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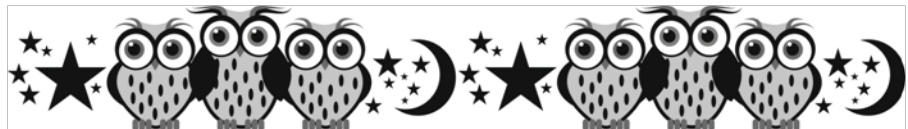
Troy Schuh, Pianist

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark



- 1 Don't miss the boat.
- 2 Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3 Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 4 Stay fit. When you're really old, someone may ask you to do some thing really big.
- 5 Don't listen to the critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6 Build your future on high ground.
- 7 For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- 8 Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs
- 9 When you're stressed, float a while
- 10 Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11 No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting..

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The OWLS will gather at the church on Friday, November 13, 2015 for a movie with fellowship and lunch to follow. Movie (to be determined --all suggestions are welcome) will begin at 10 am. All are welcome to come. Please use the sign up sheet near the kitchen. Questions, please see Ann McSay.

WORSHIPFUL WORK: CONGREGATION MEETING NOVEMBER 8

(Note Change from previously announced date)

In order to accommodate voting on an important agenda item, your board has moved the date for the annual congregation meeting and brunch to **Sunday, November 9th at 9:00am.**

The following items of business are currently on the agenda for discussion and action:

1. Approval of nominees for congregation leadership.
2. Consideration and approval of the 2016 ministry budget.
3. Authorization for the Board and Trustees to negotiate and enter into a lease agreement for a cellular telephone tower facility located on church property.

WORSHIPFUL WORK I: LEADERSHIP

The nominating committee commends for congregation approval the following persons who have consented to accept leadership in these positions:

Officers/Board Members

Board Chair/President: Cheryl McAnally

Vice President: Tracy Morgan

Secretary: Nancy Depperschmidt

Treasurer: Randy Kettenhofen

Past President: John Zakavec

Active Elders (includes some current)

Duane Bentley

Ann McSay

Cheryl Bentley

Brad Morgan

Nancy Depperschmidt

Bev Reeves

Rod Depperschmidt

Brandon Schlauder

Lanny Helzer

Bob Sprague

Lyle Hinkle

Matt Swartz

Ethel Horton

Trustee: Don Stoppel

WORSHIPFUL WORK II: BUDGET

The General Board commends to the congregation for approval the following budget for ministry in 2016:

TOTAL MINISTRY BUDGET:	\$249,431
Facilities (32%)	79,359
Pastoral Ministry (29%)	72,100
Mission Support (21%)	52,278
Ministry to Children & Youth (9%)	21,156
Worship, Music & Devotion (8%)	19,738
Denominational Ministry & Support	4,800
<i>(Calculated as a 2% tithe of income received)</i>	

Budget Assumptions & Notations

1. Ministry Budget for the current year is \$260,000. Both income and expenditures are projected to fall below this amount for 2015.
2. The 2016 budget includes a 3% salary increase for church staff, who did not receive an increase in 2015.
3. Income projections include unrestricted offerings and building usage contributions. The board has approved an agreement to host the 2016 GROUP Week of Hope in our facility in addition to other Northern Colorado Mission Station income.

WORSHIPFUL WORK III: LEASE

The congregation will be presented with a resolution authorizing the board and the trustees to negotiate and to execute a lease on a portion of church property for the purposes of erecting a cellular telephone tower.

Details are still being worked out, but the following is projected:

- Duration of the lease is 20 years, with options for renewal.
- Lease payments are received monthly, and are to be divided evenly between the general operating fund and the trustees building fund.
- The footprint of the leased facility is approximately 50 X 50 square feet, and will be required to be aesthetically designed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Many conditions have to be explored before this lease becomes a reality. It is **NOT** a "done deal".



CIRCLE OF LOVE FOR PEACE AND PEACEKEEPERS

The Loveland Police Chaplains invite everyone in the community to gather next Sunday, November 1st for a “Circle of Love” in support of peace in our community and for keepers of the peace – police, firefighters, first responders and others. The circle will take place at **12:30pm at the Loveland Police and Courts Building**, 810 E. 19th Street, and is expected to last for about 30 minutes.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



The Worship Committee invites you to share in preparation of the congregation devotional for the

upcoming Advent season.

Contributors are asked to choose a scripture selected for each day of the season, and to write a 3-4 paragraph reflection.

Information is posted in the Gallery for your reference.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD BANK

On the first Sunday of each month, we invite our church family to contribute non-perishable food items for the community food bank. **Dry mixes** are the suggested food for November,



“Help for today... Hope for tomorrow”

but any contributions are appreciated.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21!



As summer rolls into fall, there is much to be done in maintaining and improving the church building and grounds. Work starts at 9:30am. Please sign up in the Gallery

so that we may plan projects and lunch.



financial ministry

September Stewardship

Income: \$17,857
\$3,810 **Under** budget

Expenses: \$23,657
\$491 **below** budget

With the end of the 3rd quarter of 2015, expenses are trailing income by \$2,575. By comparison, last year at this time that deficit was \$12,659 – so we are headed in the right direction.

