

Participants	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
10:30 Sanctuary					
Elder	Darron Berg	Tom Rainbolt	Verna Recor	Bob Corliss	Judi Ring
Worship Leader	Annabelle Loschen	Carol Williams	Carol Reynolds	Bill Rusher	Phyllis Hansberry
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Judi Ring	Connie Davis	Gary Dobbins	Judi Ring
Children's Moment	Pastor Mark	Diane Doyle	Pastor Mark	Kris King	Pastor Mark
Slides	Kris King	Darron Berg	David Haining	Ken Thompson	TBD
Sound Operator	Ken Thompson	Nita White	Caren Renee Haining	Kris King	TBD
Diaconate Please have communion ready by 10:00 am	Carolyn England ± ▲	Bob Gibson ± ▲	Carolyn England ■	Bob Gibson ■	Carolyn England ± ▲
	Betty Lund ± ▲	Hazel Gibson ± ▲	Betty Lund ■	Hazel Gibson ■	Betty Lund ± ▲
	Garry Hadley ■	Ben Dixon ■	Garry Hadley ± ▲	Ben Dixon ± ▲	Garry Hadley ■
	Marla Johnson ■	Dee Dixon ■	Marla Johnson ± ▲	Dee Dixon ± ▲	Marla Johnson ■
Van Driver	Gary I./Ray W.	Gary Ikenouye/TBD	Gary Ikenouye/TBD	Gary I./Ray W.	Gary Ikenouye/TBD
Greeters	The Shetlers The Englands The Millers	Ray White The McMichaels Helen, Kathy Herman	Julie Hoskins The Samuelsons Carol Reynolds	Marilyn L., Marla J. Diane Doyle Betty Jensen	Carol Williams LaVonne Rogakis Phyllis Hansberry
Coffee Hour Host	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Fellowship/Worship	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
Acolytes	Taylor Gray Regan Ring	Kevin King Bradford Loschen	Jack Ring Isaiah Gray	Annabelle Loschen TBD	Bradford Loschen TBD

Diaconate: Please note changes to the schedule.

Communion Preparers will also clean up the sanctuary.

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



The Christian Caller Newsletter

April 2017

Journey to the Cross and Beyond

Holy Week, a time of emotional highs and lows, takes us from celebration to darkness to joy. There is much to experience during this week:

Sunday, Apr. 9 **Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.**

Holy Week begins with a celebration of the first joy of the season, Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, and an introduction to the story of his passion.

Thursday, Apr. 13 **Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.**

We will commemorate Jesus' commandment to love one another, celebrate the Last Supper by sharing communion, and hear special music from our choir. The service will conclude with a **Service of Tenebrae**, or "Shadows," when we will experience the darkness of the events leading up to the crucifixion, but with hope for the light of the world, Jesus Christ.

Friday, Apr. 14 **Good Friday Prayer Vigil from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked his disciples to pray before his arrest and crucifixion. You have the opportunity to participate in solitary reflection, meditation, and prayer during this 12-hour prayer vigil. (A sign-up sheet is posted outside of Fellowship Hall.)

Sunday, Apr. 16 **Easter Sunday**

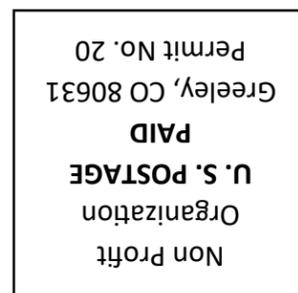
Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. followed by a light breakfast for Sunrise Service attendees.

Breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. A delicious meal of breakfast burritos, pastries & fruit.

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. All children are invited to attend.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the possibility of rebirth in our own lives.

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A Message from Mark

Dear Friends,

I am sitting here in my office feeling very grateful and alive. We (MK and I) had a fun time with one of your CWF groups, and then I helped line up our Maundy Thursday service.

I was sharing with some of your women that being a pastor in a congregation is a bit like going on a giant road trip. Some things are predictable, and there are always many surprises. We will do many things during this time together. It was said to me a few years ago that the only two things you have in life are experiences and relationships. It is my plan in this chapter in our lives together for us to have some great experiences and build our relationships with each other and with God, who made us and loves us.

