

Participants	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
9:30 Sanctuary				
Elder	Carol Williams	Lorilee Scott	Tom Webster	Lena Morris
Worship Leader	Stuart Murphy	Stuart Murphy	Stuart Murphy	Stuart Murphy
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Judi Ring	Connie Davis	Gary Dobbins
Children's Moment	Pyper Evans	Judi Ring	Kris King	Judi Ring
Slides	Lorilee Scott	Darron Berg	David Haining	Ken Thompson
Sound Operator	Kris King	Nita White	Caren Renee Haining	Sue Tjardes
Diaconate	Caitlin Berg ± ▲	Alicia Loschen ± ▲	Caitlin Berg ■	Alicia Loschen ■
Please have communion ready by 9:00 am	Regan Ring ± ▲	Charlotte Shetler ± ▲	Regan Ring ■	Charlotte Shetler ■
	Garry Hadley ■	Paula Armstrong ■	Garry Hadley ± ▲	Paula Armstrong ± ▲
	Marla Johnson ■	Debbie Berg ■	Marla Johnson ± ▲	Debbie Berg ± ▲
Van Driver	Gary I./Ray White	Gary Ikenouye/Ray W.	Gary I./Ray White	Gary Ikenouye/Ray W.
Greeters	The Shetlers The Englands The Millers	Ray White Sam McMichael The Hermans	Julie Hoskins Carol Reynolds	Marla Johnson The Teixeiras
Coffee Hour Host	The Mays, B. Linenbroker	The Rushers	Need Volunteer	Diaconate
Acolytes	Taylor Gray	Regan Ring	Ally Turner	Annabelle Loschen

Preparation ± Clean Up Sanctuary ▲ Clean Up Communion ■ If unable, please find a substitute.



The Christian Caller Newsletter

August 2019

Dear Friends,

The Beatitudes (one per month for a year)

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt 5:3

I first remember reading this at Chi Rho camp on "Morning Watch." I admit I had no real idea of what "poor in spirit" really meant. It was many years later when it was explained to me that it meant "teachable"... which opened a world of insight. Dr. Fred Craddock said, "Blessed are those who admit how little they really know—they might actually learn something." Life, the Spirit, and others (especially grandkids), provide us with opportunities to grow, change, connect, learn and share. Our lives together as church can be one "teachable moment" after another. Right now I am loving reading the Bible again—for the first time! This opportunity to walk with you on this journey of faith has called me back to the "Living Word." The Bible does not change (except for more current translations), but it sure can change me.

There is a group of Christians who call themselves the "Red Letter" Christians. There used to be Bibles that put the words of Jesus in red letters. Certainly the Beatitudes are Red Letter inspired words. August is now the "Back to School" month, which means we all can benefit from a new tablet to write down what we are learning and a commitment to grow. I sat by the bedside of a 94-year-old saint whose last words to me were, "I just have so much more to learn." Amen!

Love,

Mark

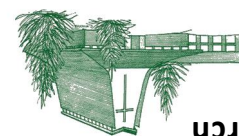


— Thanks FCC, Carla Ikenouye, and Ministries Team, you did a fantastic job of providing for the communion service for nearly 300 volunteers on Serve Day. Your singing and visitations touched many in the homes and care centers you went to. Our parks and trails are cleaner, and your public witness was powerful. Thanks again.

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August Sermons

- 8/04** — Luke 12: 13-21
“The Only Two Things You Really Have”
- 8/11** — Luke 12: 32-40
“A Real Security Plan”
- 8/18** — Luke 10: 25-37
“So Who Picks Up the Tab?”
- 8/24** — Tom Webster will preach

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Please contact Alicia Loschen if you are interested in serving as a Sunday School teacher. Teachers are needed in FCC's preschool, elementary, and middle school classes. Questions? Contact Alicia at twlall@msn.com or 970-590-5890.

Special Worship & Potluck Sept. 8

Plan to attend a special worship time with the Iglesia congregation & musician Rod Phillips on September 8th. Following worship, we will all share in a potluck picnic and games for the kids.

Facebook Evangelism?

Do you have a Facebook account? If so, have you “Liked” the FCC Greeley page? If not, go to the following link and “Like” the page to get ongoing updates on what is happening in our congregation and community. Then, to help spread the news from FCC Greeley to those you are “friends” with, “like” the posts or better yet, forward them to your timeline. There are many in our community who want to find a church, but are overwhelmed with going to a place they don't know.

Letting your Facebook friends know that you go to our church may be just the low pressure invite that they may be looking for.

<https://www.facebook.com/FCCGreeley>

Youth News

~ Todd Loschen

A Big Thanks to all the youth who helped plan and run *a day in the life at camp* last Sunday. Thanks, Amy, for a wonderful Keynote!

