

Participants	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
<b>8:15 Chapel</b>				<b>Summer Schedule</b> No Chapel Service
Elder	Phyllis Hansberry	Kris King	Bob Corliss	
<b>10:30 Sanctuary</b>				<b>9:30</b>
Elder	Phyllis Hansberry	Kris King	Bob Corliss	Carol Reynolds
Worship Leader	Carol Williams	LaVonne Rogakis	Carol Williams	Carol Williams
Announcements	Tom Miller	Tom Miller	TBD	TBD
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Judi Ring	Connie Davis	Gary Dobbins
Children's Moment	Pyper Evans, Amy Haining	Judi Ring	Kris King	Judi Ring
Slides	Lorilee Scott	Darron Berg	David Haining	Ken Thompson
Sound Operator	Kris King	Nita White	Caren Renee Haining	Sue Tjardes
Diaconate	Alicia Loschen ± ▲	Ron Creighton ± ▲	Alicia Loschen ■	Ron Creighton ■
Please have communion ready by 10:00 am	Annabelle Loschen ± ▲	Lorilee Scott ± ▲	Annabelle Loschen ■	Lorilee Scott ■
	Bill Rusher ■	Bryan Mascola ■	Bill Rusher ± ▲	Bryan Mascola ± ▲
	Theresa Rusher ■	Diana Peterson ■	Theresa Rusher ± ▲	Diana Peterson ± ▲
Van Driver	Gary I./Ray White	Gary Ikenouye/Ray W.	Gary I./Ray White	Gary Ikenouye/Ray W.
Greeters	The Shetlers The Englands The Millers	Ray White Sam McMichael The Hermans	Julie Hoskins Carol Reynolds	Marla Johnson The Teixeiras
Coffee Hour Host	Diaconate	Need Volunteer	Education	Need Volunteer
Acolytes	Taylor Gray	Regan Ring	Ally Turner	Annabelle Loschen

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



The Christian Caller Newsletter

May 2019

## Message from Mark



Dear Friends,

I am writing this the day before Mary Kay and I head out for another “check off” on our “Bucket List.” In two days we will be walking the streets of Rome. I share this with each of you out of a deep sense of gratitude. This is the most fulfilling time of my life. I am honored and blessed to serve such an amazing congregation—this past Lenten season is case in point. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter were as good as it gets for this pastor.

I have a beautiful and supportive wife. We have grown to feel completely appreciated and a part of FCC. MK does not have a jaded bone in her body. She, by her own words, “is living a life she could never have dreamed of.” We will celebrate 35 years together this August, and in the next month we will “throw three coins in a fountain” and welcome our newest granddaughter into the world.

I want each of you to know how fortunate we feel we are to be walking this road of transformation with you. God is doing a new thing at FCC using all of us. When I hop on the plane tomorrow, I know that Susan N. has all the details of daily church life on her radar screen, that Judi G. and Tom W. will be bringing a GOOD WORD, and that the dozens of you who just show up and give your best will keep us moving forward.

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Mark

## The Marvelous Month of May

May is shaping up to be a busy month. See inside for the **New Generations Stroll & (Ice Cream) Scoop Event**, the annual **Daughter's Dessert Evening, Teacher & Graduate Recognition, Youth Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Float Planning**, and many mission and fellowship opportunities, as well as our regularly-scheduled activities. Join us!

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## May Sermons

- 5/05 — John 21:15-19  
"Fishing or Following?"
- 5/12 — John 19:25-27  
"Sharing Our Moms"
- 5/19 — John 13:31-35  
"Love...Not an Option"
- 5/26 — Youth Sunday



## Northern Colorado National Day of Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 2, 2019 / 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

CSU Canvas Stadium – 4th Floor

**Keynote Speaker:** CSU Coach Mike Bobo

*Those who signed up in advance will carpool,  
departing from the church at 5:30 a.m.*

## Take a Stroll & Share a Scoop

Spring is in full bloom and the weather is beautiful. Join the **New Generations Group** and walk with us at **Sanborn Park** (2131 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Greeley) or just sit on a park bench while others walk. Enjoy nature and fellowship on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, from **2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

ALL church members are invited! Park and meet at the **west parking lot** off of 20<sup>th</sup> Street at the Westlake Shopping Center. **Bring \$3.75** to buy a Baskin-Robbins **scoop of ice cream** (it's next to the park) after our walk. **Bottled water, fruit, and nuts** will be supplied for those **health-conscious walkers**.