I promise to you that I will give to you the best of what I have and what I know, as we take this journey together. I still believe in the power of the Gospel to change lives, direct lives, and connect lives. You have a treasure here at FCC, and it is my privilege to share it with you as we share it with the world.

Love,
Pastor Mark

LAFF Group Breakfast—April 22

The LAFF Group (Life After Fifty-Five) is planning to meet for breakfast at the Egg and I on W. 10th Street. Join us at 8:15. You are welcome even if you are still just a spring chicken.



Youth Sunday will take place on May 7th. Don't miss it!

He is not here... He has been raised. Matt. 28:6

Senior Pastor Search Update

In early March we had a candidate travel to Greeley for a visit. The visit entailed a tour of the church and the community, visiting with some leaders and representatives of local not-for-profits which FCC Greeley does outreach with, and a meet-n-greet with our Elders and the Board. The committee was very encouraged by the overall visit and the responses we've heard from those who met him. We hope to hear more from the candidate on his thoughts about FCC Greeley in the very near future, and this will help us to know what our next steps are in the Search and Call Process. Please note that because we are still in the early stages with this candidate, his identity is being kept confidential as per the normal process. If you have any questions about the overall process and progress we've made, please contact one of the Search Committee members.

Membership and Growth

The Membership and Growth Team has detected some interest by church members in taking more time to get acquainted with newer members. This might be accomplished by forming a small group of 8-10 to gather once a month for fellowship. It could be over coffee, lunch, or dinner. Groups would change each month so that we might become acquainted with one another on a new and deeper level.

If you are interested in participating in such a program, please call Hazel Gibson at 352-4903 or Gerre Tjardes at 352-2781. Let us know how you feel about this possibility for First Christian Church. I will repeat what's been said in Ecclesiastes 4:12: A cord of three (or more) strands is not quickly broken.

~ Hazel Gibson, Fellowship Team Chair

Daughters' Dessert

Women and girls are invited to this annual event on Tuesday, May 9th, at 6 pm for entertainment and dessert. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.



In July we'll gather as ONE for the 2017 General Assembly in Indianapolis. Thousands of Disciples from across the U.S. and Canada will hear inspiring messages, elect a new General Minister and President, hear updates and learn together. Early registration discounts expire April 1. Go to <http://disciples.org/ga>

Bereavements

✝ We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of **Beverly Weed**. Beverly passed away on March 15, 2017.

✝ We extend our deepest sympathies to Vivian Nickle in the passing of her husband **Carroll Nickle** on March 19, 2017. In addition, our heartfelt condolences go to Rich and Connie Davis and their daughters Heather and Kelly. Connie is Carroll and Vivian's daughter.

Thank You Notes

✝ **I would like to thank everyone** for the prayers, well wishes, cards, and a special thanks to those who brought meals. I'm truly blessed to have such an amazing church family. ~ Michelle Gray

✝ **Thank you to everyone** who offered prayers and "Well Wishes" for me while I was recuperating. They did the trick and all is going well. ~ Ella Heitman

✝ **It is so heartening to receive your generous donation [\$854.00] to the Church World Service Blankets program.** Your commitment helps people in communities around the world recover from disaster and know that someone cares enough to provide support. . . Refugee families in Serbia. . . People in Kentucky impacted by flooding. . . Migrant families in Colorado. May God bless you for your support.

~ Rev. John L. McCullough, Church World Service

Church World Service distributed a total of 237,659 Hygiene Kits, School Kits, Cleanup Buckets, Baby Care Kits, or Blankets in 2016.



Cambiare la Vita
CHANGING LIVES



WHEN: May 13, 2017 @ 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
WHERE: Embassy Suites Hotel
4705 Clydesdale Pkwy, Loveland
COST: Free (a donation will be requested at the dinner)

Please join us in supporting the life-changing work of the Tennyson Center for Children at Colorado Christian Home. Award-winning social entrepreneur Lynn Price will be the evening's motivational speaker. Look for a sign-up sheet by Fellowship Hall or ask David Haining or Carla Ikenouye for more details. Carpooling will be available.

