



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

October
2016

**PUMPKINS ARRIVE
TUESDAY, OCT. 4TH**

**PUMPKIN PATCH OPENS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
4:00 - 6:30 P.M.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 28 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE @ 6:00 P.M.

OCT. 4 - PUMPKINS ARRIVE @ 4:00 P.M. - Chili supper will be served by CWF after unloading is completed. *"All hands on deck!"*

OCT. 8 - BLESSING OF THE PETS @ 1:00 P.M. on the church's front lawn - All species welcome.

OCT. 15 - PUMPKIN PATCH CRAFT FAIR - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs & chili sold by youth. Contact Carmen Goodman to rent booth space.

OCT. 22 - QUILT SHOW & SALE - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Quilters from the 3 quilting groups that meet at FCC are hosting a combined quilt show. New and vintage quilts will be displayed with some quilted items available for purchase. Show will also run Sunday morning from 8 a.m. to noon.

OCT 28 & 29 - POPCORN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL Cub Scouts and Troop 13 members will be using Fellowship Hall for sorting popcorn sale items on Oct. 27th. The sorted popcorn will be picked up by the scouts for distribution on Saturday, Oct. 29th.

OCT. 29 - TRUNK OR TREAT event in the West parking lot. Neighborhood children are invited to come in costume to "trick or treat" from members' cars between 2 and 4 p.m. Special surprise activities that day as well! More details to come.

Church Staff:

Rev. Cynthia McBride, Lead Pastor

Leigh Earle, Bookkeeper

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Annette Crain, Preschool Director

Amber French, Music Director

Diane Lynn, Accompanist

Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays

8:30 A.M. - Noon



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Chapel Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Class

10:10 Worship

& Children's Classes

11:30 Coffee Fellowship

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Preschool hours (Sept-May)

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon

Preschool Phone - 472-0649

HANDBELL PLAYERS

**PRACTICE STARTS TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 4TH @ 6:30 P.M.**

**Come early to help set up. Any
questions contact Amber French.**

Pastor's Post

Refreshed at the "Spa"

I've never actually been to a "real" spa - you know, those fancy resort places where people go to be pampered and get renewed. I've had a massage or two, and had my nails done, but I suppose if someone offered me a special weekend away to be refreshed or renewed, I'd probably choose time to walk in the mountains or maybe nap on a hammock under a pine tree or stroll along the beach.

This past weekend, the women of the Central Rocky Mountain Region joined in the annual women's retreat known as "Renewal." The theme of the materials they used was "Lavender Springs Spa." The meeting room in the castle at Glen Eyrie was decorated in lavenders and greens, lavender sachets and soaps were centered on the tables - but the real refreshment of the weekend came in simple spiritual conversations between women of different ages as we reflected together on the Psalms. Leadership was provided by the women from Colorado Springs.

Due to declining numbers of women attending, the challenge of travel across the vast distances of five states and rising costs, there is not currently an annual Renewal planned for next fall. CWF and Disciples Women's Ministry groups are encouraged to consider hosting one-day district and multi-congregational retreats as the CRMR women work together to develop new models for fellowship across the region. The newly elected Regional Disciples Women Board includes: Marilyn Aiken (Laramie) President, Lilly Fitch (Grand Junction) Secretary, Marcia Boutz (Colorado Springs) Treasurer. Jane Lessinger from Cheyenne is our Northern District Liaison. Kim Forbis, Jenny Black, Julie Bunton and I were blessed to make and renew friendships with our sisters in Christ from Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. (The Utah and Idaho women shared in a retreat just a few weekends ago in Idaho Falls.) Kristen (Cioc) Hay drove all the way from Missouri to be with us as well.

and Rejoicing at the "Splat"

On Monday evening as I write this column, the Boy Scouts are warming up for a flag ceremony. I have to laugh as I hear their young voices discussing with wonder the thermometer outside of the sanctuary. There's a visual display for the capital campaign of a thermometer that tracked our progress towards the goal of raising \$90,000 to fund much-needed building repairs. As one of the Scouts observed, "Man, that thermometer went splat!" Yes, friends, we are over the top! The sign currently reads \$93,373 - and more has come in. What a blessing! Every gift from every giver has helped make this possible. Our original construction budget of \$180,000 will be reached by \$90,000 in matching funds from previous memorial gifts and all that you have helped raise in these recent weeks. THANK YOU.

