

Church Calendar for August 14-21, 2016

Sunday~ August 14

Guest Pastor David De Ridder; Offering is for the General operating Fund.

11:00am - Newcomer Welcome lunch hosted by Jeff and Allie Christians.

In the Emerson House directly South of First Church – no reservation needed.

Monday ~ August 15

6:30pm - Count Committee

Tuesday ~ August 16

1:30 -3:00pm – Staff meeting - Room 21

7:00pm - Council Meeting

Wednesday ~ August 17

6:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study in Emerson House

Thursday ~ August 18

9:00 am – Sew & Sews sewing group in Rooms 12/13

Friday ~ August 19

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ August 20

8:30 – 12:30 - GEMS Counselor Training downstairs & Cadets off-site

Sunday ~ August 21st Web-site Directory Photos

Lord's Supper & Name Tag Sunday; Offering is for Long Scraggy

11:00am Blankespoor & Baker send-off reception outside

Welcome to all of our visitors and guests! If you are new to First Church, please fill out a *Connect Card* found in the pews. Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available in back to draw on, and return for a surprise. Refreshments are in the Emerson House and on the patio.

*Please note, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper on **August 21st** this month, followed by a *Send-off* reception for Norm & Joyce Baker and Dave & Pat Blankespoor immediately following worship service **next weekend**.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, August 14th

Nursery: Christine Nibbelink, Sheri DeHaan, Bob Reynolds, Hayden Posthumus and Isaac Den Braber

Children in Worship: *Moses/Red Sea* Jon & Ari Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Sound: Cory Vermeer **Slides:** Brett VDB **Video:** Wyatt Vermeer

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #1

Coffee: Den Braber

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Nursery: Jessica Elgersma, Dave Cady, Lynn Roberts, Caleb Jonker and Erin Youngsma

Children in Worship: *Moses/Manna*, Nancy & Ari Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders

Sound: Paul De Boer **Slides:** Annika DeBoer **Video:** Hannah De Boer

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #1

Lord's Supper Prep: Grow Group #1

Coffee: Van Heukelem/Schaefer

Missionary Updates:

Youth For Christ Denver: Our "camp inside" where we bring a 2 day camp experience to 41 incarcerated girls went extremely well. The staff said they've never seen the girls so excited and working together, with everyone participating as they did this past weekend. Pray the seeds sown in presenting the Gospel will grow in due time and bear much fruit. Thanks to all of you who contributed, prayed and participated...I'm extremely grateful for you all! *Claire Froehlich*

Jonathan and Marian Cady in China: Continue to pray for Pastor Daniel's vision to form a presbytery and provide Theological training for pastors in China. In August the Cady's attended a church planting and worship Conference. May the ministry of the Holy Spirit carry out the Lord's work through His people in China.



News from Margaret and the En-Gedi School in Kenya:

Once this facility is complete, we will have room to house 30 children: including day care services, classrooms, guest rooms, seminar rooms and accommodation for up to 20 people, equipped therapy room open to the public at a fee and kitchen garden to grow our own green vegetables. We will also have a few milk goats and chickens for a few eggs for our own food. **We are where we are because you all made a decision to join me in this act of mercy ministry. Let's continue to share God's love and educate many to love unconditionally as God does to all of us. Thank you! Margaret Njuguna** *Check your mailbox for more news...



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Order of Worship ~ August 14, 2016

Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome and Announcements

*Song: *10,000 Reasons*

*Call to Worship: Romans 11

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!
Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?
Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?
For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things.
To Him be the glory forever! **Amen.**

*Songs:

*Immortal Invisible God Only Wise
Revelation Song*

verses 1, 3, 4 LUYH 579

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Pastor Dave De Ridder

Renewal

Call to Confession: I Peter 1:14-16

"As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do: for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy'."

Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against You
In thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53

He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Song of Assurance: *Man of Sorrows* LUYH 170

Offering: General Fund

Offertory

Offertory Prayer and Prayers for Intercession and Gratitude

Word

Children in Worship

Leader: The Lord is here.
The Lord is there.
The Lord is everywhere.
The Lord is high.
The Lord is low.
The Lord is on the path we go.

People: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: **And also with you.**

Scripture: I Kings 13 page 347

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *The Man of God From Judah* Pastor Dave De Ridder

Prayer for Application

Sending

*Songs of Response:

Beautiful Savior LUYH 17
Because He Lives

*Sending Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

*Sending Song: *In Christ Alone*

*Blessing

Postlude: Instrumental "*Because He Lives*" Band and Christy

Minister of the Word: Rev. Dave De Ridder

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Musicians: First CRC Band with accompanist Christy Bol

Prayer For God's People

Elders up front will consider it an honor to pray with and for you.

