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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement



**PRAISING GOD
CHANGING LIVES!**



CROSSWORDS

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Services each

Sunday

Praising God, Changing Lives for 135 Years!

Sunday Worship:

10:50 a.m.

Church Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesday:

12:00 pm–3:00 pm

Friday: Close

Pastor Kevin Church hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 10 AM—3 PM

THURSDAY: OFF

FRIDAY: 10 AM—3 PM

Our Ministry

Statement

First Christian Church (DOC)

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.

Kevin's Korner

Wow! What a party!

Our Block Party on June 25th was a great event for many reasons: Lots of our folks committed to help in many ways. We worked together, figured things out, sweated some, smiled a lot, invited people (even strangers), baked, organized, grilled, served, greeted, welcomed, smiled, shared, teased, snacked, hydrated, listened to others, shared stories, played games, smiled, sang along, set-up, tore-down, cleaned-up, prayed, invited again, had fun!, celebrated, and smiled! Oh yes, I think we learned a bit too.

In other words, it was a great start at reaching out to our Sherwood Park neighborhood. As Melanie Ferron shared, 'It was a leap of faith, trusting that we were answering God's call by reaching out and serving others.' She also shared, 'Our faith calls us to watch out for how God might use this event and all our efforts, and how God is calling us forward to whatever comes next.' (paraphrase).

In Matthew 28:19—20, just before Jesus ascended to heaven, he commissioned his followers, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." How do we make disciples? I think we did a lot of things in preparation and practice during our Block Party to make disciples.

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Kevin's Korner Continued...

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Think about how we bring people into closer relationship with God. That is disciple making. And that can be done in many ways. But, disciple making almost always requires building a relationship. Every one of the list of actions from Saturday could be counted toward disciple making. I think everyone who came felt the Spirit of God through the hospitality that was offered.

I just want to say "Thank you!" to all of you who helped in our disciple making party (Block Party), including those who kept it all in prayer!

I read an article this morning that said, at least 1 in 4 Christians don't know that God calls them to make disciples. Now you all know. So, now we can all look for more ways that we can accomplish that commission from Jesus. Great start everyone! Let's keep it going!

Oh yes, Jesus also promised in his commission, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Blessings, Pastor Kevin

Please remember to give Pastor Kevin your favorite Psalm.



Dearest Grand Junction friends,

I still get the Crosswords online every month, and enjoy keeping up with what is happening there. It was fun to have Lily and Bill Fitch at my house for a visit, and to see them at our church for a couple of Sundays. Also, I have a spy in the Monday night guitar club who tells me anything she knows about the goings on in our old stomping grounds.

We are enjoying everything but the traffic here in Denver. The grandchildren are the biggest drawing card. We keep Charlie one day a week, and at three years old, he is obsessed with doing laundry. I think it is the button pushing thing, but he does know how to empty the lint trap, and offers his advice on whether I need to use 2 Tide Pods or 1 for the load. Millie just finished kindergarten and no longer has training wheels on her bike, and is taking ballet lessons. She is usually very outgoing and keeps us on our toes with her persuasion skills at getting ice cream, or a treat.

Alli, Matt and John keep busy with work and a social life.

There will be nine of us going to El Salvador on July 17-30. Greg, John and I will be among them. We will be building two houses, a driveway to the church and possibly working on the latrine project. I ask for your prayers for this mission. I have always felt those prayers as we do the work that God put in front of us to make the lives a little better for our brothers and sisters in El Salvador..

And, if this ever sounds like something you would like to take part in, please let me know. My friend Janie will be the only one from Grand Junction this year. I know some of you would enjoy the trip, and would feel like you gained more than you could possibly give back. It is a life-changing experience.

I keep busy with my Celebrant business. I try to schedule a bit of fun when I can, because it is sometimes pretty heart-wrenching. Greg is finishing a full set of cabinets for a son of a friend here. He says never again to making a full set. He just doesn't have room to store them, paint them, etc. We are hoping to remodel our bathrooms in the winter, so two vanities are on his horizon, but I think that will be manageable.

Thanks to Joyce for keeping me up to date, too. I am always interested in the Bookworm selections. I still have my old cell number, so call if you're in town. I miss you and love you all!

Love, Beth (Sherry)



I Know Something Good About You

*W*ouldn't this world be better if folks whom we meet would say,

"I know something good about you," and treat you just that way?

Wouldn't it be splendid, if each handshake good and true, carried with its assurance: "I know something good about you?"

Wouldn't life be happier, if the good that's in us all, were the only thing about us that people would recall?

Wouldn't our days be sweeter, if we praise the good we see? For there is a lot of goodness in the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be fine to practice, this way of thinking too; You know something good about me, I know something good about you?

