

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

This Kairos Moment

For I am sure that nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Romans 8: 38, 39

The Palestinian Christian community, with roots dating back to earliest Christianity, now numbers less than two percent of the population in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. But the community prominently offers a non-violent witness for justice and peace. Last December in Bethlehem, Palestinian Christians launched "A Moment of Truth." They called it a "Kairos" document, the word in early Greek meaning "opportunity" or critical moment in time, and meant to allude to the crucial South African Kairos document which in 1985 prompted debate about Apartheid worldwide. The Kairos document states that "... Love is seeing the face of God in every human being. Every person is my brother or my sister. However, seeing the face of God in everyone does not mean accepting evil or aggression on their part. Rather, this love seeks to correct the evil and stop the aggression."

The believer in nonviolence has deep faith in the future. Palestinian Christians write, "Our hope remains strong" based on the expectation in faith of a better future. "In the absence of hope, we cry out our cry of hope... We believe in God, good and just [and that God's goodness] will finally triumph.... We will see here 'a new land' and 'a new human being', capable of rising up in the spirit to love each one of his or her brothers and sisters."

We pray, for hope, patience, and steadfastness and a time for repentance. Though their numbers are few, their message is great and important, in a land in urgent need of love.

Peter Makari is Global Ministries Area Executive for the Middle East and Europe.



Week of Compassion Continues to Respond to Flooding

Week of Compassion (WoC) continues to respond to people affected by flooding abroad and in the United States. Water is finally receding in Pakistan after weeks of massive flooding. Church World Service estimates the floods have affected the lives of 18 to 20 million people. WoC is working through its ecumenical partners to provide short term food, shelter and medical care and to plan for the long-term needs of the country. "This is as big a humanitarian crisis as the 2004 Tsunami - if not bigger," said Amy Gopp, executive director of Week of Compassion.

In the United States, heavy rainfall over the last month has caused flooding in central and eastern Iowa, forcing hundreds of residents from their homes. Week of Compassion is responding to meet the needs of families in Disciples congregations in the Iowa communities of Des Moines, Ames, and Colfax. Flash flooding in some parts of Middle Tennessee earlier this month washed out roads, derailed trains and flooded an apartment complex. WoC has responded to needs in Livingston, Tenn., and is continuing to monitor the situation. To learn more, visit: www.weekofcompassion.org/updates/2010/8/19/pakistan-floods-are-beyond-devastating.html

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

September 2010

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Block Party



Sept. 18th

A MOMENT WITH TIM

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. Proverbs 24:3-4

The flashing lights and police are present every weekday. The carpools are getting arranged. The question, "Have you done your homework?" now takes precedence in our household. Freshly sharpened pencils, new notebooks, and shiny scissors abound. The school year has returned. It seems a bit early for me, but I wasn't consulted.

As the school year begins, we as a church are also in a learning mode. On September 12th our 9:30 Sunday school hour returns. This, of course, means classes for our children. Building a base of Christian understanding is a wonderful gift. I encourage you to make this time an important part of your week.

It would be a huge mistake, however, to say that Sunday school is only a children's activity. Our options for teens and adults beginning September 12th include the following:

- ♦ Newness and fresh ideas abound as Alicia Loschen and Jodi Bobbitt engage the middle schoolers and high schoolers, beginning with the book "Velvet Elvis."
- ♦ The Parlor Class offers a Biblically based study, good conversation, and comfy furniture.
- ♦ The Library Class is a topically based study, filled with lively discussions, and centered on faithful living.
- ♦ Pastor Linda is offering a new class for adults. The study will begin with the book "Unplug the Christmas Tree." It is sure to be exciting.

There is a Chinese proverb that says, "Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere." Plan to join us for Sunday school this year. It is a great time of learning, relationship, and growth. Also, think about some of our other learning opportunities. Worship and Wisdom on Wednesdays begins at 5:30 on September 29th, and we have other opportunities throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing you in worship and in Sunday school.

