

**Unity of Fort Collins
Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 22, 2024 —11:30 a.m.**

Council Members present: Courtney Fuchs, Dennis Gibson, Mike Hawes, Dave Johnson, Nina Kunze

Staff present: Jim Yeaw, Sharon Bush, Julie Schoenbauer

Courtney is now acting president in Anne's absence, and is leading the meeting. Sharon prayed us in.

Team Reports:

Finance—Our budget is bare bones. We need to plan more fund raisers. Lil is planning a silent auction for the Friendsgiving event.

The question of a fundraising team was explored. Mike and Dennis are both on the finance team. Mike would like to lead a fundraising effort, as a subsidiary of the finance team. He will do an announcement.

Jim and Sharon's salaries need to increase, so when they are unable to serve someday, we have a living wage available to pay a replacement leader.

Support/Service Team: This team is getting along without Anne because Courtney has stepped in and is doing a great job.

Youth & Family Team: 21 people attended the September family night, which was a cookout at Unity. An event is coming up to visit a horse rescue. The teen group met with Nancy, and some of those folks will be helping her on Sundays. Mike and Ginny have discussed a beehive on site next spring. Mike has 5-6 extra hives to donate. The honey could be sold to congregants.

Outreach Team: There is \$50 in the budget for new giving trees. Sharon suggested that community giving could go toward that expense.

Respectfully submitted,
Nina Kunze, Secretary

Council Meeting Agenda & Reports – September 22, 2024

1. Team Reports
2. Fundraising Ideas

3. Minister's Salary
4. Unity's Values
5. Readings
6. Other?

Team Reports

1. Chaplains: I have rescheduled chaplain training and my workshop on death and dying to January 2025.

2. Facilities/EarthCare Team:

Indoors: Jim Weimar and Leane Gabel worked on the Friendship Room large closet, sorting through all the paint and paint supplies. Jim recycled old and unused paints to a City facility.

Jim Weimar - Exterior Coordinator Update:

Completed Projects:

- Approximately 20 cans of old paint (one dated 2008) were disposed of at the recycling center.
- Rodent resistant foam was applied to all the openings in the boiler room.
- Coyote Urine was applied to the area around the shed in the children's area to deter small animals from nesting underneath.

Continuing Projects - Front Landscape:

- There was a leak coming from the irrigation system coming up through the sidewalk on the east side of the church going to the office. I had done a preliminary investigation and found that a line had broken. I had Aaron the church's irrigation vendor make the repair.
- The plants in the Xeriscape landscape are doing well and are showing signs of growth. I replaced one plant (under warranty no cost) near the office and large boulder.
- The vent and crawl space opening screens will be completed by the end of this week.

New Projects:

- I am planning to do two Saturday Paint and Grounds cleanup events. One on October 12th, and the other on the 19th weather permitting. In the past we were able to get Robert's trailer to haul away the green waste. I'm not sure if we will have access to it, or I will have to arrange other means of removing the yard waste and trash. I will be

providing snacks and drinks in the morning, but I would like to church to provide Pizza for lunch

- The sprinklers are scheduled to be blown out on October 9th.
- Depending on the weather I will start the removal of the window air conditioners during the month of October.

3. Finance Report from Sharon: The Finance Team will be meeting in October after I prepare the September 30th financial statements.

4. Marketing and Communication: No Report

5. Outreach Team: No Report

6. Social/Connection Team: No Report

7. Technology: No Report

8. Teen Sponsors: No Report

9. Welcome Team: No Report

10. Youth and Family:

Our Unity Youth Team is growing. We are meeting on Saturday, October 5th at Primrose Studio for our bi-annual curriculum/event planning retreat. These times together are always fun, creative times of sharing our ideas on supporting our Youth in their spiritual journeys.

Curriculum:

Our current September program, “Starting Anew”, is filled with discussion on gratitude and how we approach the daily task of living and discovering... our challenges, our relationships,

finding courage to grow, and digging into our inner well of wisdom. Each discussion is in coordination with the 12 Powers by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore.

The October/November program is based on the book Children Just Like Me by DK. This amazing book is a classroom favorite! We will delve into international cultures and learn about our peers around the world. It will be a dynamic spiritual study for our youth.

If anyone is (or has) a friend or family member with an interesting family cultural background, I would love to talk with them about a possible presentation to our youth during this program.

Family Night May – October 2024 3rd Friday of each month

- Sept 20th 6-8pm Unity Cookout / Corn Hole
- Oct 18th 6-8pm Unity Halloween Party

11. Support/Service Team:

Rev. Sharon's Report:

I had three counseling appointments with one congregant since my last report.

Marilyn Weatherspoon is in UC Health Poudre Valley Hospital. I have been unable to reach her on her phone. I will continue trying to make contact with her. I have contacted her Chaplain, Barbara Weimar, and have asked her to join me in prayer.

