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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.

Finding Hope in the Book of Revelation.

Sermon Series begins Sunday May 1st.

Kevin's Korner

Kevin's Korner

We have a General Board meeting scheduled for next Sunday, May 1st, after worship. We have some important financial/investment decisions to make after selling the College Place apartments. We have reports from our visit with Rosario Ibarra, and from our Core Values inventory to review. We also have some big events coming soon, which will need support from all of us to help impact our neighborhood. You are all invited to attend Board meetings!

It is really exciting to see a "blossoming" of new ideas, new energy and new possibilities, in this "new beginning" at First Christian Church. But, gathering and trying new things will also bring challenges. Believe it or not, we sometimes have different ideas, different priorities and even different values. That's not a bad thing! It makes for a richer community when we find ways to communicate and work together.

Shannon shared one of her daily devotions with me, where Kirsten Holmberg tells about someone asking her about her politics. Seeing the possibility of divisiveness, Kirsten responded, "Since we're both believers, I'd rather focus on our unity in Christ." She reflected on Paul's Letter to the Romans, where people were divided by differing beliefs and practices around eating meat that had been sacrificed to idols. Paul didn't choose to judge either side in the debate but reminded these Christians of their "common ground: living for Jesus" (Romans 14:5-9). He encouraged the church to "do what leads to peace and to mutual edification" (v. 19).

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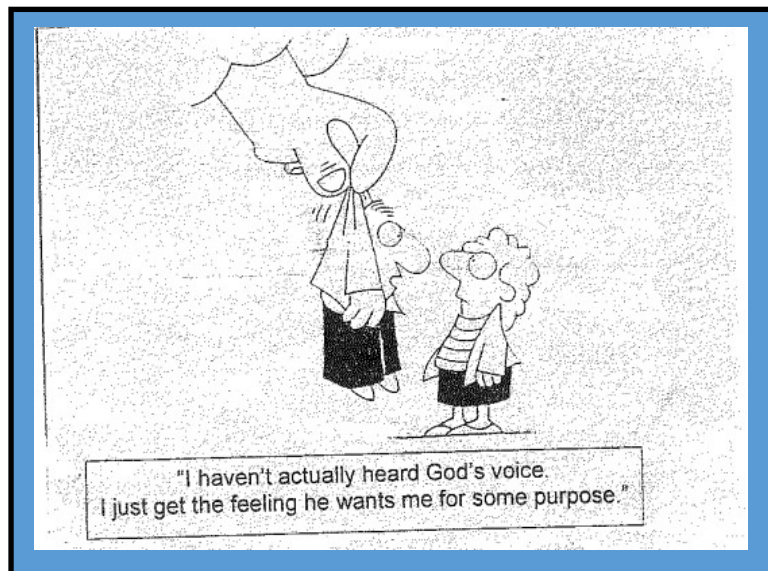
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As we move forward with important administrative decisions and new ministries for our church and our neighborhood, good communication will be essential throughout the church, if we're to display Jesus in our neighborhood and community. Yes, our leaders need to communicate what they are doing. But they need the rest of us to listen well, read the "Crosswords," emails and other communications; and ask questions. If you don't know what is going on, please contact me or Riecke Claussen our Board Moderator, or other Board members. Please come to any church meeting that you see on the calendar! You are invited to come and listen, speak or ask questions, even if you are not invited to vote. The Board meeting on Sunday will be just the place to contribute to the exciting future of First Christian Church through your participation. We need everyone to volunteer your ideas, your time, and your resources toward making our ministries effective.

Music update: The Fruita Fourth Friday event happened indoors last Friday, except for the band: myself, Chip Ferron and Tom Musgrove from Guitar Club. We were cold and wet, but happy about the good response. We hope we'll be invited again! Thank you, to all who braved the cold and wet to come and support us!

Shannon and I will take a week of vacation to see my dad in Salt Lake City from May 20th to 26th . Annie Grogan will preach on the 22nd.

