

FCC CONNECTIONS

Under the Fig Tree ~

Some current events as reported by
Christian Century. Good News Report



One of the current popular offerings on Netflix is a remake of Little House on the Prairie. A little known fact about this series of books by Laura Ingalls Wilder is that she was stripped of a children's literature award over her portrayals of indigenous characters. This new Netflix adaptation arrived in July "with a horse drawn wagon load of cultural freight", says critic, James Poniewozik. The series has sparked a live debate over whether it's appropriate to acknowledge all that actually went into the making of America. Creator Rebecca Sonnenshine has attended carefully to the stories of the people who lived on the Prairie long before the Ingles family but critics assure us that this favorite childhood story hasn't been turned into Deadwood. (New York Times, July 9)

Preschool teacher Lupita Villalobos reported in the Atlantic in August that she had a student who had a very strong reaction to starting preschool. She said that typically, students cry maybe the first couple of weeks and say they want their mom, but this student was inconsolable, crying for her tablet.

The Thru-Dash hiker known as "Grey beard," Dale Sanders was the oldest person to complete the 2190 mile Appalachian Trail until his record was broken by his close friend MJ Eberhardt. Eberhardt is now part of a crew helping Sanders, who is now 91, in his effort to reclaim the title. Sanders marked his 80th birthday by becoming the oldest person to paddle the full length of the Mississippi river, and he soon began searching for other age records to try to break. He was not an experienced hiker before he started hiking the Appalachian Trail the first time, but he has a competitive streak that he traces to being bullied in school while growing up on a Kentucky tobacco farm. Once he finishes the trail again he says he'll look for a new record to break: "I'm not going to stop unless physically I simply cannot do it anymore." (New York Times, July 14)



Worship August 30, 2026

Welcome
Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Praise Song- "Holding On (Praise God)"

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21
Sermon: *Is the Truck You're Chasing Really Full of Gold?*
Pastor Lew Champ

Worship Song- "Holy Forever"

Intercessory Prayers

Communion Song- "Here With Me"
Eucharist

Thanksgiving Prayer
Offering
Doxology

Announcements

Closing Song- "Made for More"

Benediction





Lectinary Readings

14th Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 2026

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

This Sunday, August 30

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21
Sermon: Is the Truck
You're Chasing Really Full
of Gold?

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**Prayer
Intercessors**
Meet every
Sunday morning
at 9:00 am



NEW CONCERNS -

Julia Chen Chou still in a lot of pain and struggling to sleep. She is not doing well. She misses everyone and is quite lonesome.

Phil Holland will need to have surgery. No date is set yet.

Tom is having knee and back pain.

Bill & Sharon Spicer. Bill has cancer and Sharon has dementia. Bill's elbow cancer is aggressive. They got the cancer out, and he is doing chemo, and doing well with it. Bill is not a believer. Please pray for healing and salvation.

Jim McBride had a pine tree fall on him home during one of the bad storms.

Maxine McFarland is in Memory Care in Topeka.

Ron Tatman, Linda Champ's brother, will be having open heart surgery. The surgery is yet to be scheduled.

Spencer Green, Reverend at Christ United Methodist Church, has been in the hospital with health issues.

CANCER -

Please pray for all those fighting cancer.

Julia Chen Chou, Bill Spicer, J.R. Coberly, Christina LaBlanc, Jessie, McGrew, Mike Kerker, Malita Mahali, Nora Fanelli, Emerson, Kelly Rae Churchill, Michelle, Wade Gandee, Jeanne Klemm, Gracie Dixon, Alizar Chavez Mendoza, Lew Champ, Keith Hobson, Darren Campbell, Gary Mix, Kyle Bean, Dean Meharg, Randy Richards

DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER'S -

Please pray for everyone who is dealing with declining memory and Alzheimer's.

WORLD -

The fires & floods in our state and across America.

The loss of life in China and Venezuela.

Those affected by tornadoes and strong winds, loss of property and crops.

Please pray for rain for our land. Pray to end this drought, for the farmers, for the crops, and for the livestock.

COMMUNITY -

Students and teachers returning to school.

Thank you to the ones who went to and prayed for each school.

JOYS -

Aryiah is going to the State Fair, playing in the marching band.

Bill got a shot in his hip. Pain went from an 8 to a 1!

CONTINUING PRAYERS -

Neil & Jessica Lovell
George Lulf
Christa Barber
Abby (Lisa Hedlund's niece)
Padilla Family
Brenda Palmer
Gordon Felzien
Steve Firme
Kay Gentry
Coy
JR Coberly
Ellie Beede
Frances Mason
Leo, AJ & Sarah Sonnenberg
Carol & Myron Graybill
Renee (Sue Lovell's friend)
Wade Pelton
Carole Wohlers
Tim (Lovell's friend)



GOD IS GREATER THAN THE HIGHS AND LOWS
ROMANS 8:38-39



Sunday, August 30, 2026

Helping Hands Offering

August 30th is the 5th Sunday of the month which means we will be collecting offerings for our Helping Hands Fund.



We're getting ready for our beginning-of-the-month pasta drop-off at the Family Resource Center!

Sunday, August 30 is your last chance this month to bring your pasta donation. Check the pantry...check the cupboard... check behind the cereal!

If you have a box or package of pasta waiting to find a good home, bring it with you Sunday!

Every box helps provide meals and support to local families in our community.

Let's fill the collection box!

Thank you for always being so generous!



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 Christian community with a deep love for God and others.



08/30 Rob Nichols

09/01 Shaye Correll

09/02 Zach Karg

09/05 Veronica Karg

HAPPY Anniversary

09/02 Phil & Dee
Holland

09/04 Lew & Linda
Champ

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LINKS TO LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Facebook FULL Service — Available for a few weeks:

<https://www.facebook.com/fccsterlingcolorado/videos/1635873078097352>

YouTube ONLY Sermon — Always Available:

<https://youtu.be/cR7uWaQnHV4>

SERVING SCHEDULE

Date	Usher	Preparing Deacon	Elder
August 30	Tammy Sonnenberg	Elissa Karg	Gene Russel
September 6	Gene & Nena Russell	Pam Ferdig	Julie Sonnenberg



YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

MONDAYS • 10AM-12PM

Join A Bible Study!

MEN'S DISCIPLES FELLOWSHIP
Bible Study

Tuesdays

9:30-11:00 am

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF)

Wednesdays

10:00 -11:30 am



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

GROUP 1

9:30 AM

GROUP 2

6:30 PM