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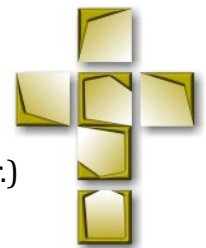
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THE CALL

HOLY WEEK

- Sunday **April 17 - Palm Sunday** - 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. worship
Children & youth will join the choir in a palm procession
as our congregation sings praise to Christ the King!
- Monday **April 18** - noon services each day at 1st United Methodist
Sponsored by Servants United - Theme: "A Week of Grace"
The Rev. Steve Burnett preaching - hear a great pipe organ!
- Tuesday **April 19** - Pastor Wes Connell preaching at noon
- Wednesday **April 20** - Deacon Don Stewart preaching at noon
Betty Walts, Amber French & Becky Foster providing music
Final Pastor's Class 5 pm & pizza party with elders 6 pm
- Thursday **April 21** - Pastor Marc Sundstrum preaching at noon
Maunder Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday **April 22 - Good Friday** - Final noon service
Rev. Cynthia McBride preaching & mass choir to sing
Karen Ray & Betty Walts to play
Prayer vigil in the Inner Room from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday **April 23** - Prayer vigil 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday **April 24 - Easter Sunday**
Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Handbells will perform at both services
(Please note - there is NO sunrise service this year.)



Servants United
Honoring Our Lord by Honoring One Another



*Michelle England will wed
Tyler Elser on May 21 at 2 pm.
in the sanctuary of First Christian Church
YOU are invited!*

Church Staff: Rev. Cynthia McBride Lead Pastor
Lois Koch Business Manager, Elisa Jones Church Secretary,
Thomas May Custodian, Betty Walts Organist, Amber French Director of Music
Cyndi Trimmer Nursery, Jenny Black FCC Preschool Director

A Life of Learning and Love....



"Connect the Dots..."

Remember the child-hood puzzles with numbered dots on a page? As you connect one dot to the next, a picture unfolds.... Members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are often able to draw the lines connecting points between Jesus calling us to feed the hungry or care for the poor and specific places of our

service in the world - whether it be serving a mission meal in Casper or supporting missionaries in the Congo. As we heard presentations over the last two weekends from Don Sarton (with Christian Church Foundation) and Amy Gopp (executive director of the Week of Compassion) I am sure that many of those lines became more clearly connected to reveal the "big picture" we paint together as church.

When we give an offering to Week of Compassion, whether in February or anytime in response to a natural disaster, our funds meet concrete needs. Week of Compassion is the Disciples' relief, refugee and development mission fund. Only 5% of these offerings cover overhead costs of salary, publicity, or administration, and 100% of designated funds go directly towards relief for a specific disaster or named cause. WoC funding is distributed on the ground through Disciples-related missionaries and ecumenical groups, working hand in hand with Church World Service. On May 1, we'll participate in the CROP Walk to raise money to fight hunger. On May 8, we will receive a special offering for blanket Sunday. Funds raised through these programs are distributed by Church World Service - the same partner that helps us so much when we share our Week of Compassion giving. You can donate to a CROP walker (25% stays in Casper & 75% will fight hunger in developing countries) or give \$5 to buy a blanket (or seeds or tools) or make a donation to Week of Compassion. The gifts we share help connect our abundance with others' need and draw the image of God's love anew in our world.

A God moment for me: Sunday, 9:45 a.m. Rev. Amy Gopp was sitting in my office checking her email. "Do you have a Yearbook?" I handed her the official listing of all Disciples of Christ congregations. She needed to know if we have a Disciple church in Pulaski, VA. Two tornadoes had touched down. That very morning, a call went to the pastor of First Christian Church in Pulaski to offer assistance from Week of Compassion. I always knew that we responded "right away" - but it was a holy privilege to watch that process with my own eyes. Here's to "connecting the dots" of God's love... - *Pastor Cynthia*



Calling All Graduates!

It's that time of year again. Please inform the church office if you plan to graduate this spring from high school, or will receive an undergraduate or graduate level degree (or if you completed a degree in December). Please deliver or mail your graduation information to

the church office or e-mail us at FCCCasper@qwestoffice.net or call 307-234-8964. Include graduate's name, school and type of degree. DEADLINE: May 9, 2011.

Amber French will create a visual recognition of graduates to be shared during worship on "Graduation Sunday," May 22nd. Graduates or their families are asked to send Amber 3 or 4 digital photos (past and present) that she could use in this presentation. Please email photos to ber1010@bresnan.net by May 15.

