



WELD FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BBQ AUGUST 31

Enjoy a FREE catered BBQ with fellow volunteers as a thank-you for all your hard work helping fight hunger. The BBQ will be Thursday, August 31, at 12:30 p.m. outdoors under the large pavilion at Island Grove Park (501 N 14th Ave.) Please RSVP by calling 970-356-2199 x307 or let Carla Ikenouye know you plan to attend.

UNC Concert under the Stars August 1

Meet up with church friends to enjoy an exciting FREE performance by The Burroughs on Tuesday, August 1, at 8:00 p.m. This electrifying 9-piece act adds a modern flair to classic soul to create their own “sweaty soul music.” UNC is hosting this outdoor concert at the Garden Theater, located at 10th Ave. and 18th St. Bring a chair or blanket and plenty of snacks (maybe bug spray too)!

First Christian Church Governance

Ministries Cabinet, 5:30 pm: August 8

CWF Board, 9:30 am: August 10

General Board, 5:30 pm: August 17

New Prayer Partnering Opportunity Begins in August

- Does God ever seem far away?
- Do you find yourself wondering why God allows certain things to happen?
- Is your prayer life feeling flat or empty?

If you would like to have someone to be a prayer partner with you or to talk openly with about your relationship with God, I will be available, beginning August 1 to meet with you.

I've now finished my Seminary Coursework for my Post-Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction from St John's . I was accepted into the Practicum stage this summer. This means I am ready to begin offering Spiritual Direction on August 1. I'm excited to begin!

In this part of the training, I will meet individually with people for spiritual companioning, with monthly oversight and mentoring of my work from an experienced prayer companion as I go along. I can meet regularly with people, or just once, or anything in between.

If you're not sure if this is right for you or not sure what you need, no problem! That's part of the process. Just send an email to svarley@comcast.net or give me a call. We'll find a time to sit down together and talk, and then go from there.

There is no cost for this, and I am not paid for the Spiritual Direction work. Thrive Ministry will welcome donations to support its outreach if you want to contribute.

Blessings and peace,
Sandy Varley

Do you have extra new greeting cards you are not using and would like to donate to the Elders for our Shepherding program? We are looking for cards for all ages and all occasions, including birthdays, graduation, sympathy, get well, etc. Just deliver them to the Church Office. Thank you so much!



First Christian Church

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The Christian Caller Newsletter

2023 August

This is an exciting and simultaneously bittersweet time for our church. In July, we said goodbye to our two wonderful and faithful leaders/friends Mark and Judi. We are grateful for their strong faith, spiritual leadership, and care as they walked side by side with us through this paradigm shift from pre-Covid to post-Covid. We were so fortunate to have their patient leadership and love to sustain us through this difficult period. We celebrated great milestones with them as well, including Mark's prestigious Frank H. Marshall award from Phillips University and his achievement of 47 years of ministry. We also rejoiced with Judy as she was ordained into the Disciples of Christ church this summer, coming full circle on her journey to ministry that was born in our congregation. We wish them both blessings and growth and happiness during this next chapter of their lives. Thank you for loving our congregation.

We are so grateful to God for guiding our process of calling a new full-time lead pastor to our church, Pastor Vince Endris and his family who will join us August 1. We are excited to begin working and supporting Vince as we start this new chapter in our church. We pray for his current congregation that God will also bless their search for a new leader – may God sustain them and guide their process as He has ours.

At this time of transition we will rest in the knowledge that God has blessed this church immensely and used it to bring faith, hope, and wisdom for generations of Christians who have called this church home and have turned to it as an oasis in this fallen world. As recipients of God's grace, we must continue to be an oasis of grace to others. We need to make our homes and church a refuge by sharing the same grace that we have received. Using this month to rest, reflect, and patiently prepare for this new chapter in our church history will give us the right perspective and strength to work together with our new leader to make our church the oasis so many in our community need to find forgiveness, healing, and fellowship.

