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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

9:00 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...

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Rev. Melanie Ferron

Associate Minister

Paula Schaffer, Pianist

Norma Matteson, Pianist

Katie Wendland, Secretary

John Moore, Custodian

Something New:

The Narrative Lectionary Begins This Sunday

Last May, I attended the Festival of Homiletics in Denver with the intent (among other things) to learn more about something called the "Narrative Lectionary". At the time, I wrote two newsletter articles about my intent to switch from the Revised Common Lectionary to the Narrative Lectionary (which runs September-May each year with recommended texts for sermon series during the summer.)

During the summer months this year, we all had an opportunity to get acquainted with some features of this new (to us) lectionary as I preached sermons based on texts in two of the recommended sermon series, the Psalms and Hebrews. It is my hope that you enjoyed the imagery contained within the selected texts this summer. It is my understanding that an emphasis on imagery will continue with all texts selected in this lectionary.

In preparation for beginning the Narrative Lectionary this Sunday, I would like to remind you of its intent and structure. The intent is to re-acquaint Christians with the narrative, the story, of the scriptures. Hopefully, we can better follow God's desires found in scripture if we better know and understand the story of scripture. The resulting structure is as follows:

- September through mid-December - Old Testament Narrative and Prophets
- Mid-December through Christmas - Births of John the Baptist and Jesus
- January through Easter - Gospel narrative from Mark
- April - Stories from Acts
- May - 1 Corinthians (a letter to an early Christian congregation)

We will begin this Sunday...with the beginning: the creation story as found in Genesis 2. As we progress through the narrative/story of the Bible, please let me know what you think about this new lectionary and how it impacts your daily walk in faith.

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.

Fearless Conversations - Is God In Control of My Life? Discussions from Joshua, Ruth and Esther
Upcoming questions this month shall be:

September 6 - Why would God protect lawbreakers?

September 13 - How do my relationships affect my walk with God?

September 20 - Why does God use tragedy as part of his plan?

September 27 - Are my actions alone enough to let others know I'm a Christian?

Looks like some interesting conversations afoot! So use **your** feet and join us! :)

Loving your input!

Conversationist,

Lily Fitch

Life Line Screening

Today I wanted to tell all of you about an important service that we are bringing here on 9/9/2015. As many of you may not know, stroke is a leading cause of death today, affecting over 750,000 people each year. Every 45 seconds in America, someone suffers a stroke and every 3 minutes, someone dies from one. This means that during the next 45 minutes, approximately 15 people in the United States will have died due to a stroke.

Stroke can be a life threatening and life changing event, and yet according to the National Stroke Association, 80% of strokes are preventable. **By signing up for this health event, not only will you be able to take your health into your own hands, but you will also receive \$10 off any package of \$129 or more.** The Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm Package includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. To schedule your appointment and to receive this special offer, please sign up **only** by either calling our members-only phone number, which is **1-888-653-6441** or by visiting www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.
Join in the fight against vascular disease!

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!



Thank you for your generous contribution **(62 lbs)**. Your support enables Community Food Bank volunteers to provide up to nine, three day meal boxes to Mesa County residents in need. We are grateful for your help. Thanks!

Anniversaries, Birthdays, & Announcements



FCC September Birthdays

- September 2 Les Armbruster
- September 4 Brad Krebill
- September 4 Connie Hawley
- September 5 Louise Oliver
- September 6 Molly Lewis
- September 6 Gary Steed
- September 9 Curtis Rosencrans
- September 10 Ron Velarde
- September 12 Gene Matteson
- September 14 Eleanor Hubbell
- September 19 Ann Hutton
- September 19 Lisha Snyder
- September 20 Paula Schaffer
- September 23 Judy Campbell
- September 23 Kathy Gardner
- September 26 Linda Edwards
- September 29 Lois Stouffer

