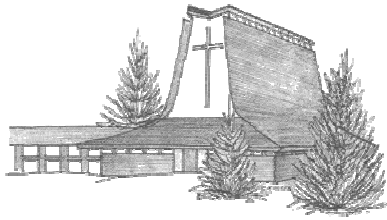


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by Christ's transforming grace and love to
share hope and life in community.

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Global Ministries

“The Miracle of Healing”

Pedro is a 58-year-old gentleman who came to our clinic in Arroyos y Esteros, Paraguay, and consulted with our doctor, Patricio Ramos, regarding shoulder pain. Patricio started him on medication and asked him to return in a week. The following week Pedro still could not raise his arm higher than 90 degrees due to pain, and reported he had been like this for over a year. I talked with Patricio and we agreed he needed an injection of steroids. After I injected Pedro's shoulder, I asked him to try moving his arm.

Pedro was amazed. He was pain free and could move his arm any way he wanted. He left the room and showed everyone in the waiting room what he could do. He stayed for the rest of our clinic and continued to show off his renewed mobility.

The next week Patricio saw Pedro again and realized he needed a second injection, and asked me if I could show him how to do it. Though he was a family practice doctor with eight years of experience in rural Paraguay, he did not know how to perform this simple procedure. So I talked Pedro through it, showing him how to determine the proper site for injection and how to sterilize the skin.

Now we have a respected gentleman who is not only free of pain, but is in the community talking about his successful treatment at our clinic. And we have a doctor who knows a new way to give relief to patients when other methods do not work. Sometimes even the simplest things have effects we cannot imagine.

Paul Jacquay serves as a long-term volunteer at Mision de Amistad (Friendship Mission) in Paraguay. Paul works as a health consultant for the medical department and is a nurse trainer at the Mission de Amistad School of Nursing.



A MOMENT WITH TIM

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. - Acts 2: 42

As part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we have a long tradition of embracing the importance of the Lord's Supper (Communion). We are one of few Protestant churches who celebrate communion each Sunday.

The table has many different meanings. Possibly most importantly, it is a time to gather as the faithful community to celebrate God's love and grace through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. It is a time to remember the cross, celebrate life, and share hope with all believers. It is a time to seek forgiveness and be transformed and renewed by the power and grace of God. As we take the bread and the cup each week, let us celebrate the various meanings.

Since the table is central to all that we do, the Worship Ministry Team is looking to make some modifications to our worship spaces. In the sanctuary, the table will be moved closer to the congregation. This move not only represents the centrality of the table in our service, but also the fact that the table is open to all who seek to follow Christ. In the chapel, the table will be moved to the center of the worship space, clearly demonstrating that the table is the central moment in our time of worship. I hope these changes will help to make our worship experience even more meaningful and transformational.

Bendiciones (Blessings),

Tim



Holiday Camping Trip

Have you signed up for the Labor Day Camping Trip to Crow Valley Campground near Briggsdale? Camping dates are Friday, August 29, through Monday, September 1. Please see the sign-up sheet in the main hall.

Wednesday Crafts

Basket themes we're working on include Family Fun Night, Gardening, Coffee/Tea Party, Cooking Utensils & Products, Italian Cooking, and Soup Night. Thanks for your contributions. Please join us if you have a spare hour or two on Wednesday evenings!

Scramble Golf

Register by August 3 for the Scramble Golf Tournament to benefit the Shiprock (Navajo Nation) work project. The Aug. 16 tournament will be at the Cattail Creek Golf Course in Loveland. Cost is \$45/person. Please sign up on the sheet in the main hall.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

IT'S COMING!!!

We are approaching the time when commitments are made to support the many ministries of Disciples of Christ.

Everyone is aware of the financial changes that have taken place over the past few years. The rising costs for food, gas, electricity, water, housing, etc., have reached the point of great concern.

For most of us at First Christian, we have been blessed far beyond our needs. If you believe times are difficult, consider the plight of those who were in a crisis before the current economical downturn. There are many people who are in desperate need of physical support like food, clothing and shelter. But maybe more importantly for their long-term being, those same people are in need of emotional, spiritual and psychological support through volunteers and paid leaders like counselors and pastors.

Yes, we all need to take care of our families, but, we also need to help take care of all God's children.

Bill Kehl, Stewardship Chair

Annual Elders'

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

The elders invite everyone to the annual Elders' picnic, Sunday, August 24, starting at 6:00 p.m. The elders will supply the meat, buns and drinks. Please bring sides including salads, and desserts to share. Further details will be forthcoming. Come enjoy great food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



BLESSING OF CHILDREN

Pastor Tim extended a blessing to these children during the worship service on July 6th:

Mason James Bruch, son of Matt and Nori Bruch and brother of Madysen.

Maximus Skow, son of Shawn and Guin and brother of Emerson.

Anabelle Loschen, daughter of Todd and Alicia, and sister of Austin and Bradford.

Tony Melendez Concerts



United Way of County, in cooperation with Faith Community Service Fund, is sponsoring two local concerts with guitarist Tony Melendez this month.

