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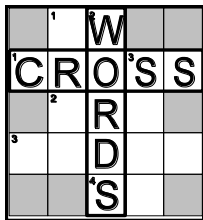
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**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement**

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

On Sabbatical

**Rev. Melanie Ferron**  
Associate Minister

**Paula Schaffer**, Pianist

**Tish Key**, Secretary

**John Moore**, Custodian

## Outreach

God is love. Jesus came to demonstrate God's radical love. We are called to love.

But, somewhere along the way we've gotten it wrong. We have become fearful and anxious and we turn inside and we make everything about ourselves. It's OK though. There is hope! Jesus points us to a better way.

The way that we are pointed to is a way that helps us to look beyond ourselves. It is a way that says, if you have two coats and you come across a cold person then you should give him one of your coats. It is a way that says, if you have more room at your table then you should invite the hungry person to dine with you. It is a way that says, if you are lonely or lost then you should help someone and you will no longer feel lonely. It is a way that will fill your cup to overflowing.

The Outreach Committee at our church exists to point us to this way. We have many offerings and it is our goal to create ever more opportunities to help in the way that Christ exemplified. We help locally: Homeward Bound, our Outreach Room and through our Thanksgiving Day meal, to name a few ways. We help nationally: Through our generous Week of Compassion offerings. And we help internationally: El Salvador mission trip.

One of our next opportunities to help is on April 28th when we will be serving, once again, at Grandview Apartments for Sharefest. It's what Jesus would do. It's what Jesus is calling us to do. It is helping our neighbors. And, after our work, it is sharing a meal with our neighbors! Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall so we know how many people are helping. We need people to help clean apartments and we need people to sit and visit with those whom we're serving. There is something for everyone! As I was told as a child.....many hands make light work. I look forward to working with you as we serve, in the name of Christ, together.



# Birthdays, Announcements



## FCC Birthdays

April 23	Richalyn Cox
April 27	Betty Nelson
April 28	Katie Han
April 28	JoAnn Hill
May 3	Don McKelvey
May 7	Pam Baumgartle
May 10	Al Baumgartle
May 10	Alice Else
May 13	Norma Lavelett
May 15	Addie Meders



## FCC Anniversaries

April 25	Chip & Melanie Ferron
May 14	Al & Else Ladage
May 18	Brad & Susan Barton



April 21st

Saturday, @ 8 am

Elders Meeting



Sunday, May 13th @  
12:30

Cabinet Meeting



Sunday, April 15th @  
4:00



## Iris Bulbs



Please contact Joyce Wittwer if you would like some

970-243-6214



## CROSSWORDS!

**next deadline is...**

Thursday, April 19

Please submit to the church office or email them to:

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

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

## NOTICE:

The office is checking and updating our records to be sure we have current information on everyone who attends FCC. We have made a copy of what information we have and will share that with you soon. Please review the information, make necessary changes, and return it to Joyce Wittwer or the office as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us with this project.



# Announcements

## Elders On Call During Pastor Brad's Sabbatical

### ***April***

Week of April 1	Beth Sherry	970-640-2889
Week of April 8	Beth Sherry	970-640-2889
Week of April 15	Leonard Gardner	970-216-6714
Week of April 22	Suzanne Andrew	970-589-6297
Week of April 29	Chuck Haigler	970-242-5252

### ***May***

Week of May 6	Chuck Haigler	970-242-5252
Week of May 13	Kathy Gardner	970-216-6693
Week of May 20	Al Baumgartle	970-243-5891
Week of May 27	Carol Matthews	970-773-4797

### ***June***

Week of June 3	Lois Dunning	970-242-5427
Week of June 10	Lily Fitch	970-250-6966
Week of June 17	Jim Matthews	970-773-8280
Week of June 24	Susan Barton	970-250-5547



## Preaching During Pastor Brad's Sabbatical

### ***April***

April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Beth Sherry
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Brad Krebill
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Hymn Sing- Melanie Ferron
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Barton

