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### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

God has called us to be a  
Congregation TO and FOR adults 50+,  
Even as we joyfully welcome  
ALL into our church family.



# First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)



## Services each Sunday...

### Praising God, Changing Lives for 127 Years!

Contemporary Worship

8:45 AM

Sunday School

9:30 AM and 10:00 AM

Traditional Worship

10:50 AM

Coffee Mingle

12:15 PM

## 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  
970-314-5540  
revbradbarton@gmail.com

**Rev. Melanie Ferron**

Associate Minister

**Paula Schaffer**, Pianist

**Norma Matteson**, Pianist

**Katie Wendland**, Secretary

**John Moore**, Custodian

## Why Worship at The Kagie Center?

In a little over a week, we'll have a worship service at the church cabin, also known as the Kagie Center. As we approach August 16, the date of this worship service, I would imagine there is apprehension on the part of some in the congregation. After all, the Kagie Center is even higher in elevation than Grand Junction (which is already pretty high); the Kagie center isn't nearly as accessible as the church building; there is limited parking at the Kagie Center, so we'll have to car-pool; the roads to the Kagie center aren't exactly smooth and bump-free; worshipping outside can be hot; and, in general, worshipping someplace else is a disruption in our normal routine as church. With these, and other, difficulties associated with worshipping at the Kagie Center, I'm sure there are some who are wondering why the leadership of the congregation (actually the Worship Committee) has decided to do such a thing.

I can't answer for the whole Worship Committee (some of them probably have even better reasons than I will propose), but I can share with you my **Top 3 Reasons Why Having a Periodic Worship Service at The Kagie Center is a Good Thing, a God-thing**. Here they are:

**#3 – If it was good enough for Jesus...** Do you remember where Jesus worshipped God? Was it always (or even often) in a synagogue or the temple? Jesus spent quite a bit of time preaching outside, in God's creation, apart from the creations of humankind. There must be a reason. Plus, if it was good enough for Jesus...

**#2 – Some people encounter God better in an outdoor worship service.** Just about every Sunday of the year, we worship in a way that is best for SOME people in our congregation but not all people in our congregation. We need to remember that what helps one person encounter God best doesn't necessarily help all people encounter God best. Why force everyone to fit into one way of being Church all the time? In my ministry, I've encountered a great many people who encounter God better outside. They are not the majority, but it would be very Christian of us to offer an occasional worship service that works for them!

**#1 – Worshipping someplace different helps us grow!** Let's face it, when we encounter God in worship, part of what is supposed to happen is that we are supposed to grow (grow closer to God, grow in faith, grow stronger in our sense of mission, etc.). Experts tell us that we grow better when we're outside our comfort zones (research something called "liminal space" if you want more information.) Well, for us, I don't think there is a more comfortable zone than our sanctuary. If we want to grow as Christians, it's important, it's necessary, that we worship someplace else, someplace that's just a little uncomfortable, once in a while!

**I hope to see you at the Kagie Center on August 16 at 11:00am!**

– Pastor Brad



# Sunday School & Announcements

**10:00 AM Sunday School Class: Fearless Conversation** discussions with coffee and donuts.

Our **Fearless Conversation** group has been digging into some really interesting stuff...so interesting that our Senior Pastor stops by to get in on the discussion!

We are a fortunate group as our Associate Pastor is in on the action every week and adds wonderful insight to our questions and discussions. Please feel free to join us for one Sunday or all...your choice.

August Fearless Conversations continue...

Son Mountain was last week so we missed our conversations by one topic. I have listed it here in August so we did not miss any from our materials.

**August 2** - Why does it feel like God sometimes doesn't keep the promises made in the Bible?

**August 9** - Does God expect me to be strong and courageous?

**August 16** - Why are imperfect people part of God's plan?

**August 23** - Why does God's plan seem so complicated?

**August 30** - How can we live with integrity in a world that doesn't?

Lots of interesting questions...remember you can join us for one OR all of these sessions as this is an open enrollment program.

Lily Fitch ~Conversationalist

## **Life Line Screening**

First Christian Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 9/9/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

**In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**

# Anniversaries, Birthdays, & Announcements



## FCC July Birthdays

August 1	Melinda Mitchell
August 4	Virginia Johnson
August 6	Chuck Haigler
August 6	Bobby Wise
August 8	Lois Braun
August 10	Earnest Eachus
August 10	Tony Guarente
August 10	Dorothy Ruth
August 13	Robert Ruth Jr.
August 14	Riecke Claussen
August 15	Paula Schaffer
August 15	Leo Wittwer
August 20	Mary Wilson
August 25	Debbie Eisemann



## FCC July Anniversaries

August 4	Gene & Norma Matteson
August 5	Terry & Jo Laughlin
August 6	Brad & Pam Krebill
August 14	Don & Jeanne Klitzke
August 15	Doug & Carolyn Bryant
August 16	Martin & Paula Schaffer
August 25	Greg & Beth Sherry
August 30	Riecke & Nancy Claussen

## This is My Life

Have you ever wondered where other members of our church family were from? Where they were born? What career they were in? How many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren they have? What their hobbies/interests are? What their religious background is? Now is your chance to write your life history and share what you want our family to know.

