

Participants	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
8:15 Chapel					
Elder	Bob Corliss	Phyllis Hansberry	Kris King	Carol Reynolds	Lena Morris
10:30 Sanctuary					
Elder	Bob Corliss	Phyllis Hansberry	Kris King	Carol Reynolds	Lena Morris
Worship Leader	Sandy Beiser	Phyllis Hansberry	Lorilee Scott	Janean Beaman	Hazel Gibson
Announcements	Gary Ikenouye	Gary Ikenouye	Gary Ikenouye	Gary Ikenouye	Gary Ikenouye
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Judi Ring	Connie Davis	Gary Dobbins	Judi Ring
Children's Moment	Pyper E., Amy H.	Judi Ring	Kris King	Judi Ring	TBD
Slides	Lorilee Scott	Darron Berg	David Haining	Ken Thompson	Lorilee Scott
Sound Operator	Kris King	Nita White	Caren Renee Haining	Sue Tjardes	Ken Thompson
Diaconate	Alicia Loschen ± ▲	Ron Creighton ± ▲	Alicia Loschen ■	Ron Creighton ■	Alicia Loschen ± ▲
Please have	Annabelle Loschen ± ▲	Lorilee Scott ± ▲	Annabelle Loschen ■	Lorilee Scott ■	Annabelle Loschen ± ▲
communion	Bill Rusher ■	Bryan Mascola ■	Bill Rusher ± ▲	Bryan Mascola ± ▲	Bill Rusher ■
ready by 10:00 am	Theresa Rusher ■	Diana Peterson ■	Theresa Rusher ± ▲	Diana Peterson ± ▲	Theresa Rusher ■
Van Driver	Gary I./Ray White	Gary Ikenouye/Ray W.	Gary I./Ray White	Gary Ikenouye/Ray W.	Gary I./Ray White
Greeters	The Shetlers The Englands The Millers	Ray White The McMichaels The Hermans	Julie Hoskins Carol Reynolds	Marla Johnson The Teixeiras	Carol Williams LaVonne Rogakis Phyllis Hansberry
Coffee Hour Host	Diaconate	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
Acolytes	Taylor Gray Isaiah Gray	Regan Ring	Jack Ring	Annabelle Loschen	Bradford Loschen

Preparation ± Clean Up Sanctuary ▲ Clean Up Communion ■ If unable, please find a substitute.



The Christian Caller Newsletter

March 2019

Message from Mark

Dear Friends,

We are officially beginning year three of our life together. A dear friend of mine who has known me for over 50 years, who is also a pastor said, "Pumphrey, I have never seen you happier doing ministry than what you are doing with Greeley FCC." I said, "I think the church and Mary Kay and I have hit that sweet spot, where the chemistry just works." His nickname is Boley. He was also a close friend in college and seminary with Ed Johnson, a beloved former pastor of FCC. He then asked me a very important question, "Where do you see the church going, and how do you see yourself taking them there?"

I told him, "As you're well aware, there's no church out there that can have a five-year plan. We just have to have a sense of where God is leading and know as well as we can the culture in which we are called to serve—and listen to each other's thoughts and dreams."

For FIVE Wednesdays you are invited to do just that:

March 20—Tom Webster: "Why Mission?"

March 27—Joan Bell-Haynes (our Regional Pastor): "Why Structures?"

April 3—Zach Martinez: "Why Millennials?"

April 10—Judy Ring: "Why Worship?"

April 17—Pastor Mark: "Why Church?"

Wednesday Night Live will begin with a meal promptly at 5:30 PM, and our program will go from 6:00 to 7:00.

Hope to see all of you there; this is important work.

Love, Mark

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March Sermons

3/03 — Luke 9:26-43

“A New Home...” (Capernaum)

3/10 — Luke 4:1-13 “What Tempts You?”

3/17 — Luke 13:31-35

“God Is Like a Mother Hen”

3/24 — Luke 13:1-9 “A Change of Heart”

3/31 — Luke 15:1-32

“Would You Come to This Party?”



Bereavements

We extend our sincere condolences to the friends of Billy “Glen” Tegtman, who passed away on January 31, 2019. His memorial service took place at FCC on February 11th.

We also extend our deepest sympathies to Sam McMichael and family in the passing of Margaret Joyce McMichael on February 20, 2019. Her memorial service will take place at FCC on Wed., February 27th, at 11:00.



