

Combined Congregational Input on Colonial's Heroes

Congregational Debrief and Input Gathering on Wednesday, March 7

- Greeters
- Kitchen crew, Chef Jeff, Marion Thomas;
- MUSIC, Charles Forsberg, Mark Stover
- Bob Dahm (creation care)
- Ralph Windom and Randy (lovable eccentrics)
- Arthur, Joannie “love, love” Metcalf and Bill Metcalf
- Multi-generational families (e.g., Johnsons, Manhards, Bergmans)
- My Wife – raised these hooligans (including me), was a full-time RN, and has now been a Stephen’s Minister for 6 years.
- Jeff Lindsay
- Our Small Group
- Anne & Dave Williamson

Input from Women’s Renewal Fellowship on Thursday, March 15

- Arthur Rouner (sends numerous personal notes!)
- Mark Stover (inspiring, spirit-filled)
- Jeff Lindsay (connector)
- Joanne Metcalf (connector)
- Suzanne and Jeff Pope, Sally and Elgin Manhard; Dave and Anne Williamson—models and mentors
- Jerry Potter (faithful, Prison Ministry)
- Tom (keeps Men’s Group going) and Darlene Lund
- David Fisher (here to care for our souls)
- Bob Guelich (wise teacher)
- Ruth Yeats (befriended me and got me involved)
- powerful MUSIC

Input from Deacons

- Other women my age reaching out to me; Meghan Fronek;
- Joanne Metcalf – she had the spirit of Colonial – “love, love, love” - she connected people
- Jean Nelson for commiserating on Deacon duties;
- Arthur Rouner, Charles Forsberg, Henry Charles Smith
- Jeff Lindsay, Arthur Rouner (healing service; he was so real, genuine, spirit-filled)
- Jeff Lindsay– in all of his different roles, he seems like the “glue”
- Joanne Metcalfe as wedding coordinator; Jeff Lindsay who baptized a friend privately
- Joanne, Arthur, Jeff; John Bergman – a good man
- Jeff and Arthur—their involvement in things outside of church, stories from Africa are incredible;
- Joanne, John Troyer
- John Knox, true hero of the faith
- David Fischer—Great sermons, knew him the best

- Jeff and Danielle as heads of new member class—pleased that two staff members knew me immediately
- Cannot name any one person – it’s all the people of Colonial!

Input from Church Council

- Arthur, Joanne Metcalf
- Jeff Lindsay-developed Christian formation through PF/ Frontier in CO
- All staff; married here, provided support when Mom died
- David Getsch leading ski trips with buses of kids to CO
- Choir...sang to Daniel in Cindy's backyard when he first came
- Jim and Marion Thomas serving in the kitchen
- Mark Stover

Input from Dudes & Donuts

- Dave Williamson and Jeff Lindsay
- Dick Cronstrom and Bob Dahm
- Doug Jones and Bob Schultz
- Annette Anderson
- Jerry Potter

Input from Staff

- Ted & Amy Stark- whatever needs to be done they do it. Her legacy with Children's Ministry
- Peggy and Frank Johnson- Frank did so much work for years with trimming trees, etc. and how they have tended the garden
- Carol Rothe- her work outside
- Bergmans- their work in the garden
- Steve Merriman-
- Rick Grooms
- Pat McNamara
- Annette Anderson
- Anne and David Williamson
- Tim Anderson
- Tracy & Bruce Mooty
- Chef Jeff
- JoAnne Clark
- Sarah Jones
- Barry Naugle
- Pastors' spouses
- Kelsey Starrs
- Eric Hansen
- Jeff Lindsay

Input from Chorale

- Arthur
- Joanie
- Mark Stover

- David Hargrove
- Charles Forsberg
- Jeff Jensen
- Henry Charles Smith
- Danielle Jones – watching her grow as a pastor
- Babs Wheeler – her food shelves luncheons
- Jerry Potter – prison ministry
- Bill Hughes—Band of Brothers
- Marian Thomas – in the kitchen
- Bob Guelich
- Jeff Lindsay
- Gary Klingsporn
- Tim Sawyer
- Ralph Winder – prison ministry
- Nancy Potter
- Jeff and Suzanne Pope
- Karen Sidney
- Marie Wonders
- Lorelei Bergman
- Chorale Scholars
- Barb Halvorson
- Chef Jeff
- Funeral volunteers
- Mike Hime, Steve Anderson and Ted Yoch – all involved in the Waters sale
- Gene Holderness
- Greg Anderson
- Ed Lounsberry

Input from 1:1 Caregivers

I couldn't get them past telling stories about Joanie and Arthur!

