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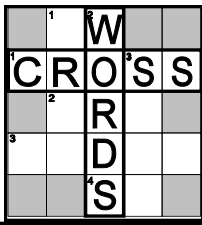
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

**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

Faith Talk: What is Christianity?

“Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’”
- Matthew 16:16

Early in this season of Eastertide, I preached about Jesus’ command to His followers to share the gospel, to talk about their faith with people who don’t know, and I encouraged you to take the necessary steps to equip yourself to do just that. It has occurred to me that it might be a good idea for me to write a series of newsletter articles to help in your endeavor!

This summer, unless something pressing arises, I will write articles in a series called “Faith Talk”. Each article in the series will provide probing questions and commentary about issues important to faith about which non-churched people you encounter might be curious. Today’s topic: What is Christianity?

The question seems like such a simple one, but it’s not as simple as it seems at first glance.

Christianity could be defined using a secular dictionary; Merriam-Webster’s online dictionary defines Christianity as “the religion derived from Jesus Christ, based on the Bible as sacred scripture, and professed by Eastern, Roman Catholic, and Protestant bodies.” I wonder, if you shared this full definition with your friends and acquaintances, would it help them understand exactly what Christianity is? Does it help you?

Or Christianity could be defined using the scriptures. On occasion, Jesus referred to the earliest Christians as His “followers”. Might this word be a good word to describe Christianity to un-churched people? Christianity is the religion of the people who try to follow Jesus.

Or perhaps Christianity could be defined using the creeds. I cited the earliest and most simple creed at the beginning of this article: Peter’s confession that “Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Could Christianity be the collection of people who make this, or some other, claim?

I hope you can see that the question/issue of defining Christianity is not so simple. It might be helpful when you talk about the Christian faith to discuss how much variation exists within Christianity, that, while we are united by Christ, we Christians are hardly a homogenous group. In fact, if an un-churched person has had a bad experience with the Christians of one congregation, it’s very likely that person will have an altogether different experience and encounter completely different kinds of people in a different “Christian” congregation.

- Pastor Brad



Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements

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 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

FCC Birthdays

May

May 23 Wayne Ostermiller

May 25 Alex Everett

May 30 Yvonne Warner

June

June 8 Cecil Jackson

June 8 Jo Laughlin

June 16 Jeanice Swank

June 20 Keith White

June 29 Carolyn Bryant



June 29 Don Klitzke

FCC Anniversary

June

June 1 Carol & Jim
 Matthews

June 23 Nancy & Les
 Armbruster

 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	



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 considered 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

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

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday May, 30th

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?



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

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.

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)



Announcements

Wonderful Mother

God Made a wonderful Mother,
 A Mother Who never grows Old;
 He Made her Smile of the Sunshine,
 And he Molded her heart of pure gold;
 in her eyes he placed bright Shining
 stars, her Cheeks fair roses, you see,
 God Made a wonderful Mother,
 and he gave that dear Mother to Me.

And GrandMa's too.

While we honor All our Mothers
 with words of love and praise.
 While we tell about their goodness
 and their kind and loving ways.
 We should also think of grandmas.
 She's a Mother too, you see.
 For she Mothered My dear Mother
 as My Mother Mothers Me.

Kathy Moore



DON'T THROW THEM IN THE TRASH!

THEY CAN BE RECYCLED!

Earthworks System in Solon, Ohio can recycle scrap polymeric material, and that is what gift cards are made of. A box for plastic cards is on the Creation Care table in the Fellowship Hall. You can recycle: ID cards, credit cards, driver's licenses, library cards, video rental cards, membership cards, shopper discount cards, retail gift cards ... One more way to clean up our waste. Earthworks will take the cards and make new cards which reduces the need for new PVC.

Questions: Ask the Creation Care Team



NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

Nickolas Ripa
 USS Sentry (MCM3)
 Unit 100210
 FPO, AE.
 09587



Saturday June 15th

@ 8 am

"We make a living by what we get;
 we make a life by what we give."

