



Veterans Tribute November 12 Potluck Honoring Military Families

We appreciate the service and sacrifice of our active-duty, reserve, veteran, and retired service members, and their families. We'll honor them with special recognition during the worship service and then enjoy a potluck meal immediately following the service. We ask all current and former service members as well as families of church members we've lost who were veterans to bring a military service photo to be proudly displayed in Fellowship Hall during the meal. Bring a dish or two to share with church family and friends. Please see the sign-up sheet to indicate what kind of dish(es) you plan to bring.

A Cornucopia of Conversation (with Pastor Vince!)

If you would like a chance to talk with Pastor Vince, about anything or everything, sign up on his "A Cornucopia of Conversation" sheet in the Narthex on Sundays, or call the church office to schedule. Vince is happy to meet you at the church or to visit you at your home.

First Christian Church Governance
CWF Board, 9:30 am: Nov 9
General Board, 5:30 pm: Nov 16

November is the Month of Undie Sundays!

As you remember, each November, First Christian Church pitches in to help Weld's Way Home (facilitated by United Way of Weld County) work to end homelessness in our county. As part of Homeless Awareness Month, we will be collecting **NEW socks, undershirts, sports bras, thermal gloves, and snow hats** for men and women living in shelters and out of doors. A collection bin 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.



- DONATE!**
- socks**
- undershirts**
- sports bras**
- thermal gloves**
- snow hats**

**FCC
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH!
PREPARE FOOD
SERVE DINNER
AT
GUADALUPE SHELTER
5:00 PM SUNDAY, NOV 19
CONTACT TODD FOR DETAILS**



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A MESSAGE FROM VINCE

As I get older, I start to realize just how easy it is to get complacent. I no longer feel like apologizing that I like things to stay the same. I don't want to do things differently. And I find change very frustrating. Unfortunately, I have to admit that I can get this way in my relationship with God as well. Do I even seek God anymore, or do I just seek to 'be comfortable.' Is it even Jesus I encounter anymore, or do I just encounter myself in his clothing? One of my favorite stories in the bible is found in the gospel of Matthew when the disciples see a figure walking on the water. Jesus tells them not to be afraid -- that it is him. Peter, however, is unsure. He tells the lord, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you" (Matthew 14:28). It is amazing to me that Peter does not ask Jesus for a secret password. He does not ask Jesus for a sign. He does not ask Jesus to come just a little closer so he can get a better look. He tells Jesus, "give me a command;" "tell me to act." He says, "Jesus, if it is really you, don't just let me sit back and enjoy your presence; don't just let me be in awe of this miracle. The only way I will know it is you is if you command me to do something." Maybe it is because Peter was young. Maybe he just had not been around long enough for old age to make him set in his ways. But somehow Peter knew the only way to recognize Jesus was to allow Jesus to command him to act. I pray for me and for you that neither of us ever get too old, too complacent, or become too self-satisfied that we forget to ask Jesus to show us who he is by commanding us to get up and do those things he would have us do.

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



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Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF's next General Meeting on December 7 at 1:30 pm in the Chapel. After the program, we will have refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. Christian Women's Fellowship Board meets at 9:30 am on November 9. CWF groups meet November 16 at 9:30 am, 1:30 pm, and 6:00 pm, a week early because of Thanksgiving. Talk to LaVonne or Sandy for more information.

FCC Finances

As of September 30, 2023

Income YTD \$178,737.65
(includes \$26,932.79 Working Capital)

Expenses YTD \$190,555.51

Speaking of FCC Finances...

It is not too late to turn in your pledge for 2024! Having a good estimate of giving helps Pastor Vince and church officers plan a budget to keep FCC's missions going in 2023. If you don't have a pledge form, you can get at the church. Just fill out the pledge form and put it in one of the offering boxes in the Narthex, drop it off at the church office, or just mail it in! Thank you.

November Birthdays

02 Jack Ring
05 Elgetta Hummel
06 Pyper Evans
06 Shawn Skow
08 Bev Gray
08 Darron Berg
09 Sandy Varley
14 Caitlin Berg
20 Liz Armstrong
21 Becky Linenbroker
24 Gary Ikenouye
29 Lori Chevront

"I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, ...to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving..." --Abraham Lincoln, July 1863.

Elder's Message

-Jodi Hartmann

"The followers of Christ have been called to peace.... And they must not only have peace but make it. And to that end they renounce all violence and tumult. In the cause of Christ nothing is to be gained by such methods His disciples keep the peace by choosing to endure suffering themselves rather than inflict it on others. They maintain fellowship where others would break it off. They renounce hatred and wrong. In so doing they overcome evil with good, and establish the peace of God in the midst of a world of war and hate." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

As the world watches the recent events in Israel and Gaza in horror and sadness, we as Christians naturally wonder how to pray and how to respond to the human suffering we see unfolding. Dietrich Boenhoeffer too watched a world in chaos and full of hate during World War II disintegrate around him, and yet he remained faithful and faith-filled to his death. His instruction to renounce hatred and wrong and by so doing so overcome evil with good, is an important perspective we can all strive for. Let's begin in our homes, our church, and in the community.

November is the month when we naturally think more about what we are grateful for. I am grateful for the Elders of this church who lead us in communion and faith, and who strive to be a conduit for God's love in our church. We have many who have served as Elders in the past, and the current Board of Elders has decided to move to a "permanent" Elder system called our "College of Elders." What this means is once an Elder, always an Elder. If you have served as an Elder in the past, can you please let one of the Elders know so that we can add your name to this group? This is not some exclusive, secret group, but just a way for us to keep track of our Elders and turn to them from time to time when we need their spiritual wisdom, their help with Elder activities, or to ask them to serve as an "active" Elder for a one, two, or three year term. Of course, we are also looking for new Elders. We currently have two Elders stepping back from active Eldering, and we need one more person to fill the second position. We are looking for inactive Elders or new Elders. Let us know if you feel God is calling you to service in this way.

Mission Matters

"But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."

1 Timothy 6:8

Salvation Army Angel Tree Registration – November 1-3

The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of thousands of children around the country each year. Once a child has been registered and accepted as an Angel, their Christmas wish list is shared with donors in the community who purchase gifts of new clothing and toys. Call 970-346-1661 for registration information.



Cold Weather Shelter Meal – November 15

The Housing Navigation Center operates a cold weather shelter during the winter season for adults living out of doors. First Christian Church is scheduled to serve dinner on Wednesday, November 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Four volunteers are needed. Talk to Carla Ikenouye if you would like to sign up to serve on November 15 and/or later in the season. We will be scheduling more days as the season progresses.



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

Special Offerings

-Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – Nov 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 and community. (Donations to RHRN are also accepted throughout the month).

RHRN

-Thanksgiving Special Offering – November 12 & 19

Our annual Thanksgiving Special Offering will be collected November 12 and 19. Donations support **Disciples colleges and seminaries** as they develop leaders for our communities and the church.



Upcoming Community Events/Needs

- **Red Kettle Kickoff** to raise funds for The Salvation Army social service programs. **November 11** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene (2515 W 16th St.). Call Lt. Merary Henry-John at 818-284-1686 for tickets to this dinner.
- **Strikes for Tykes** to raise funds for Zac's Legacy Childhood Cancer Fund. **November 18** at 5:30 p.m. at Highland Park Lanes (1900 59th Ave.). [Click here](#) to visit their website.
- **Thanksgiving Meal** offered free to the community by The Salvation Army. **November 22** from **10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** at 1119 6th St. **No registration is required.**
- **26th Annual NCMC Turkey Trot** to help patients engage in the rehabilitation program of the CardioVascular Institute of North Colorado. **November 23** at 9:00 a.m. at North Colorado Medical Center. Register [online](#) or at the event.