



# THE CALL

July/Aug  
2015

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 24-26 - Family Camping on Casper Mountain**

**July 25 - VBS on the Mountain 10-4 p.m.**

**July 26 - Worship on the Mountain @ 11:00 a.m.  
Combined worship service @ 9:00 a.m.  
No Sunday School that morning.**

**July 29 - Arlon Miller organ recital at First United Methodist Church @ noon**

**Aug 2 - Rev. Ron Degges will be the speaker at 10:10 service. PUMPKIN PATCH MEETING after church service.**

**Aug. 10 - PUMPKIN PATCH MEETING @ 6:00 P.M.**

**Aug. 12 - Youth will have a BBQ at the Garden Creek Falls @ 6:00 p.m. Bring a side dish to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.**

**Aug. 20-27 - Rev. McBride on vacation. Pulpit Guest on Aug. 23.**

## **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  
**Arlon Miller**, summer organist

## **Office hours:**

**Mon.-Thurs.**

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

**Fridays**

8:30 AM - Noon



## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

**8:15 Chapel Service**  
**9:00 a.m. Adult Class**  
**10:10 Worship**

**(307) 234-8964**  
[www.fcccasper.org](http://www.fcccasper.org)  
[fcccasper@gmail.com](mailto:fcccasper@gmail.com)

## **Preschool hours (Sept-May)**

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon

**Preschool Phone**  
(307) 472-0649

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S NEEDED**

Please let Trisha Woods or Tassma Koehmstedt know if you are able to teach or substitute for our children's Sunday School classes year. We start on Sunday, September 13th.

## Pastor's Post

### A Life of Learning and Love.... **BEING CHURCH in all kinds of places...**

Earlier this year, we experimented having a “chapel” service in a quiet, end of the hall classroom. After a 4-month trial, the time and setting of “chapel” was adjusted and there was great joy among participants at being together back in the sanctuary. For many of our members, being able to gaze upon the Good Shepherd stained glass window enhances worship. Being in the same space where others have worshiped for decades before can draw us closer to the Divine.

Each summer, our youth experience worship (as well as learning, games, meals, sleeping, playing & “family group” activities) at church camp in the Black Forest near Colorado Springs. Next Sunday, July 26th, we’ll gather for Worship on the Mountain at the edge of Beartrap Meadow on Casper Mountain. This annual trek brings the opportunity to worship God our Creator under the beauty of pine trees as we feel our spirits soar.

As you read this, Charles and I will be worshiping with thousands of other Disciples of Christ at the General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. A city convention center will be transformed into both meeting hall and sanctuary as Disciples from across the U.S. and Canada join to “be church” en masse.

Of course, “being church” is not just about worship - it’s about everything we do together in Christ’s name.... when elders take communion to a nursing home, when your pastor prays at a hospital bedside or officiates at a wedding or funeral, when our sandwich ministry volunteers feed the hungry in downtown Casper - we are being church in all kinds of places!

Wherever your travels take you this summer, I hope you’ll have the opportunity to fellowship with other believers. If you’re in a different town or city on a Sunday morning, seek out a place to worship and be open to the experience God will give you. As you spend time on the mountain or at the lake, breathe deeply of the fresh air and enjoy the depth of prayer that happens easily in nature when you pay attention to the hand of God in creation all around you. - Pastor Cynthia



The Executive Regional Minister Search Team for the CRMR, l. to r.: Ruben Rodriguez, Vinetta Golphin-Wilkerson (Chair), Diane Ashton, Melissa St.Clair, Jason Coon, Cheryl Breiner, Bob Steers, Marilyn Aiken, Stan Hamamoto, Jason Kesheshian, Dora DeVan. Missing from photo: Darryl Searuggs, Betsy Straka.

### **The Search is Underway**

The Executive Regional Minister Search Team met for orientation in June with Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Ruth Fletcher, Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Montana, and April Johnson, Minister of Reconciliation for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ruth Fletcher will serve as a consultant and coach to the process. The team’s first task is to develop a profile of the Region that will enable prospective candidates to have a better understanding of who Disciples are in the Central Rocky Mountain Region as well as the Region’s hopes and dreams for the work of the church throughout the Region. To do so, they will seek input from members across CRMR, in gatherings spread throughout the Region as well as perhaps web-based meetings. More info will be shared in the coming weeks with specific details about the gatherings.

