

Participants	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
9:30 Sanctuary Worship				
Elder	Carol Williams	Nita White	Darron Berg	Tom Rainbolt
Worship Leader	Stuart Murphy	Sue Tjardes	Colleen Heitman	David Haining
Announcements	Bill Rusher	TBD	Bill Rusher	Bill Rusher
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Judi Ring	Connie Davis	Gary Dobbins
Children's Moment	N/A	Amy Haining, Pyper Evans	Pastor Mark, Kris King	Pastor Mark, Diane Doyle
Slides	Lorilee Scott	Darron Berg	David Haining	Ken Thompson
Sound Operator	Kris King	Nita White	Caren Renee Haining	Sue Tjardes
Diaconate	Carolyn England ± ▲	Marla Johnson ± ▲	Carolyn England ■	Marla Johnson ■
Please have communion ready by 10:00 am	Caitlin Berg ± ▲	Paula Armstrong ± ▲	Caitlin Berg ■	Paula Armstrong ■
	Alicia Loschen, Regan Ring ■	Charlotte Shetler ■	Alicia Loschen, Regan Ring ± ▲	Charlotte Shetler ± ▲
	Garry Hadley ■	Debbie Berg ■	Garry Hadley ± ▲	Debbie Berg ± ▲
Van Driver	Gary I./Ray White	Gary Ikenouye/Ray W.	Gary I./Ray White	Gary Ikenouye/Ray W.
Greeters	Ron & Charlotte Shetler Carl & Carolyn England Tom & Shirley Miller	Ray White The McMichaels Helen, Kathy Herman	Julie Hoskins Carol Reynolds	Marla Johnson TBD
Coffee Hour Host	Diaconate	Volunteer Needed	"Sunday Brunch"	General Board
Acolytes	Taylor Gray Isaiah Gray	Regan Ring	Jack Ring Michael Beiser	Annabelle Loschen

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



The Christian Caller Newsletter

June 2018

A Message from Mark



Dear Friends,

This past weekend (May 18-20) was as good as it gets for this pastor. Occasionally I will say things to God like: "I would sure like three or four days of rain, I know that there's a bigger picture out there, but it would be great if we got some water." The very dry winter we had might've been good for my Greeley commuting but, it was really scary for everyone from farmers to people who believe that Colorado should be paved with Kentucky bluegrass. Well, in the last month "Mother Nature" has provided us with a beautiful gift of spring rain on the plains and snow in the mountains. However, when our assignment at the new Habitat for Humanity Faith Build was to do landscaping, it required a giant adjustment. This past Saturday I got to watch a crew from our wonderful congregation completely insulate the interior of this house. The teamwork, joy, laughter, smiles, and growing closer with each other permeated the rooms.

This was followed by a wonderful Pentecost Sunday. The church was filled with red, laughter, energy, kids, new people, and a sense of hope. We had four people join our church, all of whom have told me how excited they are to be with us. They see a church that is on the move for the Gospel. It takes a lot of people behind the scenes to make a weekend like we just experienced come together. As I write this, I am preparing to leave for two weeks with my son Mateo and my grandson Miko. One of the things we will be doing while we're on this trip is stopping in and visiting a couple of Disciples of Christ churches in Puerto Rico, where we sent resources after the horrible hurricanes. I will bring them love from all of you. We have a fun and interesting summer ahead of us, and when I return on June 3rd I look forward to events like outdoor worship, VBS, and our float in the parade—just to mention a few.

Love, Mark

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The **LORD** your **GOD** is in your *midst*,
a **MIGHTY** one *who will save*;
HE will **REJOICE** over *you* with *gladness*;
HE will **QUIET** you by his *love*;
HE will **EXULT** over *you* with *loud singing*.

Zephaniah 3:17

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June Sermons

- 6/03 — Youth Sunday
6/10 — Mark 3:20-35
"Family Feud"
6/17 — Mark 4:26-34
"Seed Power"
6/24 — Mark 4:35-41
"Rocking the Boat"



Welcome, New Members!

On Sunday, May 20, four people joined First Christian Church of Greeley. They include Tom and Roberta Smith of Windsor and Tom and Christy Webster of Greeley. Please be sure to meet them and welcome them to FCC.

