

 A Message from Pastor Mark



Dear Friends,

I just finished picking my sermon titles and scriptures for July. The Book of Jonah has four chapters, and I will be with you four Sundays (we are going to the General Assembly July 8-12 in Indianapolis). It is a sermon series called "More Than a Whale of a Tale." It is a great story that reveals our human nature and God's relentless desire for healing, health, and heart. I am working with a number of our folks to plan out everything from celebrations, educational experiences, to Advent and Christmas. Yes, I am a planner, I know that Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year!!! I heard once that if you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans. I get that we do not know what is coming from one day to the next. I also get we would starve if farmers had no plan.

We are together as Pastor and congregation for a while. I really have no clue how long that will be. What I do know is that we love being here with you. We will take each day, week, and month as a gift. We will move forward. As I told you Sunday, each one of you is important to me. I want to know who you are, what you need from your Pastor and church, and how you want to give as we live The Gospel (Good News). My plan is to have fun and be real. . . and to try not get swallowed by a whale because I would not follow The Lord's desires. Love,

Mark

See *Mission Matters* for information on **Serve Day**, this year's **Worship in Action** event, on **Saturday, July 15**.



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Pizza Buffet/Salad Bar/Ice Cream

Join us after our 9:30 a.m. worship on **July 9th** for a light lunch and fellowship. Enjoy the leisurely days of summer with friends at First Christian Church. Maybe make some new friends or get better acquainted. ~Fellowship Team

Elder's Message

~Tom Rainbolt, Elder

As I write this, I am in Junior Camp at LaForet in the Black Forest. We have 29 campers this year, of which six are from Greeley. Plus we are sharing the camp with CYF, with four campers from FCC, and Todd Loschen is a director. Next week three more from Greeley will be here with Chi Ro. It is fantastic to see the participation and support from Greeley.

Every day has a full schedule from 7:00 in the morning until after 10:00 in the evening. The morning Key Note provides the scripture and theme for the day from our curriculum that will be the basis for our family groups. The campers also have plenty of time for games and crafts to keep them entertained. Each evening one family group will lead Vespers and another one will lead Campfire. I am always amazed at the creativity and energy of the Junior campers as they plan and lead these events. Last night was the talent show, and I am still smiling and laughing. There were some talented performers, along with funny skits by each family group.

I wish there was a better way to convey to you what their camp experience means to all of the campers. Thank you so much for your support of this program as it is building a great foundation for our future leaders.



Help Us Make Connections

As you meet visitors from week to week, would you encourage them to fill out a visitor card? We would appreciate your help in learning how to contact and connect with those who are new to FCC.

Ice Cream Social

All are invited to the LAFF Group's annual Ice Cream Social at Tom and Shirley Miller's home on Saturday evening, July 22nd at 6:00 p.m. The Millers' address is 4958 2nd Street in Greeley. Ice cream and toppings will be provided. If you have questions, you may call the Millers at 970-356-5335 or Stuart and Sharon Murphy at 970-353-0232. Please bring cookies, brownies, etc. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

Attention: Youth & Congregation

~Todd Loschen

What an amazing two weeks of Church Camp our region had. Our church sent 13 youth and adults. **Thank you to our church members** for helping out with funds so our youth could attend camp. What a generous church family we have here at FCC. Thanks to the **Heitmans** for providing snacks for the CYF, Junior & Chi Rho camps—they were delicious! **Youth:** Look to the white board for an upcoming **Water Day** and **Picnic** to celebrate the arrival of summer. Thanks to **Julie Hoskins, Geoff Shirley, and Sue Evans** for cooking at the Guadalupe Center—helping out our youth while they caught up on sleep after coming back from camp.

Remember, the youth will preach on Branching Out on Sunday, July 9th. "Leaf" knowing you can change our community.

Women's Fellowship

Eleven women from Greeley will attend a regional retreat at Quadra Dangle retreat center in Laramie, Wyoming, on July 8th.

