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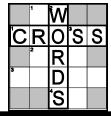
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

Praising God, Changing Lives!



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Services each Sunday...

Praising God, Changing Lives for 135 Years!

Summer Hours

One 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

Creation Care Covenant Conversation

I'm taking a break from my series of "Faith Talk" articles to write about something important and upcoming in the life of First Christian Church, Grand Junction.

On Sunday, September 8, aka "Kick-Off Sunday", the Creation Care ministry team will be feeding the congregation a meal and presenting for your consideration and discussion a Creation Care Covenant for the congregation. In order to prepare you for September 8, I'll answer a few questions.

Who is this Creation Care ministry team? The Creation Care ministry team is comprised of 12 active members of FCCGJ who care deeply about the role of people in fulfilling the very first purpose given to us by God: taking good care of God's earth/creation (see Genesis 1-2.)

What is a creation care covenant? A covenant, in general, is a kind of promise. Actually, it's the kind of promised agreement between two parties typically referenced in the Bible as being made between God and God's people. A creation care covenant, in particular, is a covenant between a group of people (FCCGJ in this case) and God having to do with our understanding of our job to care for God's good creation. The covenant has two parts. The first part outlines the theological framework - what we believe about God and God's desires - with regard to creation care. The second part, in very broad terms, outlines what we plan to do as a result of the theological framework/ claims we made in the first part.

Why adopt a creation care covenant? There are many answers to this question; I'll highlight a few of them. First, since the first purpose given by God to people is to care for creation, it would be a good idea for us to consider how we might do this. Second, as FCCGJ proceeds with a creation care ministry, it's important to define the scope of this ministry and what it involves. Third, as people throughout the world and even the Grand Valley become more concerned with issues involving God's creation, it's possible others outside FCCGJ will become interested in what we're doing...so we need to communicate to them what we're doing.

Does this mean we, members of FCCGJ, must become part of the environmental lobby? ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!! Let me be clear about something: this is not about politics. We are not aligning ourselves with a political party or movement by making this covenant. This covenant is about our relationship with God and honoring the first purpose God gave to humanity. This is a theological thing.

Is this covenant being forced on FCCGJ? Again, ABSOLUTELY NOT. The Creation Care ministry, with affirmation from the FCCGJ Board, will present the covenant to the congregation beginning September 8 and listen to the voices of the congregation as we proceed. In conversation with the congregation, the Creation Care Ministry Team will modify the covenant, if needed, before taking the covenant to the congregation for a congregational vote in December. The Team desires two months of prayerful and thoughtful dialog with the congregation before taking a vote.

I hope to see you and talk with you further on September 8 after worship!

- Pastor Brad

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements

FCC Birthdays

September

September 1	Miles Brekke	
September 2	Les Armbruster	
September 3	Joan White	
September 4	Brad Krebill	
September 6	Gary Steed	
September 9	Curtis Rosencrans	
September 10	Ron Velarde	
September 12	Gene Matteson	
September 14	Eleanor Hubbell	
September 19	Ann Hutton	
September 20	Marvin Schaffer	
September 23	Judy Campbell	
September 23	Kathy Gardner	
September 26	Linda Edwards	
September 29	Lois Stouffer	

FCC Anniversary

August

August 30

Riecke & Nancy Claussen

September

September 27

Tammy & Wayne Ostermiller

Here's the Preaching schedule for Sept.– Oct.

- September 1 Pastor Brad (Series: Discernment)
- September 8 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- September 15 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- September 22- Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- September 29 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- October 6 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- October 13 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- October 20 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- October 27 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)

Elders Meeting

No Elders Meeting for Sept.

Next mtg.: Oct. 13th



Saturday September 21st

@ 8 am

Board Meeting
Sunday, September 15th
@ 4:00 pm

Pray for Safe Travels





Please Pray for Safe Travels!

