



THE CALL

Apr/May
2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday - April 26

POTLUCK and presentation after worship - Pastor Cynthia will be sharing slides and stories of some of her travels during last year's sabbatical. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy this time of reflection.

Sunday - May 3

Fundraiser for Scout Troop #13

GARAGE DEDICATION - Plan to stay after worship for a brief dedication service in the west parking lot followed by a chili lunch cooked by the Boy Scouts. Your donations for Scout activities and awards are most appreciated.

Sunday - May 10 - MOTHER'S DAY

Special worship celebrating women hymn writers

May 15

CALL Deadline

May 17 - GRADUATION SUNDAY

High School & college graduates recognized during worship and Bibles presented to 2nd graders.

Paul Hallock's Shepherding Group meets at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Lyle and Jo Cox

May 20

Boy Scout Troop #13 Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch

May 21

PRESCHOOL GRADUATIONS - LAST DAY

Pentecost Sunday - May 24 - Wear Red

Missionary Gary Luallin visiting from Ghana - He will speak in the Homebuilders' Class at 9 a.m. and preach at 10:10. Come hear about Global Ministries!

May 31 - NC Graduation @ 7:00 p.m.

June 1 - KW Graduation @ 7:30 p.m.

Church Staff:

Rev. Cynthia McBride, Pastor

Lois Koch, Business Manager

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Cyndi Trimmer, Nursery care

Annette Crain, Preschool Director

Amber French, Music Director

Jordan Jones, Pianist

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays

8:30 AM - Noon



Preschool hours (Sept-May)

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon

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Preschool Phone

(307) 472-0649

PRESCHOOL TEACHER POSITIONS!

We are currently looking for two teachers to join our preschool staff next fall: for the 3-4-year-old class and Pre-K. If you know of someone that might be interested in teaching or if you need further information, contact FCC Preschool Director Annette Crain at 472-0649.

*A Life of Learning and Love....****"Sharing our Stories"***

When I shared with the congregation last summer that I planned an in-depth study of the Psalms during my sabbatical, I was surprised when one church member said, "I don't like the Psalms. I never have." I was thrilled when she followed that up by saying, "But I'm going to read them along with you." The Psalms are an amazing gallery of poetry that captures the highs and lows of our walk of faith. Some of the Psalms are angry, some drag us down to pits of despair, others lift our hearts to soaring heights of praise. In expressing all ranges of human emotion, they remind me that God is present with us whenever and wherever we find ourselves. Even in those darkest of moments when we can't feel the presence of God and cry out with the Psalmist "How long oh Lord?" - the sacred text bears testimony that others have walked this way before. We are part of an ongoing story through the generations of people who have known and sought after the Divine One. During worship in this season of Eastertide, between Easter and Pentecost, I am preaching from the Psalms and sharing some of the illustrated Psalter I began during sabbatical. This week after worship, at an all-church potluck, I'll be sharing photos of some of the places I travelled (and some of the churches I visited) last summer. I hope that you can attend.

On Saturday, a small group of us will travel to the Wind River Reservation to meet with Shoshone and Arapahoe members to hear stories about life on the Reservation. Life on "the Rez" is hard. The high school dropout rate and teen/young adult suicide rate is twice as high on the Reservation as in the rest of our state. The overall per capita income of Native Americans is half of all other Americans. Every Reservation has examples of extreme poverty and high unemployment. The contributing factors are complex. We are not going with the intent to "solve" a "problem" for our neighbors, rather we are going willing to learn from them. We will share the story of faith by being a listening witness. We are taking gifts of books and blankets, but the most important gift to share is ourselves - as we listen with humble, open hearts to the stories of our Native neighbors. Like reading some of the Psalms, it may be hard - but we will no doubt glimpse God in the midst of this important "mission day." Pray for us all. - *Pastor Cynthia*

**2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JULY 18-22nd**

Where else can you talk to the president of a general ministry, interact with a global missionary and have a meal with a fellow Disciple who now lives six states away--all in one place in five days? The General Assembly of the Christian Church (DOC) in Columbus, Ohio, from July 18-22 encourages just such encounters. From the general ministry booths in the exhibit hall to the business reports to the special meal events, the General Assembly is one way to get a big picture of the Disciples. The learning communities offer yet another way to meet Disciples with similar interests and share your enthusiasm and knowledge. Register today at ga.disciples.org and find a place to plug in to the larger Church! Our pastor and her husband will be attending and would be THRILLED to have other Casperites at General Assembly this year. Feel free to talk with Pastor Cynthia if you have any questions about what Assembly is like or need help registering.