---- Winston Churchill

Elders Meeting

Sunday, June 9th@

13:30 pm

Cabinet Meeting

Sunday, June 30th

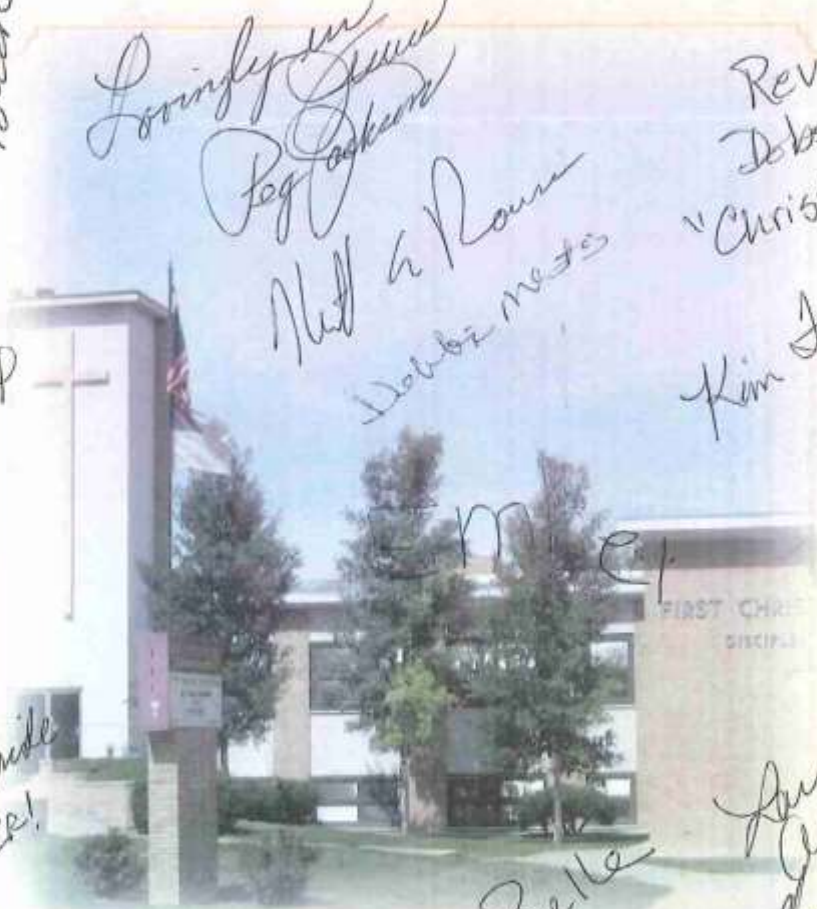
@ 4:00 pm



HOLDING YOU IN PRAYER

— ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019 —

YOU WERE LIFTED IN PRAYER BY FCC CASPER, WYOMING



Jan Fousek

Robert Nelson

Linda Mosteller

Amber Rouse
Pat Buch

Lyke
Bob

Loring
Peg

Ned & Ronna
Walter

Rev. Cynthia
Johnson McBride
"Christ is Risen!"

Kim Jordan

Virginia John

Charles McBride
HAPPY EASTER!

Margaret

Belle

Jan

Ann Anderson

CENTRAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

PARTNERS IN PRAYER IN 2019

First Christian Church - Grand Junction, CO

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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



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

Father's Day BBQ

We are wanting to see who would be interested in attending a Father's day BBQ ?

When: June 16, 2019 after Worship

Where: Fellowship Hall

Please fill out the following information and turn it into the office or give it to Nancy Armbruster.