Construction is moving ahead with numerous contractors. Knife River repaved our main parking lot last Thursday and Friday. A striping crew will be here at 9:30 Saturday morning to mark parking spaces. Concrete walkways and improved drainage are in place now around the entire building and the wall by the front entryway. The new double-paned insulated, energy efficient windows have been ordered and are expected to arrive before the end of the month. It will take time to carefully remove and reframe the colored kringleglass windows from the sanctuary and hang them in front of the new wood-frame clear windows for protection and preserving the beauty of our worship space. The work of replacing other windows will need to be timed around our preschool class schedule. Weather permitting, we still plan on having the roof work done over the education wing before this winter. In a time when many institutions face declining membership numbers and churches are challenged by changes in society, the strong response that so many of you have given to the capital campaign is a refreshing sign of hope for the future of ministry here at First Christian Church Casper.

Tonight, I am REFRESHED and REJOICING! I pray that you are too. - *Pastor Cynthia*

To My FCC Family---I really want to thank you for the scholarship money. I am starting a new chapter in my life and this money will definitely give me a head start. *Thanks again!! - Keith Rouse*

“Rock & Walk” - 2K AND 5K RUN OPTIONS



Saturday, October 8th - 10a.m. to 1 p.m. - Join the “Rock & Walk for Babies” run at the Casper Senior Center. This event, sponsored by the TEARS Foundation, provides compassionate assistance and ongoing support programs for families who have experienced a pregnancy or infant loss. Register today @ www.firstgiving.com/tears/2016casperwyomingrockwalk or contact Leigh Earle in the church office for further details.

The next Youth Group meeting will be September 28th. The youth will continue to meet twice a month on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. The youth will serve hot dogs & chili at the Pumpkin Patch Craft Fair on Sat. Oct. 15 from 11 a.m to 2:30. Proceeds will go toward buying new furniture for the youth room. They will work the Pumpkin Patch on October 12 & 26 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. They will also participate in a community event “A Night in the Cold” to help raise awareness of homelessness. Please check the bulletin board to see future activities or contact Carmen Goodman if you have any questions.

YOUTH GROUP



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SEE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD FOR LISTING OF NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR THE CHILDREN - held during worship.

ADULT HOMEBUILDERS CLASS meets at 9:00 A.M. Sunday mornings. Ted Grooms facilitates this class with assistance of class members. Adults of all ages & backgrounds are welcome.



Troop 13 had a busy summer and now they are in full swing for the fall. New Scout leadership positions were filled in August. In September, 15 scouts and 3 adults attended the Fall Camporee in Thermopolis. The Troop will be selling pumpkins in the patch October 21-22nd. The Scouts and the Cub Scouts are selling popcorn so be sure and purchase your popcorn and show support to our Troop and Pack.

MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The Week of Compassion dinner raised \$841 for the Week of Compassion from ticket sales, donations and a dessert auction. We want to thank everyone for their participation in this event. The food was delicious and the entertainment was outstanding. Thank you to Bernard Ambrosino from Silver Fox for catering.

As of Sept. 17th, 225 blankets have been made for the Fleece Blanket Project. We received 11 blankets from the LDS Missionaries at Martin's Cove, 18 blankets from Jen Miner's community service participants, 6 from Diane Way with LDS Church Ward 2 and one from Cornerstone Church. Blankets have also been made by several members of our congregation. We continue to tie blankets on the 3rd Saturday of each month and could use more volunteers. We meet from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The sandwich ministry is thankful for all of our volunteers and for the new sign from Cal & Monica Decker. We recently celebrated our 3rd anniversary. Thank you to all of our volunteers and if you want to get involved in any of the projects contact Debbie Mestas or Keith Rouse.

OCTOBER DIACONATE

Laurie Anderson, Debbie Mestas, Janie Nelson,
Tassma Koehmstedt, Phil & Becky Ostrander

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel Service: Robin Nelson, Pat Seamands

10:10 Service: Tammy Heck

GREETER

Elaine Gross

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



Offertory Steward: Judy Baker

Scripture Reader & Chapel Leader sign up
sheets are on the office bulletin board.