Bendiciones (Blessings),



FCC on Facebook

FCC of Greeley has a Facebook page that can help keep you up to date on what is going on in our church. If you already have a Facebook account, do a search for First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Greeley, Colorado, and click on the "like" button. You can also go to www.fccgreeley.com and click on the "Find Us on Facebook" link on the home page. If you don't have a Facebook account, go to www.facebook.com to set up an account. Make sure to check the privacy settings so they are set to reflect your comfort level with sharing information about yourself.

Fall Worship Schedule

Starting Sunday, September 12th, we will resume our regular worship schedule.

8:15 a.m. - Chapel Service

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Service



Church History Tour

Join us on Sunday, September 26, from 2:00p to 5:00p for a tour of places around Greeley that are related to our church history. We will use the church bus, so there is a limit of 15 riders.

Our church history extends across Greeley and Weld County. We will show you many places and buildings that are related to that history. Be sure to bring your FCC History Book with you. If you would like to buy one, there are still a few for sale in the church office for \$15. There is also one at Centennial Library that you may read there.

See the sign-up sheet in FCC's main hall.

George Hypes, Church Historian



Thank You Note

Dear Kindness Group and Church Members,
Thank you so much for the wonderful food dishes.

All the cards have been appreciated.

I'm glad it's never too late to say "thank you." My church family has been a highlight of my confinement.

Norma Hammons



Baby Shower

You are invited to a baby shower for Sue Evans' daughter, LaShonda Turner, and her baby boy (who will be named "Blake") at the church on September 18th at 4:00.

New Parlor Furniture

Be sure to notice our new furniture in the parlor. Money from the Bazaar (three years ago) was used for this purchase, plus some money from the Dwaine Kurtz memorial fund.

The parlor is used a lot, and things wear out and need to be replaced. Stop by and have a look!

Bereavements



We extend our deepest sympathies to the friends and families of Hildegard Naftz and Milton Hollingshead.

Hilde Naftz passed away on July 24, 2010.

Milt Hollingshead passed away on August 4, 2010.

In addition, our thoughts are with Ed and Marj Kadlub in the passing of their son, Kent.

We also received word that former member Mary Alice Cowder passed away in August.

Memorial Funds

At this time, an FCC memorial fund has been established for Milt Hollingshead. Please note "Milt's Memorial" on your check's memo line.

A big thanks to Jim and Von Prichard, who purchased curtains for the windows in our classrooms so our guests at Room at the Inn could have more privacy and a home-like atmosphere!

Thank You to the Congregation

On behalf of the family of Bob Richardson, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to many of our church family who have honored our father and supported us in this time. We find comfort in knowing our father is reunited with our Lord.

Sincerely,

Jim and Deb Richardson



Thank You

For all of you who came to see me, sent flowers or cards, or offered many prayers for my recovery, I am truly thankful. Many of my family were dutiful to come and sit with Stan also while I was not doing well, and we are both appreciative of that.

I have also received many phone calls since I have been home. Please feel free to call anytime.
Respectfully, Alyce and Stan Paddock





Christian Women's Fellowship

The first CWF General Meeting for the year will be September 2nd at noon. Lunch will be catered by the Platte Valley High School catering class and will cost \$4 per person. Please RSVP on the board by August 29th. Our speakers this month will be Dustin Hailey and Sophia Waechter from "Mentors and Friends." Devotions will be given by Carol Hypes.

We are continuing to plan for the Women's Retreat on October 9th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Linda Harding will be our keynote speaker. Inspirational entertainment will be provided by the musical group "Sotto Voce." A light breakfast will be served, and the lunch will be provided by the Platte Valley High School catering class. Look for more information about the cost of lunch and when to sign up in the bulletin as we get closer to the event. This retreat is open to all women, so bring a friend!

Blanket Sunday is coming up September 19. Meetings for the month of September include the Board Meeting on the 9th at 9:30 a.m.; Joy group will meet on September 14th at 1:15 p.m.; Kindness and Peace groups will meet on the 23rd at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. respectively.

2010 CRMR Women's Renewal

The CRMR Women's Renewal conference will take place September 17th-19th in Loveland at Sunrise Ranch.

New Sunday School Class Beginning Fall 2010

Pastor Linda Harding will be offering various Sunday School classes throughout the year. The first one will be "Unplug the Christmas Machine." This class will explore the answers to questions such as: "How can I reduce the stress of preparing for Christmas? How can I make our celebration more spiritual and less materialistic?" The class will begin September 12th and end October 31st, just in time to see all the Christmas decorations go up in the stores! Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, feel free to speak with Pastor Linda.



