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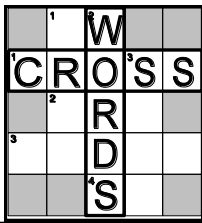
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

**Pr aising God,
Changing Lives!**



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Services each Sunday...

Praising God, Changing Lives for 127 Years!

Contemporary Worship

9:00 AM

Sunday School

9:30 AM and 10:00 AM

Traditional Worship

10:50 AM

Coffee Mingle

12:15 PM

Church Office Hours:

8:30am-1:30pm

Monday-Thursday

Our Ministry Statement

First Christian Church

exists to:

Reach Up to worship God,

Reach In to grow in
Christ-like maturity,

Reach Out to serve others in
Christ's name, to share the
Good News of Jesus Christ
with others and to invite
them to become members of
His family.

The Staff

Welcomes You...

Rev. Brad Barton

Sr. Minister

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Rev. Melanie Ferron
Associate Minister

Paula Schaffer, Pianist

Tish Key, Secretary

John Moore, Custodian

Something to Study During my Sabbatical

If you're reading this, you've probably at least heard about my upcoming 3-month sabbatical. You may have read my newsletter article or bulletin insert about it. You may have listened to Susan's Moment for Ministry. And now, you're probably wondering if there's some way you can stay connected to what I'll be doing for those three months. The answer: YES!

I'll be taking plenty of time to connect with God April 2-July 2. One of the ways I'll be doing that is by reading, praying about, studying, and being changed by a book called *Tending to Eden: Environmental Stewardship for God's People*, written by Scott C. Sabin.

As I searched for a book that connects environmental stewardship to my Christian faith (the topic I chose to study for the study portion of my sabbatical), a quote from *Tending to Eden* called to me:

Most of us long to be part of something bigger than ourselves. Our consumer-oriented culture has done a miserable job of giving us any sense of purpose. Yet mainstream Christianity has often failed to provide an alternative. (page 4)

This April 2 - July 2, I invite you to go on a journey alongside me; read and study this book. During my Wednesday Bible Studies, Pastor Melanie (morning) and Susan (evening) will lead studies on this book. Even if you don't attend the Wednesday Bible studies, I encourage you to read the book, so we will have something new and in common to discuss together upon my return.

Twenty copies of the book are available in the church office. They cost \$18/each, and if you could help with the cost, that would be great. If you want a copy but can't help with the cost, that's also ok. You can also find ebook friendly versions online for your tech gadgets. ***I hope to talk to you about this book and how it impacts our common lives when I return!***

Pastor Brad





Birthdays, Announcements & Thanks



FCC Birthdays



- February 20 Jim Matthews
- February 22 Dorothy Rhodes
- February 27 Billy Fitch
- March 5 Emily Maxwell
- March 6 Eugene Romero
- March 7 Jeannette West
- March 10 Melanie Ferron
- March 12 Chip Ferron
- March 13 Gayle Johnson
- March 15 Clara Arroyo
- March 21 Alice Wieseler



FCC Anniversaries

- February 23 Bill & Lily Fitch
- February 27 Gary & Carol Steed
- March 22 Will & Debbie
Eisemann
- March 22 Johnny & Marlene
Cowan

Dear Woman's fellowship group,

Thank you so much for inviting us to come visit and share our mission with the ladies.

We appreciate your hospitality and awesome questions!

We would love to grow our partnership in the future!

Please feel free to invite any friends or family that may be interested in learning about Mosaic to our

Discover the Possibilities tours @ Mosaic on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 11:30-12:30

We do provide a light lunch so an RSVP is appreciated!

Thanks again!!

Kelly

Update to Non-participating members List.

Please add the current address for

Pat and Jeannie Mitchell to your non-participating list: 1421 S Eagle Way, Aurora, CO 80014-2429.

Thank you!

Tan colored FCC logo caps
are available for \$15 from
Lamar Edwards or Joyce Wittwer
243-6214



Saturday, February 17 @ 8 am

Elders Meeting

Board Meeting



Sunday, March 11 @ 12:30



Sunday, February 25 @ 4:00

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday, February 22

Please submit to the church office or email them to:

firstchristiangj@hotmail.com

Articles arriving later than the deadline included until the next published Crosswords.



