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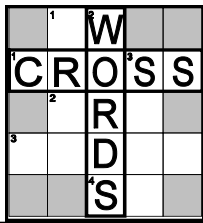
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

Pr aising God,
Changing Lives!



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Services each Sunday...

Praising God, Changing Lives for 135 Years!

Sunday Worship

10:50 am

Coffee Mingle— Post-poned due to COVID -19

Church Office Hours:

8:30 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

Updated Guidelines for Returning to the Church Building: Worship and More

Beginning this Sunday, May 31 (Pentecost Sunday), the church building will be open for worship gatherings again...after more than 2 months. We have not gathered together for corporate worship since March 8! As long as Mesa County remains relatively COVID-free, we will continue to offer more and more opportunities at the church building. For example, the staff will return to the church building for office hours next week, the Healthy Living Class has already returned to meetings at the church building, the Wednesday Evening Bible study will be held both at the church building and via Zoom each week, and more.

Even though we will begin gathering and worshipping at the church building again, things are not quite returning to normal - not yet and perhaps not ever (this pandemic will lead to some permanent societal changes, I imagine.) **Most importantly, I and the FCCGJ Executive Committee continue to prioritize your health (physical, mental, spiritual - your whole health) above all else.** With this in mind, please be aware of the following guidelines for returning to activity at the church building:

- **Masks must be worn at all times** in the church building. (Worshippers will not be admitted without a mask, but we will have some extra masks available for those who do not have or bring one.)
- **Worship Leadership** - For the near future, one person (typically Pastor Brad) will lead all spoken worship elements. We do this, so there will be only one person without a mask, and that person will be behind a plexiglass screen and very distant from the rest of the congregation.
- **Communion will be different.** The elements will not be distributed by deacons. Rather, some elements will be available on tables at the front of the sanctuary. **Worshippers are encouraged to bring their own communion elements from home.**
- **Music will be different.** Evidence suggests singing can spread the virus a greater distance than talking, even when masks are worn. As a result, we will show videos of songs and **encourage light/soft singing behind masks.** Please do not try to project your voice a great distance when singing.
- **There will be no coffee mingle or other non-worship Sunday morning activities.** Until we can figure out a way to have social distancing during coffee mingle or until it becomes safe (and legal) to not social distance, we will not have coffee mingle. Essentially, Sunday morning gatherings will be limited to worship only.
- **There will be one entrance and one exit for Sundays.** Please enter through the kitchen door and exit at the end of the north/education wing.

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Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements

FCC Birthday

May

May 30 Yvonne Warner

June

June 8 Jo Laughlan
June 16 Jeanice Swank
June 20 Keith White
June 29 Carolyn Bryant
June 29 Don Klitzke

July

July 3 Lily Fitch
July 7 Luther Thompson
July 8 Nancy Claussen
July 12 Maridel Andres
July 19 Doug Bryant
July 24 Dorothy Mitchell

FCC Anniversary

June

June 1 Jim & Carol
Matthews
June 23 Le & Nancy
Armbruster
June 26 Charles & Gaylene
Grimsley
June 27 Bob & Dottie Ruth

July

July 3 Earnest & Ruby
Eachus
July 19 Charles & Virginia
Johnson

Here's the Preaching schedule for May, June & July

- May 31, 2020 —Pastor Brad
("If Only God Would Put God's Spirit on Them")
- June 7, 2020 —Pastor Brad
("Living the Christian Faith: Enduring Temptation ")
- June 14, 2020 —Pastor Brad
("Living the Christian Faith: Live Impartially")
- June 21, 2020 —Pastor Brad
("Living the Christian Faith: Tame the Tongue")
- June 28, 2020 —Pastor Brad
("Living the Christian Faith: Whom to Follow/Trust")
- July 5, 2020 —Pastor Brad
("Living the Christian Faith: Friends of God ")

This is a paragraph for reflection:

Perhaps if we can take this catastrophe, which has caused pain and suffering for so many, and learn to be kinder to each other, live more sustainably, and look beyond ourselves, we'll see hindsight really is 2020.

