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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

Great timing! We just finished our Bible study on the Book of Revelation last week. We were reminded that the central saving act of God for all humanity, all creation, all the cosmos, for all time, was accomplished in Jesus dying on the cross, being resurrected to new physical life, and then ascending into heaven. The power of sacrificial love, the love of the Lamb who was slain for our sin, destroyed the powers of fear, oppression, exploitation, false truths; even the power of empire and even death itself.

God accomplished the reconciliation, the putting back in order, of all the world, once and for all, through Jesus. All that is left is for us to embrace this truth and to let it rule our lives. All that is left is for us to join the "Spirit and the bride" (the church), at the end of the Book of Revelation, in proclaiming "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" Come into my life, so that I can birth this reality of God's kingdom on Earth today, through testimony and loving service in the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain. Come into our lives, as we make this power of love visible within the community of the church.

Celebrating "Christ the King Sunday," this week, we were able to proclaim once again, "Jesus Christ is Lord of all and shall reign as Lord in my life." This is our faith reality. Now how do we make it our life reality? Well, we can't. But God can, if we let Him. There's nothing we can do that will make God's reign, God's kingdom, more real. We can only let it be real in our lives. There's no doing (which is a hard concept for people in the Western world). There is only being, letting it be, letting ourselves be, living in God's kingdom; letting God's kingdom be inside of us, living as if God's kingdom is real and present right now. Because, when we live as if God's kingdom rules are all that matters, then God's kingdom rules *are* all that matter, then God's kingdom rules in our lives, "on Earth as they do in heaven."

Every Sunday, we pray, "Thy kingdom come, on Earth as it is in Heaven." What would happen if we let God answer our prayer in our own lives? The world would change, one life at a time.

Advent begins this Sunday. In worship, we will focus on waiting for Christ to come into our world and into our lives. It's a great focus! But could this be the year that we let Christ be born in our lives? What are we waiting for? What will we do? We will be the church God created us to be. And that will be enough!

Watch out Grand Junction! The kingdom is among you!

Blessings, Pastor Kevin

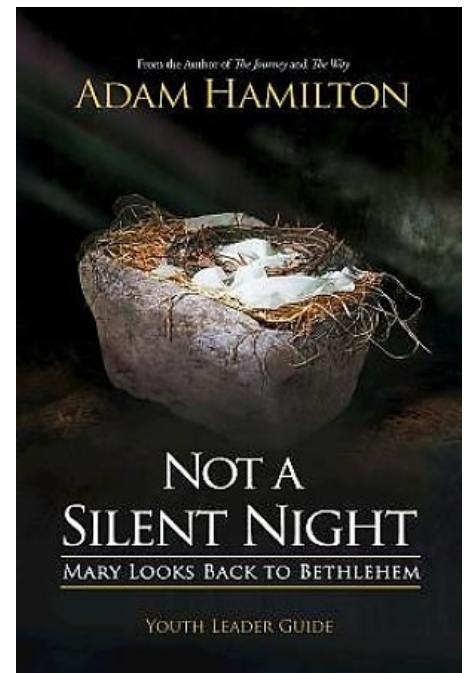
Advent begins November 27. "Silent Night" will provide our theme for the season in worship.

Advent study begins Wednesday, November 30 at 10:30 a.m. (Tuesday, 29th). **Not a Silent Night** is the book and DVD for the study, by Adam Hamilton, following the life of Mary, Jesus' mother. If you would like Kevin to order you a book, contact him or the church office as soon as possible. A Tuesday evening group is available if there is interest.

I hope you will find a way to participate and grow with us this Advent season!

Blessings,

Pastor Kevin



The Church Narrative Project is part of the denomination's efforts to grow into our identity: "A Movement for Wholeness in a Fragmented World. As part of the one Body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us." To do this we need to have difficult conversations, beginning in the local church, to inform our leadership for larger systemic decision-making. The following YouTube video explains this effort, and it's connection with conversations about structural changes to our General Church (The Covenant Project)

You will have the opportunity to meet our General Minister and President: Rev. Teresa Hord Owens, Associate General Minister: Rev. Yvonne Gilmore and Rev. Dr. David Anderson Hooker, the architect of the Transformative Community Conferencing Model and Consultant for the Narrative Project.

