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THE CALL



June/ July

SUMMER SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS: Worship at 9:00 AM followed by fellowship time
Combined adult study in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM
“Becoming a Contagious Christian” class continues through July 15
July 22nd - worship in the sanctuary at 9 AM AND
“Worship on the Mountain” at 10:30
followed by an all-church potluck picnic in Beartrap Meadow.
Dr. Badger’s class on the book of Hebrews begins July 29

WEDNESDAYS: Weekly fellowship at FCC - bring a friend!
June 20th - outdoor Ice Cream Social at 7:00 PM
June 27th - 7 PM “Provisions, Prayer & Pie” - bring food bank items
July 4th - go see the fireworks with your family & friends
July 11th - fellowship & communion hosted by elders
July 18th - Popcorn & songfest hosted by membership

Worship Exchange – FCC Casper is invited on a “road trip!” Pastor Cynthia will preach at FCC Sheridan on June 24th, and Sheridan’s Pastor Doug Goodwin will be in our pulpit on July 15th as members of our two congregations join in a “worship exchange” to celebrate the “web of relationships” we share as Disciples of Christ in the Central Rocky Mountain Region. Sheridan Worship times are 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. followed by a potluck luncheon.

Meanwhile, there will be a great message from our pulpit shared by the elders. Come to worship and hear “Contagious Stories” or head up north to enjoy worship near the BigHorn Mountains!

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



A Life of Learning and Love....

The "Summer Slump"

Pastors and church leaders in many places struggle with what we might call a "summer slump" - a season when worship attendance

seems to drop off as people travel or spend time outdoors. When I lived in Illinois, the Unitarian Universalist Church actually closed their doors for two or three months each year. I CANNOT imagine going an entire summer without worship! Here at FCC, we know that people's schedules change in the summer - but we still deeply value time together in Christian communion. If you're "on the road" these next few months, I encourage you to worship where you are - take time to pray on the mountain, read the Bible together as a family when you sit at the lake, attend a service in whatever town you may be passing through. If you're here in Casper - COME TO WORSHIP! We've scheduled one summer service, both so all of our members can see each other and so that, with an early start to the day, there's still time for your summer Sunday adventures, whatever they may be. (Please remember that the cost of ministry doesn't disappear just because you're out of town. Your financial support of the church is still very much needed and appreciated.) I'm excited that we're adding some wonderful fellowship opportunities this summer - PLEASE COME!

PROVISIONS, PRAYER & PIE - WEDNESDAY JUNE 27TH 7:00 PM. The Social Action Commission will lead our summer Wednesday night fellowship on June 27th with a short worship service and a treat of homemade pie. All you have to do is bring yourself and a non-perishable item to be donated to one of our Casper Food Banks. This is in addition to our usual monthly donation of canned goods. The need in Casper is real. The statistics of the number of homeless and needy families are real. Please plan to attend and help provide PROVISIONS for the less fortunate.

Membership commission will host the Wednesday night service July 18, 2012. Please join us for Popcorn (different flavors)-Lemonade & iced tea or an Arnold Palmer, if you like, along with "shout out your favorite hymns" singing from the Chalice Hymnal. We are asking people to donate individually wrapped tooth brushes and toothpaste to be taken to the Youth Crisis Center.

Update on pavilion project... The groundbreaking for a new pavilion in the "triangle area" was held on May 19th - and it was a challenge to "break" the hard earth. Since then, progress has been made on digging the foundation and pouring concrete. (Thank you to Josh's Dad & uncles for prepping the rebar.) The materials for building the pavilion have arrived, and we look forward to the structure being erected this summer. There will be a "work day" on Saturday, June 30th, when the Scouts & other volunteers will erect the structure.

Thank you to Josh Black and Troop 13 for taking on this Eagle project, which will benefit our congregation, Scout Troop, preschool and other community groups.

Scout News - Troop 13 meets at the Izaak Walton League Lodge during the summer. They will be headed to camp July 7-15. Kevin Budack and local Scouts are currently canoeing in the Boundary Waters Wilderness (between Ontario and Minnesota).



Disciples Men "X-treme Faith - Bold Action"
An inspirational gathering of Disciples Men will take place at Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia, July 13-15. Join men from across the United States and Canada for fellowship, education, and spiritual renewal. Register at: www.gathering2012.org



To attend the Men's Fly-Fishing & Theology Retreat in the Big Horns July 23-26, contact Doug Goodwin at 307-674-6795.