Scouting News:

Troop 13 raised \$443 at the March Soup Feed Fundraiser to help defray the costs of Boy Scout Summer camp for the six newest Boy Scouts in the troop. We went through 85 bowls of soup & chili. Thank you FCC!



Recent Events: A large group of Scouts from Troop 13 planted trees in Ft Robinson Nebraska on April 2nd. They enjoyed warm 75 degree weather that day and then snow the next day! Some of the Boy Scouts were learned mounting techniques from local taxidermists at the Wyoming Taxidermy Association Competition on

Saturday April 9th. Troop 13 had two committee members earn the Silver Beaver Award. We congratulate Paris Blair and Julie Schebler for this high honor!

Upcoming Events: The High Plains Shoot is April 16th and boys aged 11 years and older will participate in a shooting competition.

Scout O'Rama- Saturday April 30th at the Fairgrounds. **Spring Camporee-** May 20th - May 22nd. **OA Spring Fellowship-** June 3rd - June 5th at Camp Buffalo Bill

Tennyson Center for Children

Fundraising Dinner May 6th at 7 PM

Hilton Ft Collins | 425 West Prospect Road - Fort Collins, CO
info at: www.childabuse.org or in the church office



May Greeters:

8:00 a.m. - Janie Nelson & Mena Pagett

10:45 a.m. - Twilla Herrick

To volunteer as a greeter,
talk with Roger Cook at 234-2525.

Presiding Elder:

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Apr. 24-	Jenny Black	Dennis Baker
May 1-	Linda Mosteller	Kathy Winders
May 8-	Randisue Davis	Linda Mosteller
May 15-	Linda Mosteller	Brenda Lloyd
May 22-	Linda Mosteller	Kathy Winders
May 29-	Stan McIrvn	Deb King

Bread Elder:

Cup Elder:

May 1-	Randisue Davis	Brenda Lloyd
May 8-	Kathy Winders	Brenda Lloyd
May 15-	Randisue Davis	Kathy Winders
May 22-	Brenda Lloyd	Randisue Davis
May 29-	Russ Black	Carol Jo Vlastos

Please sign up on the bulletin board by the front door to serve as a scripture reader or acolyte at 10:45. Erika Stupak coordinates our acolyte program.

From the Business Office:

Balance on hand, February 28, 2011	(11.63)
March Income from Pledges and Gifts	21,882.75
Invested Funds	4,078.83
Total Income	25,961.58
March Expenses	17,893.42
Balance on hand, March 31, 2011	8,068.16



Thank you to those members who have increased their pledge by \$1.00 per day to help meet this year's budget shortfall.

NEWS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:



NEW MEMBERS: A warm welcome to Dena Roberts, the Grube family (Ed, Carrie & Cody), and Tina Raines who joined FCC on March 20th. Brad & Jaden Reece, and Nina Hytrek joined FCC on March 27th

PASTOR'S CLASS: There are 8 participants in this year's Pastor's Class studying baptism: Carmen, Cooper & Connor Goodman; Tina & Charlie Raines; Jaden Reece; Dena Roberts; and Madison Rouse. Baptisms will be held at 10:45 on Easter Sunday.

May Birthdays

Linda Mosteller	May 3	Shirley Garvin	May 15
Jenny Black	May 4	Mary Westman	May 16
Darlene Bishop	May 6	Jamie Williams	May 16
Grace Sallstrom	May 6	Raylan Heck	May 17
Daria Dundas	May 7	Jesse Vreeland	May 17
Dot Lowe	May 10	Betty Axworthy	May 18
Lois Purvis	May 11	Jan Hawks	May 20
Hailey Rodgers	May 11	Jared Black	May 22
Marge Schropfer	May 12	Amanda Dowler	May 24
Allen Singleton	May 12	Steve Kingsolver	May 25
Martha Wallace	May 12	Bernard Ambrosino	May 27
Emily Dundas	May 13	Catherine Kingsolver	May 27
Kim Haug	May 14	Travis Hayden	May 31



May Wedding Anniversary Dates

Jay & Liz Georgeson	May 7, 1947
Charles & Cynthia McBride	May 9, 1998
Kirk & Robin Nelson	May 15, 1982
Robert & Betty Burkhart	May 21, 1944
Don & Randisue Davis	May 21, 1977
Don & Donna Klinker	May 21, 1954
Russ & Julie Black	May 25, 1980
Chuck & June Wilcox	May 25, 1947
Dan & Jan Coey	May 26, 1984
Jeff & Tracy Padilla	May 26, 1984
Bernard & Annette Ambrosino	May 31, 1986
Ted & Jennifer Grooms	May 31, 1975



Church Clean-Up Day!

