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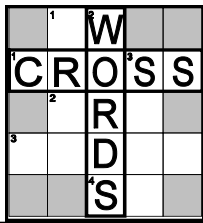
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

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

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

**Rev. Melanie Ferron**  
Associate Minister

**Paula Schaffer**, Pianist

**Tish Key**, Secretary

## Resurrection:

### What Does it Mean to You that Jesus Was Resurrected?

“But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.’ ”  
- Matthew 28:5-6a

Jesus was raised from death; He was resurrected. We all know it, right?

In my last article, I asked you to consider the meaning of crucifixion because our society seemingly uplifts resurrection and triumph over the cross and death, what others might call “defeat”.

We, Jesus’ followers, know crucifixion is not defeat. We also know crucifixion was not the end of the story. Christ arose! For six Sundays (beginning last Sunday), we will be considering how to respond to resurrection, but that means we won’t be spending a single Sunday to ponder what resurrection MEANS. It doesn’t mean we are justified or made righteous so that we can be judged as worthy of eternal life with God. Crucifixion took care of that. So...what does resurrection mean?

- Does Jesus’ resurrection reveal something about our possible future after death? Does it give us confidence in what Jesus already offered through crucifixion?
- Does resurrection reveal something about all of human history? Is it a reminder that, ultimately, God will win? In other words, is resurrection not about a singular event but about human history/future?
- Does resurrection reveal something about new life, about newness of life, available for us here and now? In other words, is resurrection not the end of Jesus’ earthly story but something that permeated the whole of Jesus’ ministry?
- And, why don’t the gospel writers reveal the event of Jesus’ resurrection or provide any details about the how? Does God’s seemingly intentional omissions in the story, God’s apparent intent to provide mystery, reveal anything about the meaning of resurrection?

I hope you can see that the answer to the question of resurrection’s meaning must be complex, must be multi-faceted. Throughout this season of Eastertide, I encourage you to spend some extra time considering (and even talking with members of your church family about) what Jesus’ resurrection means to you.

- Pastor Brad

# Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements

## FCC Birthdays

### April

April 27 Betty Nelson  
April 28 JoAnne Hill

### May

May 1 Charles Johnson  
May 3 Don McKelvey  
May 7 Pam Baumgartle  
May 10 Al Baumgartle  
May 10 Alice Else  
May 10 Johnny Cowan  
May 13 Norma Lavelett  
May 15 Addie Meders  
May 16 Josh Barton  
May 17 Phil Oliver  
May 17 Jeanne Klitzke  
May 18 Beth Sherry  
May 19 Marlene Cowen  
May 21 Carol Matthews  
May 22 Bill Fitch  
May 23 Wayne Ostermiller  
May 25 Alex Everett  
May 30 Yvonne Warner

We are sad to say "Good-bye" to Alice Else who has moved to Eckert to live with her niece and husband, and we wish her well. Here is her address so we all can stay in touch:

C/O Patricia Wingfield  
21177 Navajo Road  
Eckert, Co 81418



## A Little Food Bank Comparison



	2018	2019
Jan.	#177	#210
Feb.	#142	#150
Mar.	#170	#192
Apr.	#240	
May	#100	
June	#223	
July	#223	
Aug.	#198	
Sept.	#117	
Oct.	#176	
Nov.	#76	
Dec.	#285	

## FCC Anniversary

### April

April 25 Chip & Melanie  
Ferron

### May

May 14 Al & Else Ladage  
May 18 Brad & Susan  
Barton



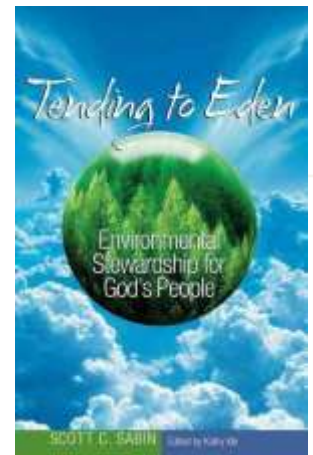
## Announcements



Just a little from the Creation Care group

Taken from:

*Take Action—  
Make an Impact*



### **As an Individual**

- Spend some quiet time outside in God's creation.
- Learn about your local environment. What plants grow there? What creatures thrive there? How is it unique?
- Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth.
- Turn off the lights when leaving the room.
- Buy secondhand clothes and furniture.
- Bike, walk, or carpool to work or the store.
- Combine errands into one trip.
- Carry a travel mug or water bottle for beverages throughout the day.
- Eat less meat.
- Volunteer to help people less fortunate than you.
- Carry a handkerchief instead of disposable tissues.
- Pray about and consider adopting a simpler lifestyle.





