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Us with God and
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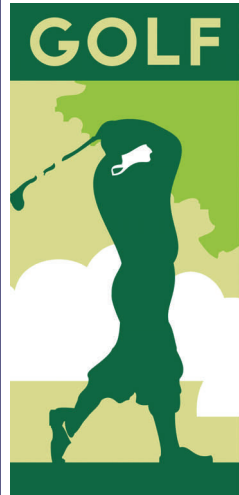
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Sunday Morning Services:
9:00 Worship Service
10:10 Sunday School for all ages

If you have information for our
Link, please e-mail that
information to:
kirsten@lovelanddisciples.org
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 June is Dry Cereal~~~~

## MISSION STATION UPDATE

Plans are moving quickly for the establishment of the Northern Colorado Flood Recovery Mission Station!



Our hosting last month of the Central Rocky Mountain Spring Feast afforded the opportunity to discuss and cement working relationships with important partners in this project as we met with Josh Baird of *Disciples Volunteering* and Johnny Ray of *Week of Compassion*.

The steering team for our congregation is comprised of experienced leaders and mission participants; Pam Hilliard is a Commissioned Minister whose “day job” is coordinating mission teams all around the country for GROUP Ministries. Ben Nelson is a volunteer youth leader and veteran of many mission trips. Matt Swartz recently completed a term as congregation President and Board Chair, and also has mission experience.

One exciting opportunity that will help us “jump start” the project is an agreement with the City of Lyons to host a team of AmeriCorps workers from May 19 through July 19<sup>th</sup>. Our building will be home for a dozen young adults to eat, shower and sleep after days spent working on flood recovery.

The steering team will be working with other individuals and groups in the church to make the experience a hospitable one for our guests. We hope to include them in Sunday morning breakfasts, invite them to worship, and to participate as they choose in the life of the congregation while they are here. AmeriCorps officials have also asked us to plan a volunteer work day where the team can carry out a service project here at our church.

Mission station volunteers will sleep in the classrooms directly behind Minnerly Hall, and use the adjacent shower room. They will prepare their own meals in our kitchen and eat in the fellowship hall. As a part of the agreement, the team will be expected to clean up after themselves and cooperate with other groups using the facilities.

When the AmeriCorps team completes their stay, we will shift into a partnership with *Disciples Volunteering* to host mission groups from around the country for one-week stays. These will most often be church related groups, but may also be college students and other secular organizations. They will

participate in flood recovery throughout Larimer, Boulder, and Weld counties as needed.

One exciting development from our conversations at Spring Feast is the opportunity to obtain grant funding for building preparation from *Week of Compassion*. The steering team is currently examining ways to best use these limited funds to improve the mission station experience for our guests.

Current plans call for the mission station to be operated as a separate ministry, receiving funds from the volunteer groups to help defray expenses and participate fully in flood recovery. The station will return a portion of this income to the general fund to help cover the extra cost of utilities, cleaning supplies, and other expenses associated with their stay here. The bulk of this income will be used to operate the station, including provision of housing for a long-term volunteer coordinator from *Disciples Volunteering*. This person will help schedule and orient groups, attend meetings of the local Long Term Recovery Groups, and work with volunteer coordinators in the affected counties to line up meaningful work for mission teams.

In addition to our partnerships with *Disciples Volunteering* and *Week of Compassion*, we look forward to working with our sister congregations of the *Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Central Rocky Mountain Region*. Our fellow Northern Colorado churches in Fort Collins, Greeley, and Lafayette have offered to participate in the project, as well as others throughout the region.

As with any new ministry – and especially one of this scope – there are challenges to be met. Our congregation, volunteers and staff will be challenged to maintain the high quality of our established ministry programs as we share space and resources. Patience, communication, and cooperation will be essential as we move into this three to five year mission.

**Join us in worship May 18<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate many aspects of our common ministry:**

- Our 2014 High School graduates
  - Ministry programs and volunteers
  - Camp and mission trip commissioning
- Commissioning of the Mission Station

*Love, Grace and Peace,*  
*Michael*

# Summer Adventures Approach

It's the time of year when weekly youth group meetings begin to wrap up for the summer and youth and children begin eagerly anticipating their summer adventures. We are thrilled to be sending Alex, Chloe, Eli, Jayla, Abbie, Aiden, Brooke, and Kate to camp this summer (3 of whom are going to camp for the very first time)! On behalf of the youth and their families, I extend many thanks to Ben Nelson, Sharon Chenevert, Tammy Swartz, Tracy Morgan, Cheryl Bentley, Linda Imel, and all others who generously donated their funds, food, and labor to make our Palm Sunday brunch and Easter reception a fundraising success, allowing campers and families with limited funds to be able to choose camp. We look forward to sharing their stories when they return, and continuing this wonderful tradition of outdoor ministry! Please be on the lookout for opportunities to send our campers notes of encouragement in the mail, as well as to pray for our campers during their journey of faith exploration and learning. This year's camp theme is all about getting a better sense for who Jesus was (and is) and who we are as Christians. Please also keep the camp staff in your prayers, including two of our own: Tracy Morgan will be serving as Discovery (grades 1-3) Camp Director, and myself as Chi Rho (grades 6-8) Camp Director.

