



January 2021

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to the New Members who are becoming part of our church family this month!

We're thrilled to have this wonderful group worshipping with us at Family of Christ.



Mike and April Prater



The Prater's have lived in Colorado Springs for 15 years. Mike & April have 4 children and 1 grandson. Josh, his wife Savannah, and new grandson Josiah live in Lincoln, Nebraska. Kyle is a senior at Pittsburgh State University in Pittsburgh, Kansas. Makenna is a Junior, and Ryan is in 7th grade, both at TCA College Pathways.



Interested in joining as a member of Family of Christ?
Contact the Church Office to figure out the best option.

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David and Anna Haiar

David, Anna, and their children Kate (9), Luke (5), and Daniel (2) are transferring to Family of Christ from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs. Both David and Anna work for defense contractors. Their two oldest children attend Evangelical Christian Academy and are in the 3rd grade and Kindergarten. They moved to Black Forest at the end of 2019 and enjoy camping, gardening, and any outdoor activities with their family.

Joe and Jenny Crook

Scotty and Linda Cummins



Scotty and Linda met in Liberia, West Africa while Scotty was working for the United Nations during a Peace Keeping Mission. We married on November 22 of 2004. Linda and I have three married Daughters and two grand-daughters that all live outside of Colorado.

Scotty's first career was in law enforcement and his second was in electrical engineering as a field engineer. Both of these careers gave Scotty the opportunity to work in very challenging environments around the world with people of many different cultural backgrounds. Linda has a respiratory therapy degree and she worked with the Pueblo Regional Center for several years with individuals from various developmentally disabled backgrounds. Linda has also worked as a tech at Peak View Behavioral Health in Colorado Springs. Linda and I have been full-time Host Home Providers since June of 2018. John, Joe, and Robert are three adult developmentally delayed clients that currently live in the Cummins Host Home. We enjoy the challenges that come with caring for and nurturing DD clients within our home and within the local community. Church activities, hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, picnics, movies, gardening, and yard games are some of the daily activities you will find our family engaged in while following Gods will for our lives.

Josh and Allison Galer



"Hello everyone! We are Joshua and Allison Galer, along with our two children Jackson (5) and Ella (4). We moved to the Monument area in 2018 and are pleased to call Colorado 'home' for now.

Josh currently serves in the United States Army down at Fort Carson, and Allison is a practicing psychologist who has her practice off of Northgate. Jackson and Ella both started at FOC childcare in 2019. This year, Jackson is in Kindergarten at Prairie Winds Elementary with Ella attending in fall 2021. Outside of work and school, we love to travel (to warmer places), play sports, dine out and go to movies (although 2020 made us wonder if that would ever happen again). We have been blessed to meet such a wonderful Church family. We appreciate Pastor Mark and his entire staff for making us feel welcome and loved. We hope to bump into all of you soon! -Joshua, Allison, Jackson, and Ella."

Diego and Emily Sarmiento



Emily & Diego Sarmiento have been married 19 years and are the parents of a son in kindergarten and a daughter in preschool. Emily works for Tearfund USA, an international development ministry supporting church-led community relief and development around the world. Diego's professional background is in social work and community service. The Sarmientos live in southern Douglas County.

Gary and Anita Muelling



Gary and Anita been married 45years. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. They recently moved from Minnesota after retiring from Seagate as an electronic technician and Nortech Computer Co in credit/accounts receivable.

Gary was involved in Prison Fellowship. Both have been involved in church Bible Studies and small groups. In the past, they have also hosted Hong Kong students and volunteered with Night to Shine. Some of their hobbies include reading, hiking, racketball, sewing, gardening, and traveling to different states to see their children.

Dan and Sonja Swiatkiewicz



Dan and Sonja Swiatkiewicz met in college and have been married since 2001. Dan grew up in the LCMS in Connecticut, while Sonja is an Army brat, who lived in California and Japan, and graduated from Lutheran High School of Orange County. Dan works in senior living and Sonja works to protect life, family, and religious freedom through policy & politics. They have 7 nieces & nephews they love but don't see often enough, 2 birds, and enjoy hiking and snowshoeing in God's creation.

