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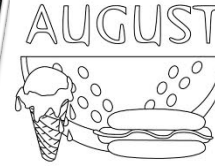
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# THE CALL



**July 30** - Lunsford wedding  
@ 2 pm

**July 31** - Worship on the  
Mountain!

**Aug 13** - Justin Marshall  
memorial service @ 3 p.m.

**Aug. 15** - Tailgate party @ 6 p.m Mike Lansing field (bring chairs)  
Ghost game to follow @ 7:05 p.m.

**Aug. 20** - Johnson/Carubie wedding @ 4 p.m.

**Aug. 24** - Natrona County schools begin

**Aug. 28** - Choir retreat @ Jack & Betty Walts' house

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## ALL-Church Picnic AND Worship on the Mountain Sunday - July 31st

Please make plans to come to the church  
worship service and picnic in beautiful  
Bear trap Meadow on **July 31st. at  
10:00 am. There will be no service at  
the church that day.**



Transitional Regional Minister  
Jose Morales will be our guest speaker,  
and worship will be followed by a potluck lunch. Chicken & ice  
cream will be provided, please bring a side dish to share with a  
serving utensil. Games will be available for those who like to play  
and if you bring a comfortable chair, relaxation in the fresh  
mountain air will refresh those who like a lazy Sunday afternoon.

The church van will be available as a shuttle service if you  
do not wish to drive up the mountain. Drivers will come down a  
couple of times to make the trip back for those who want to make a  
short day of it.

-Your Worship & Membership

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**Church Staff:** Rev. Cynthia McBride Lead Pastor  
Lois Koch Business Manager, Elisa Jones Church Secretary,  
Amber French Summer Custodian, Betty Walts Organist,  
Amber French Director of Music

## "Family Ties"



It was the first night of General Assembly in Nashville, TN and Disciples were converging from across the U.S., Canada and places as distant as France, Haiti, Ecuador and Belgium. While heading down an escalator, I saw a white-haired gentleman in summer shorts and thought, "That's strange, Paul Hallock's not coming to Assembly. I wonder who it is that looks so much like him..." Lo-n-behold, it WAS Paul and his brother-in-law! Driving the

Strausners' car from Casper to Atlanta, they decided to stop by Assembly to "see if there's anyone we know." What a blessing God's timing can be! We shared a delightful afternoon at the Disciples Historical Society, made a quick tour by part of Vanderbilt University and shared dinner, then we sat in worship with 5,000+ members of our church family.

Over the five days of the General Assembly, I saw friends from KY, AZ, IL, OR, IA, KS, CO, WY, UT, NM, TX, NY, OH.... from my seminary days, from other churches I've served, from summer camps... (I ran into Jimmy Gwain who was a scrawny kid in one of my family groups at CYF Conference in AZ - now he's in seminary preparing for the ministry!)... Every time I turned around, in the midst of so many people I'd not yet met, there would be an old friend, a dearly loved familiar face.... and along the way I met new friends, part of our Disciples family - like the elders at my workshop table, the 4-woman alto section in Wednesday night's choir, a woman from the Netherlands in my immigration-discussion group... Assembly was great - the worship, music, preaching, learning, eating, spontaneous fun (like a youth-led line-dance flash mob), serious reflection, and prayer - but the best part was the people!

When Charles called me Wednesday afternoon with the sad news that his Mom had passed away, it was a comfort to attend evening worship with people who knew and loved her, members of FCC in Scottsdale where she'd been a charter member. As I travel to Phoenix to be with Charles, his brother Nelson and our family to celebrate Phyllis' life - I give thanks for the precious gift of my Christian family - both here in Casper who have been so supportive during this time of loss, and those that we will see in Arizona as we praise God for the life of Phyllis McBride: beloved mother and wife, ordained woman, school teacher, graduate of Bethany College, committed CWFer and Quadrennial participant, a child of God. God's timing allowed me to run into countless beloved friends at Assembly, and it was God's time for "Mom" to go to heaven. Thank you church family for your love, - *Pastor Cynthia*

## 4 YEAR GAS COMPARISON

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>1st quarter</b>	5,360.69	6,072.17	4,545.13	3,251.55
<b>2nd quarter</b>	3,380.66	3,118.99	2,700.21	1,773.37
July	107.37	84.97	122.00	131.44
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,848.72</b>	<b>9,276.13</b>	<b>7,367.34</b>	<b>5,156.36</b>

Come to the tailgate and cheer on the Casper Ghosts.

When: Monday, August 15, 2011 6:00 p.m. tailgate

Monday, August 15, 2011 7:05 p.m.. PLAY BALL

Playing: Great Falls, Montana

Where: Mike Lansing Field

330 Kati Lane

\$6.00 prepaid for the group rate game ticket  
(we'll be in our own cheering section)

\$ 3.00 for a Hot dog or hamburger, chips,  
dessert and drink.



