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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

What is a favorite memory of something that happened at First Christian Church? That was the opening discussion question during our Ice Cream Social/Cabinet/Congregational Conversation, on August 7th. If you missed out, be sure to share your memories with someone soon! Some that we heard were, family rituals – weddings, baby blessings and baptisms; the 125-year Church Anniversary; Bazaars; and "Warm welcomes, inclusive, hospitable, helpful," the DNA of our church.

Then came the things that keep us coming: 90th Birthdays; Dear friends/People; Love and Support, caring "God's here;" Disciples of Christ; Pastor; Reaching out to the Community; Lamar and Crew; Stained glass, message, cross; Weekly Communion; opening our building to community groups.

We Strongly Believe In: Power of God; Faith in the "Imaginable"; Hospitality; Community; Power/Support of friends; Taking risks/new beginnings. And We Love: Each other; our Loving God; and Kevin and Shannon.

This all led us to say "As a Congregation, we take pride in: Giving; Fellowship Friendliness; Supporting each other; Church Leadership; Disciples of Christ Heritage; Men and Womens groups; Commitments and involvements; Fellowship in Christ; Commitment to Connection; Planting for the future; Hope; Sharing God's love; Loving God, loving others; Special worship programs; Giving boxes; Garden; Connection with Homeward Bound and food drives; Bazaars and yard sales; Willingness to try new things; New Minister who has found at First Christian Church a "Culture of Kindness."

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Kevin's Korner Continued...

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I bring all this up to invite you to look again at our Core Values we've identified so far. Do they reflect these memories, beliefs and priorities that we've identified? If not, what should we add as a Core Value? If so, what should we prioritize as our greatest values at First Christian Church?

I'll remind you of the Core Values we've arrive at so far: **Spiritual Growth; Worship; Love for neighbor; Faith/Faithfulness; Compassion; Teaching; Service; Putting God first; Communication; Hospitality and Gratitude.**

Which of these is God calling us to prioritize? Who is God calling us to be at First Christian Church? Who is God calling us to reach, or connect with, or serve?

Pastor's Note: We can't do everything as a church. If we try to do everything we've always done, we won't do anything well. But, if we focus our attention, our energy, and our resources, on a few important ministries and purposes – with God's power and guidance – we will change lives and change the world around us.

Please give me your feedback or share with one of our church leaders, so we can better become the church God is calling us to be. Thank you for being an important part of our church!

God Bless You!
Pastor Kevin

"Ask the Pastor"

One of the suggestions made on the Crosswords Questionnaire was that if someone had a question, they could "Ask the Pastor". Pastor Kevin has agreed, and you can leave your questions in the box that is attached to the Secretary's Office Door. This can be done anonymously, or you can sign your name. If you sign your name, you will have the option of having Pastor Kevin speak to you privately, or it can be answered in the Crosswords for the benefit of everyone. Forms are available on the Information Table.

Shecky's World



"Pastor, every week you ask us to pray for the shut-ins. Why doesn't someone just let them out?"

FCC and Outreach are again celebrating Thanksgiving by serving a free community Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 24. Bonnie Watts, Outreach Chair, will coordinate the festivities. She and her team will cook the turkeys and prepare all the food at the church. In September, Bonnie will be asking for donations to purchase the turkeys and food. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet for all flavors of pie donations.

Please note, this will also be our congregational Thanksgiving Dinner, so we will not be having a Sunday dinner this year. Everyone is invited for the Thanksgiving Day Dinner. If you are able to decorate, prepare, serve, or clean up, there will be many opportunities for you to participate. Look for further information and sign-up sheets in September.



Thanks to all of you who brought school supplies to the church for District 51 students. These were “stuffed” into the School Bus at Clock Tower in the Mesa Mall. Our tub of contributions will aid elementary and middle school children within the district this 2022-23 School Year. A *Daily Sentinel* article showing the “unstuffing” of the bus is on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. Outreach opens our hearts by helping others.





Greeters Needed: The Sunday, August 7 Cabinet meeting brought out the need for two additional greeters every Sunday. As in the past, we will continue our greeter at the sanctuary door, but we also need two greeters at the north entrance doors. Two are needed at the north doors in the event someone who is not familiar with our church comes. One of those people can see to it that the visitor is escorted down the hall to the sanctuary greeter while the other greeter is there to welcome subsequent members and possible visitors. Deacon Chair Kathy Moore has asked Jeanne Klitzke to be in charge of the greeters, and please let Jeanne know if you are able to assist in this important duty. Visitors need to know we are happy to greet and welcome them. Thank You!



