

Save the Date!

July 29-August 2 General Assembly
August 15 Shiprock Golf Tournament
August 16 All-Congregational Picnic
 at 5:00p hosted by the Elders
August 23 Rockies Faith Day Game
 & MercyMe Concert
September 4-7 Camping Trip
September 11-13 Women's Retreat
September 12 Block Party
September 18-20 Men's Retreat
September 23-27 Shiprock New
 Mexico Mission Trip
October 12-20 Venezeula Medical
 Mission Trip

Navajo Golf Tournament

For the past 14 years the Christian Churches of Northern Colorado and Denver have sponsored a golf tournament to underwrite the cost of materials for the annual Navajo Mission Trip to Shiprock, New Mexico. The 2009 Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 15th, at Cattail Creek Golf Course in Loveland, Colorado. The registration fee is only \$45.00 per golfer. For that \$45.00 you get to play nine holes of golf, have lunch, win a prize and help support an important mission project.



Remember the Mission Trip, which will take place September 23-27.

Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ

Transformation Through Communication

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ... Ephesians 4:15

Summertime is camp time for youth and young adults. Many churches encourage and enable their youth to attend a summer church camp for a week or more. A very unique camp is supported by Global Ministries' partner in the Middle East, The Forum for Development, Culture, and Dialogue (FDCD). "Bringing Youth Together for Peace" is the title for this year's international work and study camp offered by the FDCD and the Arab Group for Muslim-Christian Dialogue. The campers who are chosen to attend will spend five days in early July in Saydnaya, Syria, then five days in Dhour Chweir, Lebanon.

The work camp is part of an ongoing program motivated by the conviction that interaction transforms relationships. Young adults ages 23 to 33 from different countries, religions and backgrounds live together in an isolated setting. They work on the process of dialogue and understanding through workshops, lectures, exercises and field visits with religious leaders and organizations. There are intercultural evenings and sightseeing trips as well as a week-long building project. The participants are exposed to positive alternatives and ways of dealing with their problems and with others in a peaceful manner.

Each year the experience of cooperation and communication gives participants an opportunity to become catalysts of transforming relations. Deep, respectful dialogue translates into action, building community and collaboration. That leads to the peaceful transformation of conflict at many levels—and hope for the future of our world!

We pray for the young adults who will live and learn together at camp, that we may all strive to learn and understand each other.

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Our Vision: First Christian Church - called
 by Christ's transforming grace and love to
 share hope and life in community.

July 2009

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A MOMENT WITH TIM

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Isaiah 42: 10

Summer is upon us. It brings with it joys and challenges. Since Jodi and I have two school-age children, summer dramatically changes our lives. Ordinary activities and routines are shed, and it becomes a time of special events. Special events this summer related to church include church camp, Vacation Bible School, and General Assembly. In between those events, we are planning special time with family, sports, vacation, and getting out into nature. If you have the possibility, get out there and do some exploring this summer.

Complete change in schedule can be fun, and it can be difficult. One element in our lives which can suffer or grow in a time of change is our faith. When our daily and weekly patterns change, it is easy to “forget” our prayer life or worship attendance. Summer also often gives time and opportunity to emphasize our prayer life if we make it a priority.

In the scripture from Isaiah cited above, the Israelites are in a time of change and difficulty. The people are far from home, and they are struggling to understand that God isn't stuck in a box in the temple in Jerusalem. As they sing a new song, they are realizing that God is everywhere. While we give thanks that God is present in our worship at First Christian, we also celebrate that God is everywhere.

If you aren't in Greeley on a Sunday, you might try to experience worship in a different congregation. Maybe you'll find some ideas to enhance our worship. You might spend some time alone with God or worship with family and friends. If you are in Greeley, make worship a priority.

If you have a daily prayer time, keep it. If you don't, it's a great time to start. Whatever you do this summer, sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth!

Bendiciones (Blessings),

Tim



General Assembly

Have you considered attending General Assembly to worship, learn, fellowship and discuss the future of our Church?

Disciples from all walks of life will gather in Indianapolis from Wednesday, July 29, to Sunday, August 2, for the church's biennial Assembly. For more information, please go to:

<http://www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly/tabid/59/Default.aspx>

Please remember to keep those from our congregation who will be attending the assembly in your prayers.



