

Sunday School & Youth Group News

Children's Sunday School & Youth Group have combined forces! All children and youth are welcome to join us after church/fellowship time on Sundays. We will learn lots, eat a light lunch, then have lots of fun! Parents, pick-up time will be 12:30. Also, be on the lookout for service projects outside our church walls on other days. Stay up to date by looking at the whiteboard across from the youth office. We will begin on September 19.

Help Needed during Fellowship Time

We extend a big THANK YOU to our Fellowship Team for hosting Fellowship Time after worship all summer! Hosts were Carl England, Carolyn England, Ron Shetler, Charlotte Shetler, Janean Beaman, and Marla Johnson. When worship moves back to 10:00 after Labor Day, we'll need volunteers to help serve cookies and beverages. For now, the church will continue to furnish cookies. (Donations of packaged cookies are welcome!) If you would like to help provide this hospitality, please contact Marla Johnson or any of the team members.

Thank You, Supporters!

Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity raised a record \$358,000 at their "Building Futures Breakfast" on July 22. FCC had two full tables hosted by Rich Recor and Carla Ikenouye.

The Northern Colorado ACS Relay for Life has raised over \$130,000 so far, including \$1,458 from our FCC team. Many thanks to Marla Johnson and Kathy and Rich Stossel for their leadership and to our congregation for supporting the team.

Starting September 12, Sunday Worship service begins at 10:00 am! See you there!



"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" Psalm 119:105

In September we will be exploring the question in worship of "Why the Bible?" I want to start by listing what I think are a few important points:

- The Bible is a library; it just looks like a book.
- The Bible is the living word and meant to be exercised with.
- There is NO SUCH thing as uninterpreted scripture (we all interpret scripture).
- The only Bible Jesus had was the Old Testament.
- The greatest commentary on the Bible is the Bible itself.
- The Bible is not meant to be worshiped but to be used as a tool to worship.
- Everyone has a right and responsibility to interpret scripture for themselves.
- Biblical preaching involves these three important questions: 1) Who wrote it and who do they write it to? 2) What is being said? 3) What are the implications for us today?

I look forward to using the Bible to talk about why it is important to use the Bible as a guide to teaching us our faith and guiding our path.

Love,
Mark

First Christian Church Greeley (Disciples of Christ) holds Sunday worship services in the sanctuary at 10:00 am. Child care is provided during the service. Find more information at www.fccgreeley.com.



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Christian Women's Fellowship

All ladies of the church are invited to a Tea on Sept. 2 at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please come to regroup for our study, devotions, and fellowship. We hope to see you there!



Book Clubs



Now is a great time to join! The Evening Book Club will reconvene this month after a summer hiatus. The group normally meets the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor, but the Labor Day holiday will push the fall kick-off to Tuesday, September 7. The club will discuss *Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan and other books they read over the summer. Talk with Carla Ikenouye if you would like to share in the literary fun! The Morning Book Club resumes their monthly meetings on Friday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. If you are interested in participating in this daytime club, contact Beverley Martin at 970-351-6565. All are invited!

FCC Financial Update

(as of 7/31/2021)

Income Year to Date:
\$132,766.00

Expenses Year to Date:
\$136,995.94

September Birthdays

- 3 Austin Loschen
- 4 Kathy Stossel
- 5 Michelle Gray
- 6 Scott Haining
- 6 Bradford Loschen
- 6 Regan Ring
- 7 Tom Teixeira
- 12 Eric Beiser
- 15 Garrett Shirley
- 17 Evelyn Fletcher
- 19 Freya McClune
- 19 Brittani McClune
- 21 Charlotte Shetler
- 22 Sue Evans



Elder's Message

What Treasure Do You Seek?