First Church is blessed to have a group of women who meet regularly for prayer. If you have something for which you would like confidential prayer offered, please email: Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org, or mddeboer@juno.com

Winnie Klop, who grew up in First CRC, passed away earlier this week in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Please remember her husband, Rev. Don Klop and his immediate family, including Jeremy & Michelle Klop (former members of First CRC). Others in our church who knew Winnie as a dear sister, niece, cousin, or aunt include Keith, Joy, Megan & Justin Anema, Dorothy Triemstra, Grace Treimstra, Barb Anema, Ethan Anema, Betty Anema, and Jim, Linda & Derek Veldkamp.

Continue to pray the peace of Christ Jesus over Henry and Betty Klap.

Birthday blessings for a year filled with joy to Joal Ham (August 10th).

First Church Upcoming Activities

Newcomer welcome lunch is today, in the Emerson House south of church, from **11:00am -12:00noon**. Our host couple will be Jeff and Allie Christians. These lunches are casual fellowship times to provide an opportunity for new folks to meet staff, learn more about First and enjoy a meal! *Children are welcome and no reservations are needed.*

Cadet Summer Event: We are not ready to give up on summer! Hold the date for **Saturday morning, from 9AM to Noon, August 20th**. Come and go as your schedule allows. Join us for a morning of fun as we bring back the *Skid Steer Rodeo, drift trikes, and assorted games*. Look for an email with more details coming your way soon. This is focused on boys and men, but we'll throw open the doors if there are any sisters or Moms who want to join us for this off-site event. Contact Joel Jonker or Mr. Cal for details.

GEMS (girls grades 1-8) Save the Date! Girls, please mark **Saturday, September 24, 2016** and **Sunday, September 25, 2016** down on your calendars for the GEMS Camp Out and Splash Party up at Long Scraggy Ranch. We will enjoy God's beauty while we dive into this year's theme. Moms of GEMS girls are welcome to join in the fun. More information will be given in the coming weeks. If you have questions, please feel free to email or call/text GEMS leader, Jessica Benson at: crazybout2kids@gmail.com 303-912-5517.

The Twenty-Somethings Group will get together to study the Gospel of John. Locations and dates vary, so contact: Kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org

Requested Announcements & Opportunities

Barnabas Foundation: Jim Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will be meeting with families in our area from **August 23-August 24, 2016**. Jim will be happy to provide clear Estate Planning information. If you would like to meet with Jim, please contact Deb Harder at Barnabas Foundation toll free at 888-448-3040.

CAR WASH on Saturday, August 27th @ Joshua Station! \$5 Suggested donation. Beginning at 10am. **Art & Auction Fundraiser** to support our Youth Education Programming will be held on **Friday, October 7th at 7pm@ 913 N. Wyandot Denver, 80204.**

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marks the beginning of our educational season. On that Sunday, we will meet with our **Grow Groups** to **share a meal** together and reflect on how God is working in our lives. Eight of these Grow Group events will be interspersed throughout the year. We will also offer four opportunities throughout the year to work on a variety of OUT activities. However, **age-specific Sunday School** for children (3-years-old through high school) beginning **September 18**, will be our main focus for this educational year.

Save the Dates for Grow Group Guide/Facilitator Training on **August 31**, and Youth Ministry Leader Orientation **September 7** (at church) **7:00pm**. More details and specific location information will be confirmed soon.

Wednesday Family Night meals and activities for 1st-8th Grade **begin September 14**. New families and individuals, please be our guests for the first meal! *We are excited about what this coming season has to offer and how God will work in our lives. Pray with us that the abundant life of Jesus will be nourished and evidenced in each of us!*

Membership Directory Photos will be taken **August 21, and August 28**. They are free, take only a few minutes and will be uploaded for you. Our High School volunteers will be helping. If you are not here...no worries! Just **email** a *selfie* with your name and updated contact information [email address, cell phone and street address} to connections@firstcrcdenver.org

Web-site Updates: www.firstcrcdenver.org
Check out the *Membership Directory* and new Grow Group assignments at www.firstcrcdenver.org. *Is your family contact information listed correctly? Would you like to include current information for your college students? See if you have a new Grow Group assignment.*

Count Committee: For 7/17, 7/24 and 7/31

Benevolence - \$642.68

General Fund - \$42,544.17

Denver YFC - \$335.79

Next Count Committee meeting is August 15th.

First CRC was offered 14 tickets to a pre-screening of Ben Hur at the Regal Theater on August 17th, please email Connections@firstcrcdenver.org **today** if you would like a seat. The Advanced Screening will take place **at 7:00pm on 8/17** at the Regal Continental Theatre. Attendees will check in with the studio representative in the lobby and be shown to the theatre. You must arrive around 6:30pm, as after 6:45pm seats cannot be guaranteed. The first adults to email a response will receive the tickets.