



## Kevin's Korner

We're having visitors! Saturday, we had Sandra Nunez Currier join us for our Monthly Breakfast to talk about her new position with the City of Grand Junction, as Community Engagement Coordinator with the Community Development Department. The role of Community Development is "to guide and promote development that is vibrant, safe, provides a healthy lifestyle and has a broad and balanced range of land uses. We strive to support a community that provides quality employment opportunities with a mix of job types, has a diversity of housing, has exceptional medical and educational facilities and is child and senior friendly."

Sandra's role is to engage community partners like churches, non-profits, and other stakeholders, to find ways to partner in enhancing the quality of life. She listened to our questions and offered to help us better understand the needs of Grand Junction, especially those of our most vulnerable citizens. Great questions gang! That's how we are likely to discover ways that we can identify God's calling for First Christian Church.

Next weekend, we will have another visitor, Rosario Ibarra, from Disciples Church Extension Fund. She is the Building and Capital Services Advisor and will bring her expertise to evaluate our resources at First Christian Church, especially our building assets, which will be a vital part of understanding what we have to offer in the way of ministry to our community.

Rosario will arrive in Grand Junction next Saturday and will tour our building as part of her evaluation process. Then she will preach Sunday morning before joining us for our Pot-Luck Dinner, followed by a "consultation" with us about the ministry opportunities and possibilities, which we might consider as our "calling from God" in the future. An important part of Rosario's Consultation will be our answers to her questions, which Riecke shared with us in a recent email:

- Why does FCC exist?
- Why has God called you to be in Grand Junction?
- What are the mission/purpose of FCC and core values?
- Who is FCC? What talents can FCC offer to the community?

How can the building be a place to show God's love and care?

Sunday, Jeanne Klitzke, gave me her answers. I'm hoping that many more of us will engage in this conversation by bringing or sending in your answers as well! These are not our "final answers," as the game show would call them. But they are an important start to our conversation with Rosario, ourselves, and God, in the coming days and weeks.

This is our future that we're talking about with these visitors (including Joan Bell Haynes, just a few weeks ago). I'm confident that God has a purpose for this church in the future. This beautiful building will need some upkeep. This loving congregation will need to listen to God and each other to discover the gifts and strengths we have to offer to particular needs in the neighborhood and community around us. We also need to identify the partners in our neighborhood, community and denomination who might join us in ministries that will make a difference in people's lives. We are not alone! God is walking beside us in this process and He's already sending "visitors" to help us along the way. Just imagine what we might do with God's guidance and help! Just imagine! Then, let us imagine together with God!

You can send your answers to Rosario's questions to me, [revkevgj@gmail.com](mailto:revkevgj@gmail.com), to the church office, or to one of our Church Board members. Lead the way, Lord! We are ready to follow!