



THE CALL

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2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 24 -11:30 a.m. **DIACONATE MEETING**
Fellowship Hall. Training & scheduling for ALL deacons.

SAT. JANUARY 30 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come make fleece blankets with Mission Commission members.

FEBRUARY 7 - SCOUT SUNDAY - celebrate 75 years of FCC sponsoring Troop 13 with cake and refreshments after worship.

FEBRUARY 10 - ASH WEDNESDAY -

Soup Supper @ 6:00 p.m. prepared by the elders.
Worship Service with communion @ 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 14 - 95th Church Birthday Party hosted by Spiritual Growth Commission after worship.

FEBRUARY 15 - SCOUT BLUE & GOLD BANQUET
Dinner @ 5:30 p.m. Awards @ 6:30 p.m. Shrine Club.

WEDNESDAYS starting **FEBRUARY 17** - Lenten Soup Supper @ 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Weekly Vespers @ 6:30 p.m. in Inner Room led by the Elders.

SUN. FEBRUARY 21 - Retirement Celebration for Lois Koch after worship service with card shower.

Chili Cook-Off / Bingo fundraiser sponsored by the Youth from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Admission \$5.00

SAT. FEBRUARY 27 - 11:30 a.m. - CWF sponsored Friendship Brunch in Fellowship Hall. Silver Fox catering.

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

Ministers: Every Member!

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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SPRING FORWARD

MARCH 13, 2016

Pastor's Post

Nurturing an Open Spirit

While I was on sabbatical, one of the most striking and spiritually moving people I met was Sister Simone Campbell who has led multiple “nuns on the bus” trips across the country to meet face to face with Americans from all walks of life. These Catholic sisters set out to hear about issues of economic struggle, healthcare, and immigration reform. Sister Simone is passionate about working with people at the margins. She also lobbies congress to be more aware of how national budget changes really impact the working poor in our nation. An amazing trait she embodies is a constant willingness to truly listen, to ask open questions of people who have differing perspectives. I thought of Sister Simone recently at church. Something had come up with the potential of leading to conflict; I could see the tension of misunderstanding between people on the horizon, but then a beautiful thing happened. Someone asked a question. Instead of presuming they knew how the other person felt, this individual simply asked a question - and with an open heart. It was clear they genuinely wanted to understand the other.

Since that brief encounter, I've found myself wondering what it would be like if we all asked more questions. Sometimes at church we encounter a situation that is frustrating. What would it be like if, instead of just complaining, we intentionally tried to nurture the habit of seeking understanding - asking why? How would our family life be different if, instead of presuming we know how our spouse or children feel, we took the time to ask and truly listen? How would the current political campaign season be different if, instead of shouting proud soundbites to grab media time, candidates actually listened more? How would our world be different if people from different countries and cultures, people of different economic groups or different religions sat down together with open, listening hearts? I wonder...

- Giving thanks today for questions.... Rev. Cynthia McBride

A month of Cakes!

Be sure to stay after worship in February to enjoy a variety of cakes during our weekly fellowship!

Feb. 7 - Troop #13 invites you to celebrate their 75 year partnership with FCC!

Feb. 14 - Enjoy Valentine's goodies and birthday cake as FCC Casper turns 95!

Feb. 21 - Card shower & reception honoring Lois Koch's retirement as Business Manager.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Judy Potter	Feb 5	Russ Black	Feb. 17
Connor Goodman	Feb. 6	Melanie Dowler	Feb. 17
Jo Cox	Feb. 7	Dona Ryan	Feb. 19
Marie Robertson	Feb. 7	Payton Brown	Feb. 20
Jared Baker	Feb. 9	Ben Ambrosino	Feb. 21
Bev Miller	Feb. 10	Mark Foster	Feb. 21
Betty Blain	Feb. 12	Stevey Kingsolver	Feb. 24
Pat Buck	Feb. 12	Jackie Tighe	Feb. 25
Michelle Elser	Feb. 16	Del Lloyd	Feb. 27

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Jane Wallace
Feb. 20, 2008

Larry & Kathy Winders
Feb. 22, 1969



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UPCOMING EVENTS SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMMISSION HOSTS:

FEBRUARY 14TH AFTER WORSHIP

CELEBRATE FCC'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

Cake provided by Jane Wallace & Kylie Stewart.