Blessings! Pastor Kevin





Good News about ALZHEIMER'S

Did You See in the **Parade Magazine** April 10, 2022? Alzheimer's affects women two-thirds more frequently than men. But, new blood tests tell who's at risk and new medication is helping to slow the disease. Some ways to prevent Alzheimer's: "Exercising, getting good sleep and, having strong social ties are now seen as ways people can protect brain health."



Season of Lent and Easter Services

The 2022 Season of Lent was a season of "New Beginnings" which started a couple of weeks before lent with the Wednesday Bible Study of Genesis. Led by Pastor Kevin the many "New Beginnings" in Genesis were brought to life through the Bible and our study guide, which included videos of various chapters being read aloud and commentary to follow with the author, Peter Enns.

Our two meaningful Ash Wednesday Services were "New" with the first following the 10 a.m. Bible Study and the second in the evening, both with the imposition of ashes. Throughout the season Pastor Kevin and our choir led us to holy week with sermons and songs for the season. Palm Sunday started Holy Week with the waving of palms. The Maundy-Thursday service was performed by Pastor Kevin and several church Elders where the Light of Christ was extinguished.

Easter Sunday started with a delicious brunch before everyone made their way to the sanctuary which was clothed in white and many Easter lilies. Pastor Kevin lifted the Shroud and the light of Christ filled the sanctuary. In Pastor Kevin's welcome, he sang "In the Garden", and soon the entire congregation joined in for a memorable opening to our Easter Service. He is Risen Indeed! And we pray for "New Beginnings".



Financial Information – Sale of Church Property

The Church has been in the process of selling property that has been given to us in years past.

July 2021 – the Glade Park cabin property was sold for \$216,176.50.

This property was given to us by Meryl Kagee several years ago. The property has been used and enjoyed by the Church for camps, meetings and church services. The Church decided that we did not use the property in recent years. like we had done in the past and made the decision to sell the property in 2020.

We have been and continue to be grateful for the wonderful and generous gift. The proceeds from the sale will be used for renovations and repairs on our Church building. Currently the funds are sitting in our bank account at Grand Valley National Bank.

April 2022 – the condo unit # 25 was sold for \$ 195,325

Early in 2022 the Church Board made the decision to sell the two condos owned by the congregation.

The two condos (unit #16 and #25) were given to our Church by Harold and Ruth Moss many years ago. The condos have provided steady rent income to the Church through the years. Due to the complexity of managing property and the current home sales prices, the decision was made to sell both condos.

Harold and Ruth Moss were wonderful supporters of this congregation. Many times they provided funds for various needs of the Church. Their generosity to this congregation has been amazing.

The Mosses placed #25 in a trust agreement that is held by the Central Rocky Mountain Regional Foundation (CRMF). This trust agreement is complicated and very restrictive. Harold was always thinking of the future of the Church and for that reason, he and Ruth stated that when sold, the funds received from the sale of #25 were to be placed into an endowment. We are in the process of working with CRMF and Christian Church Foundation (our national foundation) to place these funds as required. Currently the funds from the sale are in our bank account at Grand Valley National Bank.

Due to the restriction placed on the property, the funds as a whole will not be available to the Church to spend in any way. They will be held to perpetuity with one of the Foundations. The Church will receive a quarterly payment of interest earned through that quarter.

April 2022 – Condo unit # 16 has been listed for sale. List price is \$211,000.

Condo unit # 15 is not restricted in any way. Once the property is sold the funds will be available for our use.

Pledges, Offerings and Expenses

Income and Expenses thru March 31, 2022		
Pledges and Offerings	\$	25,539
Income from building and condo rent		5,419
Restricted Offerings		1,681
Interest Income		2
Total Income	\$	32,641
Membership	\$	136
Property		8,963
Stewardship		169
Worship		51
Office		566
Payroll		19,784
Total Expenses	\$	29,669
Net Income	\$	2,972
Assets, Liabilities and Equity as of March, 31, 2022		
Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$	270,365
Property		370,144
Endowment		15,366
Total Assets	\$	655,875
Liabilities		
Payroll liabilities	\$	1,089
Memorial Funds		45,799
Other reserved funds		5,734
Total Liabilities	\$	52,622
Equity		
	\$	603,253
Total Equity	\$	603,253
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	655,875



AT EASTER TIME

By :

Kathy Moore



The Little flowers came through the ground. At Easter time, at Easter time.