Attention 2nd Graders & Upcoming Graduates

Second graders and Graduates will be recognized Sunday, May 17th during the worship service. Second graders will be presented with Bibles and secondary graduates will also receive a gift from the church. Please turn in the names of your 2nd graders and graduates to the church office by May 11th. Parents are invited to share a few photos of their high school grads with the church by emailing them to Amber at batmanbertio@gmail.com. **no later than May 9th.**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP & WONDER



The last day for children's Sunday School before "summer break" will be May 17th. Thanks to Michelle Elser, Casey Rislov and Jennifer Grooms for teaching our classes this year. There will be **NO** children's Sunday School on May 24th. Summer children's church featuring Veggie Tales will start May 31st. Please contact Erika Stupak (277-8620) if you can help lead this summer.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

April 29 - Game night at the church
May 13 - family potluck at the church
May 27 - Putt Putt Golf and Pizza

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is scheduled for July 25 on Casper Mountain. Contact Trisha Woods (472-9134) or Tassma Kohemstedt (337-4479) if you would be able to assist with our VBS on Saturday, July 25th.



BOY SCOUT GARAGE DEDICATION

The new Boy Scout Garage will be **dedicated on Sunday, May 3rd** after worship. The Boy Scouts will be doing a chili lunch with all the fixin's. This will be a fundraiser for the Scouts - so plan to stay after church, tour the new garage and support our Boy Scout Troop. Look for more details in the church bulletin.

Our thanks to the GENEROUS donors who have supported the much needed building of a new garage, in addition to the funds given by the Troop.

PIANIST NEEDED!!

A sad thing!! Jordan Jones will be leaving us in May as he prepares to move to California this summer. We have been blessed by his musical gifts at the keyboard and in choir. I am looking to hire another pianist and/or organist to fill the position of church accompanist. If you know of anyone or can spread the word, please do so! Below are the requirements:

- * Pianist needed for Sunday a.m. service (10-11:30) with the possibility of additional special services.

- * Provide a prelude, postlude, communion and offertory meditations along with accompanying the congregation on 4 hymns/praise songs each week.

- * This is a year round position.

Leave a message for Amber French at FCC's office: 307-234-8964.

Preschool News

WHEW! We are winding down our school year and getting ready for graduation. The kiddos will be learning fun songs about dinosaurs for our program. Pretty soon FCC's downstairs will feel empty again. The teachers will be painting the hallways downstairs during the summer as our way for contributing back to the church for your support for the preschool program. We are so lucky to have you supporting our preschool program!

This spring has been very busy...our fundraiser was a HUGE success! We made over \$4200. Thanks to all who contributed and congratulations to those members of FCC that bid on our silent auction and won! We will be having another book fair this week. On Thursday, April 23rd we will host books and bingo from 6:00-7:30 p.m. All invited to attend this fun evening with an ice cream social.

