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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement



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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

The Conversation continues... and so does the fun!

August 7th will be the continuation of our conversation about how First Christian Church can best be/become the church God is calling us to be in 2022 and beyond; right after we celebrate being the church with an Ice Cream Social after worship that day. Yum!!!

You'll remember that Rosario Ibarra visited us back in March to look over our building and our ministries, and then talk about how we can grow and strengthen our church and our ministries in order to have a greater impact on our neighborhood and our community.

We followed that up with a survey of our Core Values at First Christian Church, where we identified the following Core Values: Spiritual Growth; Worship; Love for neighbor; Faith/Faithfulness; Compassion; Teaching; Service; Putting God first; Communication; Hospitality and Gratitude. Of course, we need to talk about which of these are just part of being a church and which are our special calling from God for this time and place.

I'm thinking that we ought to have some conversation about what is so special about First Christian Church. Before our Ice Cream Social, would you think about these questions:

- 1. Your favorite memories?
- 2. What keeps me coming back?
- 3. What I'm most proud of at FCC?
- 4. What symbols at FCC have special meaning?
- 5. What are the major decisions FCC has made?

These will make good conversation starters when we get together, don't you think?

Kevin's Korner Continued...

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Our Cabinet Meeting, following the Ice Cream Social, will give us all a chance to hear about the ministries of First Christian Church, one at a time; to ask questions and offer suggestions; and to see how you can get involved (We all can find a place for ministry at FCC!).

My hope is that we can bring ourselves back from our summer fun (Actually, a lot has been done in recent months!) just long enough to start thinking about the Fall and our journey together with God into the future.

What an adventure we have going! I hope to see you on August 7th!

Blessings! Pastor Kevin



National Night Out Celebration, Tuesday, August 2nd, 6-8:00pm

Friends of Sherwood Park Neighborhood Assoc.

First Christian Church is connecting with our neighborhood by participating in the National Night Out Celebration next **Tuesday**, **August 2nd**, **6 to 8:00 P.M**.

Our Outreach Ministry will be providing Hotdogs and chips. Our house band, "Out of Sanctuary" (Chip Ferron, Kevin Keith Arensman, Tom Musgrove and Liam Monroe), will be performing live music, including original music by Pastor Kevin.

Come on out and support our neighborhood association and get to know our neighbors. Building relationships is always the most important step.

FCC SHEPHERDING LISTS

Al Baumgartle

Suzanne Andrew

Carolyn and Doug Bryant

Bill & Lily Fitch

Annie Grogan

Donna Ham

Gloria Jeffrey

Travis Plienis

Tara Stauffer

Luther Thompson

Johnny and Jeanette West

Lily Fitch

Pam and Al Baumgartle

JoAnne Eggers

Dennis and Linda Eggers

Chip and Melanie Ferron

Paula Schaffer

Jerry Laubhan

Wayne and Tammy Ostermiller

Robin Slater

Marian and Ron Velarde

Bonnie Watts

Shannon Arensman

Chuck Haigler

Miles Brekke

Mary Ann Bogani

Earnes and Ruby Eachus

Leonard and Kathy Gardner

Al and Elsie Ladage

Gary Steed

Jeanice Swank

Bob Wise

Joyce Wittwer

Maridel Andres

Les and Nancy Armbruster

Janet Biederman

David Morgan

Marilyn Coff

Angie Drake

Tony Guarente

Jerry Francis

Gayle Johnson

Kathy Moore

Betty Nelson

Santiago Rubalcaba

Donna Ham

Suzanne Allmer

Sharon Armstrong

Riecke and Nancy Claussen

Richalyn Cox

Johnny and Marlene Cowan

Chuck Haigler

Eleanor Hubbell

Tamara James, Gabriella and Ebony

Terry Laughlin

Karen Lehman

Norma and Gene Matteson

Yvonne Warner

Jeanice Swank

Ruth Acord

Beverly Dorson

Joyce Edwards and Lamar Wittwer

Ralph and Cynthia Grover

Joanne Hill

Ann Hutton

Virginia Johnson

Jeanne Klitzke

Norma Lavalett

Dorothy Mitchell

Audrey Richardson

Summertime

Summertime is here! I'm letting out a great cheer!

