

Participants	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
8:15 Chapel				
Lead	Pastor Mark	Pastor Mark	Judi Ring	Pastor Mark
Communion	Judi Ring	Judi Ring	Judi Ring	Judi Ring
Offering	Judi Ring	Judi Ring	Judi Ring	Judi Ring
10:30 Sanctuary				
Elder	Carol Williams	Tom Webster	Lorilee Scott	Nita White
Worship Leader	TBD	Elizabeth Armstrong	Kay Dobbins	Gary Dobbins
Announcements	Julie Hoskins	Ray White	Ray White	Ray White
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Judi Ring	Connie Davis	Gary Dobbins
Children's Moment	Pyper E., Amy H.	Judi Ring	Kris King	Judi Ring
Slides	Lorilee Scott	Darron Berg	David Haining	Ken Thompson
Sound Operator	Kris King	Nita White	Caren Renee Haining	Sue Tjardes
Diaconate Please have communion ready by 10:00 am	Caitlin Berg ± ▲	TBD ± ▲	Caitlin Berg ■	TBD ■
	Regan Ring ± ▲	TBD ± ▲	Regan Ring ■	TBD ■
	Garry Hadley ■	Paula Armstrong ■	Garry Hadley ± ▲	Paula Armstrong ■
	Marla Johnson ■	Debbie Berg ■	Marla Johnson ± ▲	Debbie Berg ■
Van Driver	Gary I./Ray White	Gary Ikenouye/Ray W.	Gary I./Ray White	Gary Ikenouye/Ray W.
Greeters	The Shetlers The Englands The Millers	Ray White The McMichaels The Hermans	Julie Hoskins Carol Reynolds	Marla Johnson The Teixeiras
Coffee Hour Host	Membership	CWF Bake Sale	Englands and Doyle	Hazel and Bob Gibson
Acolytes	Taylor Gray Isaiah Gray	Regan Ring	Jack Ring	Annabelle Loschen

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



The Christian Caller Newsletter

February 2019

Message from Mark



Dear Friends,

I still have the Valentines Day box I made in 6th grade. It is “artfully” covered with aluminum foil and construction paper hearts. My Mom saved this for me, thinking that “someday I might appreciate it.” It’s in my garage along with other treasures I have been hauling around for years.

If you were to look through these valentines, you would find those classic punch-out heart stoppers like “You are Un-Bearably Mine ♥♥♥” with a fuzzy bear giving a hug. What you would also find are at least seven elephant cards with some half-clever saying. You see, I was 5’5” and 163 pounds in the sixth grade. I now realize kids were not so much trying to be cruel as relevant. Every 99¢ collection had a couple elephant themed cards. The fact was, it was hard to take.

Come hear my sermon on February 10th and I will share how the Holy Spirit fixed that problem for me.

Love, Mark

2018 Was Astonishing

~ Ray White, Chairman for the General Board

I am glad to say it is past. I am weary of both natural and manmade disasters, politics, and cultural differences. We now embark on a new adventure of hope. What will God do with us believers at Greeley First Christian Church? This is the place where we come together to worship and have fellowship with one another. We come as a body seeking to know more about God and the gift given through Jesus Christ. Eph. 4:4—**“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling.”** Verse 7 ends with **“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.”**

We are to come together to touch other’s lives with the news of this gift. We are not just spectators as we pass through our lives. **Instead, I urge each of you to participate in the living body known as First Christian Church.** I look forward to waiting on the Lord to see God’s agenda develop for 2019. The Holy Spirit is on the move.

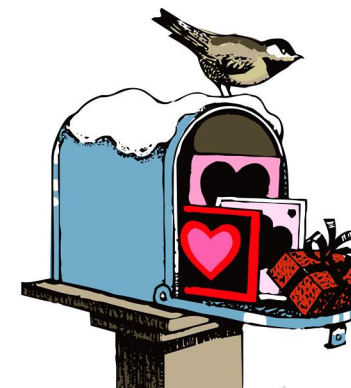
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February Sermons

- 2/03 — Luke 4:22-30
"So Long, Nazareth"
- 2/10 — Luke 5:1-11
"Fishing Around"
- 2/17 — Guest Preacher Tom Webster
- 2/24 — Luke 6:27-38
"Are You Serious, Jesus?"



