

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. Now, we 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.

FCC November Meetings

- Ministries Cabinet— Tuesday, 11/09, 5:30pm
- General Board—Wednesday, 11/10, 5:30pm
- PMV—Thursday, 11/18, 6:00 pm
- Elders— Sunday, 11/21. 8:30 am
- CWF Board— Thursday, 11/11, 9:30 am



Thrive Ministry News

We're off to a great start with our Fall outreach. Wednesday Night Live was alive over the past four weeks with good attendance and meaningful discussions. Thanks to Fellowship committee for providing cookies and beverages for us! Several people suggested a follow-up book study on our WNL topic "It's ok to not be ok". We thought that was a great idea, so watch for our group study of Sheila Walsh's amazing book of that same name, beginning in January.

This month, as we head into another COVID laden, unsure Thanksgiving and Christmas season, Thrive wants to help us all find calm and joy. We're offering a free two hour workshop called "The Reason For The Season: Finding Peace and Purpose in a Frantic World. Join us on November 15th from 10 am to 12 Noon for this workshop in person. Or if you can't make it, we'll have it online after that day.

We're here to help you Thrive in whatever way we can, so reach out any time. Peace be with you.

Sandy, Gerre, Caitlyn, Alicia, & Sue,

Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall Nov 21!



The Christian Caller Newsletter

November 2021

A Message from Pastor Judi

Beloved Congregation,

I thank you all for your patience and support as we attempt to continue being the church without our fearless leader, Pastor Mark! The staff and other church leaders have continued to move forward with the important work we are doing. We have now reinstated fellowship time after our Sunday worship service and have returned to all covid guidelines as they were before Mark became sick. Masks are not required although you are welcome to wear them and we ask that if you have been sick, for any reason, please try to stay away from the church until you are recovered. As always, please let us know your prayer concerns and anything you might need that the church can help you with.

As we move into the holiday season, the staff is attempting to create a family reunion atmosphere. We are excited to continue to worship together in-person and are planning events for reconnecting with one another. At this time, we are planning the **Thanksgiving dinner** on November 21 and have asked our dinner team to make this dinner as safe as possible. More details will be coming soon. We are also planning three **Wednesday Night Lights** services on December 1, 8, and 15.

We continue to work on producing an online service each week. The online service will include the sermon, special music and a time to partake in communion. Our Wednesday Night Live programs are on the internet as well. Both services can be found on our website or on the Greeley FCC facebook page.

You all continue to be in my prayers and I thank you for your prayers and support.

Judi

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

Ladies! Mark your calendar for Dec. 2nd, 1:30pm in the chapel: CWF will get you in the holiday mood with a special Christmas Program given by our own **Sandy Varley!**

Groups will be a week earlier-on **Nov. 18th & Dec. 16th** because of holidays! Hope to see you!

Sandy 970 352-6902 LaVonne 970 506-0236



Book Clubs



The Evening Book Club is reading *There, There* by Tommy Orange and will discuss this award-winning debut novel Monday, November 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor. The Morning Book Club will discuss *Turn of the Key*, a thriller by Ruth War in the parlor on Friday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m.



Thanksgiving Dinner at FREE!

November 21
After the Service

November Birthdays

- 2 Jack Ring
- 3 Bob Gibson
- 4 Rosa Ray
- 5 Elgetta Hummel
- 6 Piper Evans
- 6 Shawn Skow
- 8 Darron Berg
- 9 Sandy Varley
- 14 Caitlin Berg
- 17 Angelica White
- 20 Elizabeth Armstrong
- 21 Becky Linenbroker
- 24 Gary Ikenouye
- 29 Lori Chevront



Elder's Message

At the heart of Christian ministry and mission is the desire to serve others and lead them, both through service and example, to Christ. In order to be an effective missionary, two qualities are so important: humility and a servant's heart. God saw this humility in young David, who had a heart that was completely His. In Psalm 89:20, we read: "I have found David My servant; With My holy oil I have anointed him."

In choosing the unassuming and modest young boy, God says, "I don't care about a popular image or strength of body. Show me a person who has the character, and I'll give him all the image he needs. I care about character!"

When you have a servant's heart, you're humble. You do as you're told. You don't rebel. You respect those in charge. You serve faithfully and quietly without concern over who gets the credit. That was David. God looked at David, out in the fields in the foothills surrounding Bethlehem, keeping his father's sheep, faithfully doing his father's bidding, and God passed His approval on him.