Humorist Erma Bombeck says: "Worry is like a rocking chair: It gives you something to do but never gets you anywhere."



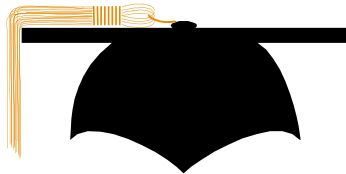
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- **Only one person will be allowed in each bathroom at a time.** Plus, we ask that you clean surfaces touched prior to leaving the bathroom.
- **Please maintain social distancing at all times while in the building.** Sanctuary (and meeting room) seating will look very different to help accommodate this.
- **Only return to the church building when you feel it is safe for you to do so.**

I look forward to seeing each of you whenever the time is right!

- Pastor Brad



Honoring Our Graduates

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. Please place this form in the offering plate or get the names to or the Office.

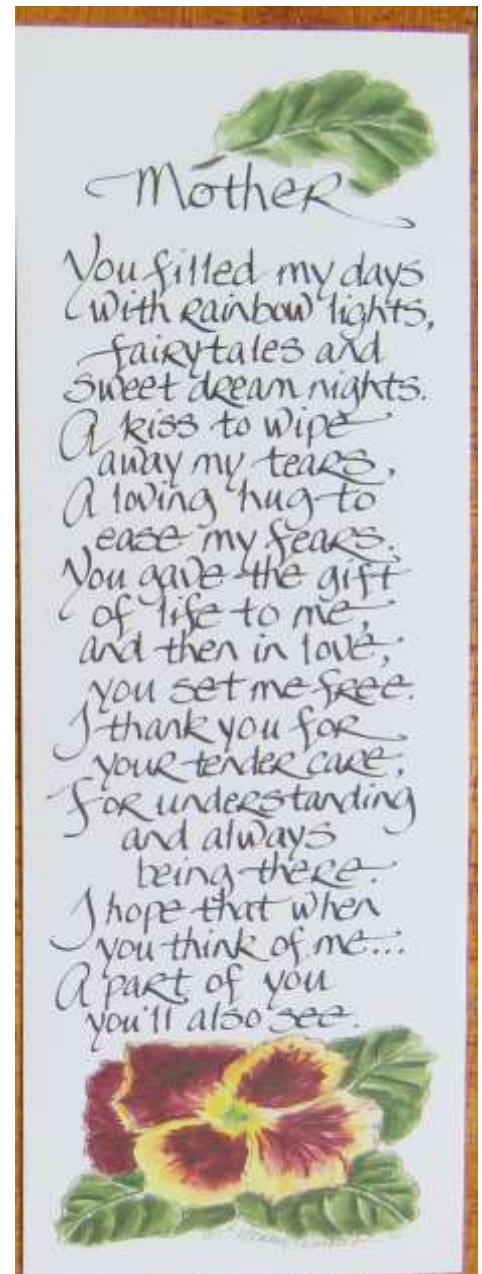
Graduate's name _____

School _____

Degree _____

Your Name _____

Your Relationship to Graduate _____





Announcements

-God Sighting in Stressful Times-

As we continue to live within this Covid-19 stay-at-home story, I have been reading a little about WW2 and some of the folks who were there. It's interesting to contrast the current crisis with the impact a world war had on the country and how people tend to react in stressful times such as we experience today.

As I was reading (and thinking about "God sightings"), I was reminded of a story Ben Carnes once told me. For those who have never met him, Ben and his wife were very active members of our church around the time our current church building was constructed. In looking through old church documents it is apparent he and Harold Moss were some of the primary movers and shakers of church financial activities.

For background, just a few weeks after his 18th birthday, Ben enlisted in the Army Air Corps. and was assigned to the 15th Army Air Force, 2nd Bomb Group, 20th Squadron in Italy. The primary objective of the 15th was to turn off the supply of oil to the Axis forces by bombing refineries and factories in Axis occupied countries. Before he celebrated his next birthday, Ben had flown 19 bombing missions.