# CHURCH WOMEN UNITED 2019 May Friendship Day

THE  
TIME IS  
NOW!



“Agree to Differ”

## You Are Invited

WHERE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
1326 N 1ST STREET

WHEN

MAY 10, 2019 AT 11:30 A.M.  
SALAD LUNCHEON

BRING A FRIEND.

PROGRAM

HOMeward BOUND  
JESSE REDMOND.



# Announcements

**SeaSide ESCAPE**  
WHERE WOMEN BASK IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*Wish you were at the beach?*

Longing for time to **slow down**, **wiggle your toes** in the sand, and **bask in the warmth of God's presence**? Join us at SeaSide Escape. It's a **beach-themed retreat** where you'll experience meaningful Bible study and worship, connect with other women, and have time for **quiet reflection and plenty of laughter!**

**Location:** First Christian Church  
1326 N 1st Street  
Grand Junction, Co.

**Date:** August 24, 2019

**Cost:** \$10.00

8:30am - 4:30pm  
All women invited

**For more information, contact:**  
Lily Fitch  
970-250-6966

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# Announcements

**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail form and \$10.00 registration fee to: Disciples Women**

**Attn: Retreat, 1326 North First, G.J., Co. 81501**

**SeaSide ESCAPE**  
WHERE WOMEN BREATHE IN GOD'S PRESENCE

## MEXICAN TRAIN 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Friday each month 2PM- 4PM

To all Who like to play *dominoes*, we at First Christian Church, Grand Junction, we play a form of dominoes called MEXICAN TRAIN. If you don't know how to play the game, or if you haven't played for a long time, don't worry, we will train or refresh your memory in how to play

We just have fun. Come join us.





# Announcements

## YOU ARE INVITED

Daniel Connor, Al and Pam Baumgartle's grandson, is graduating from the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy May 1st.

There is a graduation ceremony Wednesday May 1st at 5:00 p.m. at Colorado Mesa University. The keynote speaker is GJ Police Department Chief of Police Doug Shoemaker. If you are interested in attending, please see Pam, or Al.

After graduation Daniel will be returning to Rangely to begin work full time with the Rangely Police Department.

Many thanks to all who brought soups and attended the Lenten Lunches. The lessons given by Pastors Melanie (the first Wednesday) and Brad of the various symbols each week brought us closer to the cross through their instruction and our discussions. The monetary donations helped to offset the cost of the sandwiches, pizza and quiche enjoyed along with the various delicious soups.

Thanks, and Blessings to all. – Membership

Thanks to Gale Johnson for a set of pot holders and towels he has donated to the kitchen. They will be well used and are much appreciated.

Soren Kirkegaard, a Danish philosopher, theologian, poet, social critic and religious author lived from 1813 - 1855.

On April 17 "The Daily Sentinel" had a quote by him, but this one found on the Internet is even better:

**Prayer does not change God, but it changes he who prays.**

Thanks to Birthday Girl Mary Ann Bogani for providing the April Birthday Cake. She along with Larry Eggers, Richalyn Cox, Betty Nelson and JoAnne Hill were April babies. Happy Birthday to all and thanks so much to Mary Ann for the delicious carrot cake.

■ An Ohio man has given up all food and drink except beer for Lent. Del Hall, who works at a brewery in Cincinnati, said he was inspired to the unusual 40-day fast by 17th-century Bavarian monks who also fasted on "liquid bread" during Lent. "I've run a full marathon before, 26.2 miles, I've done big challenges, but this seems very daunting," said Hall. "So, I'm just curious if I'm up to the challenge."

## From The Bookshelf



During April the FCC Book Club members read "The Book Thief" written by Markus Zusak. This is a novel of a young German girl who experiences WWII from her foster parents' home in a fictional town near Munich. She starts at an early age stealing books; however, in the beginning, she could not read. With help from her foster father she learns the power of words. She also learns that not all Germans are Nazis, but it is something to hide. This story will pull you in. Some in the group found the format intriguing and others, at the beginning, thought it difficult to follow, but you will be glad if you read it.



# Announcements

## SHAREFEST is Coming!!!



**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

Save the date!!! We are going to be helping our neighbors at 9:00 am at the Grandview apartments again this year, on May 4th. 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. 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, May 4th!!!

~Outreach Ministry

7. Who is your earliest childhood friend that you remember spending time with? What did you like to do together? Are you still in touch with this person?
8. What was your favorite season when you were young? Describe that season and where you lived. (ie Fall in Texas) Why do you think it was your favorite season?