Please sign the signup sheets located by the Commitment Tree on Sundays or on the bulletin board by the church office during the week before August 4, 2011.

Please prepay \$6.00 for the game ticket and we will collect the \$3.00 for the tailgate the day of the tailgate.

Thanks, Membership Commission

## Opportunities to Serve

Primary Sunday School Teacher and Children's Church Director Needed for this Fall Contact Jennifer Grooms or Sarah Brown if you can help with these programs. The pay is not great but the rewards are heavenly!



**Presiding Elder at 9:00 AM**

Aug. 7 Brenda Lloyd  
 Aug. 14 Linda Mosteller  
 Aug. 21 Deb King  
 Aug. 28 Randisue Davis

**August Greeters:**

9:00 a.m. - Debbie Mestas  
 To volunteer as a greeter,  
 talk with Roger Cook at 234-2525.

**From the Business Office:**

Balance on hand, May 31, 2011	\$5,953.91
Income from Pledges and Gifts	\$ 17,281.98
Invested Funds drawn during May	\$ 0.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 23,235.89</u>
June Expenses	\$ 20,117.70
Balance on hand as of June 30, 2011	\$ 3,118.19

**Special Offerings:** Pentecost - \$ 279.00

**Words of welcome**

On this summer day, we welcome you to worship. Let us join our hearts and voices in praise and thanks to God!

Welcome, family of God! We rejoice that God gives us one another as sisters and brothers in faith.

Come splash in the love of God with us, like children playing in lakes and pools. Be refreshed by the Spirit today and always!

Thank you for joining us in the Lord's house. Take a moment to greet one another in the love of Christ.

**August Birthdays**

Tommy Russell	Aug 1	Dorothy Smith	Aug 18
Melissa Hayden	Aug 2	Erika Stupak	Aug 19
Kathy Winders	Aug 3	Angelo Villa	Aug 20
Janet Field	Aug 4	Brent Forbis	Aug 21
Sarah Brown	Aug 6	Shirley Wenn	Aug 24
Teri Black	Aug 7	Ethel Dunn	Aug. 25
Jan Coey	Aug 9	Amber Rouse	Aug 25
Logan Brown	Aug 10	Larry Winders	Aug 25
Betty Black	Aug 12	Brad Reece	Aug. 26
Matthew Russell	Aug 12	Buford Boomer	Aug 27
Cameron Budack	Aug 13	Dolly Hebrlee	Aug 27
Mike Hebrlee	Aug 14	Val Williams	Aug 27
Tammy Heck	Aug 15	Becki Austin	Aug 28
Bill Westman	Aug. 16	Gene Buck	Aug 28
Jim Doyle	Aug 17	Rylan Chapman	Aug 28
Adam Forbis	Aug 17	Elaine Umbach	Aug 28
Jennifer Marble	Aug 17	Susan Guthrie	Aug 30
Scott Wallace	Aug 17	Stan Mclrvin	Aug 30

**August Wedding Anniversary Dates**

Mike & Kelli Slominski	Aug 2, 1992
Greg & Gayle Andress	Aug 4, 1990
Cal & Monica Decker	Aug 6, 1966
George & Jennifer Marble	Aug 6, 1988
Bob & Daria Dundas	Aug 8, 1998
Bill & Mary Westman	Aug 8, 1964
Keith & Harriet Ames	Aug 12, 1956
Bill & Jan Hawks	Aug 15, 1970
David & Terri Taylor	Aug 16, 2003
Mark & Pam Steinle	Aug 19, 1972
Allen & Elaine Singleton	Aug. 29, xxxx
Jerry & Jacque Meeks	Aug 30, 1968
Leonard & Ruth Jones	Aug 31, 1960



**“Angels Among Us”**

Many thanks go to the "special angels" who created the Commitment Tree and took an afternoon of their time to cut out leaves and flowers to adorn it. It will be a joy to watch the leaves and flowers grow during the summer months.



## "Whose footprints are these?"

Guess who first heard about Jesus in Sunday School at Orpha, Wyoming?

Guess who was born into FCC, was dedicated at FCC as a baby, who attended Sunday School for as long as he could remember, and hopes that FCC will continue to grow and serve Christ and Casper for another 90 years?

Guess who was a minister for ten years in the Presbyterian denomination and who has this verse on her refrigerator: "Be strong and of good courage. Do not fear, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not fail or forsake you."



back to Casper in December of 2005 and knew that she wanted to attend a Christian church. She called FCC and spoke to Kathy Badger who told her when the Sunday School classes started. When she came to church, people welcomed her and Paul Hallock took her to the THE classroom. She has been attending church every since then. She feels that FCC is a welcoming church and that we are still growing. Her favorite bible verse is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." She also likes Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, REJOICE."