Baby Layettes

Thank you to everyone who donated money and baby items for the layettes. Your donations helped put together 118 layettes which are already being distributed to families in need!

Soup Labels/Bar Codes



Please keep turning in soup labels and bar codes. This year we were able to send 606 to Woodhaven, who uses them to purchase needed items for their programs.

All-Church Movie Night

Mark your calendars for Movie Night on Saturday, September 25, at 5:30. (The movie title will be announced soon in the Sunday bulletin.) Popcorn and drinks are free. Hot dogs and chips are \$1. Feel free to bring a blanket or a comfortable chair.

Invite family and friends to this fun evening!



Men's Breakfast

The FCC Christian Men's Fellowship will be meeting September 11 from 8-9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have breakfast, a program, and fellowship. CMF is a group of men of all ages who get together for fellowship, fun, and service. There is no membership required! Come and bring a friend! If you would be willing to serve breakfast or host a program, please contact David Haining at 353-7613 or Carl England at 356-4745.



Youth News



"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2.

When I think about September, I think about new beginnings. This is a time when the youth begin a new school year and the church returns to their regular schedule and begins new classes and events. This is a time of transformation. Paul reminds us that our call as followers of Christ is to be transformed. We need to continue to learn no matter our age. So, for the youth, I encourage you to take full advantage of your time in school to learn all you can about the fascinating world that God has created! For both our adults and youth, I encourage you to take advantage of our Sunday school classes and various events and opportunities that the church provides. We are never finished learning, and isn't that a good thing!



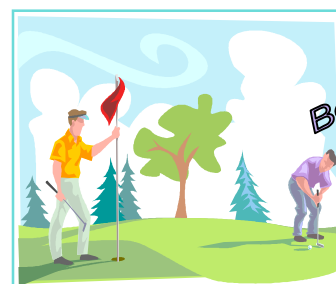
Upcoming Events for Youth

September 12th - Youth Group Kick-Off at 4:30 p.m.! Come for fun, fellowship and bring a friend!

September 19th - Youth Group @ 4:30 p.m.!

September 26th - Youth Group @ 4:30 p.m.!

Linda



Benefit for Room at the Inn

5th Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 16th
at the **Eaton Country Club**

For more information, please contact Room at the Inn at 378-0100.

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&
**The Central Rocky Mountain Region
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

Invite you to share in the ordination of

Trevor Lee

2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 25, 2010

Reception to follow.

**1390 Benton Street,
Lakewood,
Colorado 80214**



Elder's Message

School is back in session already! It has become a forecast of the changing of the season for most of us. Seems like this time comes earlier and earlier each year! Some of the schools started this year as early as August 9. Even though I don't have school-age children anymore, it still seems to signal the end of the carefree days of summer. But, for the children it is also the time of new beginnings—a new grade, new subjects to explore, new friendships, a new “look” to try, and new challenges to face.

FCC, too, is closing out the summer season and embarking on a new year. I am looking forward to experiencing the new beginnings not so unlike the school children. There will be new subjects to explore as we study to ascertain the truths in the gospel of Jesus Christ, new friendships to make in community and fellowship, new looks in the parlor and other areas, and new challenges to face as First Christian Church finds its place in today's technological and economic atmospheres.

The coming of the change of seasons reminds me of a very familiar Bible verse:

There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven

A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest.

A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to rebuild.

A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away.

A time to search and a time to lose. A time to keep and a time to throw away.

A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak up. . . . Ecclesiastes 3:1-7

I look forward to exploring the new season with you at First Christian Church with some old and familiar activities as well as new beginnings.

Blessings,

Lena Morris, Elder



First Christian Church Preschool Takes a Break

After many years of caring, fun, and learning, First Christian Church Preschool will not be in session this fall. We were unable to find a replacement for Tricia Reynolds, who resigned as Director in July. Without a director we cannot have a preschool.