Grace Sallstrom

Liberty Heights

Patio Home 407

12105 Ambassador Dr.

Colorado Springs, CO 80921

719-418-3860

Cyndi Trimmer

1235 W. Baseline Road, #235

Tempe, AZ 85283

Jane Baker

10736 Bryant Ct.

Westminster, CO 80234



OCTOBER
ANNIVERSARIES

Lee & Virginia Yohn

Oct. 26, 1958

Chuck & Suzy Stewart

Oct. 30, 1955

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kent Ames	Oct. 3	Boyd Hall	Oct. 12
Cal Decker	Oct. 3	Darlene McIrvin	Oct. 14
Ron Wilson	Oct. 3	Sara Williams	Oct. 16
Monica Decker	Oct. 5	Bridger Martin	Oct. 20
Marie Henthorn	Oct. 5	Carmen Goodman	Oct. 24
Maryann Cain	Oct. 6	Vanita Wilson	Oct. 26
Bryant Badger	Oct. 7	Brian Black	Oct. 27
Amber French	Oct. 10	Chuck Potter	Oct. 29
Mark Steinle	Oct. 10	Randisue Davis	Oct. 31

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

WHEN: Sat. Oct. 8th - 1:00 P.M

WHERE: FRONT LAWN OF FCC

Please bring your pet, ranch or farm animal in
proper restraints for their own safety around other
"beasts." In case of inclement weather we will meet

in the back main parking lot of the church, with the service in the
Fellowship Hall. Call the church office if you need further
information - 234-8964. A free will donation will be taken to
benefit the Casper Humane Society and music cds featuring local
artists (including John Kirilin) will be on sale to benefit the
Humane Society.



YOU'RE INVITED
to the **100th**
B i r t h d a y
Celebration for
Wilma Allan on
Saturday, November
5th from 1-3 p.m. in
Fellowship Hall. Wilma
joined FCC on April 20,
1924. She turns 100 on
November 2nd. Her family
invites all of Wilma's
"Church family" to celebrate
this milestone.





PRESCHOOL NEWS

WHEW! The first month of preschool is almost over, and there is so much going on. This week we are going on Casper Mountain to go on a "Bear" hunt to see if we can find Smokey the Bear. Next week the fire trucks come to the school and the Pre-K class will go to the Fire Station. This year's theme is "Under the Sea." The children are really enjoying learning new things. Our preschool website is up and running. Take a minute to check it out at FCCpreschool-casper.com and you can "like" us on Facebook. We still have openings in the Pre-K class. If you know of any kids that are four and will be attending kindergarten in the fall of 2017, please share our preschool contact information with them. I am enjoying being back in the classroom in the mornings and resuming my directorship in the afternoons. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the preschool # 472-0649 in the afternoons. Thanks again to the congregation or your support! ~~~Teacher Annette Crain

PUMPKIN PATCH SCHEDULE

The Pumpkin Patch opening is only a few weeks away! Plans are coming together quite well. We still have openings for people to sell pumpkins, but the time slots are filling up fast. Pick a time when you can help before they are filled or you'll miss a fun opportunity when you can help the church and community. **THANK YOU** to those individuals and groups that have stepped up to help in this church endeavor. - *Pumpkin Patch Chairman Mike Ward*

Here are a few highlights for the patch during the month!!

October 1 - Decorating the Patch with Jenny Black & Crew

October 2 - Set out pallets after church - All volunteers are welcome to assist. 4-wheelers will be used to carry the pallets. Wear or bring work clothes & stay after worship to pitch in.

October 3 - Boy Scout Troop 13 will set up the tents

OCTOBER 4 - PUMPKINS ARRIVE - "All Hands on Deck!" - Helpers of every age join in the fun to unload the semi. Followed by chili supper in Fellowship Hall.

October 5 - Patch is open to the public

October 8 - Blessing of the Pets @ 1:00 p.m. on the front church lawn with cd sale & freewill offering to benefit the Casper Humane Society.

October 15 - Fall Craft Fair in Fellowship Hall - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

October 22 - Quilt Show in Fellowship Hall - Did you know there are three quilting groups that meet in our church? - CWF, Happy Quilters & State Quilters - They are hosting a quilt show on October 22 & 23rd in the Fellowship Hall. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday; on Sunday 8 a.m. to noon. New and vintage quilts will be on display with some for sale.

