



# THE CALL

May/June  
2015

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday MAY 20**

Boy Scout Troop #13 Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch  
5 p.m. till close - mention Troop 13 when you order

**Thursday MAY 21**

**FCC PRESCHOOL - LAST DAY**

**6:00 p.m. - 3-4 year old graduation**

**7:00 p.m. - Pre K graduation**

***Congratulations FCC Students & Families!***

**Sunday MAY 24 - PENTECOST**

***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!

**Monday MAY 25**

**MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**



**MAY 31**

NC Graduation @ 7:00 p.m.

**JUNE 1**

KW Graduation @ 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday JUNE 6**

**Property All Church Clean up  
beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

Indoor & outdoor work, come pitch in on any  
project of your choice!

We especially need folks to pick up trash & work  
on the shrubs along the parking lot.

## **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

## **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

**(307) 234-8964**

[www.fcccasper.org](http://www.fcccasper.org)

[fcccasper@gmail.com](mailto:fcccasper@gmail.com)

## **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...****“Christian Community”***

I recently have had the privilege of multiple experiences of Christian community in ecumenical settings. On April 25, Disciples across our region shared in “mission day” experiences in various settings. Cindy Huckfeldt, Cindy White from Cheyenne and I travelled to the Wind River Reservation. We met Deacon Ted from the Indian Baptist Church as we delivered blankets, coats, and baskets of food to the church pantry. He told of a little boy who thanked him for a blanket, saying joyfully “This is the first time I’ve had a blanket of my very own!” and of grandmothers who would be *thrilled* to receive the fresh oranges we’d brought. Millie Friday who is Northern Arapahoe, Episcopalian and a member of the Native American Church, spoke of the powerful work she does with at risk teens, helping them to reclaim a sense of identity through learning tribal traditions that were oppressed in the era of boarding schools. Fred, who is Eastern Shoshone, gave us a tour of just part of the vast reservation - both explaining history of the land and sharing personal stories of his own family’s heritage there. My favorite moment of the day was listening to him sing a prayer accompanied on a drum he’d made. It was humbling to hear the stories of “historical trauma” which still affect our brothers and sisters of Wind River. I pray this was just the first of many relationship building ventures.

On May 7th, I was in Alamogordo visiting my parents. My Dad sings with a local chorus, made of men from a dozen churches. They were performing at the National Day of Prayer luncheon, and it was a blessing of timing that I was there to sit with Mom while he sang and then listen to various preachers and civic leaders share in prayer, just as I knew Christians in Casper and around the nation were also praying.

May 11-15 I was in Denver, along with about 1800 other pastors from numerous denominations, for the national annual Festival of Homiletics. We heard powerful preaching from a variety of traditions, excellent lectures, thought provoking workshops and shared in fellowship - and, oh, the singing! I sat with Disciples of Christ clergy colleagues from northern Colorado, but also greeted friends from across the country. When I was on sabbatical last fall, I met Stephen Savides, pastor of a large UCC congregation in Wisconsin. Last summer, we were together at both Ghost Ranch and again in Racine, WI at a Dominican Retreat Center. Now, here he was again, walking across the room to greet me at a Presbyterian Church in Denver! We updated each other on prayer requests and the journeys of our lives. Each of these experiences was a chance to be “at table” with other believers. Though we worship in many ways and see God through our own particular cultural lenses, we belong to one another in Christ. Thank you, church, for the privilege of knowing and speaking of Jesus in your midst each week. - *Pastor Cynthia*

**Upcoming Time Away for Staff**

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.

**Memorial Services:**

**Charles Wilcox** - May 29 at 2 p.m. at Oregon Trails Veterans Chapel  
**Cecelia Miller** - June 27 @ 11:00 at FCC

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY - “Columbus is Calling”**

Columbus, Ohio, is the site for the 2015 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) July 18-22. You may be surprised at the vibrant Short North neighborhood adjacent to the convention center where eateries and galleries intermingle. Home to the Ohio State University, Columbus is a medium size city easily accessible from every direction. But even more than the location, the General Assembly offers a rich program of worship each evening, the fellowship of meals and the engagement of varied learning opportunities. Find out more about the assembly activities on the web at [ga.disciples.org](http://ga.disciples.org). If you’ve never been to an assembly before, there is even a page just for you. Answer the call!