Disciples Women

Wish you were at the beach?

Longing for time to slow down, wiggle your toes in the sand, and bask in the warmth of God's presence? Join us at Sea-Side Escape. Its a beach-themed retreat where you'll experience meaningful Bible study and worship, connect with other women, and have time for quiet reflection and plenty of laughter!

As in previous years, we will carpool and take the church van so that as many FCC Casper women as possible can attend. Registration forms are on the bulletin board across from the office.

CRMR Disciples Women Renewal Conference: Sept. 14-16

Registration Deadline is July 1

July Birthdays

Larry Taylor	July	Emma Lackey	July 16
Sam Kingsolver	July 2	Robert Burkhart	July 17
Marian Smith	July 2	Patricia Willis	July 19
Margot Atwood	July 3	Lois Koch	July 20
Ally Seller	July 3	Diane Martin	July 21
Cooper Goodman	July 6	Thomas May	July 21
Allen McKenzie	July 7	Jake Mongan	July 21
Shirley Hudson	July 8	Sandy Bentley	July 24
Melinda Kessner	July 8	Wanda Leeling	July 24
Mathew Padilla	July 8	Amber Villa	July 24
Karen Elsea	July 10	Judy Price	July 25
Chuck Wilcox	July 11	Kathy Meloy	July 26
Ruth Jones	July 12	Rose Williams	July 26
Wanda Hall	July 13	Marj Haass	July 27
Ed Strube	July 13	Shirley Volker	July 27
Lacey Slominski	July 15	Rick Black	July 28
		Pam Rouse	July 31
		Heather Street	July 31

July Wedding Anniversaries

Brian & Jenny Black	July 2, 1988
Rick & Terri Black	July 14, 1990
Dave & Becky Foster	July 14, 1979
Michael & Carol Braley	July 15, 1972
Scott & Jennifer Hawley	July 20, 1996
Robert & Cindy Selvey	July 25, 2004
Tim & Katy Havasi	July 28, 2001



You're Invited

To celebrate 50 Years of Marriage
for Kirby & Betty Black
at a reception held in Fellowship Hall
on Saturday, June 30, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

PRESCHOOL NEWS

It's much needed break time for Preschool for the summer! We do still have openings for our Playgroup Class, which is designed as an introduction to the preschool experience and offered to 2 1/2 or young 3 year olds. This class meets two mornings a week. If you know of someone interested, please have them call the church office to have a brochure mailed and any questions answered. Next year's preschool theme will be "under the sea."



THANK YOU's...

My dear friends in Christ,

A great big loving thank you to Dot Lowe for the precious prayer shawl you made for me and all the elders who laid hands on it and sent good wishes to me. It is a very special gift and I can really feel God's love and yours when I wrap it around me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for all the cards and good wishes from all my friends. Thanks to Cynthia for her several visits and prayers. I am so lucky to be in such a loving group of Christian persons.

In God's love, Beverly Mattson

Dear Church Family

Please accept our thanks for making our anniversary so special. We thank you for all our gifts, greetings and especially your presence at the reception. We have spent over half of our married life with you and what a joy it has been, to watch ALL our church families grow together. We are proud to now be a part of the new era of our church.

God Bless All of You and Thanks Again

Bryant and Kathy Badger

Ordination Invitations:

Helen Schindler, the pastor of Bethel Baptist Church on Poplar will be ordained on Saturday, June 23rd at 2:00 PM.

Amanda Henderson will be ordained on Saturday, June 30th at 1:00 PM at Heart of the Rockies Christian Church in Fort Collins.



Important Christian Education Decisions Need Be Made – Meeting August 19

A meeting will be held Sunday evening, 5:30 PM, August 19, at Cynthia and Charles McBride's home to discuss the direction that Christian Education (for children preschool – high school) should take for the next year. At this time the commission needs direction for Sunday School and youth activities if we are to continue these activities next year. If you are a parent/grandparent/guardian of a child, ages birth through high school, please plan now to attend. If you are a member of our congregation and have a keen interest in the future of Christian Education for our children, please plan to attend. If you are someone who believes you would like to work with children and youth, please attend. Yes, children and youth may attend. Bring a potluck dish to share and a lawn chair.