Book Clubs

Neither of FCC's Book Clubs will meet again until the fall. The Friday Morning Book Club, led by Beverley Martin, is reading *Mrs. Sherlock Holmes* by Brad Ricca and *Priest-daddy* by Patricia Lockwood over the summer. If you would like to join the morning book club, please contact Beverley at 970-351-6565. If you are interested in joining the Monday Evening Book Club this fall, please contact Carla Ikenouye at 970-356-2121.

A Note from Habitat for Humanity

Thank you all so much for coming out and helping Habitat and the family with building the home and finishing touches. You are our first church to come help out in a while, so it means more than you know! Also, the food was AMAZING!!

We are looking forward to working with you again in Hudson!

[Please see the Mission Matters column for information regarding the upcoming Veterans Build in Hudson on Serve Day.]

FCC Financial Update

(as of 5/31/17)

Actual Income Year to Date: \$81,836.08
Actual Expenses Year to Date: \$82,991.65

Right Here, Right Now Offering—July 30



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2017						1 <i>No</i> Women's Breakfast
2 9:30a Sanctuary Service	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers	7	8 Women's Retreat in Laramie, WY <i>General Assembly Begins</i>
9 9:30a Sanctuary Service Camp Update 10:30a Pizza & More 10:40a Outreach Meeting	10 4:30 Worship Meeting	11 8:30a Men's Coffee	12	13 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers	14	15 SERVE Serve Day
16 9:30a Sanctuary Service 10:40a General Board Mtg 3:30p Guadalupe Meal	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 8:30a Men's Coffee	19 9:00a Clothing Bank	20 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers	21	22 6:00p LAFF Group Ice Cream Social at the Miller Home
23 9:30a Sanctuary Service 10:40a Elders' Meeting	24	25 8:30a Men's Coffee	26	27	28	29
30 RHRN Offering 9:30a Sanctuary Service	31					

Bereavement



We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Penny Bruch. Penny passed away on June 3, 2017.

Stitching Group

The Crafty Christians Stitching Group is taking a break through the summer due to busy schedules. Please plan to join us in September.



General Assembly

In July Pastor Mark and Mary Kay will attend 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.

July Birthdays

- 2 Mark Pumphrey
- 8 Diane Doyle
- 10 Joyce McMichael
- 14 Daniel Recor
- 18 Dee Dixon
- 18 Taylor Gray
- 19 Tom Rainbolt
- 21 George Hypes
- 22 Guin Skow
- 26 Lynde Reed
- 26 Emerson Skow

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





Participants	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
9:30 Sanctuary					
Elder	Judi Ring	Diane Doyle	Carol Williams	Lena Morris	Ray White
Worship Leader	Amy Haining	Darron Berg	Sandy Beiser	Mary Kay Pumphrey	Judi Ring
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	Kris King ± ▲	Ron Shetler ± ▲	Kris King ■	Ron Shetler ■	Kris King ± ▲
Please have communion ready by 9:00 am	David King ± ▲	Charlotte Shetler ± ▲	David King ■	Charlotte Shetler ■	David King ± ▲
	Bill Rusher ■	Gary Ikenouye ■	Bill Rusher ± ▲	Gary Ikenouye ± ▲	Bill Rusher ■
	Theresa Rusher ■	Carla Ikenouye ■	Theresa Rusher ± ▲	Carla Ikenouye ± ▲	Theresa Rusher ■
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 TBD Carol Reynolds	Marla Johnson Diane Doyle Betty Jensen	Carol Williams LaVonne Rogakis Phyllis Hansberry
Coffee Hour Host	Fellowship Team	Pizza, Salad-L. Scott	Ella, Ronelle, Colleen	Steve & Cynthia May	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.

