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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

Last Sunday morning my sermon spoke of how prayer and praise in worship serve as ways to practice living in God's kingdom. We learned from Jesus in his life and teachings, particularly in the Beatitudes shared in his Sermon on the Mount, that we can live in relationship with God, like Jesus did, right now in our everyday lives. Jesus called this way of living in relationship with God, living in the "kingdom of heaven." And we can practice this relationship with God through our worship practices every Sunday morning. One might say, we are what we practice.

We think more about practicing when we want to learn a new sport or activity that we really want to get good at. At Guitar Club, I rarely miss a week reminding people about the power of practicing. I talk a lot about muscle memory, which happens when we repeat a muscular motion over and over until we get good at it. But, there is more to it. Scientists have learned that even in our old age, our brains grow new tendrils in response to repeated practice. And they are coming to an understanding that these tendrils create a connection between our brain and our muscles, which really can't be separated. They become one as the brain and muscles work together. The nerves and muscles actually merge together to swing a golf club, throw a ball, strum a guitar, stitch a cross-stitch pattern, and a million other activities that our bodies and brains practice together.

So, it makes sense that practicing worship and praise can also merge our brains, our muscles and even our spirits (mysteriously), where these practices actually become part of who we are in our daily lives. On Sunday, I was particularly talking about prayer practices, which make prayer, or connecting with God, a part of our lives, even our everyday lives.

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## Kevin's Korner Continued...

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This science finds a similar correlation, theologically and practically, as the Apostle Paul writes of the practice of giving to others leading to a growing virtue of generosity. It seems that the action of practice leads to an attitude or virtue of generosity, which, in turn, leads to the further action of a lifestyle of generosity.

More of the same can be said about gratitude, which leads to practices of worship, praise, service and giving, which, in turn, lead to a growing sense of gratitude. When you think about that, you can imagine it snowballing into true joy and peace in one's life. There don't seem to be many drawbacks to any of these practices mentioned, which all find at their source a recognition of God's preeminent grace in our lives.

With all this in mind, I hope you will consider Riecke Claussen's explanation about receiving "estimates of giving" statements this year, rather than asking for a "pledge" to the church. As Riecke said, a pledge insinuates an obligation or a contract of sorts, where an "estimate of giving" recognizes that every contribution to the church is really a gift to the church and to God. This opens the door to a growing practice of giving and generosity, which just might lead to a greater sense of gratitude for all that God has given to us first.

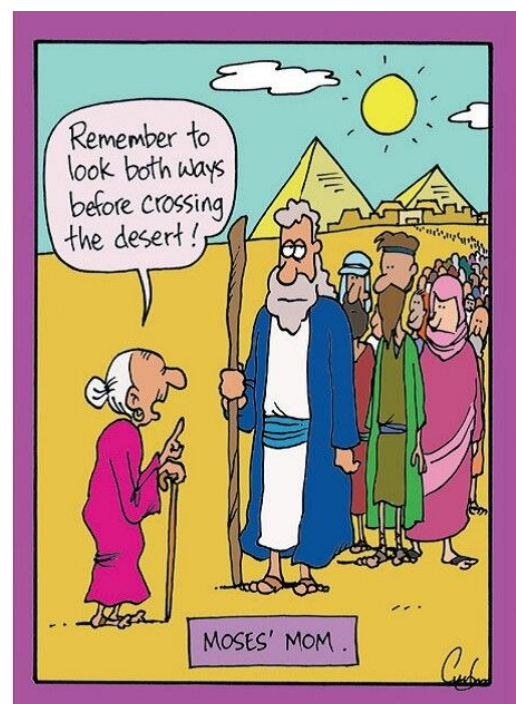
I don't know about you. But this discussion makes me look forward to this coming season of giving and generosity. I'm reminded how grateful I am to God, who always gives first!

God bless you!

Pastor Kevin

### World Communion Sunday

This Sunday October 2nd, as we celebrate World Communion Sunday in worship with congregations all around the world, you are invited to wear items that come from other parts of the world, or symbolize the same.



## Guitar Club In the Park

### Monday September 12



What a beautiful evening it was for music and singing at Sherwood Park. Pastor Kevin and his Guitar Club had a great turnout of pickers and visitors who were singing along with the group. Several church members were in attendance. All church members are encouraged to attend their Monday night gatherings to listen and sing along. They start at 6 and jam for an hour and a half. You may even know some of the songs by heart!



