

A New Building, A New Chapter

**“What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do;
and the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:9**

Our historical secondary school in Izmir, Turkey, began a new chapter in its long history. Founded by our missionary predecessors in 1878, the Izmir American Collegiate Institute has now opened a renovated building. In addition to the usual classrooms and school facilities, the new building has a girls' dormitory. Thirty girls now live on the top floor enjoying modern, spacious living quarters with a magnificent view of Izmir and its bay. What's more, these girls are from more distant parts of Turkey and this means greater diversity in the student body.

We, as members of a long line of Americans who were invited to work in the Izmir school, appreciate how it strongly observes its heritage. It is an institution where generations of Christians, Muslims, Jews—Turkish and foreign—have worked together for common ideals of citizenship, service, and learning. It's a legacy that the graduates are protecting and developing. And it's a legacy that all Americans who contributed to it can celebrate.

Peace,

Betty & Ken Frank

Ken & Betty Frank serve with the American Board in Istanbul, Turkey.

They share the job of General Secretary of the American Board.

They also serve on the board of the Istanbul Interparish Migrant Program (IIMP).



Rocky Mountain Men's Ministries CRMR Men's Conference

YMCA Camp, Estes Park, Colorado—May 21-23

Looking for a weekend of inspiration, fellowship, relaxation, and good food in a beautiful setting?

We have two excellent speakers: Gary Peluso-Verdend, president of Phillips Theological Seminary, who will be sharing on the theme “Your Money or Your Life?” and Dr. Doug Skinner, Pastor of Northway Christian Church of Dallas, Texas, on “Our Spiritual DNA.”

The camp has many activities available, including hiking, miniature golf, swimming, workout rooms, indoor gym, ice skating, etc. Registration fees vary according to lodging arrangements, and scholarships are available. Please speak with David Haining or Pastor Tim if you are interested in attending.

The registration deadline is May 15th.

Regional Assembly Central Rocky Mountain Region

Pueblo, Colorado—April 23-24

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Come! Hear amazing music
and meet our new
Transitional Regional Minister
Jose Morales.

Sermon: “On This Rock”
Matthew 16: 13-20

For details on the full
weekend schedule,
workshop topics,
lodging suggestions, and
childcare arrangements,
please see the main
bulletin board.



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share hope and life in community.

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“Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.” John 13:1 NIV
“I pray that you may have the power to comprehend... what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ....” Eph. 3:18-19 NRSV



A MOMENT WITH TIM

The Gift of the Cross

“God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” Colossians 1: 20

Have you noticed our new cross? The cross was given by Sue Sabas. So, who is Sue Sabas? Sue is a chaplain with Hospice and lives in the neighborhood of the church. Sue is a Roman Catholic and a friend to our church. Sue represented Hospice at our Neighborhood Block Party last year.

You may be aware that we have a rustic cross in the yard on the east side of the sanctuary. We first put it up during Holy Week a couple of years ago. Sue saw the cross and said that it was inspiring to her. She then noticed that it was gone when we removed it after Holy Week. She wondered where it had gone. The next year during Holy Week we put it in the yard once again. This time it stayed in the yard.

As I mentioned, it is a rustic cross and the wood wasn't great. The cross broke, but not wanting to be without the symbol of the cross, we put it in the ground once again. Sue noticed our short cross and said, “You need a better a cross.” She didn't simply say that, she decided to do something about it. She started making a cross to give to us. She researched the size of the actual cross that Jesus was crucified on and worked to make it that size. She spent many, many hours on the work of art.

Sue asked her friend Mike McVicker who is a contractor and a Christian to help her think about the process of permanently putting a cross in the ground. Mike even went over to the city and worked out the details, which are many. This Holy Week First Christian Church has received the gift of the cross. Why did Sue give us this cross? She told me that our church is special to her. She told me that God filled her with a passion to make the gift.

As we celebrate Holy Week this year we celebrate the gift of the cross. We celebrate the amazing love of Jesus the Christ who endured the cross. We celebrate the grace of God who transformed death on the cross into life and resurrection. What a gift. What a gift.

Bendiciones (Blessings),

Jim



Holy Week Schedule

<p>March 28 Palm Sunday regular schedule March-29-April 2 12:15p GIA services April 1 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service April 2 8:00a-7:00p Prayer Vigil April 2 7:00p Good Friday Service</p>	<p>April 4 Easter Sunday 6:30a Sunrise Service 9:00a Egg Hunt & Breakfast 10:30a Sanctuary Service</p>
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Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your prayers, cards and concerns during my recovery. I have never been so debilitated and it hasn't been much fun! God never did allow me much patience, but He has certainly tested it the past few weeks. A special thanks to those who took over for me during WWW the first week I was gone--Rev. Tim for his devotion, Rev. Ed for my class, Nancy and Gerre for making soup, and all who have pitched in and set up or cleaned up during the past few weeks. What a wonderful group of friends to have!!! I will do my best to make it up to you in the future. I would not be doing as well as I am if I wouldn't have had such a wonderful nurse and caregiver as Roger! THANKS & BLESSING TO ALL!



