

Internet Evangelism?

Do you have a Facebook or Instagram account? If so, have you “Liked” the FCC Greeley page? If not, go to the following links and “Like” or “Follow” the page to get ongoing updates on what is happening in our congregation and community. Next, to help spread the news from FCC Greeley to those you are “friends” with, like the posts, events and advertisements you see from FCC Greeley.... or better yet, forward them to your timeline (hit the arrow/share button, then click on “share to feed”). There are many in our community who want to find a church but are overwhelmed with going to a place they don’t know. Letting your Facebook & Instagram friends know that you go to an active church may be just the low-pressure invite that they are looking for.

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Phil Shafer	June 03
Carla Ikenouye	June 09
Marla Johnson	June 09
Cindy McDowell	June 09
Tammi Wright	June 12
Stuart Murphy	June 15
Connie Davis	June 17
Vivian Nickle	June 18
Rich Recor	June 30



Rich Recor's 70th Birthday Bash
June 30th at 4 pm
Join with family and friends in a Mexican buffet dinner and birthday party! NO gifts please.
1836 Homestead Road

Lunch and a Movie

Juneteenth, a time when we celebrate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, is celebrated on June 19th. FCC Greeley will acknowledge this federal holiday on Sunday, June 23 by providing lunch and a movie in the Chapel. The film, Just Mercy, is a biopic that looks at world-renowned civil rights defense attorney Bryan Stevenson as he works to free a wrongfully condemned death row prisoner.



Youth Updates and Events

Our Youth have a busy summer ahead!

Kid's Nature Day

Drop off those 5- to 12-year-olds at church on Saturday, June 8th from 10:00 am-12:30 pm for a time of singing, outdoor nature activities, Jesus, and lunch.

Summer Camp

14 kids and teens from FCC Greeley are headed to camp the week of June 16-22. Pray for Todd and the other volunteers, the youth, and other participants for a time of rich growth and fellowship.

VBS Wild Life Splash Day

August 3rd and 4th, volunteers will be needed for VBS! On Saturday from 9-2, kids (ages 5-12) will have opportunities to learn about God before jumping on a water slide and enjoying splash games. From 3-6 pm, our teens will get their turn on the waterslide before enjoying dinner together. On Sunday the 4th, kids will be invited back during the Sunday School hour in the chapel to celebrate what they learned.



First Christian Church

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The Christian Caller Newsletter

June 2024

Pastor Vince's Message

A couple of weeks ago, I described what I saw as a major difference between how Jesus taught and how the teachers of the law in the Gospel of Mark taught. Understanding this difference has profound implications for the church and church members.

The teachers of the law taught with what I called a domination authority. Their job was to make sure everyone did everything the “right way.” Jesus, on the other hand, taught with what I called an actualization authority. His goal was to help people become what God wanted and created them to be. This is not just a history lesson about how Jesus “did teach” in the past, but a lesson on how Jesus still “does teach” now in the present. Jesus calls us to actualization.

At some point in the history of the church, the church became a domination authority. Church became a place you “had” to go, and it was filled with rituals and law that you “had” to obey. The job of the church goer became attendance and giving. Since the domination church is only concerned with “doing things the right way,” another job of the church goer becomes criticism. The church goer looks for problems, finds things that have been done in the wrong order, with the wrong words, or additions or subtractions to the service that aren't in line with “how we've always done it.” No one asks the question, “does this help me or does this help others,” because, in a domination church, helping in spiritual growth is not the focus. The focus is on maintaining the status quo.

Christ's church is not a domination church. Christ's church is a church of actualization. Christ's church calls us to get involved, to place the needs of others above our own needs, to participate in community, and to always look for how we can help ourselves and each other grow closer to what God has created us to be.

First Christian Church, Greeley, is a church of actualization in Christ. We call our members, not to love one another from afar, but to actively engage in each other's lives. To participate in Christ. To serve others with our minds and bodies. Our church calendar is brimming with activities. If you haven't yet, I encourage you to pick an activity and get involved. I look forward to seeing you!

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

Childcare is provided during the service.

Find more information at www.fccgreeley.com



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Christian Women's Fellowship

Our last CWF and General Meetings are over for the year and will resume on September 5th. The new co-leaders will be Carla Ikenoyue and Marla Johnson. We are looking forward to a fun and productive year!

--Sandy Beiser and LaVonne Rogakis,
Retiring Co-chairs, CWF

Thank you to LaVonne and Sandy for another great year of CWF service and fellowship. 

Pastor Vince's Book Club

Wednesday, June 12 at 9 am

Jesus and the Powers (Wright & Bird): Chapters 1-4 (pg. 1-100)

Wednesday, June 26 at 9 am

Jesus and the Powers (Wright & Bird): Chapters 5-8 (pg. 100-185)

Wednesday, July 17 at 9 am

Love Wins (Rob Bell): Chapter 1-4 (pages 1-118)

Wednesday, July 31 at 9 am

Love Wins (Rob Bell): Chapter 5-8 (pages 119-198)



Join with the men of the congregation at 8:30 am every Tuesday morning for strong coffee and light conversation. All are welcome.