Save the Date

Mark May 13th on your calendar for the **Tennyson Center's 22nd Annual Northern Colorado Dinner** in Loveland!



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Mission Matters

Here's an opportunity to learn more about neighbors who are facing stark choices because of a lack of affordable housing.

*American Winter tells the true stories of eight American families trying hard to get by in the face of sky-high housing costs. Many Weld County families are in similar circumstances. Visit www.weldswayhome.org/toolbox to register for a FREE showing at the **Kress Cinema & Lounge** in Greeley on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m. and light snacks will be available). A 30-minute panel discussion at 8:30 p.m. will follow the movie. We can become part of the solution! Talk to Carla Ikenouye if you would like to carpool.*

Easter Special Offering
We will receive our Easter Special Offering on April 9th & 16th. Your gift helps spread life, love, and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (DOC). Below are just a few of the ministries that your donation will support:
✝ Center for Faith and Giving
✝ Council on Christian Unity
✝ Disciples Home Missions
✝ Disciples Women
✝ Overseas/Global Ministries
✝ National Benevolent Assoc.

Take a *Prayer Walk*, using what you see as fuel for prayer. Pray for people, homes, businesses, community groups & local needs. Ask God to open your eyes to where He is at work and how you can help.



Welcome, Mark & Mary Kay!

The General Board and Staff Relations Committee are excited to announce Pastor Mark Pumphrey as our new Interim Minister. Pastor Mark was highly recommended by the Regional Staff and other Disciples. He & Mary Kay have joined us for the last three weeks, and last Sunday was his first week giving the sermon for us along with them both singing in the choir. In addition, after church they went to visit Vivian Nickle and the Davis family. Initially, Pastor Mark will do the 10:30 Sunday morning service and be at the church on Thursday afternoons. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with him, please contact Susan at the church office. Please join us in welcoming them to our congregation, introduce yourselves, and help them to get to know our community and us.

Here is a brief bio provided by Pastor Mark:

I am a 4th generation Coloradan and Disciple of Christ. I have three degrees from Phillips: a BS in sociology and history '71, Master of Divinity '77, and a Doctor of Ministry '95.

Mary Kay and I have four children and seven grandchildren. I have served as the Senior Chaplain of the Enid State School, Associate Minister of Central Christian Church, Pueblo, Senior Pastor FCC Alamosa and Monte Vista, Senior Pastor of South Broadway CC Denver.

Served on the General Board of Christian Church and the Administrative Committee.

I have served on the Regional Board, Regional Moderator, Tennyson Center Board.

I am currently driving for Lyft ride share and writing a blog at lyftingmeup.com

I love life and people and have been privileged to spend my life doing what I love.

Blessings, Pastor Mark

Thank You from the Taylors

Our final Sunday and your reception for us was very special.

We so appreciated the special words and cards from so many.

We will look forward to seeing you again in the future when we visit our family in Fort Collins.

We will always be grateful for those men and women who helped us pack and load.

Your unselfish support and service made a huge difference in our transition.

We will uphold you (individually and corporately) in our prayers. Lynn & Jan

Youth Update -Todd Loschen

A BIG THANK YOU to Amy, Baylee, and Pyper for doing a wonderful job in giving a message on God's Love on March 12th.

THANK YOU to those who donated food and money so our youth could cook at the **Guadalupe Shelter** this past Sunday. Your generosity is appreciated, because without you, the congregation, we could not do all we do out there.

I have put summer camp forms outside my office. Forms are **due April 12th**, so **please schedule your physicals.**

Youth, remember to please post your sports, music programs, and plays on the board so people can come see you.

We will be planning for a **May 7th Youth Sunday.**

Book Clubs

Monday, April 3 Evening Book Club 6:00p in the Parlor

The Evening Book Club is now reading *A Sudden Country* by Karen Fisher. The author builds a mesmerizing novel around the family story left by an ancestor who was 11 years old when her family joined the 1847 Oregon migration.

