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# THE CALL



# 2009



Dear Friends,

This will be my last article for "The Call." My last Sunday will be June 7. It has been a joy for me to be your interim pastor for the last 13 months. You as a congregation have renewed my spirit and my joy. As of yet I do not know where my next position will be.

It may be some time before I know. I do believe the economy has hit even the clergy specifically, the spouses of clergy who are not thrilled about relocating and trying to find a new position. I do look forward to sitting on my couch at home, petting my dog and making my wife want me to take a job in Nova Scotia. Seriously, It will be good to be home for a while with my wife and daughter.

Our relationship as pastor/congregation changes. You will have a new pastor. She will be the one who does your weddings, funerals, baptisms, and baby dedications. She is the one who will be with you in times of crises and joy. I am no longer your pastor but your friend. I do care about what happens to you individually and as a congregation but I do so as a friend. I will continue to read the newsletter and of course you can contact me with news about what is happening in your lives. And when you hear a loud scream of joy from the east. That's going to be Rose when I get a job.

See you in Church,

Chuck

## CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Charles Shannon**  
Interim Minister

**Lois Koch**  
Business Manager

**Veronica Mason**  
Church Secretary

**Betty Walts**  
Organist

**Amber French**  
Director of Music

**Melissa Heck**  
Custodian

**Michelle England**  
Youth Group

Month/Day	Offering/ Gen. Fund	Budget Needed	Special Offerings	Amount
04/05/09	11,216.34	5,932.67	Easter	158.00
04/12/09	3,880.41	5,932.67	Easter	622.00
04/19/09	4,599.53	5,932.37	Easter	25.00
04/26/09	2,181.00	5,932.37	Pentecost	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,877.28</b>	<b>23,730.68</b>	<b>Easter/Pentacost</b>	<b>830.00</b>

CELEBRATING AN  
*Anniversary* 

Congratulations on Bob and Betty Burkhart on celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary. They were married at First Christian Church in Thayer, OK on May 21, 1944.



You are invited to attend a reception to help Ted and Lois Purvis celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 13, 2009, at the Parkway Plaza from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm being hosted by their children. No gifts please.



Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wallace would like to invite you to a wedding reception. It will be held on July 12, 2009 for Kendra Terpening and Christian Koivumaa immediately following the late service. No gifts please. They will be unable to take them on the plane.

**Worship Assistants  
June 2009**

**Elder Presiding:**

*Mike Ward/Suzy Stewart*

**Bread Elder:**

*Bob Glasspoole*

**Cup Elder:**

*Sandra Bentley*

**Diaconate:**

*See June Schedule Below*

**Greeters:**

*8:00 a.m.*

*Marie Robertson*

*10:45 a.m.*

*Emma Crawford*



**Poplar Living Center**

*June Forgey*

*Ethel Dunn*

**Life Care Center**

*Donna Ward*

*Arylne Dunmire*

*Jack Riley*

**Meadow Wind**

*Joe Dunmire*

*Margot Atwood*

**Shepherd of the Valley**

*Margaret Shriver*

*Joan Linenberger*

**Garden Square**

*Wilma Dee Forester*

*Betty Snyder*

**Park Place**

**Hospice**

**Primrose**

*Catharine Kingsolver*

**Maurice Griffith Manor**

Location	Elders
Poplar Living Center Life Care Center	Mike Ward, Jack Walts, Deb King
At Home	Nancy Vreeland, Carol Jo Vlastos, Bob Glasspoole
Shepherd of the Valley Maurice Griffith Manor	Suzy Stewart, Shirley Downs, Floyd Field
Garden Square Primrose Place	Kelli Slominski, Lani McBee, Russ Black
Meadow Wind Park Place	Melanie Dowler, Roger Miller, Sandy Bentley
Hospice	All Elders







## OPPORTUNITIES AT CARE NET PREGNANCY & RESOURCE CLINIC OF CASPER

### June, 1959

Ted & Lois Purvis

### June 1, 1962

Dr. Bryant & Kathy Badger

### June 3, 1995

Rob & Jolene Knaus

### June 7, 1986

Raylan & Tammy Heck

### June 8, 1958

Erol & Bev Miller

### June 9, 1990

Shannon & Cendee Feurt

### June 10, 1970

Richard & Janie Nelson

### June 14, 1942

Max & Dot Lowe

### June 19, 1960

Lynn & Anne Klocksiam

### June 22, 2002

Clyde & Maryann Cain

### June 26, 1957

Chuck & Judy Potter

### June 28, 2008

Joshua & Lyndsey Padilla

### June 30, 1962

Kirby & Betty Black

### June 30, 1990

Roger & Cecelia Miller

### June 30, 1978

Van & Amy Russell

### June, 1951

David & Grace Sallstrom

Care Net needs volunteers to join our Patient Resources Team. Specialized training provided to serve pregnant, at-risk women. We will help you find the volunteer position that best fits your schedule and are of interest.

