



THE CALL

Oct/Nov
2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 25 - Diaconate meeting to plan Thanksgiving Dinner after 10:10 worship.

Oct 30 - 31 - Cub Scout Popcorn sorting and distribution in Fellowship Hall.

NOV 1- ALL SAINTS DAY. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!! BE SURE TO SET CLOCKS BACK.

Nov. 8- CONSECRATION SUNDAY - Bring Your Pledge Cards to Worship!

Nov. 14 - CWF Installation of 2016 Officers and luncheon @ 11:30 a.m. in fellowship hall.

Nov. 16-20 - Preschool Book Fair in the downstairs hallway. Stop by and look at all the possible Christmas presents for your family and friends.

Nov. 20 - Preschool Thanksgiving Program and Feast - 11:00 a.m. Program will be in the sanctuary and feast in the fellowship hall.

Nov. 22 - All Church Thanksgiving Dinner after worship and stay to decorate the church for the holidays after lunch.

Nov. 25 - Preschool closed for Thanksgiving

Nov.. 26 & 27 - Church Office closed.

Nov. 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Nov. 30 - Stewardship meeting @ 7:00 p.m. to prepare 2016 Budget.

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

Lani McBee - Accompanist

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

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DIACONATE MEETING

SUNDAY, OCT. 25th

Plan Thanksgiving Dinner after 10:10 worship service.

Pastor's Post

Fall Blessings! Dear FCC Family & Friends -

For some members of FCC, last week has been a strange & stressful week. For some it's been busy or normal or On any given Sunday, we may have no idea that the person sitting next to us in church has just come through a life-changing experience, the person behind us may be living through a crisis, the person in front of us may be filled with exhilaration and joy. Every week, as you settle into your pew, I encourage you to offer a silent prayer for the people sitting closest to you - that God will meet them where they are, take care of whatever need they have, and bless them with peace in the coming week.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, during prayer sharing time, Amber Rouse asked us to pray for neighbors in Evansville affected by a fire. As we prayed together, we had no idea that the afternoon's vicious winds would whip the flames into a wildfire tearing across the grasslands, pastures & properties northeast of town. Russ & Julie Black were among those affected. They had 30 minutes or less to load up horses and get out of the house before the fire crested the ridge near where they live in the Cole Creek area. Russ pulled out of the pasture as the flames hit their fenceline. Thankfully, Jeff & Kelly Hover who live north of the burn area, had plenty of pasture to share and gladly sheltered the Black's horses while they were under evacuation orders and went to spend the night with daughter Sarah & family. Several of you also asked about Jack Walts' home. Thankfully the air tankers were able to halt the advance of the fire before it hit the area where Jack's home is. It was a couple of tense nights for the Blacks as they were evacuated, not knowing what would happen to their land and being unable to do anything but pray.... Russ and Julie are back in their home and so thankful that their property was spared. They are praying for neighbors who were not so fortunate. Please pray for all affected by the fire.

Our stewardship campaign is underway. One of the key texts comes from 1 Timothy 6. Verse 7 says: *for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content.* Have you ever thought about how little we truly NEED compared to how much we might WANT? When my father was a boy, his family home burned to the ground. Very little in terms of material possessions could be saved - yet, thankfully they all survived. Grandpa Dobson went on to rebuild their home and it was filled with many happy memories through the years. During my recent trip to Alamogordo, my sister and I cleaned out Mom's closet, giving away many clothes and shoes to local charities. It's amazing how many possessions we all gather through the years. What if all of your "stuff" was gone tomorrow, but you still had your family and food and clothing? How would it feel? Could you be "content"? Part of growing as Christian stewards is learning to "let go" of the things of this world so that we can "store up the treasure of a good foundation for the future" and "take hold of the life that really is life." (1 Tim. 6:19)

As you prepare to turn in a pledge card to support the coming year of ministry at FCC, May you rejoice in knowing that you truly are FREE in Christ! May you be "content" with what you have and be blessed to "set your hope on God, to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share." (from 1 Tim. 6:17-18)

Pastor Cynthia

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Wilma Allen	Nov. 2	Scott Hawley	Nov. 18
Nathan Hawley	Nov. 2	Brad Black	Nov. 20
Spencer Stupak	Nov. 4	Steve Reeves	Nov. 20
Jessica Heck	Nov. 5	Billy Triplett	Nov. 21
Melissa Heck	Nov. 6	Bev Matson	Nov. 22
Ted Grooms	Nov. 8	Darin Rodgers	Nov. 22
Pam Steinle	Nov. 8	Ed Burgess	Nov. 26
Lani McBee	Nov. 11	Donna Klinker	Nov. 28
Dan Coey	Nov. 12	Elaine Gross	Nov. 29
Amy Black	Nov. 14	Kylee Stupak	Nov. 30
Dave Jerde	Nov. 17		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Brent & Kim Forbis
Nov. 1, 1975

Phil & Becky Ostrander
Nov. 10

Stan & Darlene McIrvin
Nov. 20, 1953



2015 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN "LIVE FREE"

The 2015 Stewardship Campaign kicked off on October 10th. Everyone should have received their first stewardship letter. The Moment for Mission from each of the commissions will continue through October and the first week of November with Consecration Sunday on November 8th. Please bring your pledge cards on November 8th or feel free to mail them to the church or turn them in to the office. Reflect on 1 Timothy 6 and Galatians 5

CYF Fall Retreat - coming soon! Talk with Carmen Goodman for details about this great regional high school event in Pueblo, CO.