Jodi Hartmann

Elder

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

Summer is coming to an end soon. Hope everyone had a great break. CWF will be starting up again. We will have our first board meeting on August 10, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. We will discuss CWF programs for 2023-24. Our first general meeting will be September 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel. The morning group will host, with refreshments at the end. All women of the church are invited. LaVonne Rogakis and Sandy Beiser

Thank You

Dear First Christian Church Members, On behalf of the Jim Richardson family, we want to thank you for your love, prayers, and support for the past three years of Jim's battle with cancer and congestive heart failure. You visited us, sent card, brought meals, and were so very kind. We would also like to thank the church for the time, generous donations, preparations, and the CWF for hosting Jim's Celebration of Life reception. Very special thanks to Pastor Judi Ring, Sue Tjardes, Dr. Sandra Varley, Gerre Tjardes, Colleen Heitman, Ronell Heitman, and Tessa Johnson.

-The Richardson Family

"Now may the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."

-2 Thessalonians 3:16

August Birthdays

- 01 Vi Corliss
- 03 Paula Armstrong
- 05 Rodney Herman
- 06 LaShonda Cordova
- 09 David Haining
- 10 Sandy Beiser
- 10 Isaiah Gray
- 13 Ronell Heitman
- 15 Caren Renee Haining
- 27 Phyllis Hansberry
- 31 Sam McMichael

Elder's Message

I am once again writing to you from LaForet at our week of youth camps, which were in late June. I am a counselor for Junior Camp. With COVID and other changes, it has been three years since I have been in Junior Camp. This year we have Discovery, Junior, Chi Rho and CYF all at LaForet the same week and it has been a busy week that required some added coordination and scheduling. It is a blessing to see all these young Christians come together to learn about and celebrate Jesus. Camp provides an opportunity to enjoy a week without the pressures of the outside world, without the video games and social media, all things that they didn't think that they could be without for a whole week. It is a week to enjoy being outside in the beautiful Black Forest, a week to enjoy nature, with views of Pikes Peak, numerous birds, a few deer, several rabbits, and even a couple of bear sightings this year that added some excitement. New campers are usually surprised at how much they enjoy that opportunity to disconnect from electronics. Then once they have experienced it, they can't wait until they can be back at camp.

FCC Greeley is well represented with campers and volunteers as counselors and directors. Thank you for your support of camp and our youth groups, through the cards, packages, snacks, driving, volunteers, and financial support. Our camps and retreats have a very positive impact on our youth that will influence them all their lives. Thank you!!!

Tom Rainbolt

FCC Finances

As of June 30, 2023

Income YTD \$ 130,700.35

Expenses YTD \$ 133,873.39



Mission Matters

"Be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves."
James 1:22

New Doers of the Word Crew!

The Mission Team is recruiting a Doers of the Word crew to assist people in our church who have a relatively simple job at their home they need help with. No particular skills required! If you would like to volunteer to be part of this new ministry, please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside Fellowship Hall.



Back to School Drive – July 16-August 6

There is still time to help students in District 6 have the supplies they need to get their new school year off to a great start. Our annual school supply drive will culminate on Sunday, August 6. We are collecting school supplies for our partner school, the Fred Tjardes School of Innovation, as well as the Family Center at School District 6.

The Fred Tjardes School especially appreciates art supplies, such as 24-count crayons, 12-count colored pencils, 8-count markers, glue sticks, watercolor paint boxes, and construction paper. The Teachers' Closet provides supplies to classrooms and students across the school district and especially needs #2 wooden pencils, pens, spiral notebooks (wide and college-ruled), sharpies, glue, dry-erase markers, pocket folders, rulers, and scissors. Backpacks are also requested. Please put your donated items in any of the school-bus boxes located around the church.



Greeley Overdose Awareness Day – August 26

Northern Colorado Health Alliance is sponsoring an Overdose Awareness Day on Saturday, August 26, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Pavilion at Lincoln Park (800 10th Ave.). At least once a day, someone in Colorado loses a friend or family member due to drug abuse. There is no silver bullet; it will take a multi-front, coordinated approach to aid communities in combating the opioid epidemic. Email [Janea Cordova](mailto:Janea.Cordova@northerncohealth.org) for more information.



Special Offerings

-Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – July 2, August 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. (Donations to RHRN are also accepted throughout the month).



Upcoming Community Fundraisers

Greeley Family House Summerfest (Comedy for a Cause) to raise money to provide temporary housing and support services to families in transition. August 26 at 5:30 p.m. at Aims Community College Welcome Center (4901 W 20th St.)

Dash 4 Hope Remembrance Walk to raise money for suicide awareness and survivor support. August 26, at 8:30 a.m., hosted by Richter Orthodontics (6244 W 9th St.)