The CRMR website will be our source for updates and other info concerning this process & journey. Please share your input and ideas and offer your prayers as the Ex. Regional Minister Search Team moves forward in a way that will honor & glorify God.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be Saturday, July 25th @ Bear Trap from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. using the theme of "Mission on the Mountain!". Registration forms are available in the church office. Meet at 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall if you need transportation. Join us for a fun filled day of music, games, crafts, food and learning about missions around the world. Contact Trisha Woods (797-3047) or Tassma Koehmstedt (247-3328) with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

On Friday July 24 & Saturday July 25 all members of FCC are invited to pitch your tent or park your camper near BearTrap Meadow and enjoy relaxed fellowship and visiting around the campfire all leading up to **Worship on the Mountain** on Sunday, July 26th. Contact Trisha or Tassma if you plan to attend either VBS or "Family Camp" this year.



## WORSHIP ON THE MOUNTAIN

Worship on Casper Mountain will be on **Sunday, July 26th @ 11:00 a.m.** The regular 10:10 and 8:15 chapel service will be

combined at 9:00 a.m. for that morning only so people will be able to make both services if they so choose. **NO** Sunday School will held that morning. Fried chicken and water will be provided but you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share, your lawn chair and your drink if you want something else to drink. We look forward to seeing everyone at Worship on the Mountain. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Williams, Chairman Spiritual Growth Commission.

## REMINDER TO EVERYONE USING THE CHURCH

**If you are the last one to leave the church, please make sure all doors are locked, windows are closed, lights are turned off (including the bathrooms) and the a/c is turned off. Thank you very much. ~Church Staff & Property Commission**

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

College scholarship applications will be **due in the FCC office by August 10th @ noon.** Applications can be picked up in the office or from the bulletin board. Any questions, please contact Judy Baker, Chairman of WTM&S @277-1530

## EXCHANGE STUDENT.



**Share God's love with an international student!** EF High School Exchange Year is in immediate need of families willing to host international exchange students who will be attending school in our area.

Fiona from Switzerland plays the harp, is active in the Girl Scouts, enjoys horses and swimming. Paulina from Germany enjoys dance, tennis, snowboarding, guitars and cooking. This is an excellent opportunity to share your home, community, and America! Please contact Charles McBride for more information at 258-6113 or [chazmo2@yahoo.com](mailto:chazmo2@yahoo.com)



## VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Our church is in need of a volunteer that would be willing to update the website every week and the facebook page. If you wish to volunteer your time, please contact Keith Rouse @ 258-7589

"...It is not the task of Christianity to provide easy answers to every question, but to make us progressively aware of a mystery. God is not so much the object of our knowledge as the cause of our wonder." - Kallistos Ware, Bishop of Diokleia



### Summer Lawn, Tree and Custodial Schedule

This summer we have hired GNT Services, a Glenrock based company, to mow and trim the lawns around the church. They come on Thursday mornings. They only tend the grass areas, so it is a blessing anytime volunteers step up to help spray or pull weeds or tend flowerbeds. Eventually the flowerbed right outside the front door of the church will be removed when foundation repair work is done along the sanctuary east wall. Bear Bottom Tree Service is in the process of cutting down the dead and overgrown trees on the property line between NCHS and the church parking lot. They have also trimmed the evergreen shrubs in front of the church that suffered storm damage.

Our cleaning service is CJ Custodial. During the summer, the church and all the restrooms are scheduled to be cleaned on Friday nights (on a rare occasion they are cleaned on Saturdays instead). They do not come during the week in the summer, so be aware that if you think a bathroom or other room has not been cleaned, that it will be cleaned before Sunday morning. During the school year they clean on MWF evenings. They DO NOT set up or take down chairs/tables for activities, so if you have anything that requires chairs/tables, please make sure you contact someone to help with setting up what is needed. If you don't know who to ask for help with tables or chairs for a specific event, feel free to speak with either Pastor Cynthia or Kathy Winders to recruit needed helpers. Big thank you's to the CWF members for faithfully tidying up the downstairs kitchen, to our commissions who clean up after hosting Sunday coffees and other volunteers who help behind the scenes whenever needed.

Our custodial service is also scheduled to deep clean tile floors - stripping and waxing the Sunday school rooms during the summer. They do this at no added cost to the church.

