

Participants	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
8:15 Gathering in Chapel				
Lead	Pastor Mark	Pastor Mark	Judi Ring	Pastor Mark
Communion	TBD	Judi Ring	TBD	Judi Ring
Offering	Judi Ring	TBD	Pastor Mark	TBD
10:30 Sanctuary Worship				
Elder	Carol Williams	Nita White	Darron Berg	Tom Rainbolt
Worship Leader	Willia Beltz	Gerre Tjardes	Caren Renee Haining	Kris King
Announcements	TBD	Tom Rainbolt	Tom Rainbolt	Tom Rainbolt
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Judi Ring	Connie Davis	Gary Dobbins
Children's Moment	Pyper Evans, Amy Haining	Judi Ring	TBD	Kris King
Slides	Lorilee Scott	Darron Berg	David Haining	Ken Thompson
Sound Operator	Kris King	Nita White	Caren Renee Haining	Sue Tjardes
Diaconate Please have communion ready by 10:00 am	Carolyn England ± ▲	Marla Johnson ± ▲	Carolyn England ■	Marla Johnson ■
	Caitlin Berg ± ▲	Paula Armstrong ± ▲	Caitlin Berg ■	Paula Armstrong ■
	Alicia L./Regan R. ■	Charlotte Shetler ■	Alicia L./Regan R. ± ▲	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 Tom, Lynn Teixeira
Coffee Hour Host	Gerre Tjardes	Volunteers Needed	Verna Recor, Julie Hoskins	Johnson, Ikenouyes
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 October 2018

Message from Mark

Dear Friends,

God's favorite color is October... I am sure of it because that is when he repaints this part of the world. We get to see every shade of red, orange, purple, and yellow in contrast with 100 shades of green. There is only one problem with October: It has only 31 days, and I plan to savor every one of them. This is also a time in our church life when everything picks up. There are a couple of opportunities I want to make you aware of:

October 27– **"The Pipe Organ Spooktacular"** at South Broadway Christian Church in Denver. I am treating anyone in our congregation who wants to experience a once-in-a-lifetime organ concert in a 126-year-old Victorian sanctuary. Frank Perko, who is now retired in Florida, is coming back home to Colorado to perform. Frank is arguably the finest organist ever born and raised in Colorado. He will be performing on the Kimble/Rogers hybrid organ, which Frank calls "the most special organ of its kind in Colorado." We will have a sign-up sheet, and you must sign up to go. We will be carpooling at 3:30 from FCC. We get preferred parking and seating at the Church I served for 18 years. There are eight restaurants within walking distance of the parking lot. You WON'T be disappointed.

October 28– **Harvest Festival** from 5-7. "FIRST CHRISTIAN'S GOT TALENT"— hosted by C. J. BLING, a defrocked televangelist from Weeping Water Nebraska... he was caught trying to sell forged Pokémon cards at the Greeley Mall. We will have fun and games for all... wear a costume, and sign up for the talent show. We will have three very fun judges and prizes for top talent, no talent, and keep trying.

Love, Mark



Do not throw away your *confidence*; It will be *richly rewarded*. Heb. 10:35

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October Sermons

10/07 — Mark 10:13-16

“The Church’s Worst Greeters—Jesus’ Own Disciples”

10/14 — Mark 10:17-31 “A Great Investment”

10/21 — Mark 10:35-45 “VIP Seating”

10/28 — Mark 10:46-52 “Shhhhhhhh—Nope”

Bereavement

We extend our deepest sympathies to Colleen and Ronell Heitman and their family in the passing of Ella Heitman on September 15, 2018.



Life After Fifty-Five Group Sleigh Ride & Wiener Roast

\$2 each Friday, October 5th 5:00-8:00 PM

1410 E. 24th Street
East on 18th St. past cemetery to Cherry Ave.

South on Cherry to dead end (24th St.).

Turn east (left) onto 24th St.

*It's the first place on the right side—
there are western motifs on the fences.*

Carpooling is a possibility.

Join us for fun, food & music!

Questions? ~ Call LaVonne at 506-0236

Be sure to sign up so we know how many to plan for!

World Communion Sunday Plans

First Christian Church will host a drop-in communion event for the Greeley community on October 7 from 2:00 to 5:00. We will provide a choice of wafers or bread, a display of photos from around the globe, and optional prayer and reflection stations. Look for the tent on the west lawn.

Giggles & Grins Group Bunco Party

On October 12th at 7:00 Rich & Verna Recor will host a Bunco Party. Please talk with Verna for more info.



Spiritual Gifts Practiced by Faithful Servants

October brings with it autumn harvest, bountiful fruits of the earth, and a seasonal change. So too in the church. It is a time to complete the year's things undone and plan for a new year.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful servants of God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10). In our business we often put off our spiritual practice, ignore someone in need, fail to interact with a stranger because it is uncomfortable, or fail to act in compassion. The scripture reminds us we each have been given spiritual gifts, and each of us can serve in many ways. God doesn't call on you to do everything, but He calls us as the body of Christ to use our own special gifts to accomplish all that He has set before us.