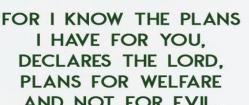
Sunshine and flip flops, ice cream and tank tops.

Summertime is here! Let's all give a great cheer!

Swimming and trips to the park, It's late in the night when it gets dark.

Summertime is here! Let's all give a great cheer! But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Genesis 45:7



jeremiah 29:11

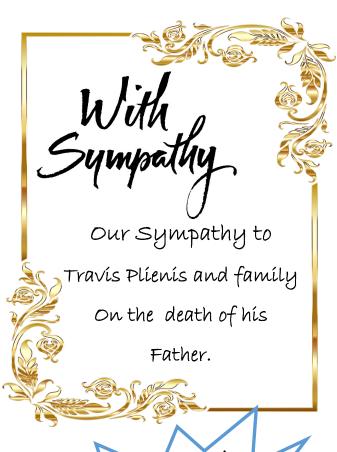
AND NOT FOR EVIL, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE.

Nancy Armbruster for many years saw to it that Easter lilies graced the sanctuary during lent for all to enjoy before they were then allowed to be taken home by those who had purchased one. Each year there were some that went unwanted, and Nancy suggested to Susan Brown (our resident gardener) to plant those on the church grounds. Susan complied, and you can see that her efforts have paid off. We had several beautiful blooms this summer near the blue spruce tree--just north of the butterfly garden that is in a glorious array of colors.

Take a minute to enjoy nature.







Movie Day: Wednesday August 17 at 10:00 am

The Shack

After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his

innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever.



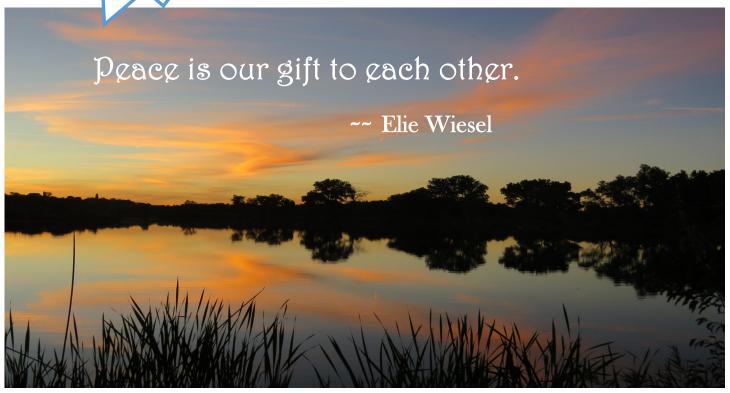
Highly Recommended

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by Pastor Kevin and

Shannon Arensman.

We have 3 copies available if you are interested to read the book. Please Let the office know so we can issue a copy to you.



Corrections to Membership List

- Gene Matteson, 625 27 1/2 Rd #159, 81506
- Norma Matteson, 2825 B Dottie Ln, 81506
- Dorothy Mitchell is now in No. 124 at 3260 N 12th St, 81506
- Suzanne Allmer, 970-250-5850, 125 Franklin Ave., #208, Grand Junction CO 81505





CLASSIC STUFFED PEPPERS

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 C. UNCOOKED RICE

2 TBSP. OF OIL , PLUS MORE FOR DRIZZLING

1 MEDIUM CHOPPED ONION

2 TBSP. TOMATO PASTE

3 CLOVES GARLIC, MINCED

1 LB. OF GROUND BEEF

1 (14 OZ) OF CAN TOMATOES

1 1/2 TBSP. DRIED OREGANO

KOSHER SALT

BLACK PEPPER

6 BELL PEPPERS, TOPS AND CORES REMOVED

1 C. SHREDDED CHEESE



DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°. In a small saucepan, prepare rice according to package instructions. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Cook onion until soft, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomato paste and garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute more. Add ground beef and cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, 6 minutes. Drain fat.
- 2. Return beef mixture to skillet, then stir in cooked rice and diced tomatoes. Season with oregano, salt, and pepper. Let simmer until liquid has reduced slightly, about 5 minutes.
- 3. Place peppers cut side-up in a 9"-x-13" baking dish and drizzle with oil. Spoon beef mixture into each pepper and top with Monterey jack, then cover baking dish with foil.
- 4. Bake until peppers are tender, about 35 minutes. Uncover and bake until cheese is bubbly, 10 minutes more.