Friday, April 14 Morning Book Club 10:00a in the Parlor

The Morning Book Club is reading *All Our Wrong Todays* by Elan Mastai. This novel is an entertaining time-travel tale about family and friends and the journeys we take that eventually lead us to who we are.

Women's Fellowship

The CWF luncheon and general meeting will take place on April 6th. An Easter program will be given by Carol Hypes. Reservations for the catered luncheon must be in by Sunday, April 2nd.

The CWF Board will meet on April 13th in the Parlor at 10:00.

Joy Group: Tuesday, April 11th, at 1:15

Kindness Group: Thursday, April 27th, at 9:30

Peace Group: Thursday, April 27th, at 1:30

Elder's Message ~ Rev. Lena Morris, Elder

"Be transformed by the renewal of your mind." Romans 12:2 NLT Google the word *Transformation* and you will get more results than you can count! You'll find anything from a successful dieter's before-and-after pictures to benefits of tattoo removal or permanent makeup procedures. Any room in your home can be transformed too! Transformation is a pretty prominent part of our physical life.

The Bible describes a very different form of transformation. The world concentrates on changing us on the outside—*the part others see*. But God is interested in transforming what's on the inside—*our hearts*. 2 Corinthians 3:18 tells us, *"All of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."* NLT

Christians today contemplate the glory of God's love revealed through the gift of Jesus Christ. The glory of Christ's love for us transforms us more and more into the image of Christ when we read or hear God's Word, especially the Gospel message of our Savior's forgiveness and his everlasting love for us. In those moments, the Holy Spirit works through his word to change us—really transform us from the inside out! God promises: *"I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender-responsive heart."* Ezekiel 36:26 NLT

That's powerful transformation! We begin to live more and more for others. We begin to reflect Christ's grace toward us as we share his grace and love with those around us.

Lord, as I read your Word, remind me I am in your presence. Transform me.

Easter Lilies

Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary with lilies in honor or in memory of loved ones? Return a lily order form by Palm Sunday.



FCC Financial Update

(as of 2/28/17)

Actual Income Year to Date: \$34,409.47
Actual Expenses Year to Date: \$36,126.46

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2017						1 9:30a Women's Prayer Breakfast
2 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Service 4:00p Chi Rho, CYF	3 6:00p Book Club	4 8:30a Men's Coffee	5 5:30p Soup & Salad Supper 6:30p Lenten Bible Study	6 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers Noon CWF Luncheon and Program 6:30p Chancel Choir	7	8 8:30a Men's Breakfast
9 Palm Sunday 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Service Noon Gen. Board Mtg. 4:00p All Youth	10 4:30p Worship Team	11 8:30a Men's Coffee 1:15p Joy Group	12	13 Maundy Thursday 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 10:00a CWF Board 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service	14 Good Friday 7:00a Prayer Vigil , runs until 7:00p 10:00a Book Club	15 Burrito Preparation: 8:30a Coffee, Pastries for Volunteers 9:00a Burrito Assembly
16 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30a 7:30a Light Breakfast 9:30a Breakfast 10:00a Egg Hunt 10:30a Sanctuary Service	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 8:30a Men's Coffee	19 9:00a Clothing Bank	20 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 6:30p Chancel Choir	21	22 8:15a LAFF Group Breakfast at 10 th St. Egg and I Restaurant
23 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Service 11:45a Elders' Meeting 4:00p Chi Rho, CYF	24	25 8:30a Men's Coffee	26	27 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 9:30a CWF Kindness 1:30p CWF Peace 6:30p Chancel Choir	28	29
30 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Service 11:45a Outreach Mtg. 3:30p Chi Rho/CYF to Ft. Collins						

April Birthdays

- 2 Sylvia Werbin
- 11 Carl England
- 21 Kathleen Davis
- 23 Madysen Bruch
- 26 Charlotte Kidd
- 27 LaVonne Rogakis

Are we missing your birthday? Share the date with the church office.



Easter Egg Changes

Please bring candy to leave in a box in Fellowship Hall by Palm Sunday. Our youth will fill the plastic eggs for the annual hunt.