As part of this undertaking, the B17 bomber in which Ben was a bombardier was assigned to participate in a bombing mission to destroy a refinery south of Berlin that manufactured fuel for the Messerschmitt 262, the first German jet powered aircraft.

A story I read in the Senior Beacon quoted Ben "Before we left, our commander said, 'Gentlemen, we don't expect any of you to come back'" "But the good God gave us a strong tailwind as we flew up the Adriatic Sea."

This then was Ben's story as I remember it. A few years ago, Ben attended a reunion of veterans who served with the 15th Army Air Corps. during the war. While there, he was approached by a man who asked if Ben had participated in the bombing of a specific refinery. Ben told him that he had, in fact, flown that very mission. The man went on to tell him that, at the time of the bombing, he was a prisoner of war in a POW camp located just beside the refinery. The Germans had the idea that locating the camp there might deter Allied forces from bombing the refinery and fuel dumps.

The man related that the prisoners in the camp knew the refinery was a primary bombing target. The day they heard the thunder of the bombers approaching, he said, they knew they would likely die when bombs fell. He went on to recount that, as the bombs began to explode, prisoners went out into the yard and joined together in prayer. He said, as the bombing continued, the explosions sent flames and smoke soaring thousand of feet into the sky. Although the prisoners definitely experienced the terrible intense heat and the tremendous concussion of the explosions, the prevailing winds blew the flames away from the camp and the prisoners were miraculously saved.

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What a story of true God sightings on so many levels. A young man in a B17 bomber flying a mission from which he was not expected to return and a young man in a German prisoner of war camp expecting to die in the holocaust of a burning fuel refinery, both praying for themselves and their comrades, and then ... meeting each other, for the first time, more than 50 years later.

Thinking about this story and the impact WW 2 had on this country, and the whole world, puts our current situation into a different perspective. We emerged from the war a stronger and more faithful people, let us pray that this current crisis has the same effect

Riecke Claussen

Hunting prey in family packs across the West, grasshopper mice are like tiny wolves — they even throw back their heads and howl to each other. They may be making territorial calls, or they may be letting their pack members know that they've caught dinner. These fierce nocturnal predators of deserts, prairie and grasslands hunt insects, other rodents and even scorpions.

During a pandemic, it's important to keep in touch with family and friends. Just be like a grasshopper mouse and do it from a distance — if not by howl, then perhaps over video call.

Oh, and if you're trying to avoid the grocery store? Take inspiration from these resourceful rodents: When they catch a Pinacate beetle, which defends itself by spraying a foul, toxic liquid from its rear end, grasshopper mice ram the beetle's backside into the ground so it can't spray, then chomp down on its head and abdomen, leaving its stinky behind, behind. You shouldn't be afraid to eat creatively, either.



Creation Care Team — We all need to stay in touch with family, friends and nature.



During the Stay-At-Home restrictions, Lamar and I have started walking most every evening, and we cross Broadway, walk across the Redland's Middle School grounds and into the Vineyards. Someone there is very creative, and we have been on a COVID-19 Rock Hunt. Messages vary from "Gone Fishing" to "Sparkle" or other feel-good thoughts. However, this rock is a sign of the times. Now we're looking for one that tells us to wear a mask. Hope everyone is staying virus free! Lamar & Joyce

Announcements & Thanks

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday, June 4th

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.

Explore.org is a great website to watch
nature in action. There are quite a few
different webcams that one can click on
and follow the different animals and
locations.

How to wear a mask without fogging your
glasses:

Wash the lenses. Surgeons use this trick—
washing glasses with soapy water to keep their
breath from fogging the lenses. The thin film
left by the soap prevents condensation.

To our Church family,

I would like to say a sincere THANK-YOU for
your prayers, cards and to those who keep in
touch by phone.

We go day by day with good days and bad
days.

Please keep the prayers coming for us.

