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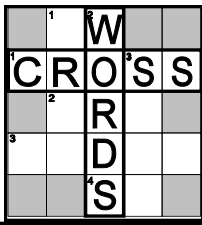
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

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

Part of Something Bigger

“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:28

Have you ever longed to be a part of something bigger than yourself?

I know I have. Even as I was raised in the church and knew God and somehow, in the back of my mind, recognized that I was part of something bigger, I don't think I really GOT what that meant. Feeling isolated, feeling alone, carries an incredible sense of smallness that cannot be overcome. Even as an introvert (meaning I recharge on my own or with one or two other very close people), I've always NEEDED to be part of something bigger. I can only imagine God made me this way.

Recently, I've been reminded in so many ways that we are, indeed, part of something bigger, and it's absolutely amazing!

- As Regional Vice Moderator, I get to meet regularly with a group of people from around the Central Rocky Mountain Region (Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, part of New Mexico, and part of Idaho), which reminds me very visibly every time we meet in person or through technology that I am, we are, part of something bigger (311,000 square miles of bigger.)
- In preparation for two upcoming Regional Mission Trips, while traveling with Ruben Rodriguez and Susan Barton to Puerto Rico and while working with Jason Coon in Idaho, I have been reminded that I am, we are, part of something bigger.
- A few weeks ago, when Susan and I attended Leadership Advance in Loveland, Colorado, with folks throughout the region and even Ron Allen from Indiana, I was reminded that I am, we are, part of something bigger.
- Each year when we collect our Week of Compassion special offering, and I remember how and where Disciples make a difference throughout the world, I am reminded that I am, we are, part of something bigger.
- And this past week, I/we received a most amazing letter from First Christian Church in Casper, Wyoming, a letter you will find in this very Crosswords newsletter. It was signed by the congregation's pastor and many others on Easter Sunday this year, when the folks of that congregation prayed for all of us. What a great reminder that we are part of something bigger!

I began this article by quoting the Apostle Paul, who regularly in his letters reminded readers and hearers that they were part of something bigger. They were all part of the Body of Christ, the family of faith, that comprises all followers of Jesus. We are one in Christ. We are part of what God was doing long ago in Jesus Christ; we are part of what God is still doing today in Jesus Christ. We are part of something bigger!

- Pastor Brad

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements

FCC Birthdays

May

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

June

June 8 Cecil Jackson
 June 8 Jo Laughlin

FCC Anniversary

May

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

June

June 1 Carol & Jim
 Matthews



A Little Food Bank Comparison



	2018	2019
Jan.	#177	#210
Feb.	#142	#150
Mar.	#170	#192
Apr.	#240	#160
May	#100	
June	#223	
July	#223	
Aug.	#198	
Sept.	#117	
Oct.	#176	
Nov.	#76	
Dec.	#285	

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
 2019 May Friendship Day

THE TIME IS NOW!
 "Agree to Differ"

You Are Invited	
WHERE	FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 1336 N 1ST STREET
WHEN	MAY 20, 2019 AT 11:30 A.M. SALAD LUNCHEON
BRING A FRIEND	
PROGRAM	HIGHWAY BOUND JESSE REDMOND



Announcements

Just a little from the Creation Care group

RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE

Are you tired of hearing it yet??? Below is some information for you to consider that was included in a magazine from Kroger's:

Paper products – how is it recycled – curious?

Paper is shredded into pulpers, mixed with water and chemicals and heated until the fibers break down. That mixture is pressed, cleaned and heated to form rolls, used to make new products.

What cannot be recycled?

Pizza boxes!! Paper products with grease or other food remnants (including paper towels, napkins, paper plates, etc) are diverted to a landfill. If the oily paper gets added to the mix (described above) the whole bunch is tainted.

Key takeaways:

Don't sneak contaminated or greasy products in with the clean products

Remove labels, stickers and adhesives from all recyclables.

Avoid recycling heavily dyed paper and wrapping paper.

Bring your paper products to church and we will recycle them for you.

We appreciate all your assistance in caring for our planet earth.

Creation Care Team



Announcements and Thanks

One Worship Service this Summer!

Beginning May 26, 2019, we will worship as one for the summer months. We plan to return to two worship services on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

During the summer, the one worship service will not be traditional or contemporary but will include a combination of elements of each. The Praise Team will be leading us in singing and will provide anthems; some songs will be contemporary and some songs will be traditional each and every Sunday.

Worship time for the summer is 10:50am.

Let's enjoy this time to worship together for the summer!

- The Worship Committee

Thank you from Pam and Al

A big thank you to everyone at FCC who has been so generous and encouraging to our grandson Daniel Connor. We are so very grateful for all your support. This congregation has made Daniel feel special and a true member, loved and encouraged by all of you. We can tell you he misses you already and wishes he could be here on Sundays.

If you would like to keep in touch with Daniel, or send congratulations to him his address is as follows:

Daniel Connor
1277 Deserado
Rangely, CO 81648

Faye Morosini could use notes of encouragement:

Her address is Faye Morosini - Aspen 34
MCSD
Inmate Mail
PO Box 20000-5017
Grand Junction, Colo 81502

(There is also a Faye fund set-up, please see Nancy Armbruster or place a check in the offering basket with Faye in the memo)

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

Announcements



MEXICAN TRAIN

2ND & 4TH 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.