Thank You Notes

☆ Landscaping Project Thank You

A special thank you to everyone who helped with the landscaping project around the church. The property has been weeded and sprayed. Thirty yards of mulch will finish the beautification of the flowerbeds. To an absolutely terrific group: **AWESOME JOB!** Volunteers included Carl & Carolyn England, Garry Hadley, Colleen Heitman, Carla Ikenouye, Marla Johnson, Todd Loschen, Steve and Cynthia May, Tom & Shirley Miller, Stuart Murphy, Ron Shetler.

☆ Door Locks, Security Cameras, Faucets, Phones, IT, Signs

FCC has some heroes who deserve special mention for all they do for the church when unexpected glitches happen and other needs come along. **Rich Recor, Sam McMichael, and Gary Ikenouye** have been big helps on multiple occasions with security, phones, scanners, and faucets, and more. **David Haining** is our go-to person for questions about computers, sound, slides, and the Internet. **Ben Dixon** made sure FCC's signage was brought up to date. And **George Hypes** worked on our deadbolts and keyed locks!

✝ Pentecost Sunday Hymn Sing Thank You

Thank you to Judi Ring, Sandra Varley, the Worship Team, and all who participated in the Pentecost Day Hymn Sing. It was a blessing!

✝ Father's Day Sunday Brunch

Thank you to the Worship and Fellowship Teams—and to everyone who shared delicious food—for helping us celebrate Father's Day!

Serve Day 2017



Have you signed up to serve?

SERVE Day is rapidly approaching! Saturday, July 15th, is the big day! We will join with other Greeley-area churches in a day of service to our local community. Everyone is invited to a Launch Party at Rodarte Community Center (920 A St.) at 9:00 am. After a brief time of welcome and worship, volunteers will head to their assigned projects. Most projects will begin at 10:00 am and conclude by 2:00 pm.

Our church is hosting a group making HOPE Bags for the Greeley Police Department to distribute to teens and children. We are also leading a Veteran's Build in Hudson for Habitat for Humanity (8:00 am—3:00 pm) and a project at Weld Food Bank. There will be many other opportunities to serve, including helping members of our congregation with small projects. Volunteers also are needed at the Family Festival that will be held at the Rodarte Center following the Launch Party. Free food, games, giveaways, live music, and activities of all sorts will make for a day of fun for Greeley families. Spread the word!

Volunteer sign-up sheets and project request cards are available at church. A list of requested donations is also available. All volunteers are asked to wear a red shirt. If you don't already have a red "Be Doers of the Word" t-shirt, new t-shirts in adult sizes S–3XL are available at no cost. You may make a free will offering if you'd like, but none is required. Contact Carla Ikenouye at 970-356-2121 with any questions.

Mission Matters

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matt. 25:35



World Refugee Day Parade of Foods Potluck

Celebrate refugee & immigrant cultures in Greeley at the Parade of Foods! The Weld Refugee Collaboration at United Way is hosting this potluck **Thursday, June 29th, from noon–2:00 pm** at **First United Methodist Church, 917 10th Ave.** Enjoy good conversation & great food while becoming acquainted with some of our refugee and immigrant neighbors. Register online at www.UnitedWay-Weld.org/FoodParade or contact Carla Ikenouye.



Greeley Area Habitat for Humanity Breakfast – Friday, July 21st, GAHFH will celebrate 30 Years of Building Impact in Weld County at a Community Breakfast with guest speaker, **Dick Monfort**, CEO and Owner of the Colorado Rockies. The event will take place at **Christ Community Church, 1301 15th St., from 7:00 am–8:00 am.** The breakfast is free, but a donation will be requested. Carla Ikenouye & Rich Recor will sponsor two tables. Look for a sign-up sheet Fellowship Hall.

On another Habitat note, a big thank you goes out to the 18 people who worked on Habitat's Faith Build on June 3rd and to **Joy Group** for providing a delicious lunch for all the workers! There is an **opportunity to participate in a Veteran's Build in Hudson on SERVE Day, July 15th.** See Carla.