

SAVE THE DATES:
**CRMV YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS
 2021**

CYF & JR CAMPS JUNE 13 – 19
 CHI RHO CAMP JUNE 20-26
 DISCOVERY CAMP JUNE 24-26



We are continually monitoring the COVID situation and working to be able to offer safe in-person camps next summer. Information regarding the safety measures we will use at camp along with any special requirements for attending will be made available in February. Tentatively the registration deadline will be Friday, April 23.

YOUTH NEWS from Todd

LaForet here we come! After taking a year off from physically being at LaForet, we will be back there this summer!

It will be a bit different than it was in the past, but we will be there with the squabbits, fragrant pine trees, and our friends from the region. We will be spending TONS of time outdoors and we will be following directions to keep everyone safe when indoors. What is your favorite camp song? What is your favorite game to play in the meadow? Are you ready to connect with God in the open air?

I will have registration forms available soon, so parents and grandparents, watch your email for those!

Peace, Todd



Message from Mark

Isaiah 55:12-13

“You will go out in joy
 and be led forth in peace;
 the mountains and hills
 will burst into song before you,
 and all the trees of the field
 will clap their hands.
 Instead of the thorn-bush the juniper
 will grow and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.
 This will be for the Lord’s renown,
 for an everlasting sign,
 that will endure forever.”

Mary Kay and I are fully vaccinated and on the Monday after Easter, we head out to visit our daughter Amy and family in Texas...one year late. I chose this month’s scripture as a way of saying “WHOOOOPPPPEEEEE!” Sure, a road trip to Texas might not thrill everyone, but this Dad/Grandpa/Husband can’t wait. This passage from Isaiah takes place as Israel is headed home from Babylon after years of captivity. One year of COVID-19 does not a captive make; however I, like I suspect a lot of you, am excited about getting out!!! We will be doing a lot more things together as a church. Some of these will be familiar and other things will be new adaptations. We look forward to seeing more of all of you.

Love,
 Pastor Mark

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April Worship Scriptures

4/04—John 20: 1-18

4/11—John 20:19-31

4/18—1 John 3: 1-7

4/25— Mark 10:11-18

View worship services each Sunday on
www.fccgreeley.com

Thanks from Our Community!!

Thank you, First Christian Church! We are ever so grateful for your donations. The two car seats were given immediately to kinship families. All the diapers and hygiene items are organized in our closet and ready to give to families in need. Your generosity and immense support make a huge difference in our community and the families that we serve. You are all much appreciated!

Karina Martinez
Community Outreach
Weld County Dept. of Human Services

Dear First Christian Church Congregation,

Thank you for your kind gift of \$500 in honor of our dedicated healthcare providers to benefit the NCMC Foundation Healthcare Provider Support Fund. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of others. Your thoughtfulness and compassion will help provide needed resources to aid our healthcare team in the care they are providing each day and support crucial needs within our hospital. We appreciate your partnership and for being among those who help save and change lives through philanthropy.

Kyle Holman
Director of Health Grants and Fundraising
NCMC Foundation



Elder's Message

Colleen Heitman

Let the "Light of Christ" Shine in Love and Hope

Lent is not to shut things out, but to have our hearts and lives opened and filled with prayer, penance, the word of God, self-control, and acts of charity. This Lenten Holy Season was a time to filter, change, atone, and adjust.

And then there is Easter Sunday, when the sun will shine brighter and more warmly, flowers will bloom more brilliantly, music will resonate more vibrantly, and God's word will sound more vivid and intense.

Son of God and Son of Man, He is the answer to our struggles as we see Him struggling with the things He faced. He finds the way for Himself, and He finds the way for us all. Out of darkness, Jesus brings us God's love by His death and resurrection. This is why we light the fire, for Jesus came to light in us the fire of His love and hope. Let its flames leap high in us and help us kindle the light and profess that Jesus Christ is our light and the light of the world. We follow Him and ask Him to make us lights on the path of others. What a joy for us!

When the stone rolls away from the tomb and He is raised from the dead, the candle is brought forward, and we celebrate the Easter Proclamation:

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

Easter is a time to understand that God will not let anything stand in the way of His love for us. So, open your hearts to His presence.

With great joy we celebrate Christ Jesus! We pray His light will make our minds pure and allow us to celebrate his teachings and give us pleasure in our service to others. We give thanks and praise for the "Light of Christ." May we read the Word to enrich and guide our lives and continue our relationship with Christ in prayer. For First Christian Church and its followers, allow Christ's light to shine in your lives and share the light with all who you encounter. Let God's Love Shine!

FCC Financial Update (as of 2/28/2021)

Income Year to Date:
\$53,288.24

Expenses Year to Date:
\$37,978.09

Rent & Utilities Help Available

If you need help with rent or utilities and don't know where to turn, contact Carla Ikenouye at 970-356-2121. There are resources in our county that you may qualify for.

World Labyrinth Day

World Labyrinth Day is Saturday, May 1. Organizations, including the Legacy Labyrinth Project, are creating a virtual celebration of the interconnection, meditation, and peace of labyrinth walking. Walk a labyrinth on at 1:00 pm MST on May 1 to be part of the rolling wave of peace passing from one time zone to the next around the globe! For more info, contact Mary Kay Pumphrey at mkpump@gmail.com

Book Club



The Evening Book Club is now reading *Meet Me at Emotional Baggage Claim* by Lisa Scottoline and Francesca Serritella. They will meet via Zoom on Monday, April 5, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss this hilarious collection of essays by the mother/daughter writing duo.

April Birthdays

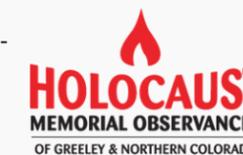
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Mission Matters

"I pray that you will be able to understand how wide and how long and how high and how deep His love is."
Ephesians 3:18

Virtual Holocaust Memorial Observances of Greeley & Northern Colorado – April 17-22

Voices of the Holocaust, an annual week-long commemoration, will be held virtually from April 17–22. Planned events include film screenings, webinars, and a book discussion. There will also be an Interfaith Memorial Service on Sunday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. and a Holocaust Survivor Presentation on Wednesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. Plans are still being finalized; visit their [Schedule](#) page for updated information and Zoom links.



GIA Program on "Interfaith Dialog" – April 13 via Zoom

Prof. James Keaten, Chair of Communication Studies at the University of Northern Colorado, will present "Interfaith Dialogue" at the upcoming Greeley Interfaith Association general meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, at 4:00 p.m. and is open to the community. Contact Carla Ikenouye at caikenouye@gmail.com for a Zoom invitation.

Special Offerings

Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – April 4

All \$1 bills and checks written to FCC with RN/RH in the memo line go toward meeting immediate needs within our church family or community.

Easter Offering – March 28 & April 4

This offering supports the Disciples of Christ General Ministries. Checks may be written to FCC with "Easter Offering" in the memo line.



Upcoming Community Fundraisers

The Success Foundation Serving Greeley-Evans Schools Drive-Thru Annual Breakfast – The foundation supports students in District 6.

Drive-thru: Wednesday, April 7, from 7-9:00 a.m. in the Northridge High School Parking Lot

United Way LIVE UNITED 5K Steps for Stability – This year the event will support the Housing Navigation Center.

Virtual: April 24-May 1, \$25 plus \$2.45 sign-up fee

In Person: Saturday, May 1, at 9:00 a.m. at Twin Rivers Park, \$30 plus \$2.45 sign-up fee

Envision 5K In My Shoes – Envision provides creative support for people with developmental disabilities.

Virtual: April 24-30, \$25