FCC Book Clubs

The June read for the **Evening Book Club** is *The Careful Use of Compliments* by Alexander McCall Smith. They will meet on **Monday, June 4th**, at 6:00 PM in the church parlor for discussion. Then they will take a summer hiatus and start up again in the fall.

The **Morning Book Club** has already begun their hiatus. Over the summer they will read *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson, *The Rooster Bar* by John Grisham, *Inferno* by Dan Brown, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan, and *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone. They will meet in September to discuss their summer reading.

Women's Activities

The **next** Christian Women's Fellowship lunch and program will take place on Thursday, **September 6th**, in Fellowship Hall at noon.

In June the Joy, Kindness, and Peace Groups will meet for lunch on the dates they choose. Check the church bulletin for details.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated layette items for the newborns at North Colorado Medical Center. Thank you, also, to everyone who helped with the Daughters Dessert. It was a special evening.

There Will Be No Women's Prayer Breakfast in June

FCC Fantasy Football League

Do you enjoy American football, a friendly banter, and possibly getting to know others in the church that you don't know well? If so, then the FCC Fantasy Football League may be for you.

Fantasy football has you "running" a team to go up against another owner in the league on a weekly basis to see who wins. The end of the season includes a playoff and Super Bowl to crown the champion. The league is all run through computers, so you will need to have access to a computer on a weekly basis. The winner will receive bragging rights! If you are interested or have questions, contact David Haining at 970-353-7613 or at church by July 15.

Annual Camping Trip

FCC's camping group would like to let everyone know that we will have our annual Campout over Labor Day weekend. The date is set for August 30th to September 3rd and will be at Jack's Gulch (up the Poudre River). We would like to invite you to join us for a fun-filled weekend. Even if you are not a camper, we would like you to join us for a day of fun—hiking, card playing, and other campsite activities. Fishing spots lie a mile or two from our camp site. If Sunday the 2nd is your day of choice, we will have a tasty evening meal followed by a short Sunday get-together. So if you can, plan on some fun in the mountains with us. We would love to have you and your friends and family come. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Shetler or Shari Lueking.

Kindness—Part of the Garden of the Spirit

Summer has arrived! Warm weather, cool evenings, outside activities and the rush of life. As we go about our lives, don't forget to share the kindness of your heart. Kindness is planted in seed form. Implanted in new nature. Think of how the world has changed because of Jesus's kindness. His was a harsh, cruel world, while ours has safety nets and places where people can be helped. Carry sunshine where darkness is. Be a blessing to others and it will bring you joy and have a boomerang effect.

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. (Galatians 5:25) Think about the kindnesses you have received — Pass It On! Deeds of kindness have a way of living beyond the time or effort to do them and have far-reaching effects. Don't put off action, opportunity is fleeting, and timing is everything.

Our Church has many upcoming activities and events in which to participate. Invite someone to be part of our "Garden of the Spirit," and this **Kindness Effect** will be wonderfully exciting. Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant to all." (Mark 9:35)

~Colleen Heitman, General Board Chair

First Christian Church appreciates your involvement!

2018 Walker Hymn Sing

See the posters for info on the annual Walker Manufacturing Co. Hymn Sing set for Saturday, June 16, at 5925 E. Harmony Road in Ft. Collins (1 1/4 mile east of I-25). Grounds open at 4:30 PM for prelude music and picnics (bring your own food); the main event starts at 6:00 PM. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Contact Phyllis Hansberry to car pool.

Vegan Tasting and Cooking Class

You are invited to join Mark and Mary Kay as well as Janelle England and her husband Jon in a class designed to help you "cope with your vegan friends." ☺ It will take place on Saturday, June 23rd, in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

4th of July Parade Float

We invite all in the congregation to sign up to ride on the Church's float in the Stampede 4th of July Parade. Help us celebrate our 115th anniversary—we have plenty of room. We'll sing praise songs and share our joy in God's glory. Sign-up will be on the bulletin board. We encourage you to wear red. If you are interested in purchasing a red Doers of the Word t-shirt, Carla Ikenouye has a few to sell.

