



THE CALL

Mar/April
2015

Wednesday soup suppers continue at 6 p.m.
Vespers services at 6:30 p.m.

MARCH, 2015

March 18 - Wed. Lenten Service

March 19 - FCC hosts Servants United

March 25 - Lenten Service

March 30 to April 3 - Spring Break

March 30 to April 3 - Holy Week Services
at First United Methodist Church @ noon

APRIL, 2015

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

Soup Supper @ 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Worship in the Inner Room @ 7:00 p.m.

April 3- Good Friday - Office Closed

April 4- 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

April 5- EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m.

with First Methodist at 3 Crowns

Chapel at 9:00 a.m., led by Rev. McBride

Worship in the sanctuary at 10:10 a.m.

including baptisms and communion

BRING A FRIEND!

April 6- Elders @ 6:30 p.m.

April 10 & 11th - Handbell Festival

April 13 - Deadline for Men's Retreat

April 19 - Blanket Sunday

April 25 - Mission Day at Wind River

Church Staff:

Rev. Cynthia McBride, Pastor

Lois Koch, Business Manager

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Cyndi Trimmer, Nursery care

Annette Crain, Preschool Dir.

Amber French, Music Dir.

Jordan Jones, Pianist

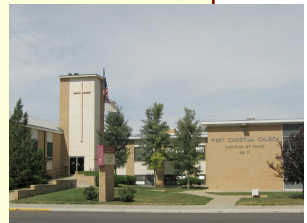
Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays

8:30 AM - Noon



Preschool hours (Sept-May)

M-F 9:00 AM - noon

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~~~~ATTENTION

ELDERS~~~~~

Starting Monday, April 6th, the Elders will meet at 6:30 P.M. instead of 6:00 P.M. Please note this time change for the meetings. The meetings are held in the Boardroom.

PASTOR'S COLUMN: *A Life of Learning and Love...***Teach Your Children Well**

Folks of a certain generation will remember the Crosby, Stills & Nash song "Teach your children well." It begins with the line: "You, who are on the road, must have a code that you can live by." I like that the song concludes with the stanza: "Teach your parents well." As Christians, we do have a "code" to live by on our life's road - and it is SO important to teach it to our children... and for our children to teach us as well by the example of their eagerness to learn the stories of Jesus.

I am so blessed to be leading a weekly pastor's class again during Lent this year. It is interesting to have both young people and adults taking this course together. In some ways, our discussions of scripture unfold on two levels while all present learn from each other. Last Sunday night, during our closing prayer circle, little Kylie Stupak prayed, "Dear God, thank you for giving us life." Her simple one sentence prayer was so sweet and sincere, it touched me in a profound way. On a recent Wednesday evening, I was sitting near the Woods' family in our Lenten vespers service. As we all said the Lord's Prayer together, I could hear young Caleb's voice, praying each word with great clarity and intentionality. When is the last time you listened to a child pray?

One of the gifts of having our new combined worship time is the opportunity for all members of FCC to be in worship together. We are blessed to have several younger families who have joined the church in recent years. We are also truly blessed to have the continuing wisdom of mature members who have been dedicated and active in this congregation for decades. Friends - if you've not had the chance to meet each other yet, seek out the opportunity to get to know each other - and I know you will be blessed. Each one of us has a role to play in helping to teach our children well and hand on the gift of faith to the next generation - and each of us can learn from our children and youth as well. - *Pastor Cynthia*

Deuteronomy 11: *You shall love the Lord your God, therefore, and keep his charge, his decrees, his ordinances, and his commandments always.*¹⁸*You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul...*¹⁹*Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away...*

Spring Ring

On April 10-11 there will be a handbell festival at the Ramkota, with a workshop for ringers Friday evening at 7 p.m. and again on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a "mass ring" concert open to the public on Saturday, April 11 at 2:30 in the afternoon. If you have never heard multiple bell choirs ring together, come and attend - it is a lovely sound!

Holy Week

Each day during Holy Week, there will be an ecumenical worship service held at First United Methodist Church in downtown Casper. The Holy Week services are again being planned by Servants United with various local pastors sharing in leadership. A low-cost luncheon follows worship daily. Amber French will direct the multi-church "mass choir" to perform on Good Friday. Holy Week services are from 12:05 to 12:35 p.m.