Miscellaneous Input

- Greg Anderson – for years he has used his experience as a contractor to help us understand our building and what we need to do to maintain it.
- Amy Stark – so much behind the scenes work
- Sarah Jones – for years she followed up with visitors
- Joan Metcalf was amazing. She is probably the most positive person I have met. She always was cheerful and made sure you met someone new.
- Mark Stover is still in the present, but soon to be past. His contribution to the life of Colonial has been tremendous. His love for the Lord and people is so evident in all that he does. Our ministerial staff is top notch. I cannot imagine attending another church.
- Arthur Rouner
- Rev. Sime
- JoAnne Metcalf

- Arthur Rouner
- Jeff Lindsay is a pillar of the church who has withstood so many changes and remains a constant who makes everyone feel welcome
- Silent members who quietly minister to others and support the church by serving, praying, & providing financial support

Input from Foundation Board

- Mark Stover – leads choir, meaningful music
- Jeff Lindsay – constant for so long through the generations bridging everyone from the Arthur era all the way down to today's youth
- Strong administration
- Moderators that Colonial has needed have been the right ones at the right times to meet the needs of the church

Sunday Supper at the Moen's on March 25 (Powells, Westgates, Lathams, Martis)

- Many contributors to church ministries/activities
- Prison Ministry: Ralph Winder, John Troyer, Jerry Potter
- Danielle Jones; Joanne Metcalf
- Megan and Eric Hughes (creative clowns for Jesus)
- Sally Manhard, Ruth Yeats, Linda Nyvall

Sunday Supper at Fisher's

- Bill and Joan Metcalf
- Maurice Fetty
- Carter
- Marie
- Dean Schneider – 50 years as an usher
- The Chorale – tons of volunteer time and commitment

Input from Waters and Friendship Village

- Joanne and Bill Metcalf
- Charles Forsberg

Input from Koinonia Group (Mootys, Myvalls, Heltnes, Schaefer, Moens)

In addition to those mentioned in meaningful memories:

- Joannie (love, love)
- Chef Jeff (feeding souls as well as bodies)
- Eric Hansen (care for facilities), Bob Dahm (creation care)
- Jim Thomas and Vicky Haggerty (children's ministry)
- Mark Stover (heavenly music)
- Danielle Jones (leadership, growing up in our midst in faith and service)
- Jeff and Suzanne Pope, Sally and Elgin Manhard, Dave and Anne Williamson, Darlene and Tom Lund (long-standing leadership and service)

Input from Grow & Serve Group (Johnsons, Eides, Christiansens, Fosters, Moens)

- Steve and Linda Richardson—faithful, friendly greeters, come rain or shine
- Joannie and Bill Metcalf—loving and playfulness
- Vicky Haggarty—creative puppets for Children’s ministry
- Darlene Stensby—wonderful children’s leader, spiritual counselor; calm, grace in many trials
- Bob Palmehn and Bill Lewis—faithful elders
- Anne and Dave Williamson—bring light and wisdom
- Helen Thomas—her grandson nominated her as his hero
- Sara Wilhelm Garbers—radical honesty, creative, spirited and spirit-filled
- Carter Sample—deep wisdom and curiosity, engaging, inspiring youth leader
- Daniel Harrell—brilliant, creative, interpreter of the Word

Angie Pederson

Amy Stark was also a leader for me and a person that helped me develop my faith. She was the first example at Colonial of a minister to our children when they were very young. She was the starting point for the beginnings of their faith and then Michele Steinke continued their wonderful stories and was a big reason why I took a turn in Preschool ministry. Laura VanDerTop and Amanda Thompson supported me (and hopefully I did the same for them) through babies and toddlers and the exhaustion of early parenting and are still people I would call in a crisis today. Love them both!