FCC September Anniversaries

- September 27 Wayne & Tammy Ostermiller

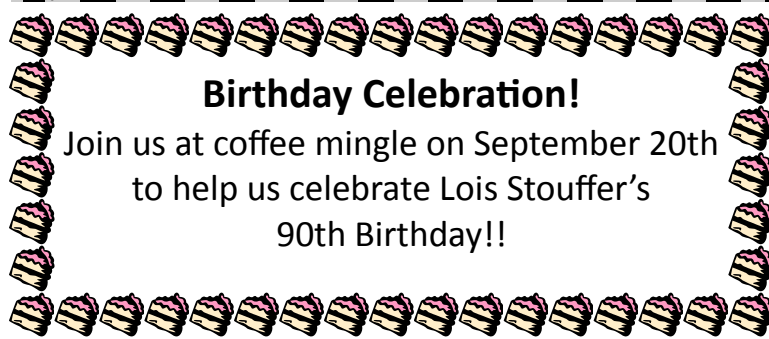


Member Change!

Bob Wise—
New Phone Number 970-640-5616

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 to bring your own table service. Please contact Jeanne Klitzke or Jeanice Swank with any questions. We hope to see you all there!!



Birthday Celebration!

Join us at coffee mingle on September 20th to help us celebrate Lois Stouffer's 90th Birthday!!

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:

As you may remember from the June Stewardship Message, we were on the cusp of finally breaking even when our income nearly kept pace with our expenses. This was the first time we could say that in quite a while.

Then came July!

With some folks on vacation and all of us attending to summer activities, the offerings have fallen off a little.

Please take a moment to insure that your pledges are up to date. It would be great if the next message could, once again, report good news.

Thank you.



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.



ONE DAY. ONE MESSAGE. ONE STAND.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP & PRAYER EVENT

WHEN

**Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015
6:30pm**

WHERE

**Stocker Stadium
Grand Junction, CO**

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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**ALL AGES
EVENT –
ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

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STAND IN UNITY
AND TO ASK GOD
TOGETHER TO BLESS
AND PROTECT OUR
VALLEY.**



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"Take a Hike!"

Do you like to hike, especially with a group of friends? On Saturday, September 26th we are planning a hike at McGinnis Canyons in Fruita. If you've never been there, it's a beautiful area, west of the Colorado National Monument with dozens of hiking trails. This particular hike will be about 3 miles with some elevation gains. It will probably be moderately strenuous. We'll be hiking through areas of sand, gravel, sandstone, and hard rock. Bring plenty of water, some snacks, sun-screen, comfortable shoes with good tread, etc. We'll meet at the church parking lot at 8:30 AM and car pool from there. Invite a friend and show them some of the fun things going on with First Christian Church! Contact Brad Krebill with any questions at 242-6430.

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday, September 10

Please submit to the church office or email them to:

firstchristiangj@hotmail.com

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



FCC Prayer Concerns

“Pray without ceasing.”