Did you know? FCC Casper was founded Feb. 13, 1921.

LOIS KOCH'S RETIREMENT COFFEE

On Sunday, February 21st after worship, a coffee reception will be held in Fellowship Hall to honor Lois. Everyone is invited to attend and wish Lois well on her retirement as FCC's Business Manager after her faithful service the past 9 years. She will be greatly missed in this role.

Please bring a card with you for the "card shower" this day.

THANKS!

Our church staff -
and Charles and I -

received numerous lovely
gifts of appreciation during
the Christmas season.

Thank you ALL for your
thoughtful signs of kindness.

You made our Christmas
"merry & bright!"

- Pastor Cynthia

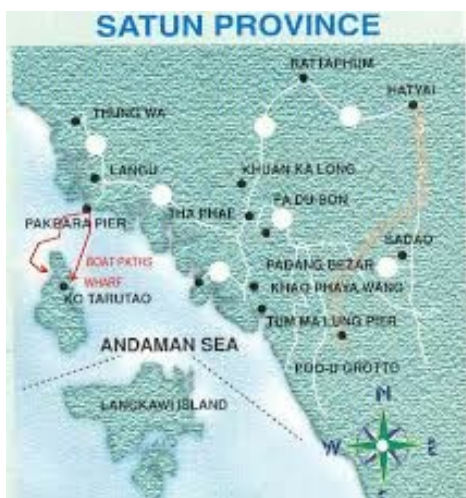
UPDATE FROM BRIANA BLACK

Dear FCC, Greetings from Thailand! Since Christmas isn't really celebrated here, this doubles as a "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" card!

I miss 'ole Wyoming and hope everyone is doing well! I just wanted to say thank you for all of the support and love I've received from back home since coming to Thailand. Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated as I go through daily life here in Satun. Thailand is such a beautiful country and I'm thankful every day for the opportunities I've been given.

Thank you for everything and Happy Holidays! Love, Briana Black

(Be sure to look at the beautiful card FCC received from Briana. It is on the bulletin board outside the church office)





Dear Church Family, Thank you for the nice cards and notes received while I was under the weather. I will be leaving Shepherd on December 16 to go to Gillette for a short stay with my daughter and family. I will be home after Jan 1st. Merry Christmas to all of you!

In Christ's love, Betty Blain

Dear FCC; Thank you all for the beautiful carnation. My favorite red color!! Thank you for the cards and for your visits Cynthia. I appreciate the calls I've received. My hip is healing and I hope soon to be on my feet and out and about again. You are a wonderful church family. --Lorna Cook

This is just a note to thank my Godly Girlfriends for the delicious cookies and candy that were presented to me when I received the honor of being named Deacon Emeritus. I thoroughly enjoyed and I was grateful for being able to serve those years. God Bless you All!Marie Robertson

Thanks you FCC for the beautiful carnation, cards and visits I received while in the hospital and recovering. Thanks you's to Pastor Cynthia for the visits, as well as Jo Cox and Suzy Stewart; Carol Sage, Amber French and all of the Sandwich Ministry crew that made sure the Sandwich Ministry went well. I cannot express what the church means to me but I am glad to be a part of it and am thankful to each of you.

In Christian love, Debbie Mestas

Friends forever



CWF LOVE & FRIENDSHIP BRUNCH

WHEN: Saturday, February 27th

WHERE: FCC Fellowship Hall

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Meal catered by Bernard Ambrosino

Tickets will go on sale February 7th. (Price to be determined) 100 tickets will be sold. For more information or questions, contact Peg Jackson @ 265-2289 or pegj@bresnan.net



Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Jack Walts will lead a discussion on the history of the Bible. Interested people will meet at the Bible Display Case. For more information, please speak with Jack Walts @ 234-8209.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.