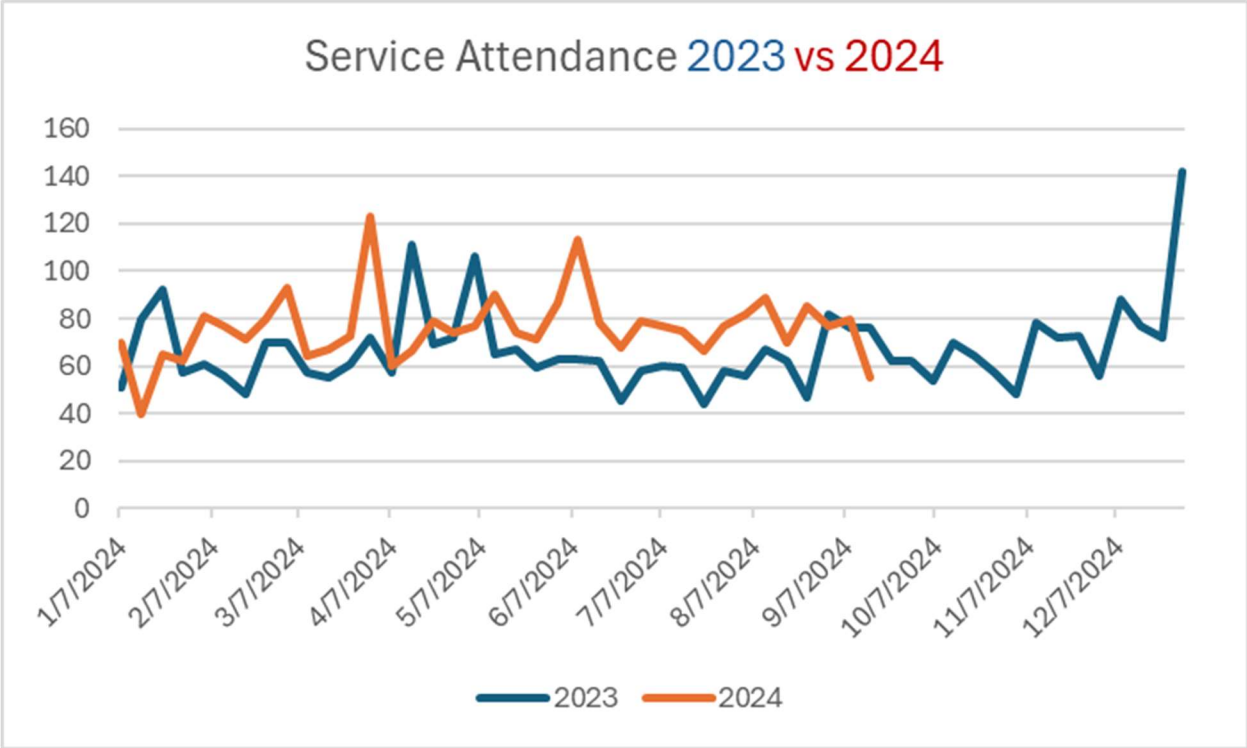
On September 11th we joined Unity Village via Zoom to celebrate Unity World Day of Prayer. Unity has six hundred churches. We had a small group of 12, so just imagine ten or more people in six hundred churches praying together.

Many people from around the world celebrated with us. When we were finished with the service, we found a beautiful double rainbow in the sky, above the church. It made for a beautiful, mystical moment.

Rev. Jim's Report:

From what I see things are purring along with good things happening. We are planning a volunteer recognition event and also discussing ways to encourage volunteerism with the thought of having teams continue to develop leadership. We are considering a stage expansion project.

Here is a graph of 2024 Sunday Service attendance. We, with a few exceptions, are along the 75 persons-in-attendance line; reaching toward the 85 mark.



Your comments, suggestions, and thoughts on the UFC programs will be appreciated.

Office Report:

I went on a short camping trip and Nancy Rehe covered the office for me on 9/3. The woman who was going to use the Friendship room on a weekly basis for a homeschooling class had to cancel because she didn't get enough sign ups. There is a person doing a weekly meditation class in the Rumi room on Sunday afternoons in the month of September. We are continuing to work on mice mitigation. They are being persistent and annoying! Pam's Pest Control came out in the end of August and added more steel wool and traps. Jim is continuing to screen off any possible entrances on the outside of the building. I am using products that have smells that deter mice to keep them out of the office. Nancy Rehe, Nancy Hughes and Leane Gabel will be cleaning out the back closet in the Sunshine room to get rid of droppings and the smell.

Attendance Report:

Date	Adults	YFM Kids	Teens	Under 2 yrs	YouTube Totals	Speaker
8/11/2024	89	2	1	0	82	Judy Trimbur
8/18/2024	70	3	2	1	66	Sharon
8/25/2024	85	4	2	0	76	Jim

9/1/2024	77	2	3	2	111	Courtney
9/8/2024	80	2	2	1	45	Sharon
9/15/2024	55	4	1	1	47	Jim