Connie Harbert

Generally In-between Fifty & Twenty

Join the G.I.F.T. Group on Saturday, April 24th, for an evening of fun as we have our annual Destination Unknown event! Who knows where we will go and what we will do for this year's event, but it is sure to be interesting and fun! Watch the sign-up board for details on times and cost. Childcare will be provided at the church. Questions can be directed to the event planners (Shannon and Kris King), but they may be a bit tightfisted with details!

Dear Christian Church Family,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christian Women's Fellowship **bake/craft sale** by donating items, cooking, purchasing items, and everything else! We raised a total of \$954.48! Disciples Mission Fund will receive \$95.45, the Quadrennial Fund will receive \$477.24, and we now have a local retreat fund with \$381.79.

Thanks again for all your support!

Judi Ring for CWF



~ Bereavements ~

Our deepest sympathy is with the Watson Family in the passing of Derold on February 14th, 2010.

We also extend our deepest sympathies to Wynona Herbst and her family. Ren passed away on February 22, 2010.



Easter Special Offering

As a movement for wholeness and as a beacon of light, the Christian Church (DOC) brings the light of Christ to the dark corners of the world. The Easter offering supports projects like coordinated efforts with the Office of Disciples Women and Habitat for Humanity. It rebuilds a hospital in war-torn Congo. It helps missionaries and pastors with basic necessities through the Pension Fund. You are invited to give generously as we GO LIGHT OUR WORLD! Envelopes are included with this newsletter.

Life After Fifty-Five Group

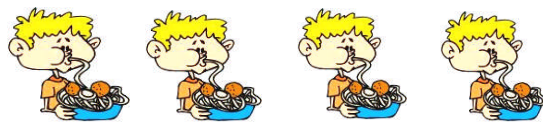
L.A.F.F. Group will tour the courthouse on Thursday, April 30th. Julie Hoskins will lead the tour from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with lunch afterwards at Santeramo's Pizza House and Italian Food. Watch for the sign-up sheet.

Thank You, Men!

Thank you to Gary Ikenouye, Carl England & Paul Warntz for deep cleaning the church kitchen. This included stripping old wax from the floor and applying new wax. In addition Carl, Gary, Paul, Sam McMichael, Bill Kehl, Roger Harbert, and Pastor Tim cleaned the carpets. Also, thank you to Jimmy Wolfrum's machine shop for cleaning the cast iron parts of the stove and its two filters. And thank you to Rick Billings for cleaning the convection oven.

We also appreciate Sam for trouble-shooting our telephone system.





First Christian Church Preschool Spaghetti Luncheon

Spaghetti, Veggies, Garlic Bread,
Dessert and Drinks

Sunday, April 18, 2010

11:45 a.m.

(Following Church Service
in Fellowship Hall)

Tickets will be available soon.

Thank you for supporting your Preschool.

Camping Trip

We have a campsite picked out and reserved at Lake Dowdy in the Red Feathers area for Labor Day Weekend. There are 11 sites available very close to the lake. Watch the Weekly Caller for upcoming meetings.



Greeley Interfaith Holy Week Schedule



Greeley Interfaith Association is sponsoring services at 12:15 p.m. each day of Holy Week, March 29th through April 2nd. All services will be held at First United Methodist Church, 917 10th Avenue, Greeley. **On Monday Pastor Tim will lead the service;** Tuesday—Mary Etta Moor; Wednesday—Tom Woodman of Unitarian Universalist Church; Thursday—Institute of Religion, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Friday—Leighton Mekeal of First United Methodist church.

Open Enrollment

First Christian Church Preschool is now taking applications for the 2010-2011 school year.

You can pick up a registration form from the front office or the preschool office.

If you have any questions, contact Tricia at 970-352-2543.



Health Care Forum



The League of Women Voters of Greeley and Better Health Care for Weld County will present "Extending the Safety Net," a public forum on health care options for those without health insurance in Weld County, on Thursday, April 8, from 7-9 p.m. here at FCC. Panelists will include Weld County Health Department Director Dr. Mark Wallace; NextCare Regional Manager Hector Berrogen; and Sunrise Community Health President/CEO Mitzi Moran and Manager/Director Kelli Earhart.



