

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>

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Thrive Survey Results

Thrive Interest Survey

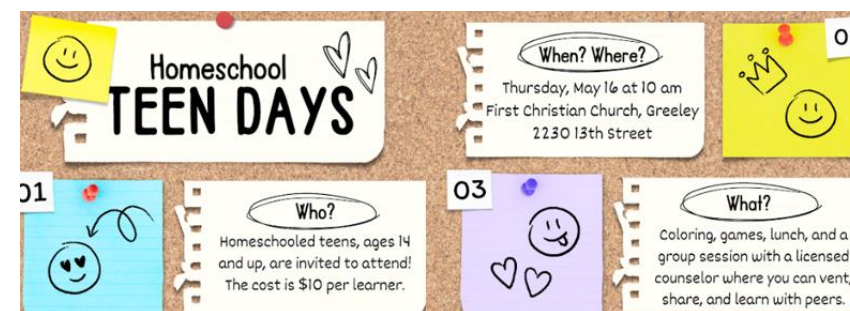
Please mark (X) the following topics of programming YOU would be interested in attending, whether to gain knowledge for friends, family, or yourself:

Anxiety	11
Depression	9
Drug/Alcohol/Substance Disorder	6
Grief	8
Healthy body and minds	10
How to help others with mental health concerns	12
Loneliness	5
Military vets' mental issues	2
Relationship Issues	7
Severe mental illness (schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, etc.)	4
Suicide	5
Trauma	6
Youths' mental health and housing issues	6

Please mark (X) the FORMAT of information presentation you most prefer:

Discussion panel	9
Seminar/ Lecture	13
Small group discussion	11

Earlier this year, the Thrive ministry handed out surveys. The plan is to use the data collected to inform the programming that will be provided in the future. Over 20 people participated and returned surveys. Additionally, there were some write-in suggestions, such as LGBTQ+ issues, aging, and changes in relationships. Your Thrive ministry looks forward to partnering with you all in the coming year on your mental health journey and as you love and support those around you.



Son-day Sundae Sunday!

Plan on joining the Fellowship Team on Sunday, June 2nd after church for an ice cream social celebrating all the sons in our lives. If the weather allows, outdoor games and seating will also be provided.



Meetings in May

- May 6 at 6:00 pm- Thrive Meeting
- May 16 at 10:30 am- CWF General Meeting
- May 16 at 5:30 pm- Board Meeting
- May 19 at 9:00 am- Elders Meeting
- May 19 at 11:15 am- Fellowship Team Meeting
- May 22 at 5:30 pm- Minister’s Cabinet

Pastor Vince’s Book Club

- Tuesday, May 7**
Man’s Search for Meaning (Viktor Frankl): Part 1 (pages 1-93)
- Wednesday, May 22**
Man’s Search for Meaning (Viktor Frankl): Part 2 (pages 97-154)
- Wednesday, June 12**
Jesus and the Powers (Wright & Bird): Chapters 1-4 (pg 1-100)
- Wednesday, June 26**
Jesus and the Powers (Wright & Bird): Chapters 5-8 (pg 100-185)
- Wednesday, July 17**
Love Wins (Rob Bell): Chapter 1-4 (pages 1-118)
- Wednesday, July 31**
Love Wins (Rob Bell): Chapter 5-8 (pages 119-198)



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The Christian Caller Newsletter

May 2024

Pastor Vince’s Message

This month we celebrate Pentecost. Often referred to as the "birthday of the Church," Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus (Acts 2:1-31). This event marked a transformational moment not only for those early disciples but for the entire trajectory of the Christian faith.

On that day, gathered in Jerusalem were devout individuals from every nation under heaven. The Holy Spirit enabled the apostles to speak in various tongues, a miracle that, rather than creating confusion, allowed each person to understand the message in their own language. This was not merely a display of divine power but a profound affirmation of God’s inclusive embrace. Every person, regardless of their nationality or race, was part of God's plan and invited to share in the divine promise.

Today, the message of Pentecost remains just as relevant and powerful. In a world where divisions seem more pronounced than ever, the Spirit of Pentecost calls us to recognize and celebrate our diversity as God's gift. It compels us to speak a universal language—not of words, but of love, acceptance, and unity. Just as the Spirit enabled the disciples to bridge cultural and linguistic gaps, we too are called to be instruments of peace and reconciliation in our communities.

Let us then take to heart the lessons of Pentecost. Let it remind us that in the Kingdom of God, there are no foreigners or outsiders. Every individual, irrespective of their background, is a beloved child of God, deserving of respect, love and dignity. As we celebrate Pentecost, let's commit ourselves anew to being a community where all are welcome, all are valued, and all can find a home.

May the Spirit that once inspired the apostles continue to guide us in our efforts to live out the true meaning of Pentecost: a celebration of God’s unifying love in our richly diverse world.