### ***May***

May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lily Fitch
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Melanie Ferron
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Barton

### ***June***

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melanie Ferron
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Al Baumgartle
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cole Barton
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Barton

### ***July***

July 1st	Josh Barton
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# Announcements & Thanks

## Stay Informed:

### **Pastor Brad is Taking a 3-Month Sabbatical**

#### **What is a Sabbatical?**

Based on the biblical spirit of sabbatical rest, a pastoral sabbatical is an opportunity for a pastor to take time away from the 24/7 responsibilities of pastoral ministry. It's not a vacation. It's not sick leave. It's something else; it's a time to rest, further connect with God, and emerge refreshed for ministry.

#### **When?**

Pastor Brad's Sabbatical will begin the day after Easter, April 2, 2018 and conclude July 2, 2018.

#### **Why 3 Months, and Why Now?**

The straightforward answer to both of these questions is that it's in our pastors' Letters of Call and contracts with FCCGJ to receive 3 months of sabbatical time after 5 years of service.

#### **Who Will be Leading While pastor Brad is Away?**

There's no short answer to this question. Each of Pastor Brad's responsibilities will be assumed by different leaders, a combination of Pastor Melanie, the Elders, the Cabinet, and other leaders.



## El Salvador Fundraiser



Please plan on staying after Church on Sunday, April 15 for a baked potato bar dinner. This is a fundraiser for the projects of our mission group going to El Salvador this summer.

This year we are hoping to build two houses for two families in desperate need. We also try to furnish the houses with beds, a stove and a sink if needed.

In addition, both groups from Grand Junction are hoping to collaborate on building a basketball/  
**soccer playground for the school in "our" town.**

No need to bring anything but a donation.

Beth

**P.S. Save coffee cans for me. We're having a Chinese auction later for the same cause. xoxo**



## Announcements

# Save the Date-

April 28, 2018

We will be doing our Annual Sharefest project again at the Grand View Apartments. Helping the residences with some cleaning , repair work, and maybe wash a few cars.. Sign up sheets will be on the information desk in the Fellowship Hall.. Please come and join us showing Christ Love to our neighbors..



### Outreach Ministry



#### New Address:

SR Ripa, Nicholas,  
E Ship 12 Div. 150  
Recruit Training Command  
3515 Sailor Drive  
Great Lakes, Ill 60088-3515

#### Update

Dorothy Mitchell's phone number to  
970-314-7775



Congratulations to Ron Velarde! *The Daily Sentinel* reports that he has been appointed to the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority board.



Some delicious soups were created and served for this year's Lenten Lunches . Thanks to all of you for providing this nourishment. Also, thanks to all who gave a monetary donation. A total of \$141 were received which will be used to buy coffee and cookies for Coffee Mingle. These Wednesday soup and devotions have enhanced our journey to the cross. -- Membership



#### HORSESHOES PITCHES

If there is anyone at FCC that would be interested in playing or learning to play horseshoes, please contact Al Baumgartle at Church or call at 314-4694. I would like to see if we could form a non-sanctioned league. This is open to anyone, men, woman and youth of any age and abilities.

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





# Announcements

## Thank You To My Church Family

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making my 20th anniversary celebration such a wonderful event. You have been my family from the moment I joined this church in 1986 and it is a pleasure and an honor to be in ministry with you.

Thank you so much for the robe and the stole and to everyone who provided the funds to make that happen. I am looking forward to using them often in the next three months and in the future.

Melanie



A special thanks to Nancy Claussen, Lois Dunning, Jo Laughlin, Norma Lavelett, and Carol Matthews for helping dust and oil in the sanctuary just before Easter. A great gift of your time. Thanks, Joyce



The beautiful flowers in the pots at the north east door were planted by John Moore and his mother Marie. It is a lovely gift to us all. Thanks, John and Marie



March 22, 2018

First Christian Church,

Thank you for your donation to HomewardBound for \$52.00! We appreciate you joining in our efforts to reduce homelessness. Without the support of our community we wouldn't be able to provide the care and shelter that we do. We thank you!