Thank you, Riecke Claussen, for your photograph of Dead Horse Point and how it brings to mind your appreciation of Psalm 46, Pastor Kevin's Sunday, July 31 Message.



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

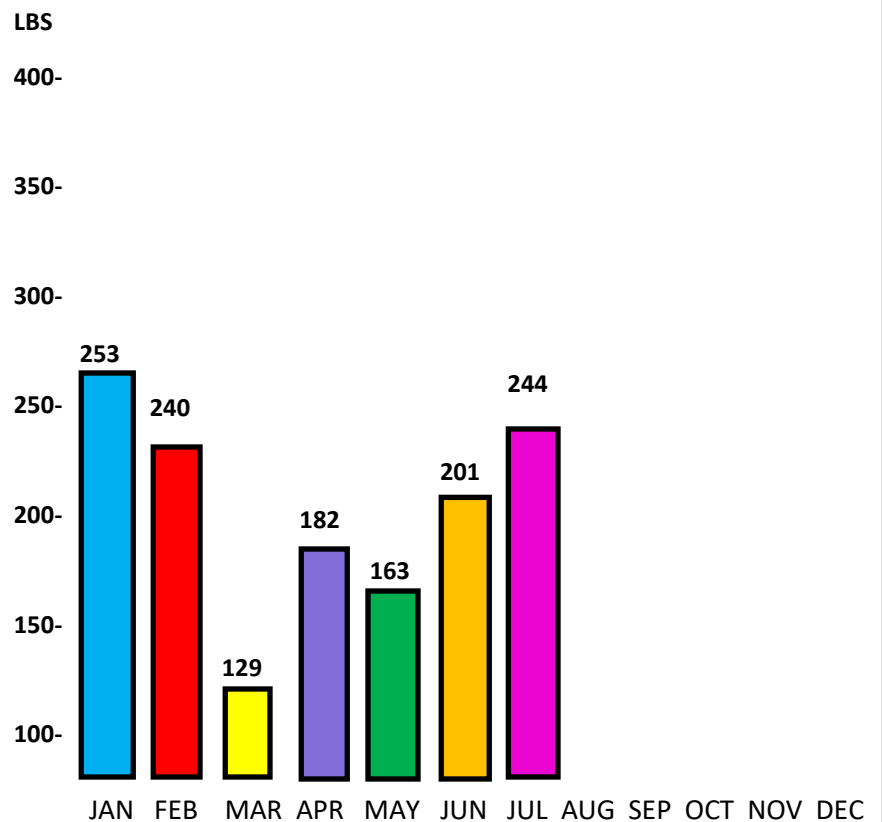
Update

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

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.

July 2022

244 lbs.



Who has the most fun at FCC?? It very well could be Yvonne Warner who saved the Easter Bunny from being sold at the CWF Christmas Bazaar in 2021! The bunny was donated by Beverly Dorson's daughter who had painted him with a very whimsical expression. And this Easter bunny has been transformed into various important persons these last few months. From Santa bunny to a New Year's reveler, a Valentine lover, St. Pat's leprechaun, a Mother's Day mom and a Father's day dad and now he's off to the beach for August. What will she, or the bunny, come up with next?



REMINDER

Lifeline Medical Staff will be in our Church **Thursday, September 8, 2022** between the times of 8:00 am –5:00 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

On **Wednesday, September 14, at 1 p.m.** a class will be held on smartphone technology. This will be led by our **"technological whiz," Chip Ferron.** Bring your smartphone and your questions to this interesting meeting. See you there!"



**Income Statement Comparison
7.31.22 to 7.31.21**

	7.31.22	7.31.21
Income		
Unrestricted Offerings	\$ 65,592	\$ 56,680
Building Income	7,044	9,113
Foundation Income	3,286	2,499
Restricted Income	896	1,396
Total Income	\$ 76,818	\$ 69,688
Expenses		
Membership	\$ 350	\$ 48
Outreach	1,957	875
Property	24,051	24,954
Stewardship	281	465
Worship	205	297
Technology	-	54
Office Expense	1,741	2,026
Payroll & Staff Expense	46,245	28,532
Total Expense	\$ 74,830	\$ 57,251
Net Income	\$ 1,988	\$ 12,437

NOTE: This does not include our unusual income from sale of properties.

Also note that last year we had paid staff for only a portion of the year.