The plan is to keep our compliance with the state and find a new director for next school year. The Preschool has been an outstanding part of First Christian and many people have shared in wonderful ways in this ministry. With God's guidance and your prayers, it can once again be part of our ministry. If you have questions or ideas, feel free to speak with Preschool Administrative Chair Gerre Tjardes or Pastor Tim.



Tennyson Center Dress a Child Fall 2010



The children served by Tennyson Center for Children at Colorado Christian Home arrive not only battered in mind, but also tattered and torn in appearance. Wearing brand new clothes to school is something they only dream of. For approximately \$165, you or your group can give a child the gift of new school clothes and shoes.

You may contribute any amount by giving the church a check made out to *Tennyson Center for Children* or by donating online at www.childabuse.org. If you wish to shop for clothes yourself, please e-mail nancy.slyter@tennysoncenter.org for more information.

Bus Ride Reveals 100 Years of First Christian Church History

Exploring one hundred years of First Christian Church history and stopping for refreshment in Eaton were the goals of a busload of FCC members on Sunday, August 22.

Our driver, Pastor Tim, and narrator, George Hypes, worked together, stopping throughout the 3-hour tour for a look at historical sites.

Sign up now to get a seat for the next trip—September 26th from 2-5 p.m. Explore the history of leaders who started our church, and learn how faithful members continued to support it with their time, talents, and finances.



Hazel Gibson

Room at the Inn

FCC was able to help 35 people as we hosted Room at the Inn in August, including a family who moved into their own apartment during the week.

Thanks for participating. We will do it again in November.



Navajo Mission Trip Is This Month



Make your plans now for the Navajo Mission trip near Shiprock, New Mexico. We are set to arrive on Wednesday, September 22, and depart on Sunday, September 26. These dates are flexible as long as you notify the group in advance for work site and food planning.

Come and bring a caring and accepting attitude as we engage in some difficult repairs and improvements for people who generally would not get this much help and attention in any other way. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the main hall along with more information. Questions? Please check with Roger or Connie Harbert.

Worship and Wisdom on Wednesdays (WWW)

Join us for WWW (formerly know as Wednesday Night Fellowship) each Wednesday this fall beginning September 29th at 5:30 p.m. We will gather for a meal, a time of worship, and breakout groups. Surveys are available at the church to allow us to get your input regarding meal plans, craft groups, prayer groups and study topics.



Don't miss your chance to become wise.



Family Movie Night



Watch the Weekly Caller for information on the upcoming Family Movie Night, hosted by the Membership Ministries Team on Saturday evening, September 25th. Please keep this date open and plan to join us!!

G.I.F.T. Group Plans

The Generally In-between Fifty-five and Twenty Group will meet at 5:00 p.m. for a barbecue at the Recor home on September 11th. Watch for more details.



Weld CROP Walk



The Weld CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Saturday, September 25, beginning at 9 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church (1865 14th Ave.). The CROP Walk is a gathering with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. If you would like to walk and help raise money, please speak with Pastor Tim or Pastor Linda. You may be asked to sponsor someone. Thanks for helping feed the hungry, both in our community and throughout the world.

September Birthdays

1 Ernest Kidd	6 Regan Ring	14 Thelma Christiansen
1 Pamela Warntz	7 Tom Teixeira	15 Ed Johnson
3 Austin Loschen	10 Ella Heitman	15 Garrett Shirley
4 John Hammons	11 Becky Boyce	15 Deb Thompson
5 Michelle Gray	11 Weston Boyce	17 Evelyn Fletcher
6 Scott Haining	12 Steven Meisner	18 Deb Richardson
6 Bradford Loschen	12 Idella Straight	21 Charlotte Shetler
		22 Sue Evans
		24 Cassie Teixeira
		25 Verlo Davis
		27 Libby Weiler
		28 Eunice Fine

Blanket Sunday
 Blanket Sunday will be September 19th! We will collect a special offering to send to Church World Service for the purchase of blankets used during emergencies.

Church Financial Update

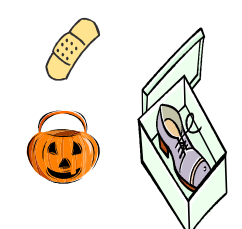
Income 2010
 Budgeted Year to Date \$173,196.38*
 Actual as of 07/31/10 \$151,656.51**

Expenses 2010
 Budgeted Year to Date \$173,196.38
 Actual as of 07/31/10 \$153,647.85

*Includes \$19,250.00 from Trustees.
 **Includes \$10,500.00 from Trustees.