We are also excited at this time to be registering our youth for summer mission trips! So far we anticipate three youth going on their very first mission trip (Abbie, Tadan, and Kate), in addition to returning participants Brooke, Tyner, and Jayla. Our middle school group will once again be going to Alamosa, Colorado to serve the homeless and underprivileged through the La Puente Home network. Their work will likely include cooking and serving meals at the homeless shelter, cleaning and organizing the food and clothing banks, organizing items at the thrift store, and caring for the children in the PALS day program, as well as participating in some sort of poverty or immigration simulation and learning about poverty and life in general. Our high school group will be traveling to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they will experience a more urban view of poverty while serving with various local organizations, including a homeless shelter, a food bank, and a day program farm for adults with disabilities. They will gain a wider understanding of culture and justice with emphasis on God's creation of both land and humanity. Both of these trips will be in led in partnership with our friends from Heart of the Rockies Christian Church in Fort Collins, and First Christian Church in Greeley. We look forward to sharing more with you upon our return! (Mission Reservations are due May 4, so if you are interested in attending, you still have a few days to reserve a spot! Contact me right away!)

With hope and gratitude,  
Rachel

## **IMPORTANT INFO AND UPCOMING DATES**

### **FOR YOUTH:**

including grades 6 - 12

#### **Youth Group**

Join us on Sundays from 4:30-6:30. Our youth group is a welcoming group of youth who love to spend time together sharing their lives, talking about God, worshipping God, serving others, and of course having fun! (Note: We will not have youth group on Easter Sunday)

#### **Mission Trip Reservations Due!**

May 4

#### **Mother's Day (NO youth group)**

May 11

#### **Graduation Sunday**

May 18

#### **End of Year Luau/Cookout (final youth group meeting of the school year)**

May 18 or 24

(tbd based on participant availability – please RSVP your preference by May 11)

#### **Mission Trip Parent Meeting**

June 1, 4:30-6:30

#### **Find us on Facebook!**

facebook.com/FCCLovelandYouth

## **FOR YOUNG ADULTS:**

#### **College Aged YA Gathering**

First and third Saturday each month, 5:30 pm

Our young adults aged 18-23(ish) from Loveland, Fort Collins, and Greeley will be meeting for fellowship, study, and service. All adults in that age range are welcome regardless of student status!

## ENDOWMENTS MAKE FUTURE POSSIBLE

People concerned with faith and financial stewardship often speak of the “two pockets” we draw from when funding the ministries of the church. The pocket we tend to pay most attention to is the general fund or operating budget. The money in this pocket comes from offerings,



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reimbursements for building use, and other sources. The

treasurer and the church board administer these funds, in accordance with the annual budget established by the congregation. From this pocket we pay utility bills, staff salaries, and other operating expenses.

The other important pocket holds memorial funds, special gifts, and bequests that have been made to the church over the years. These funds have been given by faithful stewards to help ensure the church’s ministries may be sustained throughout the years. These gifts are the living legacy of those who have given them, and are managed by the church trustees.

Larger gifts are sometimes given as an endowment, to help fund a specific purpose or ministry into the future. When a gift is endowed, it means that the original amount is placed in an income-producing investment and only the income is used for the designated purposes.

An example of this arrangement in our congregation is the Marion F. PerLee Fund, the largest of our endowments. Ms. PerLee was a musician and music teacher. In her later years, she desired to include her church family in her estate. She especially sought to make it possible for future generations to know the joy of music and the unique part that music holds in the Christian faith.

Ms. PerLee owned a home in Loveland, and her initial intent was to leave the property to the church in her will. However, her attorney advised her of another way of giving that would benefit both her and the congregation. Twenty years ago next month, Marion PerLee deeded ownership of her home to First Christian Church while establishing a “life estate” for herself. Although the church now owned the property, Ms. PerLee retained the legal right to live in the home until her passing.

In addition to making it possible for her to remain in her home, this arrangement had another benefit; because the gift had been made while she was still living, Ms. PerLee could claim the value of the home as a charitable deduction for income tax purposes.

Five years later, Ms. PerLee joined the company of the saints; the home was sold and the proceeds invested in an endowment to maintain and promote music programs of the church.

Today, the Marion F. PerLee Fund is managed by the Christian Church Foundation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The foundation regularly remits income from investments, under the oversight and care of our trustees. In carrying out this responsibility, the trustees balance the following duties:

- Be faithful to the intentions Ms. PerLee expressed when she gave the gift, for the promotion of music and music programs.
- Ensure these and other funds are invested in ways that produce income consistent with Christian values and minimal risk of loss.
- Be guided by and represent the priorities established by the congregation and leadership in making decisions for disbursement of funds.