## **CROSSWORDS!**

**next deadline is...**

**Thursday May, 2nd**

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

## Central Rocky Mountain Region (CCDOC) Local Mission/Work Trip 2019



### South Hills Retreat Center, (outside) Twin Falls, Idaho

- WHAT:** Participate in making improvements to and opening (for the season) this scenic and historic campground supported by the CRMR.
- WHEN:** June 3 - June 7 (Monday - Friday), 2019
- WHY:** So many reasons:
- Help prepare South Hills to minister to the spiritual needs of so many people this summer and into the future
  - Enjoy God's amazing creation
  - Enjoy fellowship with your long-distance CRMR family and friends
  - Worship, yes, worship. Spend time daily with God while on this mission/work trip
  - Get acquainted with this Christian campground utilized by our Idaho CRMR congregations and supported by our Region
  - Encounter God
  - Get back into the habit of local Regional mission trips!
- WHO:** Anyone/everyone in the Region is invited. All skill levels needed. Ages 12+ preferred.
- COST:** FREE!!! No cost for food or bunkhouse lodging. Your only cost is transportation to the campground.

Contact Jason Coon, Facility Manager, for more information:  
208-421-4730, [southhillsretreatcenter@gmail.com](mailto:southhillsretreatcenter@gmail.com)





# Thanks



April 09, 2019

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
1326 N. First Street  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

RE: Thank You

Dear First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),

On behalf of all of us at HomewardBound of the Grand Valley, I want to thank you for your gift of \$41.66 received on 03/10/2019. This donation benefits families, veterans and singles by giving them access to vital food, shelter and other programs they need to move from surviving to thriving in our community.

HomewardBound is an Enterprise Zone, which means you are entitled to a 25% tax credit in the state of Colorado for donations totaling \$50 or more in a year. To receive this credit and have a certificate issued, you will need to provide HomewardBound your organization's Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN). If you have donated to us, and **have not yet provided us with this information**, please call our Administrative Director, Ashley Giese, at (970) 985-7430.

Your kindness is more than a contribution, it ensures the safety and well-being of everyone in our community, and - most importantly - helps those without a place to go break the cycle of homelessness.

**Thank you for your support!**

Sincerely,

  
Jesse Redmond  
Development Director  
970-985-7422  
jredmond@hbgv.org

*Thank you!*

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. HomewardBound of the Grand Valley is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN 26-0052916

HomewardBound 2853 North Avenue Grand Junction, CO 81501  
970-256-9424

# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

Clara Arroyo	Ginger Morris
Jim Bennett	Brian Neukman
Amy Burns	Dennis Parks
Gale Carper	Carol Perry
Howard Coltfelter	Steve Pratt
Chuck Cummings	Ike Rogers
Judy Dalton	Kyle Rosencrans
Carol Jean Daniel	Paul Scanga
Annabelle Decker	John Sherry
Maia Dibble	Carol Steed
Barbara Dunning	Gary Steed
Earn Eachus	Family of Gary Stubbs
Kat Edwards	Brian Stouffer
JoAnne Eggers	Lois Stouffer
Larry Eggers	Terry
Sheana Emerson	Angie Tanksley
David & Vickie Hagan	Ron Velarde
Connie Hawley	Joan White
JoAnne Hill	
Ethel Hoffman	
Eleanor Hubbell	
Dee Johnson	
Ed Jones	
Nora Julette	
Hailer Kellog	
Peggy Lawler	
Betty Learned	
Faye Morosini	



# FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

**April 28, 2019**

**Elder**

Lily Fitch

**Deacon**

Dennis Edwards

**Greeter**

Dennis Edwards

**April 28, 2019**

**4th Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Al Baumgartle

**Elders**

Jeanice Swank

Lois Dunning

**Greeter**

Joyce Wittwer

David Morgan

Carol Steed

**Preparing Diaconate**

Marian Velarde

**Serving Diaconate**

Marian Velarde

Jeanne Klitzke

Ruth Acord

Jodi Gabel

**Van Driver**

If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday

**Coffee Mingle**

Beverly Dorson

**Keyboard**

Ray Farrell

**Collection Team**

Al Baumgartle

Ray Farrell

**May 5, 2019**

**Elder**

Lily Fitch

**Deacon**

Brad Krebill

**Greeter**

Brad Krebill

**May 5, 2019**

**1st Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Joyce Wittwer

**Elders**

Jim Matthews

Carol Matthews

**Greeter**

Jeanice Swank

Kathy Moore

Karen Lehman

**Preparing Diaconate**

Karen Lehman

**Serving Diaconate**

Kathy Moore

Jerry Francis

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

**Van Driver**

If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday

**Coffee Mingle**

Birthday Cake-

Joyce Wittwer

Lamar Edwards

**Keyboard**

Paula Schaffer

**Collection Team**

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

**May 12, 2019**

**Elder**

Susan Barton

**Deacon**

Norma Lavelett

**Greeter**

Norma Lavelett

**May 12, 2019**

**2nd Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Lois Dunning

**Elders**

Chuck Haigler

Ray Farrell

**Greeter**

Bob Wise

Alice Wieseler

Pam Baumgartle

**Preparing Diaconate**

Alice Wieseler

**Serving Diaconate**

Bob Wise

Al Ladage

Jeanette West

Cole Barton

**Van Driver**

If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday

**Coffee Mingle**

TBD

**Keyboard**

Pam Baumgartle

**Collection Team**

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

**May 19, 2019**

**Elder**

Lily Fitch

**Deacon**

Audrey Richardson

**Greeter**

Audrey Richardson

**May 19, 2019**

**3rd Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Pam Baumgartle

**Elders**

Al Baumgartle

Riecke Claussen

**Greeter**

Jeannie Klitzke

Adele Matera

Gloria Jeffery

**Preparing Diaconate**

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

**Serving Diaconate**

David Morgan

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

Nancy Claussen

**Van Driver**

If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday

**Coffee Mingle**

TBD

**Keyboard**

Lily Fitch

**Collection Team**

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

# Church Calendar of Events - April 25, 2019— May 22, 2019

## **Thursday April 25, 2019**

\*\*\*\*Pastor Brad @ Conference\*\*\*\*

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

1:00 pm CWF Executive Meeting

1:30 pm Mission Day

6:00 pm Praise Team

## **Friday April 26, 2019**

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

## **Saturday April 27, 2019**

9:00 am Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES)

## **Sunday April 28, 2019**

\*\*\*\*Food Bank Sunday\*\*\*\*

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service

10:50 am Traditional Worship Service

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting

## **Monday April 29, 2019**

10:30 Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

## **Tuesday April 30, 2019**

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

5:00 pm Healthy Living

## **Wednesday May 1, 2019**

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

3:30 pm Parkinson Support Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study @ the Armbruster's house (615 Pioneer Rd).

## **Thursday May 2, 2019**

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

9:30 am Ruth Group

1:00 pm Dorcas Group

6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Board

6:00 pm Praise Team

## **Saturday May 4, 2019**

9:00 am ShareFest @ Grandview Apartments

## **Sunday May 5, 2019**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service

10:50 am Traditional Worship Service

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

## **Monday May 6, 2019**

10:30 Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

## **Tuesday May 7, 2019**

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

5:00 pm Healthy Living

6:30 pm Night'ngals

## **Wednesday May 8, 2019**

9:30 am Newcomers Group

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study @ the Armbruster's house (615 Pioneer Rd).

7:00 pm Co. West Quilters Guild

## **Thursday May 9, 2019**

\*\*\*Pastor Brad in Denver for a Regional Board Meeting\*\*\*

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

1:00 pm CWF General

5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministries

6:00 pm Praise Team

## **Saturday May 10, 2019**

\*\*\*Pastor Brad in Denver for a Regional Board Meeting\*\*\*

11:30 am May Friendship Day

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

## **Sunday May 12, 2019**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service

10:50 am Traditional Worship Service

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

12:30 pm Elders Meeting

## **Monday May 13, 2019**

10:30 Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Craft Group

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

## **Tuesday May 14, 2019**

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

1:30 pm PEO Chapter Meeting

5:00 pm Healthy Living

## **Wednesday May 15, 2019**

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study @ the Armbruster's house (615 Pioneer Rd).

## **Thursday May 16, 2019**

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

1:30 pm Monthly Mission Day

6:00 pm Praise Team

## **Saturday May 18, 2019**

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

8:30 am RMCSC CPE Group

12:00 pm Territorial Daughters Group

## **Sunday May 19, 2019**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service

10:50 am Traditional Worship Service

12:15 pm Sandwiches and a Show

4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting

## **Monday May 20, 2019**

9:00 am CWU Group

10:30 Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

## **Tuesday May 21, 2019**

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

5:00 pm Healthy Living

## **Wednesday May 22, 2019**

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study @ the Armbruster's house (615 Pioneer Rd).