

*A MESSAGE FROM JUDI*

*Remember Your Baptism, August 22*

Hello!

During the 9:30am worship service on August 22nd, we will be celebrating a service that invites us to remember your baptism. We will begin the service as usual in the sanctuary, but later we will move out to the fountain to remember our baptisms and celebrate communion with a light brunch. Two of our youth will be baptized in the sanctuary during the service as well. The service is not intended to be a “re-baptism” but rather an opportunity for you to remember your call and invitation into the body of Christ and perhaps provide a memory for those who may not remember their baptism. You are invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets for the outdoor portion of the service and for the meal; we will have people available to carry your chairs from your car to the fountain area. Please join us for this special and memorable service, “Standing at the Edge of the Water.”

—Judi

**→→LABOR DAY CAMPING TRIP CANCELLED←←**

FCC’s annual Labor Day Weekend Camping Trip is cancelled this year due to the large number of snakes in the campground area. Next year, it is hoped that the trip can return to the traditional beautiful (and mostly snake-free) mountain setting where campers will enjoy the traditional food, music, fellowship, and fun of previous years.



**The Christian Caller Newsletter**

**August 2021**

**Message from Mark**

“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them” -Acts 16:25

This month we are responding to the question of “Why Church?”. In this little snippet from Acts, we get a glimpse of what worship looks like “on the fly.” I am not sure that ‘Paul and Silas’ were a First Century pop recording group, but Luke wants us to know that they sang hymns and others joined in, at least to listen. On Sunday August 29, as part of our focus on “Why Church?”, we are going to sing, sing, and sing some more. If you have missed singing a certain song, this is a Sunday that you can request it. We can sing any of the songs we have in either of our hymnals, with Sandy accompanying us at the keyboards.

It is said when we sing in church “we pray twice.” So come and request, sing, or listen, but join in!

After the service, Mary Kay and I are bringing a load of fresh fruit and vegetables from our friends at DiSanti Farms in Pueblo to feast on out by the fountain and...

Mary Kay, who is the reigning Pueblo Champion, is challenging all comers to a watermelon seed spitting contest. She sent one seed over 25 feet—can you beat that?!?

Love,

*Mark*

First Christian Church Greeley (Disciples of Christ) holds Sunday worship services in the sanctuary at 9:30 am. Child care is provided during the service. Find more information at [www.fccgreeley.com](http://www.fccgreeley.com)



**Contact Us**

2230 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Greeley, Colorado 80631  
Phone: 970.352.1292, Website: [www.fccgreeley.com](http://www.fccgreeley.com)  
Rev. Dr. Mark Pumphrey: 303.748.5385  
Judi Ring, Spiritual/Pastoral Care: 719.740.3253  
Todd Loschen, Youth: 970.397.9258, [fcctodd@comcast.net](mailto:fcctodd@comcast.net)  
Dr. Sandra Varley, Piano/Organ: [svarley@comcast.net](mailto:svarley@comcast.net)  
David Haining, Technology: [fcctech@fccgreeley.com](mailto:fcctech@fccgreeley.com)  
Gary Ikenouye, Bookkeeper: [fccbookkeeper@comcast.net](mailto:fccbookkeeper@comcast.net)  
Administrative Office: [fccadmin@comcast.net](mailto:fccadmin@comcast.net)

TIME VALUED MAIL

Non Profit  
Organization  
U. S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Greeley, CO 80631  
Permit No. 20

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
2230 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Greeley, CO 80631

### Christian Women’s Fellowship

Board members of CWF (or their representatives) will meet in the parlor August 12 at 9:30am to make tentative plans for our year 2021-22.

All ladies of the church are invited to a Tea on Sept. 2 at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please come to regroup for our study, devotions, and fellowship.

We are hoping to see you there!

Sandy (352-6902) & LaVonne (506-0236), co-chairs

### FCC Financial Update (as of 6/30/2021)

Income Year to Date:  
\$117301.14

Expenses Year to Date:  
\$117091.41

### Healthy Disciple Challenge Continues through September 5

The 9-week Healthy Disciple Challenge finishes up on September 5. Independence Day and Labor Day. Be sure and remember to collect your weekly information from the table in the narthex. Congratulations to all participants and thanks to Marla for facilitating the challenge!

### August Birthdays

- 1 Viola Corliss
- 3 Paula Armstrong
- 5 Rodney Herman
- 6 LaShonda Cordova
- 9 David Haining
- 10 Sandy Beiser
- 10 Isaiah Gray
- 13 Ronell Heitman
- 15 Caren Renee Haining
- 27 Phyllis Hansberry
- 31 Sam McMichael



### Elder’s Message

LaVonne Rogakis

As we make plans and look forward to what our church will be doing in the future, I am reminded of what Jesus taught in the “Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew 6:34: “therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Really, there are two days each week we should not worry about—two days that should be kept free from any fear and apprehension. One of these days is Yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains, its faults and blunders. Yesterday has passed forever beyond recall and we must let it go.

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow, with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise, and poor performance. Tomorrow also is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow’s sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mass of clouds—but it will rise. And until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow, because it is as yet unborn.

That leaves us but one day—Today! And a person can fight the battles of just one day. Yesterday and Tomorrow are futile worries. Let us, therefore, resolve to journey no more than one day at a time.

I have a plaque on my refrigerator door that says “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift, that’s why they call it the present.” As we move forward we value and learn from our Yesterdays and look forward to what may be coming in our Tomorrows, while we are enjoying our Todays. God bless you on your journey.

### Congratulations to our 2021 Graduates!



*Several members of our church family celebrated graduations this spring!*

*Pyper Evans graduated from Aims Community College with an Associate’s degree in Sociology. She is living and working in the Phoenix, AZ area.*

*Kevin King graduated from Platte Valley High School. He is pursuing training and a career in Heating and Air Conditioning.*

*Anthony White graduated from High School.*

*Kate Timothy graduated a year early from Greeley West High School. She will be attending the University of Colorado in the fall.*

### Mission Matters

“He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.”

Psalm 147:3

#### Facing Brokenness: Being Brave Together – July 11 & 25 and August 15 & 29

Disciples Justice Ministries is hosting four free virtual conversations this summer. Four pre-taped conversations will launch with a live "Watch Party" that includes space for further reflection and conversation. Each conversation on healing takes on a different focus: The Church, Our Communities, The World, and Creation. If you missed the July watch parties, you can view them here: [The Church](#) and [Our Communities](#). You can still register for the August watch parties at [bit.ly/BeingBraveTogether](https://bit.ly/BeingBraveTogether).



#### Back to School Drive – July 18-August 8

Help students in District 6 have the supplies they need to get their new school year off to a great start. The Mission Team will be holding our annual Back-to-School Drive from Sunday, July 18, through Sunday, August 8. We will collect 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 appreciates art supplies in particular, such as 24-count crayons, 12-count colored pencils, 8-count markers, glue sticks, and construction paper. The Family Center helps students all 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. Please place your donated items in any of the school-bus boxes located around the church. Thank you for your donations to school children in our community!



#### American Cancer Society Relay for Life – August 6-7

It’s not too late to join the First Christian Church–Greeley Relay for Life team! The relay remembers loved ones lost, honors survivors of all cancers, and raises money to help the American Cancer Society support cancer patients and cancer research. It will take place at the University High School track (6525 W 18<sup>th</sup> St.) from Friday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. until Saturday, August 7, at 7:00 a.m. The Opening Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. is especially moving. We will have our own “campsite” until midnight with a canopy, chairs, snacks, etc., to make our stay comfortable. People will be walking around the track all night, plus food and fun activities are scheduled through the night for those who wish to stay. It is free to participate, but teams and participants are encouraged to fundraise to help the American Cancer Society. You can join our relay team [online](#) or add your name to the posted sign-up sheet. If you would like to make a donation, you can donate [online](#) or write a check to the American Cancer Society and give it to our team captain, Marla Johnson. You can also honor a cancer survivor or remember a lost loved one by purchasing a \$10 luminaria. Ask Marla for an order form and bag to decorate or order a luminaria [online](#) for \$12. Cancer survivors and caregivers are invited to a special reception beforehand and will kick off the event with the Survivor Lap. The reception will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, August 6, at University Middle School. You must register to attend the reception either [online](#) or by calling 1-800-227-2345. Everyone is invited to walk around the track with us to help defeat cancer!



#### Special Offering:

#### Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – September 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 or community.

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