They raised their heads and looked around. A Happy Easter time.

And ever pretty bud did say, "Good people, bless this holy day,

For Christ is risen, the angels say "At happy Easter time!"

The scarlet lily raised its cup At Easter time, at Easter time.

The crocus to the sky looked up At happy Easter time.

We'll hear the song of Heaven!" they say, It's glory shines on us today.

Oh, may it shine on us always At holy Easter time!"

Twas long and long and long ago That Easter time, that Easter time

But still the scarlet lilies blow At happy Easter time.

And still each little flower doth say, "Good Christians, bless this holy day

At blessed Easter time!"



Easter Lilies 2022



Given By:

Jeanne Klitzke and Family

Beverly Dorson and Family

Karen Lehmann

Gloria Jeffrey

Johnny & Marlene Cowan

Given By

Norma Lavelett

Lamar Edwards & Joyce Wittwer

In Loving Memory Of:

Don Klitzke

George Dorson

Her Mother Olive Lehmann

Her Husband James Jeffrey

In Honor Of:

Friends in the Church

Betty Nelson

Donations to Community Food Bank

Ann Hutton

Lamar Edwards & Joyce Wittwer





**Disciples Women's Yard Sale/Bake Sale/
Homemade Ice Cream/Hot Dogs**

Collecting donated items in the nursery by the tile area now. No furniture and no clothes but everything else accepted.



What charities do you support? Do you wonder how they use your money? If you are concerned about that, go to **Charity Navigator** which rates not-for-profit organizations on the strength of their finances, their governance practices, and the transparency of their operations. Four stars is the group's highest rating.

Christian Women's Fellowship (DW)

General meeting

Thursday, May 12, 1:00pm

Join us at 1:00pm for live music and Celtic lore, featuring entertainment by the local band *Fifth Reel*. *Fifth Reel* plays for English country dances and contra dances in the Grand Valley and beyond. Many of these traditional dances are centuries old. What's more, intriguing stories lie behind the music, as well as the dances themselves. Some of these tales are funny, some are tragic, all are fascinating!



EVERYONE is invited to come and enjoy a toe-tapping program of music, stories, and dance!

Night'ngals group hosts and provides worship.

As we are called to see ourselves and each other as earthen vessels that holds God's presence and bring God's gifts to the world, so too, this very world and all that is above, around and within it are earthen vessels— just as easily shattered, just as much in need of our loving attentiveness and support. May our hands align with God's caressing and shaping these vessels.

For trees, plants crops, forests. Let us pray.

For water, oceans, rivers, streams and ponds. Let us pray.

For air, wind, climate and weather. Let us pray.

For sun, clean energy and prevention of global warming. Let us pray.

For Animals, especially endangered species. Let us pray.

For All humankind. Let us pray.

For recycling and moderate personal consumption. Let us pray.

For Proper use of chemicals and disposal of toxic waste. Let us pray.

For Earth and Unity. Let us pray.

Creator God, we thank you for all creation. We ask you for your forgiveness where we have failed to be just stewards. And we now ask for your guidance in restoring the face of the Earth. May we learn to live in harmony, safety and just sharing of resources among all so we achieve the Kingdom of God. Peace be to this community. Peace be to this land. Peace be to all the people and all creation. Amen.





"Lost and Found"

Ann Hutton has misplaced a
silver earring. If seen please
call Ann at 243-8593

Thank you!