<https://youtu.be/8mQfijwrGcl>

For those looking for an opportunity to see/hear Pastor Kevin performing his music. He has been invited to play at Sang Gardens on Horizon Drive, on Fridays, December 23 and 30, from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. The Chinese food is good and the music will include Kevin's.

You are invited to the home of Shannon and Pastor Kevin on Saturday, December 10, for a Holiday Tasting Party from 2 to 4:00 P.M. They will be offering some of their own favorite holiday goodies for your enjoyment. If you'd like, you can bring a favorite treat or recipe to share as well. Please join us for fun and fellowship! Address: 655 Grand View Dr, Grand Junction, CO 81506.



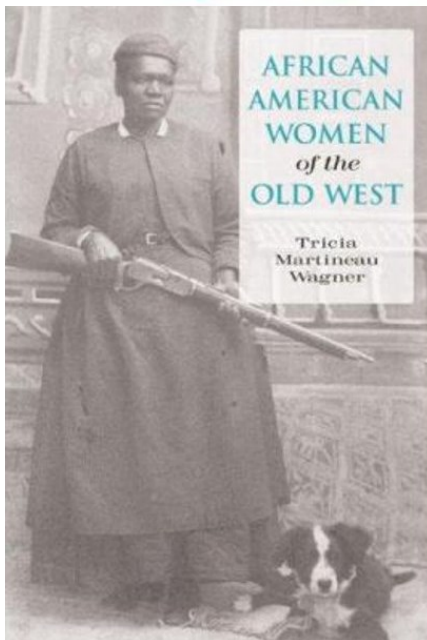
The Moravian Star



The Moravian Star is a familiar and popular Christmas decoration. Originating as a geometry exercise at a Moravian boys' school in Niesky, Germany, the complex star shape was later adopted as a symbol of Advent recalling the start that led the wisemen to the savior.

The Star located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina's Trinity Moravian sanctuary was handmade of paper and is over 6 feet in diameter. It was made in 2012 on the 100th anniversary of the congregation replacing a star that had been made in Herrnhut, Germany and was used for over fifty years.

This geometric shape is called a: Great Tesselated Rhombicuboctahedron!



FCC Bookworms

Even prior to 1900, more than men were heading west. The Bookworms read "African American Women of the Old West" who were among these adventuresome pioneers. Each woman left a legacy, whether it was in religion, education, altruism, or other endeavors, they left a mark that, in most cases, laid the ground work for the next generation. We had read of Clara Brown previously, but we were reminded of her long search for her 10-year-old daughter who was sold, and the many years she searched for her while still earning a living and providing for the poor within the Denver area. She was

laid to rest with many prominent citizens at her service. Of course, gun-toting Mary Fields had quite a history as well. This book was donated to the library by Pam Baumgartle and is available for you to check out!. A good read.

October 30, 2022, was All Saint's Sunday at FCC.

The following loved ones were read aloud by Pastor Kevin:

Don Klitzke -- Jeanne Klitzke

Mary Ann Bogani -- Miles Brekke and Carolyn Bryant

Micky Shanabarger -- Cynthia Grover

Carol Steed -- Gary Steed

Cindy Ott -- Linda Edwards

Wyn Ott -- Linda Edwards

Betty Edwards -- Lamar Edwards

Linda DeMartine -- Kevin and Shannon

Elton Arensman -- Kevin Arensman

Allen Wolf -- Chuck Haigler

Walter Eachus -- Ern Eachus

Sarah Johnson -- Virginia Johnson

Robbie Johnson -- Virginia Johnson

Charlie Johnson -- Virginia Johnson

Our Advent Memorial (Blue Christmas) Brunch and Remembrance Service will be Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 10 a.m. Anyone who has lost a loved one or simply needs to lift their spirits is encouraged to attend. Sharing your loss with others who are also hurting can be comforting. Please RSVP by December 1.

