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Us with God and
one another

June 1, 2014

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9:00 Worship Service
10:10 Sunday School for all ages

If you have information for our
Link, please e-mail that
information to:
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By the 15th of each month.



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This year's **Shiprock Scramble Golf Tournament** to benefit the 20th Annual Navajo Work Project will be held on Saturday, August 16th at the Cattail Creek Golf Course in Loveland. Those wishing to play may contact the Church Coordinator, Joyce Walker, (970) 667-5653, Rjwin99@netzero.com, and get a registration form. The registration fee per person is \$50, and that includes green fees, a supply of balls and tees, refreshments at the course, a meal after golf, and prizes for all contestants.

Funds raised from the event will be used to purchase supplies and materials for work to be done at the Hogback Chapter of the Navajo Nation in Shiprock, NM. Hole sponsorship is also available at \$50 per hole. Any donations or cash or in-kind goods for prizes are appreciated. Donations can be given to Joyce. Checks should be made to First Christian Church (Loveland) with a memo line of "Shiprock Golf".

The Navajo Work Project will be held this year from September 17th through 21st on the Reservation. Those interested in volunteering may contact John Shaw at (970) 493-0572, or e-mail at jcshaw65@q.com. All skill levels are needed for the work to be done. Projects are assigned to teams of workers. Volunteers eat and sleep on the Reservation unless other arrangements are made.

Colorado Rockies Faith Day

will be August 24th this year. The Rockies will play Miami starting at 2:10 and then there'll be a concert by Jeremy Camp. Tickets are \$23 and can be reserved by contacting Tracy Morgan @ 669-2808. I'll be collecting money for tickets so that I can cover the tickets ordered. I'll complete the transaction with the Rockies as soon as all money is collected or by mid-July, whichever comes first. We have 25 seats reserved in section 145, rows 29-31, first come, first served, so batter up! Let's go to a ballgame!



~1st Sunday Food for July is Peanut Butter & Jelly~~

CAMP IS A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

In a few weeks I will have the honor participating in CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship) Camp at LaForet, near Colorado Springs. Due to the fires last year, this will be my first time at LaForet and fully sharing in the long history there.



Although I grew up in the church, I didn't go to church camp during my youth. I was also a Boy Scout, and chose instead to go to scout camp – also rewarding experience that helped shape who I am today.

While attending seminary in Oklahoma, Carla and I were able to send our children to church camp there. From the time they were in elementary school until graduation, they rarely missed a week at camp. Even after high school graduation, they chose to be counselors and camp staff while in college.

Along with the lifetime lessons of faith and character, our daughter and son still maintain lifetime friendships from their days at camp. They keep in touch with “camp buddies” scattered across the country and across the globe.

My own introduction to church camp came after my graduation from seminary. We moved from Oklahoma to Nebraska, and a clergy colleague who was a camp director recruited me to be a counselor for Junior High Camp. From that time on, I was hooked.

In Nebraska the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ cooperate in camp ministry together. Youth and adults from cities and rural areas gathered for a week to form a community at *Kamp Kaleo*, on the edge of the Nebraska Sandhills. On banks of the North Loup River, we had the opportunity to canoe, float down the river on tire tubes, and enjoy the best of God's creation around and within us.

For a decade or more I rarely missed camp, and even served for six years as chairman of the regional *Youth and Outdoor Ministries Committee*. Like our children, I made lifetime friends and lifetime memories in worship around a fire.

Since arriving at Loveland, I have been cautious about making too many commitments in ministry while learning the “lay of the land” and carrying out the work I was called here to do. Last year I accepted the call to be counselor at Discovery

Camp, my first experience with younger children. It was also a shorter camp and required less commitment and preparation.

This year I was invited to consider serving as keynote Leader and Co-Chaplain with the high school age youth at CYF camp. I will be responsible for introducing the biblical and theological themes for each day, and interacting throughout the week with campers and staff.

To be sure, accepting this ministry opportunity is a big commitment of time and effort. As many of you know, it has been a constant stream of activity from Holy Week, hosting the regional Spring Feast, and establishing the Northern Colorado Flood Recovery Mission Station in our church – in addition to the regular activities of worship, funerals, pastoral care and other ministry. It was tempting to decline the invitation.