New Members

On December 30, 2018, we welcomed Doug and Cindy McDowell into membership at First Christian Church of Greeley. Give them a warm greeting!



Bereavement

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Kathleen Davis, who passed away on December 18, 2018. Her memorial service took place at FCC on January 5th.



Baby and Child Dedications to the Lord

On December 23, 2018, Pastor Mark officiated over the dedication ceremonies of four children: Freya and Brittani McClune, daughters of Amber Becker McClune and granddaughters of Rose Aasland; Roy Miller V, son of Lynde Reed and Roy Miller IV and grandson of Darron and Debbie Berg; and Octavius Aasland, son of Mariah Aasland and Alexander Wise and grandson of Rose Aasland. Extended families were also present. May the Lord bless these little ones as their families commit to their nurture and teaching of His Word.

Book Clubs

Evening Book Club is currently reading *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder. They will meet Monday, February 4, at 6:00 in the church parlor for discussion. **Morning Book Club** is reading *Maps of Fate*, the second book in the *Threads West, an American Saga* series by Reid Lance Rosenthal. They will meet Friday, February 8, at 10:00 in the parlor.

Christian Women's Fellowship

Peace Group will host the CWF luncheon at noon on Thurs., Feb. 7th. Cost is \$6:00. Reservations are due by Sunday, Feb. 3rd. International missionary Ann Slayton will give the program. LaVonne Rogakis will lead worship.

Feb. 1st—Prayer Breakfast at 9:30 in the parlor
Feb. 14th—CWF Board Meeting at 9:45
Feb. 19th—Joy Group—1:15
Feb. 28th—Kindness Group at 9:30
Feb. 28th—Peace Group at 1:30

The annual CWF "Bake Sale and Beyond" will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 10th, before & after church services. Baked items, crafts, art, collectibles, and almost new items that someone else could use are welcome. Bring baked items to the church on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10-12:00. Miscellaneous items may be brought at the same time or on Friday, Feb. 8, from 9:00-3:00. Proceeds will pay for the cleaning of all of FCC's pew cushions.

Youth News

~ Todd Loschen

Thank you to all everyone who donated money or canned goods to help our youth put together seven boxes of food for Tennyson families' Christmas dinners.

This year we will participate in Souper Bowl Sunday again to help out with Weld County Food Bank. Our youth will collect money at both services on Feb. 3rd to help fight hunger in our county.

We have nine youth going to the MidWinter Retreat this year at La Foret. The keynoter will be Daniel Lyvers from Fort Collins, where he is the new associate pastor. The theme this year is from Galatians 5:22. **"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."** Hopefully, after MidWinter, we will have a sermon on it. Bring your warm clothes—if there is snow there, we will be doing some snow sculptures and forts!

I will be looking for a **driver** or two to transport our youth to La Foret on Friday, Feb. 15th and back on Monday, Feb. 18th. Youth, please **bring money** for dinner on the way down and money for lunch on the way back—and for the gift shop if you want any souvenirs.

I will also be looking for a group of folks who might want to help out at the Guadalupe Shelter while we are down at MidWinter. If you would like to do that, please call me on my cell phone at 397-9258. Thanks for all your help.

Reminder

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.

