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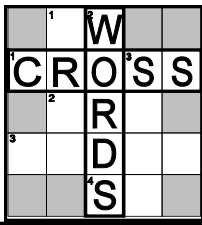
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

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

Let's Celebrate Whose We Are

As I considered what to write to you this week, my mind went to many places related to the chaos I see spreading across our nation. I thought about things like the creation narrative(s) in Genesis that demonstrate God's desire to bring order out of chaos. Then, I prayed. As I prayerfully considered what to write to you, my mind went not to the darkness of this world but to the amazing wonder of our God. Specifically, I heard God directing me to the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 100:

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

3 Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

5 For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

My friends, we live in a time in which so many voices are shouting aloud to tell us who and what to NOT be. I understand the anger and frustration; I do. However, I hear God calling me to direct you to consider something completely different: WHOSE to be. I hear God calling us to minimize our focus on the wrongs and focus completely on what is good, right, and just going forward. Doing so will allow us to present God's vision for the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. Surely, such a place is better than anything the voices of the world are demanding we become. Let' celebrate God, God's grace and love, God's kingdom, and our role as people of God! With such a focus, we can do more than get through these times; we can participate in ushering in something better. And how do we enter into this new place of God's design? "With thanksgiving."

- Pastor Brad

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements

FCC Birthday

June

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 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 June & July

- June 28, 2020 —Pastor Brad
("Living the Christian Faith: Tame
the Tongue")
- July 5, 2020 —Pastor Brad
("Living the Christian Faith: Whom to
Follow/Trust")
- July 12, 2020 —Pastor Brad
("Living the Christian Faith: Friends
of God")
- July 19, 2020 —Pastor Brad
("Living the Christian Faith: Live for
Today")
- July 26, 2020 —Pastor Brad
(Living the Christian Faith: Pray in
All Circumstances)

Plants in the Narthex

Be sure to check out the new plants in the Narthex. Thanks to a friend of Susan Barton who has donated them to the church. Also take time to look at the flowers on the hoyia plant next to the little cottage front on the north side of the Narthex. The flowers are quite pungent. It doesn't bloom that often, so it's a real treat.

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday, July 2nd

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.



Announcements

Donna Ham has recently donated several books to the church library. One of the books is "One World, One Heart" by Susan Polis Schutz. You may know that she with her husband own Blue Mountain Arts in Boulder. They sell greeting cards and email cards. You may have received or purchased some of their merchandise. After 9/11 she wrote a book of poems illustrated by her husband encouraging people to put aside their differences and come together in peace, understanding and tolerance. Consider this:

We must talk until there are no more words

We must explain until everything is understood

We must be honest until nothing is hidden

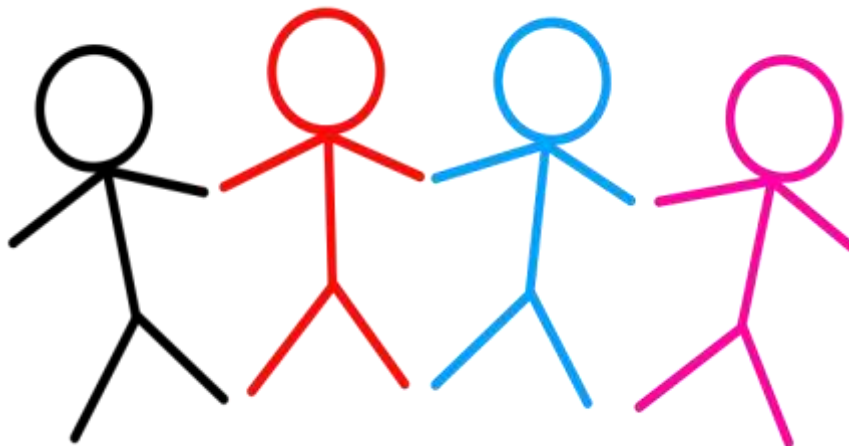
We must listen until everything has been said

We must question so that we know why

We must be fair so that everyone's basic needs are met

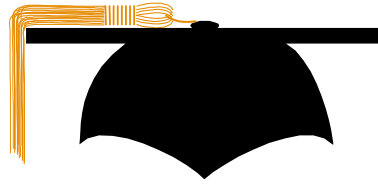
If there is no communication, there will be no bond

If there is no bond, there will be no friendship





Announcements



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 _____



July 18th
Cancelled

Cabinet Meeting

June 28, 2020

@ 4:00 pm

Via Zoom

Elders Meeting

July 12th

@ 12:30 pm

Via Zoom



Announcements

The Outreach Ministry is Honoring Lois Dunning

A School Supply Collection

Lois Dunning was the chairperson for the Outreach Ministry for years. I learned a great deal from her. At some point along the way she wanted to step back from leadership, but she never stepped back from being an Outreach champion. Lois sees need and she helps. She always said “yes” when it involved helping others. So, I want to honor Lois.