It's Up to You in 2022

MAY

FRIENDSHIP DAY

May 13 at 11:30 AM

Salad Potluck Luncheon

First Christian Church
1326 North First Street

"A Call to Serve"
Program and Music by
Kevin Arensman, Pastor

Celebration of the Least Coin
Sponsored by Church Women United



Community Food Bank

April 2022

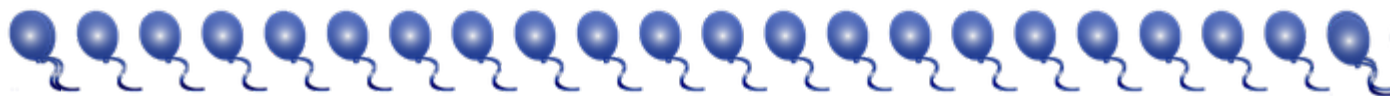
First Christian Church has donated
182Lbs. of essential goods to the
Community Food Bank. An additional
75 Lbs. was taken from the donation
boxes for the given boxes.

A Big
**THANK
YOU!**

257 lbs.

**Community
FOOD
BANK**





MAY 2022

FCC Anniversaries

May 14 Al & Elsie Ladage

FCC Birthdays

May 1 Charles Johnson
7 Pam Baumgartle
10 Al Baumgartle
10 Johnny Cowan
13 Norma Lavelett
17 Jeanne Klitzke
19 Marlene Cowan
21 Carol Matthews
22 Bill Fitch
23 Wayne Ostermiller
25 Alex Everett
30 Yvonne Warner



CROSSWORDS

Next Deadline is

May 19, 2022

Please submit to the church office
or email to:

firstchristiangj@hotmail.com

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

Corrections to 2022 Membership List:

Earn and Ruby Eachus: Please change street
number to 748.

Robin Slater: Add phone number of 970 314-
0396

Correction to Pictorial Directory

Jeanice Swank: Her new address is: 1501 N 1st
St #124, 81501

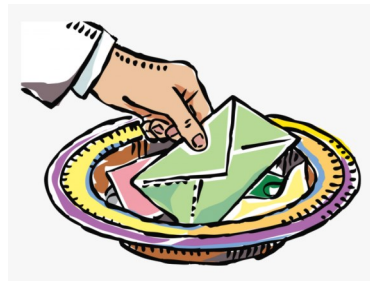
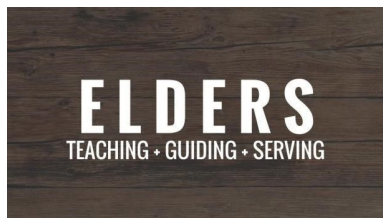
JoAnne Eggers: 970-216-4354

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FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS

May 1, 2022		1st Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Coffee Mingle</u>	<u>Collection Team</u>
Dennis Edwards	Al Baumgartle	Lamar Edwards	Yvonne Warner
		Joyce Edwards	Jeanice Swank
May 8, 2022		2nd Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Coffee Mingle</u>	<u>Collection Team</u>
Cynthia Grover	Chuck Haigler	Norma Lavelett	Yvonne Warner
		Gloria Jeffery	Jeanice Swank
May 15, 2022		3rd Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Coffee Mingle</u>	<u>Collection Team</u>
Al Baumgartle	Jeanice Swank	Riecke Claussen	Yvonne Warner
		Nancy Claussen	Jeanice Swank
May 22, 2022		4th Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Coffee Mingle</u>	<u>Collection Team</u>
Gloria Jeffery	Joyce Wittwer	Susan Brown	Yvonne Warner
		Beverly Dorson	Jeanice Swank
May 29, 2022		4th Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Coffee Mingle</u>	<u>Collection Team</u>
Pam Baumgartle	Donna Ham	Donna Ham	Yvonne Warner
		Jeannie	Jeanice Swank



FCC Prayer Concerns

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please Pray For:

Asia (Pregnancy)
Betty Nelson
Charlie Johnson
Citizens of Ukraine (Sergii Antonov)
Colin Velarde
Count and Maria Benjamin
David and Vickie Haegen
Eugene Winebrenner (Diabetes)
Faye Morosini
Gary Steed
Gerald Rubalcaba-Nephew (Wegener's Disease)
Ginger Morris