**Disciples Women (CWF) General
Meeting Thursday, September 8,
12:30 pm**

On Thursday September 8 at 12:30 everyone is invited to attend a Salad Luncheon followed by a program presented by Riecke Claussen.

Riecke will be taking us on a journey into the past connecting us to the Sherriff's of Mesa County. His stories are filled with humor as well as historical facts along with pictures depicting the duties and adventures of the Sherriff's spanning a number of years.

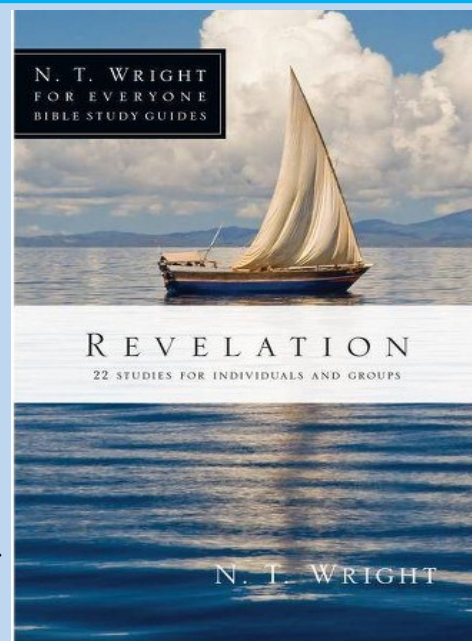
The Ruth group is the hostess and has the worship. Bring a salad to share and your own table service.

See you there!

**Bible Study on the Book of Revelation
Begins September 20 & 21**

The long promised Bible study on the Book of Revelation will begin on Tuesday, September 20, and Wednesday, September 21. By popular demand we're going to try a night session and a morning session: Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.; and Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to noon. The study will be based on the Bible, Kevin's recent sermon series, and N.T. Wright's book: Revelation (N.T. Wright for everyone Bible study guides). Those who wish to have a study book to read before sessions, can sign-up for a used copy for \$10.00, or purchase their own in paperback or Kindle.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall to let Pastor Kevin know how many to plan on at each session and how many books to order. This will be a very interesting study! Our Lenten Study next year will likely be on David (boy and king) in the Old Testament.



WELCOME, JOANNE

On June 26, 2022, JoAnne Eggers became a member of First Christian Church, Grand Junction, and we welcome her.

She was born in Chicago, but lived there just a short time before moving with her mother to Beverly Hills, CA. After marriage she moved to Newport Beach, CA, and they had two children: Paul, who lives in Aspen and Karen in Whitefish, MT. She later married Bill Boll, and they eventually came to Grand Junction about 1972. They had 39 good years together before he passed away in 1982. He was in commercial real estate when Joanne started volunteering. She was the Rape Crisis Center's chair for Eight years which was part of the Women's Resource Center. One important responsibility was yearly visits to the local middle and high schools to speak to all the girls regarding rape prevention.

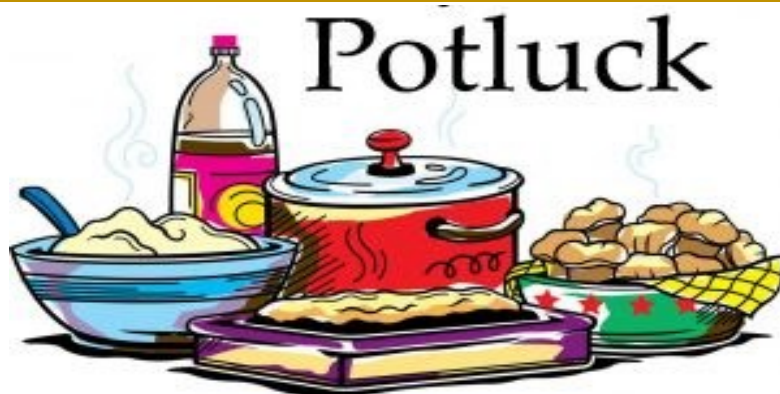
Then a friend encouraged her to come to St. Mary's Hospital to develop and become the director of the first hospice program they had for cancer patients. As time went by they decided to expand their services to include critically ill patients with other medical problems, and they adopted the title Family Support Team. She recruited, trained, and supervised volunteers to work with the patients and their families. She and Bill had plans to live in Florida aboard their boat for part of each year, but these plans soon changed after Black Monday in Grand Junction. They returned to GJ, and she was asked to chair the National MS Society here. She developed many programs for people with MS and contributed her home as the office for the organization. This entailed being on call 24/7, storing medical equipment, use of her phone, etc. She was paid for 10 hours a week at first and then 20 hours; however, she ended up contributing many, many more.