Ruth and Dorcas Groups
Thursday December 1 at 12:00
pm

Christmas Luncheon @ Yvonne
Warners' home

Carpool from church at 11:30 am

**On Thursday December 8, at
12:30 pm you are invited to attend
a salad luncheon followed by the
installation of the 2023 DW/CWF
officers. Melanie Ferron will do the
installation .**

**The Nigh N'Gals are hostess and
have the worship.**

**Bring a salad to share and your
own table service.**

COMMUNITY CANTATA CHORUS PRESENTS...

TAPESTRY OF LIGHT

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

by Joseph M. Martin

PERFORMANCE DATES

DEC. 3RD - 1PM - PALISADE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DEC. 10TH - 3:30PM - FRUITA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DEC. 17TH - 3:30PM - APPLETON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Interreligious Sharing Series

Thursday, December 1st. 2022 6 - 7:45 pm

This month's topic: "what are some Faith Traditions unique to your Religion or Denomination?"

(Special prayers, readings, rituals, holy days or holidays, spiritual practices, songs. Whatever you want to share.)

Grand Junction Public Library: 443 North 6th Street.

Mesa Community Room— To the left as you enter from 6th street of library.

Each person has up to 15 minutes to share followed by Q and A .

Kindly reserve via email or text Antonio and Gale Alves at

agalves82@gmail.com (303) 999-9268

The elder's Christmas potluck will be at Baumgartle's at 505 Lorey Dr, Grand Junction, CO 81505. December 18th at 5:30 pm

People are encouraged to carpool as we have very limited parking



Thank you to those who covered the office in my absence.

For coming together and making sure everything in the office ran smoothly.

I appreciate it very much.

-Manny



Thanks to Pastor Kevin, we have completed our second Bible Study. The first sessions were on Genesis, and we've just finished N. T. Wright's study of Revelation. Starting with Lent (February 22) we will be studying King David.



December 2022

FCC Anniversaries

December 18 Ralph and Cynthia Grover
27 Leonard and Kathy Gardner

FCC Birthdays

December 4 Janet Biederman
4 Jenny Barnes
7 Donna Ham
9 Verda
10 Al Ladage
14 Jerry Laubhan
23 Marian Velarde
25 Jesus
26 Tammy Ostermiller
27 Gabriella James
31 JoAnne Eggers

CROSSWORDS

Next Deadline is

December 22, 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.



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH PEACE,
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.
LUKE 2:14

Corrections to Membership List

New Contact information for Bruce Hinds

- b1withlife2@gmail.com
- Phone: 970-210-2607
- 2853 North Ave. GJ, CO 81501

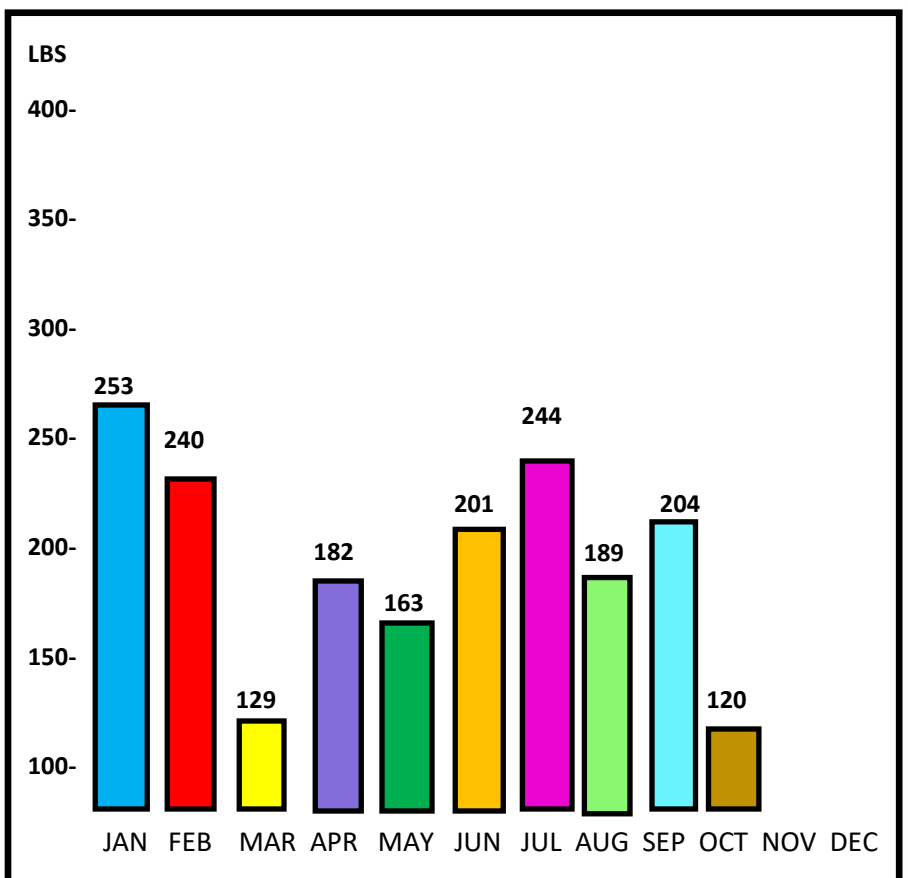
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COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