Since we can never tell or tell the full story about any other human being, why not skip to the good highlights?



Your Support enables Community Food Bank Volunteers to provide up to Nine, Three-Day meal boxes to Mesa County Residents in need. And for that we want to say... Thank you for your Support.

May 2022

163 lbs.

June 2022

201 lbs.



DAD

This world has many heroes, some you know by name.
They give their best at what they do, so they deserve their fame.

But among all of the heroes this world has ever had,
There is not one admired more than the guy that I call Dad.

Perhaps not like the others, he doesn't look for praise.
He's heroic in his special way, in his thoughtful caring ways.

Perhaps he's not as famous as the others that you see,
But he's everything and so much more that heroes ought to be.

He keeps his word, it's good as gold, on this you can depend.

He's honest and he's loyal too; he's also a true friend.

When I hear about a hero, and the great things they have done,
It reminds me of my father; he is the greatest one.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Kathy Moore

6-18-2022



July 4th, Independence Day Fun Facts

- The 4th of July was not declared a federal holiday until 1938!
- 2 Of the Signatures were future Presidents. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson
- 13 of the signers were 35 or younger and 7 were 60 or older.
- The First public Fourth of July event at the White House occurred in 1804.



Summer and your Pets!

Never leave your dog in a parked car for any period of time. Dogs control most of their body temperature by panting, and when a dog becomes very hot, panting won't stop them from overheating. The temperature inside a parked car can climb 19 degrees in less than 10 minutes, exceeding the temperature outside of the vehicle. Dogs left alone in a car can quickly dehydrate, develop heatstroke, or die. Parking in the shade or leaving the windows down won't prevent your dog from dying in a hot car.

Residents who come across a pet in a hot car should call [Mesa County Animal Services](https://www.mesa-county-animal-services.com) at 970-242-4646. Even if the dog appears well, it can deteriorate quickly, so take action immediately.



Fireworks Safety *for pets*



- Keep your pets secured INSIDE your home.** Even dogs in fenced yards find ways to escape the scary sounds.
- Give them a safe place to hide.** Set up a comfortable room or crate in your house just for them.
- Use ambient noise to mask the noise.** A radio or TV playing comforting music works well.
- Update their IDs & microchips** (*just in case*).
- Skip the celebration and stay home with them.** Sometimes your presence makes all the difference.
- Keep them busy.** Treat toys, like Kongs, can help distract them during the display.

thatpetplace.com

Congratulations FCC

We have just saved another 12 lbs. of batteries from the landfill.

Remember: They can take all batteries except car batteries.



The Shining Word "And"

"And" teach us to say yes

"And" allow us to be *both-and*

"And" keep us from either or

"And" teaches us to be patient and long suffering

"And" is willing to wait for insight and integration

"And" keeps us from dualist thinking

"And" does not divide the field of the moment

"And" helps us to live in the always imperfect now

"And" keeps us inclusive and compassionate toward everything

"And" insists that our action is also contemplative

"And" heals our racism, sexism, heterosexism, and classism

"And" allows us to critique both sides of things

"And" is far beyond any one nation or political party

"And" helps us face and accept our own shadow side

"And" allows us to ask for forgiveness and to apologize

Father Richard Rohr (one of Pastor Kevin's sources of devotionals) offers a contemplative practice of embracing "and". He encourages us to read these words slowly, allowing for a both-and space to emerge within.

Practice Daily



Swallowtail on Milkweed

By

Norma Lovelett

Norma doesn't know how, but last year she had a few milkweed plants show up in her yard. She let them grow, bloom and scatter their seeds via little fluffy hairs called "coma", and look at her reward this year! We are encouraged to plant milkweed to provide food and a place for Monarch butterflies to lay their eggs, but other butterflies, such as the swallowtail, bees and insects take advantage of the flowers on the milkweed as well.

Thanks, Norma, for a beautiful picture.

Beth and Gregg Sherry and son John are making another mission trip to El Salvador the last two weeks in July.

If you are interested in donating, their address is:

579 S Poplar Way, Denver, CO 80223

Your donation will be put to good use.

Corrections to Membership List:

PLEASE check your own address to be sure it is correct!!

Carol Matthews: They will be visiting GJ from July 8-10

New Email: carol147@gmail.com



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Yard Sale on June 4th. We could not have done such an amazing job without each of you.

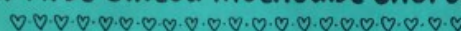
**-Lily Fitch, Disciples Women
President**

Please share for mothers that are in need of help with their newborns.

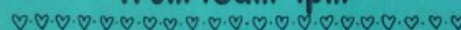


We MOVED!