Consider how God is calling you to use your spiritual gifts to serve others and the church in this season. How will you answer the call? (Lindsay Gray, The Upper Room)

The FCC General Board encourages you to pray about your spiritual gifts and special talents and join us in serving the church and others as faithful servants. Fall brings many exhilarating activities, so come and join in as we celebrate our faith and serve.

~Colleen Heitman, General Board Chair

Thank You from the Worship Team

Summer 2018 was enhanced by three outdoor services under our tent! This involved lots of people setting up/ taking down the tent, sound system, and chairs, etc.

We were able to use a Clavinova digital piano for Sandy Varley to play. As Sandy said, “Having and using the Clavinova makes hymns really come alive, and makes the other music much more rich.”

Lori Cheuvront donated this Clavinova to FCC. When you see Lori, please tell her “Thanks!”



Elder's Message

~ Rev. Lena Morris

As an avid student of history, I have learned that the language of “resistance” has been around throughout our human existence. As a political term, “resistance” has meant civil disobedience focused on justice and human rights.

I am not a political activist. I am a pastor and follower of Jesus Christ; thus “resistance” evolves in a different way through prayer, conversation, and practice. I recently read an article in Ministry Matters, a newsletter published by UMC. The article is called “Sacred Resistance” and is authored by Ginger Gaines-Cirelli. Following is an excerpt from that article:

Sacred resistance is ... a way of being in the world, and an ongoing orientation to the world. As followers of Jesus, sacred resistance is at the heart of our being, not just our doing. ... it means that, as those formed in and by a relationship with Christ, our very being is turned toward God and attuned to God's wisdom and way. Therefore, our inward posture centers on God and resists all ... that is counter to the ways of God revealed through Jesus.

*... The point is not that we claim to get it right. The point is that, as those who are in Christ, our call is to be deeply, profoundly **with**—with God, with other people, and with all the creatures of the world. As followers of the God whose life is poured out for others to bring about wholeness, our call is to find meaning and purpose in doing the same.*

This, then, is our way of being in the world: to be with and for God and others and to participate in God's life of love, justice, and mending. In the traditional language, life is found in the biblical requirement to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27 CEB).

**God of the beginning, God of the end, help us to count our years
not by how long we have lived, but by how well we have lived.
May we never give up our dreams or surrender the fight,
but remain faithful until life's end. Amen.**



Mission Matters

“I was hungry and you gave me food...”

Matthew 25:35

Weld Food 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.

12.8 million lbs. of food were distributed to those in need by the Weld Food Bank last year.

Once again First Christian Church will partner in this critical ministry. Non-perishable food and monetary donations are greatly needed. Write *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 Project Connect—Oct. 19 Noon to 4:30 p.m.

Island Grove Park Events Center

Weld Project Connect is an annual, one-day event providing numerous on-site services directly to individuals and households in need due to housing instability, job loss, age, health problems, and other issues that can interrupt a life. All services are **FREE**. Each guest is matched with a Navigator who guides the guest through available services. Interpreters are available for non-English speakers. Examples of services: City of Greeley pet licensing, obtaining a High Plains Library District library card, registering for citizenship classes, health screenings, credit counseling, resume writing assistance, flu shots, legal counseling, veterans assistance, haircuts, and much more.

Volunteers are needed to serve as navigators. Volunteers must be 18 years of age and need to attend a mandatory training session if they have not participated within the last two years. The training is short and will be offered multiple times during the first three weeks of October.

If you are interested in learning more about receiving services or volunteering, visit www.weldprojectconnect.org or contact [Margie Martinez](mailto:Margie.Martinez@weldprojectconnect.org) at 970-353-4300.

Backpack Collection Box Reminder

Our beautiful handmade box will be available for donations on the table outside Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings only. Be sure that your contribution disappears completely into the locked box. These funds go directly to the Weld County Food Bank program to help students who have been designated as "food insecure." On Friday afternoons each child is given a bag of food items that can be prepared without adult help over the weekend. (It is a long time from Friday school lunch until Monday school breakfast.) This will be an ongoing FCC project. Thank you for your support!
~ Diane Doyle

FCC Book Clubs

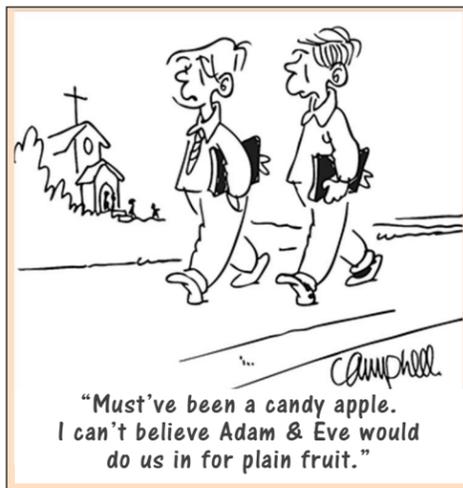
This month the **Evening Book Club** is reading *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend* by Matthew Dicks. They will meet **Wednesday, October 3**, at 6:00 PM in the church parlor for discussion.

