

Participants	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
8:15 Chapel				
Elder		Carl England	Darron Berg	Tom Rainbolt
Diaconate	Labor Day	Colleen Heitman	Colleen Heitman	Colleen Heitman
Worship Leader	Sunday	Deb Richardson	Colleen Heitman	Jim Richardson
Pianist		Gretchen Howland	Gretchen Howland	TBD
9:30 Sanctuary				
Elder	Ray White	Carl England	Darron Berg	Tom Rainbolt
Worship Leader	Sam McMichael	Gerre Tjardes	LaVonne Rogakis	Judi Ring
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Judi Ring	Connie Davis	Gary Dobbins
Sound Operator	Ken Thompson	Bruce Waldo	Caren Renee Haining	TBD
Slides	Bruce Waldo	Nita White	David Haining	Ken Thompson
Diaconate	Gary Dobbins ±	Gary Dobbins ■	Gary Dobbins ↗	Gary Dobbins ▲
	Kay Dobbins ±	Kay Dobbins ■	Kay Dobbins ↗	Kay Dobbins ▲
Please have communion ready by 10:00 a.m.	Bill Rusher ▲	Bill Rusher ±	Bill Rusher ■	Bill Rusher ↗
	Theresa Rusher ▲	Theresa Rusher ±	Theresa Rusher ■	Theresa Rusher ↗
	Todd Loschen ↗	Todd Loschen ▲	Todd Loschen ±	Todd Loschen ■
	Hunter Evans ↗	Hunter Evans ▲	Hunter Evans ±	Hunter Evans ■
	Tom Miller ■	Tom Miller ↗	Tom Miller ▲	Tom Miller ±
	Shirley Miller ■	Shirley Miller ↗	Shirley Miller ▲	Shirley Miller ±
Van Driver	Gary Ikenouye	Richard Stossel	TBD	Ray White
Greeters	The Shetlers The Englands The Millers	Ray White The McMichaels Helen, Kathy Herman	Julie Hoskins Rhonda, Angelica White Carol Reynolds	Marilyn Lesser Diane Doyle Betty Jensen
Coffee Hour Host	Howland, Tjardes, Doyle	Open House/Picnic	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Acolytes	Taylor Gray Regan Ring	Kevin King Bradford Loschen	Jack Ring Isaiah Gray	Angelica White Anthony White

Preparation ± Clean Up Sanctuary = ▲ Clean Up Communion ■ No Extra Tasks ↗ If unable, please find a substitute.



The Christian Caller Newsletter

September 2016



Special Opportunity

Our **September 11 Open House/Picnic**, will be a great chance to open our doors and *our hearts* to the people of our neighborhood and those we know that don't always include the Church in their lives. The invitation is simply **"Come and See."** We'll have a great worship planned, and then there will be the Fun and Fellowship on our lawn.

Here is how you can help:

- 1st** – Commit to be present yourself. We want everyone to attend—to enjoy one another and to have a great number present to welcome guests.
- 2nd** – Commit your service. We'll have a couple of neighborhood *walk-throughs* to extend our personal invitations. We'll need help setting up everything on Saturday as well as Sunday morning. And, we'll need help with people bringing side food dishes.
- 3rd** – Be hospitable. Greet everyone around you. Treat others as you would like for others to treat you.

Contact Us

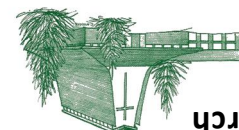
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Open House/Picnic ~ September 11

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October/November Plans

- Sun. **Oct. 2** **“One Body, One Day,”** with an off-site communion service in the afternoon. This is World Communion Sunday. **Advent Devotional Booklet** sign-up sheet available
- Wed. **Oct. 5** **Wednesday Night Fellowship** begins
- Sun. **Oct. 16** **Advent Devotionals Due**
Quartet Concert in afternoon
- Wed. **Nov. 9** **Final Wednesday Night Fellowship**
- Sun. **Nov. 20** **Congregational Meeting & Thanksgiving Dinner**

Faith in Action ~ Worship Team

Faith is work in action! **“We have different gifts according to the grace given us. If someone’s gift is prophecy, let him use it in proportion to his faith.”** Romans 12:6

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace...serve with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 4:10-11.

