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## This Week at First Congregational Church: Grand Opening is tomorrow!

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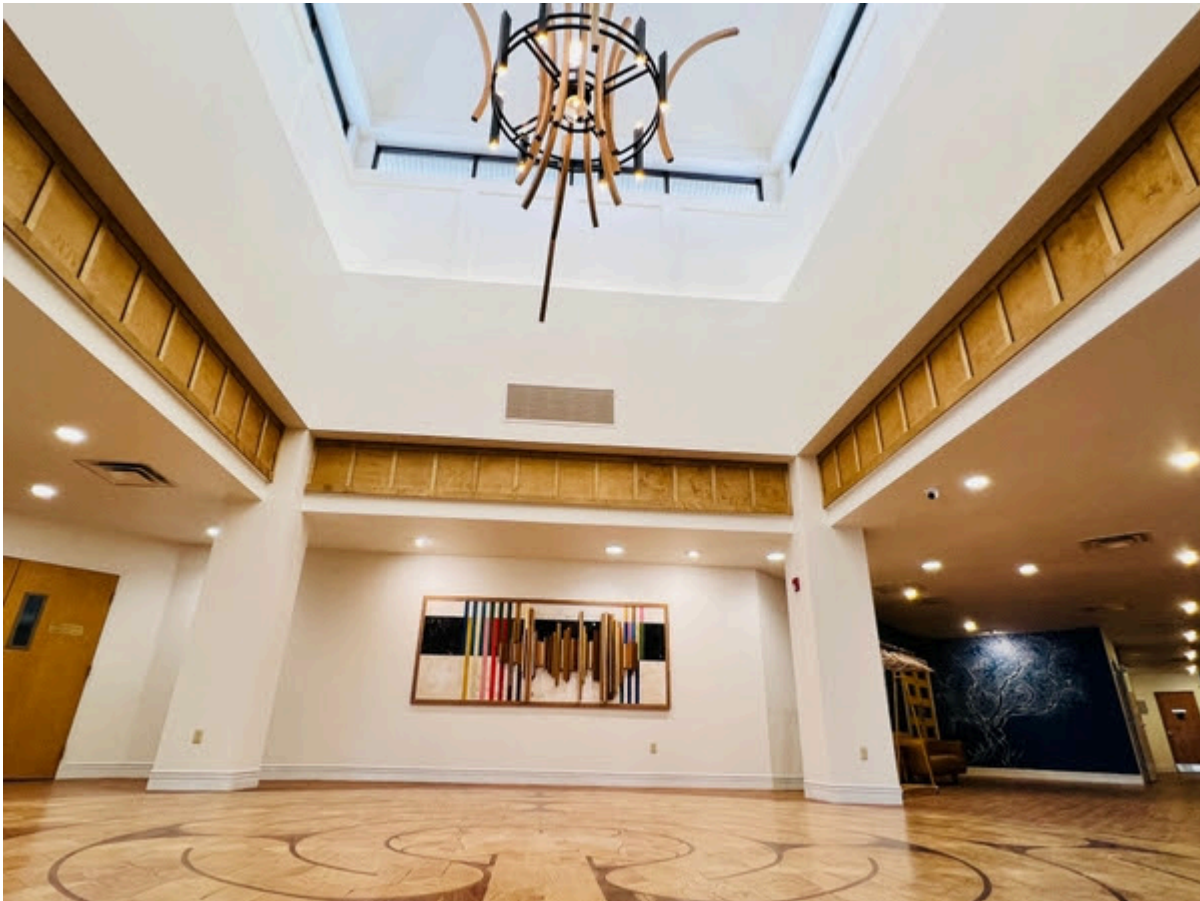


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Worship Weekly at 8am and 10am



**This Week at First Congregational Church**

This week, guest preacher Rev. John Smith will help us explore the story of Jesus being rejected in his hometown of Nazareth ([read it here](#)).

*I wonder where God will speak to you this week?*

Online Worship

## Question of the Week

Each week we offer a question of the week as one of our fellowship hour table options. This week's question of the week is:

*Who is the most joyful person you've ever met? What makes their joy stand out?*

In addition to the question of the week, we also offer tables for sermon chat, connection for folks raising young people and those who want to support them, and open conversation. Please join us!

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## This Week At-A-Glance

### Coming Up This Week

- Grand Opening!
- Worship
- Centering Prayer
- Wednesday Night Live

### New Announcements

- UNC Women's Basketball Game
- Bell Choir Members wanted
- Support Lutheran Family Services

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## In The Loop



### Grand Opening

The work is nearly done! Thank you for all you have done to make the renovation of our church's first floor possible. This beautiful new, sacred, and welcoming space would have remained a dream had it not been for the extraordinary generosity of so many church members. We are thrilled to hear of the joy and warmth people from our church and the wider community feel while in our newly renovated spaces. We hope you can join us for our Grand Opening **tomorrow from 1 PM - 3 PM!**

The schedule of events for the day is as follows:

- 1:00 - 1:30 PM - Refreshments & Exploration of the Space
- 1:30 - 2:00 PM - Ribbon Cutting, Blessing, Recognition & Proclamation
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM - Music, Self-Guided Tours, Featured Spaces

This event is open to the public - please invite someone who might be curious to see what's been happening!