Spring Antiques Faire & Yard Sale



Downsizing? Simplifying? Many of us seem to be accumulating items we can't use anymore, from trinkets to furniture. FCC is planning an antiques faire combined with a yard sale on Saturday, June 5th. We'll have an organizational meeting in Fellowship Hall at 9:15a on Sunday, March 28th. Jodi Bobbitt, Verna Recor & Diane Doyle

Youth News

Hello, my name is Linda Harding and I am the new youth director here at First Christian Church in Greeley! I am currently a student at Denver Seminary and will be graduating on May 15 with a Masters in Divinity. The Central Rocky Mountain Region has approved me for ordination on June 5, 2010. My family and I have been attending Heart of the Rockies Christian Church in Fort Collins for the last 17 years. My husband Tony and I have three children: Beth is a senior at Fort Collins High, Nick is a freshman at Fort Collins High, and Brady is a 7th grader at Preston Middle School.

I am very excited to become a part of the community here at FCC. I have already had several opportunities to spend time with the youth and I must say that they are a great group of students! I am thankful to have such a wonderful support system through the parents and adult youth leaders. I have been impressed with the passion the adult youth leaders have for the youth. I appreciate the welcome, support and encouragement I have received in my short time here at FCC. I am looking forward to beginning a long and fulfilling relationship with this community!

I am keeping FCC in my prayers giving thanks for this opportunity to grow in my love for you all and in my love for God. As Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica, "We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

My office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am - 3pm, but know that I am available anytime. My cell number if you need to reach me is 970-217-6325, home phone 907-207-1617 and my e-mail address is fcclinda@comcast.net. Please feel free to contact me anytime!

Important Dates for April:

Saturday April 3rd 9:30 am — youth to drop off and prepare items for Easter Breakfast

Sunday April 4th 8:00 am — youth to serve Easter Breakfast and hide Easter Eggs

NO YOUTH GROUP EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4th

May 2nd Youth Sunday both services — which means we will spend time in April talking about worship and planning for this special event!

Know you are invited to youth group each and every Sunday evening April 11th, 18th and 25th from 4:30-6:00. Feel free to bring your friends!



Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF will meet on Thursday, April 1st, at noon for a catered lunch and program. The program, called "Come to the Table of the Lord," will be given by Carol Hypes and Carol Smith. The meal will once again be catered by Platte Valley High School and will cost \$4 per person. Please RSVP on the board by March 28th. Kindness Group will be hosting and is preparing a special surprise dessert, so don't miss out!

The Daughters' Dessert is scheduled for May 4, 2010. Diane Doyle has volunteered to provide our table decorations, and she is still looking for brightly colored spring flowers to give away. If you have any individual silk flowers that you would like to donate, please put them in the box marked FLOWERS in the Fellowship Hall.

It is once again time to collect items for the baby layettes. There will be a collection box in Fellowship Hall, and we will collect items until the end of May.

The board will meet on April 8th at 9:30 a.m. Devotions will be given by Carol Smith. Joy Group will meet at 1:15 p.m. on the 13th. Kindness and Peace groups will meet on the 22nd at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. respectively.

Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF)

What is CMF? It is simply a group of men who get together to enjoy each other's company, learn something about their faith, and put their faith into action through work and ministry projects.

What are the membership requirements? There are no requirements except that you are male and a friend of the church!

I haven't been to a meeting, so won't I be behind? Not at all! Our meetings are designed to be self-contained, meaning any programs will start and conclude at that meeting.

When are the meetings? Normally meetings are the 2nd Saturday of the month from 8:00a to 9:00a (except Aug. & Dec.). Our next meeting will be April 10th at 8:00a in Fellowship Hall.

Elder's Message

Easter is coming! What a joyous time after winter, snow and Lent.

When we reflect on what Easter really means, we are humbled and grateful that God loved us enough to sacrifice His Son that we might have Eternal Life—no ifs, ands or buts; only by His Grace we are saved.

Praise the Lord for He is good. As spring sneaks up on us—and we hope that's soon—we give thanks for this wonderful season. May we continue to grow in our faith as we seek to grow in our spiritual life with God.

Carol Smith



We Appreciate Our Coffee Hour Hosts!

Membership Ministry would like to thank all of our terrific Coffee Hour hosts. Names have been appearing on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall with heartwarming regularity. We always have a great crowd for Coffee Hour and you hosts make it all possible. For those who have yet to "take the plunge," feel free to sign up with a friend or two. More hands make for less work. If you would like to bring cookies, but are unable to serve (or vice versa),

let Carla Ikenouye (356-2121) know, and we'll match you up with a "buddy." Bring whatever you wish—we all enjoy both homemade or store-bought cookies.