Announcements

We are CELEBRATING!

Pastor Melanie Ferron celebrating 20 years of service to First Christian Church Grand Junction on March 4th 2018.

We have decided to purchase a Clergy Robe and Stole for her as a gift for her many years of service. Both the Christian women's fellowship and the Disciples men's fellowship are donating funds for this gift. We would like to give members of the congregation the opportunity to also share in this celebration. Donations may be designated by using the word celebration on the memo line or on your envelope or you can give cash donations to Pam Baumgartle, Nancy Armbruster, or Lois Dunning.

Thank you,

Worship Committee



Lent is Coming:

Spend Lent with Your FCCGJ Church Family

Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays in Lent, February 22-March 28, 2018 @ 12:00 p.m.

Be sure to take time out of your busy week to stop and focus on God during this Lenten season. A great way to do that is to come by the church building on Wednesdays at noon, eat lunch and share stories with your church family, and listen to a talk about “focusing on the cross.” If you’re so inclined, you could even bring a soup to share. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the information table in the Fellowship Hall. And PLEASE BRING FRIENDS.

Lenten Daily Devotionals

Daily throughout Lent

This year’s Lenten Daily Devotional guide, prepared by the Society of St. Andrew, is entitled, *Walking in Newness of Life*. “In the devotional booklet, you will find daily meditations and prayers that show how renewal begins or is refreshed, through life’s circumstances. These devotionals are written by people of deep and abiding faith: pastors, missionaries, and laypersons from many Christian traditions.” Be sure to pick up at copy at the beginning of Lent, and follow the daily devotional guide to help you get closer to guide and prepare yourself for the joy of resurrection on Easter Sunday!



Announcements

Lent & Easter 2018 **First Christian Church, GJ** Focusing on the Cross!

Lenten Lunches

Eat and Listen to Cross-focused talks
Wednesdays
Feb 21 - March 28
12:00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper And Celebration

Tuesday, February 13
Eat pancakes, have a party,
and learn why we do these things
The day before Lent begins.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 14
Share a meal with your Church family,
and receive the imposition of ashes.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Worship at 6:45 p.m.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25
Celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry
Into Jerusalem @ both services.
9:00 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29
Worship around tables to recall Jesus'
final evening with his disciples.
7:00 p.m.

Easter Prayer Vigil

Thursday, March 29 - Friday, March 30
Participate in 24 hours of continuous prayer.
8:00 p.m. Thurs. - 8:00 p.m. Fri.

Easter Sunrise

Sunday, April 1
Proclaim "Christ is Risen"! In two distinct styles,
and enjoy an Easter brunch with your Church family!
Easter Sunrise Service @ 9:00 a.m.
Easter Brunch @ 9:45 a.m.
Celebration of Resurrection @ 10:50 a.m.



Announcements

Congratulations to Melinda Mitchell
We are so proud of you!

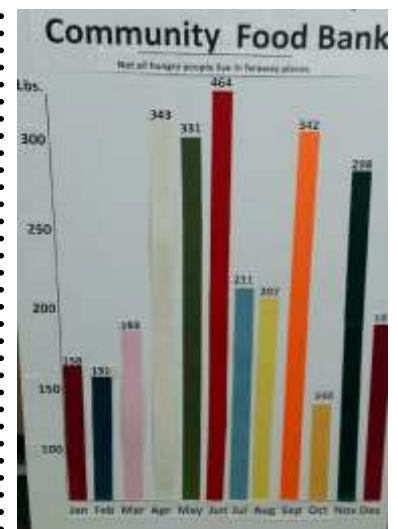


Do you remember Bob and Dolores Hall? They moved from Grand Junction several years ago. Bob died of Alzheimer's some time ago, and I have been sending notes to Dolores who also had Alzheimer's. Recently I heard from her family that she passed away in October. She had a lovely smile.

Joyce Wittwer



In 2017 First Christian Church, GJ, gave 3,379 lbs. of food to the Community Food Bank. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. A new chart for 2018 is hanging in the Narthex just behind the Membership Table, and already we are off to break our record for last January. Our 2018 contribution of 177 lbs. surpassed last year's January contribution of 158 lbs. Way to go!! Let's make 2018 another great year—one more can of soup will give someone one more meal.