Sometime after Bill passed away she married Larry Eggers, whom many of you knew, and they were married for 15 years. She has many good memories of the time they spent RVing, visiting many state parks and spending a lot of time at Blue Mesa Reservoir. This is something she had never done before and thoroughly enjoyed.

For several years JoAnne enjoyed making greeting cards, and when she tired of this started working in mixed media, which she continues to do. She is taking a couple of lessons online and wishes she had more time to do more of this! She also enjoys the Mexican Train group at FCC, plays Bingo weekly, is active in her Red Hat Group (our Lily Fitch is the Queen of her group), and a member of the GJ Singles Club. Of course she is still getting settled in her new home on Dottie Lane with her 11-year-old rescue dog, Pete, a Maltese poodle, and her constant companion.



Samples of JoAnne's
Art Work



Mission Sunday and Fall Kick-Off Potluck

September 11, 2022

Our Fall Kick-Off Potluck following Sunday's service is a great opportunity for good food and mingling. We will also learn about the various charities our church sponsors. In addition to the funds collected and dispersed by the church, we will learn what charities are sponsored by the various groups within the church. Please plan to attend the potluck and learn what charities we support. We also would like to know what your favorite charity is. It will be fun to learn where all our interests and compassions are as individuals, so please plan to share. Perhaps learning what is important to each of us will be another step forward.

Be Sure to Bring Your own Place Settings!

Guitar Club Grand Junction is kicking off the Fall with "Guitar Club in the Park," in the South end of Sherwood Park, on **Monday, September 12, from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.** All musicians (guitarist and others) are welcome to play and sing the "Top 10+ Greatest Guitar Songs." The community is also invited to come listen or sing -a-long on classic favorites. Information will be available for Guitar Club regular meetings (and **Free Beginner Lessons**) on Monday nights at First Christian Church, 1326 N. 1st Street.

Any First Christian Church folks are welcome and needed to offer hospitality, and sing-a-long.



September 2022

FCC Anniversaries

Sept. 27 Wayne & Tammy
Ostermiller
38 Kevin & Shannon
Arensman

FCC Birthdays

Sept. 1 Miles Brekke
2 Les Armbruster
6 Gary Steed
9 Curtis Rosencrans
10 Ron Velarde
12 Gene Matteso
14 Eleanor Hubbell
19 Ann Hutton
20 Marvin Schaffer
24 Cynthia Grover
26 Linda Edwards

CROSSWORDS

Next Deadline is

September 22 , 2022

Please submit to the
church office or email to:

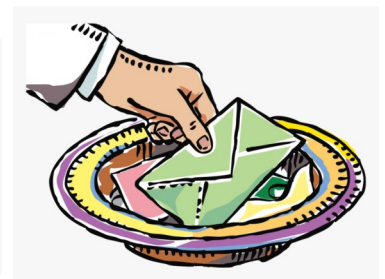
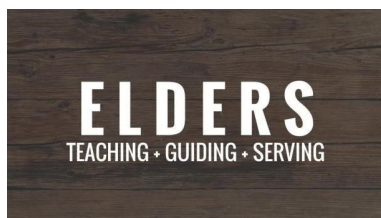
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Articles arriving later than the
deadline will be included in
the next Crosswords.



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS

September 04, 2022		1st Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Gloria Jeffrey	<u>Elder</u> Donna Ham	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Lamar Edwards	<u>Collection Team</u> Jeanice Swank
<u>Greeter</u> Karen Lehman		Joyce Wittwer	Al Baumgartle
September 11, 2022		2nd Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Johnny Cowan	<u>Elder</u> Chuck Haigler	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Norma Lavelett	<u>Collection Team</u> Jeanice Swank
<u>Greeter</u> Shannon Arensman		Gloria Jeffrey	Al Baumgartle
September 18, 2022		3rd Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Cynthia Grover	<u>Elder</u> Joyce Wittwer	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Rick Claussen	<u>Collection Team</u> Yvonne Warner
<u>Greeter</u> Jeanice Swank		Nancy Claussen	Jeanice Swank
September 25, 2022		4th Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Riecke Claussen	<u>Elder</u> Jeanice Swank	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Donna Ham	<u>Collection Team</u> Yvonne Warner
<u>Greeter</u> Nancy Claussen		Jeanne Klitzke	Jeanice Swank
<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Coffee Mingle</u>	<u>Collection Team</u>
<u>Greeter</u>			



