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Columbus Community Congregational Church

# CORNERSTONE

Ephesians 2:20 The Rev. Kate Stulce September 2022

## Worship+FB Live with Pastor Kate

- 1) On Sundays at 9:15am begins "FB Live with Pastor Kate" on FB. Tune in live or watch video later on Kate Stulce's FB page.
- 2) Sundays Worship 10:30am *in person* and also on <https://www.facebook.com/Columbus-Community-Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-109813516270/>
- 3) Pastor's office hours: on Wednesdays 9:30am - 3:00pm and on Fridays 9:30am - 1:30pm (shorter on 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays – see calendar page)
- 4) Wednesday Bible study resumes Sept 14, at 5:30 pm in Little Stone Church. Scheduling/Meals to be discussed.
- 5) Coffee with Pastor Kate Fridays 10-11am.
- 6) Worship at Beartooth Manor (1pm) and at Meadowlark (2pm) on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday afternoon each month, September 16 this month

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## Planning Meeting Sept 10

On Saturday, Sept 10, we'll have next planning session, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Please come and add your thoughts as we discuss things for our church - Fellowship Hall.



### T I O S P A Y E

As we come to the close of my first year as your pastor and enter the next, we also begin the fall season of activities. In the blink of an eye, we will find ourselves in Advent, the traditional beginning of the church year. So many opportunities lie ahead of us! Let us consider what we will each bring to the "table" of our church life as we collect ourselves after a busy summer.

Recently I came across an article I had saved some years ago, and I now adapt it for this column.

Key attitudes that are important to a vital church:

- **I make a difference here.**
- **I contribute when I help set the tone and bring enthusiasm to our tasks.**
- **I take an interest in and participate in our life together.**
- **I find meaning in our message\* and seek to convey it.**
- **I seek to see the big picture; notice what is happening in our community and world that affects us and our relevance.**

\*What do I mean by "our message?" As I look at this list, I think of many conversations that Maurie and I have had about our message and how we reach folks who would welcome it. We proclaim that *whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here*. That covers a lot of territory.

We have no creed to which we ask you to subscribe. Bring yourself, whatever your beliefs or doubts, whatever your past, whatever your status, and join us on the journey.

*Our intention is to live from a place of joy...*

Our intention is to live from a place of joy, empowered by a Spirit that connects us to one another and to all those we encounter. By joy, I do not mean a constant state of bliss. Instead, I mean the joy that grows from a spiritual well, a deep sense of wellbeing, knowing whatever our circumstances, we are sustained.

I value each of you and thank you for all the ways you have supported me personally and the life of the church in the past year. May we move forward in the power of the Spirit for another year of living out our life of discipleship together.

Shalom, Kate



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Sept 4	Communion Sunday
Sept 10	Planning meeting 9am to 4pm
Sept 11	Kick-off Sunday Diaconate & Trustees meet after worship
Sept 14	Choir practice AND Bible study resume
Sept 14	Committee reports to Rhonda for council
Sept 16	Friday afternoon Worship services at Beartooth (1pm) / Meadowlark (2pm)
Sept 18	Walk to Fight Suicide, Blgs beg. 12:30pm
Sept 23-25	Conf. Annual Meeting by zoom
Sept 25	Council meets after worship
Sept 26	CornerStone items to Joan, please

**Prayer Concerns:** The Northup family (Daryl's brother Emmett died after Aug 23 surgery), the Alan Drain family (his sister Lynn Ward died in August), Leo Burch (broken wrist). Karen Brewer, Dan & Carol Hofferber, Thelma Black & her son Bob Harper, Beth Damm, Bill & Janice Goodman, Vicky Unger, Donna McFarland, Dick Henry, Joseph Garcia, Drew Maki, Sam Spano, Vanessa Cameron, Diane & Mike Stocker, Meadowlark + Beartooth Manor, all health care workers and First responders, all affected by Covid-19, floods, mental and/or physical health challenges, grief, suicide, other losses.

## Moderator's Musings

Start with this old saying, "There are three kinds of people; those that make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who ask, 'what happened?'"

I think all of us spend time wondering about the future – perhaps lamenting the way things seem to be. The best option is to plan and create the future you want to see. For our church this effort reconvenes with our planning meeting on September 10 from 9:00am. to 4:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

We shall examine where we are as a church, where we would like to be, and plan how to get there. We shall look for and consider opportunities to serve our community and bring joy to our members and friends. We shall consider the resources necessary to support the effort.

All are welcome. If you can attend, please contact Pastor Kate. She has prepared some advance reading and questions to be answered and returned in advance. Hope to see you there.

Maurie Petterson



Pastor Kate is assembling a list of "emergency contacts" for our church family. Please (a) add your info to her tablet in the East room or (b) email or text your emergency contact information.



Tyson + Clara Schreiner, her first day of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

## From Council meeting minutes, Aug 21

MINUTES: The \$1000 check to Teamworks was from Donna Storer family. \$1000 Baroque donation goes to the General fund.

FINANCIAL REPORT: by Jim Movius. Matches Treasurer. Ahead of budget as of now. \$1200 IGA rent has been collected. We are doing ok.

