



THE CALL

JULY
2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 30-July 5 - Rev. McBride on Vacation in Indiana

July 1 - Women's Renewal Registration Deadline

July 3 - Special Service - Planned by Dennis Baker & Nicholas Grooms

July 4th - OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY -- NO
Elders meeting this month

**July 12th - OFFICE CLOSED IN MORNING FOR
PARADE DAY**

July 16 - VBS on the Mountain. Come for the day
and then spend the night!

July 17 - Worship on the Mountain - Chapel at 8:15
a.m. - **NO worship service at 10:10 a.m.** - Join us on
the mountain at 11:00 a.m. for worship. Potluck
luncheon to follow

July 25-30 - Rev. McBride at Ring Lake Ranch with
Casper Clery group for continuing education.

July 25-30 - FCC Youth in Orlando, Florida for the
Disciples of Christ/UCC National Youth Event.

CRMR Women's Renewal

The annual Women's Renewal will be held Sept.
16-18 at Glen Eyrie near Colorado Springs. The FCC
Casper van will transport our participants. Disciples
women of all ages will find spiritual refreshment and
renewal. Details online at crmrdoc.org or on the
bulletin board. **REGISTER BY JULY 1.**

Be Refreshed at "Lavendar Springs Spa"

Church Staff:

Rev. Cynthia McBride, Lead Pastor

Leigh Earle, Bookkeeper

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Cyndi Trimmer, Nursery care

Annette Crain, Preschool Director

Amber French, Music Director

Diane Lynn, Accompanist

Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Closed Fridays

during the summer



SUMMER SUNDAY

SCHEDULE:

8:15 Chapel Service

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

10:10 Worship

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Preschool hours (Sept-May)

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon

Preschool Phone - 472-0649

ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!!

**The Elders will NOT meet in
July but WILL meet on Monday,
August 1 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Pastor's Post

SUMMER REFRESHMENT

Imagine it's a hot summer day.... you've been working out in the sun... Then someone offers you a cold glass of water. "Ahh!" Few things taste so good.

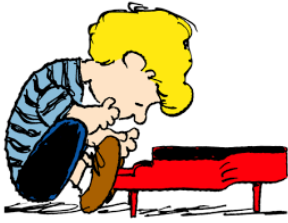
In your imagination, right now, picture yourself enjoying a cool treat on a hot day - perhaps a juicy slice of chilled watermelon or a nice bowl of your favorite ice cream. Summer refreshment can take many forms. For some, it's a day at the lake, boating with friends or fishing at sunrise. For others, a trip to visit family or a long planned vacation can brighten the entire year by that special gift of a little time away.

In June, I was blessed to enjoy some spiritual refreshment. I spent a week at the Benedictine "Lady of Guadalupe" Abbey in Pecos, NM studying medieval illustrated manuscripts with Randall Hasson, an artist and calligrapher from Santa Fe. This week of continuing education was enhanced by the lovely setting of simple adobe buildings, surrounded by piñon pine forest along the Pecos River. Each day included prayer with the monks, listening and participating as they recited psalms and prayers. From there, I travelled to southern Colorado to spend a week just "hanging out" with my Dad, sister and her family. We stayed in a lovely cabin near Lake Vallecito East of Durango - reading, doing puzzles, playing games, kayaking, walking and talking.

I know that many of you will also have "time away" this summer. I pray that you return to FCC Casper feeling refreshed and renewed, revitalized in body and soul!

While I was at the Abbey, I sat in class one day, bent over the text I was carefully writing by hand in pen and ink, pondering each word, intentionally shaping each letter... I happened to look up and there was one of the brothers, laboring in the hot sun, weeding a flowerbed. His white cotton cowl was pulled over his head to cut out the sun's glare. Sweat dripped down a long, bushy grey beard as he leaned over a hoe. Quietly I stood up, slipped into the kitchen, and filled a cup with ice water. I walked out the side door and waited till he noticed me, then without speaking I held out the cup of cold water. It was a day of silence for the monks, when they don't speak between morning lauds and evening vespers. When he saw the cup in my hands, his face beamed with a wide grin. He reached out and took the cup, drinking steadily, slowly, in utter silence. Then he looked at me with bright eyes, mouthed the words "thank you," and immediately returned to his hoe. I walked back inside to my drawing board with words of scripture bouncing around my mind.... "And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded." (Matthew 10:42 - New Living Translation - also found in Mark 9:41.) I was humbly aware, in that moment, that if Christ had been physically present, I could have offered no greater gift than the sip of cold water I'd just given to a happy monk.