**What would your STORY tell us about you? TELL IT!**

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When you are **traveling this summer**, if you stay in motels, please "rescue" the little shampoos, conditioners, soaps, etc. The Crisis Center can use them. Thank you - Peg Jackson

You may place these personal toiletry items in the VBS donation box to help with our mission project at the "Shake It Up Cafe." If you gather these items after VBS, pass them on to Peg and she will share them with those in need.

Dear Christian Friends,  
Thank you for the many prayer cards and concerns during my time of surgery. I am grateful to Paul Hallock and Tom & Melanie Dowler for being with Sally while I was in surgery. Thank you Melanie for visiting me in the hospital. To those who sent cards and to 1st Christian Church who sent flowers, your love and kindness is a blessing.



In Christian Love, Allen McKenzie

Dear Cynthia & 1st Christian Church,  
Thank you so very much for the beautiful flower & all your prayers during my stay with my new knees. not sure I think I like them yet, but it will get better. Therapy is tough, but very important. Thanks again, I send my love.

Bev Miller

Dear Music Angel,  
Thank you Music Angel for my own cello. Whoever you are, you are wonderful for giving me a cello. Now that I have my own cello, I can be a pro on it, thanks to you! You must know about me playing the cello. I don't know who you are, but you are the best person in the world!!!! Thanks again, my Music Angel.

Yours truly, Amber

Rouse

Thank you for your prayers and concerns during my difficult time with my ear. Dr. Joseph Vigneri did a procedure and I feel much better. My family and I appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Katy Noah

Members & Friends Thank you,  
The vase & rose was so nice. First Christian Church was always my life. Bob was baptized with a grandson & granddaughter. Being adopted he never really knew; I prayed for many years - he really is a good man.

Bob & Betty

Bob Burkhart is in the hospital they are checking his enzyme count before surgery on his gallbladder. He is in room 449 at the Wyoming Medical Center.



## CAMPER THANK YOUS

Dear FCC Congregation,

I would just like to say thank you for all the support and generosity this congregation has shown me and my fellow campers over the years. Because of you, I have been able to attend LaForet Church Camp for 12



years, and without the donations of our church, I'm not sure if I would have made it to every camp. The Church pays for half of the fees for the camp, and this has been such a wonderful thing for campers of all ages.

I have learned so much about myself, God, and religion over the years, and by attending camp, I have grow up, and grown to be a leader. I have learned how to have a successful relationship with people and with God, as well as learning how to be a better person. I have made countless new friends, some of which I have know since Discovery Camp in 3rd grade, and some I have met just this year. I know that without camp each year, I would not be as confident as I am today. Camp has been a safe haven for me- one where I can be who I truly am, one where I can express my opinions and beliefs without ridicule, and one where I have been forced to answer some very tough questions.

I'm still struggling with the thought of not ever returning as a camper- I don't know what I will do come next summer! I hope to return as a counselor some day, and hopefully impact students as much as my counselors have impacted me! Once again, I owe all my gratitude to the church because without you, I would not be the person I am today! Thanks so much! Love, Briana Black

Thank you for all the years of support in going to camp! I always have an amazing time! Have made wonderful friends and have grown closer to God through this whole experience! Camp La Foret has been a HUGE part of my childhood and I will cherish the memories forever. Hanna Slominski

Camp was Amazing as Always! Sad that was my last one with my wonderful sister Hanna! Always good to see my camp family! Can't wait until next year. L a c e y Slominski

## High School Exchange Students



Our congregation has been blessed over the past year by the chance to get to know two wonderful exchange students: Patrick (from Germany, who lived with the Budacks) and William (from Sweden, who lived with the McBrides). Did you know that our Preschool's Music Teacher, Mrs. Henry, was also a host parent last year? She and her husband sponsored Max from Germany. Each year, numerous exchange students from around the world apply for the opportunity to spend a year in America, studying, honing their English, and learning about our country through the first-hand experience of living with an American family. Potential host families have the chance to review the applications of numerous students so that they can select someone who will be a "good fit" for their family.

Exchange students like Leon and Alina have requested to spend the next school year in America in the Rocky Mountains. Leon loves to ski, plays basketball and the drums. Alina does gymnastics, cooks, rides unicycles and goes horseback riding. Students speak English, have their own spending money and insurance. Host families provide a safe, loving environment. The expense for host families is to provide the student's "room and board" (meaning meals and a bedroom in your own home). Please contact EF Coordinator Suzanne Sandoval for more information at 307-259-2221.

## Our Commitment Tree

"COME SEE YOUR COLORFUL AND BEAUTIFUL COMMITMENT TREE AS THE FLOWERS BEGIN TO BLOOM AND THE TREE BEGINS TO FILL WITH LEAVES THANKS TO YOUR LOVE AND DEVOTION IN CELEBRATION OF THE 90TH BIRDAY OF FCC!"