October 29 - "Trunk or Treat" Surprise Activity Day to be announced.



PUMPKIN PATCH SALE HOURS

MON-THURS - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY - 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY - Noon - 6:30 p.m.

Question: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

Answer: Pumpkin pi



WYOMING
ASSOCIATION OF
CHURCHES

The Wyoming Association of Churches will host their 40th annual meeting in Casper Oct. 14-15. In conjunction, there will be a free screening of "Dream On" (a PBS documentary about the struggles to reach "the American dream" hosted by comedian John Fugelsang) on Thursday 10/13 at 7 p.m. and Saturday 10/15 at 3 p.m. Details online at wyochurches.org. The

Wyoming Association of Churches will also host a Buddhist Christian dialogue at First Christian Church in Casper on Saturday, November 12 from 10-3 p.m. The cost will be \$35. The guest leader is Rob McNamara, Buddhist priest and author. Rob was raised in the Lutheran tradition. All members of the FCC Congregation are invited to attend. Registration details will be available shortly.

NURSERY NEWS

Our new nursery attendants are Cheryl Dionne and Amanda Schulp. Cheryl is also a teaching assistant in our preschool and Amanda works at Foundations Daycare and Preschool. We are using this transition time to update some of the nursery policies:

a. We will no longer provide snacks to children in the nursery due to health concerns for our very young children. Parents can pack a snack for their child if they want; just let the nursery attendant know.

b. Please check in and out when you bring your child to the nursery. In addition we are asking that parents with children who use the nursery complete a simple form with contact info, special instructions, etc. This only needs to be filled out once and will be kept on file.

c. So that our attendants can best meet the needs of infants and toddlers, **the nursery is available for children 3 and under only**. Please see our programming options for children age 3 and above.

d. The nursery will be open 9:30 a.m. to noon on Sundays.



NEW CLASS FOR GRADES 8-12

Hey First Christian Youth in 8th - 12 grade! Come join a new class that is starting in November. The "God and Life" program will meet once or twice a month (probably on Wednesday evenings). The classes will last 6 months (maybe longer depending on how much material is covered during each session). Upon completion of the course work you will receive the "God and Life Award." (This award is recognized by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other youth organizations as a religious award and can be worn on their uniforms, but it's a great course of study for ANY young person wanting to grow in faith by having God in your life every day.) If you are interested, please contact the church office or Mike Ward @ 259-1785 as he will be teaching the class. Come join this activity and he promises it will be a fun time and a learning experience that is well worth your time and effort. The "God and Life" class will include numerous hands-on mission projects that incorporate serving people in our community in the name of Christ.



T.O.P.S. "TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY" group #35 is now meeting in the Inner Room @ First Christian Church on Wednesday mornings from 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. If you're looking for help in losing weight, you're invited to join them. Contact Jane Wallace @ 258-2063 for further information.

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OCTOBER 2016

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to our Fall 2016 scholarship recipients! Abel Stewart, Keith Rouse and Ashley Budack have demonstrated solid academic performance and met the qualifications for this award. Good Luck with your studies. --*Judy Baker, WTMS*

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

Volunteers are needed for Worship & Wonder - Contact Erika Stupak if you are interested in helping @ estupak@hotmail.com. Substitute teachers are needed for Jennifer Grooms and Michelle Elser, teaching young elementary & middle school Sunday School. If interested contact Jennifer Grooms @ 234-1138 or jgrooms11@bresnan.net

Christmas is coming and if you have an interest in assembling Advent bags for our young members please let Jennifer Grooms know. They were well received last year.

The members of First Christian Church extend their sympathy to the family of the Rev. David Roehl, who was killed in a head-on collision outside of Lamoure, ND on August 31st. He served FCC as an Associate Pastor in 1999-2000. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to: Darlene Roehl, 113 S. Main Street in Lamoure, ND 58458.



UPDATE ON BRIANA BLACK.... Briana Black started her path as a new volunteer with Compassion/IVHQ Team and is living outside the town of Arusha, Tanzania where she works with HIV/AIDS mothers and children. Prior to her new work she experienced Africa by doing a photo safari and climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro. Her trek up the mountain took 8 days.