I'm glad I didn't decline. Our children have been out of high school now for more than 6 years, and new generation is discovering the joys and deep spiritual connection of church camp. Because I believe in the value of this experience, and because I realize that it will continue through efforts of adult leaders, I accepted.

Like many parents, it can be tempting for me to be less involved with youth after my own children are grown. After the flurry of activity through school years – our kids were in athletics, drama, music, student government, the works – one can welcome a break.

But being a faithful Christian means that we recognize ALL of the children are God's children – not just those born or adopted into our families. When Jesus said, “Let the children come to me”, he wasn't just talking about the ones in our families or our own congregation.

Please join me throughout the summer in prayer for the children and adults who will be attending camp, and for the parents who make sacrifices of time and money so that the camp experience can be afforded another generation. Pray in thanksgiving for church members and others who contribute money to help pay the way for lifetime memories to be formed and continued.

*Love, Grace and Peace,
Michael*

Adults at Camp

The last two months, you've read all about what has been and will be happening in our youth ministry this spring and summer. None of that could happen without dedicated adults. You saw them commissioned in worship on May 18, but did you find yourself wondering what their various roles or titles actually mean? Here's a brief overview, in no particular order:

Camp **Counselors** are mentors that spend nearly every moment with campers. They sleep in camper cabins, making sure campers are kept safe and well during the night. They make sure campers get to meals and activities throughout the day, talk with them, play with them, listen to them, lead them in games and small group discussions, remind them of boundaries, teach them about life and faith, and challenge them to grow in their relationships with each other and with God. Counselors also often help out with additional tasks such as planning the playlist for the frolic (dance), running technology to make sure microphones and slideshows are working when needed, leading music for morning warm-ups, campfire songs, and worship, arranging and providing evening snacks, providing one or more keynote addresses, leading special interest groups, etc. The CYF (high school) camp also has two counselors with additional responsibilities as ECOY (Executive Council of Youth) leaders, who train and support the youth selected to serve as peer leaders on ECOY.

The **Nurse** provides the medical care that helps keep our campers and adults physically healthy. They organize and administer all medications, whether prescription or over-the-counter, and provide first aid in the event of injury or illness.

The **Chaplain** is an ordained minister who helps care for the spiritual and emotional health of campers and adult staff, as well as helping with the planning and leadership of nightly worship services.

Keynote speakers prepare and deliver the daily keynote addresses (15-50 minutes long depending on camp age group) connected to the camp theme. This role is shared by counselors, chaplains, and directors (and even ECOY youth) for younger camps. CYF (high school) camps specially recruit a single keynoter to plan and deliver all keynotes throughout the week.

Camp **Directors**, with the support of CRMR's Associate Minister to Youth, begin planning for camp almost a year ahead of time. They recruit the rest of the camp staff, plan schedules and activities, assign cabin and small groups, provide curriculum and other resources, gather supplies, allocate funds, and help train their staff. Once camp begins, they function as primary leaders of the camp, directing each day's activities and supporting the staff in their roles and relationship to the campers.

FCC has for many years been active in regional youth ministry, often with multiple church members serving on camp staffs. This year, we have three who are deeply involved in camps: Tracy Morgan as Director for Discovery Camp (grades 1-3), Pastor Michael Stein as Keynoter and Chaplain for CYF Camp (high school), and myself as Counselor, Music Leader, and ECOY Leader for CYF Camp, and as Director and Music Leader for Chi Rho Camp (middle school). Please keep us in your prayers, as well as our campers!

With hope and gratitude,
Rachel

IMPORTANT INFO AND UPCOMING DATES

FOR YOUTH:
including grades 6 - 12

Youth Group

Regular youth group meetings have been paused for the summer, but we will still be getting together every so often to keep up connections in between adventures. If your family would like to host a summer gathering (pool party, BBQ, game night, etc.), please let Rachel know! New participants are always welcome.

Mission Trip Parent Meeting

June 1, 4:30-6:30

CYF Camp

June 15-21

Chi Rho Camp

June 22-28

CYF Mission Teambuilding Meeting

July 2, 6-8pm

CYF Mission Trip

July 5-12

Chi Rho Mission Teambuilding Meeting

July 23, 6-8pm

Chi Rho Mission Trip

July 27-Aug.2

Find us on Facebook!