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.

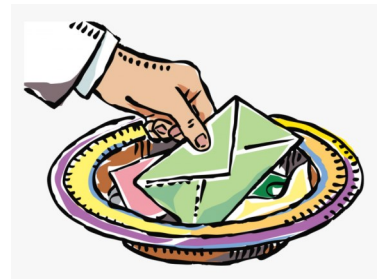
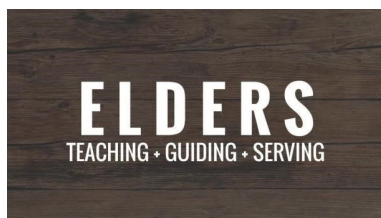
October 2022

120 lbs.



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS

December 04, 2022		1st Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Donna Ham	<u>Elder</u> Lily Fitch	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Jeanice Swank Ruth Acord	<u>Collection Team</u> Al Baumgartle Bonnie Watts
<u>Greeter</u> Jeanne Klitzke			
December 11, 2022		2nd Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Pam Baumgartle	<u>Elder</u> Chuck Haigler	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Norma Lavelett Gloria Jeffrey	<u>Collection Team</u> Al Baumgartle Bonnie Watts
<u>Greeter</u> Karen Lehman			
December 18, 2022		3rd Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Joyce Wittwer	<u>Elder</u> Jeanice Swank	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Riecke Claussen Nancy Claussen	<u>Collection Team</u> Al Baumgartle Bonnie Watts
<u>Greeter</u> Jeanette & Johnny West			
December 25, 2022		4th Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Lily Fitch	<u>Elder</u> Al Baumgartle	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Lamar Edwards Joyce Wittwer	<u>Collection Team</u> Al Baumgartle Bonnie Watts
<u>Greeter</u> Shannon Arensman			
5th Sunday			
<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:

Betty Nelson
Cristina Pherson
Citizens of Ukraine (Sergii Antonov)
David and Vickie Haegen
Diana
Faye Morosini
Gerald Rubalcaba-Nephew
Jeff Dean
Jerry Laubhan
Joanne Eggers
Law & Military Enforcement Personnel
Linda VanDellen
Les Armbruster
Margie O'Dell
Megan Dixon
Nancy Armbruster
Our Church and Country
Paul Scanga
Pete Personette and Family
Ric Rava
Rick Ott
Santiago Rubalcaba
Steve McPeck & Family
Tammy Whitcomb & Daughters
Wyatt McNeece

Requested By:

Joyce Wittwer
JoAnne Eggers
Shannon Arensman/Bonnie

Nancy Armbruster
Lily Fitch
Nancy Armbruster
Santiago Rubalcaba
Gloria Jeffrey
Lily Fitch
Lily Fitch
Kevin Arensman
Donna Ham
Nancy
Shannon Arensman
Shannon Arensman
Nancy Armbruster

Bev Dorson
Tammy
Shannon Arensman
Dennis and Linda
Shannon Arensman
Tammy
Pam
Santiago Rubalcaba