My son Kevin, and I, have been watching a Netflix show called *Outer Banks*. The show has many diverse characters, along with a social divide between the rich and the poor and strains of ethnic realities mixed in. The plot is primarily about people searching for a treasure that went down with the Royal Merchant ship off the coast of North Carolina in the 1800s. The treasure included a large amount of gold bars and the Cross of Santa Domingo, which contained a secret chamber where the Shroud of Turin was stored. You are probably familiar with the Shroud of Turin, a piece of linen that is said to be the burial cloth for Jesus, bears an image of Him and also has the power to heal those who touch it. Some of the characters in the show are after the gold and wealth; one is looking for answers to his father's disappearance; one is seeking his family history and heirlooms, which include the Cross of Santa Domingo; and one woman is seeking the Shroud of Turin in the hopes it will cure her of an illness that will eventually take her life. Each character has their own reasons for what they seek, but it becomes very apparent that this search for the treasure for most of the characters is connected with their greed and desperation, and their willingness to find it at any cost.

The Gospel of Matthew 6:20-21 says *"But accumulate for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and devouring insect do not destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Do you have some kind of "treasure" that you are seeking? Have you thought about why you are seeking whatever that treasure is and what you will do with it if you ever find it? Treasure doesn't always have to be tangible items of high dollar value; it can also be something intangible like the treasure you find in having a loved one or a best friend. While *Outer Banks* is certainly a good show to follow and it has kept me "on the hook", it is easy to see the "costs" of searching for treasure including, loss of moral values and at times loss of life. Although the story is fiction, I imagine there is some truth in just how far people will go and what bad things they will do when their eye is solely on the prize.

We are all human and have things we want in life, so don't feel guilty or bad if you have a treasure you are seeking. I think this passage from Matthew is a great reminder that our treasure is where our heart will also be. So, love yourself and love others – in that way you will be finding, and sharing, a great treasure that in turn can continue to be shared and spread through all of God's children.

In His Love – *Kris King*

Mission Matters

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18

Tennyson Center Mile High Country Q & Brew – September 10

Denver's most exciting country concert experience brings Coloradans together to raise money for Tennyson Center for Children. Guests will enjoy a live concert from country music band LOCASH paired with food, brews, photo opportunities, and access to an exciting live and silent auction, all to benefit children and families.

When: Friday, September 10, 6-10 p.m.

Where: Mile High Station, 2027 W Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80204



International Day of Peace – September 21

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21. The UN General Assembly has declared this a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. To commemorate this special day, individuals, organizations, communities and nations are invited to participate in a Minute of Silence at noon in each time zone to create a "Peace Wave" around the world.



Special Offerings

Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – September 5

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

Reconciliation Special Offering – September 26 & October 3

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has been on a pro-reconciling and anti-racist journey for over 20 years. This year's theme is "Revealing God's Justice: 'The time is always ripe to do what is right.'" ~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Please note "Reconciliation Offering" in the memo line. Check out these resources from Reconciliation Ministry:

[21 Days of Prayer](#) on Facebook

[13 Books to Read if You Want to Be Anti-Racist](#)



Community Events/Needs.

Jobs of Hope Banquet – September 9

Jobs of Hope provides support for Weld County men who are coming out of incarceration and/or gang-involvement to help them become positive and productive members of society. Their annual fundraising banquet will take place on Thursday, September 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Zoe's Café and Events (711 10th St., Greeley). [Click here](#) to purchase tickets at \$50 each.

House of Hope

Realizing that 67% of the men they served in 2020 were experiencing homelessness, Jobs of Hope is establishing a House of Hope at 1513 11th Ave. that can house 14 men for a transitional period of up to six months. To donate needed household items or make a monetary contribution, visit their [online registry](#).

Dash 4 Hope 5K – September 11

Richter Orthodontics is again hosting a Dash for Hope 5K Run and Walk for suicide prevention and survivor support. The event will take place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 11 — check-in is at 7:15 a.m. at the Richter Orthodontics office (6244 W 9th St, Greeley). [Click here to register](#).

SAVA Amazon Play Therapy Wish List

The SAVA (Sexual Assault Victim Advocate) Center serves sexual assault victims of all ages. They are in need of items to help child survivors and have a [Play Therapy Wish List](#) on Amazon. All items are shipped to their Fort Collins office, but play therapy items will go to their Loveland and Greeley locations.