

## **The Hugh and Cristina Mahon Fund**

### **Established October 2019**

Hugh Mahon cared deeply for Heart of the Rockies Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the work the church did to support its members, the community and the broader world. Hugh served as moderator for Heart of the Rockies for several years and was active in other ways such as being projectionist, technical person on call, communion server and anything else that needed to be done.

Hugh and Cristina discovered Heart of the Rockies as they were searching for a church home that would fit their new family and work both for Hugh's Disciples background and Cristina's Catholic background. Heart of the Rockies was just such a church – welcoming, inclusive and supportive.

Hugh's family had several preachers from William Mahon born in 1760---a minister in the Presbyterian church---to Hugh's father, William C. Mahon, who preached at a Disciples Church in Miami Springs, Florida, where Hugh lived as a child. That church had to close because the members were not open to change in ways that would welcome others. This made a strong mark on Hugh who always thought that fear was a big emotion that got in the way of doing God's work. He believed that, if we could let go of fear and focus on the possibilities and if we had an abundance mindset versus one of scarcity, we could make a positive impact in the world. He and Cristina talked about wanting to leave a legacy for Heart of the Rockies to have funds to be used in whatever way would help the church.

Hugh lived his life believing in abundance and courage and when he passed away July 17, 2016, he was remembered by all as a great father and mentor. He is missed greatly.