Floors & Kitchen Cleaning Thanks

Thank you to **Garry Hadley** and his helpers, **Tom & Shirley Miller**, **Lon Sassman**, and **Ron Shetler** for their hard work **stripping** and **waxing** the floors in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. What an improvement! We appreciate you!

Many thanks to **Shirley Miller**, **Shari Lueking**, **Gerre Tjardes**, **Colleen Heitman**, **Carol Williams**, **LaVonne Rogakis**, **Tom Miller**, and **Lon Sassman** for all time and hard work you devoted to cleaning the kitchen and coffee area. What a blessing you were to the church!

Youth News

I would like to start out by giving a huge thank you to David and Caren Renee, Guin, and Alicia for transporting our youth to Mid-Winter this year! We had 10 youth participate at the retreat and learn more about the Fruits of the Spirit, a study which was keynoted by Daniel Lyvers from Heart of the Rockies. So stop one of the youth and talk to them about the Fruits of the Spirit and their time at camp.

In March we are looking forward to cooking on the 17th at the Guadalupe Shelter. We will meet out there at 3:30 and finish around 6:30.

I want to thank everyone in our church family for supporting our youth and showing them love and being welcoming to all.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22

Peace, Todd

Please notify the church office when you schedule a meeting.

Join the Prayer Chain

Please contact the First Christian Church office at 970-352-1292 or email fccadmin@comcast.net to receive email updates.

First Christian Church appreciates your involvement!

New Members



On February 10, 2019, we welcomed Lee and Teresa Hendrickson into membership at First Christian Church of Greeley. Please introduce yourself and give them a warm greeting!

Book Clubs

Evening Book Club is currently reading *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto: A Novel* by Mitch Albom. They will meet Monday, March 4, at 6:00 in the church parlor for discussion. The **Morning Book Club** is reading *Uncompahgre—Where Water Turns Rock Red*, the third book in the *Threads West, an American Saga* series by Reid Lance Rosenthal. They will meet Friday, March 8, at 10:00 in the parlor.

Christian Women’s Fellowship

THANK YOU to everyone who helped us surpass our goal to raise money for the cleaning of the pew cushions in the sanctuary and other parts of the church building. You brought baked goods and other food items, craft and other art and miscellaneous items, and made purchases at the **Bake Sale & Beyond** we hosted on February 10th. Thank you for making it a success. Thank you, also, to everyone who helped on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

March CWF Dates:

Mar. 2nd—Prayer Breakfast at 9:30

Mar. 14th—CWF Board Meeting at 9:45

Mar. 19th—Joy Group—1:15

Mar. 28th—Kindness Group at 9:30

Mar. 28th—Peace Group at 1:30

Next Luncheon—April 4th at noon; reservations by March 31st.

Elder’s Message

~ Carol Reynolds

In 2006 Michelle shared the following email with me and others. I feel that it is even more important today as we become more and more dependent on our cell phones. Subject: Cell Phones vs. Our Bible...

Consider where our priorities are. What would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone? What if we carried it around in our pockets or purses? What if we flipped through it several times a day? What if we turned back to get it, if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn’t live without it? What if we gave it to children as a gift? What if we used it when we travel? What if we used it in an emergency? What if we traded it in for the latest version? It’s something to make you go “Hmmm, where is my Bible?” Oh and one more thing, unlike our cell phones, we never have to worry about being disconnected, because Jesus already paid the price!

As Lent approaches, I challenge myself and you to consider ways to use our phones as a reminder to use our Bible: Read a scripture verse or say a prayer each time we use our phones. I’m in the process of making it easier to have it available on a regular basis, just for that reason. I already have prayer concerns saved on my phone.

Sandy Varley’s New CD

Sandy Varley has created a new collection of reflective piano solos for this year’s Lent season. This CD, entitled “Communion,” is a gathering of favorite meditative, introspective songs focusing on intimacy and connection with God. Well-loved hymns, praise songs, gospel, and traditional spirituals are among the selections. Proceeds from CD sales will go back to the Music Program at First Christian Church.

“Communion” CDs will be available beginning Ash Wednesday, March 6, and throughout the Lenten season through Easter. Requested donation is \$18 per CD.