**Don't miss this fun!** Share in a memorable time with all ages.

*"For where two or three are gathered together in My name,  
I am there in the midst of them."* Matthew 18:20

## Independence Day Float

Celebrate your patriotism! Organization is underway. Sign up on the church bulletin board for the following: **Float Committee Planning; Builders** on July 3<sup>rd</sup>; **Rider Participants**. Organizational **meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30.

We are "Fishers of Men." Come and share your faith and spread the word in song for Jesus Christ. Everyone is invited to participate in the **4<sup>th</sup> of July Greeley Stampede Parade**.

## Youth News

~ Todd Loschen

Thank you to everyone who donated candy and filled up Easter eggs so the youth could have some fun.

Youth of all ages, we will be working on Youth Sunday for a few Youth Groups. Still planning on a few games and snacks. We need all of your input to make May 26<sup>th</sup> a special worship service.

We will be planning on cooking at the Guadalupe Shelter on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, so would like some youth and adults to help make a wonderful dinner.

I will also need a few drivers in June to help transport our youth down to La Foret for camps. If you can drive, please contact me at church or on my cell phone - 970-397-9258. Thank you so much.

## Mission Matters

**Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain."**  
Psalm 127:1

### Teacher Appreciation Week—May 6-10

Talk to Gerre Tjardes if you would like to help us show appreciation to the **Fred Tjardes School of Innovation** staff during this special week for teachers.



### Baby Bottle Campaign—May 12-June 16

Baby bottles will be distributed on May 12, Mother's Day. Our donations this year are going to the **House of Hope in Port-au-Prince, Haiti**, one of the partners of the Disciples of Christ General Ministries. House of Hope helps children laboring as domestic servants and also assists young moms, single girls, and elderly women who have been abandoned. Fill your bottle with your spare change and return it to church on Father's Day, June 16.



### Dine Out for Hunger!—May 16

On Thursday, May 16, **local restaurants** will help fight hunger by donating a percentage of sales to **Weld Food Bank**. This is a great opportunity to support local businesses that give back to the community, and to help our neighbors in need. Start planning breakfast with your sweetheart, lunch with coworkers, or dinner with the family! Go to <https://weldfoodbank.org/dofh> for a full listing of restaurants.



### Habitat Faith Build—May 18 & June 22

Our build day for the 2019 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build will be Saturday, May 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It looks like we will be doing flooring or framing. The address is 1338 29<sup>th</sup> Street Road, Evans. **Also, we will provide lunch** for Cornerstone Community Church **as they build on June 22**. Lots of hands will be needed, so sign up soon! Also, we will again cover a roof panel with our blessings for the Bocanegra-Tejeda family. The panel will be on the stage in Fellowship Hall to sign. See Carla Ikenouye if you have questions about the build.



## American Cancer Society Relay for Life— May 31-June 1



Join Rich Stossel on our second FCC Relay for Life team! The relay remembers loved ones lost, honors survivors of all cancers, and raises money to help the ACS support cancer patients and cancer research. It will take place at the **University High School** track (6525 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St.) from **Fri., May 31, at 7:00 PM** thru **Sat., June 1, at 7:00 PM**. Since cancer doesn't sleep, for one night, neither will we! Actually, **you can come and go as you like** during the 12-hour period. (Rich stayed up the entire night last year!) The Opening Ceremony at 7:00 is especially moving.

**Sign up for a one- or two-hour slot** to walk around the track. There will be food and fun activities all night for those who wish to stay. We will have a "campsite" with a tent, chairs, snacks, etc., to make our stay comfortable. It is free to participate, but teams and participants are encouraged to fundraise. If you wish to donate, make your check out to the American Cancer Society and give it to Kathy Stossel. You can also purchase a \$10 luminaria from Kathy in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a lost loved one during FCC's Fellowship Time. Walk around the track with Rich to help defeat cancer!

## Mission Trip to La Puente— June 4-7 (Hygiene Kit Drive during May)



Our church-wide mission trip to La Puente Shelter in Alamosa is fast approaching. We have nineteen people signed up to participate. During May we will have a **Hygiene Kit Drive** so volunteers can take much-needed items to the shelter (shampoo & conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shave cream, deodorant, lotion, bath and hand towels, and feminine products. Products of any size would be appreciated. Look for a donation box near the drinking fountain. If you are unable to go, but would like to sponsor someone who is going, please make a donation to FCC with La Puente in the memo line. **Those signed up for the trip will be meeting May 5 after the 10:30** service in the parlor to finalize plans and answer any questions.