A servant doesn't care who gets the glory. That is a very important concept for Christians to embrace. A servant has one great goal, and that is to make the person he serves look better, to make that person even more successful. A servant does not want the person he serves to fail. A servant doesn't care who thinks what, just so the job gets done.

So while David's brothers were off in the army making rank and fighting big, impressive battles, David was all alone keeping the sheep. God loved his servant's heart. Let us remember this during this season of Thanksgiving and gratitude. Thank God when he gives you humble assignments and asks you to serve Him in lowly places and in humble situations. That is where the true kingdom of God resides. —*Jodi Hartmann*

Thank you!

First Christian Church,

We here at The Salvation Army of Greeley want to thank you for your \$250.00 donation. It really has enabled us to provide more for our clients and will continue to help us help others in years to come.

Thanks to you, we now have much larger storage for refrigeration and freezer space. With this, we can take in more donations and store them longer, allowing us to give your neighbors in need more food to sustain their families longer.

Sincerely,
Lt. Randy Stokes
Greeley Salvation Army



FCC Financial Update
(as of 9/30/2021)

Income YTD	\$149291.61
Expenses YTD	\$155231.54

Mission Matters

"And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'"

Luke 9:58

Month of Undie Sundays – November

Weld's Way Home, facilitated by United Way of Weld County, is once again asking for our help as they work to end homelessness in our county. As part of Homeless Awareness Month, we will be collecting **NEW underwear, socks, and hygiene products** for those living in shelters and out-of-doors. A collection barrel from United Way will be at the church during the entire month of November for a **Month of Undie Sundays**. For monetary donations, please write your check to FCC with "Undie Sunday" in the memo line.



Age-Friendly Community Listening Sessions – November 1 & 4

Join United Way's Aging Well workgroup for a listening session on the needs of older adults in our community related to information sharing, housing, transportation, civic and social opportunities, health and community supports, outdoor spaces, and employment. They are looking for input on how to improve our community so that it is friendly and welcoming to all ages. You may register below, but registration is not required to attend.



[Nov. 1 Listening Session](#) – 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Greeley Family FunPlex

[Nov. 4 Listening Session](#) – 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Greeley Rec Center

Habitat for Humanity Lunch – November 18

We will be providing lunch for the **Jefferson High School Habitat for Humanity crew** on Thursday, November 18. The Jefferson Construction Pathway Program works with at-risk high school students at Jefferson High School and adds a real-life twist to their core curriculum. They take OSHA safety courses, a CAD course, and other courses that are tailored toward construction and the trades. When they have completed those classes, they are able to go onsite and build a house from the foundation up. Jefferson students have helped build 18 homes so far. If you would like to help prepare and serve the lunch, look for the sign-up sheet or talk to Carla Ikenouye.



Guadalupe Shelter's Thanksgiving Non-Event Charity Ball – November

Celebrate Thanksgiving by participating in the Guadalupe Community Shelter's Non-Event Charity Ball and never leave your home! Support a homeless family in our city during the month of November by making a [donation](#) to this non-event. **There is no physical event to attend**, so 100% of your donation goes toward helping house, feed, and improve the lives of those experiencing homelessness in our community. You may also send a check to Catholic Charities, 1442 N. 11th Ave., Greeley, CO 80631. Contributions of \$100 or more qualify for a 25% state income tax credit for enterprise zones.

Box Tops for Education

For over 20 years, Box Tops for Education has given us an easy way to earn cash for their designated school with products they already buy. Every valid Box Tops label is worth 10¢ for a school. So far, the program has raised \$940,386,700 for schools!

Recently, **Box Tops has moved to scanning receipts rather than clipping labels**. If you see the new label on a product, you can use the Box Tops app to scan your receipt. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your designated school's earnings online. Please consider selecting the Tennyson Center as your designated school.

If you discover a traditional Box Tops label on a product, you can still clip it and place it in the basket on the Mission table in Fellowship Hall. Please make sure each one you turn in has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.



Special Offerings

Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – November 7

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.

Thanksgiving Special Offering – November 14 & 21

Our annual Thanksgiving Special Offering will be collected November 14 and 21. Donations go to support **Disciples colleges and seminaries** as they develop leaders for our communities and the church.