Both of our pastors will attend General Assembly from July 28th through August 4th.

If you have spiritual needs during that time, you may contact Nancy Turner, at 330-8087, or Lena Morris, 301-0273 or Connie Harbert, 330-1413.

Baptism

Taylor White was baptized on June 14, 2009, at First Christian Church of Greeley, Colorado.

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If you would like to know more about baptism, speak with one of our pastors.

105th Birthday Party Invitation



All are invited to a 105th Birthday Celebration for Louise Graber on Sunday, July 5th, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Bridge, 4750 25th Street. (No gifts, please.)

Note from Shirley Miller

Thank you for the cards and prayers after the passing of my mother, Winnie Poe. We were truly blessed with all the cards and good wishes.

Shirley & Tom Miller



Wednesday Prayer Gathering

We continue our prayer gathering on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. (July 1st and 15th). The gatherings are proving to be a good place for learning, growing in faith, and communing together with God. Come and take advantage of this special time.



Neighborhood Block Party Date Set

We continue planning for our September 12th Block Party. Our plan is to hold the party from 11:00 to 2:00 and provide food and games. We are asking that each group and ministry in the church host a fun activity.

Let our organizing group (Patty Endres, David Haining, Kelly Jensen, Kris King & Hazel Gibson) know if you have ideas or if you would like to volunteer. We will need lots of participants to make this a great event.

In the Footsteps of Jesus:

An Alternative Tour to Palestine & Israel
January 29 – February 8, 2010

By engaging the people who live in the land –and the history, culture and social realities that shape their lives–alternative (responsible) travel seeks to transform curious tourists into informed pilgrims.

As the tour theme suggests, many of the first-century realities that shaped Jesus' life and ministry continue to shape the lives of contemporary Palestinians and Israelis. In addition to exploring the holy stones–the historic places and sites that have defined our faith –participants will engage the Living Stones: Jews, Muslims and Christians who live in the land.

Tour leaders Jeff & Janet Wright have served as Disciples of Christ/UCC Global Ministries short-term missionaries to Israel/Palestine, having traveled there many times. Janet, a mental health therapist, has just returned from her most recent service in October, 2008. Jeff is lead pastor of Heart of the Rockies Christian Church (DOC) in Fort Collins.

To facilitate conversation, take advantage of unplanned opportunities and provide a more enriching experience, tour size is limited. Participants will: explore the holy sites of Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Hebron and more; visit Qumran, the wall of Jericho, Massada, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River and more; learn from Global Ministries mission partners; meet and discuss current realities with Muslim, Christian and Jewish leaders. We will be accompanied by a professional guide. Travel arrangements have been made through Siraj Center for Holy Land Studies. (Overnight accommodations, while clean and comfortable, are modest, made to maximize our contact with the Living Stones and make the tour more affordable.) *Past tour participants have rated the tour experience very highly.*

For more info and to see the draft itinerary, call Jeff & Janet at 970/223-8465 (home) or 970/217-3065 (Jeff's cell) or email them at wright@frii.com. Cost of the tour (excluding airfare) is \$1,590.

Church Event – Faith Day 2009

On August 23rd at Coors Field, a group from FCC will go to watch the Rockies play the Giants. We will stay for a MercyMe concert following the game. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$20 (children 2 and under are free), and the game starts at 1:10 p.m. All money must be turned in to the office or to Carol Walker by Sunday, July 12th. Questions? Please call Carol at 351-8740.



Tennyson Center Needs for June

Zip Lock Bags, All Sizes
Carmex Tubes
Non-Powdered Latex Gloves
Kleenex
Hair Accessories
Luster's Pink Lotion
Toothpaste, Travel Size
Deodorant, Travel Size
1-Ounce Dixie Cups

Announcement

We give thanks that First Christian Church (DOC) of Casper, Wyoming, has called Reverend Cynthia Dobson McBride as Lead Pastor. An installation and reception took place Sunday, June 28th.

How are We Doing?

In order to reflect a truer picture of our financial situation, our actual income numbers will reflect only pledges and other giving. They will not include savings under management of the Trustees. Please see the asterisk below and speak with David Haining, Rich Recor, Jim Prichard, Gary Ikenouye, or Tim Bobbitt if you have any questions.