Vacation Bible School: July 24, 25, 26 – 6:00 to 8:30 PM

Sky Adventure Bible School will be held Tuesday – Thursday, July 24-26, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM. FCC is cooperating with Bethel Baptist church to host VBS this year for children who are starting kindergarten in the fall up through children who have just finished 5th grade. A simple supper will be served each night. Contact Jennifer Grooms or Sarah Brown if you can help with VBS. Childcare will be provided. Registration forms will be mailed to church member with children in July and will also be available in our church office.

Youth Attending CRMR Camps

Josh Black, Jared Black, Val Williams, Katie McGlade, Lacey Slominski, Rylan Chapman, Dylan Stupak, Kylie Stupak, Sara Williams and Brady Hover attended church camp at LaForet in June. Erika Stupak and Holly Chapman served as counselors. Hanna Slominski and Brianna Black are participating in a Wilderness Back Pack Trip for older youth. Many thanks to the Slominski's, Rick and Terri Black, Kelly Hover, Randisue Davis and the Williams for driving youth to camp this summer. Our youth will share about their camp experiences during worship on July 1. When you see these youth, be sure to ask them about camp!

CYF Mission Trip 2012

Please pray for the youth and sponsors from FCC Casper & FCC Greeley who will be doing mission work July 21-29 in St. Louis. Casper youth participants include Trent Hover & Val Williams. Thank you to Jeff Hover for joining Greeley's youth pastor, Linda Harding as a trip leader. Thanks to Jack & Betty Walts for volunteering to help with driving. The group will stay at the "Urban Mission Inn" at Union Avenue Christian Church and do a variety of hands-on service activities in the heart of the city.

Please join us for **Worship on the Mountain!**
Sunday, July 22, 10:30 am - with potluck dinner afterward
Chicken will be provided by the membership commission.

Please bring your own drink & chair and side dish or dessert to share. We'll gather near Beartrap Meadow (at the first Pavilion on the right).

Save the Date: On Wed., Aug. 26th at 6:00 p.m. the Chancel Choir & Worship Commission will host a Spaghetti Dinner to raise money to buy a new computer for the sound booth (desperately needed!). Starting July 15, before and after church, tickets will be sold for \$10. The dinner will include Spaghetti, salad, French bread, dessert and a drink. Entertainment provided.

RESCUE MISSION NEWS

MONTHLY MEAL

Did you know that members of First Christian prepare and serve an evening meal at the Central Wyoming Rescue every month? We usually serve on a Thursday. If you'd like to help out, contact either Disciples Women's Ministries (Bev Miller & Jo Cox) or the Social Action Commission (Darlene McIrvin & Lois Purvis).

"Linens of Love"

Clean, fresh bath towels are provided to the guests staying at the mission. You can help provide a sense of comfort and belonging by donating towels of any size or color to CWRM. Drop off new or gently used towels anytime at 230 N. Park St.

GOLFERS TO THE RESCUE

It's time to team up and tee off to help the homeless! The CWRM 13th annual Golf Marathon will be August 24 at the Casper and Paradise Valley Country Clubs. Participants will enjoy carts, meals, goodie bags, prizes and more. For information on golfing or being a sponsor, call 307-268-4474 or visit www.CWRM.org.

CWRM Employment Opportunity

Central Wyoming Rescue Mission is taking applications through July 16th for a paid, full-time Director of Finance. A degree in business or equivalent experience is required. Interested applicants should submit resumes by email to cwrm@cwrm.org.

"The Doors of Opportunity"

Are you part of the exciting journey through the Doors of Opportunity that have arrived at First Christian Church? The "front door" has been opened with the introductory session of "Becoming a Contagious Christian" on June 3rd. Remember that Jesus said He came to earth to "seek and to save the lost," because all people matter to God. Right before He left He said, "As the Father sent Me, now I'm sending you." If you want to join in the "adventure of being used by God to *contagiously* spread His love, truth, and life, to other people---people who matter deeply to Him," join us Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Chuck Stewart is facilitating this class through July 15.

Are you going to be part of the effort to help us "close the back door?" Are you wanting to become involved in a small group ministry as a way to foster your Christ-centered relationships? Do you want to be part of a sermon-based small group that will "velcro people to the two things that they will need to know when faced with a need-to-know or need-to-grow situation: the Bible and other Christians?" Stay tuned!

Do you want First Christian Church to become a "faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian Spirituality and a passion for justice?" How can you use the gifts given to you by God for the common good?