## Upcoming: Serve Day 2019—July 13



Serve Day is a worldwide movement of churches going outside their walls to serve their communities all on the same day of the year. This year our focus will be helping clean up our city's parks and trails. More info to come...

## Book Clubs

The **Evening Book Club** is reading *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir: A Novel* by Jennifer Ryan. They will meet on **Monday, May 6**, at 6:00 PM in the church parlor for discussion.

The members of the **Morning Book Club** are each reading a different book on the Holocaust and will share about their books on **Friday, May 10**, at 10:00 in the parlor.

## Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF will have a luncheon at noon on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$6.00. Reservations are due by Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Following the lunch, at 1:00, Sharon Murphy will lead a program centered on the installation of officers for the 2019-2021 term.

The annual Daughters Dessert will take place at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, in Fellowship Hall. A group of four women who sing acapella will entertain us. Men from the church will serve us dessert. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. All women and girls are invited.

### Other CWF Dates in May:

- May 4 - Prayer Breakfast at 9:30
- May 9 - CWF Board Meeting at 9:45
- May 21 - Joy Group—1:15
- May 23 - Kindness Group at 9:30
- May 23 - Peace Group at 1:30

## Layette Items

The following new items will be collected in May for **North Colorado Medical Center**: sleepers, onesies, receiving blankets and socks for newborns. A box for these items will be placed in the hallway near Fellowship Hall.

"You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord"



## Elder's Message

~ Phyllis Hansberry

Change, *what is it?*

Life is a change—how we cherish it. From the day we were born, all of us has had change in our lives.

As I thought about this and how it affects me, I turned to our Lord for guidance to help me understand the circle of life. In 1 John 5:14 it is written, "We are sure that GOD hears us if we ask Him for anything that is according to His will."

So what do you want out of life as you experience all of the changes many of us have already experienced?

Books have been written on self help to get what you want, with easy answers. I have looked at these books and even tried their suggestions, but I am still questioning, and yes, looking for answers.

When I slow down and listen for God, I praise Him for not giving me what I want, but guiding me in the direction He would have me go, to experience that change. As I turn to God for direction, I remember the words of my mother when she quoted so often, "God gives not as the world gives, but God knows what is best for us, and He is full of surprises."

For this reason, when I pray I ask, "Lord, don't give me whatever I want, but only what is the best for me and for the life of your church." He knows who we are and what we need.

## Beth Israel Synagogue Service



(1625 Reservoir Road, Greeley)

The Sunday School youth at First Christian Church have studied the Old Testament for the past year and a half, and have a strong interest in gaining more insight about the Jewish faith and its impact on the New Testament. **They invite all interested church members to attend a Jewish Shabbat Worship Service** at Beth Israel Synagogue on **Friday, May 17**, at 7:30 p.m.

**All church members are invited to attend this event.** If interested, please **sign up** on the church bulletin board. After the service **we will meet Rabbi Sara Gilbert** and discuss the service and traditions of the faith. It's an opportunity to expand your knowledge of Biblical teaching and better understand Jesus's heritage.

## Veterans List Compilation

The **Greeley Tribune** featured George and Carol Hypes on April 17 with an article about their 15-year-long mission to add missing names to the Weld County Veterans Memorial in Bittersweet Park and to compile a record of World War I veterans.

Since 2003 George added 2500 names to the memorial. These came from obituaries and news articles. 3500 names of WW I veterans will be added later—copies of those names have been distributed to area libraries & museums. Carol proofread the data.

The duo are offering copies of the books for the cost of the materials—\$8 for the list and additional info; \$11 for the newspaper clippings.

The news story gives further details on the search they undertook to collect the information. Look for a clipping of the article displayed on FCC's main bulletin board, along with a cute photo of the couple. Or find the article online at [www.greeleytrib.com](http://www.greeleytrib.com).