Tennyson Center Needs for April

- Microwave Popcorn
- Kleenex (regular size boxes)
- Small First Aid Kits
- Water Bottles
- Disposable Cameras
- Toilet Paper
- Sunscreen (30+ SPF)
- Deodorant (men's & women's)
- Zip-Lock Sandwich Bags



Historical Tour of Greeley

A First Christian Church historical tour of Greeley and the surrounding area has been prepared by your church historian at the request of Hazel Gibson.

The tour includes seeing and hearing about the original site of the church at 8th Avenue and 13th Street. It also includes seeing and hearing about the homes of previous ministers, former members and one present member. Two of these homes have been declared historical buildings by the city of Greeley. Sites of additional historical events downtown will be included. Also included is a stop at the location of what was known as Central Christian Church when our church membership split in half during the decade of the 1920s. This stressful time is described in the church history book.

Depending on time available, locations of our church activities at the former Ashton School, the Stow Witwer 100-Year Historical Farm, the church at Gill, and the church at Galeton will be included. The minister at Galeton Community Church has agreed to provide us with a tour of his church.

The tour will be conducted by riding on the church bus, stopping at the various places, and having the historical information discussed by the church historian. For the five-hour tour, we will start in the morning and eat lunch with the country folks at Dillard's in Galeton.

All tourists must ride on the church bus in order to hear the historical information about all the locations. There are three booklets describing the tour route. Groups interested in going on the tour can contact Tim Bobbitt or George Hypes. Pick a group and have some historical fun.

George Hypes,
Church Historian



New Transitional Regional Minister

Jose Morales, Jr., a speaker, writer and pastor, has been called to be the Transitional Regional Minister for the Central Rocky Mountain Region. Morales recently served as associate pastor of Iglesia del Pueblo - Hope Center - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Hammond, Ind. He also was a morning worship speaker at the 2009 General Assembly in Indianapolis.

Iglesia del Pueblo, where Morales served as associate pastor, is a predominantly Hispanic congregation that has evolved into a multi-cultural church with a substantial number of Asian Americans, African Americans, Native Americans, and Euro Americans. During the first two years of his pastorate at the church, Morales was the clergy caucus chair of the Northwest Indiana Federation, an interfaith organization of churches and mosques that addresses issues of justice in the northwest Indiana region in order to effect positive public policy and economic development.

Morales earned a bachelor's degree from Judson College and a Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, where he serves on the board of trustees. He is fluent in Spanish and English and hopes to strengthen the Central Rocky Mountain Region's youth ministry and reach out to its Spanish-speaking as well as other racial-ethnic groups.

The Transitional Regional Minister Search team for the Central Rocky Mountain Region was impressed with his deep spirituality, passion for ministry and ability to relate to a variety of audiences.

To see more, go to: www.disciples.org/Portals/0/PDF/DNS/2010/20100311-BioJoseMorales.pdf



April Birthdays



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| 1 Milt Hollingshead | 11 Carl England | 22 Tessa Rainbolt | 28 Ed Boston |
| 1 Will Jensen | 13 Sue Sinnwell | 23 Madysen Bruch | 29 Erika Hartmann |
| 1 Owen Schneider | 14 Margaret Crawford | 23 Wynona Herbst | 29 Liza Malcom |
| 2 Sylvia Werbin | 19 Jazzlyn Jensen | 26 Jack Holland | 30 Bob Richardson |
| 6 Taylor Rainbolt | 20 Doug Malcom | 26 Charlotte Kidd | |
| 8 Leona Stevens | 21 Kathleen Davis | 27 Jim Richardson | |
| 11 Jodi Bobbitt | 22 Marj Kadlub | 27 LaVonne Rogakis | |



Capital Improvement



Our Church's Mission: Called by Christ's transforming grace and love to share hope and life in community.

Our building has been a temple for us to worship our Lord and to have the ability to show our love for God through the use of our facilities. Are our facilities still meeting the call of our mission? Are we keeping the facilities maintained in a way that shows our honor and love for our God? Are we able to inform and invite the community to join us in a relationship with God?

These are questions that the capital improvement committee hopes to help the congregation explore over the next few months. Paul Warntz, Carla Ikenouye, Bill Kehl, Jodi Hartmann, Sam McMichael, and David Haining (Chair) are the members of the committee and welcome you to discuss your hopes, dreams, and concerns with us. Look for an upcoming forum to get your input in the coming weeks.