Have you heard about Tony Melendez? He is an amazingly gifted musician born without arms- he plays guitar with his feet. His message is powerful - "If I can do this, what can you do?"

Here are the dates for Tony Melendez:

**Thursday, August 21st, 6:00pm, at
Greeley Wesleyan Church
3600 W. 22nd Street—Tickets are \$10.00**

**Sunday, August 24th, 7:00pm, at
Christ Community Church
1301 15th Street—FREE to Youth 18 & under;
adults are asked to buy a \$10.00 ticket
at the door.**

The free concert is especially for kids under 18. Tony will play and have some time to answer questions from the youth.

All proceeds from the concerts will go to families served by Faith Community Service Fund.

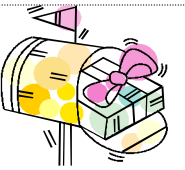
Servers for the Month of August

DATE	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Elder: North	Shannon King	Gary Ikenouye	Jodi Hartmann	Jodi Hartmann	Gary Ikenouye
Elder: South	Carol Smith	Jodi Hartmann	Gary Ikenouye	Shannon King	Jodi Hartmann
Deacons	Myrna Armes ▲ Jayne Hays ☼ George Hypes ☼ Carla Ikenouye Nancy Kurtz ■ Dwayne Kurtz ■ Kris King Todd Loschen ▲	Vicki Sears ■ Deb Thompson ■ Charlotte Shetler ▲ Ron Shetler ▲ Gerre Tjardes Bruce Waldo ☼ Katelyn Waldo ☼ Lynne Waldo	Myrna Armes Jayne Hays ■ George Hypes ■ Carla Ikenouye▲ Nancy Kurtz ☼ Dwayne Kurtz ☼ Kris King ▲ Todd Loschen	Vicki Sears ☼ Deb Thompson ☼ Charlotte Shetler ■ Ron Shetler ■ Gerre Tjardes ▲ Bruce Waldo Katelyn Waldo Lynne Waldo ▲	Myrna Armes ☼ Jayne Hays ▲ George Hypes ▲ Carla Ikenouye ■ Nancy Kurtz Dwayne Kurtz Kris King ■ Todd Loschen ☼
Worship Leader	Gretchen Howland	Dwayne Kurtz	Patty Endres	David Haining	Robert Boyce
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Gerre Tjardes	Connie Davis	Bill Kehl	TBA
Sound Operator	Caitlin Berg	Bruce Waldo	Janice Billings	Gary Ikenouye	Jim Prichard
Van Driver	Bill Moser	Gary Ikenouye	Paul Warntz	Fred Tjardes	TBA
Greeters	Jim/Susan Luecht Ron/Charlotte Shetler Carl/Carolyn England	Evelyn Kehl Helen Stolte Bill/Margaret Crawford	Rick/Janice Billings Norma Basey Marie Caster	Harold/Marilyn Lesser Kathleen Davis Betty Jensen	Darron/Debbie Berg LaVonne Rogakis Jim Prichard
Coffee Hour	TBA	TBA	Lessers/Crawfords	TBA	TBA
Acolytes	Andrew Bishop Kane Shirley	Josh Bobbitt Austin Bechler	Scott Haining Daniel Recor	Cambrie Bishop Lauryn Waldo	Josh Bobbitt Kelli Hays

KEY: PREPARATION=☼ CLEAN UP SANCTUARY=▲ CLEAN UP COMMUNION=■

If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please make arrangements for a replacement. Please notify your team leader and the church of any changes.

August Birthdays



6 LaShonda Turner	15 Caren Renee Haining	23 Matt Bruch
6 Nancy Turner	15 Nancy Kurtz	24 Kodi Hays
9 David Haining	16 Paula Graham	26 Emma Lubbers
9 Kayla Highley	19 Viola Corliss	26 Mariah Valencia
10 Sandy Beiser	22 Rick Billings	27 Phyllis Hansberry
13 Samantha Galindo	22 Porschia Gray	28 Cambrie Bishop
13 Ronell Heitman	22 Ed Nealy	29 Nori Bruch
14 Brice Cochran	22 Hannah Sinwell	31 Sam McMichael

ECO-JUSTICE MINISTRIES

In August Eco-Justice Ministries is offering two special programs for Front Range churches. Both events bring a deeply religious perspective to current environmental issues. There is no charge.

“Greening Your Church: Getting Started & Going Deeper” is an evening workshop that will be offered at five Front Range locations. Participants will learn practical steps for environmental stewardship, and how to bring ecological perspectives into the full range of church programming. This workshop is suitable for pastors and educators, those who are responsible for the church’s buildings & grounds, and anyone in the congregation who has a specific environmental interest. Workshops will be offered from 7-9p at:

***Boulder - Monday, August 18**

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 3700 Baseline Rd

***Colorado Springs - Tuesday, August 12**

First Congregational United Church of Christ,
20 E St. Vrain Street

***Denver - Monday, August 11**

Washington Park United Church of Christ,
400 S Williams Street

***Fort Collins - Wednesday, August 20**

Plymouth United Church of Christ, 916 W Prospect Rd

***Highlands Ranch - Thursday, August 21**

Saint Andrew United Methodist Church,
3350 White Bay Drive

**National Council of Churches
Executive Speaks on Climate Change:
Impact on the Church**

“The Poverty of Global Climate Change: Impacts on the Church” is a presentation by Cassandra Carmichael, director of the National Council of Churches’ eco-justice program. She will share information on how global climate change is impacting core church ministries such as hunger, refugee resettlement, and disaster relief.