At this time of year, the Outreach Ministry usually begins collecting school supplies. This year I’d like to have the church collect school supplies in Lois’s honor. The school supplies, this year, will be given to a new teacher who is moving into town who will be starting from scratch setting up her 2nd grade classroom at Nisly Elementary.

Please consider collecting the supplies listed below (in Lois’s honor) and drop them off in the church office (by August 1). If you can not shop, then you can send money to the church and make it known that your money is going to support this Outreach Ministry effort. Once money is collected I will go purchase the supplies. Before the school year begins I plan to help this teacher set up her classroom and at that time I will give her everything that we have collected. Most importantly, I will tell her about Lois! And she will tell her students about Lois!

School supplies: markers, crayons, dry erase markers, pencils, folders, scissors, kleenex, hand sanitizer, stickers, post it notes, pens (red,blue,black)

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Barton, Outreach Ministry Chairperson



Announcements

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

Bryan Dyat, DEA, Grand Junction -- Son-in-law of Gary and Carol Steed

Mark Wright, Dentist, Colorado Springs-- Nephew of Jeanice Swank

Fletcher Drogas, Doctor in Chicago Hospital -- 2nd Cousin of Jeanice Swank

Rebecca Prim, P.A. Tinker Air Force Base Oklahoma -- Daughter of Sharron Armstrong & Granddaughter of Gene & Norma Matteson

Live church on Pentecostal Sunday was a very uplifting experience. The kitchen door was open and both Chip and Dennis greeted me as I entered. The sanctuary was decorated in red splendor and the main centerpiece was the sand box filled with real candles. It was flanked by a table on each side covered in red cloth. Communion was laid out on the tables for later participation. Pastor Brad lit the candles for us during Meditation Time allowing us to remember those who needed our prayers. The candles burned brightly throughout most of the service adding a lovely glow to the service and the cross stationed there. A bouquet of mostly red flowers complemented the overall appearance.

Grateful participant

Announcements



From The Bookshelf

FCC Bookworms read “The Color of Water” by James McBride. McBride was black; his mother was white and also

Jewish. She married a black Christian preacher, became a Christian and had 12 children—all of whom were well educated. Her story is that of an immigrant who gave up her faith and never looked back until her son wanted to know more about his mother. A mixed marriage—actually two, as her first husband died--during much of the racial unrest during the 60s. It is a compelling story about race, family and a determined mother. Available in the church library.

Thank you to the Worship Committee for the music and photo presentation that paid a heartfelt tribute to our fallen heroes during the Memorial Sunday Observance. It was very beautiful and hopefully can be shared again later for more to see.

Found in the parking lot next to the north wing (in the handicap parking) a black wool glove—the kind that go either right or left!!



Would you like a few iris this color?
Please let me know, and I can deliver them to the church or to your residence.