Just a Reminder One of the responsibilities of Membership is sending cards for various occasions to members of the church, or others if requested. We send out sympathy cards, get well cards, as well as birthday cards to those who are over 90. If you have a friend or relative you think would appreciate a card from our church family, please contact Joyce Wittwer (Membership chair) or Jeanette West who will send a card.

Happy, Happy 98th Birthday, Dorothy!

Sunday, July 24, 2022 was a happy occasion for Dorothy Mitchell and everyone at First Christian Church!!!

Dorothy, her "daughter" Debbie, and friends attended church service where Pastor Kevin wished her a

Happy 98th birthday, and we all sang "Happy Birthday, Dorothy"!

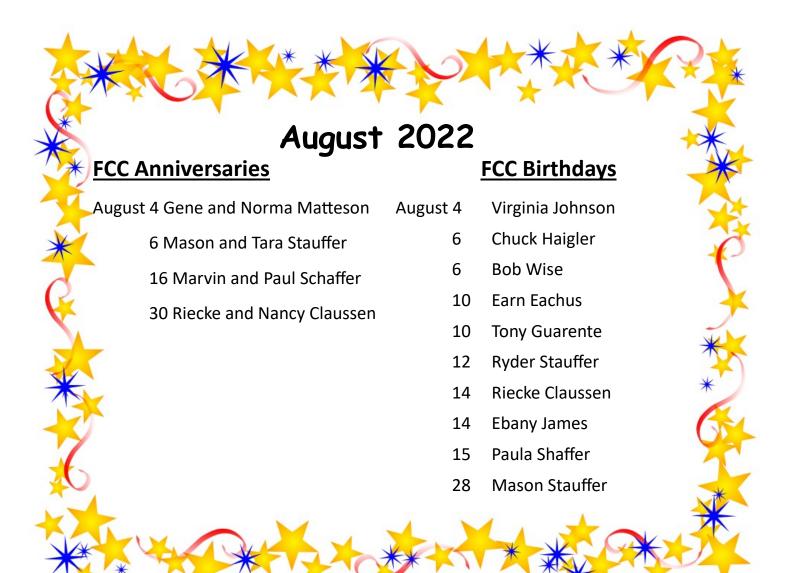
Coffee Mingle was enjoyed by Dorothy and everyone with a beautiful cake provided by her many friends.



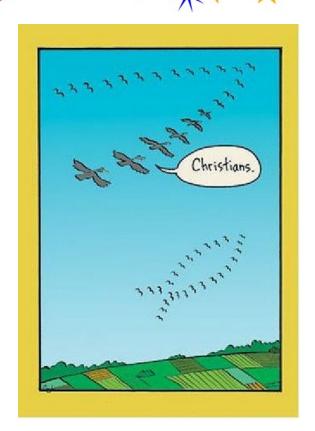






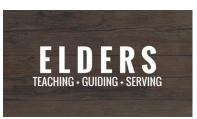






FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS								
August 07, 2022 1st Sunday								
Worship Leader	<u>Elder</u>	Coffee Mingle	Collection Team					
Al Baumgartle	Lily Fitch	Lamar Edwards	Al Baumgartle					
<u>Greeter</u> Jeanice Swank		Joyce Wittwer	Bonnie Watts					
August 14, 2022 2nd Sunday								
Worship Leader	<u>Elder</u>	Coffee Mingle	Collection Team					
Donna Ham	Chuck Haigler	Susan Brown	Yvonne Warner					
<u>Greeter</u> Nancy Claussen		Beverly Dorson	Bonnie Watts					
August 21, 2022		3rd Sunday						
Worship Leader	Worship Leader <u>Elder</u>		Collection Team					
Joyce Wittwer	Jeanice Swank	Jeanice Swank	Yvonne Warner					
<u>Greeter</u>		Ruth Acord	Bonnie Watts					
Susan Brown								
August 28, 2022		4th Sunday						
Worship Leader	<u>Elder</u>	Coffee Mingle	Collection Team					
Dennis Edwards	Al Baumgartle	Donna Ham	Al Baumgartle					
<u>Greeter</u> Jeanette West		Jeanne Klitzke	Bonnie Watts					
Jeanette West								
Worship Leader	<u>Elder</u>	Coffee Mingle	Collection Team					
Greeter								









