

FCC CONNECTIONS

A Church that Builds, Heals, Feeds, & Serves

“It felt so good to do something for someone else.” This is how I felt about our mission event last weekend. Now most of you do things for others all the time. That is just the kind of people you are. You’re generous of your time and talents. Was this mission event any different? It doesn’t have to be different, just an extension of the same. Yet, there are a couple of significant elements I want to highlight.

We worked together on the project. It was a real joy to be involved in common labor toward fixing up a trailer for a family and getting it ready for winter. Our work was useful and being united in a common purpose was so satisfying. The disunity of our time leads to a lot of bad feelings and soul depletion. Our mission event was an experience of unity and it was soul filling and life giving.

Secondly, it was the church being the church and obedient to Christ. As we gathered, it felt like Christ was with us. I experienced the Holy Spirit. The two days were days of prayer. We put our faith into action.

Finally, let me say we spent a lot of time fixing up our new building, and a lot of effort in moving out of our former site. So many of you used your talents and freely gave of your time to make it possible for us to have a new worship center and move into a new worship center. God was with us every step of the way on that journey and the Holy Spirit made it happen. We could not have taken the journey we have taken in the last three years without the love of God and the help of the Holy Spirit. It is our time to give back in God’s name to others. This is starting to form as part of our vision of who we are. We heal, we feed, we build, we serve. This is our church. Vision and relationships are critical elements of our new beginning. We are building both. Rejoice in the God who has called us to heal, to feed, to build, and to serve. I give thanks to God, always, for you!!!!
—Lew



Worship—Sept. 20th

Call to Worship

Praise Song— “Still Rolling Stones”

Prayer

Scripture—TBD

Sermon— “More Than a Myth” by Neil Lovell (preaching on Biblical archaeology)

Worship Song— “Together”

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Communion Song— “Spirit of the Living God”

Invitation to Communion

Elder’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

Thanksgivings

Closing Song— “Rise Up”

Blessing

the text this week

Lectionary Readings

September 20, 2020
 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Green
 Exodus 16:2-15;
 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or
 Psalm 78 (UMH 799);
 Philippians 1:21-30;
 Matthew 20:1-16

September 27, 2020
 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Green
 Exodus 17:1-7;
 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
 (UMH 799);
 Philippians 2:1-13;
 Matthew 21:23-32

First Christian Church

Our Mission—To make more and better Christians for the sake of the world.

Our Vision—We seek to be a faithful community with a deep love for God and others.

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Prayer Concerns

Healing—Linda Haley, Kim Bacon and her friend Kelly, Brad Barton, Jim Block, Sue Lovell, Ayden Padilla, Erin Lovell, Kelly Huenick, Andrea Waitley, Iris Parker, Loni Stumpf, Samantha Mahaffey, Garrett Walker

Cancer—Arlie Pelton, Lonny Krueger, Ron Stebakken, Kim Everett, John Sonnenberg, Sue Van Pelt, Peggy Nielsen

Grief—Pat Crough, family and friends of Barbara McCleary

Financial Need—Jessica & Logan, Reese Newth (Job search)

COVID-19—Pray for all

Colorado/California Fires—Gary Oden, husband of Megan Russell-Oden, is in California fighting fires.

Pray about civil unrest in our country and those afflicted by Hurricane Laura and the wildfires in Colorado and California.



Birthdays

- 9/20 Rosie Nichols
- 9/20 Ashley Padilla
- 9/20 Morgan Seelye
- 9/21 Michael Bacon



Serving in September

Date	Ushers	Preparing Deacons	Elders
September 6	Della Williams	Tel Family	Tim Sonnenberg
September 13	Della Williams	Tel Family	Chris Merkl
September 20	Della Williams	Tel Family	Dorothy Schreyer
September 27	Della Williams	Tel Family	Julie Sonnenberg