Since we do not have a full time custodian on staff, it is very helpful for all of us to clean up after ourselves. The key to the dumpster is located on the bulletin board in the kitchen so you can empty bags from the garbage cans after a meal or other major event.

If there is a particular spot of the church building that you see which needs "deep cleaning" or an area on the grounds needing extra attention - you're welcome to adopt that as a personal project. You can speak with the Property Commission if you need guidance. If there is a location which you notice is being overlooked in the *basic* weekly custodial care, please bring that concern to Pastor Cynthia, Board Chair Keith Rouse or one of our "at large" board members (Jeremy Allen & Darlene Bishop). Our pastor and administrative secretary communicate regularly with the cleaning service. Because of the pay scale for this type of work, there is often turn-over, which means we may have a different individual cleaning the church from time to time. Different people naturally pay attention to different details. We appreciate your direct communication in helping us to use the cleaning service to the fullest potential, as well as everyone pitching in to care for "God's house."

We also have boxes of Kleenex in the pews in the sanctuary and ask that when you leave your pew that you check around to see if there is any used Kleenex, bulletins, candy wrappers etc., left in your pew, pick them up and throw in the garbage can as you leave the church. Let's institute the rule the Scouts practice: "leave no trace."

The Church is God's house. Our Property Commission works tirelessly on maintenance projects and hires people to do most of the dirty work, but it still requires all of us to work together to keep God's house looking nice.

Note: The West parking lot will be repaved within the next few weeks. Thank you to Tom Dowler, Cal Decker and Property for moving this much-needed project forward.

### WORDS FROM THE MISSION COMMISSION

The Mission Commission continues to work on meeting the needs of the community and globally. If you would like to be involved in either of these contact Linda Mosteller or Debbie Mestas. Vitamins have been given to Vision Beyond Borders, meal served at the CWRM, cakes baked for the Hemry Home and Youth Crisis Center; sack lunches distributed to homeless, poor and hungry in the community; and numerous of volunteer hours by our commission members are a few of the activities the Mission Commission has done. We are blessed by all who give so generously of their time, talents and resources to help meet the needs of all God's children.

September is Hunger Awareness month and the Commission will be doing its part to help. If anyone has any ideas of how we can increase awareness, please let us know. We do have a project we are working on but would welcome other suggestions. We will also be hosting Life Line Screening in October. If you would like to help, please contact Linda or Debbie. More details will follow on time and date.

Thank you so much for all the help and support!

~Debbie Mestas, Linda Mosteller, Chairmen Mission Commission



### **Thank You's**

Dear Rev. Cynthia & FCC...Thank you so much for the vitamins you donated for the people of Nepal. We appreciate your prayers of support as we seek to glorify Jesus Christ.

God Bless You! Patrick & Staff of Vision Beyond Borders.

Dear FCC -- Thank you for the graduation gift and all the support the church community has given to me. I am thankful for the scholarship opportunities as well that allow me to further my education. --Joshua Black

To FCC Members -- Please accept our appreciation of prayers, cards and kind words from members of the church upon our dad's (Ron Day) death. They really do help.

Thank you again, Chris & Casey Rislov, Carly & Jason Sullivan

Dear FCC Friends -- Thank you so much for the help when I moved. I really appreciate the items that were donated to me. I am continually amazed, thankful, and blessed by the loving and giving nature of our church. Again, thank you & many blessings, --Luka Burch

**Thank you Dave Ramsey.** Thank you FCC! A few years ago, our church offered the "Financial Peace" class. As our group met weekly, we shared stories as couples and singles about times of financial stress or wanting to get out of debt. We learned basic financial management skills, budgeting, the benefits of *always* using cash over credit, and principles of Christian stewardship. Recently I had to hire someone to help with a home repair issue. The first estimate was \$150 to \$200 depending on materials. The work ended up being quick and easy, and the final cost was \$150. When I told the guy I was paying cash, he said, "Well in that case, it's only \$100." Paying with a check would've cost \$150. Before taking Financial Peace, I would've just automatically written out a check and signed over my hard-earned money, without even thinking to ask about a cash discount. Thank you church! This Sunday, there'll be an extra \$50 in the offering plate just to share the JOY of being able to give! (an email received from a church member)