## Raising the Roof for Habitat!

On **July 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 PM**, Cory and the Crew, The United Church of Christ and numerous other sponsors will be holding a fundraising event for Habitat for Humanity.

This event will **raise money** for the Habitat for Humanity's Capitol Campaign to pay for their newly opened Re-Store store and offices, (now located at 302 Van Horn Ave. Mills, WY 82644) and ensure future building projects.

The event will include **live music** from Cory and the Crew, Raffle prizes, activities for kids of all ages, and sharing from a past and current recipient of Habitat houses.

In addition, "**Bike and Build**," a group of bicyclists who ride cross country and help with Habitat builds, **will be there** to share their experiences as well.

**Food will be available for purchase** from Essence of Life Catering, Cup Cakes a Go – Go, and The Art of Coffee.

**Habitat has a matching-grant** offer for \$25,000 and it is our hope to put them well on the way to achieving that match.

The "**fee**" for this event **is up to you**. . . all level of donations will be gratefully received.

All activities will be out on the lawn, weather permitting, so bring your sunscreen, an appetite and generous spirit.

If anyone would like to help as a volunteer, a sponsor, or a contributor, please contact Rev Dee Lundberg: [revdeucc@earthlink.net](mailto:revdeucc@earthlink.net) or 406-930-1099 (cell)

**FCC will be** participating by **providing van transportation** for the "Bike and Build" workers, taking them from the UCC fellowship hall (where they'll sleep) to the YMCA (where they'll shower) AND by providing breakfast Friday morning. **Contact Anne Klockslem** if you'd like to help cook or serve an early morning, high-carb meal! **EVERYONE** is invited to the Friday evening gathering on the UCC lawn - enjoy live music, food & fun and support a great cause.

The church office will resume normal office hours starting the week of August 29th. Office hours are as follows:  
Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Choir retreat at Jack & Betty Walts' house on August 28th. Meat provided, please bring a side dish. We will meet there around 12:00 p.m.

Lots of good music! New members always welcome.



## Our condolences go to:

Charles McBride on the passing of his mother on July 13, 2011 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Katy Noah's only living sibling (Ralph Malter Larso) passing away on July 1,



## CRMR Women's Renewal Sept. 16-18



Even though Fall is a long ways off, it's important for women in our church to register NOW for the wonderful annual retreat known as "Renewal." It will be held this year

at the Glen Eyrie Conference Center in Colorado Springs. Our Transitional Regional Minister, Jose Morales, will provide inspiring keynotes as our theme leads women from around the region to spiritually travel together around the world. Great workshops, fellowship, relaxation and renewal await in a lovely setting.

If you haven't heard, several FCC Casper women are serving as the planning committee and we look forward to lots of HELP and SUPPORT from our church friends! It's not too late if you are still "on the fence" just give us a call if you are interested in attending! Here's a peek of what you might want to do...

Morning Yoga with Carol Jo Vlastos, Learning more about the National Disciples Women organization from Pat Donahoo from Indianapolis, Virturally travelling over the seven continents to learn more about your relationship with God and others, Eating wonderful food, Meeting close to 100 women friends from around the region and SO MUCH MORE!

Looking forward to it!  
Black

Jennifer Hawley and Jenny

**Summer Office Hours:** Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M. Fridays - Office Closed  
 Lisa will work mornings until 1:30 p.m. and Lois will work afternoons.

July

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September

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# August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31 July</b> 10 AM Worship on the Mtn 12 PM Picnic after worship	<b>1 August</b> Men's Fishing & Theology 7 PM Elder's meeting	<b>2</b> 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>3</b> 9 AM Quilters 6 PM New Bible Reading	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> CRMR retreat OFFICE CLOSED	<b>6</b> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
<b>7</b> 9 AM Worship	<b>8</b> 6:45 PM Prayer in Sanct... 7 PM Commissions 8 PM Exec. Board Mtg	<b>9</b> 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>10</b> 9 AM Quilters 6 PM New Bible Reading	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>13</b> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 10 AM State quilters 3 PM Justin Marshall me...
<b>14</b> Clergy Retreat @ Ring Lake 9 AM Worship	<b>15</b> CALL DEADLINE 6 PM Ghosts Tailgate 7:05 PM Ghosts game	<b>16</b> 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>17</b> 9 AM Quilters 10 AM Call Folders 6 PM New Bible Reading	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>20</b> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 4 PM Carubie/Johnson w...
<b>21</b> 9 AM Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>24</b> Public school starts 9 AM Quilters 6 PM New Bible Reading	<b>25</b> 5:30 PM Godly Girlfriends	<b>26</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>27</b> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
<b>28</b> 9 AM Worship 12 PM Choir Retreat @ ...	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>31</b> 9 AM Quilters 4 PM Staff meeting 6 PM New Bible Reading	<b>1 September</b> 10 AM CWF Board meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study