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THE CALL



2009



On the bare wall
was left a single nail
for a picture that was gone.
Are more needed
to prompt me to pray,
when three nails supported
the Redeemer of the world?

11 November 1953
Dom Helder Camara

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

See you in Church,
Chuck

Month/Day	Offering/ Gen. Fund	Budget Needed	Special Offerings	Amount
03/01/09	9,196.02	5,932.67	Week of Compassion	95.00
03/08/09	3,178.00	5,932.67		
03/15/09	4,216.11	5,932.37	Week of Compassion	25.00
03/22/09	1,678.42	5,932.37		
03/29/09	1,487.00	5,932.37	Easter	40.00
TOTAL	19,755.55	29,663.35	Week of Compassion/ Easter	160.00



Congratulations to Sheri & Jason Salazar on the birth of their baby girl, Imaya Eve born on March 18, 2009. She weighed 9#, 9 oz. Proud grandmother is Jackie Greenlee.

On Sunday May 10th one of our disciples missionaries Bruce Van Voorhis will be with us. He will be preaching for both services. He has worked with Global Ministries for 19 years. Currently he is assigned to the Asian Human Rights Commission in Hong Kong as the communications officer. He is a Colorado native. On Saturday May 9th he will meet with Shepherding Group #12 at Shirley Wenn's home.



DATE	STORY	STORYTELLER	GREETER
May 3	The Ascension	Linnea Meline	Lacey Slominski
May 10	Pentecost	Pat Buck	Jared Black
May 17	Baptism	Jenn Hawley	Hanna Slominski
May 24	MEMORIAL WEEKEND - NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH		
May 31	Good Shepherd - Lord's Supper #1	Daria Dundas	Emily Dundas



If anyone has a new baby or grandchild that they would like to have dedicated. Please call the church office. Mothers Day, May 10th would be a great day to do it.

Worship Assistants May 2009

Elder Presiding:

Carol Vlastos

Bread Elder:

Russ Black

Cup Elder:

Kelli Slominski

Diaconate:

Diane Martin

Bridger Martin

Crystal Rodgers

Darin Rodgers

Mike Slominski

Hanna Slominski

Brianna Black

Communion Preparation:

8:00 am

Jane Wallace

10:45 am

Greeters:

8:00 a.m.

Katy Noah

Mary Burgess

10:45 a.m.

Cal & Monica Decker



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



Descending Dove

The descending dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. “As soon as Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove” (Matthew 3:16, NIV). The three-rayed nimbus around the dove’s head identifies the Spirit as a member of the Trinity. A dove shown without the nimbus is a symbol of peace.

Thanks
FOR YOUR EXAMPLE

Mother's Day is a great opportunity to thank your mother, grandmother or any other woman who has been a wonderful example in your life. Make and give this craft to show how much you appreciate these special women.

What you need:

- An empty, glass, wide-mouthed jar (no lid needed)
- Acrylic craft paints (several different spring colors)
- Votive candle (optional)
- Flowers (optional)
- Small candies (optional)

What you do:

1. Make sure your glass jar is clean and dry.
2. Dip your pointer finger into one of the paint colors.
3. Using your finger as a stamp, make about five prints in a circle on the outside of your jar. These will be your flower petals. (Hint: Hold your jar by placing your hand inside it. Then you can turn the jar easily without messing up the wet paint.)
4. Dip your finger into another color and make a fingerprint in the center of your petals.
5. Make as many flowers as you want, using different fingers or your thumb to make different-sized petals.
6. Present this beautiful gift to a special woman this Mother's Day. There are many ways to use it:
 - Place a votive candle inside to make a candleholder.
 - Fill it with water and place flowers inside to make a vase.
 - Fill it with small candies to make a candy jar.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!
Women's Renewal
September 11-13, 2009
Estes Park

Just for Kids

A legacy of faith

You've blessed someone with a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Lesson 1 Timothy 1:5. Write down a thing or two that you like to do with the women you love.