Thank-You Notes

Thank you to my Church Family for helping me celebrate my 85th birthday. It was truly a surprise! ~LaVonne Rogakis

Many thanks to all who sent lovely get-well cards following my surgery. Also thanks to Mary Kay and Rev. P., and to Marla and Carla for visiting me in the hospital and bringing a large bouquet of beautiful flowers, to Colleen, Gerre, and Gretchen who brought me food, and to the drivers who took me and picked me up at the hospital. Also, a special thank you to those to have inquired about me, expressing concern for my continuing recovery and well being. All help has been much appreciated. ~Sylvia Werbin

Thanks for the prayers, cards and visits. I'm gaining strength day by day. I miss all of you. ~Marion Leh

"Hands in Praise" to Return

The American Sign Language Choir, Hands in Praise will return to join us in worship on July 22. Mark your calendars!

Join the Prayer Chain

If you would like to be a link in FCC's prayer chain, contact the church office at 970-352-1292 or fccadmin@comcast.net.

As part of the **SERVE Day** event, the worship band **Jesus Culture** will perform at the Budweiser Center on Friday, July 13, at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$23.97 plus fees. (See Carla Ikenouye for a 10% off promo code.)

Mission Matters

"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." Heb. 12:1

American Cancer Society Rely for Life June 1-2

The First Christian Relay for Life Team is ready to rock and roll! The event will be held on the track at University High School (6525 W. 18th St.) from Friday, June 1, at 7:00 pm until Saturday, June 2, at 7:00 am. You can register at <https://accounts.cancer.org/register> or call 1-800-227-2345. Come find us at our campsite even if you haven't signed up!

- 4:00-7:00 pm** Survivor Celebration at University Middle School
- 5:00-6:45 pm** Free Dinner
- 7:00 pm** Opening Ceremony & Survivor/Caregiver Walk, then Team Walk
- 10:00 pm** Luminaria Ceremony honoring those touched by cancer
- 5:00 am** Free Pancake Breakfast
- 7:00 am** Closing Ceremony

There will be fun activities and snacks all night long. The theme is *Tune Out Cancer*, so wear a t-shirt from one of your favorite bands or singers. Join team captain Rich Stossel and walk around the track to defeat cancer!

SERVE Day 2018 July 14

Saturday, July 14th, hundreds of volunteers from Greeley churches will be observing Serve Day, serving others in the community in Jesus' name. There will be a variety of projects to choose from. First Christian is in charge of the group communion service prior to going out to serve. It will be an amazing day to bless others and to be blessed.

8:00 - 8:30 am Communion Service & Kick-off at Monfort Park (4800 W. 24th St.)

8:45 am - noon Work at Job Site

Noon - 2:00 pm Free Appreciation Lunch at Zoe's Cafe (715 10th St.)

Project sign-up sheets will be posted at church, or you can sign up online after June 1 at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945aaab2fa2fd0-greeley>

All volunteers are encouraged to wear green Serve Day t-shirts (\$5 per shirt). See the sign-up sheet to request one.

Bible School Help Needed

FCC will be hosting VBS July 9-11 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30. Supper will be served to families and will be followed by multi-generational family activities. This is being planned by your five elementary Sunday School teachers for our members and their guests.

By now, you have figured out that we will need a lot of congregational help. Following are some ideas of how you might serve. There will be sign-up sheets on the hall bulletin board. Please be generous with your time to help make this successful. Thank you!

- ☞ Kitchen preparation and clean up
- ☞ Fellowship Hall set-up and take-down
- ☞ Registration
- ☞ Materials preparation
- ☞ Donation of requested supplies

June is Youth Camp Month

Please keep our youth, their parents & our adult volunteers in your prayers as they travel to La Foret Retreat Center near Colorado Springs this month.

Age Group	Camp Dates
CYF (high school)	June 10-16
Juniors (3-5 th grade)	June 10-16
Chi Rho (middle school)	June 17-23
Discovery (1 st -3 rd grade)	June 21-23

 **Guests at the recent Tennyson Center for Children's Fundraising Dinner** were greeted by Gary & Carla Ikenouye, Marla Johnson, and Tom & Carolyn Rainbolt (below), costumed to represent the theme, "All About Time."



"In Flanders Fields"

By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD
(1872-1918)
Canadian Army

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

"In Flanders Fields" is one of the most memorable war poems ever written. It is a lasting legacy of a terrible battle in Flanders (now Belgium) in the spring of 1915 (WW I). Although he had been a doctor for years and had served in the South African War, Major McCrae found it was impossible to get used to the suffering in this battle. As a surgeon attached to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade, Major McCrae had spent 17 days treating injured men—Canadian, British, Indian, French, and German. He later described the ordeal as "seventeen days of Hades!" One of the casualties was his former student, and McCrae performed his funeral ceremony.