**Calling all Ladies:** Care Net invites you to be an ultrasound model! Both pregnant and non-pregnant models are needed. Our Nurse Manager is taking advanced training and needs to do 800 ultrasounds in the next 12 months.

If you are interested in volunteering for either thing, please call Anne at 472-2810.



First Christian Church (DOC) in Grand Junction, CO invites you to their 125th Anniversary Celebration on June 12-14, 2009.

If you are interested in attending, please call 970-242-7204 by June 1, 2009.

## Congregational Meeting



An ALL church informational meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 14** in the sanctuary at 9:30 am to discuss a proposal under consideration by the Property Commission to replace the triangle window at the back of the sanctuary and to replace the memorial windows on the sides of the sanctuary with energy efficient windows.

Steve Dobby is looking for a retired woman with a driver's license, who loves children to be a Live-In Nanny. He will provide room and board, plus \$200 per month. It is full-time during the summer and part-time during the school year. He has 3 children. If you are interested, please call Steve at 259-4832.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your cards, thoughts, and prayers when I had gall bladder surgery. They were all greatly appreciated. The surgery went well and I am on the mend to a full recovery.

Veronica

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Friends are a gift in life. And life is often quite fragile. Thank you so much for your prayers, kindness, comforting words, cooking, and generosity at this tragic time of sorrow. Your time and your kindnesses gave us strength. We remain so very grateful.

In Christian love,  
Raylan, Tammy, Melissa, & Jessica

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I wish to thank those who sent me cards and kept me in their prayers while I was in the hospital and rehab. A special thanks to Chuck, Bryant, and the Jerdes' for their visits.

Keith Ames

We will be having the softball tailgate party on June 29th at 7:00 pm after the game at 6:00 pm on North Casper #3 field. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers, chips, dessert, and drinks. Hot dogs are \$1.50 and hamburgers are \$2.00.



### **GAME SCHEDULE**

Friday	5/29/09	9:45 PM	North Casper #3
Monday	6/01/09	6:00 PM	North Casper #3
Monday	6/08/09	4:15 PM	North Casper #3
Monday	6/15/08	<b>NO GAME</b>	
Monday	6/22/09	9:45 PM	North Casper #3
Monday	6/29/09	6:00 PM	North Casper #3
Monday	7/6/09	8:30 PM	North Casper #3
Monday	7/13/09	6:00 PM	North Casper #3
Thursday	7/16/09	8:30 PM	North Casper #3

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Please remember to bring your nonperishable items to the church on the first Sunday of each month. These will be delivered to Joshua's storehouse. These items are especially needed at this time of year.

### **SUGGESTIONS:**

1. Canned Goods 2. Packaged Foods 3. Toilet Paper 4. Diapers 5. Soaps  
Perishable items such as Turkeys, milk, etc. can be delivered in person to Joshua's at 334 S. Wolcott.

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### **SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

Women's Renewal  
September 11-13, 2009  
Estes Park



### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Annette Ambrosino	01
Jason Baker	01
June Forgey	03
Connie Wenn	03
Duane Smith	04
Deb King	06
Jean Taylor	06
Verla Jerde	07
Peg Jackson	10
Deanna Budack	11
Ashley Creager	11
Mary Burgess	16
Ali Dugan	18
Robert Hilton	20
Steve Huckfeldt	20
June Wilcox	23
Emma Crawford	24
Clyde Cain	25
Chris Van Norman	25
Bernard Ambrosino	27
Clinton Wenn	27
Bob Glasspoole	30
Jerry Meeks	30
Van Russell	30



Mary Burgess has volunteered to serve as the new Evangelism Chair.



A going away reception for Reverend Shannon is planned for Sunday June 7, 2009 in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 am worship service. A light lunch with cake will be served. Please join us in saying a big FCC Thanks to Reverend Shannon for serving as our interim minister the past year.



\* Summer has arrived, and that means that youth group is done until school starts. Thank you so much to everybody who helped to make the group a success. We had a wonderful time. Enjoy your summer vacation!

\* The Youth Group participated in a progressive dinner on the 3rd of May, and we had a wonderful time! I would like to thank the members of our congregation who made this event happen.

- Ed and Mary Burgess provided us with a wonderful appetizer of 7-layer dip, and fresh veggies.

- David and Grace Sallstrom provided us with a delightful homemade potato soup, and fresh berry salad.

- Bev Miller and Martha Wallace made a scrumptious spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread.

- Mike Ward hosted us at Ft. Caspar, where we were served a delicious upside-down pineapple cake.

Thank you so much to those who helped with this event. We had a wonderful time getting to know you, and learning about each other.

Thanks!  
Michelle

## **ATTENTION ALL CHURCH MEMBERS**

I am sure some or all of you have heard some rumblings around the church about replacing the windows in the sanctuary. Before things get too wild I thought a little update on what was going on was in order.