Your trustees invite persons like Ms. PerLee – who wish to leave a legacy in giving beyond their lifetime – to consider similar gifts. While hers was an extraordinarily generous gift, legacies of all sizes are appreciated. As always, consultation with an attorney or financial advisor is a good idea.

## BY THE NUMBER\$

*A financial snapshot in rounded figures*

March Income: \$20,500

Expenses: \$17,200

YTD (through March)

Income: \$59,700

Expenses: \$56,400

Average March Worship Attendance: 115

*Don Stoppel, Treasurer*

# May Birthdays

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| HALE, Mary          | 1-May  |
| FLOYD, Barry        | 2-May  |
| NICASTLE, Bob       | 2-May  |
| SCHLINGMAN, Corwin  | 2-May  |
| FRAZER, Ray         | 4-May  |
| FRAZER, Ruth        | 4-May  |
| DYNOWSKI, Myles     | 7-May  |
| BETZ, L. Ann        | 12-May |
| MASTERSON, Bert     | 12-May |
| PRATT, John         | 13-May |
| HANSEN, Karen       | 16-May |
| JESKULSKI, Samantha | 16-May |
| HOWES, Bill         | 17-May |
| KRON Jr, Jim        | 18-May |
| MILLER, Barbara     | 18-May |
| STEIN, Michael      | 19-May |
| BOUDREAU, Pam       | 20-May |
| HANSEN, Tod         | 20-May |
| LIDDLE, Bonnie      | 22-May |
| SHARRAR, Ed         | 22-May |
| ORIO, Dolores       | 23-May |
| GROVES, Don         | 24-May |
| SAUL, Wilbur        | 24-May |
| SCOHY, Richard      | 25-May |
| WEBB, Gene          | 25-May |
| SWARTZ, Matthew     | 26-May |
| BERG, Judy          | 27-May |
| GANZKOW, Marge      | 27-May |
| MAHONY, Nancy       | 29-May |
| DYNOWSKI, Boris     | 30-May |
| SCOHY, Donna        | 30-May |

# May Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|--------|
| KRINGS, LeRoy & Jan       | 7-May  |
| SPARKS, Lee & Kathryn     | 9-May  |
| FELDHUS, Kyle & Christina | 19-May |
| FRENCH, Kevin & Lindsey   | 19-May |
| OLSON, Curtis & Esther    | 20-May |
| TINNEN, Bob & Mike        | 22-May |
| MORGAN, Brad & Tracy      | 25-May |
| YOUNG, Ed & Maxine        | 26-May |
| GREELEY, Doyle & Carol    | 29-May |
| PERRY, Garry & Toni       | 31-May |
| POMRANKA, Don & Carol     | 31-May |



| Sun                                                                                               | Mon                                                                                   | Tue                                              | Wed                         | Thu                                           | Fri                                    | Sat                                |
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|                                                                                                   |                                                                                       |                                                  |                             | <b>1</b><br>6p Bell Choir<br>7p Chancel Choir | <b>2</b><br>7:15a Men's reunion group  | <b>3</b><br>5p Young Adults Group  |
| <b>4</b><br>9a Worship<br>10:10a Sunday School<br>4:30p Xone77 & FLY<br><i>First Sunday Food—</i> | <b>5</b><br>6p Women's reunion group                                                  | <b>6</b><br>6:30p Griefshare                     | <b>7</b>                    | <b>8</b><br>6p Bell Choir<br>7p Chancel Choir | <b>9</b><br>7:15a Men's reunion group  | <b>10</b>                          |
| <b>11 Mothers Day</b><br>9a Worship<br>10:10a Sunday School                                       | <b>12</b><br>9:30a Rachel Circle<br>6p Women's reunion group<br>7p Program Ministries | <b>13</b><br>6:30p Griefshare                    | <b>14</b><br>9:30a Trustees | <b>15 Link Deadline</b><br>7p Chancel Choir   | <b>16</b><br>7:5a Men's reunion group  | <b>17</b><br>5p Young Adults Group |
| <b>18 Graduation Sunday</b><br>9a Worship<br>10:10a Sunday School<br>4:30p Xone77                 | <b>19</b><br>6p Women's reunion group<br>7p General Board                             | <b>20</b><br>7p Mary Circle @<br>Depperschmidt's | <b>21</b>                   | <b>22</b><br>7p Chancel Choir                 | <b>23</b><br>7:15a Men's reunion group | <b>24</b>                          |
| <b>25</b><br>9a Worship<br>4:30p Xone77                                                           | <b>26 Memorial Day</b><br><b>Church Office Closed</b>                                 | <b>27</b><br>7p Elders Meeting                   | <b>28</b>                   | <b>29</b><br>7p Chancel Choir                 | <b>30</b><br>7:15a Men's reunion group | <b>31</b>                          |

# Abraham's Family

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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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