**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK AN HOUR ON SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1ST.**



HANDBELL PRACTICE

The handbell choir will start rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal dates are: November 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, & 15. If you have any questions or cannot make a practice, please contact Amber French.



CRMR SPRING FEAST MAY 13th & 14th, 2016

The annual gathering of Disciples from CO, WY, NM, ID & UT includes worship, service, study and fellowship. More details to come when available from the Regional office. To be held in Colorado Springs, hosted by FCC CO Springs.

Question: Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

Answer: Pharaoh's daughter--she went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet!



Dear FCC Friends--Thank you for all the nice get well wishes and prayers. It meant a lot to me to know I have such wonderful friends. A special thank you to Randi for her visit and prayers while I was in the hospital -- Mena Pagett

Dear Church family, Thank you for the lovely bouquet of flowers, the calls, visits, prayers, and cards. They were very much appreciated. I am gaining strength every day. Hope to be back in church soon. Love, Grace Sallstrom



YOUTH GROUP

The Youth will be putting together shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child this year. We are asking the congregation to sponsor a shoe box if they would like to participate. It costs \$7 for shipping and handling of each shoebox. You can either sponsor the shipping or donate the dollar amount. Forms will be provided in bulletins and also on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please contact Carmen Goodman @ 267-9892 or Laura Chipperfield @ 258-1522 for more information.

The Youth Schedule this month:

October 28 - 6:00 p.m. - Youth Sunday Planning

Nov. 8 after church - Shopping for shoeboxes

Nov. 11 - 6:00 p.m. - Stuff shoeboxes for Op. Christmas

Nov. 18 - Finalize plans for Youth Sunday

December TBD - Bowling

Property Update: The front entrance to the church has a new appearance. The main sidewalk has been expanded to the edge of the building following recent foundation repairs. The intent is to prevent water drainage next to the building and future damage. In the Spring, we look forward to a member adopting this area with large flowerpots for seasonal planting.



All Saints Sunday

FCC will observe All Saint's Sunday on November 1st. A litany of names will be read honoring members and friends of the church who have gone to heaven in the past year. If you know of someone who passed away after November 1, 2014, please share their name, dates of birth/death with the church office before Monday, October 26th.

UPDATE FROM GODLY GIRLFRIENDS

Seven women from FCC Casper went to Renewal in Colorado Springs and it was WONDERFUL!!!! We even got to have all of our meetings and church service in the Castle this year. That allowed us to wander around and enjoy the beauty of the castle. We made 32 fleece blankets that are going to the Tennyson Center in Denver. Casper brought home 5 that were not completed, some just need to be tied and one needs to be cut and then we will give them to Greta Hinderliter to distribute to the homeless students here in Natrona County.

Members of Godly Girlfriends helped CWF by bringing cookies for the chili supper after the pumpkins were unloaded. Members are encouraged to contribute baked goods to the Patch any weekend during October. Pumpkin pies always sell especially well. Thanks to everyone for their participation. --- Randisue Davis



Are you retired? Bored with life? Want to be needed? Looking for some interesting conversation? If so, then look no further...the church has a volunteer job for you!!! We are looking for one person to assist Larry Winders in folding and preparing the CALL for mailing on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Start time is 9:30 a.m. and usually takes a couple of hours. If you are interested in help, please contact the church office. Thank you very much!!!



BOY SCOUT HAPPENINGS

Troop 13 is finishing up a few fall activities. They have been busy selling pumpkins in the patch and will be delivering popcorn in a couple of weeks. They will be participating in a winter survival weekend that includes camping in the snow, called the Yukon Challenge in February and plan to go ice fishing in January.

Pack 13 is busy finishing up popcorn sales and they will be delivering in a couple of weeks. The pack continues to grow and enjoy scouting. Pastor Cynthia is also teaching the God and Family Class on Saturday mornings.



SIGN UP SHEETS are on the bulletin board for snow removal and for scripture readers. Please help out if you are able.

Remember to clean up your pews when you leave worship and to make sure bathroom lights are shut off and windows are closed. Let's all help care for God's house as we are able.



TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Just wanted to write a little note to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has kept us in their prayers, who has given their encouragement and support, through this past year it has been a struggle, but knowing we have this loving church family with us, it makes this struggle a little easier to deal with. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we continue the road in front of us.