During the summer, many of our members and active participants take a break from Grand Junction to visit relatives or go on vacation. Each Sunday, we'll provide a list of who is traveling this day and in the near future, so you can pray for their safe return to Grand Junction and FCCGJ.

Traveling This Week:

Joyce Wittwer & Lamar Edwards Alaska

Johnny & Jeanette West Alaska

Adele Matera Aug. 28- Sept. 14 England

Ray & Grace Farrel I Aug. 31-Sept 14 Washington & California

Traveling in the Near Future:

Susan Barton Oct. 31- Nov. 4 Missouri

Brad Krebil I Mid-SEPT. Alaska

Announcements



A Little Food Bank Comparison

	2018
Jan.	#177 food
Feb.	#142 food
Mar.	#170 food
Apr.	#240 food
May	#100 food
June	#223 food
July	#223 food

#198 food

Sept. #117 food

Aug.

Oct. #176 food

Nov. #76 food

Dec. #285 food

2019

#210 food & \$20.00 #150 food & \$215.00 #192 food & \$170.00 #160 food & \$80.00 #153 food & \$30.00 #210 food & \$230.00

125 food

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday September 5th

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.



Our sympathy goes out to

Marlene & Johnny Cowan on the passing of

Marlene's 1/2 sister Valerie.



My Story:

- 15. Do you remember what you wanted to "be" when you grew up, as a child? Did it change through your growing up years? Is that what you "became" or did you choose a different path? What did you spend your years doing? Why did you choose that?
- 16. What do you still want to learn about in life? (It's never too late to Want to learn!) Dream big! (ie Maybe you want to learn more about gardening, or outer space, or the things about which your grandkids are interested.....)



Want to Talk About Faith and Life?

I (Pastor Brad) will begin offering a new conversation-oriented Sunday School class on Sunday mornings at 9:30am (Conference room). The class will begin on Kick-Off Sunday, September 8.

Each series of the class will be 4-6 weeks in length and will be focused on a different topic.

The first series of six sessions is entitled, "What do you believe about God, Church, and Faith...and why?" The series will be based on the book, "A Faith of Your Own: Making Sense of What you REALLY Believe" by Ron Allen, one of my seminary professors.

If you are wondering how we can have a class at 9:30am on Sunday mornings (when we typically have a worship service beginning at 9:00am), the leadership of the first service has decided to continue our summer schedule of offering only one worship service at 10:50 am into the Fall and possibly beyond. When we revert to the previous schedule of having two Sunday morning worship services, I will adjust this class accordingly.

Pastor Brad





Sunday, September 1 in the Fellowship Hall

Come check out all the great things happening this Fall

All of the small groups and ministries will have materials and information available for you to look at and the group leaders will also be available for you to talk to.



Kick off Sunday September 8

As we Kick-off our new Church year Sunday School classes and Mid-week classes will begin the week of September 8. There will also be a catered meal and discussion after Worship.





Need Something Fixed?

On Saturday, October 26, 2019, FCCGJ will be launching Grand Junction's inaugural Repair Cafe!

We will have people ready to fix all kinds of things:

- jewelry
- bicycles
- furniture
- small appliances/electrical
- clothing/sewing
- even a table with glue, string, and tape

Mark your calendars, look for stuff you need repaired, and please, TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

Repair Cafe
October 26, 2019
9am-2pm
1st Christian Church
1326 N. 1st Street
Grand Junction 81501







a Big Thank you to Theter Christain Church for allow. ing us to have our Celebration To help us celebrate 20 years Thank you for all the Beautiful Cards, Shone Calla and Visite It all meant so much Lincorely The white Heit & Jo'an Ben & Brian



Thanks



August 08, 2019

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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 08/05/2019. 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

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; EIM 26-0052916.

Thank you!