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP & WONDER

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

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 this year - a FUN, FULL day of learning, games, crafts, singing and various traditional "VBS" activities shared in a new way!

On Friday July 24 & Saturday July 25 any and all members of FCC are invited to pitch your tent or park your camper near BearTrap Meadow as we share "Family Camp."

### WORSHIP ON THE MOUNTAIN

WILL BE SUNDAY JULY 26 AT BEARTRAP

Followed by potluck luncheon - come for any or all of this great weekend!

## ADDRESS CHANGES

### Dena Roberts

300 E. Collins #1002  
Casper, WY 82601  
307-333-6029

### Dorothy Rhoades

300 E. Collins #302  
Casper, WY 82601

### Greg & Julie Bunton

P.O. Box 211  
Glen Haven, CO 80532

### John & Sharon

### Lansing

1812 E. 22nd  
Casper, WY 82601

Change  
of  
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## Preschool News

The school year is almost finished. We will be having our Graduation Program and Picnic on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The 3/4 classes will perform at 6:00 p.m. and Pre-K at 7:15 in Fellowship Hall. All of the congregation is invited to come and see a GREAT show. Pastor Cynthia will present Veggie Tale Bible Storybooks as a gift from the congregation to our pre-K "graduates" to send them on their way.

Our picnic and family-celebration this year will be at the Wagon Wheel Skating Rink from 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. (You never know what the weather will bring so we are planning an indoor party.) So much Fun! We are still in search of two teachers to fill out our staff for next fall. If you know of anyone who might be interested have them contact FCC Preschool Director Annette Crain 472-0649 for more information.

The preschool teachers will be painting the hallway down stairs at church as soon as school gets out. Make sure you take a peek as this project progresses. Thanks so much to all of the congregation for all you do for the Preschool! HAPPY SUMMER.



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Annette Ambrosino	June 1	June Wilcox	June 23
Jason Baker	June 1	Emma Crawford	June 24
Zach Hawley	June 1	Elane Burkhalter	June 25
Jaden Reece	June 4	Clyde Cain	June 25
Deb King	June 6	Rick Koehmstedt	June 25
Verla Jerde	June 7	Josh Woods	June 25
Dena Roberts	June 9	Nicholas Grooms	June 26
Peg Jackson	June 10	Nina Hytrek	June 26
Deanna Budack	June 11	Sheila Bush	June 27
Dan Hallock	June 15	Bob Glasspoole	June 30
Mary Burgess	June 16	Crystal Grooms	June 30
Keith Rouse	June 17	Jerry Meeks	June 30
Steve Huckfeldt	June 20		

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Rob & Jolene Knaus - June 3, 1955  
 Raylan & Tammy Heck - June 7 1986  
 Errol & Bev Miller - June 8, 1958  
 Rick & Janie Nelson - June 10, 1970  
 Ted & Lois Purvis - June 13, 1959  
 Chook & Lani McBee - June 15, 1965  
 Bob & Laura Glasspoole - June 19, 1965  
 Clyde & Maryann Cain - June 22, 2002  
 Kevin & Deanna Budack - June 25, 1989  
 Chuck & Judy Potter - June 26, 1957  
 Keith & Pam Rouse - June 26, 1993  
 Robert & Amy Russell - June 30, 1978



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

During Worship Sunday morning, May 17th, we had a special time of recognition for all FCC graduates - both those who are members of the congregation, and those whose relatives shared the joy of their successes with our church family.

Grandparents - please note - a graduation certificate was prepared for each high school & college graduate whose name was submitted. Bibles are available from the Christian Education commission if you would like to mail one to "your" grad. Contact the church office to pick one up.

**2nd Grade Bibles were presented to:** Payton Brown and Landyn Megee

**High School** - Josh Black, Jared Black, Ashley Budack, Scarlett Miller, Andrew Majors, Betty Burgess

Josh will attend UW. Jared will start out at CC. Ashley plans to go to Montana State and study cell biology.

**College** - Cameron Coleman, Briana Black, Lacey Slominski, Allison Sellers, Joshua Cook. Briana will be serving as a Disciples Peace Fellowship Intern this summer and then teaching English in Thailand for six months starting in the fall. Lacey is working for the Evansville Fire Department.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rev. Mark Hallock. Mark will be receiving his Doctorate of Ministry from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia next week. Mark is the son of Paul Hallock.