Elder's Message

~ Nita White

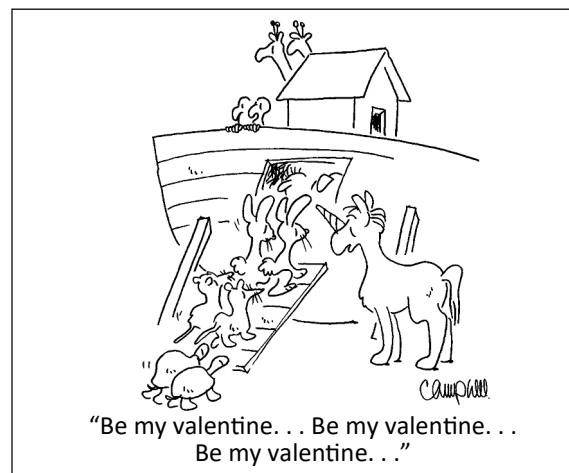
We are into the second month of 2019. As a congregation, as God's people, we have some exciting opportunities to grow God's kingdom. As I get to drive to Denver every day, I get to take that time to listen to the radio. The station that I listen to is 94.7 *The Word*. One of the pastors that I have listened to is Chuck Swindoll. He has done a series on "How to Fail—in Four Simple Lessons." I would like to share those four ways, as I believe that we as church need to really take a look at what our objective is.

From Numbers 13-14:

The Israelites focused on their obstacles rather than God's objective. They relied on themselves rather than remember their God. They sought instant gratification and let their emotions get a hold of them rather than exercise self-control and develop character.

1. When we fix our attention on the obstacles, rather than the objective, fear will eclipse our faith. Are we so focused on the obstacles that we cannot see/have faith on the objective? We will never risk, get out of the comfort zone.
2. When we compare what we lack to what others possess, intimidation will replace confidence. *Are we defeated before we have started? Do we need to remember that God is on our side? Do we go back to what we know, rather than follow God?*
3. When we allow our emotions to take control of our situation, the desire for relief will steal our hearts. Paraphrased: (We have different game plans than God. We want easy, quick and comfortable.) Great plans and accomplishments are lengthy and costly, and they require endurance. We are to stand alone and tell the truth. We can do it with God's help.
4. When we determine to disobey, we will seek instant gratification rather than the cultivation of character. *Do we walk away just because we do not agree with our fellow Christians? Or do we go to God in prayer?*

Not only does this apply to us as a congregation, but also in our personal lives. I know it does for me. From another minister I listen to, Alistair Begg: We are to glorify God and **enjoy** Him forever.



Mission Matters

"Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

James 2:15-17

Week of Compassion—Feb. 17 & 24

Week of Compassion, the mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), currently responds to a disaster or emergency somewhere in the world on average every 1-1/2 days. Our Week of Compassion offering will be received February 17 and 24. Your gift turns compassion into action and brings help and hope to hurting people in every corner of the world. With God, we will accomplish more than we can imagine!

Cold Weather Shelter Meal—Apr. 7

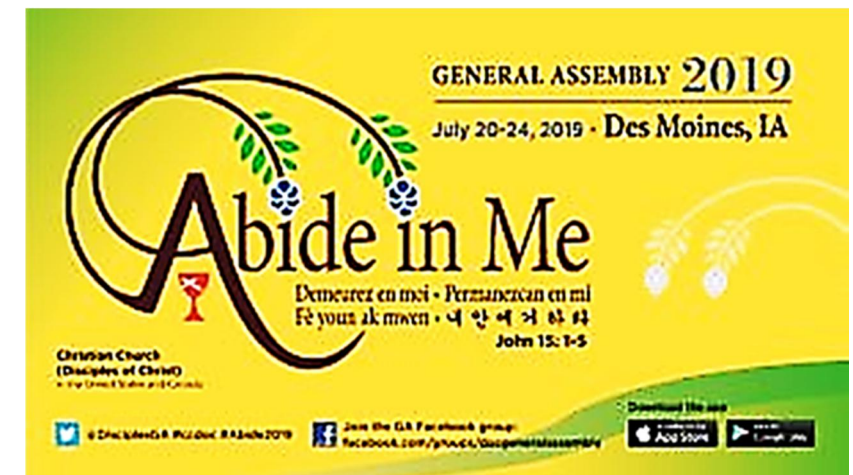
Our church will be providing another dinner at the Cold Weather Shelter on April 7. Please talk to Carla Ikenouye if you would like to help prepare and/or serve the meal.