Fall is a time of gathering and harvest. So too, we return to a schedule on September 11th of two services: Chapel at 8:15 a.m. and Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

Our destiny is determined by our response to God with our gifts. The Worship Ministries Team asks you to take time in service to others with your talents in worship, teaching, hospitality, and ministry.

Many activities are planned to kick-off the fall season. Please note them and save the dates on your calendar. The Team will serve at the “Fall Open House Picnic” as guides to present our beautiful renovation of the sanctuary and other parts of the church on Sunday, September 11th at 12:00 p.m. (noon). We ask you to save the dates of Sunday, October 2nd for a Community World Communion Service at Bittersweet Park; and Sunday, October 16th for a special musical performance with our organist Sandy Varley and a First Congregational Quartet.

“Do not lag in zeal, be enthusiastic in spirit, serve the Lord.” Romans 12:11 Your destiny is determined by your response to service in action as God has given you the strength to serve others in love and grace.

Check out the new FCCGREELEY.COM; like us on Facebook!

News Briefs

General Board News

With regret, the General Board has accepted Jodi Hartmann’s resignation from her Vice-Chair position due to personal reasons. We are actively working on finding a replacement. Please contact David Haining with any questions or concerns.

WFB Backpack Program

On Sunday, Sept. 18, Michaela Sandridge from the Weld Food Bank’s Backpack Program will remind us that there are still too many “food insecure” kids in our county. She will visit our younger Sunday School classes and our 10:30 service.

For some, it is a long and hungry time between Friday lunch and Monday breakfast. Ongoing donations will provide more youth with a bag full of food items that they can prepare to help them get through the weekend. Please place your coins (and bills!) in one of four colorful piggy banks placed throughout our building. Thank you! ~Diane Doyle

Fellowship Hall Window Coverings

Christian Women’s Fellowship (CWF), along with generous help from this congregation, is raising money to purchase and install custom window coverings for Fellowship Hall. Funds have been received from the past two February bake sales as well as from memorial gifts for long-time members.

Bids for wire mesh roller blinds for the 15 double windows have come in at \$9,690 and \$11,510. We plan to get a third bid.

To help with this project, please make your check out to CWF; turn it in to the church office.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES

On **September 11** we will resume our 8:15 a.m. **Chapel Service**.

Our **Sanctuary Service** will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Children’s Sunday School will also begin again—at 9:30 a.m.

A week later, **September 18**, two **Adult Classes** will begin, also at 9:30.

September Activity Spotlight

Book Clubs

Love a good read? Join us!

Fall is rapidly approaching, and that means our two book clubs will be starting up again. If you’ve been wanting to join one of the groups, now is the perfect time.

Tuesday, Sept. 6 Evening Book Club, 6:00p in the parlor

The evening book club will share about books they read over the summer. Contact Carla Ikenouye if you’d like to join this evening group.

Friday, Sept. 9 Morning Book Club, 10:00a in the parlor

The morning book club will discuss *Defending Jacob: A Novel* by William Landay, a compelling courtroom drama that was their summer read. Talk with Beverley Martin if you are interested in being part of this morning group.

Christian Women’s Fellowship

CWF is not an exclusive group! If you are a woman attending First Christian Church, you are invited to attend the CWF luncheons and educational programs. Smaller groups meet once per month for Bible study, spiritual growth, and fellowship. See Gerre Tjardes. The Sept. 1st program is “Trafficking of Women.” Catered lunch is \$5 and begins at noon. Reservations are due August 28. See the sign-up sheet.

Regional Disciples Women Renewal

Glen Eyrie ~ Sept. 16-18 Attendees will enjoy this year’s program, entitled “Lavender Springs Spa,” a spiritually nourishing retreat focusing on the Psalms. Participants will leave with a fresh approach to prayer that will grow their faith throughout the months to come.

Women of Faith Belong Tour

Budweiser Events Center in Loveland ~ a 2-day event on **Friday, Sept. 23**, at 7 p.m., continuing on **Saturday the 24th** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Several First Christian women will attend this non-denominational event. Deadline to make food selections is Sept. 1. See Carla.

Special Giving Opportunities

Reconciliation Offering

September 25-October 2

This special offering is used to fund Disciples’ efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum, and partnerships between church and communities. Your gifts transform lives and strengthen Christ’s witness in the world, showing we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!