## SPRING LUNCHEON for "Widow Connection"



The members of Widow Connection at Restoration Church will host a Luncheon on Tuesday, June 2 starting at 12:00 noon until 2:30 p.m. 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. This event, hosted by Restoration Church, is open to all widows in Natrona County.

### **Thank You's**

It is nice to have fun food from the sandwich ministry. It is needed in our home because we have major expenses with hearing aids and glasses. It is food we don't have to buy. What a good lunch. Thank you! --Cindy

Thank you to all of my First Christian Church family for the cards, phone calls, prayer cards, love, prayers and concern following my diagnosis and treatment for cancer. While my treatments will continue for several more months, I know God and your prayers have helped me through these first months.

God Bless every one of you!!! --Elane Burkhalter

Thank you to FCC--My family and I would like to thank all of FCC for the continued prayers and support through my injury. I ask for continued prayers and patience as we wait for approval for surgery from Worker's Compensation. --The Rouse Family

Dear FCC Family, The outpouring of your love and concern during these last few weeks has been deeply appreciated by all of us. There have been many phone calls, cards, flowers, food, memorial gifts, visits at Life Care that were appreciated and deeply grateful. Church family is a special family. Bless all of you!!

--In friendship, Anne Klockslem, Cathi and families

It is my deepest thanks to all who kept me in your prayers. There is no doubt that the Lord was with me during my illness, as all your messages came into play. You are all saints to me. --Fondly, Peg Jackson

### **Disciple Women's Renewal**

#### **"Take a Walk with God at the Garden Getaway"**

**September 25-27, 2015**

Accommodations at Glen Eyrie in Colorado Springs, CO

Spiritual Renewal! Marvelous Meals! New friends!

Registration information is now posted on the bulletin board at church across from the office.

You can also go to [www.crmrdoc.org](http://www.crmrdoc.org) to register online or print out the Women's Renewal Registration Form.

**Deadline is July 1st.**

As in past years, we will carpool or take the church van, depending on the numbers of women from FCC who want to attend this meaningful spiritual event.

### **Current Financials**

Bal. on hand Apr 1, 2015	\$ 869.00
Income from	
Pledges & Gifts	\$ 19,572.28
Invested Funds	\$ 3,391.00
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 23,832.28
March expenses	<u>\$-24,123.70</u>
Bal. on hand Apr 30, 2015	\$ (291.42)

#### **Special Offerings:**

Blanket Sunday	\$645.54
Easter Offering	\$544.56
Week of Compassion	\$1,212.00

### **ALL CHURCH CLEANUP SATURDAY, JUNE 6**



Everyone is encouraged to come and help the Property Commission spruce up the church lawns and the inside of the church, starting at 9:00 A.M.



### **JUNE DIACONATE**

Amber Rouse

Jeremy Allen

Luka Burch

Michael Braley

### **COMMUNION PREP**

Larry Winders

### **June Greeters**

Ted & Lois Purvis

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

### **June Offertory Steward**

Larry Winders





### THEOLOGY/FISHING RETREAT

**Purpose:** To bring men (clergy and laity) together for deeper theological conversation and to enjoy the pleasure of fishing. **Dates:** August 3-7, 2015. We begin Monday afternoon/evening with dinner around 5:30 p.m. at Bear Lodge Resort. We conclude on Friday morning with light breakfast and short conversations. **Place:** Bear Lodge Resort, Bighorn Mountains, Northern Wyoming ([www.bearlodgeresort.com](http://www.bearlodgeresort.com)) We do most of our fishing on the North and South Tongue Rivers. They are small rivers in comparison to trophy fishing on the Big Horn and Platte Rivers, but you catch fish and the scenery of Northern Wyoming at 8,000 feet is gorgeous.