First Christian Church

Chili Cook-Off!

Sunday February 18!

Starting @ 12:30 p.m.



Come for chili and to support the Men's Outreach ministries. Spend the afternoon sampling the wide variety of chili and vote for your favorite. We invite all youth and adults to sign up to bring your famous chili. There will be donation baskets on each table, with proceeds benefiting the Men's Outreach ministries. All are welcome to join us for this event!

There will be prizes for the following:

- Tastiest Chili
- Best Presentation
- Best Youth Chili

Questions? Contact David Hawley at 970-270-5953!



Crock Pot Cook-off

Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, March 11 at 12:15

Cost \$5.00

Make your favorite crock pot recipe all warm and ready to serve, and see whose recipe is the yummiest!

Our judging categories will be: Best Entrée, Best Non Entrée, and Best Booth décor.

\$5.00 at the door covers the tasting of all the great recipes (No fee to put a recipe in the contest) and the funds the youth raise will go to support their

Outreach projects.

Remember your cupcake tins for sampling if you like.

Let Tammy Ostermiller or Melanie Ferron know if you are entering a crock pot.

There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



Announcements

Homeward Bound

Last Thursday we had another successful night of serving a delicious dinner to the grateful folks at Homeward Bound shelter. Thank you all for your wonderful support in this ministry.

Did you know we have been serving them for 10 years? I didn't! I found a sign up sheet in an old purse. From receipts in the same old purse I could tell it was from the year 2008. Congratulations to all of you who have so faithfully put together potato casseroles, donated money, time, lettuce, candy, fruit and milk over the years.

If you are interested in helping sometime, please call me!

Beth Sherry

245-3314



new email address:

CRMROffice@cmrdoc.org



El Salvador

Once again we are planning a mission trip to El Salvador. So far I have nine people going in my group. Four people who are going are from our church! Yay! Dates for this year are July 22- August 4. If you have any inkling you would like to go, please contact me for details.

We will be having a few fundraisers before we leave. It is so rewarding to see something our church built when I go back every year, and how much love we receive in return. Prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to be a part of this amazing ministry.

I am trying to organize a meeting for those who have never been before. Watch this space for details.

Beth Sherry

245-3314

bethlucoresherry@gmail.com



Announcements

The Giving Statements for 2017 are ready for you to pick up.. They are on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you,
Stewardship.



Souper Bowl of Caring
totals are in!!!
We Collected
\$ 267.18
Thank you to everyone that Donated



**Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11,
2018. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour
forward!**



FCC Prayer Concerns

“Pray without ceasing.”

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Jean Kees
Brenda Armstrong	Hailer Kellog
Clara Arroyo	Betty Learned
Family of Jack Barton	Mike Loehring
Lois Braun	Blanche Marshall
Sandy & Tim Brown	Cecilia Massey
Tim Burke	Norma Matteson
Amy Burns	Sara Meade
Helen Clotfelter	Brian Neukman
Chuck Cummings	Scott & Shirley Nider
Carol Jean Daniel	Louise Oliver
Dannielle	Carol Perry
Dennis	Peggy Platt
Dennis & Family	Janice Riches and Family
Helen Dillard	Oscar Aaron Rodriguez
Earn Eaches	Diana & Memesio Rodriguez
Kat Edwards	Dr. and Mrs. Schwartz
JoAnne Eggers	John Sherry
Larry Eggers	Gary Steed
Vicki Gassman	Lois Stouffer
Ethel Goebel	Terry
Kyle Graham	Helen Wade
David & Vickie Hagan	Wes Wade
Connie Hawley	David Wing
Jason Hawley	
JoAnne Hill	
Ethel Hoffman	
Eleanor Hubbell	
Thomas Hunn	
Dee Johnson	
Ed Jones	
Nora Julette	