*In Christian Love,
The Rouse Family*

Current Financials

Bal. on hand Sept. 1, 2015	\$ (11,568.75)
Income from	
Pledges & Gifts	\$ 15,639.20
Invested Funds	\$ (3,598.44)
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 472.01
August expenses	\$ (27,964.12)
Bal. on hand Sept. 30, 2015	\$ (27,492.110)
Special Offerings:	
Week of Compassion	\$93.00

NOVEMBER DIACONATE

Dewey Smith, Al Singleton, Kim Forbis, Elane Burkhalter, Erika Stupak Dylan Stupak, Jeremy Allen, Janie Nelson

COMMUNION PREP

Erika Stupak



November Greeters

Annette Ambrosino

Debbie Mestas

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

Nov. Offertory Steward

Melanie Dowler

Heads or Tails

God gives you two ends to use,
One to sit and one to muse
Success depends on which you choose,
Heads you win, tails you lose.

MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The Mission Commission will be doing some hands on mission projects and would like to have as much participation from the congregation as possible. We are going to be making fleece blankets and giving them to agencies to distribute to those who need them. We are working on getting the material and rotary cutters and also plan on inviting other churches and organizations to join us in this event. A date has yet to be set but we will let everyone know all the pertinent information when the logistics are completed.

We are also looking at providing goodie bags and blankets to the families at Seton House next year. If you are interested in helping or need further details on either of these projects, contact Debbie Mestas or Linda Mosteller.

Our Christmas Project this year is collecting gloves, mittens, hats and scarfs for senior who need them. For more information on this project, contact Debbie Mestas or Linda Mosteller.

Sandwich Ministry Update: The number of people served at King's Corner the last four weeks are:

People that have signed in: 352

People that are homeless: 123

Number of children: 34

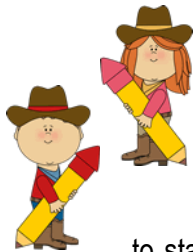
Number of seniors: 30

These numbers do not reflect the number of lunches delivered to families at First Interstate Motel, a family in North Casper, and some elderly residents.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Sandwich Ministry, please contact Debbie Mestas. Everyone is invited to help feed the homeless, poor and hungry people in our community by coming to FCC on Saturday mornings to help make sandwiches and/or distribute at King's Corner.

Thanks for your support, Debbie Mestas

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL



WOW!! What a busy time at the Preschool! This month we learned "Fire Safety". The fire trucks and firemen came to the school so all the 2's, 3's and 4's could squirt the hose and sit in the fire truck. The Pre-K class visited Fire Station #3. We also had our first "Fire Drill". The kids did a great job in getting out of the building and to our safe spot.

Later this month we will be carving pumpkins and celebrating Halloween. It's almost time to start working on our Fall Program. The kids are really excited about music. VIBES Music comes to the school on Monday and Tuesdays.

We want to thank all of you that came to Pizza Ranch to support the Preschool. We made \$570.42. We will also be hosting a book fair again in November. If you would like to purchase books for Christmas come by the preschool November 16-20th. I will also be at the church Thanksgiving Dinner, Sunday, Nov. 22nd selling books. These are excellent young student story books that can make terrific gifts for your children, grandchildren or neighbors - or buy a book to gift to the church's Sunday School program.

BIG THANK YOU TO FCC FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT THE PRESCHOOL!! WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU! ~~~Teacher Annette

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM Sun School 10:10 AM Worship	2 2:00 PM Circle of Caring 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	3 Election Day 7:00 PM AA	4 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 10:00 AM CWF Board Mtg 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Potluck	6	7 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry 9:00 AM Scrapbooking 10:00 AM God & Family Class
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22 ... PRESCHOOL BOOK FAIR 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM Sun School 10:10 AM Worship 12:00 PM Thanksgiving dinner 1:00 PM Decorate Church	23 ... PRESCHOOL BOOK FAIR 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	24 7:00 PM Bell Practice 7:00 PM AA	25 9:00 AM NO PRESCHOOL 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	26 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving PETERSEN DINNER F.H. ... NO PRESCHOOL	27 ... NO PRESCHOOL	28 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry
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NEWS FROM THE PUMPKIN PATCH

In the past week we have had 287 children from 11 school/preschool groups plus one squirrel, come for story time in the Patch. We still have 201 children from 9 schools to come for story time. THANK you to our story time leaders.

There's still a nice supply of pumpkins for carving, baking and decorating available for sale. Invite your family and friends to visit the Patch: Mon.-Fri. 4 to 7:00 PM, Sat. 10 AM-6:30 PM or Sun. noon-6:30 PM.

We have some volunteer slots available for "working" the patch later in the month. Will you help with sales and friendly evangelism by being in the Patch this year? *THANK YOU* to everyone who's already pitched in!

Totals as of press time: Pumpkin sales \$12,482.75 (30% profit), Baked goods \$261.50, Donations \$117.00. This year's Patch will benefit Seton House in addition to FCC youth ministry, preschool & Scouts.