Be sure to check out the Guitar Club picture on the Bulletin Board courtesy of *The Daily Sentinel*!

### Sheriff Claussen Back on the Job!

Actually, Riecke gave a fun and educational talk at the September CWF General meeting on the 8th. He had a great slide presentation of all the sheriffs in Mesa County and some of the duties and exciting experiences various sheriffs had. From killings to jail burnings to self-inflicted wounds--we got a good dose of what our sheriffs have been up against all these years. When it came to Riecke's time at the helm, we learned how he held down the fort with a couple of six-shooters!

**Thanks for a bang up afternoon!**

Riecke Claussen 1991-2003



### Can you believe

Josh Barton All Grown Up!





## IT'S TIME

It's hard to believe we will soon be celebrating Thanksgiving and, soon thereafter, Christmas. As new calendars arrive, we will throw away all the used calendars with 2022 printed on the top. Another year will slip into history.

For First Christian Church Grand Junction, the time has arrived to prepare for the New Year. Budgets for our various ministries are being prepared and the Nominating Committee is hard at work deciding who, from our congregation, they will nominate to be our church leaders for 2023.

Now, we must look forward and decide how FCCGJ will move into this new year. We call our renewed focus on serving God, "New Beginnings". **"New"**... as in being imbued with imagination and fresh ideas about how we will serve God in 2023. **"Beginnings"** as in

"If not us, who? If not now, when?"

As we move into the future, let's truly start a new beginning. We live in a changing and, in many ways, unfamiliar world. To be successful, we must learn to think new thoughts and do new things. As you lay your head on the pillow tonight, ask God to invigorate your imagination and give us the courage to dream new dreams.

Riecke Claussen, Moderator



Beautiful Fall Flowers in  
Church Garden

Thanks, Susan Brown!

Happy 90th Birthday to  
**Eleanor Hubbell**  
Her Birthday was  
September 14



## Corrections to Membership List

- **Kathy Moore**— Street Address should read Linden Ave not Linda.