HOW TO USE THIS WORKSHEET

1. Trace the words "I love you" on the lines.

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- **Ken & Amanda McFarland's** new address is: 1634 Glendale, Casper, WY 82601.
- **Margot Atwood's** new address is: c/o Meadow Winds 3955 E. 12th St. Casper, WY 82601.
- **Ethel Dunn's** new address is: c/o Poplar Living Center 4305 S. Poplar #306, Casper, WY 82604.
- **Gladys Lindholm's** new address is: 1400 Gibson Bay Dr. Richmond, KY 40475-3800.
- **Dave & Grace Sallstrom's** email address is: dsallstrom@bresnan.net.

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.

Video Camera Fund

When the new audio system was installed, the plan was to purchase video cameras with the audio system. The video portion of the installation was delayed due to the cost of the video system and some unforeseen costs in the installation of the audio system.

Now is the time to start looking forward to completing our original plan.

The benefits are many:

- Internet Video streaming video
- DVD recordings
- Live Video in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

If you wish to donate to this cause, please make your checks payable to First Christian Church, and in the note to designate the funds for the Video Fund.



Scott and Jane Wallace are happy to announce to marriages of our 2 daughters **Kendra** to Chrisitan Koivumaa and **Kylie** to Able Stewart.

Kendra and Christian will wed on May 16, 2009 in Sweden, where they reside with their daughter Adori. A reception will be at First Christian Church on July 12th at 12:30 pm.

Kylie and Able will be married in Sheridan on September 5th, 2009.

**TINA'S DRIVE FOR LIFE
MAY 15TH & MAY 16TH**

On Friday, May 15th and Saturday, May 16th the semi-annual *Tina's Drive for Life* will be held at Godfather's Pizza. The annual event remembers Tina Twiford and her giving spirit by providing the community with the opportunity to give blood through United Blood Services (UBS) from 11 am - 4 pm on Friday and 9 am - 3 pm on Saturday.

A CWRM Needs drive and bake sale for the Transformation Center (CWRM's facility for women and children) will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 9 am - 3 pm. Volunteer bakers are needed to prepare and donate baked goods to be sold during this event. If you would like to volunteer or for a list of items, please call Becky at the CWRM Development Office at 268-4474.



Dear Family at First Christian Church,

Words cannot begin to express our thanks and appreciation for all you have done for us the past couple of months during my stay in both the hospital and Life Care. The flowers brightened my rooms, the visits and calls and cards helped fill the hours and communion from Deb and Mike was so meaningful. All the dinners from the Care Team organized by Jerry were so helpful for Bryant and then for both of us. Everything has been so delicious. But the most important gifts --have been the prayers offered up in my behalf and for Bryant. I know the power of prayer is giving me the strength to rehabilitate.

Thanks and God Bless you All.

Kathy

Thanks to Reverend Shannon for the visit while Emily was in the hospital with Gallbladder surgery. After feeling bad for several months, she is back to her normal self once again.

Heather and Brian Street



A SPECIAL INSTALLATION SERVICE has been scheduled for Sunday, June 28, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the installation will be to welcome Reverend Cynthia McBride to serve as the new Senior Minister at First Christian Church - Casper.



Linda Carlson died in the hospital in Toledo, Ohio, after treatments for colon cancer, having had a colostomy previously in Calif., then removal of a kidney, kidney stones, infections, and finally septic shock, ...dying Dec. 29, 2008. A memorial service will be held at her home church, First Christian Church in Cadillac, Mich. on Sat., Apr. 18th, 2009, 11 a.m. Church address: 3564 S. US 131, Cadillac, Mich. 49601. Remaining brothers: one in Hong Kong, and one in Holland, Michigan: Mr. Robert Carlsen, 2189 Perry St., Holland, Mich. 49424 [tel. 1-616-399-2019].. Linda served as the assoc. at FCC, Casper, 1992-1994, and was released due to medical complications with epileptic seizures and loss of driver's license We kept her on the pay roll for 9 mos., providing her time to relocate eventually to a small congregation in California, followed by another move to Republic, Ohio She is survived by her step-mother and two brothers. Dr. Badger became aware of her death in a recent bulletin from the Disciples' Pension Fund, and finally contacted her brother. 2004 was her final pastorate, followed by medical retirement from our Ohio region.

