

## Weld Project Connect – October 12-16

Weld Project Connect, an annual event, provides numerous on-site services directly to individuals and households struggling and in need due to housing instability, job loss, age, health problems, and other issues that interrupt a life. All services are **FREE**. Due to COVID-19, Weld Project Connect will look very different from years past. This year WPC will be a 5-day event scheduled for Oct. 12-16. The first 4 days will be virtual; guests will call 2-1-1 to be connected to a Weld Project Connect resource navigator. The 2-1-1 resource navigator will then connect the guest to services in Weld County. On Oct. 16, a number of drive-thru services will be provided at Island Grove.

Monday, Oct. 12 – Education Services and General Information

Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Health and Wellness Services

Wednesday, Oct. 14 – Documentation Services

Thursday, Oct. 15 – Community Assistance Services

Friday, Oct. 16 – Drive-thru Services (see below)

Flu Shots from Walgreens & the Health Department (if needed) will take place in the west meeting rooms of the Event Center at Island Grove.

Food boxes, diapers, hygiene kits, and Lifeline documents will be located in the carnival parking lot to south of the grandstands.

The UCHealth Bloodmobile will also take donations of blood on site .

**Volunteers needed!** Numerous volunteer roles have been identified. In order to sign up for any volunteer needs at WPC, first sign up on the [UWWC Connect volunteer webpage](#). Once you have an account and are logged in, you can [register to volunteer at WPC](#). **Volunteers should register by Oct. 1.**

### The Miracle

He who eats bread without a thought  
Of how the miracle was wrought,  
Leaves on his board best of the spread;  
His mouth is full, his soul unfed.  
A sermon waits in each thin slice,  
While thought is but the simple price.  
Who gives us health to earn this bread?  
Who plans the sunny hours ahead?  
For ripening grain, the needed showers,  
For thirsty roots through drouth's sere hours?  
The cadence of the grinding mill. . .  
Back of it all, the Father's will.  
He who eats bread, with little thought  
Can see a miracle was wrought.

By Lillian B. Cheuvront  
Grandmother of Lori Cheuvront



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## Message from Mark

**“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’”** Matt. 25: 21

Dear Friends,

On October 1<sup>st</sup> we say to Susan Neeley, “May God’s blessings go with you, you were a blessing to FCC.” Susan has served both faithfully and in an excellent manner for 13 years as our Administrative Assistant. In my 3 1/2 years here, she has been a rock. Both her attention to detail and her deep faith in God have been a gift beyond measure. “Thanks” seems like too small a word. Susan makes a very hard and complex job look easy. This is such a hard time to know how to say goodbye. There will be no reception with the great hospitality and food you folks are so good at. Normally I would have invited her to our September 27<sup>th</sup> worship service, where we could have immersed her in lavish praise and cards.

I want each of us to take time to say “thanks” to Susan in your own way. I do know this—Susan prays a lot, and I hope we can thank God for her as she moves into her future with The Lord.

Love, Mark



## Notes from Sandy



**Get ready for whacking a boomwhacker!** Ok, I'm sure you're thinking right now that I've lost my faculties. I'm happy to report that most of them are still working. There is a new rhythm and sound instrument called a boomwhacker that we're going to be using in our Sunday services beginning this month. It's a hollow tube that is tuned to a specific note. It can be played by (gently but firmly) hitting it on the knee, tapping it on a table or playing it with a mallet. It gives us both percussion and sound at one time. They are somewhat similar to handbells in terms of reading music. Very fun and easy! I think these will be a great, safe addition to some of our hymns from time to time or even for a Special Music offering. If you're interested in becoming a boomwhacker whacker, please let me know. In the meantime, sing on (to yourself, behind your mask). . .

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## Bereavement



We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Norma Basey. Norma passed away on September 10, 2020. A brief celebration of her life will take place during each worship service on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Norma's family will plan a memorial service at a future date.

## Remembering Bonnie

A memorial service for LaVonne (Bonnie) Eldred will take place at 10:00a on Friday, October 2, at Adamson's, 2000 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Greeley. A reception will follow the service.

## October Scriptures



- 10/04 — Phil. 3:4b-13, "Press On"
- 10/11 — Phil. 4:1-9, "Don't Worry, Be Happy"
- 10/18 — Matt. 22:15-22, "Taxes Are Taxing"
- 10/25 — 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, "Caring Is Not My Job"

## Sanctuary Worship

We now have two morning worship services in the sanctuary with live sermons and special music. Mandatory reservations for limited seating may be made through the church office. The early service takes place from 9:00 until about 9:35. The later one begins at 10:30. **Remember, we need you to sign up for the services you plan to attend.** Call or email the church office.

Children's Time in Fellowship Hall will coincide with each service.

Place of Worship protocols will be observed. Please stay home if you do not feel well. Masks and 6-ft distancing are mandatory, as well as sanitizing/hand washing, and we will observe a limit of 50 people (inc. visitors & staff) in the sanctuary at a time. Please choose to visit with others outside.



## Elder's Message

~ Colleen Heitman

### Autumn Treasures

"We can be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures" (Thornton Wilde). Every day we should sing a song of gratitude and praise for the year of joys that have filled our hearts. This autumn season give thanks for your abundant yield, your gifts of beauty and the goodness of the Lord who has cared for you.

In this changing season, October's nature expresses its greatest show. Leaves of scarlet red, gilded yellow and flaming orange. Golden pears, crimson red apples, purple grapes, goldenrod, chrysanthemums glow, marigolds, and crisp mornings. Nature is rearranging the seasons of the year. Crops are gathered and bounty of gardens harvested. We reflect on how good life can be when we experience the spirit of harvest during a bountiful and generous time in the quiet strength and beauty of the land.

For all things beautiful, good, and true, we honor God. In our hearts we give a thankful prayer. We renew our hopes and thank Thee for the family, friends, beauty, and gifts given to us. We give thanks and praise to God for our many blessings. Through His glory and grace, we follow the footsteps of His Son, Jesus Christ, in love, service and spreading the Good News. These are our grateful autumn treasures that give us joy and celebrate why we are alive!

## Youth News

~ Todd Loschen

Hello to our youth and every member of our Church. I truly miss every one of you and cannot wait to start services soon.

I know this is a month late, so I apologize. I really want to thank the youth who did a wonderful job on Youth Sunday, and David Haining for putting it all together to look amazing.

I am trying to figure out the best and most safe way for us to meet as a group this year. I hope each one of you are doing well in school or at home on the computer.

Once the Guadalupe Shelter starts letting more people in, we can have a few people help out to cook again.

Here is a favorite verse when I need some strength: Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Have a blessed month. We'll see you all very soon.

**B S** Pastor Mark is leading an online Bible Study via Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 beginning September 15. The group will focus on the **Letters of Paul**, studied chronologically: 1 Thessalonians, Galatians, 1 Corinthians, Philippians, Philemon, 2 Corinthians, and Romans. About three weeks will be spent on each book. Contact the front office for a Zoom invitation. Questions? Contact Mark.

**Carla Ikenouye** has resumed teaching her Sunday School class with The **Present Word** curriculum, but via Zoom at 6:00 on Sunday evenings. Contact her if you would like to be included.

**Judi Ring's** Disciples Bible Study continues to meet Wednesday evenings in Fellowship Hall.

## FCC Financial Update

(as of 8/31/2020)

Income Year to Date:

\$153,507.88

Expenses YTD:

\$154,783.75

## Reminder

To save stamps, writing checks, etc., you can arrange with your financial institution to have your donation sent to First Christian Church automatically. If you have questions, please contact Gary Ikenouye, LaVonne, or Gretchen.



## Book Club



The **Evening Book Club** is starting off the new year reading *The School of Essential Ingredients* by Erica Bauermeister. They will meet via Zoom Monday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the novel.

The **Morning Book Club** continues on hiatus.

## October Birthdays

- 2 Veronica Thomas
- 3 Octavius Aasland
- 4 Tom Miller
- 14 David King
- 16 Molly Hartman
- 16 Jerre Vos
- 18 Kris King
- 23 Kay Dobbins
- 26 Roberta Smith

*Have you shared your birthdate with FCC?*



## Dear First Christian Church,

How can I thank you enough for allowing me to be a part of you, and for the friendship you have extended? Thank you for your support, your patience, your expertise, your assistance, your appreciation, *yourself*. Mark (& Mary Kay!), thank you for treating me as a valued team member. Leaving is so hard, but I sense the Lord is prompting me. I see good things ahead for you, FCC! I will stay in touch. Love, Susan Neeley

## Mission Matters

**"If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday."** Isaiah 58:10

### Virtual Weld Senior Symposium – October 1

Weld Senior Symposium, formerly Weld Senior Law Day, is a public service program offered to all Northern Colorado older adults. On Thursday, Oct. 1, the following six approximately 50-minute sessions will be offered from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can sign up for any that interest you.

Retirement Planning for Seniors

What Everyone 62 and Older Should Know About the HECM (reverse mortgages)

Navigating Your Grief When People Are Too Helpful

Keeping Your Assets Safe and the SECURE Act of 2019

Technology and Scams: Staying Safe on the Internet

Telecare 24/7 Support for Loved Ones Aging in Place

To find out more information or to register, go to [www.weldseniorsymposium.org](http://www.weldseniorsymposium.org).

You can also call (970) 400-6950.

### Weld Food Bank Drive – Month of October

Did you know?

**1 in 5** people in Weld County are going without food today.

**1 in 4** children in Weld County are struggling with hunger right now.

**4 for 1:** Four meals can be provided for every dollar donated.

**13.6 million** pounds of food were distributed to those in need by the Weld Food Bank last year.

Once again First Christian Church will partner in this critical ministry. Non-perishable food and monetary donations are greatly needed. Please write *Weld Food Bank* in the memo line on checks and be sure any donated food has not expired and is not in a glass container. Look for the Weld Food Bank barrel in the hallway. Items especially requested are canned meat, fruit, and vegetables as well as peanut butter, cereal, beans, and rice.

**Please see the back page for information on Weld Project Connect—October 12-16**

### Weld Food Bank Volunteer Day – October 16

As part of our support for the Weld Food Bank Backpack Program, we have a volunteer day scheduled at the food bank on Monday, October 16. Our shift will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We will assemble weekend "backpacks" of food to go home with students in District 6 who have meager resources. Please contact Carla Ikenouye at [caikenouye@gmail.com](mailto:caikenouye@gmail.com) or 970-356-2121 if you would like to pitch in. Health safety precautions will be in place.

*If you have a heart for mission and would like to join the Mission Team, please talk to Carla Ikenouye or Gerre Tjardes.*