Youth Group Update

Youth and adults from FCC will be attending this event. This event will take place July 26-30th at Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort in Buena Vista, Florida. This will be the most magical Disciples of Christ/ United Church of Christ, BIG GIGANTIC, YOUTH EVENT (BGYE) NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT (NYE) of all!!!! The Youth will be having several fundraising events between now and July so look for further information to be coming from the youth and their sponsors. Please contact Carmen or Laura if you are interested in attending.

Youth group meetings are @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for youth 6th grade and up. The following meetings will be held:

January 20th - fundraising planning

January 27th - Souper Bowl of Caring set up

February 10th - Ash Wednesday. Soup @ 6:00 and services @ 6:30 p.m

February 12-15 - Midwinter Youth Retreat for Chi Rho & CYF at La Foret.

February 17th - Planning for Chili Cookoff/ Bingo.

February 21st - The Chili Cookoff/Bingo from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. There will be a chili competition, Bingo, and lots of fun all for a small admission fee of \$5. This fundraiser will help the youth planning on attending the "BGYE" in Florida in July.

February 24th - TBD.



TROOP 13 ANNOUNCEMENTS

In December Troop 13 celebrated with a Christmas Party, pizza, and gift exchange at Jump Craze. We had approximately 15 scouts participate. Fun was had by all!! The Scouts are planning on going ice fishing on Saturday, Jan 23rd. February 7th is Scout Sunday and Troop 13 will be leading the worship service. We will also be celebrating 75 years that FCC has sponsored Troop 13! Everyone is invited to join the Scouts after worship to celebrate with cake in the Fellowship Hall. Monday Feb. 8th the Troop will be holding their Court of Honor at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at which time Scouts that have rank advancements and merit badges that have been earned are awarded. All are welcome to attend the ceremony

CUB SCOUTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cubs have been very busy since the start of the year. They will have their Blue & Gold Banquet on Monday, February 15th at the Shrine Club. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. with awards at 6:00 p.m. Pinewood Derby car preparations will start shortly and competition will be in March.

LIBRARY UPDATE

The FCC Library will be available for regular use starting Sunday, January 31st. Check out material will be through a simple notebook system--write your name, book title/author and date checked out. Upon return, simply cross out your name.

Because our library is small we ask that you only donate books whose copyright date is no older than 2000. Types of books that would be most welcome are books of devotions/meditations and/or prayers, books on grief, aging, dementia, or other life challenging illnesses, and music cds. We cannot accept videotapes or film strips. You are asked not to donate books of fiction at this time. You are encouraged to donate fiction books to the county's Friends of the Library book sale. Questions can be directed to Jennifer Grooms. Thank you.



FEBRUARY DIACONATE

Annette Ambrosio, Trisha & Josh Woods, Jennifer Hawley, Jackie Greenlee & Dewey Smith

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel Service: Singletons

10:10 Service: Al Singleton

FEBRUARY GREETER

Elaine Gross

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

FEBRUARY Offertory Steward

Randisue Davis

New Address & email changes

Fran Wroble
High Pointe Assisted Living & Memory Care
6383 E. Girard Pl
Denver, CO 80222

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Stan McIrvin - stanikych@gmail.com

