

Sunday School & Youth Group News

Children's Sunday School & Youth Group have combined forces! All children and youth are welcome to join us after church/fellowship time on Sundays. We will learn lots, eat a light lunch, then have lots of fun! Parents, pick-up time will be 12:30. Also, be on the lookout for service projects outside our church walls on other days. Stay up to date by looking at the whiteboard across from the youth office. Sign up if you have a project youth can help with! The fun and fellowship begins on October 3.

Wednesday Night Live!
"We're All in This Together"
September 29-October 20

Join FCC's new Thrive Ministry from 6:15-7:00pm each Wednesday evening for programs on dealing with stress and other topics for mental and spiritual health. There will be guest speakers, activities, and information. There will not be food served. The programs will also be available at our website, fccgreeley.com. Dr. Sandra Varley and the team look forward to seeing you.



A Message from Pastor Judi

As you may or may not be aware, my title is Minister of Pastoral Care and Faith Development. Perhaps that is a fancy way of saying that I have become a co-Pastor here at Greeley FCC; however, the major parts of my job include facilitating bible studies, pastoral care, and preaching when needed. I'd like to talk a little about pastoral care. Ultimately, this is the job of everyone in the church. We do not need degrees to care for one another. Greeley FCC is a loving community that works together to take care of one another and anyone we can reach out to in the Greeley community and beyond. Having said all that, I ask for your patience as I continue to discern exactly what this job means for me. Mark and I have started visiting you in your homes and will continue that after Mark has recovered from Covid. Meanwhile, I plan to start making more phone calls, starting with those who have been unable to join us at the church. What I would like to emphasize to you now is that we, as pastors, do not always know what is needed. Please do not hesitate to call me or the church office if you have a need you think we might be able to fulfill or if you simply need to hear someone's voice. I am not always available but if you leave a message, I will do my best to return your call. In light of Covid and Mark's recovery, we need to lean on one another more than ever, and sometimes presence is all that is needed. Please know that I hold you all in my prayers and am thrilled to continue to walk this journey *with* you.

Blessings.

Judi

Congratulations!

On August 22, First Christian Church-Greeley welcomed **Taylor Gray** and **Marshall Gray** into the congregation as they were baptized by Pastor Mark. **Richard Stossel** also renewed his commitment with a second baptism. Congratulations also to **Isaiah Gray**, brother of Taylor and Marshall, who was baptized in February 2020. Welcome all to your church community!



Standard Time Returns November 7th! Turn your clocks back!

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2230 13th Street
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First Christian Church Greeley (Disciples of Christ) holds Sunday worship services in the sanctuary at 10:00 am. Child care is provided during the service. Find more information at www.fccgreeley.com.



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Christian Women's Fellowship

Looking forward to our group meetings that will be on the 4th Thursday of each month. The morning group meets at 10:00am; the afternoon group meets at 1:30pm, and the evening group meets at 6:30pm. All groups meet in the parlor. Come join us for fellowship and worship!

Our board meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday in the parlor.

"Confidence in the love of God envelops us with the fragrance of faith, hope, love."-Sandy Clough



Book Clubs



The Evening Book Club is currently reading *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman and will meet Monday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor for discussion. The Morning Book Club is reading *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware. They will meet in the parlor on Friday, October 8, at 10:00 a.m.

FCC Financial Update

(as of 8/30/2021)

Income Year to Date:
\$149,291.61

Expenses Year to Date:
\$155,23154

October Birthdays

- 2 Veronica Thomas
- 3 Octavius Aasland
- 4 Tom Miller
- 7 Rhonda White
- 14 David King
- 16 Molly Hartman
- 16 Jerre Vos
- 18 Kris King
- 20 Chris Hartmann
- 23 Kay Dobbins
- 25 Taylor White
- 26 Roberta Smith



Elder's Message

—Colleen Heitman

Season of Harvest

Harvest season is a time in autumn when weather changes and cools and gardens are picked of their fruits and crops to ready for winter. It is a time to gather and celebrate the harvest abundance in thankfulness and praise to God. We give thanks to Him for the good things He provides.

Christians know God has provided for us and we experience the spirit of the harvest in celebration of singing hymns, praying, and praising him, decorating with baskets of fruit and food. The fall colors warm our hearts in their beauty and our worship allows us to recognize everything we have and give already belongs to the Lord. Our harvest strengthens our faith.

Take a moment to think about what God has done in your life – situations He's helped you endure, challenges you've overcome, and victories experienced because of Him. You belong to Christ; His Holy Spirit is with you and empowering.

We have the power to do something. Express our gratitude for what we have. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18) As followers of Christ, be selfless, focused on others, God focused, and remember the blessings we have as we celebrate our harvest express our gratitude for everything we have already been given in the *ultimate gift* of life through Christ!

In this Season of Harvest, make gratitude part of your daily routine and share your gifts and God's gifts with others so you find joy in your heart and open possibilities for others to share in the love of Jesus Christ.

Special Offerings This Month!

Reconciliation Special Offering – September 26 & October 3

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has been on a pro-reconciling and anti-racist journey for over 20 years. This year's theme is "Revealing God's Justice: 'The time is always ripe to do what is right.'~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Please place your offering in a Reconciliation envelope or note "Reconciliation Offering" in the memo line of your check.



Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – October 3

All \$1 bills and checks written to FCC with "RH/RN" in the memo line go toward meeting immediate needs within our church family or community.

Mission Matters

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."—Matthew 25:35

Weld Food Bank Drive – Month of October

Did you know?

- 1 in 5** people in Weld County are going without food today.
- 1 in 4** children in Weld County are struggling with hunger right now.
- 4 for 1** – four meals can be provided for every dollar donated.
- 14.6 million** pounds of food were distributed to those in need last year.

Once again First Christian Church will partner in this critical ministry. Non-perishable food and monetary donations are greatly needed. Please note "Weld Food Bank" in the memo line on checks and be sure any donated food has not expired and is not in a glass container. Look for the Weld Food Bank barrel in the hallway. Items especially requested are canned meat, fruit, and vegetables as well as peanut butter, cereal, beans, and rice.



Weld Senior Symposium – October 6

The Weld Senior Symposium, formerly Weld Senior Law Day, is a public service program offered to all Northern Colorado older adults.

Date: Wednesday, October 6

Time: TBD

Location: 425 N. 15th Ave., Greeley

Phone: (970) 400-6950

Website: <https://www.weldseniorsymposium.org/>

Participants will receive a comprehensive guidebook of all seminar highlights and sponsor information. **There is a suggested donation of \$10.**



Weld Project Connect – October 15

Weld Project Connect is an annual event providing numerous on-site services directly to individuals and households struggling and in need due to housing instability, job loss, age, health problems, and other issues that can interrupt a life. All services are **FREE**.

Date: Friday, October 15

Time: Noon-4:30 p.m.

Location: Island Grove

Volunteers needed! Volunteer navigators are paired up one-on-one to guide guests through the services being provided and will receive required training prior to WPC. [Sign up to volunteer today!](#)



Weld Food Bank Volunteer Day – October 22

Anyone 8 years old and up is invited to sign up for our volunteer day at the Weld Food Bank on Friday, October 22. Our shift will be from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Please contact Carla Ikenouye or look for the sign-up sheet if you would like to help out. There is a great need for volunteers at this time. Health safety precautions will be in place.



FCC Blood Drive – October 23

One blood donation can save three lives. FCC will host a fall UHealth blood drive in our east parking lot on Saturday, October 23, from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please [sign up online](#). You can visit the [UHealth website for more information](#).