May God Bless all of you.

Peace and Love,

Jeanne K.

31. How would you describe your sense of
humor? What kinds of things make you
laugh? Do you have a favorite comedian/
sit-com/joke/cartoon?

32. What is your favorite food to
eat? Is it something you make or
does someone make it for
you? Do you know the recipe? If
you can, include the recipe
here to share!



Betty Nelson has a new phone number

970-257-4659



WISH LIST

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Tissues

Diapers

Tampons

Cough drops

Tylenol/Ibuprofen/Advil

Non-perishable food items

Donations accepted Mon-Fri 9-4
2853 North Ave | (970) 256-9424



CANCELLED

Due to COVID-19

Cabinet Meeting

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Elders Meeting

June 14th

Via zoom

Our monetary donations to the Community Food Bank can be
continued even though we cannot give food. Make your mone-
tary donation through their web site: Community Food Bank of
Grand Junction or mail a check to PO Box 3614, Grand Junction,
CO 81502. Of course, if you donate through the church, it will
be included in our Crosswords Chart. The need is great.



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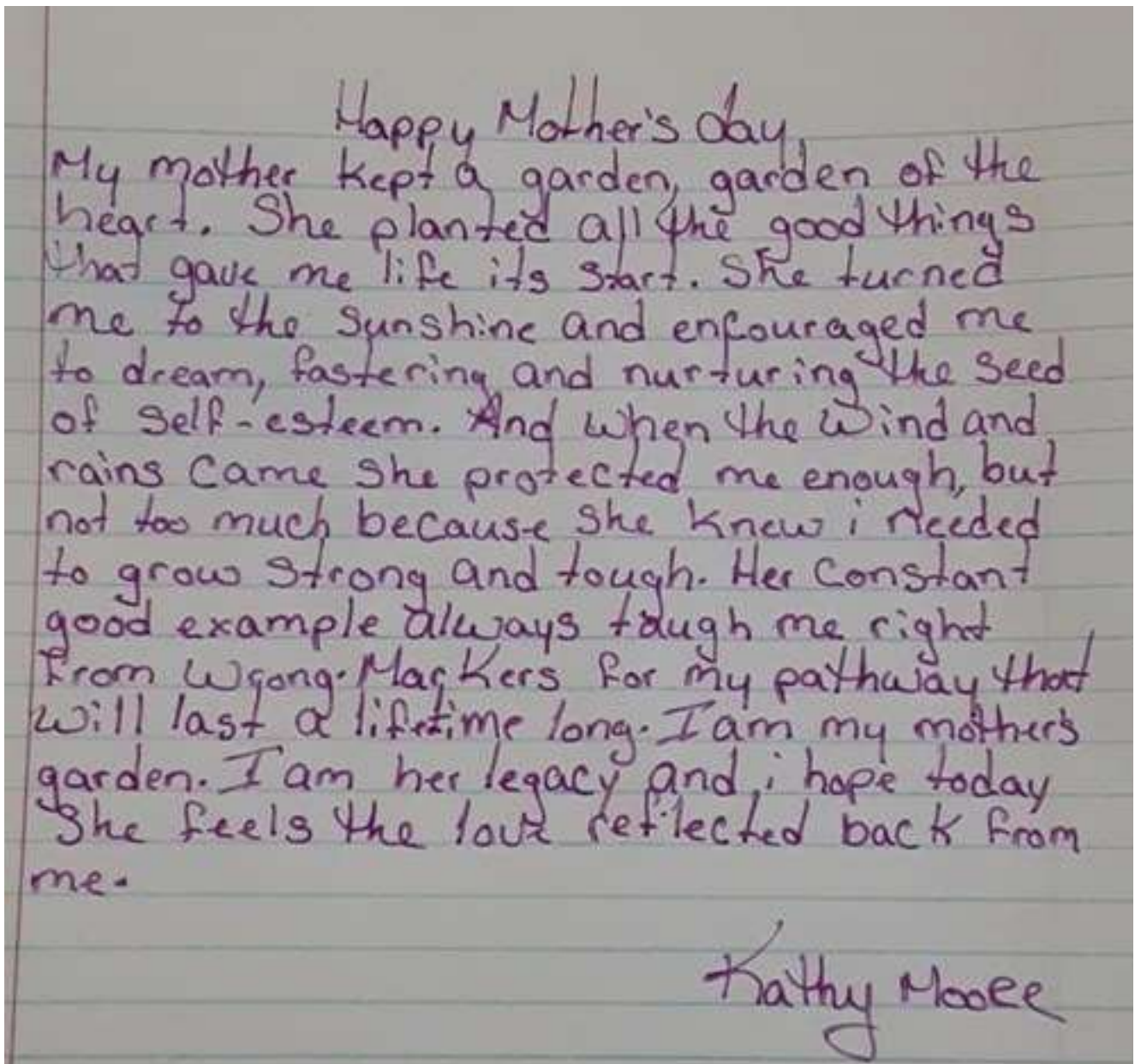
We all are praying for the front line responders all over the world, whether they are doctors and nurses, in law enforcement, preparing take-out or whatever. But we also are worrying about own family members who are performing their front-line duties. Do you want to share the names of your family members who are on the front lines? Call Tish in the office and ask her to add those names to our list.