Wear red on May 19th

for Pentecost



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

This month, in lieu of our normal meetings, join the women of the church at Olive Garden at 5:00 pm on May 23rd for dinner! Hope to see you there.

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



CWF Daughters Dessert: May 11

All daughters are invited to our afternoon "soirée" on Saturday, May 11, at 1:30 p.m. Enjoy an array of delicious dessert bites and a fascinating display of vintage clothing styles along with a sentimental collection of nostalgic songs. Browse the Little Vintage Shoppe for bargains on vintage treasures, with proceeds to benefit a church project. Invite all the daughters in your life, family and friends, to join us for this special event! Please sign up or call the church office to let us know how many will be in your party.

Rich Recor's 70th Birthday Bash
June 30th at 4 pm
Join with family and friends in a Mexican buffet dinner and birthday party! NO gifts please.
1836 Homestead Road



02 Anthony White	22 Theresa Rusher
05 Don Jacks	25 Doug McDowell
06 Kane Shirley	28 Ron Shetler
07 Gretchen Howland	29 Amber Becker
08 Todd Loschen	29 Debbie Berg
08 Rob Ring	29 Stephen May
09 Jodi Hartmann	29 Maximus Skow
17 Cynthia May	31 Kathy Herman

Elder's Message: Mental Health Month

May is Mental Health Month and while promoting mental health is important all year, this special month of recognition raises awareness around mental illness, its prevalence in society, and its impacts on people of all ages and backgrounds.

Mental illness is a term used to encompass many different mental disorders. Having a mental illness is relatively common with one fifth of Americans experiencing mental illness each year. There are many different factors that contribute to mental illness but there is no one cause.

Fortunately for those struggling with mental illness, hope and help are available. Many symptoms are manageable with the right resources.

There are a lot of stigmas surrounding Christianity and mental health and sometimes it can lead to Christians feeling like they are not good enough or are failing due to a mental illness. However, having a mental illness is not a sin and in no way means you are weak. Facing a mental illness takes strength and courage each and every day.

For those who have not personally experienced mental illness, it can be hard to relate or understand the struggles of those who have a mental illness. Some ways to love and care for those who are struggling with mental illness are:

- Avoid stigmatizing and stereotyping,
- Don't offer false "cures" or "solutions"
- Listen and understand it's hard.
- Pray and show genuine love and care.
- Always encourage professional help.

Ephesians 4:2 says, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

The Thrive Team of First Christian Church DOC can provide resources for anyone in our church or community struggling with a mental health concern. Call 970-352-1292 for assistance and information. All calls are confidential.

Matthew 11: 28 "Come to me all you who are weary and I will give you rest."

--Becky Linenbroker

Mission Matters

"The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life." Proverbs 13:14a

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 6-10



Talk to Verna Recor if you would like to help us show appreciation to the staff at our partner school, the Fred Tjardes School of Innovation, during this special week for teachers.

Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive – May 11



Each year, letter carriers across the country head out on their routes on the second Saturday in May to collect donations of non-perishable food items to benefit local food pantries. You can leave a bag of shelf-stable grocery items by your mailbox for your postal worker to pick up and deliver to the food bank.

Baby Bottle Campaign – May 12-June 16

Baby bottles will be distributed on Mothers' Day, May 12. Our donations this year have a very local focus. The Mission Team is working on a member's creative idea to help nursing/professional staff in the NICU at NCMC support and uplift babies and their families. Fill your bottle with your spare change and return it to church on Father's Day, June 16.



Cold Weather Shelter Volunteer Day – May 29



The United Way Cold Weather Shelter has expanded into summer. FCC will serve dinner on Wednesday, May 29, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. If you would like to help, contact Diana Laws. (Note: we will not be preparing dinner, only serving.)

Habitat's Hope Springs Grand Opening – May 30

Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity invites the community to the grand opening of their new Hope Springs Development that will eventually include 175 Habitat homes. Join Gov. Polis, Sen. Hickenlooper, a vice president of Habitat for Humanity International, and other dignitaries at noon on Thursday, May 30, to celebrate the grand opening of this phenomenal project! Hope Springs is located on 32nd St. behind the Walmart on 23rd Ave.



Special Offerings



- **Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – May 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 also support the FCC Emergency Food Pantry.
- **Pentecost Offering – May 12 & 19**
This offering supports Disciples new church development both in our region and through the New Church Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your donation will help the new church movement continue to take root, bear fruit, and grow more Disciples every day!



Upcoming Community Fundraisers

- **Frontier House – 13th Annual Breakfast** – Changes lives of people living with mental illness. Wednesday, May 8, 7:30-9:00 a.m. at Doubletree by Hilton, 919 7th St. in Greeley
- **Envision – 5K In My Shoes** – Supports people with developmental disabilities. Saturday, June 8, 8:30 a.m. at 1050 37th St. in Evans
- **60+ Ride – Ride&Revel! 2024** – Provides free transportation to seniors. Saturday, June 15, at Lincoln Park in Greeley

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 Law.