[facebook.com/FCCLovelandYouth](https://www.facebook.com/FCCLovelandYouth)

FOR YOUNG ADULTS:

College Aged YA Gathering

Our leadership team is working on plans for a few college age young adult gatherings in the summer, so keep in touch if you'd like to join in! Email Rachel@lovelanddisciples.org for more information.

Clothing Give Away

Hello Church it is that time of year where we are all thinking about starting our spring cleaning. What does this mean to you? To me it means 'out with the old and in with the new.' It is also the time of year where I am switching my closets from winter to spring/summer. I have a philosophy that if I have not worn it all winter then I **REALLY DON'T NEED IT**. While you are contemplating what to do with all that stuff that you want to purge think of the church. The clothing give a way will be held on **September 6th from 8-1:00ish**. We are looking for good useable clothing all sizes and shape, from babies, kids, to adult clothing, purses, shoes, belts, coats; all items need to be free of holes and stains and clean. The following members have opened up their front porches for you to drop off your donations between now and September.

- Shey Kron 1701 Twin Lakes Circle Loveland Co 80538 her phone number is 970-619-0725
- Julie Estrada 2806 SW 6th Street Loveland Co 80537 her phone number is 970-396-4695
- Tammy Swartz 1123 Sycamore Dr Loveland Co 80538 phone number is 970-962-9612

If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact Tammy Swartz at 970-962-9612 or tswartz1784@comcast.net Happy cleaning!

School Supply Drive

I will be setting up a school supply drive in September to coincide with our Annual Clothing Drive. I am asking for everyone's help as we all rally to supply school supplies to those less fortunate in our community. Here is what we will need:

- Backpacks
- # 2 pencils
- Pens blue and black
- Five 2 pocket folders - red, blue, green, orange and purple
- Crayons- 24 pack
- 6 glue sticks
- Markers 8 pack
- 2 large erasers
- 2 spiral notebooks
- A box of Kleenex

Our goal is to stuff 200 backpacks full of school supplies to ensure God's beautiful children have an amazing school year! Thank you in advance for helping in this mission to help our Loveland families! If you have any questions you can contact me at 970-308-5975.

With love, blessings and thanks,
Lea Delehoy

THANK YOU!

I would like to say a special thank you to all those amazing Sunday School and Mid-Week Teachers who said "YES" to God's calling to lead a class over the last year. I look forward to working with you all real soon. Blessing to each of you!

Thank you for the time you give
To each who looks to you;
You truly make a difference
By all you say and do.
For as you touch each tender heart,
You leave your imprint there;
And always they'll remember you--
How much you really cared.
Keep on loving, keep on caring,
Sharing Christ as you do,
For one day they'll return to say,
"Teacher, I do thank you."
"You've made a difference in my life.
I'm who I am today,
Because you gave your time to teach; And show
to me God's Way."

OWLS (older wiser livelier seniors)

The OWLS (older wiser livelier seniors) will be visiting the Fort Vasquez museum which was established as a fur trading post in 1835. We will leave on Friday June 13, 2014 at 9:30 am from the south side of the church. We will visit the museum in Platteville and do lunch before returning. Museum admission is \$2.00/person. All are welcome to join the group, please use the sign up sheet near the kitchen.

Tentative plans for future adventures are as follows:

- July – grilling on the BBQ
- August - Movie in Ft Collins
- September – mountain venture to include Nederland carousel.

Questions, comments are always welcome.
Contact Ann M.

ENDOWMENT HELPS OTHERS

In this continuing series, the Trustees share information about the origins and uses of the congregation's long term funds.



When John Mayne went to be with the Lord in 1985,

his last will and testament included his church as an heir in his estate.

John's wife had preceded him in death, and his desire was to establish a memorial fund in her name. Because of her love for children, he specified that the income from the \$10,000 Bessie Mayne Memorial Account would be used primarily for this purpose.

During their lifetime, the Maynes had regularly "sponsored" two children annually through the Christian Children's Fund. In his will he asked that our church continue this practice in her memory, and provided the funds to do so.

In honoring their wishes, The Trustees of First Christian Church invested the original gift (called *principal* in the parlance) in certificates of deposit with the *Disciples Church Extension Fund*. CEF in turn makes loans to congregations for building and other purposes, and uses a portion of the interest from those loans to pay investors a dividend.