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.

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday May, 16th

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.

9. What was the first kind of music that inspired you? Who was the artist? Do you remember one of your favorite songs? Around how old were you? Do you have any other memories associated with that Music?

10. Do you enjoy dancing? What types of dances did you go to when you were young? Have you continued to dance throughout your life?



From The Bookshelf



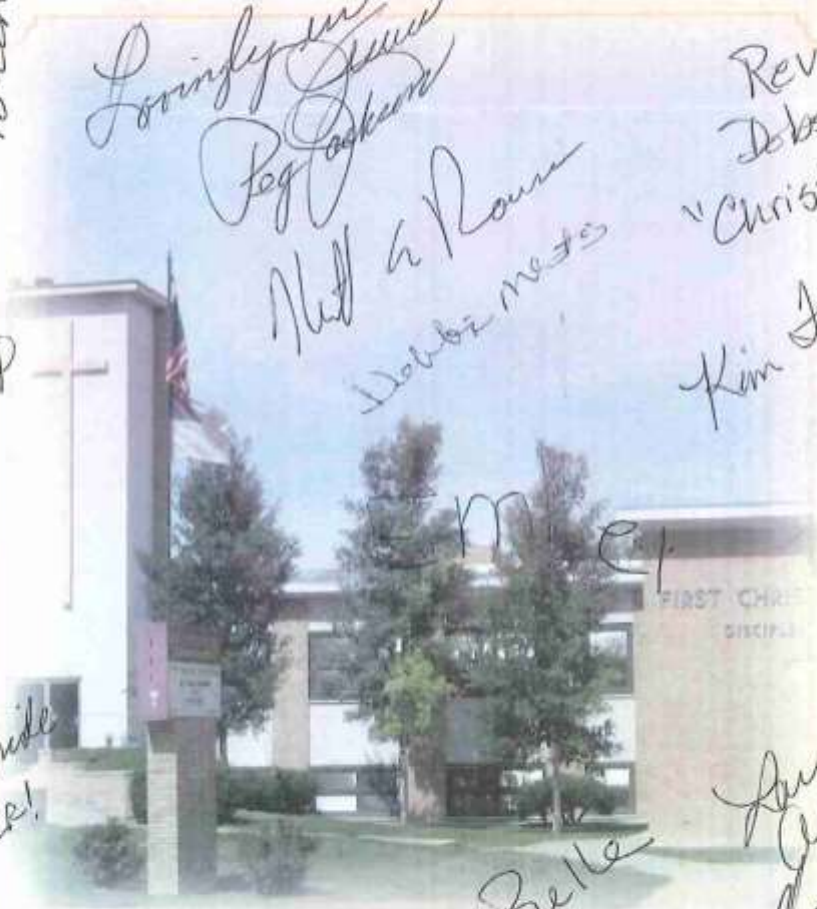
During April the FCC Book Club members read "The Book Thief" written by Markus Zusak. This is a novel of a young German girl who experiences WWII from her foster parents' home in a fictional town near Munich. She starts at an early age stealing books; however, in the beginning, she could not read. With 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.



HOLDING YOU IN PRAYER

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

YOU WERE LIFTED IN PRAYER BY FCC CASPER, WYOMING



CENTRAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

PARTNERS IN PRAYER IN 2019

First Christian Church - Grand Junction, CO

Robin Nelson
Linda Masteller

Lan House

AMBER ROUSE
Pat Buck

Lorilyn
Peg Jackson

Rev. Cynthia
Debra McBride
"Christ is Risen!"

Lyle
Bob

Neil & Rose
Hobbs matts

Kim Jacob

Virginia John

Charles McBride
HAPPY EASTER!

Emel

Lan McSe

Maureen Wallace

Belle

Luis Anderson

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Announcements

Greetings from the Stewardship Committee of First Christian Church. It has been my pleasure to serve this church for more than ten years. Our financial committee has one of the hardest jobs to be done in this church and that is to keep control of the finances the way you want them to be handled. Talking about finances can sometimes be a positive or negative thing to do. If you speak about finances too often, it sounds like all we are asking for is money. In order not to have that effect we have decided to report to the congregation once a quarter in the crosswords. Please remember you can attend any board or cabinet meeting for an update of our finances every month. You can also contact our Treasurer Lily Fitch.

For 2019, the three-month period of Jan thru March, we have received the following:

Income-Cash	\$35,699.63
Income-Other	<u>8,657.90</u>
Income Total	\$44,357.53
Expenses	\$42,995.34

In an average month our monthly income needed to cover expenses is as follows:

Income	\$14,785.84
Expenses	\$14,331.78

Although this may look positive in reality, if the leadership spent their budgets we would need \$16,026.19 each month, another \$1,694.41 to cover budgeted expense amounts.