- On behalf of the E Team: Lani McBee, Dennis Baker, Paul Hallock, Tom Dowler, Amanda Dowler, Michelle Elser and others!!

A Word (or two) from our Regional Pastor...

In May, we gathered as Region for our Spring Feast, from northern New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado, and in a very visible way demonstrated Region. During our time together, we were invited to "dine in and carry out." We celebrated the Table that includes everyone, from cowgirls to city slickers, from conservatives to liberals, new Disciples and cradle Disciples, (as our General Minister and President Sharon Watkins said in her sermon) MSNBC and Fox News... us...everyone! We celebrated our oneness, our unity. This unity is not our own invention; it is God's gift to us, a gift we are to nurture at the Table!

But we didn't stop there! We were also encouraged to "carry out" - to evangelize. That's right! That "e" word that we Disciples avoid like the plague. Evangelism! We fear evangelism, but the truth is this: we do have good news to share--good news of a loving God, of a resurrected Christ, of an empowering Holy Spirit! We have been transformed by the Jesus Story, and one of the principal ways we respond is by sharing that Jesus Story with others!

Central Rocky Mountain Region, continue to celebrate our unity at the Table! And after "dining in," don't forget to take some Good News with you to share with this world! Fellow Disciples, be passionate, well-fed evangelists! - Your fellow evangelist, Jose F Morales Jr.

Holy Land Pilgrimage... Have you ever longed to walk in the very places where Jesus walked? Can you imagine your spirituality being deepened by visiting the Holy Land? Some members of our congregation have expressed an interest in making a Holy Land pilgrimage. A "pilgrimage" is not just a "vacation" to an exotic place; it is an intentional, meaningful journey to a spiritual place, and often includes some form of sacrifice for one to be able to make the trek. Pastor Cynthia invites you to consider planning now for a Holy Land pilgrimage in early 2014, along with other members of our congregation and South Broadway Christian Church in Denver. If you are anxious to go to Israel sooner than that, Pastor Jeff Wright from Heart of the Rockies Christian Church in Fort Collins will be leading a pilgrimage tour January 25-February 4, 2013 and all Disciples and friends in the region are invited to join the tour. Read more about the 2013 pilgrimage at www.footstepsofjesustour.org.

July Greeter: Dave Taylor

Call Roger Cook (234-2525) to volunteer as a greeter. To volunteer as a summer scripture reader or to provide special music - sign up on the bulletin board.



July Diaconate

July 1st-Deanna & Ashley Budack, Carmen Goodman, Erika Stupak
 July 8th- Nylia Cazier, Darlene McIrvine, Terri & Jared Black
 July 15th- Nylia Cazier, Darlene McIrvine, Terri & Jared Black
 July 22nd- Steve Huckfeldt, Wanda Leeling, Carol Sage, Michelle Elser
 July 29th- Keith & Pam Rouse, P.J. Lantz, James Gehres
 9:00 AM Communion Prep - Tracy Padilla

From the Business Office:

Balance on hand, May 1, 2012	\$ (493.05)
May Income from Pledges and Gifts	\$ 17,527.89
Invested Funds	\$ 3,527.16
Total Income	\$ 21,055.05
May Expenses	- \$ 21,303.83
Balance on hand as of May 31, 2012	\$ (741.83)

Summer Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 A.M to 2:30 P.M. Fridays - 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

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July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 July 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	2 2 PM Circle of Caring 7 PM Elders Meeting	3 7 PM AA Meeting 9:45 PM Ted's Tornadoes	4 OFFICE CLOSED 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Bible Reading @ W...	5	6	7 BSA Summer Camp 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
8 BSA Summer Camp 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	9 6:45 PM Worship Comm... 7 PM Commissions 8 PM Exec. Board Mtg	10 1 PM Parade Day office ... 7 PM AA Meeting	11 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Bible Reading @ W... 6:30 PM Pathways	12	13	14 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 10 AM State Quilters 11 AM CRMR board
15 BSA Summer Camp 9 AM Worship/Doug Go... 10:30 AM Sunday School	16 CALL DEADLINE	17 7 PM Missionary's/ Ft. C... 7 PM AA Meeting	18 9 AM Quilters 10 AM Call Folders 6 PM Bible Reading @ W... 6:30 PM Pathways	19	20 Mission trip to St. Louis - CYF	21 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
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