This partnership is a "win-win" for all concerned. Disciples congregations are enabled to build or renovate their buildings; our congregation and other investors are able to earn income; the Mayne's legacy is continued into following generations; and hungry children are fed all around the world.

How does this work? CEF pays investor dividends quarterly, a variable rate based on current market conditions. This rate is actually higher because the Mayne funds are added to other Trustee-managed funds to increase the balance.

Upon receiving the income payment, the Trustees charge a 5% fee to all managed funds to cover costs of operation. The remaining 95% is then available for disbursement according to the terms of the gift.

Each year, the Trustee Treasurer sends a check to Child Fund International in fulfillment of

the gift. You can learn more about this organization and how they operate at www.childfund.org.

Your Trustees and the officers of the CEF would like you to know that **individual investors** can also participate. CEF offers a number of investment options to meet your financial needs, including retirement accounts and college funds. To learn more about CEF, go to www.disciplescef.org or call 800.274.1883. When you invest with CEF, your money goes farther by providing opportunities for mission in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Your Trustees also invite you to consider making a legacy gift beyond your, either directly or as part of an estate plan.

As always, consultation with an attorney or financial advisor is a good idea.

The following Trustees are ready to discuss with you the possibilities for legacy giving:

Duane Bentley
Terry Imel
Jan Kring
Ken Keeler
Ann McSay

Thank you for your generous stewardship in giving to the weekly offering, special offerings, and long-term funds.

BY THE NUMBERS

A financial snapshot in rounded figures

April Income: \$20,300
Expenses: \$20,400

YTD (through April)
Income: \$80,000
Expenses: \$80,000

Average April Worship Attendance: 149
Don Stoppel, Treasurer



COOPER, Loraine	06/03
HARDIE, Elva	06/03
GREEAR, Freda	06/04
PERRY, Garry	06/05
HARMES, Charlene	06/07
MORGAN, Howard	06/07
WOHLMAN, Jesse	06/08
MORGAN, Bryan	06/11
BOUDREAU, Tom	06/12
WILSON, John	06/13
KRINGS, Jan	06/14
ROBERTS, Mary	06/14
ERDLEY, Marjorie	06/15
KNAUS, Travis	06/15
NELSON, Ben	06/15
WILSON, Amber	06/15
PICKERT, Preston	06/17
BARNETT, Karen	06/21
MCCOLLISTER, Geoffrey	06/21
SPIGHT, Janice	06/21
DILL, Mike	06/22
CURLESS, Tammy	06/23
IMEL, Terry	06/25
AUTREY, Eudora	06/28
LIDDLE, John	06/28
ROBERTS, Joe	06/28
BYERS, Jake	06/29
NELSON, Rachel	06/29
POMRANKA, Carol	06/30

DILL, Chuck & Judy	06/01
BENTLEY, Duane & Cheryl	06/06
ESTRADA, Patrick & Julie	06/10
RUEGSEGGER, Harvey & Bonnie	06/10
LINDSEY, Randy & Janet	06/18
KNAUS, Keith & Christina	06/21
NELSON, Ben & Rachel	06/21
SAUL, Wilbur & Jeanette	06/26
ZAKAVEC, John & Tracie	06/26
FRAZER, Ray & Ruth	06/27
HINKLE, Lyle & Lou	06/28



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9a Worship <i>First Sunday Food— Peanut Butter & Jelly</i>	2 6p Women's reunion group	3	4	5 7p Chancel Choir	6 7:15a Men's reunion group	7
8 9a Worship	9 11:00a Rachel Circle picnic 6p Women's reunion group 7p Program Ministries	10	11 9:30a Trustees	12 7p Chancel Choir	13 7:15a Men's reunion group	14
15 Father's Day 9a Worship	16 Link Deadline 6p Women's reunion group 7p General Board	17 7p Mary Circle	18	19 7p Chancel Choir	20 7:5a Men's reunion group	21
22 9a Worship	23 6p Women's reunion group 7p Worship Committee	24 7p Elders Meeting	25	26	27 7:15a Men's reunion group	28
29 9a Worship	30 6p Women's reunion group	31				

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Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a growing, welcoming, diverse community of faith that worships, shares, and expresses through our service the love of God.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to know, grow, and show the love of God.

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