

“Sunday” Potluck Brunch June 12

Our annual “Sunday” potluck brunch honoring all sons (that’s you too, dads!) resumes this year on Sunday, June 12, following worship. Bring your family, your friends, your appetite, and a favorite dish or two to share. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship!

Thank You for Mother’s Day Fellowship!

Your Fellowship Ministry Team thanks CWF and the Men’s Coffee Group for hosting a special fellowship time celebrating moms on Mother’s Day. We also thank the Men’s Coffee Group for stocking the freezer with cookies. All are encouraged to help share this hospitality ministry by signing up to host or by providing cookies. Thank you!



Youth News

June means camp month for our youth! We are happy again to be going back to beautiful LaForet in Black Forest (near Colorado Springs) for days of worship, fellowship and fun.

This year, First Christian Church has 13 campers of all ages! That means we will have campers representing June 12-18 at CYF and Jr Camp, June 19-25 at Chi Rho Camp, and June 23-25 for Discovery Camp.

Thanks to all the adult counselors and drivers who are helping out this year. Please pray for everyone to have a safe and spiritually growing camp experience. We will tell you all about it when we return!

Todd, Caitlin, and FCC Youth



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Message from Mark

Dear Friends,

I just got my fourth graduation announcement. I never grow tired of sharing in those “rites of passage.” This next week we drive to Texas to watch grandson Matias walk across the stage and give him the traditional “whoop whoop Matias!” from the grandstands.

I want to give a special shout out to one particular graduate—our own Judi Ring. In less than four years, Judi has completed her Masters in Ministry from Phillips Theological Seminary. She has done this as a wife, mother, and emerging co-pastor. This amazing accomplishment is not just Judi’s, but also belongs to this congregation which she serves and loves. We have had the privilege of sharing in Judi finding “her voice” as she breaks open the Word of God.

Not only has Judi become an outstanding preacher, but her pastoral skills and leadership have equally emerged.

There will be no “Pomp and Circumstance” played on Sunday June 5th as we celebrate with her... but we can all say “Hallelujah—Praise the Lord”!!!

Love,

Mark

First Christian Church Greeley (Disciples of Christ) holds Sunday worship services in the sanctuary at 10: 00 am.

Child care is provided during the service.

Find more information at www.fccgreeley.com.



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Summer Choir

Summer season begins with the choir singing in the service on Sunday, June 5. Rehearsal will be on Thursday, June 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. The choir will return to sing on various Sundays in July, August, and September. If you would like to join us, just talk to Gretchen Howland or Mike McGuire, or leave a message with the church office.



Remember to bring your filled baby bottle to the church with you
**June 19th—
Father’s Day!**

Book Club

The Evening Book Club is closing out the 2021-2022 season reading *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. They will meet in the church parlor on Monday, June 6, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the novel. After a summer hiatus, the group will resume meeting in September.

June Birthdays

- 6 Amy Haining
- 9 Carla Ikenouye
- 9 Marla Johnson
- 9 Karen Markus
- 9 Cindy McDowell
- 15 Stuart Murphy
- 17 Connie Davis
- 17 Anthony Gallegos
- 18 Vivian Nickle
- 23 Willa Betz
- 28 Ron Shetler
- 30 Rich Recor
- And Coming in July...
- 1 Keaton Hartmann
- 2 Mark Pumphrey
- 8 Diane Doyle



Elder’s Message –Jodi Hartmann

Community * Compassion * Discipleship * Service

These are the four core values our congregation recently adopted to help guide us as we rebuild and grow our programs and outreach over the next few years. In February the Elders met to discuss these core values and brainstormed regarding ways that we can help facilitate these values within the church. At the retreat we also re-affirmed our calling as spiritual leaders for the congregation.

Accordingly, you may have already begun to see how the Elders are becoming more involved in leadership within the congregation and you will see us striving to be:

- Welcoming
- Approachable
- Reaching Out
- Visiting
- Exemplifying
- Promoting
- Praying
- Being Christ’s “hands and feet”

One of the areas we will be working to increase is our outreach to our shepherding lists. Every Elder has a list of active congregational members whom we will be working to become closer to and to be available to be prayer partners and liaisons to the church. You may have recently been contacted for the first time in a while, but we hope to change that! If you haven’t been contacted by an Elder and would like that personal contact, please feel free to email me at jodih9@gmail.com, and I will make sure that you are being served by an Elder.

We also want to help you serve our congregation. Each of us has unique talents and interests that are beneficial to the life and growth of our church. Let the Elders know if you would like to serve in a greater capacity, or even if you would like to be a prayer warrior for the work of our church. We need you and want to brainstorm with ways you can be more actively involved in the church in your own unique way!

Matthew 20:26 says, “But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant.” That is how the Elders of this church wish to be viewed, as your Servant Leaders and to walk hand in hand with you to serve and worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jodi Hartmann
Chair, Elders

Mission Matters

**“Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place.”
Jeremiah 22:3**



Baby Bottle Campaign – May 8-June 19

Baby bottles will be distributed on Mother’s Day, May 8. Our donations this year will go to Week of Compassion’s International Emergency Response to help Ukrainian refugee families in Eastern Europe. Fill your bottle with your spare change (or bills) or insert a check made out to FCC with “Baby Bottle” in the memo line) and return it to church on Father’s Day, June 19.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life – June 4

Marla Johnson will be leading the First Christian Church Relay for Life team again this year. 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. The location at the University High School track (6525 W 18th St.) is the same as previous years, but the duration of the relay is much shorter. It will take place on Saturday, June 4, from 4:00 p.m. until midnight. Look for a sign-up sheet or just show up at 4:00 to walk with our team. FCC will not have a campsite this year, but you can come and go throughout the evening as you please. The schedule for the event is as follows:

- 4:00 p.m. – Opening Ceremony followed by Survivor Lap, Caregiver Lap, then Team Lap
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. – Silent Auction (in person and online)
- 10:00 p.m. – Luminaria Ceremony
- 11:30 p.m. – Closing ceremony



You can [register](#) for the *First Christian Church – Greeley* team online, although it is not required. If you wish to donate, you may donate online to our team or make a check out to the “American Cancer Society” and give it to Marla Johnson. You can also purchase a \$10 luminaria in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a lost loved one during Fellowship Time. Let’s walk around the track together to help defeat cancer! ! [Click here for all the details and links.](#)

Refugee Welcome Sunday – June 19

World Refugee Day was established on June 20 by the United Nations General Assembly in 2001. Disciples Refugee and Immigration Ministries invites Disciples from around the country to honor refugees and asylum seekers by celebrating their resilience and courage and by lifting them up in prayer in the worship service on Refugee Welcome Sunday.

FCC Blood Drive – June 25

Did you know one blood donation could save three lives? FCC will host our summer UHealth blood drive on Saturday, June 25, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in our east parking lot. You must wait 14 days after receiving a COVID-19 vaccination to donate blood. Masks are required. You can [sign up online](#) and visit the [UHealth website for more information.](#)