The Diaper Depot has moved to
519 Grand Ave Ste. C
(The red brick building to the north
of First United Methodist Church)



We are open the
1st and 3rd Thursdays each month
from 10am-1pm



Join us for a
Grand Opening Celebration
Thursday, July 21st from 10am-12pm

For inquiries, questions or more information
contact Anna at diaperdepot@fumcgj.org

Cut along edges and return to red basket on table in the Fellowship Hall.

Crossword Questionnaire

1. Do you Read the Crosswords? _____

If not, could you let us know why? _____

2. What do you like about the Crosswords? _____

3. What don't you like about the Crosswords? _____

4. What would you like to see more of in the Crosswords? _____

5. We would like to have one version of the Monthly Calendar.
Would either be acceptable to you? _____

Sale of condo apartments- the 2nd condo, unit #16 has now sold. It sold for our asking price of \$200,000. The sale has not closed yet, so our net proceeds is not know at this time.

The funds received from the sale of unit #25, have been placed with the Christian Church Foundation in a permanent endowment titled “The Harold and Ruth Moss Fund”. We will recieve quarterly interest payments from this investment.

The property department has requested bids to paint the outside of the church, at this time we do not have responses, so do not have a cost estimate for you.

Please give me a call, or see me at church if you have a question about our finances.

Pam Baumgartle
Stewardship Chair
Finance Secretary

Income from January 1, 2022 through May 32, 2022						
Pledges						\$46,931
Building.						\$ 5,039
Western Colorado Community Foundation						\$ 2,645
Other						\$77
Total Income						\$54,692
Expenses						
Membership.						\$ 340
Outreach.						\$1,215
Property.						\$ 14,465
Stewardship.						\$190
Worship.						\$ 166
Office.						\$1,408
Payroll.						\$ 32,908
Total Expenses.						\$50,692
Net Income.						\$4,000

The Donation Box

The following items are acceptable for the donations box.

Thank you for your generosity.

-Susan Brown



- Canned Goods
- Rice
- Beans
- Protein
- Snacks (Homeless)
- Socks (Male)
- Undies (Female)

Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made. Our times are in his hand who saith, 'A whole I planned, youth shows but half; Trust God: See all, nor be afraid!'

— Robert Browning



July 2022

FCC Anniversaries

July 3 Earnest and Ruby
Eachus

FCC Birthdays

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

CROSSWORDS

Next Deadline is

July 21, 2022

Please submit to the
church office or email to:

firstchristiangi@hotmail.com

Articles arriving later than the
deadline will be included in
the next Crosswords.



200 copies of the Declaration of Independence were printed, only 27 are accounted for. One of these was found in the back of a picture frame at a tag sale and sold at auction for \$8.14 million to television producer Norman Lear in 2000. It traveled the country on display to the public for ten years.

Movie Day

Our next Movie Day at
church will be
Wednesday July, 20 at
10:00 am at church.

We will be presenting
"RUTH"

There will be Popcorn.



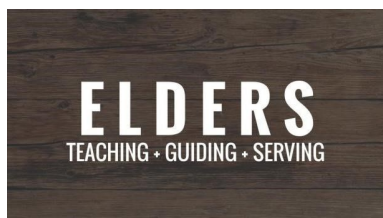
A Big Thank you..

To everyone that took part in making
The Neighborhood Block Party a big hit.
We could not have done it without you.



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS

July 3, 2022		1st Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Coffee Mingle</u>	<u>Collection Team</u>
Lily Fitch	Chuck Haigler	Lamar Edwards	Chip Ferron
<u>Greeter</u>		Joyce Wittwer	
Susan Brown			
July 10, 2022		2nd Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Coffee Mingle</u>	<u>Collection Team</u>
Cynthia Grover	Joyce Wittwer	Norma Lavelett	Chip Ferron
		Gloria Jeffery	
July 17, 2022		3rd Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Coffee Mingle</u>	<u>Collection Team</u>
Pam Baumgartle	Donna Ham	Beverly Dorson	Chip Ferron
		Susan Brown	
July 24, 2022		4th Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Coffee Mingle</u>	<u>Collection Team</u>
Gloria Jeffery	Al Baumgartle	Donna Ham	Chip Ferron
		Jeanine Klitzke	
July 31, 2022			
<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Coffee Mingle</u>	<u>Collection Team</u>
Riecke Claussen	Jeanice Swank	Ruth Accord	Chip Ferron
		Jeanice Swank	



FCC Prayer Concerns

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please Pray For:

Betty Nelson
Carter Clark
Citizens of Ukraine (Sergii Antonov)
Colin Velarde
Count and Maria Benjamin
David and Vickie Haegen
Ed Raff
Eugene Winebrenner (Diabetes)
Faye Morosini
Gerald Rubalcaba-Nephew
Ginger Morris
Jayden Williams
Jeff Dean
Jerry Laubhan
Kevin, Karen & Ian McHang
Kyle Rosencrans
Law & Military Enforcement Personnel
Les Armbruster
Lorrie Ham
Margie O'Dell
Megan Dixon
Mitch Acord
Nancy Armbruster
Our Church and Country
Paul Scanga
Regina Clark
Ric Rava
Sheri
Steve McPeck & Family
Tommy McBride (Tammy's Nephew)
Uvalde, Texas
Wyatt McNeece

Requested By:

Joyce Wittwer
Donna Ham
Shannon Arensman/Bonnie
Marian
Shannon Arensman
Nancy Armbruster
Lily Fitch

Nancy Armbruster
Santiago Rubalcaba
Carolyn Bryant
Lily Fitch
Gloria Jeffry
Lily Fitch
Shannon Arensman
Tammy Ostermiller
Kevin Arensman

Donna Ham
Shannon Arensman
Shannon Arensman
Ruth Acord
Nancy Armbruster


Bev Dorson
Lily Fitch
Shannon Arensman
Kevin Arensman
Tammy
Tammy and Rosencran's Family
Kevin Arensman
Santiago Rubalcaba

Bolded names are new additions



July 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	4 6:00 pm Guitar Club (Cancelled) 	5 10:00 am Friends Going Forward 6:30 pm Night N'Gals	6 9:00 am Parkinson's Support Group 6:00 pm Peer 180 6:00 pm Praise Team	7 10:00 am Ruth Group 1:00 pm Dorcas Group	8 1:00 pm Mexican Train	9 8:30 am WCARC
10 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	11 6:00 pm Guitar Club	12	13 6:00 pm Peer 180 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm Co West Quilters Guild	14 1:00 pm CWF General Meeting resume	15	16 8:00 am Monthly Breakfast 12:00 pm Territorial Daughters
17 9:00 am Elder's Meeting 10:50 am Worship 12:00 Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	18 6:00 pm Guitar Club	19 10:00 am Friends Going Forward	20 10:00 am Movie Day "Ruth" 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm Peer 180	21 ***Crossword Deadline***	22 1:00 pm Mexican Train	23 8:30 am Mesa County ARES
24 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	25 6:00 pm Guitar Club	26	27 6:00 pm Praise Team	28 ***Crossword Sent*** 1:00 pm CWF Executive	29	30
31 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	1 6:00 pm Guitar Club	2	3 6:00 pm Praise Team	4	5	6

JUST FOR FUN

Did you know... A day like today in History

July 6, 1885 - Louis Pasteur gave the first successful anti-rabies inoculation to a boy who had been bitten by an infected dog.

July 16, 1769 - San Diego was founded as the mission San Diego de Alcalá by Father Junipero Serra.

July 17, 1918 - In the Russian town of Ekaterinburg in Siberia, former Czar Nicholas II, his wife Alexandra, and their five children were brutally murdered by Bolsheviks.

July 20, 1969 - A global audience watched on television as Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon. As he stepped onto the moon's surface he proclaimed, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"

July 31, 1776 - During the American Revolution, Francis Salvador became the first Jew to die in the conflict. He had also been the first Jew elected to office in Colonial America, voted a member of the South Carolina Provincial Congress in January 1775.

BIBLE WORD JUMBLER

THEME: BIBLE PEOPLE PAIRS

Example: J O M A S E R P H Y – Joseph & Mary

1. A D E A V E M
2. G O D A L V I A I T D H
3. B R O U T A H Z
4. J E S A C A O U B
5. S I P L A U A S L
6. D E S L A I M S L O A N H
7. C A B A I E L N
8. A B S R A A H R A M A H
9. M O A A S R E O N S
10. P A R I Q U I S C I L L A L A
11. M A M A R R T Y H A
12. S A N A P A P N H I I R A A S
13. I S I S H A M A A E C L

WHAT'S COOKING?

For this 4th of July Independence family gathering, I share with you this delicious treat to help you keep cool in the heat while enjoying a good dessert.



Chocolate-Covered Frozen Bananas

Total Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Just cut peeled bananas in half, insert a lollipop stick into each and freeze until firm, about 1 hour. Then dip in melted red, white or blue candy melts; drizzle with more candy melts and decorate with sprinkles. Freeze until ready to

Bible Word Jumbler Answers

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Adam & Eve | 7. Cain & Abel |
| 2. Goliath & David | 8. Abraham & Sarah |
| 3. Boaz & Ruth | 9. Moses & Aaron |
| 4. Jacob & Esau | 10. Aquila & Priscilla |
| 5. Silas & Paul | 11. Mary & Martha |
| 6. Delilah & Samson | 12. Ananias & Sapphira |
| | 13. Isaac & Ishmael |