Tennyson Center Needs for September

- Band-Aids, Shampoo
- Washable Markers
- Chapstick, Clorox Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Plastic Shoe Boxes
- Halloween Candy
- Halloween Accessories



Second Block Party "Rain or Shine"

Time to make final plans for our Block Party, Saturday, September 18, from 11 a.m. - 2 pm. Much like last year, the event will include free games, prizes, music and food for the whole family. Watch for the sign-up sheet to be posted soon in the church lobby. Tell us how you could help that day.


Friends, neighbors, FCC, and our FCC neighbors are invited to share time together under the tents on our lawn.

Food will be served beginning about 11:30 a.m. and continue as needed. At 11:30 a.m. UNC students Leah Cockroft and Jessie McMurren will sing for us.

A guitar group from Loveland Church is scheduled to entertain at 12:15 and we will hear Sandy Varley's recording at 1 p.m. Games will be played throughout the event and door prizes will be announced.

Come share in the fun!!

Block Party Committee 2010



Servers for the Month of September

	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
8:15 Chapel Service				
Elder		Tessa Johnson	Gerre Tjardes	Tessa Johnson
Diaconate		Sandy Beiser	Sandy Beiser	Sandy Beiser
Worship Leader	No Chapel Service	Diane Doyle	Gretchen Howland	Jim Lueking
Song Leader		Tessa Johnson	Gretchen Howland	Tessa Johnson
Pianist		Gretchen Howland	Nancy Kurtz	Nita White
10:30 Sanctuary Service				
Elder: North	Kris King	Gerre Tjardes	Nita White	Kris King
Elder: South	Gerre Tjardes	Tom Rainbolt	Kris King	Tom Rainbolt
Worship Leader	Emilee Wolsey	Von Prichard	LaVonne Rogakis	Deb Richardson
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Bill Kehl	Connie Davis	Gerre Tjardes
Sound Operator	Caitlin Berg	Caren Renee Haining	Bruce Waldo	Gary Ikenouye
Van Driver	Jim Ploegstra	Gary Ikenouye	Paul Warntz	Fred Tjardes
Diaconate	Connie Harbert ±	Connie Harbert ■	Connie Harbert ▸	Connie Harbert ▲
	Kathleen Davis ±	Kathleen Davis ■	Kathleen Davis ▸	Kathleen Davis ▲
Please have communion ready by 10:00 a.m.	Shannon King ▲	Shannon King ±	Shannon King ■	Shannon King ▸
	Cambrie Bishop ▲	Cambrie Bishop ±	Cambrie Bishop ■	Cambrie Bishop ▸
	Susan Luecht ▸	Susan Luecht ▲	Susan Luecht ±	Susan Luecht ■
	Carolyn Rainbolt ▸	Carolyn Rainbolt ▲	Carolyn Rainbolt ±	Carolyn Rainbolt ■
	Verna Recor ■	Verna Recor ▸	Verna Recor ▲	Verna Recor ±
	Lauryn Waldo ■	Lauryn Waldo ▸	Lauryn Waldo ▲	Lauryn Waldo ±
Greeters	Jim & Susan Luecht	Evelyn Kehl	Marilyn Lesser	Marilyn Lesser
	Ron & Charlotte	Helen Stolte	Norma Basey	Kathleen Davis
	Carl & Carolyn England	Darron & Debbie Berg	Marie Caster	Betty Jensen
Coffee Hour Host	Prichard, Doyle	M. Leh & J. Hartmann	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
Acolytes	Baylee Brems Emilee Ploegstra	Andrew Bishop Scott Haining	Weston Boyce Becky Boyce	Daniel Recor Ian Ploegstra
Children's Moment	Kris King	Kris King	D. Haining	Linda Harding
Children's Church	Michelle G, MacKenzie D	Jodi Bobbitt, Lauryn W.	D. Haining, Daniel R.	L. Harding, Andrew B.

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.