The **Morning Book Club** is reading *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie as well as *The Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah. Their next meeting will be **Friday, October 12**, at 10:00 AM in the parlor.

Are You Interested in FCC's Used Candles? See Shirley Miller.

Join the Prayer Chain

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



Upcoming. . .

Stewardship Drive
Thanksgiving Dinner
Congregational Meeting
Madrigal Feast Potluck

Does FCC have your birthdate? Email fccadmin@comcast.net or call 970-352-1292.

More Mission Matters

Faith Thank You Event—October 25
Thrivent Financial and Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity are hosting a Thank You event for all who participated in the Faith Build. The event will be held Thurs., October 25, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Zoe's Cafe, 715 10th Street in Greeley. Heavy appetizers will be served. Plan to enjoy a great evening of fellowship!
Please RSVP to Kriss Porco at (303) 225-6345.

If you have a heart for mission and would like to join the Mission Team, please talk to Carla Ikenouye.

Dear FCC Community,

Thank you so much for the work your congregation is doing for our students. The school supplies you have collected are an invaluable resource for our students. We are all so grateful for your assistance in providing our students with the tools they need to succeed.

~ The District 6 Family Center Team



Learn About Alzheimer's

Our local Alzheimer's Association will host a series of **FREE workshops about dementia and brain health** at our church during the month of October. We will meet in **Fellowship Hall** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Workshop Schedule:

Tuesday, Oct. 9 – Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Tuesday, Oct. 16 – Effective Communication Strategies

Tuesday, Oct. 23 – Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research

Many of us worry about our brain function declining as we age. Come learn what's normal and what isn't. These workshops provide information on detection, possible causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment, communication strategies, tips for promoting brain health, and much more.

The workshops are open to the community, so invite friends and family! **Registration is required.** You can sign up at church or register through the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline (800-272-3900).

New Generations

The Lord has blessed FCC with many members looking for a different avenue to participate in church and its activities. So Friday, September 28th, we invite anyone interested in **NEW GENERATIONS** to join us at Gourmet Grub Grill at 2118 35th Ave., (Westlake Shopping Center).

Enjoy complementary drinks and appetizers at **Gourmet Grub** from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. and discuss future plans. (Child care will be provided from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the church—the youth will have pizza and watch a movie.) First Christian is delighted to kick off this new group and encourages anyone interested to attend. Please R.S.V.P. to the church at 352-1292 with number attending. Blessings!

"For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them."

🌸 **FCC Needs Garlands** 🌸
If you have garlands you're willing to give (spring, summer, or fall) see Shirley Miller.

October Birthdays

- 2 Evie Kehl
- 2 Veronica Thomas
- 4 Tom Miller
- 7 Rhonda White
- 10 Norma Basey
- 14 David King
- 16 Jerre Vos
- 18 Kris King
- 21 Baylee Brems
- 23 Kay Dobbins
- 25 Taylor White
- 26 Roberta Smith

FCC Financial Update

(as of 8/31/18)

Income Year to Date: \$141,056.77
Expenses YTD: \$152,356.38

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2018	1	2 5:30p Ministries Cab.	3	4 Noon CWF Lunch 1:00p CWF Program 5:15p Worship Team 6:00p Book Club 6:30p Chancel Choir	5 5:00p LAFF Group Sleigh Ride, Wiener Roast	6 9:30a Women's Prayer Breakfast
7 Recon., RHRN offerings 8:15a Chapel 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Worship 2:00p-5:00p "World Communion" at FCC	8	9 8:30a Men's Coffee 6:00p Alzheimer's Class	10	11 9:45a CWF Board 6:30p Chancel Choir	12 10:00a Book Club 5:00p Giggles & Grins Group Bunco at the Recors	13 8:30a Men's Breakfast
14 8:15a Chapel Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Worship	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 8:30a Men's Coffee 1:15p Joy Group 6:00p Alzheimer's Class	17 5:30 General Board	18 6:30p Chancel Choir	19 Weld Project Connect	20 9:30a Stitch in Time
21 8:15a Chapel 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Worship 3:30p Guadalupe Meal	22	23 8:30a Men's Coffee 6:00p Alzheimer's Class	24	25 9:30a Kindness Grp 1:30p Peace Group 6:00p Habitat Thank You Event 6:30p Chancel Choir	26	27 7:00p Pipe Organ Concert S. Broadway Church
28 8:15a Chapel 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary 11:30a Elders' Mtg. 5:00p Harvest Fest & Talent Show	29	30 8:30a Men's Coffee	31 Halloween			