“Grazie Mille!” from the Mission Team



A HUGE thank you to the many people who helped put on our delightful Taste of Italy Italian Buffet and to the nearly 100 people who came to enjoy delicious Italian food and excellent entertainment by Bob Barrick. We raised \$1,766 for the 2019 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. A special thank you to Thrivent Financial for their Action Grant of \$250 to help with the cost of the dinner. The groundbreaking ceremony for the home will be later in the spring. Find more details about the Faith Build in upcoming newsletters. Get your hammering arm in shape!

If You Have a Heart for Mission. . .

. . . and would like to join the Mission Team, please talk to Carla Ikenouye or Gerre Tjardes.

Mission Matters

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work, we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Acts 20:35

Race to End Hunger – March 2

Run down to the Weld Food Bank (1108 H Street) to join in their annual Race to End Hunger on Saturday, March 2. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$30 per racer. For more details and to pre-register, visit weldfoodbank.org/race.

Fundraiser for Veterans—March 16

The Northern Colorado Veterans Resource Center is holding a St. Patrick’s Day Fundraising Party on Saturday, March 16, from 5:00-9:30 p.m. at Island Grove (425 N 15th Ave.). Enjoy live music, food, drinks and an auction while supporting our vets!

Shelter Meal—April 7

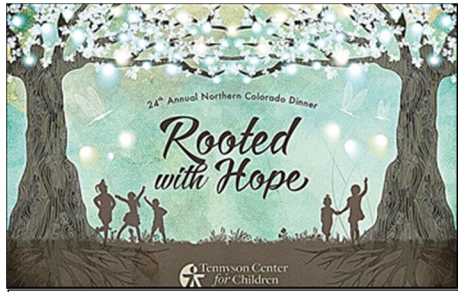
Our church will be providing another dinner at the Cold Weather Shelter on April 7. Please talk to Carla Ikenouye or Julie Hoskins if you would like to help prepare and/or serve the meal.

ACS Relay for Life—May 31

Mark your calendars for the American Cancer Society’s annual Relay for Life. This year it will be held Friday, May 31. More info to come.

La Puente Mission Trip—June 5, 6

Our work days at La Puente Shelter in Alamosa have been scheduled for Wed., June 5 & Thurs., June 6. We will drive there on Tues., June 4, and return home Fri., June 7, after a day of sightseeing in the beautiful San Luis Valley. Work projects might include cooking meals, sorting donations, gardening, serving as a children’s program Big Buddy, or helping community members with some home repairs. We can help with the great need in the Alamosa area! We will have an informational meeting at 11:30 on Sunday, March 3, in the library.



Tennyson Center Northern Colo. Dinner

The Tennyson Center for Children, a 114-year organization, helps the children in Colorado who need it the most, by caring for them as they stabilize and heal from abuse and neglect. A residential, day treatment, community-based provider, Tennyson helps children re-write their life stories, but we can't do it alone—we need your help.

- ◆ Child welfare referrals have increased 46% over the past 10 years
- ◆ The state child abuse and neglect hotline received more than 200,000 calls in 2017
- ◆ Colorado ranks 48th in the country in terms of child mental health
- ◆ Tennyson is leading the conversation regarding needed changes to child welfare

Event Details:

April 13, 2019
 DoubleTree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park
 5:30-6:30pm
 Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction
 6:30-8:30pm
 Dinner and Program and Paddle Raise and Appeal
 8:30pm Music and Dancing
Save the Date!

Nature is one of God's beautiful creations. Through nature, God is able to teach us, to speak to us, and to provide for us.

A Walk in Nature

P*E*P (Practice Everlasting Praise) Walkers will start up once again this spring as the weather becomes warmer. Begin a walking wellness routine and focus on the joy of God's nature. Everyone is invited to meet at **Sanborn Park** (2031 28th Ave., Greeley) in the **west** parking lot on **Thursdays at 9:00 AM beginning on March 7**. Walk at your own pace for as long or short a period as you desire. Come and enjoy the fellowship and praise God!

Snowshoeing Trip

The New Generations Group will be going to **Rocky Mountain National Park on Saturday, March 16th**, for a Snowshoeing Trip. **Everyone at First Christian Church is invited** to participate in this fun activity. A sign-up sheet will be on the church bulletin board for everyone interested in participating.