Come one, come all - please bring your garden tools, strong spirit and a smile and join us For All Church clean-up. Saturday April 30th at 9:00 am, please come for the fun and fellowship!!



Needed!!! for July 31st Old Fashioned Picnic on the Mountain:

There will be a picnic at Bear Trap being put on by Membership & Worship. If you can help please call Becky Foster or Amber French. These are some of the things they need: jump ropes, gunny sacks, "real" ice cream makers (the kind you have to put a little elbow grease into), old wheel barrows, horse(s) and wagon for hay rides. We plan to have worship in BearTrap meadow and then "stay and play" on the mountain! Our Transitional Regional Minister Jose Morales will be preaching.



Upcoming Youth Events

Students in grades 6-12 can sign up for the **Mystery Trip** with Jenny and Brian Black - a fun surprise adventure awaits you on Friday, April 22! Any youth who haven't signed up for camp or for national assembly in Nashville, but are interested in attending, contact Jennifer (234-1138) and we'll see what we can do! On **May 1**, youth will participate in Crop Walk beginning at Winter Memorial Presbyterian Church at 2 PM followed by a Gratefulness Snack Meal.



Very Special Materials Needed for VBS. Can you help?

The following are some "special" types of materials we need for VBS this year. Contact Jennifer Grooms, 234-1138 or jgrooms11@bresnan.net, if you could loan or donate any of these items: Unusual kitchen tools (pickle grabbers, unique peelers, melon baller, sifter, etc), Hot pads and mitts, Empty plastic water/soda bottles (half liters and two liters), Turkey basters, Serving trays with handles, Plastic Play Food, Foam pool noodles, Beach Balls, Plastic re-sealable eggs, Chef hats, Aprons, Kitchen towels, Disposable table cloths, Empty cereal boxes. A collection site will be prepared at church before VBS, start saving items...

2011 CRMR Women's Renewal

Save the Date: September 16-18, 2011
Glen Eyrie Retreat Center in Colorado Springs, CO.

**"God's Wonder FULL World ...
It's Not So Small After All."**

Talk with Jennifer Hawley or Jenny Black if you'd like to be on the planning team!



GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Did you enjoy Amy Gopp's visit? You can hear her speak again this summer at General Assembly in Nashville, July 9-13 as well as meet other wonderful Disciples from across the U.S. and Canada and mission partners from around the world. Funds are available to assist any youth and/or families with registration. Check out disciples.org!

Dear Church,

Thank you for your very generous donation to the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission this month.

Because of your kindness, and the matching gifts of the Martin & Zimmerman family foundations for the 2011 Matching Challenge, CWMR raised over \$116,000 in revenue in just thirty-one days. Your generous support of our programs is helping us continue to provide for people in crisis, and allowing men & women a chance to become whole again. We greatly appreciate it!

CWRM Staff & Guests



FCC Family,

Thank you Pastor Cynthia and all my Church Family for all the prayers, love and care. I've enjoyed the visits, flowers, phone calls & cards. You are relevant in my healing and I am improving daily.

God Bless You, Janet Field

Vacation Bible School “Shake It Up Café” Needs Volunteers

Please prayerfully consider how you can help make our annual Vacation Bible School a success. VBS will meet July 18 – 22. Volunteers should plan to be at the church from 8:30 AM to noon. If we have enough volunteers, we can job share and be more flexible with time commitments. Junior high and high school volunteers are desperately needed to provide “big kid” role models for the youngsters. We need volunteers for the following jobs. Your initial time commitment would be to meet with Jennifer for about an hour prior to June 20. That gives everyone time to plan. (Registrars, greeters, actors, and general assistance folk are exempt from this hour.)



1. Decorator(s) – We need to turn our education facility into a café for a week.
2. Story Teller(s) – These individuals relate stories about each day’s festival and share the daily Bible “Bite”.
3. Discovery Time Leader – Do you like to carry out simple science experiments? If so, this job is for you.
4. Music Leader(s) – OK –we need someone to “wok and roll” with our children at the Shake It Up Café.
5. Mission Leader – We have some great ideas for mini mission work and need someone to coordinate this work during snack time each day.
6. Crafts Leader – If you are patient and creative, this job is for you. We’ve got some terrific craft ideas for the “Shake It Up Café” and need someone to lead this dynamic fun center each day of VBS.
7. Recreation Director(s) – We need some high energy here—someone who likes to get a little physical.
8. Registrars and greeters – We need some folk who would come from 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM each day to register and greet children as they arrive.
9. Actors (up to 12 actors needed) – These imaginative people work with the storyteller to make stories come alive.
10. General Assistance – Would you like to help, but not be in charge? Are you flexible and willing to do what’s needed when needed, then this role is for you.