La Puente Mission Trip—To Be Rescheduled

The church mission trip to this Alamosa shelter will be rescheduled to sometime this summer. Find more info in future newsletters.

GIA Clothing Bank

The GIA Clothing Bank is always in need of good, used clothing for community members in need to purchase at low cost. Men's, children's, and baby clothes are especially needed. Items may be placed in the "Clothing Bank" bin in Fellowship Hall.





Backpack Collection Box Reminder

Our beautiful handmade box will be available for donations on the table outside Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings only. Be sure that your contribution disappears completely into the locked box. These funds go directly to the Weld Food Bank program to help students who have been designated as "food deprived."

On Friday afternoons, each child is given a bag of food items which can be prepared without adult help for over the weekend. (It is a long time from Friday's school lunch until Monday's school breakfast.) This is an ongoing FCC project. Thank you for your support!

2019 Ministry Team Members

Membership: Becky Linenbroker, George and Carol Hypes, Ron and Charlotte Shetler, Kathy and Rich Stossel, Hazel Gibson (chair).

Worship: Janean Beaman, Willa Beltz, David Haining, Bev Martin, Judi Ring, Carol Williams, Gretchen Howland (chair).

Staff Relations: Veronica Thomas, Kris King, Jan Williams, Ron Shetler, and Julie Hoskins (chair).

Trustees: Tom Gray, Connie Davis, Gerre Tjardes, Darron Berg, Stuart Murphy (chair).

Elders: Carol Williams, Lena Morris, Nita White, Bob Corliss, Tom Webster, Carol Reynolds, Lorilee Scott, Kris King, Phyllis Hansberry (chair).

More Team Info to Come in March

2018 FCC MISSION/OUTREACH MONETARY GIVING*

BUDGETED DONATIONS (10% OF BUDGETED INCOME)	
Disciples Mission Fund	\$ 13,427
Tennyson Center for Children	1,918
Greeley Transitional House	800
Weld Food Bank	800
Weld's Way Home	800
MeadowView Ministry	400
WYCO Veterans Alliance	100
Fred Tjardes School of Innovation	100
Serve Day	500
Brycen Zerby Memorial Fund	100
A Woman's Place (NECCAT Organization)	100
Guadalupe Community Shelter	136
SUBTOTAL BUDGETED DONATIONS	\$ 19,181
DISCIPLES MISSION FUND SPECIAL OFFERINGS	
Week of Compassion	\$ 530
Week of Compassion – Hurricanes in US	70
Week of Compassion – Wildfire in Paradise, CA	1,248
Easter	402
Pentecost	355
Reconciliation	318
Thanksgiving	425
Christmas	230
SUBTOTAL DISCIPLES MISSION FUND SPECIAL DAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,578
ADDITIONAL WELD FOOD BANK DONATIONS	
Souper Bowl Sunday	\$ 218
Backpack Program	1,867
October Food Drive	417
SUBTOTAL ADDITIONAL WELD FOOD BANK DONATIONS	\$ 2,502
OTHER DONATIONS	
Blanket Sunday	\$ 1,334
Baby Bottle Campaign for P&G Children's Safe Drinking Water	1,192
Tennyson Center for Children	200
Undie Sunday for Weld's Way Home	60
Fred Tjardes School of Innovation	100
Marine Toys for Tots	20
Christmas Eve Offering for Cold Weather Shelter	341
"DigDeep" Navajo Nation Well Project	701
Right Here, Right Now Gifts	1,852
American Cancer Society Relay for Life	1,400
Walk to End Alzheimers	1,740
SUBTOTAL OTHER DONATIONS	\$ 8,940
TOTAL MISSION GIVING FOR 2018	\$ 34,201

*Does not include the many donated items or countless hours of volunteer service.