In the overall financial health of the Church's finances, little has changed over the past three years and we have been within most budgeted expenditure amount, with revenue materially the same. Actually, Cash and Equivalents have remained within \$7K, up 8% since 12/31/16 and total assets remain virtually the same. Liabilities also remain under control, with immediate payables at only \$2K, all other Related/Restricted Use of Funds remain unchanged, there are NO "Outside" long-term debts.

The good news is this church has not had many large expenses, however we do have several projects on this building inside and outside as well as the parking area that needs attention now before there is more expensive costs in repairs. Fixing things now is our goal in mind. We believe we do have funds available to help with these costs and we plan on requesting funds this summer from the region. Calling on the region for funds is not what we want to do as we would like to keep that money request as larger necessities arise. Please be aware that we have created a Building Fund account that you can contribute to by designating Building Fund on the memo portion of your check. Also, please remember the Church in your wills. Should you want assistance in this process you may contact me. So, when property has an approved plan of addressing the repairs needed, they can use the Building Fund Account so their budget is not affected monthly.

Your questions and concerns are always welcome.

William D. Fitch
Stewardship Chairman



Announcements



Remember
with us on
May 26, 2019

On Sunday, May 26, 2019, we will celebrate during ONE COMBINED morning worship service the lives of ancestors, family members, loved ones, and friends who died while serving in the US military. As part of the service, their names will be read and "Taps" will be played to honor and remember them. If you have someone you would like honored in this way, either call the office or place their name and your relationship to them in the offering plate.

Your Name _____

Name of Person to be Remembered _____

Branch of Service (and battle where life was given, if you would like to share this information) _____

Relationship _____

No Elder's Meeting For
May



Cabinet Meeting
Sunday, May 19th
@ 4:00 pm



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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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
WHITE WOMEN BAKE IN GOD'S PRESENCE



Honoring Our Graduates



Sunday, May 26th

Do you have a Graduate in your family? If you have a graduate from High School, Trade School, College or the Armed Forces, we would like to honor them at Worship on May 26th. Please place this form in the offering plate or get the names to or the Office before 19th.

Graduate's name _____

School _____

Degree _____

Your Name _____

Your Relationship to Graduate _____

FCC Prayer Concerns

“Pray without ceasing.”

I Thessalonians 5:17

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



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

May 12, 2019

Elder

Lily Fitch

Deacon

Norma Lavelett

Greeter

Norma Lavelett

May 19, 2019

Elder

Susan Barton

Deacon

Audrey Richardson

Greeter

Audrey Richardson

May 26, 2019

NO First Service

June 2, 2019

NO First Service

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

Ruth Acord

Jeanice Swank

Keyboard

Pam Baumgartle

Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

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

Sandwich and a Show

Keyboard

Lily Fitch

Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

May 26, 2019

4th Sunday

Worship Leader

Riecke Claussen

Elders

Jeanice Swank

Lois Dunning

Greeter

Melanie Ferron

Ruth Acord

Cole Barton

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

Nancy Claussen

Riecke Claussen

Keyboard

Ray Farrell

Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

June 2, 2019

1st Sunday

Worship Leader

Ray Farrell

Elders

Jim Matthews

Carol Matthews

Greeter

Lily Fitch

Nancy Claussen

Riecke Claussen

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

Keyboard

Paula Schaffer

Collection Team

Lois Dunning

Grace Farrell

Church Calendar of Events - May 9, 2019— June 5, 2019

Thursday May 9, 2019

Pastor Brad at Regional Meeting
 ****Crosswords ****
 1:00 pm CWF General
 5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministries
 6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday May 10, 2019

Pastor Brad at Regional Meeting
 11:30 am May Friendship Day
 2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday May 12, 2019

****Mother's Day****
 9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
 10:50 am Traditional Worship Service
 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle
 NO Elders Meeting for May

Monday May 13, 2019

10:30 am 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****
 NO 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 am Staff Meeting
 1:30 pm FCC Bookworms
 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).

Thursday May 23, 2019

****Crosswords ****
 1:00 pm CWF Executive Meeting
 6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday May 24, 2019

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

Saturday May 25, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 9:00 am Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES)

Sunday May 26, 2019

****Memorial Sunday ****
 ****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 ****Food Bank Sunday****
 10:50 am One Worship Service
 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

Monday May 27, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 ****Office Closed ****
 ****Memorial Day****

NO Staff Meeting
 6:30 pm Craft Group
 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday May 28, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group
 5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday May 29, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 10:00 am Morning Bible Study
 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study
 @ the Armbruster's house
 (615 Pioneer Rd).

Thursday May 30, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 ****Crosswords Deadline****
 6:00 pm Praise Team

Sunday June 2, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 10:50 am One Worship Service
 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

Monday June 3, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 Pastor Brad on a Mission Trip
 10:30 am Staff Meeting
 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday June 4, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 Pastor Brad at on a Mission Trip
 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group
 10:00 am Friends Going Forward
 5:00 pm Healthy Living
 6:30 pm Night'ngals

Wednesday June 5, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 Pastor Brad on a Mission Trip
 NO Morning Bible Study
 3:30 pm Parkinson Support Group
 NO Evening Bible Study