An Irish Proverb

A kind word never broke anyone's mouth

### **Current Financials**

|                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Bal. on hand June 1, 2015</b>  | <b>\$ ( 7,668.60)</b> |
| Income from                       |                       |
| Pledges & Gifts                   | <b>\$ 18,124.45</b>   |
| Invested Funds                    | <b>\$ 3,391.66</b>    |
| Total Cash on Hand                | <b>\$ 13,827.51</b>   |
| June expenses                     | <b>\$(27,150.15)</b>  |
| <b>Bal. on hand June 30, 2015</b> | <b>\$(13,322.64)</b>  |

#### **Special Offerings:**

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| Pentecost          | \$100.00 |
| Week of Compassion | \$150.00 |

### **AUGUST DIACONATE**

Amber Rouse, Dylan Stupak, Erika Stupak,  
Kylie Stewart, Luka Burch

### **COMMUNION PREP**

Kylie Stewart

### **August Greeters**

Wanda Gochenour & Pat Buck

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



### **August Offertory Steward**

Randisue Davis

## **THANK YOU!!!**

A huge debt of gratitude and appreciation goes to Laura Chipperfield and Carmen Goodman for facilitating youth activities and camp registrations this summer and to Trisha Woods and Tassma Koehmstedt for coordinating our Mission on the Mountain VBS this year. When you see them give them a "high" five for being such dedicated members.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

|                 |         |               |         |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| Tommy Russell   | Aug. 1  | Erika Stupak  | Aug. 19 |
| Melissa Hayden  | Aug. 2  | Brent Forbis  | Aug. 21 |
| Kathy Winders   | Aug. 3  | Shirley Wenn  | Aug. 24 |
| Sarah Brown     | Aug. 6  | Amber Rouse   | Aug. 25 |
| Teri Black      | Aug. 7  | Larry Winders | Aug. 25 |
| Jan Coey        | Aug. 9  | Brad Reece    | Aug. 26 |
| Logan Brown     | Aug. 10 | Dolly Hebrlee | Aug. 27 |
| Betty Black     | Aug. 12 | Val Williams  | Aug. 27 |
| Cameron Budack  | Aug. 12 | Becki Austin  | Aug. 28 |
| Matt Russell    | Aug. 12 | Gene Buck     | Aug. 28 |
| Mike Hebrlee    | Aug. 14 | Rylan Chapman | Aug. 28 |
| Tammy Heck      | Aug. 15 | Stan McIrvin  | Aug. 30 |
| Bill Westman    | Aug. 16 |               |         |
| Jim Doyle       | Aug. 17 |               |         |
| Becky Ostrander | Aug. 18 |               |         |
| Dorothy Smith   | Aug. 18 |               |         |

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Cal & Monica Decker - 8/6/1966  
 Bill & Mary Lou Westman - 8/15/1964  
 Dave & Terri Taylor - 8/16/2003  
 Mark & Pam Steinle - 8/19/1972  
 Josh & Trisha Woods - 8/25/2001  
 Allen & Elaine Singleton - 8/29  
 Jerry & Jacque Meeks - 8/30/1968  
 Leonard & Ruth Jones - 8/31/1960

**OUR COFFEE HOSTS & CLEANUP CREW**

Thank you to the commission members that host the coffee fellowship time after the 10:10 service every Sunday. The schedule for hosting & helping cleanup is as follows:

1st week - Mission Commission/Property  
 2nd week - Christian Ed/Stewardship  
 3rd week - Spiritual Growth/Diaconate  
 4th week - CWF  
 5th week - Homebuilders Class

**PAPER SACKS NEEDED!!**

The preschool is in need of large brown paper grocery bags for a craft project in the fall. If you have any large brown paper bags, please drop them off at the school or church office. Thanks, Annette Crain

**COWBOY YEAR FOR PRESCHOOL**

Summer is flying by fast. September 8th is our open house and preschool starts on September 9th. There has been a lot of changes over the summer. The preschool has hired two new teachers and a teacher assistant. Laura Milne will be co-teaching with Teacher Chanel. Teacher Stacy will be moving up and teaching the 3-4 class and Amanda Schulp will be teaching our Intro to Preschool Class on Tu/Th and our new class...Young 3's on MWF. Cristina Terry will be the Teacher's Assistant in the Pre-K class. We are almost full...one opening in the Intro to Preschool Class. The other classes have wait list. As a school we have added five additional students for the fall. We will currently have 65 students enrolled in the school. We have contracted with Vibes Music Center to provide our children with their Kindermusik program next fall. We are super excited to add their music program to our school. It's the "Year of the Cowboy" and have many fun and exciting events planned for the up coming school year. Thanks for all you do to support our preschool program. We would love to have you stop in sometime to see what preschool is all about.