Snowshoes and poles can be rented at Garretson's Sports Center on West 10th for \$10.00 prior to the trip (day before). The group will meet at the church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and caravan to Rocky Mountain National Park (cost to enter the park is \$25.00 per car for the day or use a Park Pass), where they will trek around Bear Lake and Sprague Lake (both very easy 1-mile loops). Each loop will take about an hour. Individuals should dress in layers for the weather, bring hat, gloves, boots, sun screen, and a bottle of water.

After the trek the group will stop at McDonald's on the east side of Estes Park for lunch (optional). The caravan will return to the church about 3:00 p.m.

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Isaiah 55:12

Diaconate Members

Alicia Loschen (chair),
 Annabelle Loschen (youth),
 Bill Rusher, Theresa Rusher,
 Ron Creighton, Lorilee Scott,
 Bryan Mascola, Diana Peterson,
 Caitlin Berg, Regan Ring,
 Garry Hadley, Marla Johnson,
 Paula Armstrong, Debbie Berg,
 Carolyn Rainbolt, Veronica Thomas,
 Todd Loschen (sub)



"Do you have one that says, 'Sorry my cell phone rang during your sermon?'"

Dates in Lent

Wednesday, March 6 - **Ash Wednesday**—Pancake Supper beginning at 5:30 followed by Ash Wednesday service.

Sunday, April 7 and 14—**Easter Lily Orders**

Sunday, April 14—**Palm Sunday**

Thursday, March 18—**Maundy Thursday Service** at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 19—7 AM to 7 PM **Prayer Vigil**

Sunday, April 21—**Easter**
 6:30 AM **Sunrise Service** around the fountain
 10:30 AM **Celebration Service**

Camping Trip Planning

If you are interested in joining the annual Campout at Jack's Gulch Campground in the Poudre River Canyon over Labor Day weekend, please meet with us after Worship on Sunday, March 10. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Shetler or Shari Lueking.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the classroom hallway.

Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper & Worship

Enjoy a delicious pancake supper in Fellowship Hall on March 6 followed by our first worship service of this Lenten season. Stacks of pancakes plus eggs, sausage and fruit will be served at 5:30 p.m. There will be a free-will offering.

Lenten Devotionals

"Leaning In, Letting Go" will be distributed on Ash Wednesday, March 6th.

"In this Lenten devotional, Nicole Massie Martin takes us on a hope-filled journey of letting go of all that keeps us from experiencing the joy of resurrection. Daily reflections and prayers invite us to lean into God's grace and let go of our own agendas and practices—and to live into the abundant life God calls us to enjoy and share with the world."

Plan to pick up your copy at the church to read daily through Lent.

March Birthdays

- 8 Gary Dobbins
- 9 Gerre Tjardes
- 10 Susan Luecht
- 12 Janean Beaman
- 13 Verna Recor
- 17 Carolyn England
- 17 Nairne Fanberg
- 17 Carol Reynolds
- 26 Bill Sinnwell
- 31 Lou Sanders
- 31 Ken Thompson

FCC Financial Update

(as of 12/31/18)

Income Year to Date:
 \$19,114.53
 Expenses YTD:
 \$19,918.40

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2019					1 World Day of Prayer	2 9:30a Women's Prayer Breakfast
3 RHRN Offering 8:15a Chapel Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Worship 11:30a La Puente Mission Trip Meeting in the Library	4 6:00p Book Club	5 8:30a Men's Coffee	6 5:30p Ash Wed. Pancake Meal and Worship	7 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 6:30p Chancel Choir	8 10:00a Book Club	9 Clocks "Spring Forward" for Daylight Saving Time tonight
10 8:15a Chapel Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanc. Worship 11:30a Camping Meeting in Parlor Mission Mtg. in library	11	12 8:30a Men's Coffee	13	14 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 9:45a CWF Board 6:30p Chancel Choir	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 7:00a Snowshoeing Activity 9:30a Stitch in Time Group
17 8:15a Chapel 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Worship 3:30p Guadalupe Meal	18	19 8:30a Men's Coffee 1:15p Joy Group	20 5:30p Wednesday Night Live 7:00p General Board Mtg.	21 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 6:30p Chancel Choir	22	23
24 8:15a Chapel Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Worship 11:30 Elders' Meeting	25	26 8:30a Men's Coffee	27 5:30p Wednesday Night Live	28 9:00a P.E.P. Walkers 9:30a Kindness Grp 1:30p Peace Group 6:30p Chancel Choir		