Amanda Sundstrand, doctor's office in Denver area – niece of Joyce & Lamar

Doug and Lissah Norcross, police and sheriff's office in Grand Junction – cousins of Joyce & Lamar

Karen Edwards, dentist's office in Ferndale, WA – daughter in law of Lamar & Joyce

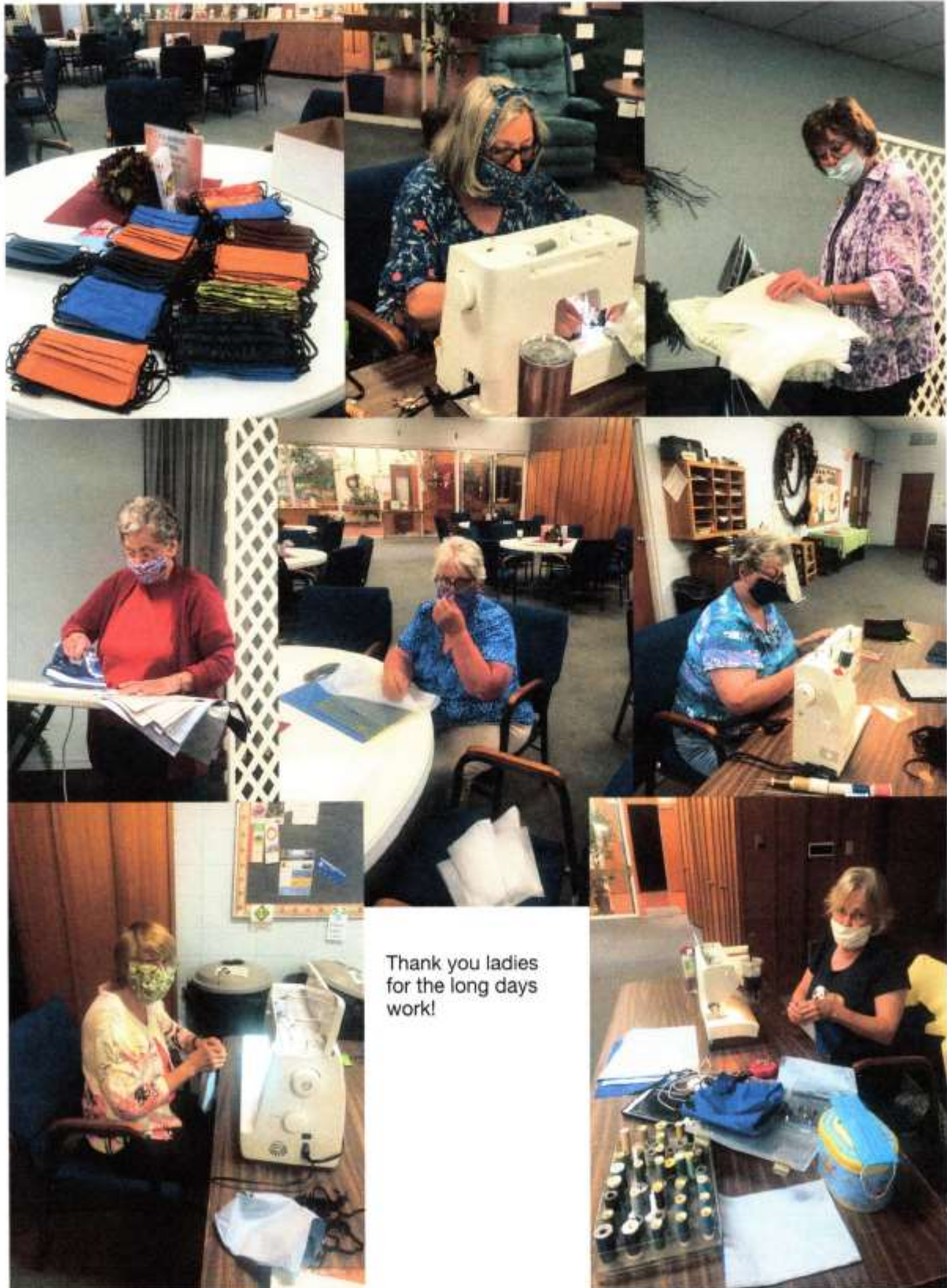
Wes Cruse, participating in Covid-19 vaccine study in Seattle – grandson of Lamar & Joyce





