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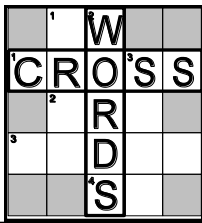
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### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

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...

**Rev. Brad Barton**

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**Rev. Melanie Ferron**

Associate Minister

**Paula Schaffer**, Pianist

**Norma Matteson**, Pianist

**Katie Wendland**, Secretary

**John Moore**, Custodian

## Changing the World for God: A Celebration of Outreach

A few weeks ago, the FCCGJ Cabinet met to brainstorm specific things that can be done in 2016 to get more people involved in the ministries of this congregation. A number of great ideas resulted. One of them, which I would like to share with you in this article, involves making a list of everything we do to meet the needs of our community and the world. In other words, it's a list of all the ways the people of FCCGJ are working to change the world for God, to usher in God's kingdom here on earth and in this Valley.

I started making the list today and am confident that I have barely scratched the surface, but the list is already long - too long, in fact, to share the whole thing in this one article. Some of the outreach ministries on the list already are:

- Monthly food bank donations;
- Emergency Shelter Program host site;
- Feeding and Clothing people in need directly through the Outreach Room;
- Offering a shower facility to people who need one;
- Regular monetary contributions to helping organizations locally and globally;
- Providing a monthly worship service at Grandview Apartments;
- Performing odd jobs for residents of Grandview Apartments 1-2 times each year as part of Grand Junction's ShareFest;
- Sending missionaries and money each year to El Salvador;
- Cooking and serving a monthly meal at Homeward Bound;
- Annual "giving tree" to provide Christmas presents to people in need;
- Making and Shipping 50+ shoebox gifts each year through Operation Christmas Child;

Obviously, there's more that needs to be done than simply making a list. We need to share the list, all of us, with people who are interested in making a difference and meeting the needs of people all around us. We need to share the excitement of the ways God is changing the world - healing the brokenness of the world - through us. Y'all, this is a list of things we should be excited about, and it's a list of things others can get excited about! Please, grow the list, share the list, and invite others to get involved in what God is doing through us!

~ Pastor Brad



# Sunday School & Announcements

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

Welcome one and all...first...second and third service attendees

Every Sunday morning after first service...around 10:15 am we have a Fearless Conversation. The next thirteen weeks are based on questions of Why is Grace so amazing? Discussions from Acts, Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians and 1 Thessalonians. You are encouraged to attend one or as many of these as you would like.

Fearless conversations continue...

**April 3** - why should I be generous when others have more than I do? 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

**April 10** - shouldn't people clean up before they come to God? Romans 5:1-11

**April 17** - is it okay for Christians to smoke? Romans 14

**April 24** - why would God want to make an example of me? Ephesians 2:1-10

Hope to see you at one or all of the questions!

God Bless,

Lily Fitch – Teacher of Christian Education

## Sharefest is Coming!!!



**April 30, 2016**



Save the date!!! We are going to be helping our neighbors at the Grandview apartments again this year, on April 30th. Please mark your calendars as Vicki is getting jobs lined up for us to do. There will be jobs for everyone. We will help with changing furniture in rooms, flipping mattresses, cleaning refrigerators, maybe vacuuming, hanging curtains- just small jobs that are difficult for some people to do. Also, if anyone needs help with your own yard work, or repairs, please let us know, as we can help you too. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a car wash for the young people who can help with this; they will need adult supervision, just to be sure all will be alright. David Morgan will be cooking a lunch for everyone! We do need homemade cookies; by being homemade it shows we care! There will be a sign-up sheet for cookies in Fellowship Hall as well. This is a good time to get to know our neighbors and have good fellowship. Remember to save the date, April 30!!!

~Outreach Ministry

The FCC Bookworms have just finished reading “Doc Susie” by Virginia Cornell. Doc Susie earned her medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1897 at the age of 27, and by the time she was 37 she had TB and was on her way to Fraser, CO to either live or die. Her story is that of a woman doctor practicing among the lumberjacks, train engineers and those men building the Moffat tunnel. She lived to be 90 and was greatly respected by Denver doctors of her time. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our state’s history. Thanks to Beverly Dorson, who donated this book to the church library.

# Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thanks, & Announcements



## FCC April Birthdays

April 3 Charles Grimsley  
April 6 George Decker  
April 9 Larry Eggers  
April 23 Richalyn Cox  
April 24 Curtis Brammer  
April 27 Betty Nelson  
April 28 JoAnne Hill




## FCC April Anniversaries

April 2 Al & Pam Baumgartle  
April 4 Pete Brown & Verda

**Attention All Horseshoe Players!!**


- Anyone who would be interested in playing in a horseshoe league should contact Al Baumgartle personally, or call him at 243-5891 for details. Make new friends and have a fun outdoor sport!



**Thank You**

Without your gift of \$200.00 on March 28, 2016, we could not provide necessary services to kids who have survived abuse or neglect, or those who face mental health or developmental issues. Your generous support helps continue our vision of changing lives and giving hope to children and families. (Excerpt from letter from the Tennyson Center for Children, full letter on bulletin board)

~Rod White, CEO



Many thanks to all who participated in our Lenten lunches this year. Delicious soups, good cookies, pretzels and crackers were provided by various members of the church and we had some very nice testimonials this year helping lead us to the cross. We do have guests come each Wednesday and many wish to make a monetary contribution since they are unable to donate in another way, and this year we have added \$177 back into our Membership Ministry to be used on other needs within our church. What a blessing. Thank You All.

**CROSSWORDS!**  
**next deadline is...**  
Thursday, April 14  
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.

**PEO Tea!**

The PEO is hosting it's Spring Tea/Silent Auction/Fashion Show at First Christian Church on Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be obtained from Jo Laughlin. Food will be supplied by CWF(DW). This is a fun filled afternoon, with lots of time to visit and be entertained. Please plan on attending; tickets are selling out fast!





# Announcements

## Membership Ministry Meeting

On March 15 the Membership Ministry had its regularly scheduled meeting with Melanie Ferron, Beverly Dorson, Jeanne Klitzke, Norma Lavelett, Donna Ham, Jo Laughlin, and Joyce Wittwer in attendance. Jeanice Swank was unavailable. The various ministries reported including Norma Lavelett as Church Clerk. New copies of the membership roster are available in the Fellowship Hall, and soon updated copies of the pictorial directory and non-participating membership list will be available.

Jo Laughlin and Joyce Wittwer considered the disposal of the frozen meals in the freezer. They will be used during the Emergency Shelter weeks to help feed our guests. In the future, as members of the congregation need meals during emergencies, fresh meals will be provided.

Martha's Ministry, with Jeanne Klitzke and Jeanice Swank, continues to oversee various potlucks and meals, with Easter Breakfast our most recent event.

The Small Groups Ministry under Melanie Ferron's leadership is running smoothly with good participation in the Pinochle Group, Transitions, FCC Bookworms, A New Door Opens, and Mexican Train. Beverly Dorson finds Coffee Mingle to be well attended, and she appreciates all who volunteer to be a part of this special ministry that allows our members to become better acquainted with each other.

Visitation Ministry under the guidance of Donna Ham is very active with regular visits and phone calls to members unable to attend worship. Along that same line, Caring and Sharing sends out cards to those who are celebrating a milestone, suffering a loss or experiencing a medical problem. If you know of anyone within our church or close to you who needs a greeting from our church, please contact Beverly Dorson or Joyce Wittwer.

The Van Ministry, spearheaded by Beverly Dorson, has seen a real change. The church van has been sold, so our Sunday drivers are now using their own vehicles exclusively. A very big Thank You is extended to all the van drivers who see to it that those unable to drive are provided the opportunity to attend church.

The Membership Ministry encourages anyone who is interested in any of these activities to get involved and help the ministry grow. We are always looking for new ideas and would welcome your participation.

~ Joyce Wittwer, Chairman

## Congratulations to Zach Rosson

Zach Rosson, grandson of Gene and Norma Matteson and nephew of Sharon Armstrong, has been invited to join the Phi Beta Kappa Society (the oldest honor society for liberal arts and sciences in the United States). Zach is a student at Stetson University, a small Liberal Arts university in Florida, where he will be graduating with a Physics major in May. Congratulations to Zach and his proud grandparents and aunt!



# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Jamie & Nate
Nancy Armbruster	Robin Jakino
Brenda Armstrong	Ed Jones
Jessie Bowen	Jordan Jones
Lois Braun	Pat Jones
Mark Bryant	Nora Juette
Tim Burke	Harriette & Andy Krall
Carries Carnes	Gloria Ladehoff
Marianne Chapman	Bette Learned
Charlie & Carol	Anna Lopez
Marlis Clark	Joyce Lucore
Johnny & Marlene Cowan	Carla Martin
Chuck Cummings	Jennifer McDaniel
Helen Dillard	Richard McPeek
John Drury	Clare & Ally Morris
Tara Everett & Family	Ginger Morris
Gabe French	Larry Petrini
Leon Gardner	Jeff Rood
Dorothy Griffin	Jean Silkey
Larry Eggers	Carol Steed
David & Vickie Hagan	Lois Stouffer
Emily Hauquitz	Jiemon & Tayo Takahashi
Jason Hawley	Helen Wade
David Herrera	Tammy Wenzinger
Bruce Hines	Ryan Wilson & Family
Shaun Hood	Kenna Jo Wieseler
Kim Hopkins	D.J. Wilhorn



# FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

**April 10, 2016**

**Greeters & Offering**

Blanche Marshall

David Hawley

**Elder**

Dennis Edwards

**April 17, 2016**

**Greeters & Offering**

Wayne Ostermiller

Curtis Rosencrans

**Elder**

Suzanne Daniels

**April 24, 2016**

**Greeters & Offering**

Connie Hawley

Debbie Eisemann

**Elder**

Linda Edwards

**May 1, 2016**

**Greeters & Offering**

Norma Lavelett

DeeAnn Lowry

**Elder**

Kathy Gardner

**April 10, 2016 2nd Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Joyce Wittwer

**Offering Elder**

Kathy Gardner

**Communion Elder**

Leonard Gardner

**Preparing Diaconate**

Alice Wieseler

**Serving Diaconate**

Al Ladage

Jerry Francis

Alice Wieseler

Bob Wise

**Coffee Mingle**

Carol Matthews

JoAnne Eggers

**Greeters**

Donna Ham

Jenny Barnes

**Van Driver**

Jerry Francis

**Keyboard**

Ray Farrell

**April 17, 2016 3rd Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Bev Dorson

**Offering Elder**

Gene Matteson

**Communion Elder**

Ray Farrell

**Preparing Diaconate**

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

**Serving Diaconate**

Larry Eggers

JoAnne Eggers

Ruth Acord

Nancy Armbruster

**Coffee Mingle**

Melanie Ferron

**Greeters**

Ruth Acord

Chuck Haigler

**Van Driver**

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

**Keyboard**

Beth Sherry

**April 24, 2016 4th Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Gloria Jeffery

**Offering Elder**

Les Armbruster

**Communion Elder**

Jim Matthews

**Preparing Diaconate**

George Decker

Barbara Decker

**Serving Diaconate**

Beth Sherry

Carol Matthews

Earn Eachus

Ruby Eachus

**Coffee Mingle**

Lamar Edwards

Joyce Wittwer

**Greeters**

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

**Van Driver**

George Decker

**Keyboard**

Ray Farrell

**May 1, 2016 1st Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Pam Baumgartle

**Offering Elder**

Grace Farrell

**Communion Elder**

Ray Farrell

**Preparing Diaconate**

Karen Lehman

**Serving Diaconate**

Wes Wade

Helen Wade

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

**Coffee Mingle**

TBD

**Greeters**

Earn Eachus

Ruby Eachus

**Van Driver**

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

**Keyboard**

Paula Schaffer

# Church Calendar of Events - April 7, 2016— April 27, 2016

<p><b><u>Thursday April 7, 2016</u></b>            9:30am Ruth Group            1:30pm Agape Group            1:30pm Esther Group            6:00pm Praise Team,            6:00pm Emergency Shelter Program</p> <p><b><u>Friday April 8, 2016</u></b>            2:00pm Mexican Train Group            6:00pm Emergency Shelter Program</p> <p><b><u>Saturday April 9, 2016</u></b>            6:00pm Emergency Shelter Program</p> <p><b><u>Sunday April 10, 2016</u></b>            9:00am Contemporary Worship            9:30am Sunday School/ Book of Hebrews            10:00am Sunday School/ "Fearless Conversation"            10:50am Traditional Worship            11:00am Jr. Church            12:15pm Coffee Mingle            12:30pm Elders Meeting            7:00pm Sunday at Seven</p> <p><b><u>Monday April 11, 2016</u></b>            ***Brad Out of Office***            8:30am RMCS CPE Group            