**Housing:** Option 1: Motel at Bear Lodge. Average cost is \$80 a night plus taxes.

Option 2: Camping. Visit: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) go to Bighorn National Forest. Check availability of (1) Tongue River, (2) Prune Creek, Sibley Lake, and Owen Creek campgrounds. All are within five miles of Bear Lodge where we conduct our formal conversations. You can also camp in the National Forest as long as you are ½ mile off the highway which leaves you a lot of space! **Guest Leader:** Dr. Ron Degges, President of Disciples Home Mission for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**Format:** We try to keep a relaxed format for a retreat experience, with dialogue around theological topics. We usually have theological conversations in the morning and evening. We welcome both clergy and laity. Most guys come from the Disciples of Christ or United Church of Christ tradition. We fish from mid morning to late afternoon (around 4:30). In the catch and release areas, you can catch fish anywhere between 12 inches and 20 inches. In the keep fish zones, the fish are smaller, usually 8 inch to 12 inch. Some guys have caught up to forty fish in a day; other times, the fishing is more challenging and we only catch four or five. Regardless, we have a good time with good men. We have expert fishermen and novices. We have also had hikers and photographers too. Fishing is catch and release with artificial bait. Most are fly fishermen, or wannabe fly fishermen. The main thing is: We are having fun.

**Fishing Gear:** We assume you have your own fishing gear; however, in some cases, Pastor Doug and the members of FCC Sheridan can assist with borrowed gear. **Cost:** \$225.00. This cost covers the expenses of our guest leader and other expenses to operate the retreat. You pay for your lodging and food. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church (DOC) 102 South Connor; Sheridan, Wyoming 82801. Our insurance provider prefers we remind everyone that First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Sheridan is not responsible for accidents. We assume everyone has their own insurance. Fishing licenses are \$14.00 a day. We eat dinner every evening in the restaurant, so everyone can order what they like! Evening meal cost is between \$12-20 a night. We provide a light lunch (make your own) in the condo. For more information, please contact: Doug Goodwin, [pastordoug@sheridandisciples.org](mailto:pastordoug@sheridandisciples.org) or 307-674-6795.



### 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!!! The Scouts will also benefit from the drive through, carry out, and delivery order so be sure to mention Troop 13 when you order.



### UPCOMING SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Brady Hover and Nathan Hawley are members of FCC Troop 13 and are members of Order of the Arrow (Scouting's honor society). For the last couple of months they have helped organize the Order of the Arrow call out ceremony held during Spring Camporee at Natural Bridge May 16th. We are very proud of these scouts.

Sixteen Boy Scouts from Troop 13 including FCC members Dylan Stupak, Nathan Hawley, and Brady Hover will be attending Scout Camp at Medicine Mountain in South Dakota. They will be enjoying camping, the stars, self-cooked meals and campfire stories July 19th - July 25th.

## June 2015

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**SUMMER SCHEDULE** - The 9 a.m. chapel (communion & prayers) will continue during the summer with volunteer leaders. **Remember - worship is at 10:10 a.m.** Through June, Pastor Cynthia will lead a Sunday School class reading & discussing the book "Whole" by Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins.

### **MISSION COMMISSION NEWS**

The Mission Commission will be serving at the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission on Thursday, May 21st. We will also take two cakes to the Henry Home and the Youth Crisis Center as we do each month. Thank you to everyone who brought items to be taken on the Mission trip to the Wind River Reservation! Thank you also to Cindy Huckfeldt, and Cynthia McBride for going and taking the items! Our mission trip participants (along with Cindy White from FCC Cheyenne) had the privilege of meeting with members of both the Arapahoe and Shoshone nations as well as Chesie Lee, the director of the Wyoming Association of Churches.

The Sandwich Ministry is serving 110 sack lunches each Saturday, and the people who receive them are very grateful. One of our recipients is an 89 year old Navy Veteran who said "Your church must be a very nice church to do this every week. Please tell the people there how much the meals mean to me." There is a thank you card from another recipient on the bulletin board. It is through your generous donations of time and resources that we are able to feed the homeless, poor, and hungry people in our community. Thank you for all that you do! We are so blessed to have so many caring people in our church and the community! The people who were donating our water every week are no longer able to do so. When that was announced we have had several people provide water. Thank you so much! Ben Goddard from Ridley's East sold us a pallet of water at cost minus their donation of \$50.00 for a total of \$84.00. Thanks to Tom Dowler for picking it up and unloading it into the Boy Scout garage and to Mike Ward for allowing us to store it there! John Sumowski from Loaf 'N Jug is donating 15 cases of water. If you go to either of these businesses, please let them know how much we appreciate their generosity.

As always if you want to be involved in serving others we can always use you. Please contact Debbie Mestas or Linda Mosteller.