Looking to do something soon to release some summer boredom and possibly go to Water World or Elitches. Bring a friend. We might need a few parent drivers.

Our youth will be cooking and serving at the Guadalupe Shelter on August 18th from 3:30-6:30.

Thank you all for your support.



New Members

First Christian Church of Greeley welcomed two new members on June 23, 2019: Kaylie Milam and Cameron Fitchett. Please introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome.

Labor Day Campout Meeting

All who plan to camp with us on Labor Day weekend, please meet after Worship on August 11. We will make plans and collect deposits.

Christian Women's Fellowship



CWF will begin their new year with an Executive Board Meeting on August 8th at 9:30.

The next General Meeting will be on Sept. 5th with a 12:00 luncheon—the program will be by Adult Protection Services. Reservations for the luncheon need to be made by Sept. 1st.

Group Meetings take place in the parlor.

Joy Group: Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 1:15

Kindness Group: Thursday, Sept. 26 at 9:30

Peace Group: Thursday, Sept. 26 at 1:30

All women are invited. Any question—call co-chairs Sandy Beiser at 352-6902 or LaVonne Rogakis at 506-0236.

Looking for Some Great Leaders!

Have you considered sharing your talents with the church? Do you have ideas on how to help our church accomplish its mission? Consider volunteering for a leadership position for 2020. Do you have skills in helping others, keeping our property looking nice, managing finances, leadership, worship, mission, helping with communion or with spiritual issues, to name a few?

Please pick up an FCC Servant Interest Survey (in the hallway) to let us know of your interests and talents.



July 4th Float Thanks

To all who helped build the float for July 4th, I wish to give my heartfelt thanks. The hard work showed on our fantastic float. Thank you all! ~ Kathy Stossel

Hymn Sing Thanks

Many thanks to Sandy Varley, who designed and presented a very special, inspirational hymn sing on July 21st, and to Lon Sassman and Connie Davis for their talents and help!

Birthday Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped George celebrate his 90th birthday on Sunday, July 21.



King Soopers Community Rewards

Please see below for information on how your purchases at King Soopers can benefit the church. King Soopers will donate 5% of their profit from your purchases to a non-profit organization of your choosing. All you need to do is go into your KS account (which is already established if you have a valid loyalty card) and designate First Christian Church of Greeley as the entity those funds would benefit. When paying for your purchases, be sure to **either swipe your loyalty card or provide your phone number.**

Go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>. Once logged into your King Soopers account you can search for First Christian Church of Greeley either by name or BD488 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *loyalty* card.

Mission Matters

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6



Back to School Drive – July 21 - August 11

Help students in District 6 have the supplies they need to get their new school year off to a great start. The Mission Team will hold our annual Back-to-School Drive from Sunday, July 21, through Sunday, August 11. We will be collecting school supplies for our partner school, the Fred Tjardes School of Innovation, as well as the Family Center at School District 6. The Fred Tjardes school appreciates art supplies in particular, such as 24-count crayons, 12-count colored pencils, markers, glue sticks, and construction paper. The Family Center helps students all across the school district and especially needs #2 wooden pencils, pens, scissors, spiral notebooks (wide and college-ruled), yellow highlighters, pink erasers, Expo brand dry-erase markers, loose-leaf paper, pocket folders, pencil bags, and 1 or 1½ inch binders. Please place your donated items in any of the school-bus boxes placed around the church. Thank you for your donations to school children in our community!



School Serve Day – August 10

On Saturday, August 10, we will partner with the Greeley Vineyard Church to help the Fred Tjardes School of Innovation get their building and grounds ready for the new school year. Projects include filling planters, painting a playhouse outside and possibly assembling furniture and doing some touch-up painting inside. If you would like to help, talk to Carla Ikenouye.

What Should I Do if I See a Panhandler Asking for Money?

Every person should decide how they feel most comfortable approaching this situation. While many panhandlers are not actually homeless, it is important to remember that they would not be asking for the help if it were not needed. (Sure you have heard the stories about panhandlers making hundreds of dollars a day, but those are mostly false.) If you do not feel comfortable giving out money, but would like to help, keep things like resource cards, hygiene kits, or new socks in your car to pass out instead. (reprinted from weldswayhome.org)

Blood Drive



A mobile blood unit has been scheduled to come to FCC Greeley on Sunday, **September 29**. Hours are tentatively set for 9:30 to 12:30. Please watch for updates in the September newsletter and in Sunday bulletins.