On June 21, JoAnne Eggers, Lily Fitch, Melanie Ferron, Jim Matthews and their spouses each told their story and now have displays in the Fellowship Hall. When telling your story, you can use items such as medals, pictures or anything else that emphasizes your life.

**Soon to follow will be an August 23 volunteer signup sheet for "This is My Life". We are looking forward to learning more about us.**

## The House Grand Junction

### A Safe Shelter for Teens on the Western Slope

How many homeless teens are there in Mesa County?

Where are the parents of these teens?

Who are our homeless teens?

Who is organizing the shelter?

What is the operating budget?

• Would you like to have these questions answered  
• and more? Join CWF(DW) at the General  
• Meeting on August 13, 2015 at 1:30pm and John  
• Mok-lamme, Program Director will be speaking  
• to our group. Question and answers will be held  
• after his presentation.

• CWF(DW)

## CROSSWORDS!

**next deadline is...**

Thursday, August 13

Please submit to the church office or email them to:

[firstchristiangj@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchristiangj@hotmail.com)

Articles arriving later than the deadline will not be included until the next published Crosswords.



# Announcements & Thank You's



## **BIG THANK YOU**

The Ice Cream Social was such a huge success because of all the people who made the ice cream and all the people who enjoyed it. Thanks to all!  
~Ice Cream Committee



## **Son Mountain Retreat 2015**

This year we had 15 youth and 6 adults attend our Son Mountain Retreat.

I would like to thank David Hawley for all the GREAT food he prepared for us. Thank you also to Brad and Susan Barton for leading the Team building activities, Tammy Rosencrans for providing craft projects and campfire activities, Chip Ferron for being our medical personnel and Chuck Haigler, Walt Meders and Katie Wendland for their help with transportation.

Our camp improvement project this year was making some adjustments to the floor boards on the deck. The Son Mt. construction crew worked very hard and did a great job! Thank you to Cole Barton, Nicholas Ripa, Curtis Rosencrans, Preston Whyte, T'Anni Meders, Josh Barton, Lily Fitch, Billy Fitch and Chip Ferron.

## **A Farewell to Sister Caroline Conway**

Sister Caroline Conway, Tai Chi instructor and spiritual companion, will be leaving the Valley at the end of August after 25 years of ministry here.

A farewell reception for Sister Caroline will be held Saturday, August 22 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church parish hall, 790 26 1/2 Road.

No Gifts Please

~Sister Caroline Conway

## **Fall Events?**

Fall is quickly approaching! If you have events coming up this fall, please contact the Church Secretary so we can make sure they are on the calendar!



## **Schumann Singers Auditions**

The Schumann Singers, one of the Grand Valley's well-known choral ensembles, is accepting new singers to fill several vacancies in each section.

Under the leadership of their new conductor, Dr.

John Howard, this long-standing staple of the community will be preparing an exciting program of Thanksgiving and Christmas music with rehearsals beginning in early September.

Please contact Dr. Howard at (619)0277-4813 or

[john.howard@firstpresgj.org](mailto:john.howard@firstpresgj.org) for more

information. We'd love to have you join us for a rehearsal and see how much fun you'll have.





# Announcements

## Kagie Center Worship

August 16, 2015 11:00am

Come join us for worship at the congregation's cabin and retreat grounds on Glade Park. Following the worship service will be a potluck picnic lunch, with hamburgers and hotdogs supplied by the Worship Committee.

Because there is limited parking at the Kagie Center, we are asking people to meet at the church and carpool up to the service. There will be 3 sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

- The first sign-up sheet is for ALL who will be attending the Kagie Center Worship so we can get an accurate count for the potluck picnic lunch. Also on this sheet is a place to note what dish you are bringing to the potluck
- The second will be for people willing to drive up to the Kagie Center, also letting us know how many people your vehicle can accommodate.
- The third sign-up sheet will be for those needing a ride to the Kagie Center so that we can ensure that we get everyone up there that would like to partake in this unique worship service!

**If your health prevents you from attending the Kagie Center Worship on August 16th, but you would like to gather for worship, please contact JoAnne Eggers at 970-255-9046.**





# Announcements



## Rally Day August 30

Come check out all the great things happening this Fall at the Rally Day booths in the Fellowship Hall. All of the small groups and ministries will have materials and information available for you to look at and the group leaders will also be available for you to talk to.