Jayden Williams

Jeff Dean
Jerry Laubhan
Kyle Rosencrans

Lorrie Ham

Mitch Acord
Nancy Armbruster

Pam Baumgartle

Paul Scanga
Regina Clark
Ric Rava

Steve McPeck & Family

Tommy McBride (Tammy's Nephew)
Wyatt McNeece

Requested By:

Kathy
Joyce Wittwer
Jeanice
Shannon Arensman/Bonnie
Marian
Shannon Arensman
Nancy Armbruster

Nancy Armbruster
Elders
Santiago Rubalcaba

Carolyn Bryant
Lily Fitch
Gloria Jeffry
Lily Fitch
Tammy Ostermiller
Donna Ham
Ruth Acord
Nancy Armbruster
Shannon
Bev Dorson
Lily Fitch
Shannon Arensman
Tammy
Tammy and Rosencran's Family
Santiago Rubalcaba



Pray for Ukraine



Bolded names are new

Church Calendar of Events

Friday, April 29, 2022

10:00 am FCC Bookworm
6:00 pm NA

Saturday, April 30, 2022

8:30 am Mesa County ARES
6:00 Pm NA

Sunday, May 1, 2022

10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Coffee Mingle
6:00 pm NA (Men only)

Monday, May 2, 2022

6:00 pm Guitar Club

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

6:30 pm Night N'Gals

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

9:00 am Parkinson's Support Group
6:00 pm Praise Team

Thursday, May 5, 2022

10:00 am Ruth Group
1:30 pm Dorcas Group

Friday, May 6, 2022

1:00 pm Mexican Train
6:00 pm NA

Saturday, May 7, 2022

6:00 pm NA

Sunday, May 8, 2022

10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Coffee Mingle
12:15 pm Elders meeting
(Conference Room)
6:00 pm NA (Men only)

Monday, May 9, 2022

6:00 pm Guitar Club

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

CO West Quilters Guild
6:00 pm Praise Team
6:00 pm Peer 180

Thursday, May 12, 2022

1:00 pm CWF General Meeting

Friday, May 13, 2022

10:00 am FCC Bookworm
10:30 am CWU Salad Luncheon
6:00 pm NA

Saturday, May 14, 2022

8:00 am Men's Breakfast
8:30 am WCARC
6:00 pm NA

Sunday, May 15, 2022

10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Coffee Mingle
6:00 pm NA (Men only)

Monday, May 16, 2022

6:00 pm Guitar Club

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

6:00 Praise Team

Thursday, May 19, 2022

*** Crossword Deadline***

Friday, May 20, 2022

Pastor Kevin and Shannon Vacation 20-26

1:00 pm Mexican Train

6:00 pm NA

Saturday, May 21, 2022

8:00 am Monthly Breakfast
12:00 pm Territorial Daughters
6:00 pm NA

Sunday, May 22, 2022

10:50 am Worship
11:00 am Annie Grogan Preach
12:00 pm Coffee Mingle
6:00 pm NA (Men only)

Monday, May 23, 2022

6:00 Guitar Club

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

6:00 pm Praise Team
6:00 pm Peer 180

Thursday, May 26, 2022

*** Crossword Sent***

1:00 pm CWF Executive

Friday, May 27, 2022

10:00 am FCC Bookworm
6:00 pm NA

Saturday, May 28, 2022

8:30 am Mesa County ARES
6:00 Pm NA

Sunday, May 29, 2022

10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Coffee Mingle
6:00 pm NA (Men only)