Servants United
Honoring Our Lord by Honoring One Another



Attention 2nd Graders & Upcoming Graduates

Please contact the church if there is a graduating high school senior or a child finishing 2nd grade in your family. They will be recognized in May and the children finishing 2nd grade will be presented a Bible during worship on May 3.

NEW FOCUS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans are being formulated to have a different sort of VBS on Casper Mountain this year. It will be held in conjunction with Worship on the Mountain the weekend of July 25th & 26th.

2015 CRMR Young Adult Wilderness Experience

Calling all 18-25 year olds!!!! Are you interested in hiking, rafting, backpacking, friends, fun and fellowship??? If so, plan on attending the Young Adult Wilderness Experience, July 6th - July 11th. The cost is \$175 and registration is due May 15th. Cost includes tent, food, cooking gear, and a guided whitewater rafting trip. Information is on the bulletin board or contact Carmen Goodman for further details.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP & WONDER

The last day of children's Sunday School before summer break will be May 17th. There will be no Children's Sunday School or "Worship and Wonder" on Easter Sunday. Families should plan to sit together in worship. Nursery care will be offered.

UPCOMING YOUTH CAMPS

Discovery Camp (1-3 grade) June 15-17

Junior Camp (3-5 grade) June 14-20

Chi Rho (6-8th grade) June 21-27

CYF (9th - 12th grade) June 14-20

Go to www.crmrdoc.org for more information and online registration. FCC will pay 1/2 of tuition. Online registration is due April 10th. Campers must have health forms and payment to the church by Monday, April 13th. If you have any questions, contact Carmen Goodman.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Congratulations to Emma Crawford for her appointment as the second Emeritus Director for Central Wyoming Senior Services. Emma has served the Center for many years in numerous roles. She has volunteered at the Lunchroom Desk to greet diners and as a two term Board Member. Thank you to Emma for her ongoing support and devotion to Central Wyoming Senior Services.



FCC PUMPKIN PATCH

The FCC Executive Board voted to again continue the Pumpkin Patch in 2015. If you would like to serve on the Pumpkin Patch Committee, please contact the church office or Jennifer Grooms. A meeting will be scheduled to determine the direction & focus of the Patch.

PUMPKINS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON OCTOBER 6TH.



Preschool News

It's a busy time at preschool... The Pre-K class is taking a "trip around the world." They will have special guests coming each day (including the Queen). The guests will teach the children about the culture and food of each country they "visit." The kids are super excited! The 3-4 class will be doing an author study of Eric Carle with a focus on "The Hungry Caterpillar." The Intro to Preschool class will be reading Dr. Seuss books and making fun stuff. So much is going on and we also have our Annual Silent Auction and Spring Program on Monday, March 23rd, at The Casper Classical Academy / Frontier Middle School. We have received so many amazing gifts to the preschool for which we are blessed. They will be on display downstairs by the preschool. You are all invited to bid on the many fun items. If you'd like to attend the Fundraiser Dinner, let the office know. A Big thanks to all of those who help make our preschool program better.

We have also begun our enrollment for next fall. We are currently full with a wait list for our Pre-K and 3/4 class, with limited openings in our Intro to Preschool Class and our new Young 3's class.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Tyler Ambrosino Apr 3
 Kristen Atkinson Apr 4
 Luka Burch Apr 4
 Hannah Slominski Apr 4
 Don Davis Apr 5
 Bob Dundas Apr 8
 Kelli Slominski Apr 10
 Briana Black Apr 13

Harriet Ames Apr 14
 Amy Russell Apr 16
 Ashley Budack Apr 17
 Becky Foster Apr 18
 Dennis Baker Apr 20
 Jennifer Grooms Apr 20
 Brenda Lloyd Apr 24
 Paul Hallock Apr 26

Happy Anniversary



Apr 12, 2008
 Casey & Sarah Brown
 Apr 15, 2005
 Darin & Crystal Rodgers
 Apr 24, 1999
 Del & Brenda Lloyd
 Apr 24, 1987
 Steve & Cindy Huckfeldt

2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JULY 18-22nd

Plan to come to Columbus Ohio, July 18-22 to join the 2015 General Assembly. Not only will there be worship unlike any other gathering, but the learning communities are as rich as any conference you might attend elsewhere. Concurrent Core lecture Sunday afternoon will include Bill Carr, an innovative thinker from Canada; Phil Bergey, an organizational expert; Dr. Miguel De La Torre, professor of social ethics & Latino studies at Illiff Theological Seminary; Wafa Goussous of the Middle East Council of Churches and Dr. Frank and Joyce Thomas of Christian Theological Seminary. Each is sure to challenge your thinking and deepen your knowledge. Register now at ga.disciples.org

Discounted Registration available until April 1.