1:30pm FCC Bookworms            4:30pm RMCS CSCP Group            5:00pm City of Grand Junction            5:30pm Youth Education Meeting            7:00pm M&amp;M Bible Study</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday April 12, 2016</u></b>            9:00am Burger King Coffee Group            12:00pm Lessons at Lunch            4:00pm Disciples Singers            5:00pm Healthy Living            6:15pm Monument View Flute Circle</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday April 13, 2016</u></b>            9:30am Newcomers Group            10:00am Bible Study            3:30pm Parkinson's Support Group            4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth Group)            6:00pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Pizza)</p>	<p>6:30pm Bible Study            6:30pm Middle/High School Youth Group            7:00pm CO West Quilter's Guild</p> <p><b><u>Thursday April 14, 2016</u></b>            9:30am Young Republican Moms            1:30pm CWF(DW) General            5:00pm Homeward Bound Ministry            6:00pm Praise Team</p> <p><b><u>Saturday April 16, 2016</u></b>            8:00am Men's Breakfast            8:00am RMCS CPE Group</p> <p><b><u>Sunday April 17, 2016</u></b>            9:00am Contemporary Worship            9:30am Sunday School/ Book of Hebrews            10:00am Sunday School/ "Fearless Conversation"            10:50am Traditional Worship            11:00am Jr. Church            12:15pm Coffee Mingle            12:30pm Cabinet Meeting            7:00pm Sunday at Seven</p> <p><b><u>Monday April 18, 2016</u></b>            8:30am RMCS CPE Group            9:00am Church Women United            10:30am Staff Meeting            7:00pm M&amp;M Bible Study</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday April 19, 2016</u></b>            9:00am Burger King Coffee Group            10:00am A New Door Opens @ Spoons            12:00pm Lessons at Lunch            1:30pm Membership Meeting            4:00pm Disciples Singers            5:00pm Healthy Living</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday April 20, 2016</u></b>            ***Brad Out of Town***            NO Morning Bible Study            4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth Group)            6:00pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Ray &amp; Grace Farrell)            NO Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>6:30pm Middle/High School Youth Group</p> <p><b><u>Thursday April 21, 2016</u></b>            ***Brad Out of Town***            2:00pm Pinochle Group            6:00pm Praise Team</p> <p><b><u>Friday April 22, 2016</u></b>            ***Brad Out of Town***            All Day PEO Tea Set-Up</p> <p><b><u>Saturday April 23, 2016</u></b>            ***Brad Out of Town***            10:00am PEO Tea</p> <p><b><u>Sunday April 24, 2016</u></b>            ***Brad Out of Town***            9:00am Contemporary Worship            9:30am Sunday School/ Book of Hebrews            10:00am Sunday School/ "Fearless Conversation"            10:50am Traditional Worship            11:00am Jr. Church            12:15pm Coffee Mingle            7:00pm Sunday at Seven</p> <p><b><u>Monday April 25, 2016</u></b>            ***Brad Out of Town***            8:30am RMCS CPE Group            10:30am Staff Meeting            7:00pm M&amp;M Bible Study</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday April 26, 2016</u></b>            ***Brad Out of Town***            9:00am Burger King Coffee Group            12:00pm Lessons at Lunch            4:00pm Disciples Singers            5:00pm Healthy Living</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday April 27, 2016</u></b>            ***Brad Out of Town***            NO Morning Bible Study            4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth Group)            6:00pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Potluck)            NO Evening Bible Study            6:30pm Middle/High School Youth Group</p>
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