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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

Sr. Minister  
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Rev. Melanie Ferron  
Associate Minister

Paula Schaffer, Pianist

Norma Matteson, Pianist

Katie Wendland, Secretary

John Moore, Custodian

## Ten for Ten (Thousand)

### It's Time to Focus on Something OTHER Than Money

We've been working to live into God's vision for us as a congregation for three years now. The vision was officially discerned at a congregational meeting in December 2012. Throughout 2013, your ministry committees planned for how each one would help achieve God's vision for this congregation over the coming 3-5 years (which means by the end of 2016 to the end of 2018). We are well on our way.

Part of that plan included some numerical and financial growth. While the size of our annual budget deficits have continued to shrink (and we owe a great debt to past generations of 1st Christian Church whose giving made it possible for us to continue our ministry during this period of budget deficits), which is a great thing, the reality is that we will likely once again spend more money than we receive in 2015, and that reality is most likely producing anxiety for some of you, anxiety that requires mental energy and focus that could be used for ministry.

After much prayerful consideration, I propose the following, which I am calling "Ten for Ten". In order to help reduce that anxiety and help all of us better focus on the ministries to which God has and is continuing to call us, **I would like to seek 10 people/families to increase their pledged giving by \$20 per week (that's \$1,040 per year).** I am asking each of you to ask God whether or not you can find an extra \$20/week to commit to God and, more specifically, to what God is doing through First Christian Church, Grand Junction in 2016. If you feel that God is calling you to respond by increasing your weekly pledge by \$20, it is my hope that you will also be open to that information (not the amount of your pledge, just that you are increasing your pledge by \$20/week for 2016) be known to the others who are making that commitment with you. **Why do I call it "Ten for Ten"? These ten families (combined) will be committing an extra \$10,000 to FCCGJ for 2016, which should keep us from having to worry about a budget deficit.**

I want you to know that I would not ask this of you without being willing to do the same, myself. **Susan and I talked with God and each other and have decided to respond by being the first family to increase our pledge for 2016 by \$20/week.** We hope you will join us in this effort to increase our financial support for God's work through this congregation. If you decide to join us, please write "Ten for Ten" on your pledge card, so the Financial Secretaries can keep track of how many families make this commitment.

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:** This upcoming month the Fearless Conversations continue...if you hear many different emotions coming from the library...it is due to our conversations. Sometimes we laugh and sometimes we cry...but all in all...we are there for each other. Come join us at 10:00am. All are welcome for one Sunday or many.

**October 4** – What is a redeemer, and what does this have to do with me today?

**October 11** – **No Sunday School** due to World Communion Sunday

**October 18** – How far should I go to right a wrong?

**October 25** – How do I know God is in control?

Conversationalist,  
Lily Fitch

## **It's Bazaar Time Again!**

**Let's bring our items for Grandma's Attic  
on Sunday, November 1, 2015**

Start saving all your GOOD, CLEAN items  
for **Grandma's Attic!**

Prefer no Furnishings or Clothing  
please!!

We are requesting that no articles be  
brought before Sunday, November 1st or  
after November 6th.

There will be an open house for anyone  
to look and purchase beginning Friday,  
November 6, 2015 from 1:30pm until  
3:00pm.

If you have any questions, please call  
Jeanice Swank 242-3588 or  
Jeanne Klitzke 243-5668



## **You have an opportunity of a lifetime!**

You can help CWF(DW) reach their goals of  
being able to support not only local outreach  
but to include worldwide outreach! We can  
only succeed with your help and support.  
Please take a moment to visit the CWF(DW)  
bulletin board in the hallway and sign up for  
your spot to help at this year's CWF(DW)  
Holiday Bazaar on **November 7<sup>th</sup>**.

There are all kinds of slots  
and jobs to be filled.

Join us for this worthwhile cause.

**Together we can make a difference...  
as many hands make lighter work.**

**Thank you...CWF(DW) Holiday Bazaar  
Committee 2015**



# Anniversaries, Birthdays, & Thanks



## FCC October Birthdays

- October 2 Megan Velarde
- October 4 Brad Barton
- October 6 Beverly Dorson
- October 6 Clayton Lowry
- October 8 Norma Matteson
- October 12 Wilbur Lucore
- October 15 Ray Farrell
- October 17 Seth Krebill
- October 19 Pat Cress
- October 19 Jerry Francis
- October 21 DeeAnn Lowry
- October 22 Ruth Acord
- October 26 Gloria Jeffery
- October 26 Mary Lou Scholl
- October 28 Joyce Wittwer
- October 31 Joyce Lucore



## FCC October Anniversaries

- October 9 Brian & Gretchen Schlechten
- October 27 Dennis & Linda Edwards
- October 28 Lamar Edwards & Joyce Wittwer
- October 31 Jeannie & Pat Mitchell

## CROSSWORDS!

**next deadline is...**

Thursday, October 8

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.