Save the Date for CRMR Mission Day

April 25, 2015

Disciples across our region will join for mission events at numerous sites on Saturday, April 25. Wyoming Disciples will meet on the Wind River Reservation from 9 a.m to 3 p.m. for service and learning.

We will meet with a representative of the Shoshone and/or Arapahoe Nations and hear a presentation on Native issues. We will present children's books gathered by our mission commission, have a tour of the reservation, and share a time of worship. FCC Casper members may choose to travel the night before or early on Saturday morning. (Hotel and meal costs will be on your own.) More details coming!

Thank You

Dear Friends of Seton House;

On behalf of the homeless parents and children we serve, thank you very much for your generous donation of food items. We are so grateful for the food that was provided for our residents. We are humbly blessed to have donors like you that continually think of the needs of the families that live at Seton House.

Thank you for making this important contribution and thank you for your continued support of Seton House.

----Sharon Johnson, Ex. Director

NOTE: In 2015, FCC again participated in the national "Souper Bowl of Caring" fundraiser/food drive. Nationally this year, 5,665 groups participated in the Souper Bowl. Since FCC first joined this effort in 2000, over the past 15 years we've raised over \$1,700 and collected donations of 561 food items which have been given to local charities including Joshua's Storehouse, Seton House and the Wyoming Foodbank of the Rockies. Thank you FCCers for contributing again this year! - Rev. Cynthia

First Christian Church;

I am so grateful for all the prayers and concern from all of my church family during my illness and continuing recovery. Thanks for all the calls and cards, Cynthia's visits and calls as well as Paul Hallock's visits and calls. Peg Jackson brought a prayer shawl from the church ladies. It means so much to me. Thank you everyone for your concern.

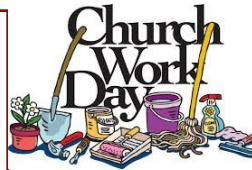
---Lorna Cook

CWF News

CWF appreciates all who braved the weather and attended the Love and Friendship Brunch on February 21st. We also appreciate Bernard's anticipation that there would be some who could not attend and provided "to go" boxes so meals could be delivered to those persons. I know each recipient was very grateful!!

CWF will be sponsoring **Blanket Sunday** again this year on April 19th. Watch for inserts in the bulletin along with pew envelopes for donations to this worthy cause. Even a small donation will help to assist those who have so little--warm or lighter weight blankets; seeds for planting; buckets and cleaning supplies; even assistance in providing clean water. These are all things we take for granted. Our dollars do make a difference! Thank you for your support.

----Elane Burkhalter, CWF Co-Chairman



PROPERTY SPRING WORK DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

9:30 A.M.

Come help spruce up the inside and outside of the church. **Everyone** is invited -- young and old -- no help refused. For further information contact Steve Huckfeldt or Cal Decker. Think about the type of project you'd like to do or just come ready to help with spring cleaning.



APRIL DIACONATE

**Amber Rouse,
The Schuetz Family,
Kim Forbis,
Becky Foster,
Laurie Anderson,
Debbie Mestas**

Communion Prep

10:10 a.m. - Tammy Heck

April Greeter

10:10 a.m. - Emma Crawford

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

April Offertory Steward

Paul Hallock

Current Financials

Bal. on hand 2/1/2015	\$ 12,279.16
February income from	
Pledges & Gifts	\$ 16,785.62
Use of Invested Funds	0.00
Total Cash on Hand	\$29,064.78
February expenses	(26,708.34)
Bal. on hand 2/28/2015	\$ 2,356.44
Week of Compassion Offering	\$571.44



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 Rev. 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) (or camping spots are available), 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 enjoy fishing. If any questions, contact Rev. Doug Goodwin by email at pastordoug@sheredandisciples.org or phone 307-674-6795



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

More details will be posted on the church bulletin board when received

CRMR MEN'S CONFERENCE

DATE: May 15-17, 2015

WHERE: YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO

GUEST LEADER: Rev. Dean Phelps, Regional Minister

THEME: "The Laborers are Few" Luke 10

DEADLINE: April 13, 2015

If you are interested in attending the Men's Conference - download registration forms at www.crmr.org or check the bulletin board next week for further information.