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

February 18, 2018

Elder

Susan Barton

Deacon

David Hawley

Greeter

David Hawley

February 25, 2018

Elder

Al Baumgartle

Deacon

Tammy Maxwell

Greeter

Tammy Maxwell

March 4, 2018

Elder

Lily Fitch

Deacon

Brad Krebill

Greeter

Brad Krebill

March 11, 2018

Elder

Suzanne Andrew

Deacon

Norma Lavelett

Greeter

Norma Lavelett

February 18, 2018

3rd Sunday

Worship Leader

Pam Baumgartle

Offering Elder

Chuck Haigler

Communion Elder

Al Baumgartle

Greeter

Jim Matthews

Carol Matthews

Pam Baumgartle

Preparing Diaconate

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

Serving Diaconate

David Morgan

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

Nancy Claussen

Coffee Mingle

Melanie Ferron

Van Driver

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

Keyboard

Beth Sherry

Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

February 25, 2018

4th Sunday

Worship Leader

Susan Barton

Offering Elder

Beth Sherry

Communion Elder

Lois Dunning

Greeter

Chuck Haigler

Earn Eachus

Ruby Eachus

Preparing Diaconate

Marian Velarde

Serving Diaconate

JoAnne Eggers

Jeanne Klitzke

Ruth Acord

Jodi Gabel

Coffee Mingle

Lamar Edwards

Joyce Wittwer

Van Driver

TBD

Keyboard

Ray Farrell

Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

March 4, 2018

1st Sunday

Worship Leader

Beth Sherry

Offering Elder

Carol Matthews

Communion Elder

Jim Matthews

Greeter

Joyce Wittwer

Janice Swank

Dorothy Rhodes

Preparing Diaconate

Karen Lehman

Serving Diaconate

Wes Wade

Jerry Francis

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

Coffee Mingle

TBD

Van Driver

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

Keyboard

Paula Schaffer

Collection Team

Al Baumgartle

Ray Farrell

March 11, 2018

2nd Sunday

Worship Leader

Joyce Witter

Offering Elder

Kathy Gardner

Communion Elder

Leonard Gardner

Greeter

Josh Barton

Bob Wise

Alice Wiesler

Preparing Diaconate

Alice Wiesler

Serving Diaconate

Bob Wise

Al Ladage

Josh Barton

Cole Barton

Coffee Mingle

TBD

Van Drivers

Jerry Francis

Keyboard

Lily Fitch

Collection Team

Al Baumgartle

Ray Farrell

Church Calendar of Events - February 15, 2018— March 12, 2018

Thursday February 15, 2018

****Crosswords****

6:00 pm Praise Team

7:00 pm Co. West Quilters Guild

Saturday February 17, 2018

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

8:30 am RMCS CPE Group

12:00 pm Territorial Daughters Meeting

Sunday February 18, 2018

****Week of Compassion****

****Special Offering****

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

11:00 am Jr. Church

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

12:30 pm Chili Cook-off

Monday February 19, 2018

9:30 am CWU

10:30 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm FCC Bookworms

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday February 20, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday February 21, 2018

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

11:00 am Lenten Lunches

6:00pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal— Tish

6:30 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday February 22, 2018

****Crosswords Deadline****

3:00 pm CWF(DW) Executive Meeting

6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday February 23, 2018

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday February 25, 2018

****Week of Compassion****

**** Special Offering ****

****Food Bank Sunday****

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

11:00 am Jr. Church

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

4:00 pm Board Meeting

Monday February 26, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday February 27, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday February 28, 2018

****Pastor Brad out of Town****

NO Morning Bible Study

11:00 am Lenten Lunches

NO Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

6:30 pm Youth Group

NO Evening Bible Study

Thursday March 1, 2018

****Pastor Brad out of Town****

****Crosswords****

9:30 am Ruth Group

1:30 pm Dorcas Group

6:00 pm Praise Team

6:00 Co. West Quilters Board

Sunday March 4, 2018

****Pastor Melanie's 20 Year Celebration****

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday

School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

11:00 am Jr. Church

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle— Pastor

Melanie's 20 year Celebration

Monday March 5, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm FCC Bookworms

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday March 6, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00 pm Healthy Living

6:30 pm Night'ngals

Wednesday March 7, 2018

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

11:00 am Lenten Lunches

6:00pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal— Pastor Brad

6:30 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday March 8, 2018

****Crosswords Deadline****

12:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministry

3:00 pm CWF(DW) General Meeting

6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday March 9, 2018

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday March 11 2018

**** Daylight Saving Time****

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

11:00 am Jr. Church

12:00 pm Crock Pot Cook-off

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

12:30 pm Elders Meeting