The preschool is looking for a Pre-K and 3-4 teacher. Teacher Kayla will be staying home with her little one, and Teacher Sarah is moving to a full-time position with the public schools. If you are interested in the position contact our Director Teacher Annette @ 472-0649 for more information.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Mosteller	May 3	Mary Lou Westman	May 16
Jenny Black	May 4	Jamie Williams	May 16
Dylan Stupak	May 4	Trisha Woods	May 16
Darlene Bishop	May 6	Raylan Heck	May 17
Grace Sallstrom	May 6	Betty Axworthy	May 18
Daria Dundas	May 7	Jared Black	May 22
Brady Hover	May 7	Cristopf Atkinson	May 24
Tassma Koehmstedt	May 7	Amanda Dowler	May 24
Lois Purvis	May 11	Steve Kingsolver	May 25
Al Singleton	May 12	Bernard Ambrosino	May 27
Martha Wallace	May 12	Catherine Kingsolver	May 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Cynthia McBride	May 9, 1998
Kirk & Robin Nelson	May 15, 1982
Don & Randisue Davis	May 21, 1977
Tyler & Michelle Elser	May 21, 2011
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

Join other Disciples for Mission Day THIS Saturday!

April 25, 2015



It's EXCITING! There are mission opportunities happening across the Central Rocky Mountain Region. The **Tres Valles District** is being hosted at Milagro Christian Church in Pueblo, CO for gardening, building a labyrinth, repainting playground equipment and "virtual" visits to 12 Disciples mission locations around the world. Disciples in the **Western District** will meet at the United Church of Kanab-Fredonia in Kanab, Utah for a work day to do some spring cleaning. Contact Pastor Marcia at pastor@unitedchurchkf.org or (303)884-1106 if you will be in the area and would like to participate. The churches in the Metro District will engage in mission projects planned by numerous individual congregations. If you'll be near Denver and are interested in participating, contact George Dockery at 303-721-8537 and he can help direct you to a participating church. At a later date the churches will gather to fellowship and report about their Mission Day Projects.

As part of the **Northern District**, you're invited to join other members of FCC Casper on April 25th as we journey to the Wind River Reservation for a very special Mission Day. We will take the boxes of children's books that our Mission Commission collected last year. We are also taking donations of new or gently used, clean blankets and canned goods for a church-hosted food pantry on the reservation. If you would like to donate any items, please bring them to church by Friday, April 24th at noon. If you want to join the group going to Wind River for "building bridges of cultural understanding" - please call Pastor Cynthia at 258-5095 A.S.A.P. to be added to the list of participants. The schedule is as follows:

- 6:00 a.m. Load the church van and leave FCC parking lot
- 9 a.m. Opening prayers & Introductions
- 9:15 a.m. Presentations on Native American Issues
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Tour
- 2:45 p.m. Closing prayer at St. Stephen's Mission School
- 3:00 p.m. Return to Casper (be home around 6 p.m.)

Cost for the day of \$45 covers transportation, speakers honoraria and lunch. In the spirit of Disciples ecumenism, we have invited Wyoming congregations of other faith traditions to join in this experience initiated by the CRM R Disciples and share with the WY Association of Churches.

Thank You

Dear FCC Friends.

Thank you so very much for your thoughts, prayers, calls and cards during my brother's illness and death. He had suffered for a long time and is now at peace.

In Christian Love, Martha & David Wallace

POTLUCK

NEXT SUNDAY PLAN TO STAY AFTER WORSHIP NEXT WEEK bring a dish to share. We'll have an "all-church" potluck in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Cynthia plans to share pictures and stories from her sabbatical travels last summer/fall. All are invited.



FREE TO A GOOD HOME!!!!
UNUSED CASSETTE TAPES AND CASES have been found in the church. If anyone has a need for cassette tapes, please come to the church and pick them up. If nobody wants these tapes, they will be

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY SPRING FLING**

SPRING INTO SPRING!! This is what the Spring Fling at Shepherd of the Valley Healthcare Community will be. It will take place in the East Activity Room at Shepherd of the Valley, 60 Magnolia, Paradise Valley on Friday, April 24th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. It will feature entertainment by Paradise Valley Elementary music students, refreshments, and a cake walk. For more information call Martha @ 267-5384 or Marilyn @ 235-4705. We hope to see you there.