FCC's ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH 10:00 AM.

Donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies are needed as well as help with the event. Please bring wrapped candy to the church no later than

Wednesday, April 1st. (Our youth will help "stuff" the eggs.) Contact either Trisha Woods or Tassma Koehmstedt if you'd like to help with this fun family & neighborhood event.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER OPENING

We are currently looking for a Pre-K teacher for next fall. Teacher Kayla will not be returning, she will be missed.

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.

April 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sun School 10:45 AM Worship	30 Spring Break	31 7:00 PM AA	1 April Fools Day 9:00 AM Quilters 12:00 PM Holy Week Ser-vices UMC 6:00 PM Youth group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 Maundy Thursday 10:00 AM CWF Board Mtg 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 12:00 PM Holy Week Ser-vices UMC 6:00 PM Soup dinner 7:00 PM Worship 7:00 PM Girls State Meet-	3 Good Friday- Office Closed 12:00 PM Holy Week Ser-vices UMC	4 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry 9:00 AM Scrapbooking 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
5 Easter 6:00 AM Sunrise Service 3 crowns 9:00 AM Sun School 9:00 AM Chapel 10:10 AM Worship	6 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	7 7:00 PM AA	8 9:00 AM Quilters 12:00 PM CWF Group #2 6:00 PM Youth group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	9 10:00 AM CWF Group #1 11:30 AM CWF Group #3 7:00 PM Girls State Meet-ings- Bd. Room	10 HANDBELL FESTIVAL	11 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry 10:00 AM State Quilters 2:30 PM HANDBELL FESTI-VAL CONCERT
12 9:00 AM Sun School 9:00 AM Chapel 10:10 AM Worship	13 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Spiritual Growth 7:00 PM Commissions 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 8:00 PM Board Meeting	14 7:00 PM AA	15 Tax Day 9:00 AM Quilters 6:00 PM Youth group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	16 10:00 AM Munch Bunch Coffee 7:00 PM Girls State Meet-ings- Bd. Room	17 9:00 AM Preschool Pictures - F.H.	18 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry 9:30 AM Church Clean Up Day
19 Blanket Sunday 9:00 AM Chapel 9:00 AM Sun School 10:10 AM Worship	20 12:00 PM CALL Deadline 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	21 7:00 PM AA	22 Earth Day 9:00 AM Quilters 10:00 AM CALL Folders 6:00 PM Youth group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	23 6:00 PM Preschool Bingo for Books 7:00 PM Girls State Meet-ings- Bd. Room	24 Mission Day @ reservation	25 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry
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WEEK OF COMPASSION DINNER

The Week of Compassion dinner was a success. Thank you to Bernard and the Silver Fox for catering the dinner. It could not have been done without the help of so many people. Thank you to Jordan Jones, Steve Huckfeldt, Charles McBride, Pam Rouse, Mike Ward and the Boy Scouts, the FCC Youth Group, and Jacque Cook and Janis Coey for the decorations. Gene Buck won the beautiful photograph that Joshua Woods donated and Jennifer Grooms won the 50/50 raffle. A good time was had by all the attendees. The final total for the Week of Compassion activities will be reported in the next CALL.

The Mission Commission will be serving at the CWRM on March 19th and will be taking Easter Baskets to the Hemry Home and the Youth Crisis Center on Palm Sunday. If you would like to be involved in mission work, the Commission can always use more people. For further information contact Debbie Mestas or Linda Mosteller, Co-Chairs of the Mission Commission.

Did You Know? - Our sandwich ministry continues EVERY Saturday at 8:15 a.m. We recently learned that one of the CATC drivers was a resident at the Mission & did not have time to make a lunch before her Saturday shift, so we've added some of the CATC staff to our list of "regulars" among people who need and TRULY APPRECIATE a weekend sack lunch.

"THANK YOU church for continuing to feed my sheep." - Jesus

THANK YOU!!!!

Dear Rev. McBride and Congregation:

The CATC and Bus drivers and dispatchers have been telling me they have received a very nice sack lunch for the last three Saturdays from members of your church. We are so appreciative of your kindness and generosity. What a wonderful thing to do. They enjoy the meal and are very grateful that you thought of them. Again, MANY thanks!

--Sincerely, Marge Cole, Director