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Curt Kuehn. Plate donations are above due to split with Absarokee at fireman's point service. New Vanguard account is doing well.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: by Bonnie. Basement window is fixed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. The picnic at fireman's point went well.

DIACONATE: By Beth. Move council meeting to Sept.25. Bible study starts Sept 14 – no meal this time, to be discussed on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Will have service in LSC on Oct 2. Will host Columbus Ecumenical Thanksgiving service Nov 24. Need to clean out & organize choir room. Bonnie will get with guys to set TV in fellowship hall.

MISSIONS: by Mary. Balance was \$1024.70 and then sent \$250 for flood relief to Yellowstone bank. and to \$250 to Red Lodge flood relief. Paid out \$200 for fuel and food cards. Suggestion to put a small pantry outside of church but decided against it.

MEMORIAL: By Beth. Working on get correct numbers together with treasurer. \$7,700+ balance. Memorial funds go to Beth first, then Beth with get them to treasurer.

PASTOR'S REPORT: By Pastor Kate. Most of my time has been focused on this meeting and the planning meeting September 10. Please read the articles and answer the questions for that meeting.

CHURCH CLERK: No Report-Again, if no reports are sent to Rhonda by the Wednesday before council meeting, you will be responsible to bring copies to council meeting.

CALENDAR: By Beth Damm. LSC rented Sept 4 for a birthday party; Rural Electric? rented LSC on Sept 8, 22, & Oct 6; Town Pump Sept 23 in LSC, Vision Meeting Sept 10 in fellowship hall. Rhonda suggested listing the fellowship servers on calendar.

EARTHCARE: Working on green team report for CAM. County has bins for electronics, but you have to be out of city limits to use. City does also but you have to pay.

BUSINESS:

\*Commitment Campaign: we shall put together a committee of Jerry, one from mission,

one from trustees. Campaign will last 6 weeks.

\* Enterprise Software for church website: Subsplash platform is \$174 a month, \$2088 a year, plus set-up costs. They also have support to help. Rhonda said (1) unless you have one person committed to updating the website weekly, there is no point in doing it, and (2) this cost is almost 4 times what we pay now. Kate said she would do it with help. We'll have video chat with someone from the platform. Bonnie, Kate and Joan will be there and anyone else that is interested.

Next Meeting, September 25, 2022

Rhonda Peterson, Church Clerk

## [Church Humor] How Hot 'n Dry Is It?

It is so dry in Texas *that*:

the Baptists are sprinkling,

the Methodists are using handy wipes,

the Presbyterians are giving rain checks, and

the Catholics are praying that the Wine will turn to water.

## News from Stillwater Rising

a local group working to strengthen community through education and outreach.

1. Wed. Sept. 21 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall of the Columbus Congregational Church we shall have a presentation -- open to the public -- on the process involved in our elections. Clerk and Recorder Heidi Stadel is the guest speaker. Refreshments served.

2. On a date as yet unscheduled,\* Pari Kemmick of **ForwardMontana** will come speak to us about opportunities this fall to promote voter registration. This is *non-partisan*. I will try to get her here at a time that best addresses our interests as volunteers. In September, they focus on voter registration in person -- at farmers' markets, events, concerts. Also postcard writing. She describes this as an "easy and very meaningful task". It can be done at home or at postcard writing parties!

In October, ForwardMontana will shift its focus to door knocking and phone calls. I have participated in the phone banking and it really is ok once you get the hang of their portal (which she would help us with).

\*PLEASE let me know if you are interested in volunteering with this organization, specifically for their September or October activities. If we have sufficient interest in September activities, I will attempt to schedule Pari Kemmick ASAP.

Linda Halstead-Acharya at 406-321-0693.





Photo of sunrise on Sept 1, 2022, taken by Kate Stulce

## Wonderment

Kate's Hope Café blog, September 2, 2022

Wednesday night as Terry and I were out for an evening walk, the brightest shooting star I have ever seen came crashing across the sky, looking so close to the earth that I almost felt like I could reach up and touch it! What a wonder to behold! I will treasure the memory of it.

Last weekend we had a little overnight getaway just outside Yellowstone National Park. A friend suggested we drive the scenic byway through Shoshone National Forest on our way home. Oh, wow! At every turn, something spectacular appeared. Rushing streams, lovely lakes, dramatic mountains, breathtaking views delighted us.

I once had a friend who said of the Grand Canyon, "I don't know what the big deal is. It is just a big hole in the ground." Is that not astounding? How does one live lacking the attitude that nature is full of marvelous features to appreciate? Such beauty should break us open to deeper places within ourselves.

How fortunate I am to have had a mother who paid attention to the exquisite splendor of the night sky and who was forever fascinated by mountains. My husband, too, is attentive to

nature. He once woke me up at 3 a.m. to see a most gorgeous full moon spilling its light over the Smoky Mountains. When we would take walks on our farm, he would often point out a hawk or other bird taking flight, an animal he could make out in the distance, a particular bird song he heard or flowers he found especially pretty.