As we head into the final quarter, it’s a good time to examine how your giving has kept pace with your intentions and to catch up if you’ve fallen behind.

Randy Kettenhofen, Treasurer

YOUTH MISSION PROJECT



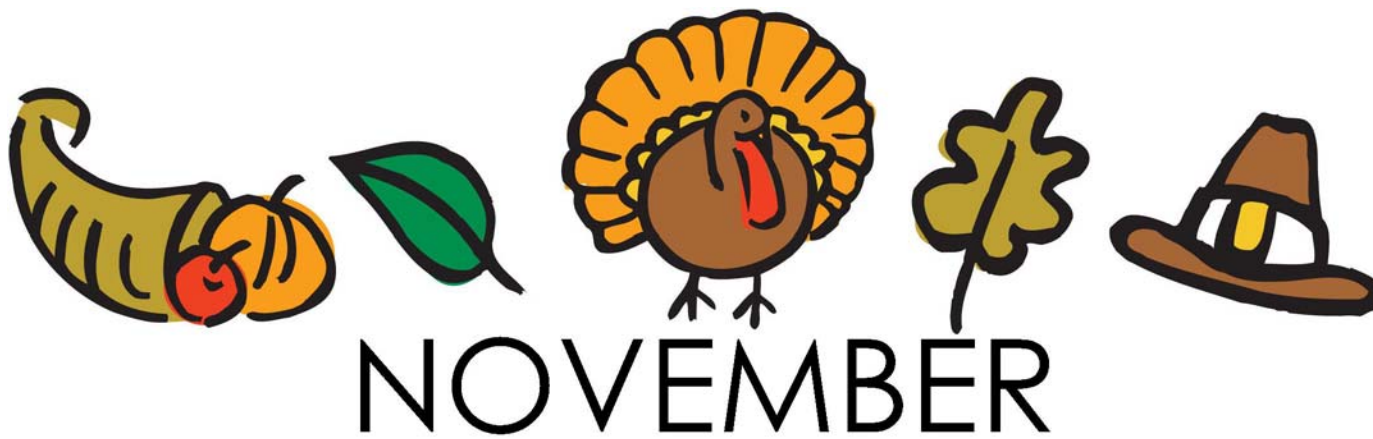
As the weather begins to turn colder, we are mindful of those in our community who are without a warm place to sleep with basic necessities.

Beginning this Sunday, the youth of First Christian Church and First Congregational Church will be collecting donations of the following items to put together homeless/hygiene care kits:

Small toothpastes/toothbrushes, deodorant, tissues, granola bars, bottled water, hats, gloves, socks, wet wipes, hand warmers, and small snack items.

(No mouthwash or hand sanitizer, please.) During Youth Group on November 15th, we will assemble these items into “kits” which can be distributed by families, as well as kept at our churches for something to offer those in need.

Please locate the drop-off box at your church, and consider helping us collect these items between now and November 15th. Thank you for your help in caring for those in our community who are less fortunate.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9a Worship 10:15a Sunday School <i>First Sunday Food— Dry Mixes</i>	2	3 6:30p Grief Share	4	5 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir rehearsal	6	7 9:30a Church Clean Up Day
8 9a Worship 10:15a Sunday School	9 9:30a Rachel Circle 7p Program Ministries	10 6:30p Grief Share	11 9:30a Trustees	12 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir rehearsal	13 10a Owls Outing	14
15 Link Deadline 9a Worship 10:15a Sunday School	16 7p General Board	17 6:30p Grief Share 7p Mary Circle	18	19 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir rehearsal	20	21 9a Church clean-up day
22 9a Worship 10:15a Sunday School	23 6p Worship Committee	24 6:30p Grief Share 7p Elders	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 9a Worship 10:15a Sunday School	30					

Birthdays

SPRAGUE, Chris	11/03
PAYNE, Bev	11/05
BURCH, Sandra	11/07
MCANALLY, Cheryl	11/08
SWARTZ, Kathleen	11/08
CASON, Harlene	11/09
STOPPEL, Don	11/10
LIDDLE, Jack	11/13
CAREY, Dorothy	11/14
VAUGHN, Kathy	11/14
COOPER, John	11/15
SHAFFER, Don	11/20
REEVES, Bev	11/27
STENCEL, Ilene	11/27
JESKULSKI, Keaton	11/28
DEPPERSCHMIDT, Nancy	11/30

Anniversaries

PETERS, Max & Marcia	11/02
IMEL, Terry & Linda	11/07
STENCEL, Ben & Ilene	11/10
COMBS, Dennis & Jan	11/19
BETZ, L. Ann & Dennis	11/30
SEATON, Ron & Sylvia	11/30

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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.

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

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