Wednesday Night Thrive in June

In response to the Thrive survey, a Wednesday night series on Healthy Body, Movement, Mind, and Spirit will take place every Wednesday night in June! A meal will be provided at 5:30 pm with a presentation at 6:00.

A free-will donation will be collected at dinner. All contributions will be given to the Weld County Food Bank to support the food insecure in our community.



Elder's Message

The month of June is a time of family vacations, for our children to enjoy the end of school, and a summer break when they are enjoying the freedom that allows them to follow the traditions of summer. June also means Father's Day and the Summer Camps for our youth.

Father's Day, June 16, 2024:

I've benefited my whole life from mentoring Elders, both family members and non-family members, who were members of older generations whose examples of a Father's faith and responsibility gave me a reverence for what faith and church is supposed to be about. Now is a good time to remember that (even though we may or may not have our own children) it is our responsibility to show a father's love to all our youth, and model what faith and love for our God and Neighbor looks like. And even as our earthly fathers will usually be good to their children, we need to remember and be thankful for our Heavenly Father who sacrificed his son for us even though we did not deserve it.

Summer Youth Camps, June 16-22, 2024:

What an epiphany, an illuminating discovery, and faith journey youth camp can be! As a young teenager, you are away from home and meeting other youth and counselors whose stories of their personal faith journeys help you find, develop, grow, and flourish in your own personal faith. First Christian Church of Greeley has always supported our summer youth camps at La Foret Conference and Retreat Center in the Black Forest. It has been thrilling as a driver to hear from excited youth who have just experienced their first camp and how they can't stop talking about it.

These are just two examples of the church's June activities that have a lot of meaning in the life of the congregation each year. That kind of continuity will be important to all our generations throughout our past and future history. Let us remember what one of them said, "that without God's help we cannot succeed, but with God's help we cannot fail in the great and perilous tasks before us" (A. Lincoln, 1861). I find it reassuring that just as their faith sustained them throughout history, that with God's help, I too can capably face my own problems in life.

--Bill Rusher

FCC Book Club



The FCC Book Club is closing out the 2023-2024 season reading *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath. They will meet in the church parlor on Monday, June 3, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss this modern classic. After a summer hiatus, the group will resume meeting in September.

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."

Baby Bottle Campaign – May 14-June 16

Baby Bottle donations will benefit the precious babies in the NICU at NCMC. A critical time for baby, families in the neo-natal intensive care unit also have immediate resource needs; bus passes, quick family food, phone chargers, sibling books/colors etc. In addition to exceptional baby care, nurses extend their touch via baby journals & milestone decorations – adding color and love to a very stressful time. Fill up your Baby Bottle coins (or bills) to return it on Father's Day; a win/win for our hometown's own!



World Refugee Day – June 20



Immigrant & Refugee Center
OF NORTHERN COLORADO



The Mission Team is excited to share that they are partnering in ministry with the **Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado** (ircnoco.org). This organization's volunteers need encouragement, and Mission is stepping in to provide treats and inspiration the last Monday of each month. The director shared that this "we see and appreciate you" has overwhelmed staff and volunteers and is building trust and future bridges. Join on Monday 6/24 to help deliver, accept smiles, and see the Center's amazing operations.


On **World Refugee Day**, we honor the contributions and resilience of those forced to flee their homelands due to violence, persecution, or natural disasters. The hard-earned wisdom, diverse experiences, and unceasing courage of refugees enrich our nation and strengthen America's unique narrative as a beacon of hope that opens our doors to those in need. On June 20th, we celebrate the triumph of the human spirit exemplified by these displaced individuals and acknowledge the compassion of those who welcome them into their homes and communities. Watch for updates from Greeley City Counsel about an event on June 18th!

Save the Date: Habitat for Humanity Breakfast – July 11

Save the date for this year's Habitat for Humanity Building Impact Breakfast on Thursday, July 11. The event will be held at Christ Community Church (1301 15th St.) and will begin promptly at 6:45 a.m. and end at 8:00 a.m. The breakfast is free, but donations will be requested. Rich Recor and Carla Ikenoyue are hosting tables, so a sign-up sheet will be posted.



Special Offering

- **Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – June 2**  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.

Upcoming Community Events

- **Envision 5k In My Shoes** – Supports people with developmental disabilities
Saturday, June 8, 8:30 a.m. at 1050 37th Street in Evans
- **Weld Food Bank Summer Food Drive** – Supports families and individuals facing food insecurity
Saturday, June 29, King Soopers stores, 2-hour [volunteer shifts](#) available from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Join the Mission Ministry Team!!

If you have a heart for mission and would like to join the Mission Ministry Team, please talk to Diana Laws.