

JOYS AND CONCERNS

July 26, 2020

If you or someone you know has a life situation you would like the pastors or the congregation to be aware of, please call the church at 303-798-1845.

Whoever lives in love, lives in God and God lives in them. 1 John 4:16-18.

JOYS:

Congratulations to Pastor Jane Ritterson who is retiring this week! Here is a note from Jane:

I was blown away by the turnout on Sunday at Sterne Park as so many of you stopped by for a few minutes to wish me well as I bid farewell to CUC and join John in retirement. Retiring during this time of COVID-19, I was not expecting a farewell gathering at all, so was so humbled when I learned there would be an opportunity to gather at social distance. Once again, I felt so grateful for this community. Everyone had on masks and honored social distancing.

Thank you so very much for the generous check many of you contributed, labeled “travel slush fund.” It was a wonderful and perfect surprise. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Our immediate travel plans have been put on hold but we hope that later in 2021 or 2022 we will once again begin chipping away at our bucket list of overseas travel. I’ll send a postcard to the church office to let you know how I’ve used the fund.

It is a joy for sure to have reached the age when I can look back over my work and ministry, the raising of a family, and now entering a new phase. Spending time with our adult children and their families, including 3 grandchildren, is the best. Parting is bittersweet, but it’s only hard because I have loved my time with you so much. I hold you in my heart with love and hope for peace and health in this world of ours which seems so unsettled. 2020 – it’s a year we’ll never forget.

With gratitude and love, Jane

The name of Ray and Sandy Birks’ 1st great-grandchild is Paul Mason Birks, welcome!

CONCERNS:

Prayers for Judy Smith’s son, Dr. Patrick Smith, who has been diagnosed with sepsis and MRSA. He is at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs. Cards can be sent in care of Judy Smith at 2760 W. Riverwalk Cir., Unit B, Littleton, Co. 80123-7127.

Please pray for Matt Royster who had major abdominal cancer surgery on Monday, July 13. Cards can be sent to Matt at 4343 S. Zenobia St., Denver, Co., 80236.

Prayers for Dan Rutherford who is dealing with ongoing health concerns. Cards can be sent to Dan in care of Vickie Tolve at 6964 Fargo Trail, Littleton, Co. 80125.

Prayers for Ron Dorr who had cervical and disc replacement surgery on Thursday, July 2nd. Cards can be sent to 1919 Nova Road, Pine, Co. 80470.

Please pray for Sandy Eggleston who fell down the steps and is now in skilled nursing at Someren Glen. Shoulder surgery is upcoming. Cards can be sent to Sandy at Someren Glen, 5000 E. Arapahoe Road, Room 106, Centennial Co, 80122. Cards of encouragement can also be sent to her daughter, Cindy Eggleston at 8247 S. Albion St., Centennial, Co. 80122.

Please continue to pray for Dwight Rudolph as he continues his treatments for cancer. Cards can be sent to Dwight at 7567 So. Depew St., Littleton CO 80128-5930.

Please pray for solutions to end the social unrest in our country. Racial violence continues to permeate and divide our world. Let us remember that God's way is peace and love.

Prayers for good health, strength and patience for our families, community and health workers in Colorado, the U.S., and the World as we deal with COVID-19. Please pray for wisdom for our leaders, medical personnel, and researchers as they search for ways to contain the virus and to develop a treatment and vaccine.

Also, please pray for the paramedics, firefighters, doctors, nurses and all those who are on the front line of service during the COVID-19 epidemic. We have many brave men and women serving during this challenging time.

There are other unnamed members and friends of CUC who have requested prayers as they deal with illness, grief, unemployment, financial challenges, significant concerns, addiction and anger management. Please keep them in your prayers as well as our military and those who serve our country around the world.

We invite you to participate in caring for the following members of our CUC family who would appreciate your prayers, cards, or emails. Addresses and email addresses are listed in the church directory or can be obtained by calling the church office at: 303-798-1845.

Jack Gibson

Adam Olson

Jim Cummings

In addition, if you know someone who is going through a difficult time, is homebound, or who you have not seen in church recently, please consider reaching out with your prayers, cards, or emails.