JOB OPENING

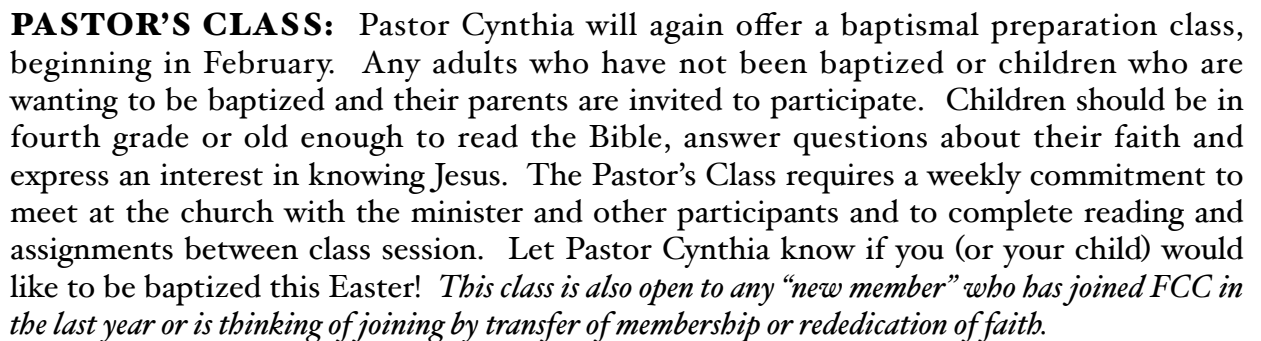
FCC is actively seeking a new business manager: with a background in book-keeping, willing to work part-time in the church office, assisting with financial record keeping, weekly deposits, monthly reports, quarterly statements and the church's annual budgeting process. Please give names of interested candidates ASAP to Rev. McBride or Nicholas Grooms.

Thank you for your generosity!! We had a total of 210 gloves, hats, scarves, and socks plus an afghan, two blankets, and three coats that were collected in December. These were distributed to Life Care Center, Interfaith, Community Action Partnership, Greta Hinderliter and the Sandwich Ministry. There is always a need for these items in the winter so if you want to donate items can be brought to the church and we will distribute them.



SOUP BOWL
OF CARING

Anyone, adult or child, can participate in the blessing boxes. When your Blessing Box is full, turn it in to the Business Manager and a total from all the boxes will be sent to the Week of Compassion. The Mission is also planning a Week of Compassion Dinner in March. More details will be forthcoming.



LENT *Lent* LENT *Lent*

Ash Wednesday will be on February 10th. There will be a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. that will be served by the Elders and a service starting at 6:30 p.m. In the weeks that follow, we are asking for two volunteers to prepare soup, serve and cleanup for the Wednesday night Lenten suppers. Bowls, spoons, crackers, drinks are provided by the church. Soup would be needed for approximately 45 people. There is a sign up sheet on the Elder/Diaconate bulletin board by the church office if you would like to volunteer.

Lenten services will be led by the Elders and will run through Wednesday, March 16th. Palm Sunday will be March 20th and Holy Week Services at First United Methodist Church will be at noon March 21st-26th. Maundy Thursday is March 24th, Good Friday, March 25th and Easter is March 27th.

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GODLY GIRLFRIENDS

Godly girlfriends will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on January 28th @ 5:30 p.m. and will be making valentine cookie jars (ingredients layered in a mason jar). Randisue has the recipes for Country Oatmeal Cookies and Brownie Mix. Ingredients needed are: white sugar, brown sugar, rolled oats, flour, baking powder salt, semisweet chocolate chips, walnuts (optional), unsweetened cocoa powder, pecans, valentine material and ribbon, quart size mason jars/lids. If you can attend and are willing to bring any of the above, contact Randisue Davis. The dues for CWF are \$7 and we hope the proceeds from the sale of the jars will take care of our dues.

We will be looking for volunteers to help serve at the mission later in February. The date and details need to be confirmed but if you are willing to help, let me know. Blessings, Randisue

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL



Preschool registration has started for fall 2016. If you need a registration form contact the preschool office @ 472-0649 or pick up one in the church office. Space is limited and just a reminder that church members receive a 10% discount. We currently have 3 openings in the Pre-K. If you know of anyone that needs a preschool please have them contact Annette.

Preschool will also be doing a Pizza Ranch fundraiser on Monday, January 25 - 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Several of the preschool teachers will be attending the Casper Preschool Fairs on January 30th at the Public Library, sharing preschool information with potential families. We have a lot coming up with kids this coming month. Pajama Day, Pizza, eating at the preschool restaurant, rainbows, baking chocolate chip cookies, going to the grocery store and Great Harvest Bread Co. Yes, our letters this month are P, R, C, & G. As always, the staff and children appreciate your support and the gift of a great preschool building.