Income 2009

Actual as of 5/31/09 \$102,166.95*
Budgeted Year to Date \$108,545.40

Expenses 2009

Actual as of 3/31/09 \$127,111.60
Budgeted Year to Date \$123,423.40

*In order to balance the Plan for 2009, the Board of Trustees was asked to commit \$36,000 as needed. Through April, \$20,000 of the \$36,000 has been transferred to the General Fund to meet expenses.

Elders' Message

Over the past several years I have always been amazed as I watched and listened as my daughters and other children in the church talked about the wonderful experiences they have had at church camp. They always come home excited and recharged with the Spirit of God, already talking about next summer. However, this summer has been different as I also went to church camp as a counselor for junior camp. It has been years since I have been to camp, so I wasn't sure what to expect. Fortunately, I was teamed up with an experienced counselor and we had a very good curriculum to use.

Every day is a full schedule from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and sometimes later. While there is time for games and crafts, every day has a theme based on scripture. The campers have the opportunity to discuss the day's scripture, then plan and lead the Vespers and campfire services. It was fun to listen to them and assist them in the process. Our campers came from several states and diverse backgrounds, but over the course of the week they came together as one community.

First Christian Church of Greeley is well represented with campers and volunteers that work as counselors, directors and chaplain.

After participating in the camp for the week and seeing the impact on the campers, I can tell you that it is a great investment in our youth. Thank you for your support of the campers and volunteers.

Tom Rainbolt, Elder



Christian Men's Fellowship

The FCC Christian Men's Fellowship will be having their July 11th meeting at The Egg & I Restaurant at 2305 W. 27th Street (on 23rd Avenue) starting at 7:30 a.m. Come join other men for some fellowship and fun!! Please note, we will not meet in August.

Greetings Everyone,

I cannot believe it is already July. We have all been to camp, and from what I have seen and heard, this year's camping program was one of the best.

There are many people in our congregation who have never had the chance to go to camp, so they might not understand why camp is the highlight of the year for many of our youth. Camp has always been a place where youth are able to connect. They are able to connect with friends from past years, to connect with new friends they meet each year, and connect with nature, but most importantly connect with God. For most youth, their week of camp is the one time each year they know they can count on experiencing the holy. And for adults, watching the process of a youth becoming open to and encountering the presence of God is truly amazing.

As July starts we all have another opportunity to make a special week for a large group of young people. VBS will be held here at First Christian Church from July 6-10 from 9:00 a.m. till 11:45 a.m. every day. If you have not been approached about helping with VBS, please see one of our directors, Caitlin Berg or Erika Hartmann—I know they can find a place for you to help. There is also a list of supplies on the bulletin board outside my office. Feel free to find a few that you can supply, and put your name next to them. For many of the kids who attend VBS, it is the one time during the year that they are really connected with any church. With all of our help I know this week can be special for every young person who enters our doors.

As you enter during the month of July, I hope you will make sure to stop and think about our young people. Take a moment to ask campers about what they learned or what they did. Take the time to help out with VBS, either with time, presence, or resources. Take a look around and see some of our youth and children who are excited to be here each and every week—and say a prayer of thanks to God for the way they shape our community.

See you all soon.



Arts & Crafts



Activities



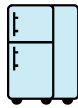


July Birthdays



1 Riley Steele Garcia	11 Marie Caster	
1 Keaton Hartmann	11 Jason Garcia	21 George Hypes
2 Bill Tjardes	13 Florence Benton	21 Dani Malcom
5 Clay Cochran	13 Joleen Veik	24 Vicki Sears
5 Karena Malcom	14 Brandon Perry	26 Lynde Reed
6 Herman Hoke	14 Daniel Recor	26 Carl Waldeck
7 Brittany Sauer	17 Jimmie Wolfrum	26 Vicki Wright
8 Diane Doyle	18 Lynette Scheid	27 Connie Harbert
9 Shelby Fields	19 Marv Jensen	29 Weston Edmunds
10 Joyce McMichael	19 Tom Rainbolt	31 Miguel Ramirez
10 Paul Warntz	20 Meaghan Maxwell	31 Cory Walker

A Healthy Kitchen



The church kitchen freezer, fridge and cupboards have been cleared of all spoiled and out-dated food, including milk, juices, “flat” soda pop, peanut butter, marshmallows, syrups, condiments, etc. Some items were donated to the Transitional House and the Guadalupe Center. Unfortunately, large amounts of food/liquid had to be discarded due to spoilage and being out-dated.

