



Vacation Bible School

June 24, 25, 26 from 9am to 12noon.

Classes for children 3yrs to 12 yrs.

Crafts, lessons, games, snacks. Come join us. Program at church on Sunday June 28th 10 am.

If you would like to assist as a teacher, helper, crafter, or with games and snacks please contact Sue Bellotti at bellotti4@msn.com. Anyone wishing to donate cookies, fruit, or cheese for snacks, please contact Nancy Karlson 487-3740

THE MUSTARD SEED

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
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*Praying
With the
Nepalese
People*

40+ years ago while I was doing graduate work in Boston, following seminary, I immersed myself in a field of study called the anthropology of religion. In a nutshell, it opened my eyes to the myriad ways that both God and human beings across space and time have sought to be in relationship and communication with one another.

Prayer is a practice common to almost every religion and spiritual tradition. Whether we are examining the Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Islam and Christianity or the Eastern religions of Hinduism and Buddhism, there is a richness to the prayer customs of each and every one of these religions.

Since the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that rocked Nepal on April 25th, most of us have been stunned by the massive amount of destruction and loss of life that we have witnessed through the round-the-clock news coverage. But I have also heard people comment on the “*prayer flags*” that have been visible in Katmandu and the Nepalese countryside. “*What are these things fluttering in the wind?*” ... “*What do they mean?*”

The prayer flag tradition has a long continuous history dating back to ancient Tibet, China, Persia and India. The meanings behind prayer flag texts and symbols, indeed behind the whole idea of prayer flags, are based on the most profound concepts of Tibetan Buddhist philosophy. Prayer flags are simple devices that, coupled with the natural energy of the wind, quietly harmonize the environment, impartially increasing happiness and good fortune among all living beings. The five colors of Tibetan prayer flags traditionally represent the five elements – blue (*sky/space*), white (*wind/air*), red (*fire*), green (*water*) and yellow (*earth*).

Later this month, during Vacation Bible School – June 24th–26th – the children will be studying prayer, and the offering each day will go to **INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF FUND** which will enable the UCC Disaster Ministries to respond to the earthquake tragedy in Nepal.

Let us add our prayers to those of the Nepalese people as together we seek to “*harmonize the environment*” and bring relief to the many, many victims of the earthquake.

Godspeed,



God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



International Emergency Relief Fund

Disasters affect millions of people worldwide every year. UCC Disaster Ministries is well positioned to respond in most parts of the world through our longstanding partnerships and connections. Donations to the International Disaster Relief Fund enable UCC Disaster Ministries to support emergency relief efforts, long-term rehabilitation, advocacy and sustainability efforts.

If you prefer to donate by mail, **make checks payable to International Emergency Relief Fund**. Mail to: United Church of Christ c/o Financial Services office, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland OH 44115

Undesignated giving allows UCC Disaster Ministries to respond where resources are needed most but **if you prefer to designate your gift** you may do so by noting the disaster in the memo line of the check.

***100% of funds** designated for disaster relief to the United Church of Christ are used for disaster relief and rehabilitation programming.*

*Funds raised, in response to a specific solicitation, that exceed the amount necessary to respond fully to the designated disaster event will be directed towards other international emergency-relief and disaster-preparedness efforts.

We are working on updating information for the Mustard Seed and Church Directory.

If you would like your name listed with the birthdays or anniversaries please list below. No year please, just Month and Date. Include family members if you would like.

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____

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Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Please update your address and phone number for the Church Directory. Include an email address if you would like to be contacted via email.

The Mustard Seed can now be accessed on the church website

collbrancongregationalchurch.org. The pictures are great and the information complete.

Please take time to look at all the work that has been done to present our church events and information to the community.

Answers to Notable Women Quiz

May Birthdays

Price	Cindy
Klingler	Jesse
Hamm	Jimmy
Murphy	Shannon
Murphy	Tage
Djokic	Ann

May Anniversaries

Power	Lloyd and Edith Ann
Weimer	Rex and Judy
Price	Larry and Cindy

June Birthdays

Case	Maryl
Cole	Dean
Cole	Jim
Gunther	Jordan
Hayes	Neta
Hess	Mavis
Marshall	Blanche
Thompson	Kurt

June Anniversaries

Stoll	Glenn and Pat
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Notable Women Quiz

Deaths

Betty Hawkins

Carol (Hawkins) Stromberg

Church Council Minutes June 1, 2015

A special meeting was held June 1, 2015 at the Congregational Church to meet with another contractor in an effort to determine who will be replacing the complete room on the church, classrooms, and gymnasium. The Trustees and Roofing Committee have met with four contractors with varying degrees of success. The final decision had to be made between two contractors that presented to the committee. The decision to present a united vote to the Church Council, to have FCI manage the project and complete the roofing project, possibly before July of this year was made.

The decision was then presented to the Church Council for a final discussion and vote. It was approved to have FCI serve as construction management with the roofing company to reroof the church.

The usual business of the Council was attended to. There will be some work done on two of the picnic tables in the park and two of them being returned to the Town of Collbran. This will improve the surfaces of the two kept in the park and alleviate the lawn care person from having to keep moving them all around.

Please check the website or contact us if you would like to read the minutes.



JUNE 24, 25, 26

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will take place June 24, 25, 26 from 9am to 12 noon at the Collbran Congregational Church.

We will have class for 2year olds and 3 year olds, 4yr olds and Pre kindergarteners, First and Second Graders, Third and Forth Graders, and Fifth and Sixth Graders. We can use help in any of these areas if you would like to participate as a teacher, helper, crafter, or snack helper. We usually have between 40 and 50 children for the three days.

The mission project for this year will be the Nepal Earthquake Disaster Relief through the United Church of Christ. This assures us that nearly all of the money donated for the mission actually gets to the people that need it.

Please encourage children that you know who might enjoy the fun to come join us for these three days.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

Womens Fellowship ended a busy year with a very successful Senior Tea on May 5th. Graduating Seniors from Plateau Valley High School and Grand Mesa High School attended with family and staff members. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful tea sandwiches, cookies, and candies provided by the local church women and were amazed the thrilled with the magical slight of hand provided by Dave Wallen of Grand Junction.

Funeral luncheons were provided for the families of Betty Hawkins and Carol Stromberg. Thanks go out to everyone for the food they provided and the help serving and cleaning up.

There will be no meetings during the summer. Watch for a return of this busy group in Sept.