Erica, Tristan and Emma Wharton

Thank you so much to the ladies of TWIST for your heartfelt card and gift. You are wonderful and I will miss you too!

Katie Hinojosa