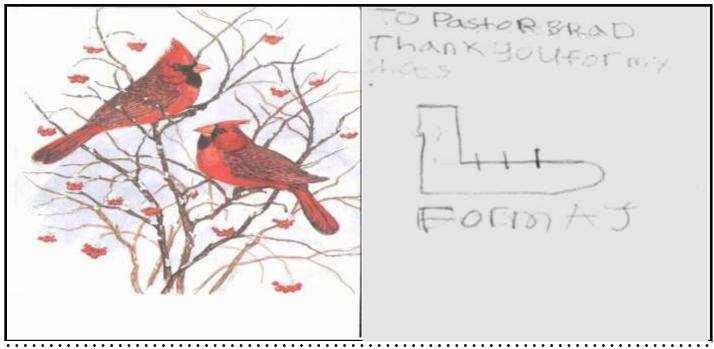
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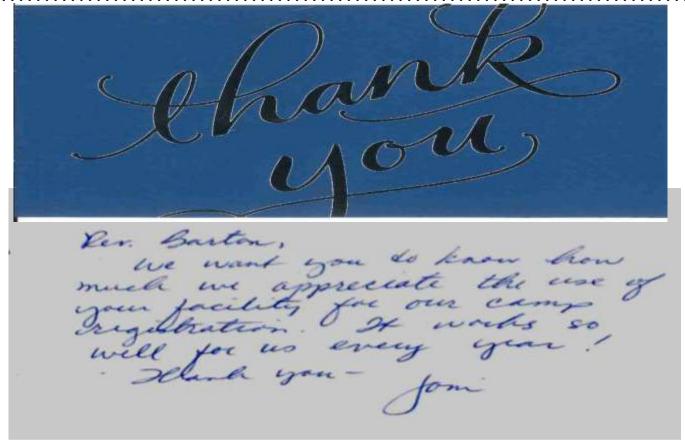


Thanks

Thanks to everyone that participated in the Church building Worship on November 4th.

Jeanice Swank





FCC Prayer Concerns

"Pray without ceasing."

I Thessalonians 5:17

Clara Arroyo Betty Learned Pam Baumgartle Ken & Judy Maurer Jim Bennett Kathy Moore Bill Brown Faye Morosini Amy Burns Ginger Morris Gale Carper Brian Neukman **Howard Coltfelter** Dennis Parks Daniel Connor Carol Perry Chuck Cummings Steve Pratt Carol Jean Daniel Ike Rogers David & Family Kyle Rosencrans Annabelle Decker Paul Scanga Maia Dibble John Sherry Barbara Dunning Brian Stouffer Earn Eachus Lois Stouffer JoAnne Eggers Angie Tanksley Larry Eggers Terry Sheana Emerson Tierney Rutha Hart Ron Velarde David & Vickie Hagan Joan White JoAnne Hill Ethel Hoffman Eleanor Hubbell Dee Johnson Ed Jones Nora Juette Linda & Karen Hailer Kellog Don Klitzke Peggy Lawler