ADDRESS CHANGES**Tom May**

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Cheyenne, WY 82009

Current Financials

Bal. on hand Mar. 1, 2015	\$ 2,356.44
Income from	
Pledges & Gifts	\$ 18,957.06
Invested Funds	2,558.00
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 23,871.50
March expenses	(22,902.65)
Bal. on hand Mar. 31, 2015	\$ 968.85

Week of Compassion \$225.03

**MAY DIACONATE**

Trisha Woods
Josh Woods
Amanda Dowler
Pat Seamands
Robin Nelson
Annette Ambrosino
Wanda Gochenour
Terri Taylor

Communion Prep

10:10 a.m. - Tammy Heck

May Greeters

10:10 a.m. - Clyde & Maryann Cain

*To volunteer as a greeter,
call Pat Buck at 234-1829.*

May Offertory Steward
Randisue Davis

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 13
FUNDRAISER**

Troop 13 will be having a fundraiser on Wednesday, May 20th at Pizza Ranch. Tell the cashier that you are there for Troop 13 starting at 5:00 p.m. and come support our Scouts!!! Check bulletin for further details as we get closer to May 20th.



THEOLOGY/FISHING RETREAT

A quick note to bring you up to date on our summer Theology/Fishing Men's Retreat plans in the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming. The guest speaker will be Ron Degges, President at Disciples Home Mission. Dates this year are Monday August 3 through Friday Morning August 7, 2015. The cost is \$225 plus your motel (around \$80/night) food, fishing license (\$14 a day for out of state) and gear. Some guys like to share a room; some like to camp in the woods. Plan to come and talk theology and fishing. If any questions, contact Rev. Doug Goodwin pastordoug@sheridandisciples.org



TAKE A WALK WITH GOD AT THE GARDEN GETAWAY

SAVE THE DATE!!

Disciple Women's Renewal - September 25-27, 2015
Accommodations at Glen Eyrie in Colorado Springs, CO
Spiritual Renewal! Marvelous Meals! New friends!

Any questions contact bethany@sisna.com

See Bulletin Board for information or go to www.crmrdoc.org to register online or print out the Women's Renewal Registration Form. Deadline is July 1st.

"MEMORIES OF HEART MOUNTAIN"

The Natrona County Historical Society, partnering with the Student Activities Board of Casper College and the Wyoming Humanities Council, is pleased to bring a free presentation to history students and enthusiasts of all ages. From 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6th come to the Durham Auditorium at Casper College's Aley Fine Arts Center to experience Sam Mihara's presentation. From 8:30 to 9 p.m. Sam will answer your questions.

Sam Mihara is a second generation Japanese American who was born and raised in San Francisco. When World War II broke out, the United States government forced Sam, at age 9, and his family to move to an internment camp, between Cody and Powell, Wyoming. This was the Heart Mountain Relocation Camp, where they lived for three years. Now, in retirement, Sam enjoys publicly speaking about what he and his family experienced during WW II. His program is informative and entertaining complete with power point and video accompaniments.

Upcoming Time Away for Staff

Pastor Cynthia will be on vacation May 5-10 to visit family in New Mexico. She will be on continuing education leave May 11-15 to attend the nationally acclaimed Festival of Homiletics in Denver.

Kathy Winders will be on vacation May 20-29. Thank you to Lois Koch for covering the office while Kathy travels.

The church office will be closed May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

May 2015

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“I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.”

- 1 Timothy 2:1-2

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



The annual city-wide observance of the National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7th. It will be held at the Restoration Church at 411 S. Walsh from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. There will be no admission charge. You are invited to join with the community of Casper in this time of prayer for our Nation. Bruce Assaf returns as guest speaker. If you have any questions regarding the event, please feel free to contact Deb Schmidt @ 277-0098.

SPRING LUNCHEON for “Widow Connection”



The members of Widow Connection at Restoration Church will host a Spring Luncheon on June 2 2015 starting 12:00-2:30 at 411 Walsh Drive. This event is specifically for women who have lost their husbands. The Guest speaker will be Joanne Holbrook from Sheridan Wyoming. Please RSVP by May 26 by calling Kandy @ 265-7674 or 235-9100. Childcare will NOT be provided. ALL WIDOWS ARE WELCOME! A love offering will be taken for the speakers.