Right Here, Right Now Offering

Received on the last **Sunday of each month**. Any one-dollar bills placed in the offering plate will help with small emergency situations within our congregation or in our community.

Financial Update (as of 7/31/16)

Budgeted Income: \$132,499.19

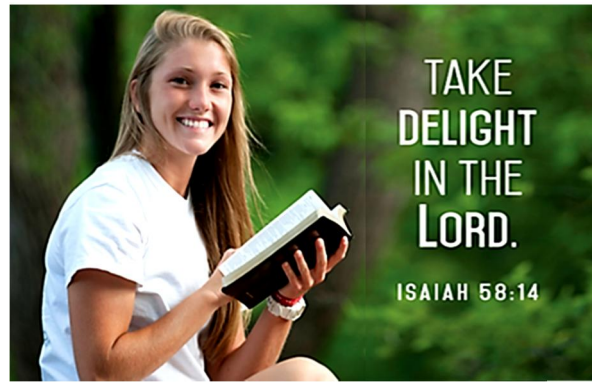
Actual Income: \$109,145.20

Budgeted Expense: \$123,046.62

Actual Expense: \$116,660.29

July Income: \$15,751.99

July Expenses: \$19,254.90



Messages from Pastor Lynn

Education One of First Christian’s core purposes is to make authentic disciples of Jesus. This simply means you’re becoming more like Jesus so you can help others become more like Him.

One of the most effective ways to become a faithful, obedient disciple of Jesus is to interact with other believers in the Word of God.

Our fall Sunday classes for kids will kick off Sept. 11.

Our Sunday classes for students & adults will kick off Sept. 18.

But now is the time to “gear up.” Here is some insight into part of what is coming. . .

One of our Adult classes will be: **Survey of the Bible.** This will be an **overview** of the people, places, timelines & stories of God’s interaction with human history. You’ll learn the various “sections” of the Bible, i.e., History/The Law; History/Israel; Wisdom Literature; Prophetic books. In the New Testament you’ll learn about The Gospels/History of Jesus; Acts/History of the Early Church; The Early Church Letters to Individual Churches and People.

If you struggle in knowing the Scriptures well enough to use them for your faith formation and discipleship, then this class will go a long way in positively changing that. This group will be taught by Pastor Lynn each Sunday from 9:35 – 10:15 a.m.

Our Fall Wednesday Evening Discipleship Forum

It begins **October 5** & continues through **November 9, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Our focus will be **“Discovering Your Spiritual SHAPE.”** SHAPE is an acronym for:

Spiritual Gifts /Heart Passions/Abilities/Personality/Experiences

We’ll look at Paul’s imagery of the physical body to describe the structure and function of the Church. 1 Corinthians 12:20-27

If you have been sitting in the sanctuary wondering how you fit in or if you are needed, then this forum is for you.

Come and discover how this body is incomplete without you.

Invite a friend or neighbor to the Open House/Picnic!

Elder’s Message ~Verna Recor

Did your family, or does your family, go on picnics? I hope so, as I have good memories of ours, and would wish you to have good memories of yours. Ours were an escape from the day-to-day routine and, besides good food, included a nice location and fun with family.

Our church picnic is just like that for me, too. Good memories, including good food and visiting, and various other ways we have made the day special—entertainment, games, and offering supplies for people needing items (school supplies, clothing, etc.).

As our picnics have gone on through the years, there have been changes, and this year is no different! This year the picnic is planned for right after the sanctuary service—on the first Sunday that we have two services. Adult Sunday School classes won’t have resumed yet, so that hour between the two services can be used for preparing our picnic. (On Saturday there will be some preparations as well.)

At our feast, or picnic, we welcome all. In fact, we make special efforts to welcome those we may know in our day-to-day living routine that have no church family. We also invite complete strangers. Sometimes this is done by a notice in the newspaper, and sometimes going door to door in the neighborhood and leaving an invitation on door knobs. It creates a wonderful blend of church family and new friends.

Feasts have been around a long time, and I assume they *will be* around for a long time. We use them to celebrate, to mourn, to give thanks, to include all. They’ve also been used to show off good fortune, to exclude, to pretend not to notice struggling “strangers,” etc.

Let’s be clear as to what this feast/picnic is about. For me, it is a way for us to give thanks to God for His ongoing grace and inspiration in our personal lives, while with our church family. A way to celebrate our friendships within our church family. A way to gather together after the busy time of summer, and before the busy holiday season is upon us. And, a way to welcome and include the “stranger.” Sharing a meal certainly transforms a stranger into a new friend, or a new friend into a better friend!