**1840 Linden Ave #1**

**Grand Junction, CO 81503**

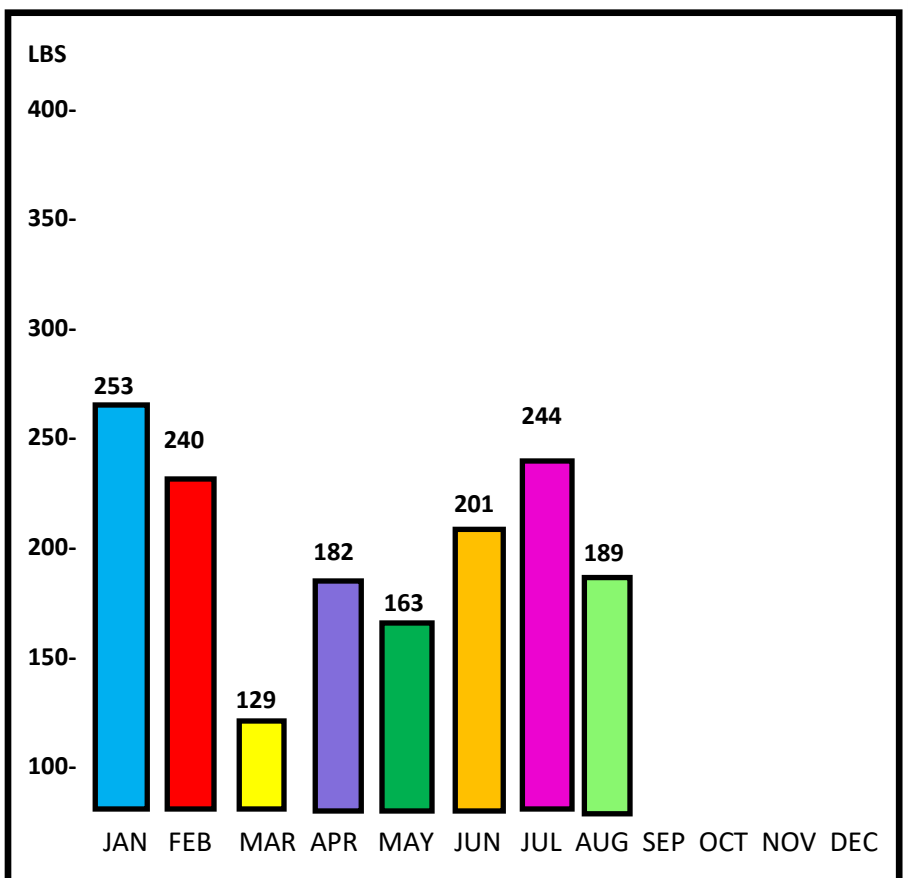
**Update**

## 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.

**August 2022**

**189 lbs.**





# A song composed by Ann Hutton's mom!

## A WALKIN AND A GAWKIN AT THE MALL

1. THERE'S A PLACE NEAR BY, EVERYBODY WANTS TO TRY  
THERE ARE PEOPLE A WAITIN AT THE DOOR  
THERE ARE BARGAINS, SALES, AND COUPONS FREE  
SHOE SHOPS---DRESS SHOPS---AND JEW-LRY

## A WALKIN AND A GAWKIN AT THE MALL

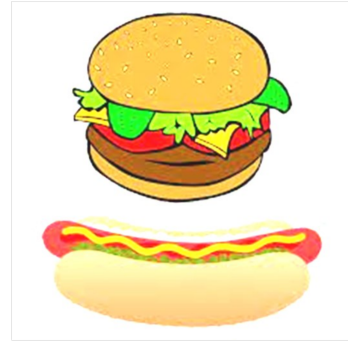
2. TIME GOES BY AND IT'S TIME TO FIND A PLACE TO EAT  
WHEN WE FIND ONE---WAIT---WAIT---WAIT TO FIND A SEAT  
THERE ARE BERGERS---HOT DOGS---PIZZA AND SOUP  
COOKIES---ICE-CREAM AND PLENTY OF GOOP

## A WALKIN AND A GAWKIN AT THE MALL

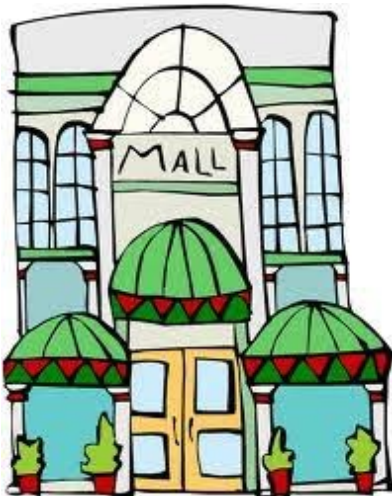
3. YOU WALK AND WALK AND FINALLY FIND A SEAT  
SO YOU STOP AND SIT TO REST YOUR ACHING FEET  
SHOPPING BAGS ARE FULL AND IT'S TIME TO GO  
GATHER UP YOUR COURAGE-----AND WE'LL GO REAL SLOW

## A WALKIN AND A GAWKIN AT THE MALL

(AND HOPE WE CAN FIND OUR CAR)



LYRICS AND MUSIC WRITER  
MARGARET HUTTON  
(CHURCH ORGANIST 1942-1982)



*A Walkin and a Gawkin at the Mall*

*There's a place near by Every body wants to try*

*There are po. ple a. wait-ing at the door*

*There are Bar-gains, Sales and cou-pons free shoe shops, dress shops,*

*and Jew-el-ry*

*A WALK IN AND A GAWKIN AT THE MALL (do twice)*

*A Walkin' and a Gawkin' at the Mall*

*you walk and walk and fin-ally find a seat, so you stop and sit to rest your aching*

*A Walkin' and a Gawkin' at the Mall*

*shop-ping bags are full and it's time to go gather up your cour-age*

*and we'll go real slow*

*A Walkin' and a Gawkin' at the Mall*

*(And Hope We Can Find Our Car!)*

*Sincere Sympathy to  
Betty Nelson  
On the death of her sister  
in Pennsylvania*

### **Inspiration and Community**

The women of FCC/DOC were invited to the Grand Junction First Church of the Nazarene Fall Women's Retreat, held on Sept. 10. The retreat included fellowship, music, and an inspirational speaker who provided thoughts on "Learning to be Content." Participants from FCC/DOC included Shannon Arensman, Cynthia Grover, Jeanice Swank, and Joyce Wittwer.