Church Financial Update

Income 2010

Budgeted Year to Date \$49,484.66
Actual as of 02/28/10 \$43,987.50

Expenses 2010

Budgeted Year to Date \$49,484.66
Actual as of 02/28/10 \$42,663.62

Colorado Children's Home Dinner

The 15th Annual Northern Colorado Dinner for the Tennyson Center for Children at Colorado Christian Home will be Friday, April 30, at the Marriott in Ft. Collins. Registration begins at 6:30p followed by the dinner at 7:00. Featured speaker will be Carl Sutter, Executive Pastor at Crossroads Church in Loveland. More information may be found at www.childabuse.org and by watching the Weekly Caller.

Recycling

For years the Greeley Shrine Club has sponsored a recycling bin at our church. It is no longer profitable for them, so they have discontinued it in order to devote their resources to other programs. As a church we have maintained the recycling bin as part of our ministry to care for God's earth, and we have received some donations in order to pay for it.

It is now being emptied by Waste Management on the Wednesday of the second full week of the month. It costs us about \$7.00 per month (for one pick-up). If you want to sponsor a month, write a check with "recycling" on the memo line or use a special offering envelope and write "recycling" on the envelope.

Please do not put garbage or other non-recyclable items in the recycling dumpster.

Servers for the Month of April

	April 1 Maundy Thurs.	April 4 Easter	April 11	April 18	April 25	
8:15 Chapel			Sunrise Service			
Elder			Tessa Johnson	Connie Davis	Jayne Hays	Lena Morris
Deacon				Veronica Thomas	Veronica Thomas	Veronica Thomas
Worship Leader			Tessa Johnson	Nita White	Ronell Heitman	Gary Ikenouye
Song Leader				Tessa Johnson	Gretchen Howland	Tessa Johnson
Pianist				Gretchen Howland	Nancy Kurtz	Nita White
10:30 Sanctuary						
Elder: North	Roger Harbert	Lena Morris	Jayne Hays	Connie Davis	Tessa Johnson	
Elder: South	Kris King	Connie Davis	Lena Morris	Tessa Johnson	Jayne Hays	
Deacon	J. Beaman ▲	J. Beaman ±	J. Beaman ■	J. Beaman ⇐	J. Beaman ▲	
	R. Billings ▲	R. Billings ±	R. Billings ■	R. Billings ⇐	R. Billings ▲	
	F. Cribelli ⇐	F. Cribelli ▲	F. Cribelli ±	F. Cribelli ■	F. Cribelli ⇐	
	S. Cribelli ⇐	S. Cribelli ▲	S. Cribelli ±	S. Cribelli ■	S. Cribelli ⇐	
	S. Miller	S. Miller ⇐	S. Miller ▲	S. Miller ±	S. Miller ■	
	P. Hansberry ■	P. Hansberry ⇐	P. Hansberry ▲	P. Hansberry ±	P. Hansberry ■	
	B. Corliss ±	B. Corliss ■	B. Corliss ⇐	B. Corliss ▲	B. Corliss ±	
	M. Lesser ±	M. Lesser ■	M. Lesser ⇐	M. Lesser ▲	M. Lesser ±	
Worship Leader		Cambrie Bishop	Carolyn Rainbolt	Gerre Tjardes	Jayne Hays	
Song Leader	Gerre Tjardes	Rich Recor	Bill Kehl	Connie Davis	Gerre Tjardes	
Sound Operator	Janice Billings	Caitlin Berg	C.R. Haining	Jim Prichard	Gary Ikenouye	
Van Driver		Gary Ikenouye	Gary Ikenouye	Paul Warntz	Fred Tjardes	
Greeters		J./S. Luecht	Evelyn Kehl	Marilyn Lesser	Marilyn Lesser	
		R./C. Shetler	Helen Stolte	Norma Basey	Kathleen Davis	
		C./C. England	D.&. D. Berg	Marie Caster	Betty Jensen	
Coffee Hour		Membership	Diaconate	Preschool Fundraiser	Waldos	
Acolytes		Amy Haining	Andrew Bishop	Weston Boyce	Daniel Recor	
		Emilee Ploegstra	Scott Haining	Becky Boyce	Ian Ploegstra	
Children's Moment		Kris King	Kris King	David Haining	Erika Hartmann	
Children's Church		Michelle Gray	Jodi Bobbitt	David Haining	Lynne Waldo	
		Lauryn Waldo	Daniel Recor	Andrew Bishop	Emilee Wolsey	

KEY: Preparation=± Clean Up Sanctuary=▲ No Extra Duties=⇐ 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.