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen

Pat Jones

Nancy Armbruster

Nora Juette

Brenda Armstrong

Gloria Ladehoff

Anna Bilyeu

Bette Learned

Jessie Bowen

Family of “Chuck” Lopas

Lois Braun

Anna Lopez

Tim Burke

Joyce Lucore

Marianne Chapman

Family of “Corky” Lyons

Charlie & Carol

Carla Martin

Marlis Clark

Jennifer McDaniel

Chuck Cummings

Clare & Ally Morris

Arinda Davis’ Family

Ginger Morris

Helen Dillard

Larry Petrini

John Drury

Jean Silkey

Larry Eggers

Greg Stouffer

Eisemann Family

Lois Stouffer

Leon Gardner

Jiemon and Tayo Takahashi

Dorothy Griffin

D.J. Wilhorn

Emily Hauquitz

Jason Hawley

Doris Hicks

Bruce Hines

Kim Hopkins

Ed Jones



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

First Service Assignments

September 6, 2015

Greeters & Offering

Wayne Ostermiller

Curtis Rosencrans

Elder

Lily Fitch

September 13, 2015

Greeters & Offering

Blanche Marshall

Suzanne Daniels

Elder

Leonard Gardner

September 20, 2015

Greeters & Offering

Debbie Eisemann

DeeAnn Lowry

Elder

Dennis Edwards

September 27, 2015

Greeters & Offering

Curtis Rosencrans

Wayne Ostermiller

Elder

Brad Krebill

September 6, 2015 1st Sunday

Worship Leader

Gene Matteson

Children's Moment

Lily Fitch

Offering Elder

Jim Matthews

Communion Elder

Les Armbruster

Serving Diaconate

Alice Wieseler

Nancy Armbruster

Wes Wade

Helen Wade

Preparing Diaconate

Alice Wieseler

Coffee Mingle

Donna Ham

Karen Lehman

Greeters

Jo Laughlin

Karen Lehman

Van Driver

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

September 13, 2015 2nd Sunday

Worship Leader

Lois Dunning

Children's Moment

Ray Farrell

Offering Elder

Kathy Gardner

Communion Elder

Leonard Gardner

Serving Diaconate

Gary Steed

Chuck Haigler

Al Ladage

Jerry Francis

Preparing Diaconate

Karen Lehman

Lois Stouffer

Coffee Mingle

Marlene Cowan

JoAnne Eggers

Greeters

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

Van Driver

Jerry Francis

September 20, 2015 3rd Sunday

Worship Leader

Carol Matthews

Children's Moment

Al Baumgartle

Offering Elder

Al Baumgartle

Communion Elder

Gene Matteson

Serving Diaconate

Larry Eggers

JoAnne Eggers

Jeanne Klitzke

David Morgan

Preparing Diaconate

Ray Farrell

Coffee Mingle

TBD

TBD

Greeters

Jeanne Klitzke

Jeanice Swank

Van Driver

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

September 27, 2015 4th Sunday

Worship Leader

Beverly Dorson

Children's Moment

Tammy Ostermiller

Offering Elder

Grace Farrell

Communion Elder

Ray Farrell

Serving Diaconate

Beth Sherry

Carol Matthews

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

Preparing Diaconate

George Decker

Barbara Decker

Coffee Mingle

Marlene Cowan

JoAnne Eggers

Greeters

Lois Stouffer

Gloria Jeffery

Van Driver

George Decker

Church Calendar of Events - September 3, 2015— September 28, 2015

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

Tuesday September 8, 2015

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

Wednesday September 9, 2015

9:00am Life Line Screening
 9:30am Newcomers Group
 10:00am Bible Study
 4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth
 Group)
 6:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal
 6:30pm Middle/High School Youth
 Group
 6:30pm Bible Study
 7:00pm CO West Quilter’s Guild

Thursday September 10, 2015

1:30pm CWF(DW) General
 6:00pm Praise Team Practice

Friday September 11, 2015

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday September 13, 2015

Kick-Off Sunday

9:00am Contemporary Worship
 10:00am Sunday School/
 “Fearless Conversation”
 10:50am Traditional Worship
 11:00am Jr. Church
 12:15pm Coffee Mingle
 12:30pm Kick-Off Sunday Potluck
 12:30pm Elder’s Meeting

Monday September 14, 2015

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

Tuesday September 15, 2015

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

Wednesday September 16, 2015

10:00am Bible Study
 4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth
 Group)
 6:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal
 6:30pm Middle/High School Youth
 Group
 6:30pm Bible Study

Thursday September 17, 2015

7:00am School Dist. 51 Meeting
 10:00am Prayer Blanket Group
 2:00pm Pinochle Group
 5:00pm Homeward Bound Ministry
 6:00pm Praise Team Practice
 6:00pm Franklin Park West HOA

Saturday September 19, 2015

8:00am Men’s Breakfast
 11:00am Ed “Chicken” Jones
 Memorial

Sunday September 20, 2015

9:00am Contemporary Worship
 10:00am Sunday School/
 “Fearless Conversation”
 10:50am Traditional Worship
 11:00am Jr. Church
 12:15pm Coffee Mingle
 ***Celebrate Lois Stouffer’s 90th!!
 4:00pm Cabinet Meeting

Monday September 21, 2015

9:30am Church Women United
 10:30am Staff Meeting
 7:00pm M&M Bible Study
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday September 22, 2015

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

Wednesday September 23, 2015

10:00am Bible Study
 4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth
 Group)
 6:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal
 6:30pm Middle/High School Youth
 Group
 6:30pm Bible Study

Thursday September 24, 2015

3:00pm CWF(DW) Executive
 6:00pm Praise Team Practice

Friday September 25, 2015

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday September 27, 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 28, 2015

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