**Contact Jennifer Grooms, 234-1138 or jgrooms11@bresnan.net
to share how you are willing to help.**

Thank you for purchasing Easter lilies:

Bernard & Annette Ambrosino in memory of Homer Ellison, Victor & Josephine Ambrosino. Jerry & Jacque Meeks in memory of Brandon Carta. Tim & Karen Ray in memory of Merle & Catherine Ray. Bryant & Kathy Badger in memory of Clyde, Mildred & Joe Chlumsky, Tom & Ruth Badger & Tommy & Dorothy Badger. Bryant & Kathy Badger in memory of our children & in honor of our children & grandchildren. Jeff & Tracy Padilla in memory of Karenjo Griffith & in honor of our parents, children & grandson. Emma Crawford in memory of Les Crawford & Karen Buckley. Paul Hallock in memory of Ralph & Meridith Hallock. Peg Jackson in memory of Darrell. Larry Smith in memory of Rex Huey, June Huey, Patty Murrell & Jackie Pflugrad. Bev Miller in memory of Our Military & in honor of all of our soldiers. Kirby & Betty Black in memory of our parents Lester & Eleanor Trescott. Gene & Joan Black & in honor of our children, grandchildren, & great grandchildren. Bob & Laura Glasspoole in memory of departed loved ones. Janie Nelson in memory of Joseph & Margaret Flack, Doug & Ember Flack. Twilla Herrick in memory of Art & Ethel Winkes, Roy & Lester Herrick. Carmen Goodman in honor of Connor & Cooper Goodman’s Baptisms. Lynn & Anne Klocksiem in memory of Steven Klocksiem, George & Ruby Klocksiem, Merley & Lorna McCleery. Dorothy Lowe in memory of Max Lowe. Lindy Bland in memory of Dwain & Pauline Bland & Patti Bland. Dave & Verla Jerde in memory of Hans Jerde, Ruth Jerde Stanton, Choppy Stanton, Murphy Anthony, Pearle Anthony, DeLora Lea (Anthony) Sell, & Gloria Anthony. Virginia Braley in honor of Michael & Carol Braley. Kirk & Robin Nelson in memory of Ed Hadlock & his marimba music. Jerry, Marlene Tuttle Dave Shorow in memory of Dorothy, Chet Shorow & Lennie & Grace Miller & in honor of Paul Hallock. Spencer, Erika, Kylee & Dylan Stupak in memory of Bruce & Velma Ward & N. Pauline Ward in honor of Mike & Donna Ward. Pat & Darlene Bishop in memory of Our parents & in honor of “ALL” Armed Services, those who have served & those who are serving. Don & Randisue Davis in memory of Tessie Townsend, Earl Townsend, Fred & Hazel Davis & in honor of our daughters & their families Brian Black Family in honor of our families. Susan Maher Guthrie in memory of H. Donald Maher. Marie Robertson in memory of Rob Robertson, Mont & Grace Robertson & Bob & Amelia Hildebrand. Clifford A Havner in memory of Mildred A Havner. Bernice Riley in memory of Robert Riley (Bob). Nylia Cazier & family in memory of Don L. Cazier & in honor of Dorothy Lowe. Jack & Betty Walts in memory of our parents & in honor of Amber French, Our Children & Our Pastor couple Cynthia & Charles McBride. Mena Pagett in memory of Irwin & Myron Pagett, Tom & Melanie Dowler & family in memory of loved ones, Amber French in honor of nana & papa Walts, Martha Wallace in honor of Carol Schroefel, The Hovers in memory of Don, Arlene & Ann Hover & in honor of Don & Randisue Davis. Al & Sally McKenzie in memory of our friend Brent Lee & in honor of our families. Dena Roberts in memory of Jesus Christ & in honor of Jesus Christ, Debbie Mapp in honor of Rita Petersen, Ted & Lois Purvis in memory of Ted & Dorothy Purvis, Joe, Ruth & Don Schick. Gene & Pat Buck in memory of Jack Edelbrock & Alta Sanders. Dottie Gray in memory of Tom; Mary & Fred Eydmann; Earl & Alta Gray.