This program will be of special interest to those who—in local congregations or denominationally—interpret the global mission and relief ministries of churches. It will also provide a helpful new information for those seeking to understand the wide-ranging impacts of global climate change from humanitarian and peace-with-justice perspectives.

Ms. Carmichael’s presentation will be

Thursday, August 14, 2008,

from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

at Central Christian Church,
3690 Cherry Creek South Drive
in Denver.



CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Christian Men's Fellowship will *not* meet in August. Monthly Saturday meetings will begin again in September.

Pastor Tim will be back from vacation on August 4th.



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



There will not be a general meeting in August, however the CWF Board will meet on August 21st at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor.

September's meeting will begin at noon on Thursday, Sept. 4th. Light refreshments will be served. Ken Easterly from Hospice will present the program and the Peace Group will serve as hostesses.



Tennison Center for Children

Needs for August

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| Hand Lotion | Toothpaste |
| Q-Tips | (large tubes) |
| Hair Gel | Toilet Paper |
| Kleenex | Thin & Ultra Maxi Pads |
| Chapstick | Slim Fit Tampons |

How are We Doing?

Income 2008

Planned Year to Date = \$120,000.00
Actual as of 6/30/08 = \$125,347.73

Expenses 2008

Planned Year to Date = \$145,000.04
Actual as of 6/30/08 = \$148,699.53

Baby Bottle Collection for

Welcome Table Christian Church = \$1070.11

Youth Car Wash (net proceeds) = \$349.00

ELDERS' MESSAGE

This is the day the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it!

God wants us to experience joy in our lives. Each and every day as we count our blessings and give thanks, look for the joys of the day. Greet one another with joy and share God's wonderful love with those you meet. I read somewhere, "Joy is an inside job." It's up to us.

Invite a friend or neighbor to the Elders' Picnic August 24th at 6 p.m. Come and enjoy good food and great fellowship.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:30 through August. We need one-time helpers; please sign up on the sheet outside fester's office.



MOVIE NIGHT



Join us Friday, August 8th, at 6 p.m. to watch "Snow Buddies," a family movie about puppies in an arctic sled-dog race. Soda pop and popcorn will be provided and pizza will be available (\$1 per slice).

A Note from Fort Morgan

We received your banner at the General Assembly. We have been praying for your church. This past Sunday we did a special prayer for you. We lifted up your church family and the work you are doing. We prayed for strength, understanding and commitment. I am the chairman of our diaconate and involved with our worship committee. I continue to include you in my prayers daily. I have been a member of First Christian Church for 45 years at the Fort Morgan, Colorado, Church.

In Christ's Love,

Kaye Foster



Greetings Everyone,

I cannot believe it is already August. It feels like only yesterday that I was packing for CYF camp, and now I have been there, been to Chi-Rho, we have finished VBS, and we have been to California and back for ICYF. Where did the summer go? This month is just as exciting because as school gets started up, so will our youth groups.

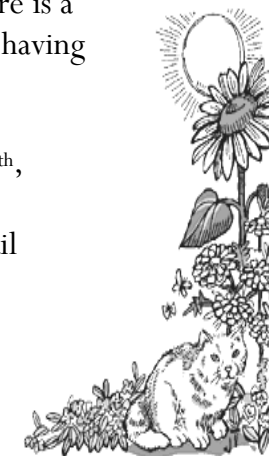
The beginning of the school year is always filled with excitement. Some of you have made a move—elementary to middle school, or middle school to high school. That move is filled with fear and excitement. But I know that those same feelings are felt by not only the students as the school year starts, but also by the teachers and administrators. We all enter this year ready to see what it will have in store for us. I can tell you that here at the church it will be filled with fun, education, retreats, games, lock-ins, service, and who knows what else.

If in the past you have been looking for the best time to get started with our youth group, either as a youth or as an adult, then the beginning of the year is the best time. If you have any questions, please give me a call or stop me on Sunday and ask. We would love to see you on Sunday nights.

We are planning to change our meeting times for this year. Instead of meeting from 5:30-7:30 we are going to try meeting from 4:30-6:00 on Sunday nights. We will no longer have a snack supper, but we will still worship, play games, and have our individual meetings. By ending early, it is my hope that there will be more time to spend with your families and to work on homework. Also, if there is a night when we need to go later, we will have that ability without having our youth here after 8:00 p.m.

It is my hope to start this new meeting time on August 17th, when we will meet for bowling and pizza to kick off our year of youth ministry. Be sure to watch for more information in the mail as the kick-off approaches.

See you all soon,



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