--respectfully submitted by Dr. Badger, Good Friday, Apr. 10, 2009



Our FCC Preschool year is quickly coming to a close! Our Track Day and Parent Picnic will be Friday May 15th at 10 am. The Graduation Ceremonies for our 3's and Pre-Kindergarten Classes will be Monday, May 18th and Tuesday, May 19th at 7 pm in the Sanctuary each night. What a fun and memorable few days it will be! Dean Morgan Junior High has graciously offered stage risers to help all our children be seen by their families. Yea!

We only have 6 spots open for Preschool next fall, so please contact Jenny Black, Director FCC Preschool, if you have friends or family members that have a child ages 2 1/2 – 5 that might be interested in our program.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Mosteller	03
Jenny Black	04
Grace Sallstrom	06
Daria Dundas	07
Dot Lowe	10
Lois Purvis	11
Hailey Rodgers	11
Marge Schropfer	12
Martha Wallace	12
Emily Dundas	13
Kim Haug	14
Shirley Garvin	15
Linnea Meline	16
Mary Lou Westman	16
Raylan Heck	17
Jess Vreeland	17
Betty Axworthy	18
Jan Hawks	20
Jared Black	22
Amanda Dowler	24
Steve Kingsolver	25
Catharine Kingsolver	27
Travis Hayden	31
Bill Ryan	31



May 7, 1947
Jay & Liz Georgeson

May 15, 1982
Kirk & Robin Nelson

May 19, 2001
Shawn & Linnea Meline

May 21, 1977
Don & Randisue Davis

May 25, 1980
Russ & Julie Black

May 26, 1984
Dan & Jan Coey

May 31, 1975
Ted & Jennifer Grooms



We will be having a Progressive Dinner once again this year, and we are looking for members of the congregation to sponsor us! The dinner will take place on the 3rd of May. The Progressive Dinner is a chance for the members of our congregation to get to know the youth of our church around dinner! We did it for the first time last year, and it was wonderful, but this year, we will stop at only 4 houses so that the youth can spend more time with the hosts. There will be 4 courses, (Appetizers, Soup/Salad, Main Course and Desert), and each host provides the course. If you are interested in hosting a course for our Progressive Dinner, please let me know! We come to you!

Michelle 259-1166

Let Rescued Treasures Thrift Store help with your spring cleaning! **Donate** unused house wares, furniture, clothing. Call 577-7793 for free pick-up, or drop items off at 330 N. Durbin. Donations are accepted Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Stop by the store and shop for a treasure--Store hours are Monday through Saturday 9:am to 5:00 PM. All proceeds benefit the poor and homeless at Central Wyoming Rescue Mission.



Spring Cleaning for First Christian Church is May 9th, 2009 beginning at 9 AM. Please plan to attend.



***Due to the NCSD need for a snow make-up day, the dates for Vacation Bible School have been rescheduled. We will be hosting VBS 2009 the week of July 13-17, our traditional week after Central Wyoming Fair & Rodeo.

Special Dates

- Donut Sunday,
May 3, 2009
- Christian Family
Week, May 4-10,
2009
- National Day of
Prayer, May 7,
2009
- Spring Clean-up
at Church, May
9, 2009
- Mother's Day,
May 10, 2009
- Armed Forces
Day, May 16,
2009
- Graduation
Sunday, May 17,
2009
- Victoria Day
(Canada), May
18, 2009
- Call Deadline,
May 20, 2009
- Ascension of the
Lord, May 21,
2009
- Memorial Day,
May 25, 2009
OFFICE CLOSED
- Pentecost, May
31, 2009



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