The next day as he sat on the back of a parked ambulance overlooking the nearby cemetery, he could see the wild poppies that grew in the ditches in that part of Europe. He spent 20 minutes of his rest time scribbling this poem. Then he handed his writing pad to a young soldier, who described the poem as "an exact description of the scene in front of us both." Later, the doctor tossed the poem away, but a fellow officer retrieved it and sent it to two English newspapers. One rejected it, but the other published it on December 8, 1915.

~Diane Doyle for the Elders

Leftover Church Food

If you bring food for an event, please be sure to take the leftovers home or give them away—don't leave them at FCC.

Summer Schedule

FCC's summer schedule will begin on Memorial Sunday, May 27. Our worship service will start at 9:30 a.m. It will take place in the Sanctuary; *the Chapel Worship Service will not meet during the summer.*

Greeley Stampede Rodeo

A limited number of box seat tickets for the rodeo on Monday, July 2nd, are available at \$20 each. First enjoy a great meal at the Stampede food court, then mosey on into the arena for pro rodeo action starting at 7:00 pm. On this military appreciation night, \$1 of each ticket price goes to support Honor Flight of Northern Colorado. Reserve your tickets on the sign-up board.

Father's Day "Sunday" Brunch

Join us for our annual "Sunday" Brunch on June 17th after worship. There will be lots of delicious food to treat all of the dads and sons (and the rest of us!). Sign up to bring a favorite breakfast or lunch dish to share on this special day.

Summer Fellowship Time

Volunteer this summer without taking on the whole job! Either bring refreshments *or* serve & clean up!

Dead Sea Scrolls and Jerusalem 3D IMAX

Take a trip to the Denver Museum of Nature & Science on August 11 to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit, museum, and Jerusalem 3D IMAX show. We'll leave together in the morning to arrive with time to visit the museum and have lunch before seeing the IMAX show at 1:00 p.m. and then the exhibition at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for the exhibition are \$19 for seniors (65 and older), \$23 for other adults, and \$16 for juniors (3-18). Add an IMAX ticket or see only the IMAX show for \$6-\$9, depending on age. Admission to the museum is included in the exhibition ticket price.

Please sign up for the events you want to attend while tickets are available. Also, please note on the sign-up sheet if you'll be able to drive others to the museum.

June Birthdays

- 3 Dorothy Boston
- 5 George Hall
- 6 Amy Haining
- 9 Carla Ikenouye
- 9 Marla Johnson
- 10 Lon Sassman
- 15 Stuart Murphy
- 17 Connie Davis
- 18 Vivian Nickle
- 24 Ben Dixon
- 29 Bernie Holland
- 30 Rich Recor

FCC Financial Update

(as of 4/30/18)
Income Year to Date:
\$75,369.65
Expenses YTD:
\$77,059.42

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 2018						
					1 7:00p Relay for Life Begins	2 No Women's Prayer Breakfast 7:00a Relay for Life Ends
3 RHRN Offering 9:30a Youth Sunday In Sanctuary	4 6:00p Book Club	5 8:30a Men's Coffee 5:30p Communications Meeting	6 6:00p Mission Mtg.	7 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 6:00p Book Study with Rev. Mark	8	9 8:30 Men's Breakfast on the Patio
10 9:30a Sanctuary Worship CYF, Junior Camps Begin	11	12 8:30a Men's Coffee 5:30p Ministries Cab.	13	14 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 6:00p Book Study with Rev. Mark	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 Walker Hymn Sing Last Day of Camp
17 Father's Day Baby Bottle Offering 10:30a Outdoor Worship 10:30a "Sunday" Brunch 3:00p Yoga, Meditation 3:30p Guadalupe Meal Chi Rho Camp Begins	18	19 8:30a Men's Coffee	20	21 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 6:00p Book Study Discovery Camp	22	23 10:00-2:00 Vegan Workshop Last Day of Camp
24 9:30a Sanctuary Service	25	26 8:30a Men's Coffee	27	28 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 6:00p Book Study with Rev. Mark	29	30