**First Christian Church is proud of the Hypes' accomplishment. Congratulations and thank you for honoring our veterans in this way, George and Carol!**

## Labor Day Camping Trip



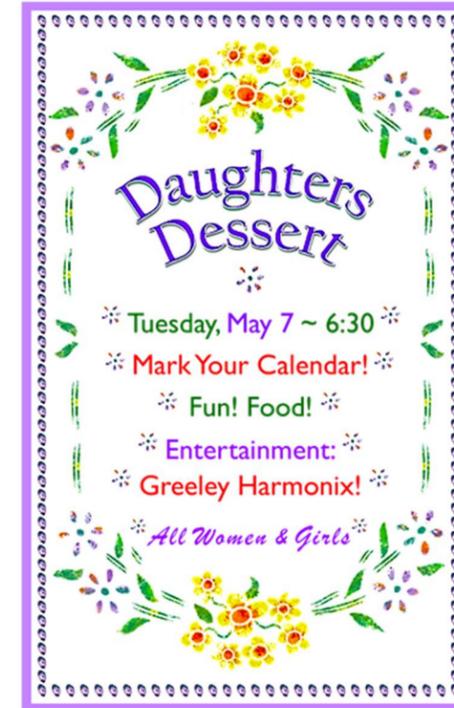
If you are interested in joining the annual Camping trip at Jack's Gulch Campground in the Poudre River Canyon over Labor Day weekend, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the classroom hallway. Please contact Charlotte Shetler or Shari Lueking if you have questions.

## Prayer Chain

Please contact the church office at 970-352-1292 or email [fccadmin@comcast.net](mailto:fccadmin@comcast.net) if you wish to receive email updates.

## Mission Trip Opportunity with the Central Rocky Mountain Region

On **June 3-June 7**, Disciples will travel to the **South Hills Retreat Center** outside **Twin Falls, Idaho**, to help make improvements to and prepare for opening (for this season) this **scenic campground** supported by the CRMR. By participating in this mission/work trip, you will make a difference in the lives of every person who seeks to encounter God at this Christian campground this year and in years to come! Please see the regional portion of the main bulletin board for details and **register by May 15**.



## Men's CRMR Conference

Please see the poster on the sign-up board for details on this regional conference at the Estes Park YMCA camp May 17 through May 19.

## Graduate & Teacher Recognition May 19



Please **let the church office know** about **graduates in our church family** so that we may honor them.

## Get Your Rodeo On



Join us on **Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**, for the **Greeley Stampede PRCA Rodeo finals**. Enjoy a great meal at the Stampede food court, then head to the arena for an evening of pro rodeo action starting at 7:00 p.m. We have a limited number of box seats available for \$25 each. Look for a sign-up sheet. For more information, please contact Marla Johnson.

## Pentecost "Sunday" Brunch Potluck



Our annual "Sunday" brunch honoring all sons (that includes all you dads!) will be held on Pentecost Sunday, **June 9<sup>th</sup>**, following worship. **Invite family and friends & bring a favorite dish or two to share.**

First Christian Church Financial Update (as of 3/31/19)  
Income Year to Date: \$55,563.46 Expenses YTD: \$59,743.67

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 2019</b>			1	2 5:30a Meet at FCC to go to <b>Prayer Breakfast</b> Noon: CWF Lunch 1:00p CWF Program 6:30p Chancel Choir	3	4 9:30a Women's Prayer Breakfast
5 RHRN Offering 8:15a Chapel Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanc. Worship 11:30a Mission Trip Mtg Noon Youth (5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> ) 2:00p <b>Stroll &amp; Scoop</b>	6 6:00p Book Club	7 8:30a Men's Coffee  6:30p <b>Daughters Dessert</b>	8	9 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 9:45a CWF Board  6:30p Chancel Choir	10 10:00a Book Club	11
12 <b>Mother's Day</b> Baby Bottle Campaign 8:15a Chapel Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanc. Worship	13	14 8:30a Men's Coffee	15 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:00p <b>General Board Meeting</b>	16 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers <b>Dine Out for Hunger</b> 6:30p Chancel Choir	17 <b>Men's CRMR Conference in Estes Park</b> through Sunday 7:30 <b>Synagogue Service</b>	18 8:00a to 3:00p <b>Habitat Faith Build</b>
19 <b>Graduate/Teacher Recognition</b> 8:15a Chapel Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanc. Worship 3:30p Guadalupe Meal	20 5:30p <b>Float Planning Meeting</b>	21 8:30a Men's Coffee  1:15p Joy Group	22	23 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 9:30a CWF Kindness 1:30p CWF Peace  6:30p Chancel Choir 7:00p Elders' Mtg.	24	25
26 9:30a Sanctuary Worship (Youth Sunday)	27	28 8:30a Men's Coffee	29 5:30p <b>Wednesday Night Live Wrap-Up</b>	30 6:30p Chancel Choir	31 7:00p <b>Relay for Life begins</b>	