When my daughter was four, from out on the patio she called, "Mommy! Mommy! Come see!" Startled, I thought something was wrong. I rushed out to find her enthralled with the flowers I had planted. I know very little about plants of any kind but had made the attempt at a small flowerbed with sunflowers and zinnias. Amazingly they flourished. What a small act on my part for the huge reward of my daughter's pleasure. She has had a love for sunflowers ever since.

When Terry and I had a home on the lake, sometimes the three of us would sleep on the dock, lulled by the lapping of the water and the motion of the dock. Even as I write this, I can sense the peace and pleasure of those nights.

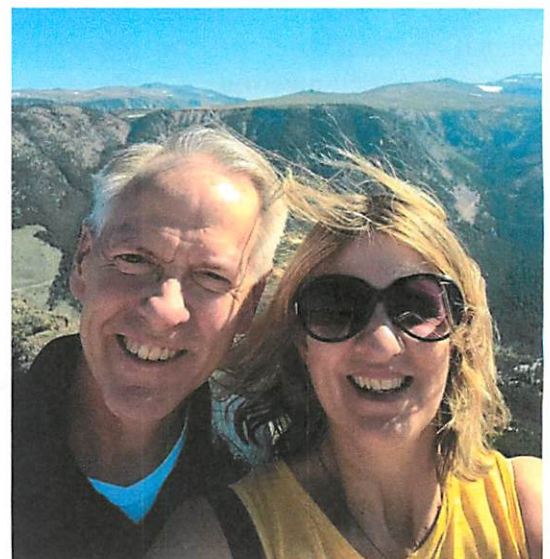
There is much to savor. Let us tune up our attention, open our eyes, open our hearts to wonderment.

*May we be bearers of hope, the "wait staff" of Hope's Café for each other and all those we encounter. Shalom, Kate*

**Hope's Café Bonus:** "The wonder of the world, the beauty and the power, the shapes of things, the color, lights and shade. These I saw. Look ye also while life lasts."

—from an old gravestone in Cumberland, England.

HOPE'S CAFÉ BLOG  
A BLOG BY KATE STULCE  
HOPE'S CAFÉ BLOG







# September 2022

God is still speaking,



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We welcome the sounds of children's voices in worship.		Read Kate's blog online: <a href="https://kateshopecafe.net">https://kateshopecafe.net</a>		1	2 Pastor in office 9:30am-1:30pm Coffee w/ Kate 10	3
4 FB Live with Kate 9:15am Worship & Communion 10:30am	5  Labor Day	6	7 Pastor in office 9:30am-3:00p	8	9 Pastor in office 9:30am-1:30pm Coffee w/ Kate 10	10 Planning meeting 9am - 4pm Lunch to be provided
11 FB Live with Kate 9:15am Worship 10:30am Trustees mtg Diaconate mtg	12	13	14 Pastor in office 9:30am-3:00p <div>Joint Choir practice 4pm. Bible study (no meal) 5:30pm in Little Stone Ch.</div>	15	16 Pastor in office 11am-12:30pm Worship at <b>Beartooth (1pm)</b> & <b>Meadowlark (2pm)</b>	17
18 FB Live with Kate 9:15am Worship 10:30am Yell. Valley Walk to Fight Suicide 12:30pm	19	20 At the library: <b>Banned book</b> trivia night (ages 14- adult)	21 Pastor in office 9:30am-3:00p Noon: Stillwater Rising speaker Bible study	22	23 Pastor in office 9:30am-1:30pm Coffee w/ Kate 10 <div>Conf Annual Meeting (zoom)</div>	24 Library Book Sale begins, lasts till Oct. 5
25 FB Live with Kate 9:15am Worship 10:30am Council mtg	26 Cornerstone items to Joan	27	28 Pastor in office 9:30am-3:00p Bible study	29	30 Pastor in office 9:30am-1:30pm Coffee w/ Kate 10 	

## Servers for Sundays in September 2022:

Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25	
Beth & Sherry	Paulette & Daryl	Maurie	Curt & Roger	
Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
Charlotte Van Oosten	Viv & Kathy S	Mary & Casey	Rhonda & Donna McF	Barbara Henderson

**Notice:** Sherry/Dan Aschim will be serving on the **first Sunday of ODD numbered months**. If you'd like to join them for this hospitality task on *some or all* of these "every other month Sundays" - please contact Joan.

## Birthdays (B) and Anniversaries (A)

- Sep. 7 Paul Edwards (B)
- Sep.19 Barbara Henderson (B)
- Sep.24 KC & Mary Kuehn (A)
- Sep.24 Robert & Susan Leaverton (A)
- Oct. 9 Beth Damm (B)

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*For the times that you can access all our worship  
in person and/or online, see schedule on p. 1 inside.  
Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome  
here.*



## Planning meeting Sat. Sept 7

"There are three kinds of people; those that make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who ask, 'what happened?'" Join us this Saturday and be in the first category. 9am – 4pm. Lunch will be provided.

Choir practice and Bible study BOTH resume on Sept. 14.

**God is still speaking,**

## Community Congregational September NEWSLETTER

Worship 10:30 am every  
Sunday, in person and on FB  
FB Live with Pastor Kate" 9:15 am  
Planning meeting Sat. Sept 10, 9-4  
More events, news, photos inside