Backpack Program

Summer is not always the best time for food-deprived kids because they don't have access to 2-3 meals per day at school. Therefore they need continued help from us. Our classy wooden box will be on the south hall table each Sunday awaiting your generosity. Please remember to donate. Thank you! ~Diane Doyle

Elder's Message

~ Rev. Tom Webster

"Selfless Selfies"

Have you ever taken a selfie? A popular trend today is to take a selfie and post it on a social media network such as Twitter or Facebook. We see these photos even shared on television.

For those who are not "in the know," a selfie is a self-portrait photograph we take with a digital camera or camera phone. They usually take a selfie with the camera or camera phone held at arm's length or in a mirror. If we take one with others they call it a "group selfie."

At first I thought I had never done a selfie, but then realized that selfies are nothing new. Many people took pictures of themselves by holding a camera at arm's length and snapping the shot. Yet in the past we couldn't see what we are taking, and haven't always been able to see what we just took without getting the picture developed.

I think selfies can have an important role in our world. The Today show once explored our obsession with body image and how we can join together to feel more positive about ourselves. They launched a series called "Love Your Selfie" to help us improve our self-image. Selfies can help us celebrate who we are and how precious we all are to God inside and out, and not just focus on outward images sustained by our culture.

That said, I think we can sometimes become too obsessed with our self and our self-image. We compare ourselves with others, and either feel better than or less than they are. I suggest we turn our attention outward to caring for others, for then we help them and we in turn nurture our own self-image.

Jesus taught us to "love our selfie" but also to love one another just as much. I would like us to start taking selfies while serving others, then post those on our social media sites. We can start a new trend of "selfless selfies" and put #selflessselfies in the tweet or post so that we all can see it.

I will see you in church. Remember, God loves you more than you could ever imagine and so do I!



First Christian Church members built a float again this year for the Greeley Independence Stampede 4th of July Parade. The float had a sailboat motif, and the theme was "Fishers of Greeley." Parade-goers responded well to the float and its broadcast of familiar old-time choruses while everyone enjoyed unseasonably cool weather.



Amy Haining (pictured at La Foret) shared the Keynote message at the FCC Youth's Camp Sunday service on July 14th.

BUNCO Game Night for All



COME ROLL THE DICE & snack your way to BUNCO! The New Generations Group and ALL church folks are invited to join in the fun in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, August 9th**, at 6:30p.

"Who can eat or enjoy themselves without God?" Ecclesiastes 2:25

Meet new people and share in a friendly social time. **All ages (10 and up)** are invited to participate. **Babysitting will be provided for small children (games and a movie will be provided).** There will be PRIZES for the winners.

Please **sign up on the church bulletin board** or call the church office to give us a count for the evening's event. Share in this joyful time!

"...For there is nothing better on earth for a person to do except to eat, drink, and enjoy life." Ecclesiastes 8:15

FCC at the Rockies!



Baseball fans, sign up to spend the afternoon of Sunday, September 15, at Coors Field watching the Colorado Rockies play the San Diego Padres. Our group tickets are \$15 each. We've reserved the local Rockies shuttle bus to take us to the game. If you'd like to ride in the bus, the cost will be \$15-20 each, depending on the number of riders. The bus will pick us up at the church around 11:15, drop us off at the ballpark, then take us back to the church after the game. We have a limited number of tickets, so reserve yours soon. See the sign-up sheet on the board across from Fellowship Hall.

FCC Financial Update (as of 6/30/19) Income Year to Date: \$106,002.99 Expenses YTD: \$121,964.90

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2019				1 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers	2	3
4 9:30a Worship 10:30a Fellowship Team Meeting in Parlor	5	6 8:30a Men's Coffee	7	8 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 9:30a CWF Board Meeting	9 6:30p Bunco Party for All in Fellowship Hall	10 School Serve Day
11 9:30a Worship 10:30a Labor Day Campout Planning Mtg.	12	13 8:30a Men's Coffee 5:30p Ministries Cabinet Meeting	14	15 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 5:00p Worship Team Meeting	16	17
18 9:30a Outdoor Worship 3:45p Guadalupe Meal	19	20 8:30a Men's Coffee	21	22 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers	23	24
25 8:00a Elders' Meeting 9:30a Worship	26	27 8:30a Men's Coffee	28	29 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers	30	31 Labor Day Weekend Campout at Jack's Gulch Campground

August Birthdays

- 5 Rodney Herman
- 9 David Haining
- 10 Sandy Beiser
- 10 Isaiah Gray
- 13 Ronell Heitman
- 15 Caren Renee Haining
- 19 Viola Corliss
- 22 Porschia Spalding
- 27 Phyllis Hansberry
- 27 Marion Leh
- 31 Sam McMichael

Have you shared your birthdate with FCC? If not, please call the church at 970-352-1292. Thank you!