### **Disciples Women (CWF) General Meeting Thursday, October 13, 1:00 pm**

Travel back in time as Verda, The Careful Quilter( Long Arm Quilting), displays her hobo patchwork quilt at our Disciples Women's Meeting. Throughout the quilt, each square has a story, unique to its own design, symbolizing the recorded history and special ties to the "hobo" era.

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon as Verda entertains us with the secret codes and languages of hobos as they travel throughout the Country via rail or hitchhiking in search of food and odd jobs.

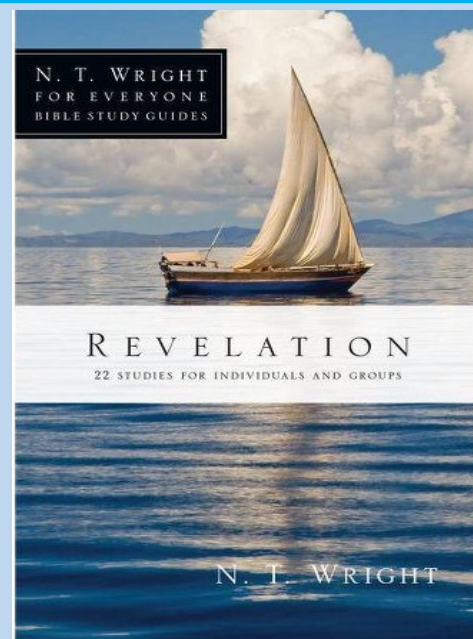
Dorcas group will serve as hostess providing the refreshments and worship.

### **Bible Study on the Book of Revelation Tuesday and Wednesday**

The study is 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.

This will be a very interesting study. There is still time to join in.. Come on by Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm or Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

**See you there!**





## Covenant Project: Town Hall “Zoom” Discussion, Thursday, October 13, 6:00 P.M.



The future of the church is more connected. The future of the church is in deeper conversation. The future of the church is a future with deeper covenant. The Covenant Project is the work of changing structures to be more just and relationships across the church to be more connected.

The Covenant Project is an effort to renew our greater church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), by enhancing our communication and covenant to being the church that God is calling us to be in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Governance Committee of the General Board has been planning for three years for a more effective ministry together. They are proposing two significant changes; 1) developing a three-year cycle for General Assemblies, including a hybrid meeting every third year with “in person and online” participation; and two years of “online-only” gatherings. This change will allow more people to attend General Assembly while reducing costs as well as other barriers to attend. This greater participation will allow for congregational delegates to gather more frequently for dialogue and discernment, developing “missional priorities,” which would be forwarded to the General Board; and 2) creating a new model of the General Board, which would reduce its membership and also allow for more frequent meetings to discuss these “missional priorities” and develop statements of social witness when called for, as well as act on policies and procedures as needed.

This restructuring of leadership in the greater church is under discussion before being submitted to the General Board and then the 2023 General Assembly in Louisville, KY. Our Central Rocky Mountain Region is inviting all churches and members to participate in a Zoom presentation of this new proposal on **Thursday, October 13, at 6:00 P.M.** Pastor Kevin would like to invite you to join him in the Fellowship Hall at this time to participate with others in the region to listen, ask questions and better understand these proposed changes for our church. Please sign-up if you want to participate. You can also participate from home on Zoom, if that works better for you.

# First Christian Church Bazaar



**NOVEMBER**  
**12** 8:30 AM  
2:00 PM

1326 North First St.  
(by Sherwood Park)

Grandma's Attic – Make Offer for  
Items

Book Sales, Homemade Crafts  
Homemade Baked Goods and  
Homemade Meals for Sale

Outside Vendors – blankets, jellies,  
mugs, jewelry, rugs, greeting cards,

Beef and Noodle Luncheon \$8.00  
adults \$5.00 children



Thank you FCC members for  
keeping 18 pounds of batteries  
out of the Mesa County Landfill.



FOR  
WE  
WALK  
BY  
FAITH,  
NOT  
BY  
SIGHT.