FCC Prayer Concerns

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please Pray For:

Barbara Brewer
Betty Nelson
Citizens of Ukraine (Sergii Antonov)
David and Vickie Haegen
Diana
Ed Raff's Family
Eugene Winebrenner (Diabetes)
Faye Morosini
Gerald Rubalcaba-Nephew
Jayden Williams
Jeff Dean
Jerry Laubhan
Law & Military Enforcement Personnel
Linda VanDellen
Les Armbruster
Margie O'Dell
Mary Ann Bogani
Megan Dixon
Mitch Acord
Nancy Armbruster
Our Church and Country
Paul Scanga
Ric Rava
Sandi Parke
Santiago Rubalcaba
Steve McPeek & Family
Uvalde, Texas
Rain
Wyatt McNeece

Requested By:

Ruby
Joyce Wittwer
Shannon Arensman/Bonnie
Nancy Armbruster
Lily Fitch
Lily Fitch

Nancy Armbruster
Santiago Rubalcaba
Lily Fitch
Gloria Jeffry
Lily Fitch
Kevin Arensman
Donna Ham

Shannon Arensman
Elders
Shannon Arensman
Ruth Acord
Nancy Armbruster

Bev Dorson
Shannon Arensman
Lily Fitch
Shannon Arensman
Tammy
Kevin Arensman
The Wests
Santiago Rubalcaba

Bolded names are new additions

September 2022

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

JUST FOR FUN

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

September 1, 1715 - The "Sun King" (King Louis XIV of France) died. He had ruled since the age of five and was succeeded by his 5-year-old great-grandson Louis XV.

September 2, 1666 - The Great Fire of London began in a bakery in Pudding Lane near the Tower. Over the next three days more than 13,000 houses were destroyed, although only six lives were believed lost.

September 2, 1962 - Soviet Russia agreed to send arms to Cuba, leading to the October Missile Crisis after the shipments were discovered by the U.S.

September 9, 1993 - Israel and the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) agreed to recognize each other, paving the way for a possible peaceful end to the hundred year old conflict between Arabs and Jews in the Mideast.

September 12, 1990 - A treaty was signed by East and West Germany and the Allies of World War II allowing for the restoration of sovereignty to a re-unified Germany.

September 25, 1513 - Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa first sighted the Pacific Ocean after crossing the Isthmus of Panama.

September 30, 1955 - Actor James Dean was killed in a car crash in California at age 24. Although he made just three major films, *Rebel Without a Cause*, *East of Eden* and *Giant*, he remains one of the most influential actors.

RANDOM FACTS

More human twins are being born now than ever before.

A new study in the journal *Human Reproduction*, the "twinning rate" has increased by one-third since the '80s—up from 9 to 12 twins per 1,000 deliveries. Currently that adds up to about 1.6 million twins born each year across the world—meaning one out of every 42 babies is a twin. Helping drive this is the increasing use of medically assisted reproduction, and the delay in childbearing (twinning has been found to increase with a mother's age)



Arctic Fox



BUILT FOR THE ARCTIC

Arctic foxes live on the land and sea ice within the Arctic Circle. Winter in the Arctic is unlike winter in most parts of the world. From October to February, the sun never rises to shine warmth and light.

Luckily, these small foxes have some useful adaptations for living in the icy Arctic. Their thick fur coat keeps the fox's body at a toasty 104°F. Their long, fluffy tails act like a blanket, keeping the fox warm when it wraps the tail around its body to sleep.

Their feet also have a layer of thick fur, like built-in snow boots. This helps muffle an arctic fox's footsteps, making it harder for prey to hear them. And their white coats make it difficult for predators such as wolves, polar bears, and golden eagles to spot them among the ice and snow.

FINDING FOOD

When it's not trying to keep warm or avoid predators, an arctic fox is on the hunt for food. They prefer to eat small rodents called lemmings, but when times are tough they'll eat whatever they can find: insects, berries, and even the droppings of other animals. Sometimes an arctic fox will follow a polar bear on a hunting trip and eat the bear's leftovers.

If a fox can't find food, or if the weather gets really bad, it can dig a snow den and hunker down for up to two weeks. As long as a fox is warm, it can slow down its heart rate and metabolism, which helps the animal save energy so it doesn't have to eat as much. It's sort of like how bears hibernate, but for