

### Pastoral Candidate Visit: June 4

The Leadership Transition Team (LTT) has invited a pastoral candidate to Greeley for the weekend of Friday, June 2 through Monday, June 5, 2023. This will be a chance for FCC to decide whether to issue a call to the candidate and for the candidate to decide if they are interested in answering our call.

At the worship service on Sunday June 4, the candidate will be introduced and will preach. After the service, you will have a chance to meet them personally at a congregational potluck.

After the potluck, the candidate will meet with the Board, Elders, Trustees, and Cabinet at a meet-and-greet session.

**The FCC Board will hold a special meeting on June 7 to discuss a recommendation to the congregation for "a call for the pastor candidate," and a congregational meeting after church on June 11 for a vote "to issue a call for the pastor candidate," both contingent on a positive response to the June 2-5 visit.**

### FCC Blood Drive Week: June 4-10

Instead of a having a blood drive day at the church, this year FCC is registered for a week-long blood drive from June 4-10 with the UHealth Garth Englund Blood Center. You can [schedule a time online](#) or call **970-829-5391** to make an appointment at any of their three donor centers:

#### Greeley – 6906 W 10<sup>th</sup> St.

Mon. & Tues. 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Wed. & Thur. 9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Fri. 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

#### Loveland – 2500 Rocky Mountain Ave.

Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

#### Fort Collins – 1025 Pennock Pl. #104

Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Be sure to tell them FCC sent you!**



### Workshop:

#### What is Diversity, Equity, Inclusion?

Please join us on Saturday June 3, 2023 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm for a conversation about Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), led by Dr. Teresa Cribelli. This workshop is not a training, rather it is a chance to ask questions and think about what it would look like for our church to be more inclusive of *all* God's children. Topics will include race, gender identity, LGBT+ communities, and more. Dr. Cribelli leads DEI workshops for businesses and has extensive experience on these topics. If you just want to learn more, this is the place for you! Please sign up on the board in the church hall or call the office to register by June 1. A light lunch will be served. There is no charge, but free will offerings will be accepted.

### Three Important Days: June 18, July 1, July 2

In the coming weeks, FCC will recognize three very special occasions:

According to Pastor Mark Pumphrey, "I'm saying it out loud: I'm retiring and this time I mean it!" Pastor Mark's farewell sermon will be June 18; after the service, there will be a reception for him in the Fellowship Hall.

At 10:00 am on July 1, Pastor Judi Ring will be ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). There will be a light lunch following her ordination.

The next day, Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, is Pastor Judi's last day as FCC's pastor. After the service, there will be a reception for her in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us as we celebrate!

### Congratulations to 2023 Graduates!

Bryn Shirley, Frontier High School, Greeley

Jack Ring, Cheyenne Central High School, Cheyenne

Daniel Recor, Colorado State University, Fort Collins

### First Christian Church Governance

Ministries Cabinet, 5:30 pm: June 13

CWF Board meets again August 10

General Board, 5:30 pm: June 15



### The Christian Caller Newsletter

2023 June

### A Message from Pastor Judi

Ordination is a rite of passage, much like baptism or a wedding ceremony. In baptism, I was not *saved*, and it was not the moment I made a commitment to Christ. Instead, baptism was the moment I announced to the world that I choose to follow Jesus the Christ. The same is true of my wedding. My husband and I had already made the commitment to love and cherish one another for life; however, the ceremony was the outward announcement and the celebration of our love and commitment. In this way, ordination, baptism, and weddings are a sign of the covenants I have made with God, my church, my family, and all creation. Ordination sets me apart for leadership in the body of Christ.

I would not be ready for ordination had it not been for the love, support, and encouragement of all of you. From words of encouragement to prayers to writing references to proofreading papers to letting me grow as a preacher, you have all played a part in my success and I would like to celebrate with you all as members of the body of Christ. I want to create an ordination ceremony that does not just celebrate my own rite of passage, but that celebrates all of us in the body of Christ. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 am on July 1st in the sanctuary and will be followed by a light lunch. We will have the ceremony on Saturday so that other pastors and mentors can join in the celebration. The following day, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be my last Sunday as your pastor. I hope you can join me for one or both of these events. Both days are wonderful opportunities for us to celebrate together, which I believe is just what Jesus called us to do when he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)

Peace,

Judi

P.S. We have 2 counselors and 12 campers headed to regional youth camp from June 18-24, including campers in each of the 4 age group camps. Please keep Tom R., Todd L., the volunteer drivers, and all our campers in your prayers for safe travels and a joyous, learning fellowship time at Camp La Foret!