When your group has excess food, please take it to the Guadalupe Center at 6:30 p.m. or divide it up between group members and take it home rather than placing it in the freezer or the refrigerator. Please help us prevent this large waste of food from happening again by following the simple rules posted on the refrigerator. Be sure to use the tags provided, so we can track the source, usage and date of these items. Your help will be appreciated and our kitchen will be a healthier place. 😊

VBS Picnic



We plan to end our VBS with a picnic on Friday evening, July 10th. We need your help. Speak with Verna Recor or the church office if you are able to help with this fun event. All are invited to attend.



Vacation Bible School

Experience + Discover God Everywhere!
(CAMP E.D.G.E.)

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held July 6th-10th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Please extend an invitation to children ages 3-11 and invite them to bring a friend.

*A decorating party has been scheduled for Sunday, July 5th 1:00 p.m. All are welcome!

*A list of supplies needed for VBS has been posted across from fester's office. We particularly need artificial Christmas trees & tents.

*We can use more greeters and registration folks.

*Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the education wing.

*E-mail Erika Hartmann at theatregal123@yahoo.com or Caitlin Berg at vb_trk_lver_Berg@yahoo.com if you have any questions or want to sign up. (There are _'s in Caitlin's e-mail address, not spaces.) You can also reach Erika at 402-6042 and Caitlin at 397-7934.

Servers for the Month of July

July 5

July 12

July 19

July 26

9:30 Sanctuary Service

Elder: North	Tessa Johnson	Connie Davis	Julie Hoskins	Patty Endres
Elder: South	Connie Davis	Tessa Johnson	Patty Endres	Julie Hoskins
Worship Leader	Gretchen Howland	Caren Renee Haining	Phyllis Hansberry	Jim Richardson
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Bill Kehl	Connie Davis	Gerre Tjardes
Sound Operator	Caitlin Berg	Bruce Waldo	Janice Billings	Gary Ikenouye
Van Driver	Miguel Ramirez	Gary Ikenouye	Paul Warntz	Fred Tjardes
Diaconate	Janean Beaman ▲	Cody Highley	Beth Warntz ☼	Cody Highley ☼
	Kelly Davis ■	Sheila Takumoto	Kelly Davis	Sheila Takumoto ☼
Please have communion ready by 10:00 a.m.	Darron Berg ☼	Janean Beaman ▲	Darron Berg ▲	Beth Warntz ■
	Debbie Berg ☼	Rick Billings ▲	Debbie Berg ▲	Paul Warntz ■
	Rick Billings ▲	Marilyn Lesser ☼	Paul Warntz ☼	Marilyn Lesser
	Shirley Miller	Diane Doyle ☼	Shirley Miller ■	Diane Doyle
	Phyllis Hansberry ■	Von Prichard ■	Phyllis Hansberry	Von Prichard ▲
	Bob Corliss	Verna Recor ■	Bob Corliss ■	Verna Recor ▲
Greeters	Jim & Susan Luecht Ron & Charlotte Shetler Carl & Carolyn England	Evelyn Kehl Helen Stolte Darron & Debbie Berg	Rick & Janice Billings Norma Basey Marie Caster	Marilyn Lesser Kathleen Davis Betty Jensen
Coffee Hour Host	TBA	TBA	TBA	Billings & Harberts
Acolytes	Andrew Bishop Kane Shirley	Josh Bobbitt Emilee Wolsey	Scott Haining Daniel Recor	Cambrie Bishop Laurny Waldo
Preacher	Rev. Tim Bobbitt	Rev. Tim Bobbitt	Rev. fester Coffee-Prose	Rev. fester Coffee-Prose
Children's Church	Michelle Gray Daniel Recor	Jodi Bobbitt Andrew Bishop	Connie Harbert Emilee Wolsey	Lynne Waldo Katelyn Waldo
Children's Moment	Jodi Bobbitt	Kris King	Fester Coffee-Prose	Erika Hartmann

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.