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

September 1, 2019	September 1, 2019	1st Sunday	
No First Service	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Coffee Mingle
	Lois Dunning	Karen Lehman	September Birthday Cake
	<u>Elders</u>	Serving Diaconate	<u>Keyboard</u>
	Jim Matthews	Kathy Moore	Paula Schaffer
	Carol Matthews	Jerry Francis	Collection Team
	<u>Greeter</u>	Jeanice Swank	Lois Dunning
	Melanie Ferron	Yvonne Warner	Grace Farrell
	Gloria Jeffery	Van Driver	
	(TBD)	If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	
September 8, 2019	September 8, 2019	2nd Sunday	
No First Service	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Coffee Mingle
	Lois Dunning	Alice Wieseler	Ruth Acord
	<u>Elders</u>	Serving Diaconate	Jeanice Swank
	Chuck Haigler	Bob Wise	<u>Keyboard</u>
	Ray Farrell	Al Ladage	Paula Schaffer
	<u>Greeter</u>	Josh Barton	Collection Team
	Bob Wise	Cole Barton	Lois Dunning
	Alice Wieseler	Van Driver	Grace Farrell
	Jeanice Swank	If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	
<u>September 15, 019</u>	September 15, 2019	3rd Sunday	
No First Service	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Coffee Mingle
	Pam Baumgartle	Riecke Claussen	Melanie Ferron
	<u>Elders</u>	Nancy Claussen	<u>Keyboard</u>
	Al Baumgartle	Serving Diaconate	Paula Schaffer
	Riecke Claussen	David Morgan	Collection Team
	<u>Greeter</u>	Doug Bryant	Lois Dunning
	Jeannie Klitzke	Carolyn Bryant	Grace Farrell
	Ruth Acord	Nancy Claussen	
	Cole Barton	<u>Van Driver</u>	
		If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	
<u>September 22, 2019</u>	September 22, 2019	4th Sunday	
No First Service	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Coffee Mingle
	Riecke Claussen	Marian Velarde	Beverly Dorson
	<u>Elders</u>	Serving Diaconate	<u>Keyboard</u>
	Jeanice Swank	Marian Velarde	Paula Schaffer
	Lois Dunning	Dennis Edwards	Collection Team
	<u>Greeter</u>	Ruth Acord	Lois Dunning
	Adele Matera	Jodi Gabel	Grace Ferrell
	1	Van Driver	
	Pam Baumgartle	Van Driver	
	Pam Baumgartle David Morgan	If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	

Church Calendar of Events - August 29, 2019 — October 1, 2019

Thursday August 29, 2019

**** Crosswords****

6:00 pm Praise Team

Sunday September 1, 2019

****Rally Sunday****

10:50 am One Worship Service

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

Monday September 2, 2019

****Office Closed****

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday September 3, 2019

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group5:00 pm Healthy Living

Night'ngals Moved to September 17th

Wednesday September 4, 2019

10:00 am Morning Bible Study3:30 pm Parkinson Support Group6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

@ the Armbruster's house (615 Pioneer Rd).

Thursday September 5, 2019

****Crosswords Deadline****

9:30 am Ruth Group

1:30 pm Dorcas Group

6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Board

6:00 pm Praise Team

Sunday September 8, 2019

****Kick Off Sunday****

9:30 am Sunday School Class

10:50 am One Worship Service

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

12:30 pm Catered Meal & Discussion

Monday September 9, 2019

10:30 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Craft Group

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday September 10, 2019

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

1:30 pm PEO Chapter Meting

5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday September 11, 2019

9:00 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 September 12, 2019

**** Crosswords****

10:00 am cross installation

1:00 pm CWF General

5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministries

6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday September 13, 2019

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday September 15, 2019

9:30 am Sunday School Class 10:50 am One Worship Service

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting

Monday September 16, 2019

9:30 am CWU Group

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday September 17, 2019

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group5:00 pm Healthy Living

6:30 pm Night'ngals

Wednesday September 18, 2019

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

@ the Armbruster's house (615 Pioneer Rd).

Thursday September 19, 2019

****Crosswords Deadline****

1:30 pm Monthly Mission Day

6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday September 20, 2019

7:30 am CAPA Group

Saturday September 21, 2019

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

8:30 am RMCSC CPE Group

12:00 pm Territorial Daughters Group

Sunday September 22, 2019

9:30 am Sunday School Class

10:50 am One Worship Service

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

Monday September 23, 2019

10:30 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Craft Group

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday September 24, 2019

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group 10:00 am Friends Going Forward

5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday September 25, 2019

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

@ the Armbruster's house (615 Pioneer Rd).

Thursday September 26, 2019

**** Crosswords****

1:00 pm CWF Executive Meeting

6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday September 27, 2019

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

Saturday September 28, 2019

9:00 am Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES))

Sunday September 29, 2019

****Food Bank Sunday****

9:30 am Sunday School Class

10:50 am One Worship Service

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

Monday September 30, 2019

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday October 1, 2019

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

5:00 pm Healthy Living

6:30 pm Night'ngals