2nd  
CORINTHIANS  
5:7

# October 2022

## FCC Anniversaries

October 22 Johnny and Jeanette West  
27 Dennis and Linda Edwards  
28 Lamar Edwards and  
Joyce Wittwer

## FCC Birthdays

October 1 Ralph Grover  
6 Beverly Dorson  
8 Robin Slater  
8 Norma Matteson  
19 Jerry Francis  
20 Keden Everett  
22 Ruth Acord  
25 Jeanette West  
26 Gloria Jeffrey  
28 Joyce Wittwer

## CROSSWORDS

Next Deadline is

**October 20 , 2022**

Please submit to the  
church office or email to:

**[firstchristiangj@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchristiangj@hotmail.com)**

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



*It's Up to You in 2022*

Special Guests

Nellie Garcia, Director  
Maria Frausto,  
Communications

Child and Migrant Center

**World  
Community  
Day**

***"A Call to Pray"***

**October 28, 2022 at 10 AM**

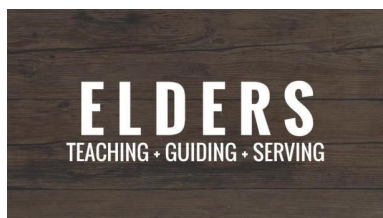
Program follows coffee and light refreshments!

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## FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS

October 02, 2022		1st Sunday	
<b><u>Worship Leader</u></b> Pam Baumgartle	<b><u>Elder</u></b> Chuck Haigler	<b><u>Coffee Mingle</u></b> Lamar Edwards	<b><u>Collection Team</u></b> Nancy Claussen
<b><u>Greeter</u></b> Susan Brown		Joyce Wittwer	Al Ladage
October 09, 2022		2nd Sunday	
<b><u>Worship Leader</u></b> Lily Fitch	<b><u>Elder</u></b> Joyce Wittwer	<b><u>Coffee Mingle</u></b> Norma Lavelett	<b><u>Collection Team</u></b> Nancy Claussen
<b><u>Greeter</u></b> Karen Lehman		Gloria Jeffrey	Al Ladage
October 16, 2022		3rd Sunday	
<b><u>Worship Leader</u></b> Donna Ham	<b><u>Elder</u></b> Lily Fitch	<b><u>Coffee Mingle</u></b> Ruth Acord	<b><u>Collection Team</u></b> Nancy Claussen
<b><u>Greeter</u></b> Shannon Arensman		Jeanice Swank	Al Ladage
October 23, 2022		4th Sunday	
<b><u>Worship Leader</u></b> Dennis Edwards	<b><u>Elder</u></b> Jeanice Swank	<b><u>Coffee Mingle</u></b> Donna Ham	<b><u>Collection Team</u></b> Nancy Claussen
<b><u>Greeter</u></b> Jeanice Swank		Jeanne Klitzke	Al Ladage
October 30, 2022		5th Sunday	
<b><u>Worship Leader</u></b> Joyce Wittwer	<b><u>Elder</u></b> Al Baumgartle	<b><u>Coffee Mingle</u></b> Beverly Dorson	<b><u>Collection Team</u></b> Nancy Claussen
<b><u>Greeter</u></b> Jeanne Klitzke Nancy Claussen		Susan Brown	Al Ladage





## FCC Prayer Concerns

*"Pray without ceasing."*

1 Thessalonians 5:17

### **Please Pray For:**

Betty Nelson  
Citizens of Ukraine (Sergii Antonov)  
David and Vickie Haegen  
Diana  
Eugene Winebrenner (Diabetes)  
Faye Morosini  
Gerald Rubalcaba-Nephew  
Jayden Williams  
Jeff Dean  
Jerry Laubhan  
Joanne Eggers  
Law & Military Enforcement Personnel  
Linda VanDellen  
Les Armbruster  
Margie O'Dell  
Family of Mary Ann Bogani  
Megan Dixon  
Nancy Armbruster  
Our Church and Country  
Paul Scanga  
Ric Rava  
Santiago Rubalcaba  
Steve McPeck & Family  
Rain  
Wyatt McNeece

### **Requested By:**

Joyce Wittwer  
Shannon Arensman/Bonnie  
Nancy Armbruster  
Lily Fitch  
  
Nancy Armbruster  
Santiago Rubalcaba  
Lily Fitch  
Gloria Jeffry  
Lily Fitch  
Lily Fitch  
Kevin Arensman  
Donna Ham  
Nancy  
Shannon Arensman  
Elders/Kevin  
Shannon Arensman  
Nancy Armbruster  
  