### Thank You

Thank you for your generous contribution of 153lbs of food. 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.  
Community Food Bank



### Thank You

A BIG thank you to all the wonderful church women who helped with the memorial dinner for Ed "Chicken" Jones on Saturday, September 19. Your willingness to donate food and help serve the meal was very much appreciated. Also, another BIG thank you to Leonard Gardner who so graciously stepped forward to help the women prepare the fried chicken, mashed potatoes 'n gravy.

God Bless Each One of You!

~The Bereavement Dinners/Receptions Ministry



### Outreach thoughts:

Through our Week of Compassion ministry, we can help with the many people who are fleeing Syria and going to Europe, to have a better life. Any money we receive is sent on to Indianapolis to be used for helping them. Just put Syria/Week of Compassion on your donation and we will see it reaches them.

The response to help with our local outreach for our homeless and neighbors who need some extra help has been good. Thank you.

God Bless

~Outreach Ministry

# Announcements

## Please Help Fill the Outreach Room!

Autumn is here and winter is fast approaching. With the change in seasons, we expect increased demand from our hungry, homeless and low income neighbors. Please help feed the hungry, provide water to the thirsty, and provide clothing to those without clothes as Jesus commanded! The Outreach Committee is seeking your help in providing the following items for the Outreach Room as soon as possible:

Sleeping bags

Men's and Women's socks of all sizes

New Men's and Women's Underwear

Winter coats

Winter gloves

Winter hats

Scarves

Sweatshirts

Sweatpants

Bottled Water

Peanut Butter crackers

V8 Canned Juice

Peppermints

Insulated plastic coffee cups/mugs

Band-aids

Hotel Shampoo and Conditioner and soap

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Thank you,  
FCCGJ Outreach Committee

## Crock Pot Cook Off

**Sunday, October 4 @ 12:15pm**

Youth fundraiser for El Salvador

Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship hall to bring a yummy dish to be judged by the congregation.

Tickets are at the door that day or if you can't make it, you can make a donation to Tammy or Susan for it.

Thank you all for your support for the Youth in this congregation over the years. We are looking forward to a fun filled year of activities!



### Visitation Ministry

The Visitation Ministry is a ministry which focuses primarily on keeping in contact with members of our church family who are homebound or are unable to attend church on a regular basis. Personal visits and phone calls are made to keep in touch and to let our members know we care. If this is a ministry you might be interested in joining, contact the Visitation Ministry:

Beverly Dorson– 242-1613

Donna Ham– 245-3967

Gloria Jeffery– 549-1410

Jeanne Klitzke– 243-5668



# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Robin Jakino
Nancy Armbruster	Carol Johnson
Brenda Armstrong	Ed Jones
Anna Bilyeu	Pat Jones
Jessie Bowen	Nora Juette
Lois Braun	Gloria Ladehoff
Carolyn Bryant	Bette Learned
Tim Burke	Anna Lopez
Marianne Chapman	Joyce Lucore
Charlie & Carol	Carla Martin
Marlis Clark	Jennifer McDaniel
Chuck Cummings	Clare & Ally Morris
<b>Arinda Davis' Family</b>	Ginger Morris
Helen Dillard	Larry Petrini
John Drury	Jeff Rood
Larry Eggers	Jean Silkey
Leon Gardner	Greg Stouffer
Dorothy Griffin	Lois Stouffer
Emily Hauquitz	Jiemon and Tayo Takahashi
Jason Hawley	D.J. Wilhorn
David Herrera	
Doris Hicks	
Bruce Hines	
Kim Hopkins	
Family of Michael Jakino	



# FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

## First Service Assignments

**October 4, 2015**

### Greeters & Offering

Wayne Ostermiller

Curtis Rosencrans

### Elder

Linda Edwards

**October 11, 2015**

**\*\*NO First Service**

**October 18, 2015**

### Greeters & Offering

Debbie Eisemann

DeeAnn Lowry

### Elder

Dennis Edwards

**October 25, 2015**

### Greeters & Offering

Wayne Ostermiller

Blanche Marshall

### Elder

Brad Krebill

## **October 4, 2015 1st Sunday**

### Worship Leader

Lily Fitch

### Children's Moment

Lily Fitch

### Offering Elder

Ray Farrell

### Communion Elder

Grace Farrell

### Serving Diaconate

Alice Wieseler

Nancy Armbruster

Wes Wade

Helen Wade

### Preparing Diaconate

Alice Wieseler

### Coffee Mingle

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

### Greeters

Wes Wade

Helen Wade

### Van Driver

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

## **October 11, 2015 2nd Sunday**

### Worship Leader

N/A

### Children's Moment

N/A

### Offering Elder

Leonard Gardner

### Communion Elder

Kathy Gardner

### Serving Diaconate

Gary Steed

Chuck Haigler

Al Ladage

Jerry Francis

### Preparing Diaconate

N/A

### Coffee Mingle

Marlene Cowan

JoAnne Eggers

### Greeters

Earnest Eachus

Ruby Eachus

### Van Driver

Jerry Francis

## **October 18, 2015 3rd Sunday**

### Worship Leader

Beth Sherry

### Children's Moment

Al Baumgartle

### Offering Elder

Gene Matteson

### Communion Elder

Al Baumgartle

### Serving Diaconate

Larry Eggers

JoAnne Eggers

Jeanne Klitzke

David Morgan

### Preparing Diaconate

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

### Coffee Mingle

Ruth Acord

Jeanice Swank

### Greeters

Donna Ham

Lois Braun

### Van Driver

Leon Gardner

Kathy Gardner

## **October 25, 2015 4th Sunday**

### Worship Leader

Lily Fitch

### Children's Moment

Tammy Ostermiller

### Offering Elder

Jim Matthews

### Communion Elder

Les Armbruster

### Serving Diaconate

Beth Sherry

Carol Matthews

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

### Preparing Diaconate

George Decker

Barbara Decker

### Coffee Mingle

Gloria Jeffery

Beverly Dorson

### Greeters

Ruth Acord

Chuck Haigler

### Van Driver

George Decker

# Church Calendar of Events - October 1, 2015— October 23, 2015

## Thursday October 1, 2015

\*\*\*Brad Out of Office\*\*\*

9:30pm Ruth Group  
1:30pm Agape Group  
1:30pm Esther Group  
6:00pm Praise Team Practice  
7:00pm CO West Quilters Board

## Sunday October 4, 2015

\*\*\*Beth Sherry– El Salvador  
Presentation\*\*\*

\*\*\*Melanie Out of Town\*\*\*

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

## Monday October 5, 2015

\*\*\*Brad Out of Office\*\*\*

\*\*\*Melanie Out of Town\*\*\*

5:30pm Norwex Meeting  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday October 6, 2015

\*\*\*Melanie Out of Town\*\*\*

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group  
12:00pm Lessons at Lunch  
4:00pm Grandview Worship  
5:00pm Healthy Living  
6:30pm Night’n Gals

## Wednesday October 7, 2015

\*\*\*Melanie Out of Town\*\*\*

10:00am Bible Study  
3:30pm Parkinson’s Group  
**NO** KFC  
6:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal  
(Ray & Grace Farrell)  
6:30pm Middle/High School Youth Grp  
6:30pm Bible Study  
7:00pm Order of the Arrow

## Thursday October 8, 2015

\*\*\*Melanie Out of Town\*\*\*

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

## Friday October 9, 2015

\*\*\*Melanie Out of Town\*\*\*

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

## Saturday October 10, 2015

7:00am Strides Against Breast Cancer

## Sunday October 11, 2015

\*\*\*World Communion Sunday\*\*\*

**NO** 9:00am Worship  
9:30am Sunday School  
**NO** Sunday School/  
“Fearless Conversation”  
10:50am One Worship Service on  
Church Lawn

**NO** Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle  
12:30pm Elders Meeting

## Monday October 12, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting  
1:30pm FCC Bookworms  
5:30pm Youth Education Meeting  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday October 13, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group  
10:00am A New Door Opens  
@ Spoons  
12:00pm Lessons at Lunch  
5:00pm Healthy Living  
6:15pm Monument View Flute Circle

## Wednesday October 14, 2015

9:30am Newcomers Group  
10:00am Bible Study  
4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth Grp)  
6:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal  
(Pizza)  
6:30pm Bible Study  
**NO** Middle/High School Youth Group  
7:00pm Co West Quilter’s Guild

## Thursday October 15, 2015

7:00pm School Dist. 51  
10:00am Prayer Blanket Group  
2:00pm Pinochle Group  
6:00pm Praise Team Practice  
6:30pm Get To Know FCCGJ Class

## Friday October 16, 2015

8:00am CAPA

## Saturday October 17, 2015

8:00am Men’s Breakfast

## Sunday October 18, 2015

9:00am Contemporary Worship  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:00am Sunday School/  
“Fearless Conversation”  
10:50am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Jr. Church  
12:15pm Coffee Mingle  
4:00pm Cabinet Meeting

## Monday October 19, 2015

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

## Tuesday October 20, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group  
12:00pm Lessons at Lunch  
1:30pm Membership Ministry  
5:00pm Healthy Living

## Wednesday October 21, 2015

10:00am Bible Study  
4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth Grp)  
6:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal  
(David & Connie Hawley)  
6:30pm Middle/High School Youth Grp  
6:30pm Bible Study

## Thursday October 22, 2015

3:00pm CWF(DW) Executive  
6:00pm Praise Team Practice  
6:30pm Get To Know FCCGJ Class

## Friday October 23, 2015

2:00pm Mexican Train Group  
TBA FOG at Dennis & Linda’s