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](http://www.fccgreeley.com).



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### Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF is ending their year with a combined group "Out to Dinner," June 8, 5:30 pm at Wonderful Inn, 3505 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St, Greeley. Make reservations by June 4 by calling LaVonne, Sandy, or the church office.

We hope you enjoyed the "Glad Hatter's Tea." Special thanks to all who helped: Phyllis-table decorations; Verna-tea pot display; Savannah, Judi, Regan, Mike, Rich-entertainment. Big thanks to our "waiters"-Mike, Rich, Stu, and Tom. The hosts, CFW Board, had a fun time honoring our mothers! The next Board meeting is August 10; meetings resume in September. Have a great Summer!

LaVonne Rogakis and Sandy Beiser

### Book Club

The Evening Book Club is closing out the 2022-2023 season reading *Rebecca*, the 1938 Gothic novel by Daphne Du Maurier. They will meet in the church parlor on Monday, June 5, at 6:00 p.m. for discussion. After a summer hiatus, the group will resume meeting in September.

### FCC Finances

As of April 30, 2023

Income YTD \$90969.86

Expenses YTD \$87995.23

### June Birthdays

- 06 Amy Haining
- 09 Carla Ikenouye
- 09 Marla Johnson
- 09 Cindy McDowell
- 12 Tammi Wright
- 15 Stuart Murphy
- 17 Connie Davis
- 18 Vivian Nickle
- 23 Willa Beltz
- 28 John Trickey
- 30 Rich Recor

### Elder's Message

*In honor of Memorial Day, and in appreciation to all those who are serving and have served in our country's military, we reprint this 2019 column by former elder Diane Doyle.*

### "In Flanders Fields"

By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD  
(1872-1918)  
Canadian Army

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields.

"In Flanders Fields" memorializes the terrible battle in Flanders (now Belgium) in the spring of 1915 (WW I). Although McCrae had been a doctor for years and had served in the South African War, he found the suffering in this battle to be unprecedented. As a surgeon attached to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade, Major McCrae spent 17 days treating injured men—Canadian, British, Indian, French, and German. He later described the ordeal as "seventeen days of Hades." One of the casualties was his former student, and McCrae performed his funeral ceremony.

The next day as he sat on the back of a parked ambulance overlooking the nearby cemetery, he could see the wild poppies that grew in the ditches. He spent 20 minutes scribbling this poem. He handed his writing pad to a soldier, who described the poem as "an exact description of the scene in front of us both." The doctor tossed the poem away, but a fellow officer retrieved it, and it was published on December 8, 1915.

### Bereavement

Jim Richardson, First Christian Church member since 1968, passed away on May 16, 2023, after a long illness. Our love and prayers of comfort are with his wife Deb and all of their family and friends.

### Mission Matters

**"So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God."**

**Ephesians 2:19**

### Baby Bottle Campaign – May 14-June 18

You are invited to take a baby bottle home and fill it with your spare change. Please return your bottle to church on Father's Day, June 18. Donations this year will go to Week of Compassion to help families rebuild their homes after the devastating February earthquake in Syria and Turkey.



### Refugee Welcome Sunday – June 18

World Refugee Day was established on June 20 by the United Nations General Assembly in 2001. Disciples Refugee and Immigration Ministries invites Disciples from around the country to honor refugees and asylum seekers by celebrating their resilience and courage and by lifting them up in prayer in the worship service on Refugee Welcome Sunday.



### Save the Date: Habitat for Humanity Breakfast – July 20

Save the date for this year's Habitat for Humanity Building Impact Breakfast on Thursday, July 20. The event will be held at Christ Community Church (1301 15<sup>th</sup> St.) and will begin promptly at 7:00 a.m. and end at 8:00 a.m. The breakfast is free, but donations will be requested. Rich Recor and Carla Ikenouye are hosting tables, so a sign-up sheet will be posted.



### Special Offerings

#### -Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – June 4

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.



### Upcoming Community Fundraisers

**60+ Ride [Ride&Revel](#)** cycling event supports free transportation for seniors. Saturday, June 17, at Lincoln Park with staggered starts in the morning for different routes.