Announcements

Disciples Women Working "Together....Apart" for the glory of God to raise money for outreach projects!



FCC Prayer Concerns

“Pray without ceasing.”

I Thessalonians 5:17

Mark Barnes	Ginger Morris
Family of Ken Baumgartle	Betty Nelson
Jim Bennett	Ron & Virginia Nelson
Bill Brown	Brian Neukman
Amy Burns	Dennis Parks
Howard Coltfelter	Carol Perry
Johnny Cowan	Steve Pratt
Chuck Cummings	Dorothy Rhodes
Jeff Dean	Ike Rogers
Maurice Drake	Kyle Rosencrans
Barbara Dunning	Paul Scanga
Lois Dunning	Lois Stouffer
Earn Eachus	Sue & Allen
Sheana Emerson	Angie Tanksley
JameyLee Farney	Tierney
David & Vickie Hagan	Ron Velarde
JoAnne Hill	Alice Weiseler
Ethel Hoffman	Kemitt White & Family
Kitty Hughes	
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	



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

May 31, 2020

5th Sunday

Food Bank Sunday

Preparing Diaconate

Nancy Armbruster

Kathy Moore

June 7, 2020

1st Sunday

Preparing Diaconate

Nancy Armbruster

Kathy Moore

June 14, 2020

2nd Sunday

Preparing Diaconate

Nancy Armbruster

Kathy Moore

June 21, 2020

3rd Sunday

Preparing Diaconate

Nancy Armbruster

Kathy Moore

Church Calendar of Events

Thursday May 28, 2020

****Crosswords ****

No Praise Team

Sunday May 31, 2020

No Conversational Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

No Coffee Mingle

Monday June 1, 2020

10:30 am Staff Meeting

No FCC Bookworms

5:00 pm Woman's Bible Study via
Zoom

No M&M Bible Study

Tuesday June2, 2020

No Burger King Coffee Group

5:00 pm Healthy Living@ Church
building

Wednesday June3, 2020

No Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study
@ the Church building & via
Zoom

Thursday June 4, 2020

****Crosswords Deadline****

TBD Ruth Group

TBD Dorcas Group

No Praise Team

Sunday June 7, 2020

No Conversational Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

No Coffee Mingle