Dawn Harrell

- Tami Lindsey, Becca Sample, Andy Garbers, Paul Wonders, Julie Stover: Because I’m a minister’s spouse, I get to watch these people support the church’s supporters (AKA ministers). I’m always impressed at the child-wrangling, companionship, yielding to duty, listening ear, shadow-acceptance, peace, sanctuary, expectation management, etc. that these Christians offer their spouses and the church their spouses serve. Lots of other people’s jobs are demanding, but their spouses aren’t looked for at work every week, perhaps multiple times. I’ve no desire to place them on a pedestal (hurts falling off that thing), but their lives teach me how I can practice Jesus’ servanthood.
- Frank Johnson: Have you ever noticed all the stuff he does to care for the church (like pulling weeds out of the cracks in the sidewalks?!), the encouraging word he offers, the silences he keeps when I’d guess there were choice advices he could give? He doesn’t receive public recognition for all of this. I’m not even sure he receives recognition. But I see it in him. And I want to be like that.

Tom Carrier

No account of Colonial’s history would be complete without mention of people like Joan and Bill Metcalfe, Mark Wickstrom, Dave Williamson, Gary Klingsporn, Bob Guelich, Jeff Lindsay, and all the music-makers like Charles Forsberg, Henry Charles Smith and, more recently, Mark Stover. Each of these individuals, and many more, have had an enormous impact on the success of Colonial and have been there to support a group of senior ministers who, individually and collectively, have guided us faithfully through the vicissitudes inherent in being “in charge”.

When I think about all those who have supported our senior ministers throughout the years, I am reminded of what Leonard Bernstein said when asked what was the most difficult instrument in the orchestra to play. Without hesitation, he responded, "Second fiddle." Our second fiddle players have been nothing short of extraordinary as they carried out their respective ministries.

Sue Stanek

WITHOUT doubt: Jeff and Suzanne Pope, Anne and Dave Williamson, Tracy Mooty, Jim and Sara Silburn, Jenn Myers, Sarah Jones, Kit Schmoker, Linda Fisk, Steve Coleman

Wendy Senior

- When I was young Mark Wickstrom & Arthur Rouner brought Colonial Church into my home.
- Jeff Lindsay & Bobo Burns showed me how to make Colonial Church **my** home.
- Jeff Lindsay encouraged me to "come back home" and each Sunday Daniel is teaching me how grateful and happy I am to be back.

From Brown Sheets on the Windows

- Arthur
- Gary Klingsporn
- Steve Richardson
- Marie Wonders
- Joann Metcalf
- Carolyn Meyer
- Kathy Tolo
- Ruth Yeats
- Carla Gottermann
- Annette Anderson
- Dick Nye
- Dick Cronstrom
- Dave Getsch
- Amy Stark
- Rick Groomes
- Multi-generational Families
- Charles Forsberg
- Gregg and Deb Snell
- Ruth and David Yeats
- Jean McDermid
- Spiritual Formation folks
- Larry & Lisa Palmehn

Parents of Younger Children

- Monday morning Bible Study
- Moms of Young Children

- Wednesday food crew
- Lorelei B, Tammy L, Sally M, Anne W, Traci M, Dick and Carolyn Y, Angie P, Danielle J
- Penny Anderson, Jeff L, Mark Stover, Lorraine Paulsen, Millie Carlson
- Jackie & Nancy “the Nice Ladies”
- Tom & Darlene Lund
- Williamsons
- All who volunteer in children’s ministry

From our Snowbirds

- Joanne Metcalf- connected people and made them want to come again.
 - Another- “she mad me think of ‘what is right and good at Colonial.”
 - Her: encouraging people to be friendly
- Arthur, Bob Guelich, Bob MacLennan, Gary Klingsorn, Joan Metcalf, Jeff Lindsay. All people who were smart, strong, and personally caring.
- Allan Wehr, Manhards, Scheurerapns, Stewarts, Getschs, Bergmans, Randalls, Colbys, Bowmans
- Jerry Potter and Bob Edlund care of the poor and trying to help find ways to help colonial respond.
- Arthur- visionary, spiritual depth, vitality, and continuing to grow personally.
- George Champlin- helping Colonial connect with the business folks downtown, around town- connecting church to people’s professional lives, welcoming and encouraging
- Holderness’ and Cursillo
- Henry Charles Smith, Chuck Forsberg, establishing the musical legacy at Colonial that Mark Stover carries so skillfully
- Bob Guelich and Bob MacLennan who established and appreciation for high level biblical scholarship and active participation in Bible Studies. Guelich (with others) established a K group program that at one time involved close to 500 folks in small groups
- Anne Williamson’s continued personal encouragement for women getting involved, whether in Bible study or youth ministry or missions