FCC Prayer Concerns

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please Pray For: Requested By:

Betty Nelson Joyce Wittwer

Citizens of Ukraine (Sergii Antonov) Shannon Arensman/Bonnie

David and Vickie Haegen Nancy Armbruster

Ed Raff's Family Lily Fitch

Eugene Winebrenner (Diabetes)

Faye Morosini Nancy Armbruster
Gerald Rubalcaba-Nephew Santiago Rubalcaba

Jayden WilliamsLily FitchJeff DeanGloria JeffryJerry LaubhanLily Fitch

Kathy MooreKevin ArensmanKevin, Karen & Ian McHargShannon ArensmanLaw & Military Enforcement PersonnelKevin ArensmanLinda VanDellenDonna Ham

Les Armbruster

Margie O'Dell Shannon Arensman
Megan Dixon Shannon Arensman

Mitch Acord Ruth Acord

Nancy Armbruster Nancy Armbruster

Our Church and Country

Paul Scanga Bev Dorson

Ric Rava Shannon Arensman

Sandi Parke Lily Fitch
Steve McPeek & Family Tammy

Uvalde, Texas Kevin Arensman Rain The Wests

Wyatt McNeece Santiago Rubalcaba

Bolded names are new additions



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
	6:00 pm Guitar Club	10:00 am Friends Going Forward 6:30 pm Night N'Gals	9:00 am Parkin- son's Support Group 6:00 pm Peer 180 6:00 pm Praise Team	4 10:00 am Ruth Group 1:00 pm Dorcas Group	<u>5</u> 1:00 pm Mexican Train	6			
7 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only) Pastor Kevin's Meeting- Ice Cream Social	8 6:00 pm Guitar Club	9	6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm Co West Quilters Guild	11 1:00 pm CWF General Meeting resume	12	13 8:30 am WCARC			
14 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	15 10:00 am CWV Group 6:00 pm Guitar Club	16 10:00 am Friends Going Forward	17 10:00 am Movie Day "The Shack" 6:00 pm Praise Team	18 ***Crossword Deadline***	19 1:00 pm Mexican Train	20 8:00 am Monthly Breakfast 12:00 pm Territorial Daughters			
21 10:50 am Worship 12:00 Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	6:00 pm Guitar Club	23	24 6:00 pm Praise Team	25 ***Crossword Sent*** 1:00 Pm CWF Executive Meeting	26	27 8:30 am Mesa County ARES			
28 ***Community Food Bank*** 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	29 6:00 pm Guitar Club	30	31 6:00 pm Praise Team						

JUST FOR FUN

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

August 1, 1944 - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. "[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world." Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945, at age 15.

August 5, 1861 - President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Federal income tax, a 3 percent tax on incomes over \$800, as an emergency wartime measure during the Civil War. However, the tax was never actually put into effect.

August 16, 1896 - Gold was discovered in Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River in Alaska, resulting in the Great Klondike Gold Rush.

August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 24, 79 A.D. - Vesuvius, an active volcano in southern Italy, erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum.



What did Daniel tell his Real Estate Agent?

-" I'd prefer a house with no Den"



Mexican Axolotls



Axolotls have long fascinated scientists for their ability to regenerate lost body parts and for their rare trait of neoteny, which means they retain larval features throughout life. Rather than undergoing typical metamorphosis, axolotls keep their youthful appearance, including their tadpolelike dorsal fin and feathery external gills that fan out from the head. As they age, axolotls simply get bigger and bigger, like amphibious Peter Pans.

In rare cases, axolotls have matured past the larval stage and emerged onto land as adult salamanders.

As Mexico City has grown, the lake complex has shrunk and parts have become contaminated, distressing the axolotl population. The introduction of large numbers of carp and tilapia fish, which compete with axolotls for food and also eat axolotl eggs, has further lowered their population. A 2009 survey suggests there are fewer than 1,200 axolotls in the Xochimilco Lake complex.

Axolotls feast on a menu of mollusks, worms, insect larvae, crustaceans, and some fish.