Sincerely,

Ashley Giese

Administrative Assistant



March 28, 2018

Dear First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),

On Behalf of all of us at HomewardBound I want to thank you for your gift of \$52.00 received on 03/15/2018. This donation benefits men, women, and children by allowing them access to the vital food, shelter and other basic support they need to survive in our community. Every single dollar does make a difference.

Your kindness not only keeps the shelter running but also ensures the safety of our community's most vulnerable members. And-most importantly- this gift helps many of these individuals and families to break the cycle of perpetual homelessness.

You mean so much to all of us. **Thank you for your support!**

Yours in service,

Ashley Giese

Accountant



# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Dee Johnson
Brenda Armstrong	Ed Jones
Clara Arroyo	Nora Juette
Lois Braun	Jean Kees
Sandy & Tim Brown	Hailer Kellog
Carolyn Bryant	Peggy Lawler
Tim Burke	Betty Learned
Amy Burns	Mike Loehring
Howard Coltfelter	Blanche Marshall
Chuck Cummings	Cecilia Massey
Carol Jean Daniel	Norma Matteson
Dannielle	Dorothy Mitchell
Dennis	Faye Morosini
Dennis & Family	Nathan
Helen Dillard	Brian Neukman
Earn Eachus	Louise Oliver
Kat Edwards	Carol Perry
JoAnne Eggers	Peggy Pratt
Larry Eggers	Steve Pratt
Vicki Gassman	Janice Riches and Family
Ethel Goebel	Oscar Aaron Rodriguez
Bill Graham	Diana & Memesio Rodriguez
Kyle Graham	Paul Scanga
Tony Gurento and Family	Dr. and Mrs. Schwartz
David & Vickie Hagan	John Sherry
Connie Hawley	Gary Steed
Jason Hawley	Lois Stouffer
JoAnne Hill	Terry
Ethel Hoffman	Wes & Helen Wade
Eleanor Hubbell	Alice Wieseler
Thomas Hunn	David Wing





# FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

**April 15, 2018**

**Elder**

Suzanne Andrew

**Deacon**

Dennis Edwards

**Greeter**

Dennis Edwards

**Preacher**

Brad Krebill

**April 22, 2018**

**Elder**

Al Baumgartle

**Deacon**

Dennis Edwards

**Greeter**

Dennis Edwards

**Preacher**

Hymn Sing-- Melanie Ferron

**April 29, 2018**

**Elder**

Susan Barton

**Deacon**

Dorothy Mitchell

**Greeter**

Dorothy Mitchell

**Preacher**

Susan Barton

**May 6, 2018**

**Elder**

Lily Fitch

**Deacon**

Brad Krebill

**Greeter**

Brad Krebill

**Preacher**

Lily Fitch

**April 15, 2018**

**3rd Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Beverly Dorson

**Offering Elder**

Chuck Haigler

**Communion Elder**

Al Baumgartle

**Greeter**

Carol Mathews

Jim Mathews

Pam Baumgartle

**Preparing Diaconate**

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

**Serving Diaconate**

David Morgan

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

Nancy Claussen

**Coffee Mingle**

Jeanice Swank

Ruth Acord

**Van Driver**

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

**Keyboard**

Lily Fitch

**Collection Team**

Lois Dunning

Grace Farrell

**Preacher**

Brad Krebill

**April 22, 2018**

**4th Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Ray Farrell

**Offering Elder**

Beth Sherry

**Communion Elder**

Lois Dunning

**Greeter**

Melanie Ferron

Chuck Haigler

Cole Barton

**Preparing Diaconate**

Marian Velarde

**Serving Diaconate**

JoAnne Eggers

Jeanne Klitzke

Ruth Acord

Jodi Gabel

**Coffee Mingle**

Lamar Edwards

Joyce Wittwer

**Van Driver**

TBD

**Keyboard**

Paula Schaffer

**Collection Team**

Lois Dunning

Grace Farrell

**Preacher**

Hymn Sing--

Melanie Ferron

**April 29, 2018**

**5th Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Joyce Wittwer

**Offering Elder**

Jim Matthews

**Communion Elder**

Carol Matthews

**Greeter**

Joyce Wittwer

David Morgan

Carol Steed

**Preparing Diaconate**

Ray Farrell

**Serving Diaconate**

Wes Wade

Jerry Francis

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

**Coffee Mingle**

Melanie Ferron

**Van Drivers**

TBD

**Keyboard**

Ray Farrell

**Collection Team**

Lois Dunning

Grace Farrell

**Preacher**

Susan Barton

**May 6, 2018**

**1st Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Beth Sherry

**Offering Elder**

Carol Matthews

**Communion Elder**

Jim Matthews

**Greeter**

Janice Swank

JoAnne/Larry Eggers

Dorothy Rhodes

**Preparing Diaconate**

Karen Lehman

**Serving Diaconate**

Wes Wade

Jerry Francis

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

**Coffee Mingle**

Ruth Acord

Jeanice Swank

**Van Driver**

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

**Keyboard**

Paula Schaffer

**Collection Team**

Lois Dunning

Grace Farrell

**Preacher**

Lily Fitch

# Church Calendar of Events - April 12, 2018— May 8, 2018

## **Thursday April 12, 2018**

\*\*\*\*Crosswords \*\*\*\*

1:30 pm CW(DW) General

5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministry

6:00 pm Praise Team

## **Friday April 13, 2018**

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

## **Sunday April 15, 2018**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

12:30 pm El Salvador Fundraiser—  
Baked Potato Bar

4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting

## **Monday April 16, 2018**

9:30 am CWU

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

## **Tuesday April 17, 2018**

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00 pm Healthy Living

## **Wednesday April 18, 2018**

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:00 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship  
Meal—Pizza

6:30 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

## **Thursday April 19, 2018**

\*\*\*\*Crosswords Deadline\*\*\*\*

6:00 pm Praise Team

## **Saturday April 21, 2018**

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

8:30 am RMCSC CPE Group

12:00 pm Territorial Daughters  
Meeting

## **Sunday April 22, 2018**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

## **Monday April 23, 2018**

10:30 am Staff Meeting

1:30 pm FCC Bookworms

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

## **Tuesday April 24, 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 April 25, 2018**

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:00 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship  
Meal—Potluck

6:30 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

## **Thursday April 26, 2018**

\*\*\*\*Crosswords \*\*\*\*

1:30 pm CWF(DW) Executive Meeting

6:00 pm Praise Team

## **Friday April 27, 2018**

8:00 am CAPA

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

## **Saturday April 28, 2018**

8:00 am Sharefest— Grandview  
Apartments

2:00 pm Memorial Service— Alice  
Peterson

## **Sunday April 29, 2018**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

## **Monday April 30, 2018**

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

## **Tuesday May 1, 2018**

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00 pm Healthy Living

6:00 pm Night'ngals

## **Wednesday May 2, 2018**

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

3:30 pm Parkinson's Support Group

6:00 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship  
Meal—Leonard Gardner

6:30 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

## **Thursday May 3, 2018**

\*\*\*\*Crosswords Deadline\*\*\*\*

9:30 am Ruth Group

1:30 pm Dorcas Group

6:00 pm Praise Team

6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Board

## **Friday May 4, 2018**

12:00 pm PEO Tea Set-up

## **Saturday May 5, 2018**

2:00 pm PEO Tea

## **Sunday May 6, 2018**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

## **Monday May 7, 2018**

10:30 am Staff Meeting

1:30 pm FCC Bookworms (Last one  
for the summer)

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

## **Tuesday May 8, 2018**

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch

1:30 pm PEO Chapter Meeting

5:00 pm Healthy Living