Bev Dorson  
Shannon Arensman  
Shannon Arensman  
Tammy  
The Wests  
Santiago Rubalcaba

**Bolded names are new additions**



# 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 2:00 pm Memorial Service for Mary Ann Bogani
<b>2</b> 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Guitar Club	<b>4</b> 10:00 am FCC Bookworm 6:30 pm Revelation Bible Study 6:30 pm Night N'Gals	<b>5</b> 10:30 am Revelation Bible Study 3:30 pm Parkinson's Support Group 6:00 pm Praise Team	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Ruth Group 1:00 pm Dorcas Group	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:30 am WCARC
<b>9</b> 9:00 am Elder's Meeting 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	<b>10</b> 6:00 pm Guitar Club	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Friends with Missions 6:30 Revelation Bible Study	<b>12</b> 10:30 am Revelation Bible Study 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm CO West Quilters Guild	<b>13</b> 1:00 pm CWF General Meeting	<b>14</b> 1:00 pm Mexican Train	<b>15</b> 8:00 am Monthly Breakfast 12:00 pm Territorial Daughters
<b>16</b> 10:50 am Worship 12:00 Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	<b>17</b> 10:00 am CWU Group 6:00 pm Guitar Club	<b>18</b> 10:00 am FCC Bookworm 6:30 pm Revelation Bible Study	<b>19</b> 10:30 am Revelation Bible Study 6:00 pm Praise Team	<b>20</b> ***Crossword Deadline***	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:30 am Mesa County ARES
<b>23</b> 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	<b>24</b> 6:00 pm Guitar Club	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Friends with Missions 6:30 Revelation Bible Study	<b>26</b> 10:30 am Revelation Bible Study 6:00 pm Praise Team	<b>27</b> ***Crossword Sent*** 1:00 pm CWF Executive Meeting	<b>28</b> 1:00 pm Mexican Train	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> ***Community Food Bank*** 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	<b>31</b> 6:00 pm Guitar Club					

# JUST FOR FUN-FACTS

## Did you know... A Day like Today in History

**October 1, 1908** - Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

**October 1, 1979** - After 70 years of American control, the Panama Canal Zone was formally handed over to Panama.

**October 2, 1968** - California's Redwood National Park was established. Redwoods are the tallest of all trees, growing up to 400 feet (120 meters) during a lifetime that can span 2,000 years.

**October 13, 54 A.D.** - Roman Emperor Claudius died after eating mushrooms poisoned by his wife, the Empress Agrippina.

**October 15, 1815** - Napoleon Bonaparte arrived on the Island of St. Helena beginning a British-imposed exile following his defeat at the Battle of Waterloo.

**October 20, 1968** - Jacqueline Kennedy married multi-millionaire Greek businessman Aristotle Onassis, ending nearly five years of widowhood following the assassination of her first husband, President John F. Kennedy.

**October 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm to 8:00pm**



Join us and decorate your car,  
wear a costume and have some fun.

We will need people to participate  
and donate candy.

Candy bin under the table  
near the door to the  
Hall in the Fellowship Hall.

## Flamingo



When a flamingo spots potential dinner—favorite foods include shrimp, snails, and plantlike water organisms called algae—it plunges its head into the water, twists it upside down, and scoops the fish using its upper beak like a shovel. They are able to "run" on water, thanks to their webbed feet, to gain speed before lifting up into the sky.

Flamingo young are born white, with soft, downy feathers and a straight bill. The bill gradually curves downward as the flamingo matures. Both parents take care of the newborn flamingo, feeding it a fluid produced in their digestive systems. The young leave the nest after about five days to join other young flamingos in small groups, returning to the parents for food. The parents identify their chick by its voice. After about three weeks, the adults herd young flamingos into large groups called crèches where they start to look for food on their own.

Flamingos build nests that look like mounds of mud along waterways. At the top of the mound, in a shallow hole, the female lays one egg. The parents take turns sitting on the egg to keep it warm. After about 30 days, the egg hatches. Most flamingo species are not endangered, although the Andean flamingo is listed as vulnerable, and the Chilean, Lesser, and Puna flamingos are near threatened.