Bolded names are new additions



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:00 pm Ruth and Dorcas Group Christmas Luncheon @ Ivonne Warner's house 11:30 am Carpool from Church	2	
4 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	5 6:00 pm Guitar Club	6 10:00 am Friends with Missions 6:30 pm Night N'Gals	7 9:00 am Parkinson's Support Group 6:00 pm Praise Team	8 12:00 pm Tai-Chi 1:00 pm CWF General Meeting	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	14 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm CO West Quilters	15 12:00 pm Tai-Chi	16 6:00 pm CAP Christmas Dinner	17 8:00 am Monthly Breakfast 12:00 pm Territorial Daughters
18 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	19 6:00 pm Guitar Club	20 10:00 am Friends with Missions	21 6:00 pm Praise Team	22 ***Crossword Deadline*** 12:00 pm Tai-Chi 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) Christmas DAY 	26 6:00 pm Guitar Club	27	29 6:00 pm Praise Team	30 *** Crossword Sent*** 12:00 pm Tai-Chi	31	

Apple Pie

- Serves: **8**
- Prep Time: **40 min**
- Cook Time: **45 min**
- Calories: **290**



Apple Pie Ingredients

What do you need for a traditional apple pie recipe? These common pantry items paired with orchard fresh apples will help you make the best apple pie.

- Pie Crust
- Granny Smith Apples (or a combo of your favorite fresh apples!)
- Salted Butter
- AP Flour
- White and Brown Sugar
- Cinnamon
- Nutmeg (optional, but we think it adds a warming touch)
- Fresh lemon juice
- Eggs



How to Make an Apple Pie

1. Prepare your apples! Peel, core, and cut into equal slices for consistent cooking time. This will ensure a soft crunch.
2. Make your filling! Rich brown sugar and butter combine with a pinch of cinnamon, to make our apple pie filling recipe. Pro Tip: For our thickening agent, we use flour. When the butter combines with the flour, allow it to cook for a full 1-2 minutes. Don't worry if you're not sure when it's done - you'll be able to smell the aromatic nuttiness of the butter and flour together, ensuring a perfect caramel-y thick base for your apples.
3. Prepare your pie crust! If you're making your pie crust from scratch, this step needs to be done ahead of the filling, allowing ample time for it to chill in the fridge. It's important to bake a chilled pie crust, or the crust will droop in the hot oven. Otherwise, store-bought works well, too! Just remember to keep the pie crust in the fridge until ready to fill.
4. Bake! Two different temperatures make for the ideal bake. We start with the oven on 425° F to crisp up the crust and then drop it down to 350° F to get the filling all yummy and bubbly. You can always tent aluminum foil over the top if you see your top crust getting a little too golden brown.
5. Cool and Enjoy! We know it's impossible to wait once you smell the rich spices and fresh pie baking, but for the absolute best apple pie, we recommend waiting until completely cool to dig in.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. **Joseph was originally from....**
A) Bethlehem B) Nazareth C) Hebron D) Jerusalem E) None of the Above
2. **What does the Bible say that the innkeeper said to Mary and Joseph?**
A) There is no room in the Inn B) I have a stable you can use C) Come back later and I should have vacancies.
D) Both A and B E) None of the Above
3. **A manger is ...**
A) Stable for domestic animals B) Wooden hay storage bin C) Feeding trough D) Barn.
4. **Which animals did the Bible say were present at Jesus' birth?**
A) Cows, Sheep, Goats B) Cow, Donkeys, Goats C) Sheep and Goats only D) Misc. barn Animals E) None of the Above.
5. **Who saw the Star in the East?**
A) Shepherds B) Mary and Joseph C) Three wise men D) Both A and B E) None of the Above
6. **According to the Bible, how did Joseph and Mary get to Bethlehem?**
A) Camel B) Donkey C) Walked D) Joseph walked, Mary rode a Donkey E) Horse drawn carriage F) Who Knows?
7. **How many Angels spoke to the Shepherds?**
A) One B) Three C) Multitude D) None of the Above
8. **What did the Angels say/sing?**
A) Glory to God in the Highest B) Alleluia C) Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given
D) Joy to the world, the Lord has come E) Glory to the New Born King
9. **What is a heavenly host?**
A) The Angel at heaven's gate B) The Angel who serves refreshments in heaven C) An Angel choir
D) An Angel Army E) None of the Above
10. **What is Frankincense?**
A) A Precious Metal B) A precious fabric C) A precious perfume D) None of the Above
11. **There was Snow that first Christmas...**
A) Only in Bethlehem B) All over Israel C) Nowhere in Israel D) Somewhere in Israel
12. **What is Myrrh?**
A) Middle Eastern Money B) A Drink C) A Metal D) A Spice used for burying people E) None of the Above
13. **How many wisemen came to see Jesus.?**
A) 3 B) 6 C) 9 D) 12 E) We Don't know
14. **Where did the wise men find Jesus?**
A) In a Manger B) In a Stable C) In Nazareth D) In Saudi Arabia E) In a house F) None of the Above