More Ministry Team Members

Mission: Ron Creighton, Carol Williams, Todd Loschen, Verna Recor, Tom Webster, Christy Webster, Paula Armstrong, Carla Ikenouye (co-chair), Gerre Tjardes (co-chair).

Fellowship: Charlotte Shetler, Ron Shetler, Janean Beaman, Ken Thompson Carolyn England, Carl England, Marla Johnson (chair)

Thank You, Congregation...

... for the Christmas gift. I have felt so privileged to serve my God and my church in this position for over 25 years. Thank you for the gift and the opportunity.

LaVonne Rogakis

Dear First Christian Church,

Thanks so much for the prayers, cards, offers of help, and gifts that you bestowed on me. I felt the "FCC Love" throughout my recent illness, surgery, and recovery and am grateful for it. Thanks,

Caren Renee Haining

Thank You from Worship

Thank you to all who helped decorate and "undecorate" our church for Christmas, both inside and outside—Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, hallway, luminaries. Then packing it all away, which involved many trips downstairs. Your willingness is much appreciated.

Upcoming Dates:

Ash Wednesday—March 6

Palm Sunday—April 14

Maundy Thursday—April 18

Easter—April 21

Ash Wed. Pancake Supper

Enjoy delicious pancakes, eggs, sausage, and fruit at 5:30 PM on March 6. Then move to the sanctuary for our first worship service of the Lenten season. There will be a free-will offering.

New Generations Update

We had a wonderful turnout and a great time together on January 6th when we met at Greeley's Poudre Trail Learning Center and walked to the eagle viewing site and back, finishing up with cocoa and snacks. Thank you to all who took part in the fun.

Plans for a movie night in late February or early March are in the works. Watch the church bulletin for details as they are finalized.

Does FCC Have Your Birthdate?

Email fccadmin@comcast.net or call the church office at 970-352-1292.

Feb. Birthdays

- 4 Rich Davis
- 5 Tom Gray
- 5 Betty Lund
- 6 Bob Corliss
- 6 Kevin King
- 6 Lena Morris
- 6 Sharon Murphy
- 10 Judi Ring
- 11 Shirley Miller
- 12 Beverley Martin
- 13 Dora Beiser
- 15 Shannon King
- 21 Hazel Gibson
- 23 Helen Stolte
- 24 Hunter Evans

FCC Financial Update

(as of 12/31/18)

Income Year to Date:

\$220,941.99

Expenses YTD:

\$232,607.31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2019					1	2 Groundhog Day 9:30a Women's Prayer Breakfast
3 RHRN Offering 8:15a Chapel Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Worship Souper Bowl Offering 11:45a Membership Mtg Fellowship Mtg.	4 6:00p Book Club	5 8:30a Men's Coffee 5:30p Ministries Cabinet Mtg	6 5:30p Elders' Mtg	7 Noon CWF Lunch/Program 6:30p Chancel Choir	8 10:00a Book Club 9:00-3:00 Bring Misc. Items for Sunday's Sale	9 9:30a Breakfast for All at Golden Corral 10:00-12:00 Bring Items and Baked Goods for Sunday's Sale
10 8:15a Chapel Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanc. Worship CWF Bake Sale & Beyond follows each service	11	12 8:30a Men's Coffee	13 Floor care in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	14 Valentine's Day Floor care in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen 9:45a CWF Board 6:30p Chancel Choir	15 Newsletter Deadline MidWinter Retreat	16 9:30a Stitch in Time Group MidWinter Retreat
17 Week of Compassion 8:15a Chapel 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Worship 3:30p Guadalupe Meal MidWinter Retreat	18 MidWinter Retreat Ends	19 8:30a Men's Coffee 1:15p Joy Group	20	21 6:30p Chancel Choir	22	23
24 Week of Compassion 8:15a Chapel Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Worship 11:30 Elders' Meeting	25	26 8:30a Men's Coffee	27	28 9:30a Kindness Grp 1:30p Peace Group 6:30p Chancel Choir		