The big triangle window at the back has been leaking for several years and there is some concern whether or not the supporting wall is starting to rot as well. This window is single pane and leaks air as well as water. In the process of getting bids to replace/repair the triangle window a bid to replace the sanctuary windows was requested as well. These stained glass windows are made of half-inch plexi-glass, have no insulation value and leak an immense amount of air and cold, especially on breezy wintry days. The windows were installed many years ago as memorials to several church members. Property has had replacement of the windows under consideration for several years. One of the challenging issues of the project is to determine how the windows can be replaced with modern insulated windows and still retain the integrity and sanctity of the memorial-stained plexi-glass. One idea is to frame the memorial stained plexi-glass with oak and hang them like a curtain in front of the new energy efficient windows, another suggestion is to do away with them and have blinds incorporated into the new windows.

Heat bills have been running between \$1500.00 and \$2500.00 per month and every consideration on saving heat/cooling and bringing this cost down is being discussed. No action has been taken at this time and major discussions are under way. Should Property decide to replace these windows it will have to be authorized through the Stewardship commission, The Executive board, and the Congregation. At this time the bids are coming in around \$25,000.00 for all the windows with blinds included. This price includes the triangle window that would be constructed of double pane solar reflective glass.

An extreme amount of thought is going into this process along with prayers of concern. If there are questions please feel free to discuss them with me, Property members or Members at large.

Steven Huckfeldt  
Property Chairperson

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2009 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE GRADUATES!**

Shelby Address  
Shelby Gregory

Ceenan Emerson  
Jake Mongan

### **CC**

Heather Rice-Elementary Education

### **UW/CC**

Katy Hallock-BS Psychology  
Cindy Huckfeldt-Masters-English Literature

### **University of Wyoming**

Kelly Russell-Bachelors in Biology

### **Northern Arizona University**

Amanda Dowler-MS Clinic Speech Pathology

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Graders Receiving Bibles**

Kaitlyn Kessner

Cecelia McFarland

### **A SPECIAL 'THANK YOU'**

### **TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

#### **Children's Church:**

**Carpenter for Children's Church:** Gene Buck

**Greeters:** Briana Black, Jared Black, Josh Black, Ashley Budack,  
Emily Dundas, Trent Hover, Zack Marble, Hanna Slominski,  
Lacy Slominski, Val Williams

**Storytellers:** Jenny Black, Sarah Brown, Pat Buck,  
Daria Dundas, Jenn Hawley, Linnea Meline

**Chi-Rho/CYF-Grades 6-12:** Brian Black, Scott Hawley

**Disciples:** Bob Dundas

**Homebuilders:** Ted Grooms

**Librarians:** Harriett Ames, Twilla Herrick, Verla Jerde

**NEW:** Harriet Ames

**Nursery:** Bob Meloy & Cyndi Trimmer

**Pre-K & Grades 1-5:** Deanna Budack & Deb Schuetz

**THE:** Nancy Vreeland (Fall) & Everyone who has taught the class.

**Youth Group:** Michelle England

**Youth Program:** Jenny Black

**Financial Peace:** Mike & Kelli Slominski

**Diaconates Schedule  
June 2009**

**June 7, 2009**

**LEADER:** *Dave Taylor*  
Marj Haass  
Diane Martin  
Bridger Martin  
Bev Miller  
Terry Taylor

**June 14, 2009**

**LEADER:** *Brenda Lloyd*  
Marj Haass  
Bev Miller  
Terri Taylor  
Dave Taylor  
Debbie Mapp

**June 21, 2009**

**LEADER:** *Marj Haass*  
Debbie Mapp  
Diane Martin  
Bridger Martin  
Mike Slominski  
Hanna Slominski

**June 28, 2009**

**LEADER:** *Lois Purvis*  
Ted Purvis  
Becky Foster  
Jessica Heck  
Susan Guthrie

**Preparation - 8:00 am (entire month of June)**

Robin Nelson & Pat Seamands

**Preparation - 10:45 am (entire month of June)**

Brenda Lloyd

**Special Dates**

- Donut Sunday,  
Chuck's Last Day,  
Trinity Sunday  
June 7, 2009
- Flag Day,  
Special  
Congregation  
Meeting @ 9:30  
am  
June 14, 2009
- Call Deadline  
June 17, 2009
- Father's Day,  
June 21, 2009
- First day of  
summer,  
June 21, 2009
- Rev. McBride's  
1st Day  
June 23, 2009
- Rev. McBride's  
Installation  
Service @ 3pm  
June 28, 2009
- Softball Tailgate  
Party @ 7 pm  
June 29, 2009

# NECROLOGY

## JUNE 2008 – MAY 2009

### ~ IN LOVING MEMORY ~

Polly Bland – June 2, 2008

Carl Carlson – July 12, 2008

Don Paulley – July 29, 2008

Mary Lou Day – October 25, 2008

Effie Smith – December 28, 2008

Alta Sanders – January 8, 2009

Bob Knowlton – February 27, 2009

Chad Heck – March 9, 2009

Frank McCay – May 14, 2009