JUST FOR FUN-FACTS

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

December 1, 1822 - Dom Pedro, founder of the Brazilian Empire, was crowned as the first emperor of Brazil.

December 1, 1988 - Benazir Bhutto was nominated to become prime minister of Pakistan, the first woman to govern a Muslim nation.

December 3, 1984 - A deadly gas leak (of methyl isocyanate) at a Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India, killed at least 3,000 persons and injured more than 200,000.

December 7, 1787 - Delaware became the first state to adopt the new constitution of the United States of America.

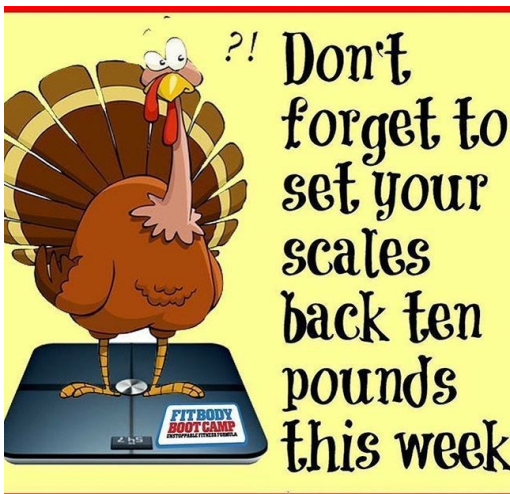
December 14, 1799 - George Washington died at Mount Vernon.

December 21st - Winter begins in the Northern Hemisphere. In the Southern Hemisphere today is the beginning of summer.

December 24, 1990 - On Christmas Eve, the bells of St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow rang for the first time since the death of Lenin.

December 25, 1868 - President Andrew Johnson granted general amnesty to all those involved in the Civil War.

December 31, 1879 - Thomas Edison provided the first public demonstration of his electric incandescent lamp at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey



Christmas Quiz ANSWERS— — — — —FROM PAGE 13

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. A Bethlehem | 8. A. Glory to God in the highest |
| 2. D. both A and B | 9. D. Angel Army |
| 3. C. Feeding Through | 10. B. Incense |
| 4. E. None of the Above | 11. C. Nowhere in Israel |
| 5. C. Three wise men | 12. D. Oil used for embalming people. |
| 6. B. Donkey | |
| 7. A. One | 13. A. Three |
| | 14. E. In a house |

Turkey



6 Facts about Turkeys

1. Only male turkeys gobble

Turkeys make a variety of different sounds such as “purrs,” “yelps,” and “kee-kees,” but the famous “gobble” call is only done by males during mating season.

2. Wild turkeys can fly

It's a common myth that turkeys can't fly (most likely because they feed on the ground), but wild turkeys have been known to fly up to 55 mph in short bursts.

3. Wild turkeys sleep in trees

Turkeys spend most of their time on the ground, but when it's time to sleep, they fly up into trees. This is because turkeys can't see well at night, and to protect themselves from predators, they roost at dusk and fly down at dawn.

4. Their poop determines if they're male or female

One certain way to find out if a turkey is male or female is by checking their droppings. A male's poop will be shaped like the letter J, while the female's is more spiral-shaped.

5. Turkeys can see better than humans

Among the more surprising facts about turkeys is that they have three-times better vision than humans. They can also see in color, and their eyesight covers 270 degrees.

6. 46 million turkeys are killed each year for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving

That's about one turkey for every person in Spain. To add, each turkey weighs about 30 pounds on average, which means Americans will consume 1.4 billion pounds of turkey.