I was not aware just how much I'd needed a vacation until I'd been at the Abbey a few days. I found myself relaxing, letting go of concerns, thankful to be "unplugged" from emails and social media, confident that all would be well at church while I was away. Sometimes, when you're hard at work, you don't even notice how thirsty you get until someone offers you a cold drink - and suddenly you down an entire glass and know you could drink more. Is your soul thirsty this summer? Take some time to walk under a pine tree on Casper Mountain. Let yourself JUST BE - sit and watch a sunset or notice the full moon. I will be away a little in July as well - for a quick trip to Indiana for Charles' family reunion - and then to Ring Lake for more continuing ed. Whether you are on the road this summer or staying home, I pray you savor some summer refreshment. "Ahh!" May you be blessed to be a blessing. - *Pastor Cynthia*



I love my church family! You are all “near and dear” to me, and it was a privilege to share my music with you this past year. Thank you to the FCC choir and the Handbells for the beautiful Morden Sunrise Rose. We have picked a special spot in the sun for it...pictures to follow! Chook and I are also looking forward to a trip to the Wyoming Plant Company--thanks to your kindness and generosity...more pictures to follow! Brenda, the cake was very pretty and quite yummy! But there wasn't any left for pictures! Most of all, I'm blessed to have all of you as my church family and blessed that we have “done life together!” - *God Bless, Lani McBee*

Thank you for the prayer cards. I read them before I go to sleep. I want to give a big thanks to my dear friend Peg Jackson for taking care of me before, during and post surgery. She is a gem and I love her dearly. Again, thank you so much for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. - *Sincerely, Tina Beall*



Thank you so much for the beautiful fleece blanket and I know I will be toasty warm. Thank you for the prayers and may God Bless each and everyone of you in a very special way. *Love in Christ, Maxine Jarisch (Brent & Kim Forbis' mom)*

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, flowers, food and prayers during our time of healing. Floyd's hand is still in a cast and Janet is still in her brace for the compression fracture in her back. We are so much better and so truly blessed by you all. - *Our love, Janet & Floyd Field*

THANK YOU to our elders, Charles McBride and Dennis Baker, for providing the morning message while I was away on continuing ed. and vacation. Thanks also to Dewey Smith for covering the chapel message on short notice when Nancy Thomas was called away. Our congregation is blessed to have so many capable in sharing leadership. Thank you to Cheryl Dionne for subbing as our Sunday morning nursery provider while Cyndi Trimmer has been recovering from knee surgery. We anticipate that Cyndi will be back in the nursery in July. - *Pastor Cynthia*

YOUTH GROUP

THANK YOU to everyone who donated items to the garage sale. We made over \$500. The total that the youth group has raised from various raffles, sweatshirt sales and the spaghetti luncheon is around \$4,000. We appreciate the church's support of our youth!

The next youth group meeting will be July 6th at @6.00 p.m. We will complete our banner and finalize trip plans. Sara Williams, Dylan Stupak, Kylie Stupak and Payton Brown recently returned from CYF and Jr. Camp. Thanks to the Williamses and Browns for transporting the kids. Congratulations to Debbie Mapp for being the lucky winner of the photograph by Al Singleton.

SCOUT NEWS: CONGRATULATIONS to Jeff Hover, Brady Hover, Nathan Hawley and several other scouts from Troop 13 who completed their 88 mile hike at Camp Philmont. They had a wonderful time but were very glad to return home. Troop 13 will meet throughout the summer with many outdoor activities. They will have a Court of Honor on June 27th and Summer Camp at Camp Buffalo Bill July 17th- 23rd. **Dylan Stupak will receive his Eagle Award on Saturday, August 20th.** The Cub Scouts just completed a week of Day Camp at the Casper Scout House and had a great time.





SERVING IN JULY **DIACONATE**

Laurie Anderson, Annette
Ambrosino, Amber Rouse, Sara
Williams

COMMUNION PREP
Chapel: Monica & Cal Decker
10:10 Service: Carol Sage

GREETERS: Chuck & Suzy Stewart
*To volunteer as a Sunday morning greeter
call Pat Buck at 234-1829.*

Offertory Steward: Anne Klocksien
Scripture Reader, Special Music & Chapel
Leader sign up sheets on office bulletin board.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Jenny Black - July 2, 1988
Stephen & Emily Brown - July 7, 2007
Rick & Teri Black - July 14, 1990
Dave & Becky Foster - July 14, 1979
Michael & Carol Braley - July 15, 1972
Scott & Jenn Hawley - July 20, 1996
Erika & Spencer Stupak - July 31, 1999

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Jacque Meeks
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Shirley Wenn
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MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The fleece blanket project has made 190 blankets to date, which have been given to people in need of comfort and warmth and to agencies that provide services to those in need. We have also given blankets to the police department and the Mills Fire Department. We have received 6 blankets from the LDS missionaries at Martins Cove and from Jen Miner. We will be making blankets on July 16th from 10 to 4.

The Sandwich Ministry is going well. We start making lunches at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday morning and are done by 9:15 a.m. We take them to Kings Corner by 9:45 a.m. and end around noon.

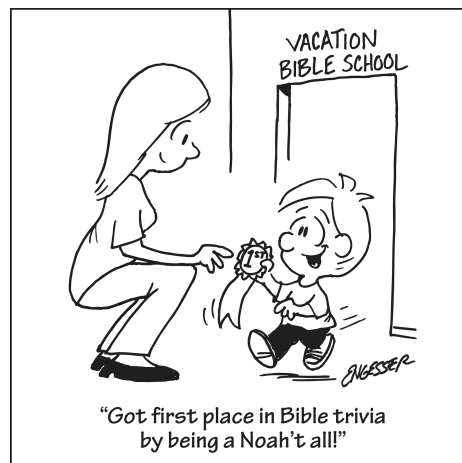
The Week of Compassion Dinner will be on Sunday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Blanket Makers - Sandwich Ministry preparers - and Helpers for Week of Commission Dinner.
Contract Debbie Mestas for further information

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Ally Sellers	July 3	Jake Mongan	July 21
Cooper Goodman	July 4	Sandy Bentley	July 24
Ruth Jones	July 12	Wanda Leeling	July 24
Wanda Hall	July 13	Kathy Meloy	July 26
Ed Strube	July 13	Rose Williams	July 26
Emily Brown	July 18	Marj Haass	July 27
Stephen Brown	July 18	Shirley Volker	July 28
Lois Koch	July 20	Rick Black	July 31
Diane Martin	July 21	Pam Rouse	July 31
Tom May	July 21		



July 2016

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17 CAMP BUFFALO BILL SCOUTS ■ 8:15 AM Chapel ■ 10:10 AM NO CHURCH Worship ■ 11:00 AM WORSHIP ON MOUNTAIN	18 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	19 ■ 7:00 PM AA	20 ■ 9:00 AM Quilters	21 ■ 10:00 AM Munch Bunch Coffee ■ 6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 ■ 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study ■ 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join friends from FCC for a fun one-day event learning & playing on Casper Mountain. We will "travel" to different countries around the world and learn about God's love shared in places near and far.

SATURDAY, JULY 16TH - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

VBS Children's activities and lunch provided in Beartrap Meadow. Transportation to & from FCC will be available by advance request. If you'd like to volunteer talk with Trisha Woods, Maggie Grooms or any member of our Christian Ed. team.

Also on July 16th: FAMILY CAMP - SATURDAY NIGHT - bring your own tent, food & camping gear. Enjoy overnight fellowship with other families, while we sing songs & tell stories around the campfire and make s'mores. Then you can be first on site Sunday morning for....



.....WORSHIP ON THE MOUNTAIN

SUNDAY, JULY 17TH - 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy Sunday morning worship under the trees at 11:00 a.m. At FCC, we will offer the chapel service at 8:15 a.m. in the sanctuary - but instead of the "usual" worship - we will again honor the summer tradition of "*Worship on the Mountain!*" We will gather at the center shelter at Beartrap Meadow. It is off the main road on the right, near the center edge of the meadow. (Watch for signs.) Worship begins at 11 a.m. followed by a potluck luncheon. Fried chicken and water will be provided. Please bring a dish or a dessert to share, as well as your own additional beverage if you choose. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome for "Worship on the Mountain." This is a GREAT time to invite your "non-churchy" friends to meet other FCC'ers as we sing and pray together in the beauty of creation. Contact Melanie Dowler if you have any questions or need a ride. (Pastor Cynthia will drive the church van if needed.)