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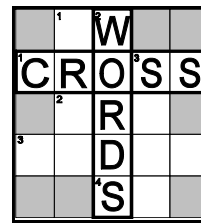
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

**Pr aising God,
Changing Lives!**

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)



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Services each Sunday...

Praising God, Changing
Lives for 135 Years!

Sunday Worship

At Home due to COVID-19

Coffee Mingle– Post-poned
due to COVID -19

Church Office Hours:

By phone only

Due to COVID-19

9:15 am-1:30 pm

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

Crosswords Flash

An FCCGJ COVID-19 Publication:
Communicating Essential Information
During Non-Crosswords Weeks
Thursday, April 23, 2020

Important News for the Week:

- **The Stay-At-Home order in Colorado will expire on April 26** (this Sunday.) However, **a new policy called Safer-At-Home will replace it.** The new policy calls for a continued prohibition of gatherings of more than 10 people, which means **we cannot return to corporate worship until this policy also expires (June at the earliest.)** Stay tuned for updates.

- **The FCCGJ Executive Committee** (Moderator Nancy Armbruster, Vice Moderator Pam Baumgartle, Treasurer Lily Fitch, and Elder Chair Susan Barton, along with the pastoral staff) **meets weekly** via Zoom (online meeting) **on Sundays at 11:00am** to make decisions regarding COVID-19 related issues (like when we will return to corporate worship) and other essential congregational business. This coming Sunday, April 26, we will discuss the implications of the new Safer-At-Home policy for Colorado. Expect updates in next week's Crosswords Newsletter. **(If you would like the Executive Committee to discuss a specific issue, please contact one of the Executive Committee members.)**

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- **The church staff continues to work mostly from home.** As needed, staff members go to the church building to perform necessary tasks. The mail is being received. Please refrain from visits to the church building unless they are essential.

- Beginning on Easter Sunday, **Pastor Brad has been sharing worship services along with sermons each week.** Worship services and sermons (in writing and link to audio file) are distributed via email (and USPS mail for those who request it) and are also available on the **church's website at gjdisciples.org.**

- **Share Your Stories!** - IThe FCCGJ Executive Committee invites and encourages you to share stories of what you're doing during this time of lockdown/stay-at-home. Sharing stories of what we're doing is another way we can remain connected to one another. If you would like to share any stories of things you are doing at home during this time, please send them to Tish, so she can include them in future issues of Crosswords.

- **Phones Are Being Answered and Mail is Being Received** - Tish, the church secretary, is answering phones during this time of stay-at-home. Just call the church office number at 970-242-7204 during office hours (Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm) and Tish will answer your call. Also, church mail is being received.

Thank you for continuing to keep in touch with your FCCGJ family via phone calls, and thank you for your continued financial support to the congregation.

FCC Prayer Concerns

“Pray without ceasing.”

I Thessalonians 5:17

Family of Ken Baumgartle	Dorothy Rhodes
Pam Baumgartle	Ike Rogers
Jim Bennett	Kyle Rosencrans
Bill Brown	Paul Scanga
Amy Burns	Jessie Sleater
Howard Coltfelter	Lois Stouffer
Johnny Cowan	Sue & Allen
Chuck Cummings	Angie Tanksley
Jeff Dean	Tierney
Maurice Drake	Ron Velarde
Barbara Dunning	Alice Weiseler
Earn Eachus	Kemitt White & Family
Sheana Emerson	
JameyLee Farney	
Rutha Hart	
David & Vickie Hagan	
JoAnne Hill	
Ethel Hoffman	
Eleanor Hubbell	
Dee Johnson	
Ed Jones	
Nora Juette	
Hailer Kellog	
Jeanne & Don Klitzke	
Peggy Lawler	
Betty Learned	
Linda (Daughter of Jenny Barnes)	
Ken & Judy Maurer	
Faye Morosini	
Ginger Morris	
Betty Nelson	
Ron & Virginia Nelson	
Brian Neukman	
Dennis Parks	
Carol Perry	
Steve Pratt	