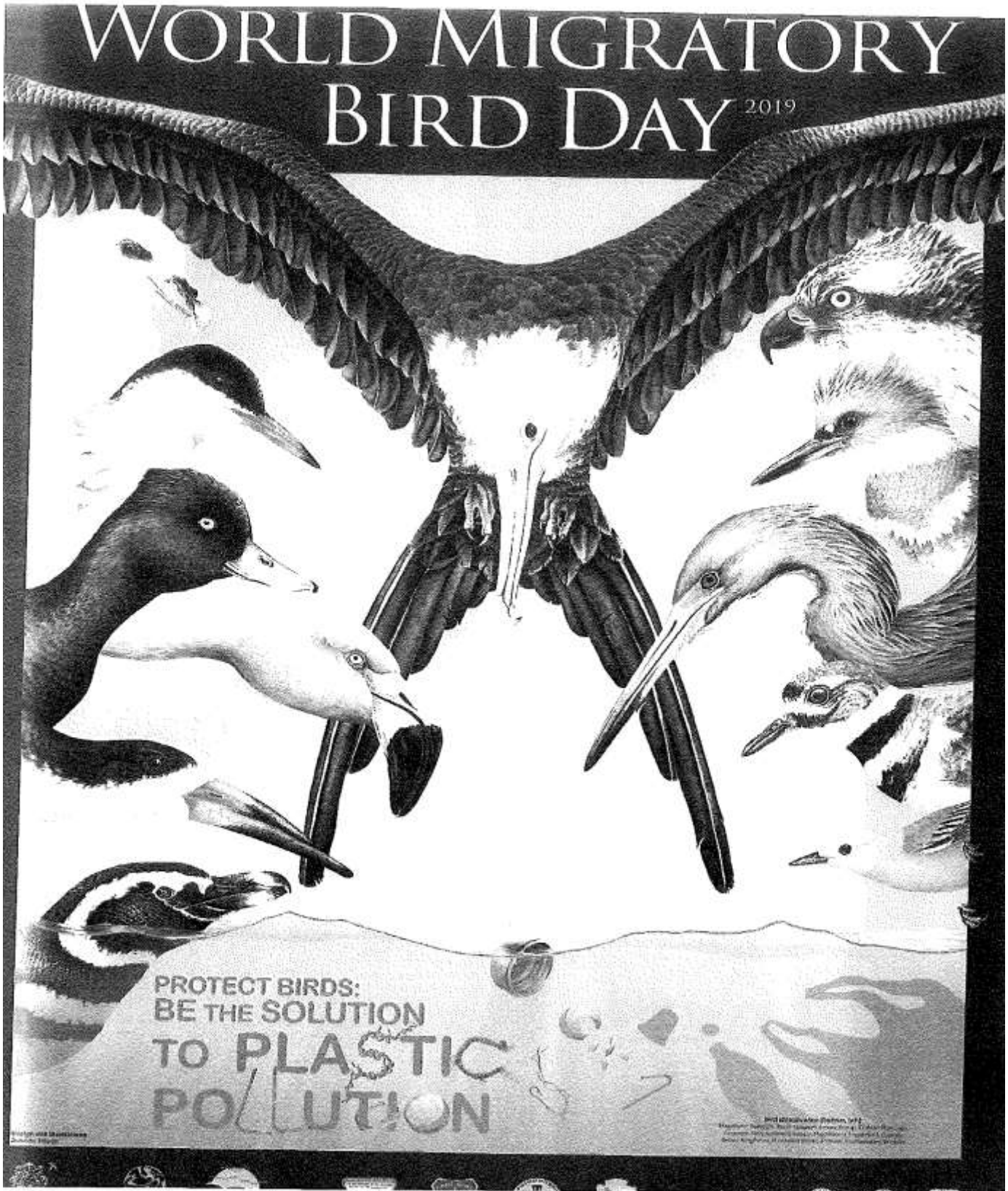
Number attending? _____

Side dish? _____



The local Alzheimer's Association will be holding four different classes on Alzheimer's related topics. They will be at First Pres. June 6, June 13, June 20, and June 27 from 1-2:30 pm. Classes are free, but registration is required. Register at the website alz.org/co

We need Shoe Boxes to wrap for June 20th Mission Day Also— Please keep Operation Christmas Child in your thoughts when you find "good deals"



91 percent of plastic is not recycled. May 11 was World Migratory Bird Day. Their theme is, "Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution" Let's work to save God's creatures.



April 30, 2019

Dear First Christian Church,
Thank you so much for letting me rehearse with the Grand Junction High School students this winter/spring. It was so helpful to have an alternative place for the vocal and instrumental students to rehearse for their festivals and contests. They were so many activities at the school it was hard to find a time and place to practice.

The students all did well and also asked me to pass along their thanks for the rehearsal Expressions space and time. It's always good to have teenagers inside the church!

Thanks Brad and Tish for your help and accommodation. I would like to do special music sometime, just ask!

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April 23, 2019

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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 04/03/2019. 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	Betty Learned
Jim Bennett	Ken & Judy Maurer
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
David & Family	Paul Scanga
Annabelle Decker	John Sherry
Maia Dibble	Brian Stouffer
Barbara Dunning	Lois Stouffer
Earn Eachus	Terry
JoAnne Eggers	Angie Tanksley
Larry Eggers	Ron Velarde
Linda & Karen	Joan White
Sheana Emerson	Alice Wieseler
Family of Glen Farrell	
David & Vickie Hagan	
JoAnne Hill	
Ethel Hoffman	
Eleanor Hubbell	
Dee Johnson	
Ed Jones	
Nora Julette	
Hailer Kellog	
Peggy Lawler	



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

May 26, 2019

No First Service

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

Dennis Edwards

Ruth Acord

Jodi Gabel

Van Driver

If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday

Coffee Mingle

Nancy Claussen

Riecke Claussen

Keyboard

Paula Schaffer

Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

June 2, 2019

No First Service

June 2, 2019

1st Sunday

Worship Leader

Ray Farrell

Elders

Lois Dunning

Chuck Haigler

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-

Joyce Witwer

Lamar Edwards

Keyboard

Ray Farrell

Collection Team

Lois Dunning

Grace Farrell

June 9, 2019

No First Service

June 9, 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

Lois Dunning

Grace Ferrell

June 16, 2019

No First Service

June 16, 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

Paula Schaffer

Collection Team

Lois Dunning

Grace Ferrell

Church Calendar of Events - May 23, 2019— June 19, 2019

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

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
NO Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday June 4, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
Pastor Brad 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

Thursday June 6, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
Pastor Brad on a Mission Trip
****Crosswords ****

9:30 am Ruth Group
1:00 pm Dorcas Group

6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Board
6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday June 7, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
Pastor Brad on a Mission Trip
4:00 pm Territorial Daughters—Set
up for State Meeting

Saturday June 8, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
12:00 pm Territorial Daughters
Meeting
4:00 pm Territorial Daughters Board
Meeting

Sunday June 9, 2019

10:50 am One Worship Service
12:15 pm Coffee Mingle
12:30 pm Elder's Meeting

Monday June 10, 2019

10:30 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Craft Group
7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday June 11 2019

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group
1:30 pm PEO Chapter Meeting
5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday June 12, 2019

9:30 am Newcomers Group
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 June 13, 2019

****Crosswords Deadline****
1:00 pm CWF General
5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministries
6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday June 14, 2019

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

Saturday June 15, 2019

8:00 am Men's Breakfast
8:30 am RMCS CPE Group

Sunday June 16, 2019

10:50 am One Worship Service
12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

Monday June 17, 2019

9:30 am CWU Group
10:30 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday June 18, 2019

Pastor Brad on Vacation
9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group
10:00 am Friends Going Forward
5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday June 19, 2019

Pastor Brad on Vacation
NO Morning Bible Study
NO Evening Bible Study