

Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper

March 2, 5:30 p.m. 

Enjoy a delicious supper of pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit at 5:30 p.m. on March 2, followed immediately by our first worship service of the Lenten season. There will be a free-will offering.



Thrive Ministry

Sunday, March 13, a special offering will be taken to support the Thrive Mental Health Ministry here at Greeley First Christian Church. Come learn more about this ministry and how you can take advantage of resources.



First Christian Church

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IRISH SOUP LUNCH!

Come share a "Luck of the Irish" Soup & Salad Lunch

Sunday March 13th Fellowship Hall, 11:00a.m. (after Worship Service)

Enjoy Irish music, share some Irish trivia, and offer up a bit of Blarney!

Breakfast, Trains & History

March 12, 8:30 a. m.

Enjoy Saturday breakfast and listen to Susan Cribelli present "The Colorado Narrow Gauge and My Family," a look at mining, railroads, and progress in our state. The breakfast is sponsored by the FCC Men's Group, and EVERYONE is invited!

See the complete First Christian Church calendar at www.fccgreeley.com

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Message from Judi

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. Luke 10:1

As of January 1st, Mark and I are officially Co-Pastors, but what in the world does that mean? Good question. As I began my journey in the seminary, I had no intention of ever becoming a full-time, solo, senior pastor. I cannot tell you what my intentions are anymore, however, I can tell you that I work best on a team. As Luke tells us, Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. Why? I am sure there are many theories and theologies; however, I believe that Jesus sent his followers out in pairs because he understands that we were put here to live and minister in community. Life is all about relationships, which means that we should not take this journey alone. Mark and I work very well together and complement one another as pastors, and yet, we are both learning and defining what it means for us to be Co-Pastors. You are a part of this ministry, too. We do not minister alone but in the community of the church. As I have studied in the seminary, my motto for ministry has simply become the word "with." I do not minister over you or to you, but *with* you. I cannot tell you how blessed I feel to be one of your Co-Pastors! I have loved this community of believers since my family started here nearly 15 years ago and am thankful for your affirmations of my decision to enter into a more formal ministry. Let's continue to serve God *with* one another!

Judi

P.S. I am set to graduate with a Master of Arts in Ministry and Culture on May 21, 2022!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
2230 13th Street
Greeley, CO 80631

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

We have completed the CWF memorial honoring Norma Basey's 31 years as church secretary. The clock, plaque, and decorative hanging share a tree theme, which links the memorial to the two Maple trees Norma gave in memory of her husband Harold. View the memorial on the main office wall.

CWF groups meet at 9:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. on each month's 4th Thursday. All women are invited.

Book Clubs

The Evening Book Club celebrated Valentine's Day by reading *Courting Greta* by Ramsey Hootman. They will meet to discuss the novel on Monday, March 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor. The Morning Book Club is continuing with *The New Girl* by Daniel Silva. Their next meeting will be Friday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m., also in the parlor.

Wednesday Night Lights for Lent!

This Lent season, please join Pastors Mark and Judi for fellowship, snacks, devotion, and discussion featuring the History Channel documentary, *Jesus: His Life*. Wednesday Night Lights will meet at 5:30 p.m. on March 23, March 30, April 6, and again on April 20. There will be no WNL during Holy Night, instead, Maundy Thursday service will be at 6:30 p.m. on April 14.

March Birthdays

- 8 Gary Dobbins
- 9 Gerre Tjardes
- 10 Susan Luecht
- 11 Tom Smith
- 12 Janean Beaman
- 13 Verna Recor
- 17 Carolyn England
- 17 Nairne Fanberg
- 17 Carol Reynolds
- 26 Bill Sinnwell
- 31 Ken Thompson



“OLD PATH – NEW LOOK!”

There's always something to improve! Our Church Property Team has assessed our 30+ year carpet's wear and tear throughout the hallways and believe it is time to replace it. With mindful consideration and great research, the Team has proposed a financial cost to the Church General Board.

“Old Path – New Look!” is a plan to move forward to replace the Church's interior hall carpet. The Kick-Off for the project will begin Sunday, February 27th and gather funds through April 24th (two months). The cost of this “Old Path – New Look” project is \$11,000.00.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Your dollars are requested to make this goal in \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, checks and more. All gifts are appreciated as you give each week or in a one-time donation. The members are encouraged to help obtain this goal. This small project will provide an inviting and welcoming environment for our church.

So, let's spring into action and give our church a carpet lift that can lend a new, fresh, and pleasing look to a tired, worn, stained carpet. First Christian Church is blessed to have a beautiful church and wonderful congregation who always undertakes and achieves their goals. Thank you for your support and donations to successfully complete this venture and accomplish our goal.

Introducing Work Request Forms

We have implemented a new Maintenance/Improvement order system for our building! If you see something that needs to be fixed or have a need for your ministry team in the church, fill out and return the request form found in the folder by the front office. The administrative team will review them each Tuesday to discern if the needs support the ministry of the church. The request will be forwarded to the team appropriate for the job. Please note that these requests are for needs outside the budget of each ministry team. The admin team is not trying to make all the decisions; however, we need a system in place so that everyone knows how decisions are being made and how to make suggestions for building improvements. If you have questions about the process, please talk to Judi, Mark, or Sue T.

Mission Matters

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all people, just as we abound in love for you.”

1 Thessalonians 3:12

Visit from Alaskan Missionaries Jerry and Jane Casey – Mar. 6

You won't want to miss hearing from Jerry and Jane Casey, missionaries with Kingdom Air Corps in Alaska. During the worship service on March 6, they will present a brief overview of their work and let us know how we can support their efforts. They will also be available to engage in dialog and answer questions after the service in the church parlor. Jane is Jim Richardson's sister, and the Casey family was very active in our church prior to their call to the mission field.



Weld Food Bank Volunteer Day – Mar. 11

FCC has a volunteer day scheduled at the Weld Food Bank Friday, March 11. Our shift will be from 1-3:00 p.m., and we will be packing food for food boxes. Please contact Carla Ikenouye at caikenouye@gmail.com to join the group, or see the sign-up board. Health safety precautions will be in place.

Cold Weather Shelter Volunteer Day – Apr. 9

FCC will serve dinner at the Cold Weather Shelter on Saturday, April 9, from 6:45-8:00 p.m. If you would like to help, contact Carla Ikenouye. (Note: we will not be preparing dinner, only serving.)



2022 Habitat Interfaith Build for Unity

Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity is excited to announce their first ever Interfaith Build for Unity! People of different faiths will come together to sponsor and help build a Habitat for Humanity home. The goal of the Greeley-Weld Habitat Interfaith Build is to address long-term poverty by providing a Habitat family with safe, affordable housing that will allow them to flourish, dream, and plan for a better future. Look for more details about how FCC will participate in future newsletters.

60+ Ride Helps Seniors Maintain Their Independence

Need a ride? 60+ Ride offers free transportation for anyone 60 and over. To register as a client or to volunteer to be a driver, go to <https://60plusride.org>. If you need help registering, contact Carla Ikenouye. Volunteers will also deliver essential items such as groceries and prescriptions. Call 970-702-6413 to arrange for a delivery. (Leave a message if no one is available.) After the 60+ Ride staff member places your order, they will give you the day/time window to expect delivery, which is typically 1 to 5 days out.

Upcoming Special Offering

- **Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – March 6**

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