Walk to End Hunger One Step at a Time CROP Walk, May 1

Join FCC's youth in the CROP Walk on May 1. Donation envelopes and a sign up sheet are available at the church office. The walk will begin at Winter Memorial Presbyterian Church at 2:00 PM. If you can't walk, consider donating to a Walker. Pets are welcome to participate.

CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by CWS/CROP regional offices across the U.S. The first-ever CROP Walk was on October 17, 1969, by a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, who raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of CROP Hunger Walks each year in communities nationwide. With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are "viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks," notes the *Los Angeles Times* (Oct. 26, 2009).

Each year, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,600 CROP Hunger Walks. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone. CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, our local CROP Hunger Walk will return 25 percent of the funds raised to Joshua's Storehouse to fight hunger in our own community.

CROP Hunger Walks help provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs--something CWS has learned through some 64 years of working in partnership around the world.



Angels Unaware Have you noticed that angels never draw attention to themselves. They do their work, which is serving God, and then disappear. So to all of those FCC angels, who work so diligently making sure our church, inside and out, is kept in excellent condition, repairing signs, fixing pot holes, checking pipes and electrical wiring, a big Thank You! To those who sat with Cecilia Miller during Roger's surgery - Thank You! And to our faithful diaconate, who graciously prepare & serve communion to the "early birds," week in and week out, a big Thank You for your service to our congregation. "Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will." Psalm 103, 20-21



FCC PRESCHOOL NEWS



Our Preschool is ready for SPRING! We have been working with our "Letters of the Week" and getting ready for several unique opportunities in April. We've been invited to visit the Whitney Farm

on the 21st & 22nd to play with the baby animals and hopefully enjoy an egg hunt! The last week of April will be the letters QU and we enjoy a visit from the Queen and have high tea with her and on Friday the 29th we will have the wedding of Q and U (as they are seldom seen alone!) It's a fun dress up day for our students and a good lesson in etiquette!

The preschool is currently taking donations for our Scholarship Fund for next school year. We have had several families express needs and hope to be able to assist where needed. We plan to use some of our monies raised at the Annual Dinner to supplement this fund. Contact Director Jenny Black if you would like to help us out!

A **BIG** thank you to Steve Huckfeldt for purchasing our "slow down boy" to help alert drivers that there are children and adults entering and exiting our building in the mornings! The staff says it's working already!

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 A.M to noon & 1:00-4:30 P.M. Fridays 8:30 A.M to noon
Summer Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 A. M. to 1:30 P.M. Fridays - Office Closed

April

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May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 May Donut Sunday 8 AM & 10:45 AM Worship 2 PM CROP Walk	2 6 PM CSA 7 PM BSA 7 PM Elders Meeting	3 7 PM AA Meeting	4 9 AM Quilters 6 PM New Bible Reading 7 PM Choir	5 10 AM CWF Board Meeting 7 PM Hospice memorial ...	6 Elisa gone/Track Day 12 PM Nic @ Noon 7 PM Tennyson Children ...	7 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
8 Blanket Sunday Mother's Day 8 AM & 10:45 AM Worship 5 PM 2nd Sunday Service	9 6 PM CSA 6:45 PM Prayer in Sanct... 7 PM BSA 7 PM Commissions 8 PM Exec. Board Mtg	10 6 PM Prayer Group 7 PM AA Meeting	11 9 AM Quilters 12 PM CWF #2 6 PM New Bible Reading 7 PM Choir	12 10 AM CWF #1 11:30 AM CWF #3	13 CMF Regional Retreat	
15 CMF Regional Retreat Graduation Sunday 8 AM & 10:45 AM Worship	16 CALL DEADLINE 6 PM CSA 7 PM BSA	17 7 PM AA Meeting	18 9 AM Quilters 10 AM Call Folders 6 PM New Bible Reading 7 PM Choir	19	20	21 Elser/England Wed... 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
22 8 AM & 10:45 AM Worship	23 6 PM CSA 7 PM BSA	24 6 PM Prayer Group 7 PM AA Meeting	25 9 AM Quilters 4 PM Staff meeting 6 PM New Bible Reading 7 PM Choir	26 Cynthia on vacation		28 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
29 Cynthia on vacation 8 AM & 10:45 AM Worship	30 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 6 PM CSA 7 PM BSA	31 7 PM AA Meeting	1 June 9 AM Quilters 6 PM New Bible Reading 7 PM Choir	2 10 AM CWF Board Meeting	3	4 Wedding 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study