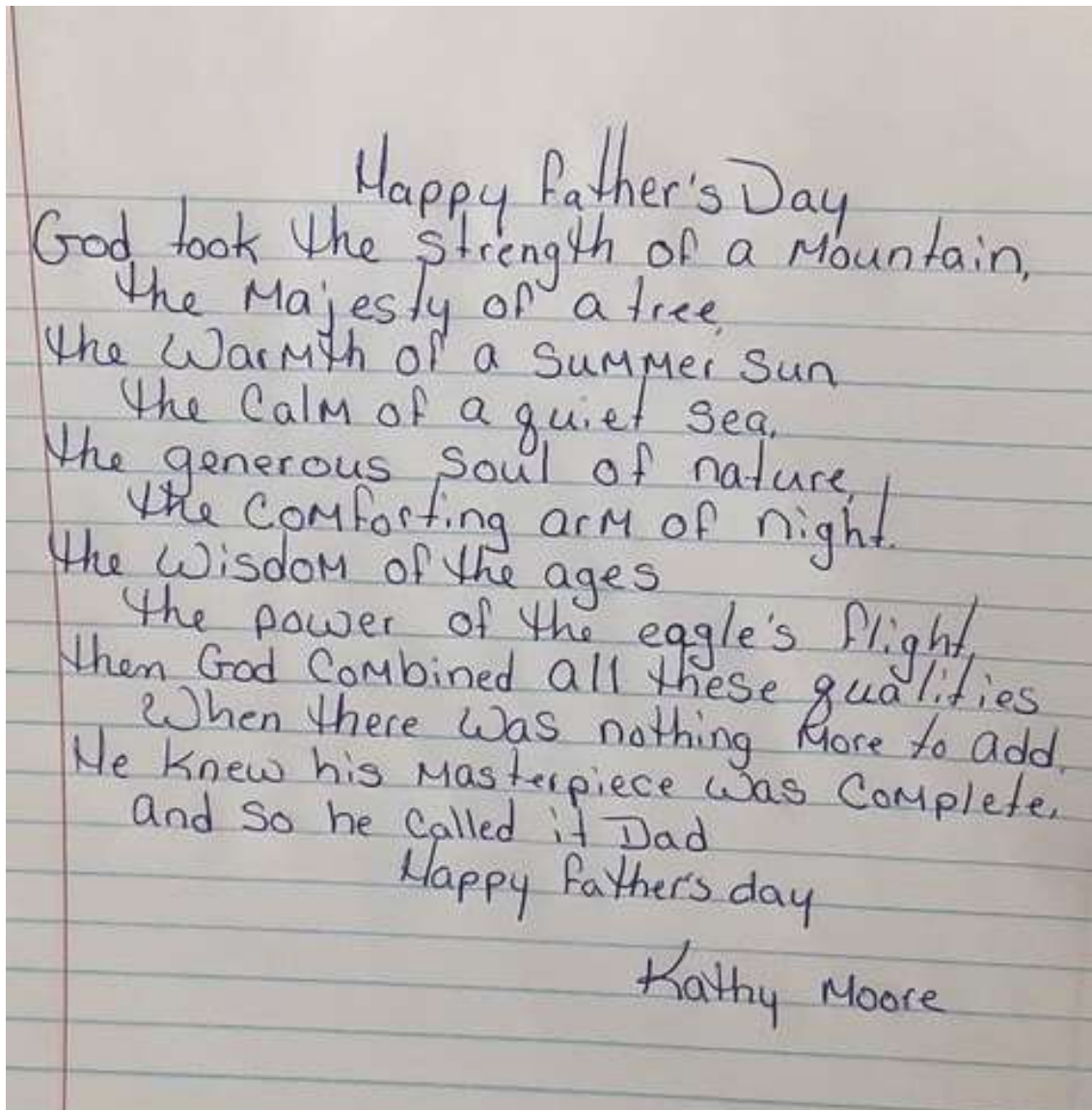
Thanks, Joyce



Lois Stouffer has a new room number at Eagle Ridge is #202.



Announcements



Dorothy Rhodes could use some uplifting cards to help her during this time of isolation due to COVID- Please consider sending cards to anyone that might be feeling isolated.

Dorothy Rhodes

815 26 1/2 Road

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FCC Prayer Concerns

"Pray without ceasing."

I Thessalonians 5:17

Mark Barnes

Jim Bennett

Bill Brown

Amy Burns

Howard Coltfelter

Johnny Cowan

Chuck Cummings

Maurice Drake

Barbara Dunning

Lois Dunning

Earn Eachus

Sheana Emerson

JameyLee Farney

David & Vickie Hagan

JoAnne Hill

Ethel Hoffman

Kitty Hughes

Eleanor Hubbell

Dee Johnson

Ed Jones

Nora Julette

Hailer Kellog

Jeanne & Don Klitzke

Jo Laughlin

Peggy Lawler

Betty Learned

Linda (Daughter of Jenny Barnes)

Adela Matera

Ken & Judy Maurer

Faye Morosini

Ginger Morris

Betty Nelson

Ron & Virginia Nelson

Brian Neukman

Dennis Parks

Carol Perry

Jeff Pratt

Steve Pratt

Dorothy Rhodes

Ike Rogers

Kyle Rosencrans

Paul Scanga

Lois Stouffer

Angie Tanksley

Tierney

Tyrone & his Mom

Ron Velarde

Alice Weiseler

(bolded names are new additions)



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

June 28, 20120

4th Sunday

Food Bank Sunday

Preparing Diaconate

Nancy Armbruster

Kathy Moore

July 5, 2020

1st Sunday

Preparing Diaconate

Nancy Armbruster

Kathy Moore

July 12, 2020

2nd Sunday

Preparing Diaconate

Nancy Armbruster

Kathy Moore

July 19, 2020

3rd Sunday

Preparing Diaconate

Nancy Armbruster

Kathy Moore

Church Calendar of Events

Thursday June 25, 2020

****Crosswords ****

1:00 pm CWF Executive Meeting @
Church Building

No Praise Team

Friday June 26, 2020

No Mexican Train Group

Sunday June 28, 2020

****Food Bank Sunday****

No Conversational Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

No Coffee Mingle

4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting via Zoom

Monday June 29, 2020

10:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Woman's Bible Study via
Zoom

No M&M Bible Study

Tuesday June 30, 2020

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

5:00 pm Healthy Living@ Church
Building

Wednesday July 1, 2020

No Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study
via Zoom

Thursday July 2, 2020

****Crosswords Deadline****

****Office Closed****

9:30 am Ruth Group @ Church
Building

1:30 pm Dorcas Group @ Church
Building

No Praise Team

Sunday July 5, 2020

No Conversational Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

No Coffee Mingle

Monday July 6, 2020

****Pastor Brad Vacation****

8:30 am Babysitters / CPR Class

10:30 am Staff Meeting

1:30 pm FCC Bookworms

5:30 pm Woman's Bible Study via
Zoom

No M&M Bible Study

Tuesday July 7, 2020

8:30 am Babysitters / CPR Class

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00 am Friends Going Forward@
Spoons

5:00 pm Healthy Living@ Church
Building

Wednesday July 8, 2020

No Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study
via Zoom

7:00 pm CO. West Quilters Guild

Thursday July 9, 2020

1:00 pm CWF General—TBD

No Homeward Bound Ministries

No Praise Team