Chris and Bekah Ryan



Chris and Bekah Ryan moved to Colorado Springs in August after 7 years in Laramie, Wyoming, where they were members of St. Andrews Lutheran Church. The Ryan's met while attending the University of Wyoming for undergrad. Bekah is originally from Colorado, and Chris is from Illinois. They were married in June of 2018.

After Chris graduated from law school, they relocated to Colorado Springs with their dog, Nikki, and cat, Zero. Chris now works as a Deputy District Attorney, and Bekah works in the Victims Rights department of the District Attorney's office.

Jeff and Jill Kontz



Jeff and Jill Kontz and their newborn daughter Mckenzie - born January 27, 2021!

Prior to moving to Colorado Springs, they lived in Arizona and first met in Mississippi. Jill is originally from Wisconsin, and Jeff is from Kansas. They were married on July 21, 2018. Jill is a registered dietitian and currently works for the Wounded Warrior Project. Jeff is a Construction Manager for Main Street Renewal. Their family also has two dogs, Morgan and Neka.

Paul and Karen Decker



Paul and Karen are native Coloradoans. They were born and raised on the Western Slope. They have both loved the Lord since childhood. They met in Gunnison where Paul was attending Western State and just celebrated their 45th anniversary.

They have three grown daughters, three sons-in-law, and five grandchildren. Two of the grandchildren, Jaxson & Emmitt, attend here at the Family of Christ school. They currently live in Castle Rock with their little, long-haired dachshund, Ruger. Paul is the Facilities Manager for CBRE at the DirecTV facility in Castle Rock. He is an avid bow hunter and loves the outdoors and traveling in the motorhome. Karen is on her third career. She was a CPA for 20 years, then taught elementary school for five years, and is now an independent *Stampin' Up!* demonstrator selling cards and scrapbooking supplies and holding events to teach others the joys of sending handmade smiles in the mail. She loves to knit and has taught classes at a knitting shop, classes for the neighborhood children, and a 'Purl and Praise' needlework group at church. Paul and Karen enjoy playing with the grandbabies, reading, gardening, and Broncos football. (Okay, so currently it is Magic Mahomes football!) Paul and Karen have served the Lord in many areas, teaching Children's Church, Sunday School, Missionettes, Royal Rangers, Small Group leaders, sound booth support, and drama. They look forward to finding a niche to serve here at FOC!

Tim and Tracy Schoenauer



Originally from Wisconsin, the Schoenauer's settled in Colorado in 2017. Tracy and Tim met in college in Wisconsin (UW-Milwaukee) and have spent time in Florida and abroad in the UAE. They have two beautiful children - Hannah and Owen, who are in the school district in Monument and are competitive swimmers. Hannah was confirmed at FOC last year, and Owen is actively engaged in Confirmation this year.

As a family, they enjoy traveling, experiencing new cultures, appreciating what they have, and helping others. They have been 'long-time listeners, first-time members' at FOC and are excited to get more engaged in active programs helping our community!

Mike and Kelly Morgan



Mike and Kelly have been married for 39 years. They have three daughters, two grandchildren, and three dogs. They moved to Colorado Springs about 25 years ago.

They live in the Pleasant View Neighborhood by Fox Run Park. Mike is a software consultant, and Kelly is a teacher. Together, they enjoy traveling, outdoor activities, and spending time with family & friends. The Morgans are looking forward to finding ways to serve the Lord, meet new friends, and join a Bible Study group here at FOC!

Chuck and Shari David



After living all our lives in Colorado, Chuck & Shari decided to travel and see some of the country. In 1999, Chuck retired from Colorado Division of Wildlife, and Shari quit her job working for an insurance agency. They bought a 32' 5-wheel trailer and 1 ton dually Dodge. Traveling in the summers and wintering in Yuma, AZ - they enjoyed their retirement. Since the rest of their family still live in Colorado, they decided to move back in 2015. Their younger son, Kevin, and daughter-in-law, Jen, live in Monument, so Chuck & Shari decided to live in this area. In 2016, their family was blessed with the addition of Nash. Their current home is near Falcon. They are looking forward to having a new church home at Family of Christ!