



YOU'RE HELPING US GROW!

Thanks for your generosity in 2018!



Paul planted, Apollos watered,
but God gave the growth. 1 Cor. 3:6

We kicked off the celebration of our 25th anniversary year. What do our kids hope the next 25 years will bring? More stories. Sharing meals together. Going on a mission trip.

We welcomed our new pastor, Daniel. Did you know he'll be the keynoter at our region's Mid-Winter Retreat (6th-12th graders) this year? He's already having a big impact in our congregation, our community, and the wider church.

We paid off our mortgage--early! Thanks to your over-and-above generosity, we celebrated with a mortgage burning and a re-dedication of our building in June. We received our copy of the deed in the mail this week, as did the Central Rocky Mountain Region, who invested in our congregation by purchasing the land and who continues to maintain ownership of it.

We participated in a Habitat for Humanity Faith Build, which included raising over \$2,500 to "pay it forward"--giving another family in Fort Collins a chance to own their own home in celebration of our church "home" being paid off. Munawar and Rebecca and their family cut the ribbon on their new home in mid-December.

We were awarded a competitive Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Grant, which paved the way for 100 people in our congregation to read Brené Brown's *Daring Greatly* together. It's also underwriting our all-church retreat at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, February 1-2. (And we're still accepting last-minute sign ups!)

We grew over 1,800 pounds of produce in our Harvest of the Heart Community Garden--nourishing our community in partnership with the Food Bank for Larimer County and the FoCo Cafe. We look forward to expanding our partnership with the FoCo Cafe in 2019 by partnering with them for our new worship service, set to officially launch in March.

We courageously took on two BIG experiments--with our Sunday morning schedule (through March 3) and with our approach to our day-to-day ministry with the creation of SALT (Seasonal Action Leadership Teams). We're currently in the process of evaluating both--and eagerly anticipating the pilot of our new worship service on January 29.

We continued to be a faithful community partner. Your generosity this Christmas enabled us to send 5 giant boxes of socks and blankets to migrant families; to gift nearly \$3,000 to the Sherwood House, a ministry of Faith Family Hospitality (now the Family Housing Network of Fort Collins) that will give families a more stable option for housing on their way to permanent housing; to support our regional church; to double our goal of \$500 in gift cards for families who needed a boost this Christmas at Laurel Elementary.