I hope you are able to attend, and remember to bring your appetite, your interest in visiting with your church family, and your graciousness in welcoming “strangers.” No one is a stranger in God’s eyes—all are His children. Providing a feast, and welcoming, are just two of the ways we try to honor our Lord. **See you at the feast!**

Take Note

Company’s coming! Let’s get to work! We need your help getting ready for our **Open House** for the community on September 11. We hope to have lots of new visitors coming to see our beautiful church. Thanks to people such as the Englands, the Millers, the Gibsons, the Heitmans, and others who have put in a lot of time and effort, the church looks pretty good, but we need to do a few more things inside and out to make sure it looks its best. We’re having an **All-Church Work Day on Saturday, September 10th**, to spiff up the place. We’ll start about **8:00 a.m.** and be done by noon. Juice, coffee, donuts, and bagels will be provided. Let’s make our church shine!
~ Property Team

Bereavement We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Don Fry. Don passed away on August 5, 2016.

A Note from Norma I would like to say thank you for your prayers and good wishes after my recent accident. God was taking care of me. ~ Norma Piccone

Calling All Nature Enthusiasts. . . Big Fun, Little Commitment: *We know camping is not for everyone, so all are invited to join the Labor Day weekend campers for a day of food and fellowship at Jack’s Gulch. See Charlotte Shetler or Shari Lueking.*

A Long-Awaited Announcement! The Pastoral Relations Ministry Team is pleased to announce that **Todd Loschen** has been appointed **FCC’s Part-Time Student Discipleship Director**. Todd is a long-serving member of **FCC** and has several years of volunteer experience serving with our Regional Youth Ministry team. His new, paid position will include organizing, directing, and collaborating with FCC Youth and other adult volunteers. This position is made possible by the congregation’s financial stewardship and the 2016 Mission Vision affirmation made in May.

Additional Driver Needed Would you be able to lend a hand (and your vehicle) to bring others to church one Sunday per month? We currently have four riders who depend on us to be able to participate in worship. Please talk with Pastor Lynn, Gary Ikenouye, Jan Williams, or Richard Stossel.

Sept. Birthdays

- 2 Ronelle Caldwell
- 3 Austin Loschen
- 4 John Hammons
- 4 Kathy Stossel
- 5 Michelle Gray
- 6 Scott Haining
- 6 Bradford Loschen
- 6 Regan Ring
- 7 Tom Teixeira
- 10 Ella Heitman
- 17 Evelyn Fletcher
- 18 Lynn Taylor
- 21 Charlotte Shetler
- 22 Sue Evans

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2016				1 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers Noon CWF Luncheon 1:00p CWF Program	2 Labor Day Camping Trip at Jack’s Gulch	3 <u>No</u> Women’s Prayer Breakfast
4 9:30a Sanctuary Service Labor Day Camping Trip at Jack’s Gulch	5 Labor Day Church Office Closed	6 8:30a Men’s Coffee 6:00p FCC Book Club	7	8 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 10:00a CWF Board 6:30p Chancel Choir Resumes	9 10:00a FCC Book Club	10 8:00a All-Church Work Day thru Noon
11 Fall Schedule 8:15a Chapel Service 9:30a Children’s S.S. 10:30a Sanctuary Service Open House	12 Newsletter Deadline	13 8:30a Men’s Coffee 1:15a Joy Group 5:15p Worship Team 7:00p General Board	14	15 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 6:30p Chancel Choir	16 Disciples Women Regional Renewal thru Sunday	17
18 8:15a Chapel Service 9:30a All Sunday Schools 10:30a Sanctuary Service 11:45a Youth/Parents Pizza 11:45a Diaconate Training 3:30p Guadalupe Shelter	19	20 8:30a Men’s Coffee	21 9:00a Clothing Bank	22 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 9:30a CWF Kindness 1:30p CWF Peace 6:30p Chancel Choir	23 Women of Faith Belong Tour 7-10p Friday & 9a-3p Saturday	24
25 8:15a Chapel Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Service 4:30p All Youth Games	26	27 8:30a Men’s Coffee	28	29 6:30p Chancel Choir	30	