Monday, May 30, 2022

6:00 pm Guitar Club

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

MAY 2022



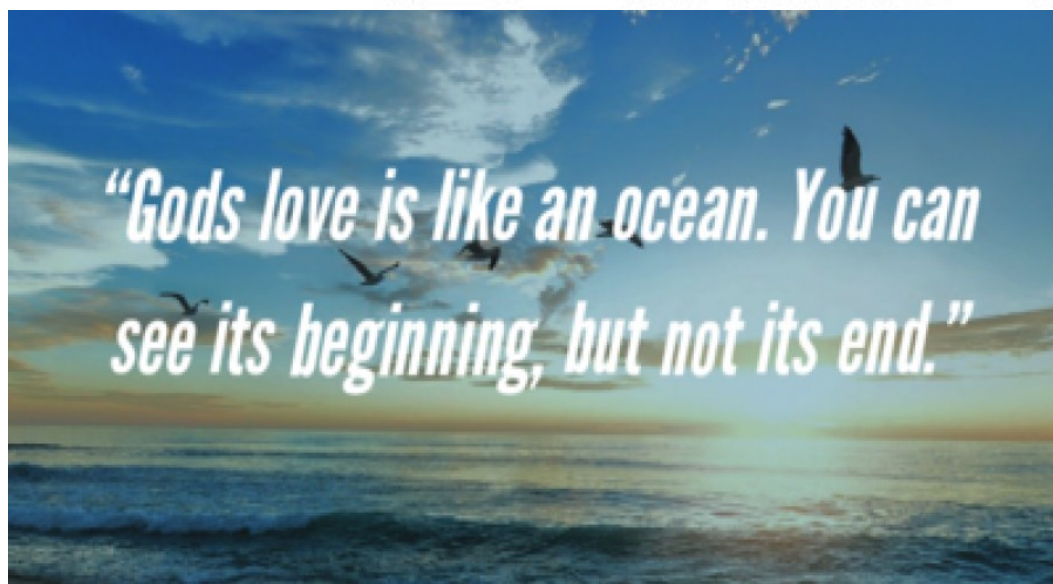
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Word Search theme: The Beach



BEACH VOLLEYBALL
BOARDWALK
FAMILIES
FLIP-FLOPS
LIFEGUARD
PELICAN
SAILBOAT
SANDCASTLES
SEA GLASS
SEAGULL

SHARK
SUNGLASSES
SUNSCREEN
SURFERS
SWIMSUIT
TROPICAL
UMBRELLA
VACATION
WAVES



ANSWERS

IN PAGE

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JUST FOR FUN

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

May 4, 1494 - During his second journey of exploration in the New World, Christopher Columbus discovered Jamaica.

May 7, 1992 - The 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, prohibiting Congress from giving itself pay raises.

May 10, 1994 - Former political prisoner Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as president of South Africa. Mandela had won the first free election in South Africa despite attempts by various political foes to deter the outcome.

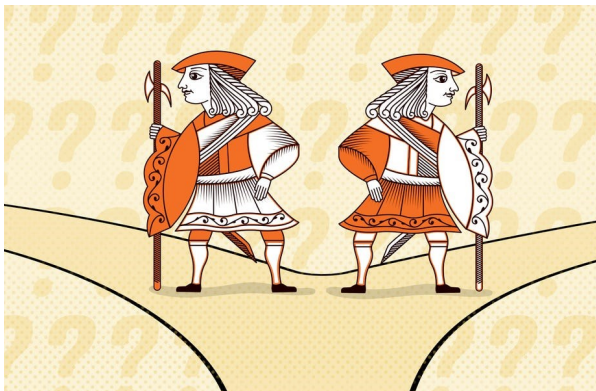
May 14, 1607 - The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England.

May 30, 1783 - The *Pennsylvania Evening Post* became the first daily newspaper published in America.

THINK ABOUT IT!

You are walking down a road and come to a fork. One path leads to certain death; the other leads to eternal happiness. You don't know which is which. In the middle of the fork, you come across two brothers, which they know which is which. One brother always tells the truth and the other always lies. You can only ask them one question.

How would you determine which road to take?



Let's go to the ZOO!

Manatee

Despite their large size, West Indian manatees are graceful swimmers. Although they usually move along in slow motion, they can also cruise, or swim at a steady pace, at five miles per hour. When in shallow water, manatees use their flippers to walk, slowly placing one in front of the other. While swimming, manatees take in air every three or four minutes. When they are resting, they can stay underwater for up to 15 minutes.



Crossword Answers from page 15.

Word Search 1: The Beach