### Guest Preacher This Week

We are excited to welcome Pastor John Smith as our guest preacher **this Sunday**. John is the Founding Pastor and Pastor Emeritus at Crossroads Church in Loveland. Crossroads is firmly committed to LGBTQ+ inclusion and is in the process of joining the United Church of Christ. Pastor John has been joining us regularly for worship for over a year. We are delighted that he has agreed to move from the pew to the pulpit for a Sunday!



## Support our Partners at Lutheran Family Services

This week we had a chance to visit with our partners at Lutheran Family Services regarding the impacts that ongoing federal changes are having on them and those they serve. Funding sources are in flux and long-term impacts remain to be seen.

They have shared that staff morale is incredibly low at this time. If you would like to support the LFS staff, they would welcome your encouragement.

You may send a note to them in the mail or drop by a small treat for their 22-person staff at 3001 8th Ave, #100, Greeley, CO 80631.



## Thanks from the Staff

The staff wishes to extend our deep gratitude for the time away last week that allowed us to plan together for the upcoming year. This time away is always a gift to us and we are especially grateful to the donors who have provided space in Estes for us the last few years.

(Fun fact: the background photo is one of the 16 giant post-it notes we used to plan the next year of fun and community at FCC!)



## Cheer on our UNC Women's Basketball Players!

Join us **Saturday, March 1, at 6:00 PM** to cheer on the UNC Women's Basketball Team! We are delighted to have two players, Ella and Olivia, who regularly attend worship at FCC. Tickets are \$5. Tickets can be purchased using the link below or signing up on the "Happenings" wall across from the children's check-in desk.

[Buy Basketball Tickets](#)



## Centering Prayer

A time of centering prayer is available in **the Living Water Soul Care office** (across from Rev. Tamara's office) on **Sundays from 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM, on Mondays from noon-12:30 PM in the chapel, and Tuesday-Friday from noon-12:30 PM on Zoom**. Centering prayer is a form of Christian meditation that seeks to connect us with God's presence through a practice of inner silence and receptivity.

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## Wednesday Night Live Resumes

Wednesday Night Live has resumed each Wednesday from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Dinner will be from 5:15 PM - 6:00 PM, followed by Adult Education programming and supervised gym time for children from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

On the 12th, in addition to our Faithwalking offering, Rev. Tamara will be leading discussion and activity around resilience in turbulent times.

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## Join Bell Choir

There are openings in the FCC Bell Choir! The Bell Ringers are a fabulous family of music makers, and we would love to have you join us! Contact Nicholas Gilmore for more information.

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## Trivia: The Musical!

The Labyrinth Theatre is thrilled to invite you to our upcoming event! Join us in Chadwick on **Saturday, February 15, at 7:00 PM** for a night filled with fun and surprises at *Trivia: The Musical!* This one-of-a-kind trivia night invites contestants - ages 16 and up - to enjoy a lively evening where answers aren't just spoken—they're performed live by our talented cast.



Form a team of up to 7 and come ready to laugh, think, and compete for incredible prizes. Tickets are \$20/person and are available [online](#) and at the door. All proceeds from this event will support our upcoming production. We can't tell you what it is, but it rhymes with Bodsmell.

For all additional questions, please email the Labyrinth at [thelabyrinth.theatre@gmail.com](mailto:thelabyrinth.theatre@gmail.com).

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## A Place at The Table

We are excited to announce the return of A Place at the Table this February.

In the past, this program paired a group of people/families together for a 3 month period in which you would gather for dinner (or another family friendly activity) once a month, if possible. Get togethers could be held at the homes of people involved in the group or at a chosen location, like the church or a restaurant. A number of friendships have been born through this program!

For questions or to sign up, please contact Heather Schulte (970-396-4609 or [schulte101@ymail.com](mailto:schulte101@ymail.com)).

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## In Loving Memory

Please hold the loved ones of the following in your prayers as they celebrate and remember a life well lived:

**Rev. Richard “Rick” Irl Mawson II**

September 20, 1935 - December 16, 2024

*Services are scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 2pm in the sanctuary. A livestream will be available [at this link](#).*

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## Children & Youth

**Children:** This week, we will hear a story from our friend and gifted storyteller, Ms. Sandy. All children 3 years old - 5th grade are welcome!

**Nursery care** is available weekly from 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM for 0-3 year-olds.

**Youth:** Middle and High Schoolers are invited to join Rev. Tamara for youth group after the children's message. **Youth group also meets weekly on Sundays from 4 PM -6 PM in Chadwick Hall.**

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