## Kick-Off Sunday Potluck

Join us on Sunday, September 13, 2015, at 12:30pm for our Kick-Off Sunday Potluck! Please bring a dish to share; enough for 12-15 people. This is a true potluck-what comes we will eat! Please plan bring your own table service. Please contact Jeanne Klitzke or Jeanice Swank with any questions. We hope to see you all there!!



## Kick- off Sunday September 13

As we Kick-off our new Church year all Sunday School classes and Mid-week classes will begin and our teachers will be commissioned during both worship Services.

Following the traditional service you will have another opportunity to investigate the Rally Day booths during our Kick-off Sunday Pot-luck meal.



# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen

Amy

Nancy Armbruster

Brenda Armstrong

Anna Bilyeu

Jessie Bowen

Lois Braun

Tim Burke

Marianne Chapman

Marlis Clark

Tyler Coghill

Daniel Connor

Chuck Cummings

**Arinda Davis’ Family**

Helen Dillard

Laura Dixon

John Drury

Eisemann Family

Leon Gardner

Dorothy Griffin

Emily Hauquitz

Jason Hawley

Doris Hicks

Bruce Hines

Kim Hopkins

Ed Jones

**Ed “Chicken” Jones**

Pat Jones

Nora Juette

Gloria Ladehoff

Bette Learned

**“Chuck” Lopas**

Anna Lopez

Joyce Lucore

Jennifer McDaniel

Clare & Ally Morris

Ginger Morris

Larry Petrini

Alex Shafer

Jean Silkey

Greg Stouffer

Lois Stouffer

Jiemon and Tayo Takahashi

D.J. Wilhorn





# Church Calendar of Events - August 6, 2015— September 7, 2015

## Thursday August 6, 2015

9:30am Ruth Group  
1:30pm Agape Group  
1:30pm Esther Group  
6:00pm Co West Quilters Board  
6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Sunday August 9, 2015

9:00am Contemporary Worship  
10:00am Sunday School/  
“Fearless Conversation”  
10:50am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Jr. Church  
12:15pm Coffee Mingle  
12:30pm Elders Meeting

## Monday August 10, 2015

8:00am RMCSC CPE Group  
10:30am Staff Meeting  
5:30pm Youth Education Meeting  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday August 11, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group  
12:00pm Lessons at Lunch  
5:00pm Healthy Living  
6:15pm Monument View Flute  
Circle  
6:30pm Night’n Gals

## Wednesday August 12, 2015

9:30am Newcomer’s Group  
10:00am Bible Study  
6:30pm Bible Study  
7:00 CO West Quilter’s Guild

## Thursday August 13, 2015

1:30pm CWF General  
5:00pm Homeward Bound Ministry  
6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Friday August 14, 2015

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

## Saturday August 15, 2015

8:00am Men’s Breakfast

## Sunday August 16, 2015

\*\*No Sunday School\*\*  
11:00am Kagie Center Worship  
4:30pm Cabinet Meeting

## Monday August 17, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday August 18, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group  
10:00am A New Door Opens @  
Spoons  
12:00pm Lessons at Lunch  
5:00pm Healthy Living

## Wednesday August 19, 2015

10:00am Bible Study  
6:30pm Bible Study

## Thursday August 20, 2015

2:00pm Pinochle Group  
6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Sunday August 23, 2015

9:00am Contemporary Worship  
10:00am Sunday School/  
“Fearless Conversation”  
10:50am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Jr. Church  
12:15pm Coffee Mingle

## Monday August 24, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday August 25, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group  
12:00pm Lessons at Lunch  
5:00pm Healthy Living

## Wednesday August 26, 2015

10:00am Bible Study  
6:30pm Bible Study

## Thursday August 27, 2015

9:30am CWF Executive  
6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Friday August 28, 2015

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

## Sunday August 30, 2015

\*\*\*Rally Day\*\*\*  
9:00am Contemporary Worship  
10:00am Sunday School/  
“Fearless Conversation”

10:50am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Jr. Church  
12:15pm Coffee Mingle

## Monday August 31, 2015

8:00am RMCSC CPE Group  
10:30am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday September 1, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group  
10:00am A New Door Opens @  
Spoons  
12:00pm Lessons at Lunch  
4:00pm Grandview Worship  
5:00pm Healthy Living  
6:30pm Night’n Gals

## Wednesday September 2, 2015

10:00am Bible Study  
3:30pm Parkinson’s Group  
6:30pm Bible Study  
7:00pm Order of the Arrow

## Thursday September 3, 2015

9:30am Ruth Group  
1:30pm Agape Group  
1:30pm Esther Group  
6:00pm Co West Quilters Board  
6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Sunday September 6, 2015

9:00am Contemporary Worship  
10:00am Sunday School/  
“Fearless Conversation”  
10:50am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Jr. Church  
12:15pm Coffee Mingle

## Monday September 7, 2015

\*\*\*Office Closed for Holiday\*\*\*  
8:00am RMCSC CPE Group  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study