## August 2015

| July 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    | August 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    | September 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday          | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| 26<br>FAMILY CAMP ON MTN<br>9:00 AM Sun School<br>9:00 AM Worship<br>11:00 AM WORSHIP ON MOUNTAIN       | 27<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts  | 28<br>7:00 PM AA | 29<br>9:00 AM Quilters                              | 30<br>5 6 7 8 9 10 11<br>12 13 14 15 16 17 18<br>19 20 21 22 23 24 25<br>26 27 28 29 30 31 | 31<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry<br>9:00 AM Scrapbooking   | 1<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry<br>9:00 AM Scrapbooking    |
| 2<br>8:15 AM Chapel<br>9:00 AM Sun School<br>10:10 AM Worship<br>11:30 AM Pumpkin Patch Meeting         | 3<br>2:00 PM Circle of Caring<br>6:30 PM Elders<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts   | 4<br>7:00 PM AA  | 5<br>9:00 AM Quilters                               | 6<br>KATHY VACATION<br>11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Potluck  | 7<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry<br>10:00 AM State Quilters | 8<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry<br>10:00 AM State Quilters |
| 9<br>8:15 AM Chapel<br>9:00 AM Sun School<br>10:10 AM Worship   | 10<br>6:00 PM Pumpkin Patch Meeting<br>6:30 PM Spiritual Growth<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts<br>7:00 PM Commissions<br>8:00 PM Board Meeting | 11<br>7:00 PM AA | 12<br>9:00 AM Quilters<br>6:00 PM Youth BBQ @ Falls | 13<br>9:00 AM Quilters   | 14<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry                           | 15<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry                           |
| 16<br>8:15 AM Chapel<br>9:00 AM Sun School<br>10:10 AM Worship  | 17<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts  | 18<br>7:00 PM AA | 19<br>9:00 AM Quilters                              | 20<br>REV. MCBRIDE VACATION<br>10:00 AM Munch Bunch Coffee                                 | 21<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry                           | 22<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry                           |
| 23<br>REV. MCBRIDE VACATION<br>PULPIT GUEST<br>8:15 AM Chapel<br>9:00 AM Sun School<br>10:10 AM Worship | 24<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts  | 25<br>7:00 PM AA | 26<br>9:00 AM Quilters                              | 27<br>10:00 AM CWF Board Mtg<br>11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Potluck                               | 28<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry                           | 29<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry                           |
| 30<br>8:15 AM Chapel<br>9:00 AM Sun School<br>10:10 AM Worship  | 31<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts  | 1<br>7:00 PM AA  | 2<br>PUBLIC SCHOOLS START<br>9:00 AM Quilters       | 3<br>10:00 AM CWF Board Mtg<br>11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Potluck                                | 4<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry<br>9:00 AM Scrapbooking    | 5<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry<br>9:00 AM Scrapbooking    |

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**SAVE THE DATES  
AUGUST 2 & 10 - PATCH MEETING**

During fellowship time after church on Aug 2, a meeting will be held to discuss what needs to be done, as well as the focus for this year's Pumpkin Patch. This is a great time to provide input and offer your assistance. If you cannot help this year, but have in the past, please consider joining us to help new workers learn from past successes and mistakes. Sandwiches, chips, cookies, ice tea and lemonade will be served.

We will also have a second meeting for those who cannot attend at 6 PM prior to commission meetings on Aug 10. No meals or snacks will be served at this meeting but you are welcome to bring your own supper and drinks. If you are unable to attend either of these meetings but want to help or provide ideas, please contact one of the following -- Trisha Woods, Tassma Koehmstedt, Erika Stupak, Kylie Stewart, Maggie Grooms, Carmen Goodman, Laura Chipperfield and/or Jennifer Grooms.

Sunday, September 20, after church, Stacey Ballard, who is coordinating the Patch suppliers, rounding up more volunteers, and marketing, will facilitate a mini training session for those people working in the Patch as sellers.

If you are willing to be a Pumpkin Patch Storyteller, there is a signup sheet outside the church office.

**PUMPKINS ARRIVING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH**