

## Internet Evangelism?

Do you have a Facebook or Instagram account? If so, have you “Liked” the FCC Greeley page? If not, go to the following links and “Like” or “Follow” the page to get ongoing updates on what is happening in our congregation and community. Next, to help spread the news from FCC Greeley to those you are “friends” with, like the posts, events and advertisements you see from FCC Greeley.... or better yet, forward them to your timeline (hit the arrow/share button, then click on “share to feed”). There are many in our community who want to find a church but are overwhelmed with going to a place they don’t know. Letting your Facebook & Instagram friends know that you go to an active church may be just the low-pressure invite that they are looking for.

<https://www.facebook.com/FCCGreeley>

[https://www.instagram.com/fcc\\_greeley/](https://www.instagram.com/fcc_greeley/)

## Christian Women’s Fellowship

Women of the church meet for study and fellowship on the fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 am, 1:30 pm, and 6:30 pm. Pick a time and come join us!

--Sandy Beiser and LaVonne Rogakis,  
Co-chairs, CWF

## Out to Lunch Bunch April 21

Join us after church at Yummy Chinese Restaurant (2028 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Greeley)!

Everyone is welcome. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the education hall.

## CRMR Summer Camps 2024

**Discovery** (completed grades 1-3)

June 20 - 22 at La Foret Cost: \$130.00

**Junior** (completed grades 3-5)

June 16 - 22 at La Foret Cost: \$430.00

**Chi Rho** (completed grades 6-8)

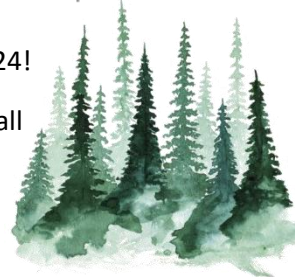
June 16 - 22 at La Foret Cost: \$430.00

**CYF** (completed grades 9-12)

June 16 - 22 at La Foret Cost: \$430.00

All forms are due on April 25, 2024!

Forms are located on the main hall bulletin board. See Todd for scholarship information.



invites FCC to their  
**Paths to Healing Spring Luncheon**  
Thursday, April 18, 2024 | 12:00-1:00 PM  
Seawell Ballroom, Denver Center for Performing Arts

Please join us for this inspirational hour as we come together to improve the mental health and wellness of those impacted by trauma and other adverse experiences. With our generous partners and friends of Tennyson, this annual event provides the opportunity and support needed for our kids and families to learn, grow, and thrive. [Purchase tickets here by April 10.](#)

## Living Grace Bible Study

Facilitated by Amy Endris, Living Grace is an 8-week small group experience to guide you through simple Biblical insights and tools to reduce stress, depression, anxiety, and other challenges.

Join us every Saturday in April and May at 10 am in the Prayer Room!



## Calling All Cookies!

The Fellowship Team is asking for cookies to be donated for Coffee Hour after church. Or grab a friend and sign up to host!



# First Christian Church

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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The Christian Caller Newsletter

April 2024

*Pastor Vince's Message*

One of the major themes in Paul’s letter to the Galatians is the notion of Freedom. The apostle Paul tells the Galatians, “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery” (Gal. 5:1). In recent history, some Christians have started to understand this to mean that we are not bound by anything. We are our own person. Christ has set us free to do whatever we want to do. This is a terrible misreading of the apostle Paul.

To Paul, it is not possible for a person to be completely free. We are always slaves to something. When we are born, we are slaves to what Paul calls the “basic principles of the universe” (Gal. 4:3). These “basic principles” (*Stoicheia*, in Greek) are the fundamental things on which everything else is built. They are like the ABCs on which language is built, or prime numbers on which all other number are built. To Paul, the fundamental principles on which human beings are built are selfishness and sin. When Paul proclaims that Christ has set us free, he means that Christ set us free from our fundamental drive to look at everything only through our own selfish desires.

To Paul, we are always a slave to something. When Jesus sets us free from sin, we, at the same time, become slaves to Him - and that means being a slave to one another. Paul says, “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, be slaves to one another humbly in love” (Gal. 5:13). Also, “You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness” (Romans 6:18).

Rather than setting us free from everyone and everything, Jesus sets us free precisely to be in communion with everyone and everything. It’s Good News! You no longer are bound to serving yourself. You are free to give fully of yourself in Love and Communion!

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



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### Daughter's Dessert

Christian Women's Fellowship invites all daughters to the Daughters' Dessert. Save May 4 at 1:30 for entertainment, dessert & beverages, in the Fellowship Hall. New this year, look for something nice to bring home from the Little Vintage Shoppe!

### Thanks a million!

The Irish Soup Feast truly celebrated the "luck of the Irish" in all of us. Good food, good cheer, spirited music, and a bit of magic was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the many helping hands that made this festive event possible: the Fellowship Committee, Marla Johnson, Todd Loesch, and Harold Carlson. A special note of appreciation to: Stuart and Sharon Murphy, Vince and Amy Endris, Carolyn England, and Rich Recor. May the Irish trinity symbolized by the green shamrock bless each of us on our journey. Blessings, Colleen and Ronell



### Elder's Message

#### SPRING and the HOPE of EASTERTIDE

Spring is all about new beginnings and transformation; it's a season that symbolizes starting fresh and starting over. After months of cold temperatures that often result in many of us feeling the winter blues, spring reawakens us and our surrounding environment, brings everything back to life. In the wheel of the year, spring represents a new day, and symbolizes new life, rebirth, new beginnings, and new blessings.

The forty days after Easter is sometimes called "Eastertide." This forty days Jesus taught and ministered to his disciples in an intensely powerful experience preparing them for his Ascension to heaven. The Savior's words provide a roadmap for us until his assured triumphant return to earth. Easter is a time when God's love changes the world forever. Jesus His Son is HOPE! Jesus, God is with us, offering a celebration and a spirit of joy that can carry us through. There's hope; there's joy; may your heart be light. In this we are transformed in a rebirth to walk in Jesus' path.

*"For by the grace you have been saved by faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God; – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."* Ephesians 2: 8-10 NRSV

We are called to be messengers, reporters, ambassadors of the Good News like the shepherds were. God teaches us to tell our story and bear witness to His work in our life every day. Take this time to enjoy springtime and realize the hope of "Eastertide" as you go out and share the HOPE Jesus Christ gave us in grace and love.

Prayer: Thank you for the gift of HOPE. Thank you for the gift of JOY. Thank you for the gift of LOVE. Thank you for the gift of LIFE. This world is just the beginning, and we will spend forever in heaven with You. We celebrate You, Jesus, with hearts full of praise and gratitude for who You are and all You've done for us. Amen.

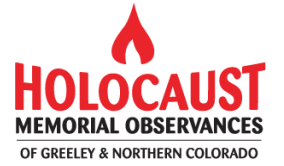
-Colleen Heitmann

### Mission Matters

**"You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

Leviticus 19:18

**Holocaust Memorial Observances of Greeley & No. Colo. – April 14-21**  
**Voices from the Holocaust**, an annual week-long commemoration, will be held in-person from April 14-21. The observances will begin with a moving **Interfaith Memorial Service** on Sunday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. at Beth Israel Congregation (625 Reservoir Road, Greeley). Other planned events include film screenings, presentations, a book discussion, and a Klezmer concert. Of particular note, **Holocaust survivor Barbara Steinmetz** will share her story on Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Aims Welcome Center (4901 W 20<sup>th</sup> St., Greeley). This is an event you will not want to miss! [Visit their webpage](#) for all the details.



#### Weld Food Bank Volunteer Day – April 26

FCC has a volunteer day scheduled at the Weld Food Bank on Friday, April 26. Our shift will be from 1:00-3:00 p.m., and we will be packing food for food boxes. Look for a sign-up sheet and [register online](#) for our group or talk to Carla Ikenouye. Closed-toe shoes are required for all volunteers.

#### Did You Know?

- **Weld County Community Resources** sheets are pinned to the Mission Matters bulletin board in the main hallway for anyone to take. Information about where to go for many essential needs is listed. Please share with anyone you know who is looking for resources in our community. You can also visit [this link](#) to see the same list of resources on the Greeley Interfaith Association website.
- **Bins for ARC and Clothing Bank** donations are located inside the TV cabinet in Fellowship Hall. Donated clothing must be laundered and in good repair.

#### FCC's Food Pantry

Reminder the food pantry is available, behind the room divider next to the kitchen. If you're struggling, it's for you; or for church leaders to share with walk-in or known needs. We'll monitor to keep items current, with extras going to the Weld Food Bank.



#### Upcoming Special Offering

- **Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – April 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 and community. FCC also has an Emergency Food Pantry that is funded by your RH/RN donations.

#### Upcoming Community Events/Fundraisers

- **Life Stories Under the Big Top Casino Night** benefits abused children in Weld County. Friday, April 12, from 6-11 p.m. at the Aims Welcome Center (4901 W 20<sup>th</sup> St.)
- **Genesis Project of No. Colo. Recognition Breakfast** empowers single mothers pursuing a new beginning. Saturday, April 27, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Journey Christian Church (4754 W 31<sup>st</sup> St.)
- **Earth Day Fair** hosted by Citizens Climate Lobby to learn how to care for our planet. Saturday, April 27, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church (929 15<sup>th</sup> St.)

#### Join the Mission Ministry Team!!

If you have a heart for mission and would like to join the Mission Ministry Team, please talk to Diana Laws or Bill Rusher.



#### April Birthdays

- 06 Taylor Rainbolt
- 07 Tammy Shafer
- 11 Carl England
- 13 Sue Sinnwell
- 22 Tessa Rainbolt
- 27 Jim Richardson
- 27 LaVonne Rogakis
- 29 Erika Hartmann

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, May 2nd, 2024

The Northern Colorado National Day of Prayer

Theme: Faithfulness - "Lift Up the Word - Light Up the World."

