



THE CALL

**MAY
2016**

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 22nd - Super Hero Day at Preschool. The parking lot will be closed from 8:00 a.m. - noon. Fire trucks, police cars, and emergency vehicles will be on display during the morning.

APRIL 27 - Support the Youth of FCC at Pizza Ranch from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Be sure to tell them when you order you are there for the FCC Youth.

MAY 8 - MOTHER'S DAY - A "Noisy Offering" will benefit our Youth - bring your spare change to worship

MAY 13-14 - CRMR Spring Feast in Colorado Springs Register online at www.crmrdoc.org. Talk with Rev. McBride for information on ride sharing.

MAY 15 - PENTECOST SUNDAY - One of our elders, Jane Wallace, will read a sermon prepared by Rev. McBride, as Pastor Cynthia will be worshipping in Colorado Springs that day. **The Homebuilders class will host a brunch during the Sunday School hour.** Members are welcome to bring a breakfast dish or fruit to share. Tom Dowler will be cooking pancakes for all who attend. **WEAR RED to worship.**

MAY 22 - "Celebration Sunday" - This is the last Sunday the choir will perform before the summer. The handbell choir will also play and our youth are taking a special role in helping to lead worship. **Youth Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser after worship service. NO CHAPEL SERVICE**

MAY 25 - Preschool Graduations @ 6:00 p.m.

MAY 29 - KW Graduation @ 7:00 p.m. @ Casper Events Center

May 30 - MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED - NC Graduation @ 7:30 p.m. @ Casper Events Center

Summer Schedule: Chapel at 8:15 - Worship at 10:10

Church Staff:

Rev. Cynthia McBride, Lead 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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Preschool hours (Sept-May)

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon

Preschool Phone - 472-0649

HANDBELL REHEARSALS

May 3rd, 10th, & 19th @ 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Rehearsal on the 19th is a Thursday Night

Please contact Amber French if you are unable to attend a practice.

Pastor's Post

The Future of the Church

I have had numerous conversations with FCC members, other clergy and people in the community about the “future of the church” - not just what happens in the next 10-20 years at First Christian Church, but what happens to Christianity in America in the next 50-100 years. Many people are asking the same questions, showing an awareness that we’re living in a time of dramatic cultural shifts. As followers of Jesus, faith will continue to be key in our lives, but we are facing the reality that the ways we live out that faith as a church continue to evolve in significant ways. My colleague, the Rev. Dr. Jim Warren, recently wrote this column addressed to the members of First Christian Church in Bloomington, IL. I think what he has to say can apply to *many* congregations struggling with the same issues in 2016.

1. **We have to change.** If we keep doing what we’ve always done, even if we do it better, our church will continue to shrink. This is a time to re-imagine boldly what our church can be. I certainly don’t mean that we abandon our central message of God’s love made real in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. Rather, the church has to adapt to the changing world around us.
2. **Our buildings will become less important and less needed over time.** Millennials (those in their early 30s and younger) often criticize the church for spending too much energy and too many resources on itself and not enough on others. If we’re going to connect with younger generations, we’ll need to be less inwardly focused and more outwardly focused, adopting a posture of service to others. It will be important for church members to be DOing ministry in the community and spending less time in the church building.
3. **We will connect with people less through worship and other ministries that happen at church, and more as we engage in service in the community.** Millennials tend to find worship irrelevant; it’s not even on their radar. For a long time we’ve depended on worship visitors as our primary source of new members, and so we’ve centered many of our church growth strategies on attracting people to worship. Now we need to invite people to join us as we serve the community and show that we are making a difference. That will become our new way of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.
4. Consequently, **worship will change, become simpler, and receive less attention and resources than it currently does.** I’ve read that the era of “cool” worship is coming to an end. Worship as a big production is becoming less effective. Millennials are looking for worship that is genuine, real, and simpler. Worship will still be essential to the church, but it will be different.
5. **Some ministries will undergo radical changes, such as our ministries with children and youth.** I predict that Sunday School won’t continue much longer. Remember that Sunday School is a relatively recent innovation, dating no further back than the last part of the nineteenth century. It arose in response to changes in American society. A different set of changes may now be leading to Sunday School’s demise. One of those changes is the loss of Sunday as a “church” day. Sunday has become like any other day of the week, and church is just a choice among many other activities. For families who are tightly scheduled all week, Sunday may be the one day they can rest a little and run errands. Children and youth sports have claimed Sundays. If Sunday School isn’t as effective as it once was, how can we reinvent our mission of forming faithful followers of Jesus Christ?

Jim concludes his reflection with this summary: The vital church of the future will be less concerned about itself, and more concerned about serving the community around it. The church will place less emphasis and fewer resources on its buildings and worship. Ministries that are inextricably tied to the church building currently, such as the education of children and youth, may well happen offsite, at different times, and in altogether new ways.

What changes do you predict will unfold in the future church? What will we keep, what will we let go of, and what new things will we embrace? What role will YOU play as the church seeks to follow Christ faithfully into the future? Good questions for pondering and prayer.... - *Pastor Cynthia*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Mosteller	May 3	Jamie Williams	May 16
Jenny Black	May 4	Trisha Woods	May 16
Dylan Stupak	May 4	Raylan Heck	May 17
Darlene Bishop	May 6	Betty Axworthy	May 18
Grace Sallstrom	May 6	Jared Black	May 22
Brady Hover	May 7	Cristopf Atkinson	May 24
Tassma Koehmstedt	May 7	Amanda Kirlin	May 24
Lois Purvis	May 11	Steve Kingsolver	May 25
Hailey Rodgers	May 11	Bernard Ambrosino	May 27
Allen Singleton	May 12	Catherine Kingsolver	May 27
Martha Wallace	May 12	Travis Hayden	May 31
Mary Lou Westman	May 16		

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Cynthia McBride

May 9, 1998

Kirk & Robin Nelson

May 15, 1982

Don & Randisue Davis

May 21, 1977

Tyler & Michelle Elser

May 21, 2011

Dan & Jan Coey

May 26, 1984

Jeff & Tracy Padilla

May 26, 1984

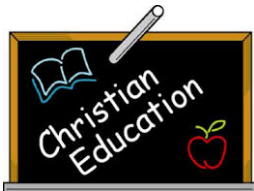
Bernard & Annette Ambrosino

May 31, 1986

Ted & Jennifer Grooms

May 31, 1975

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



The last day for children's Sunday School will be May 8th. There will be **NO** Worship and Wonder on May 22nd (Celebration Sunday) and May 29th (Memorial Day weekend). Children's Worship featuring Veggie Tales will begin June 5th. Bible School on the Mountain will be Saturday, July 16th continuing with the theme of Mission Work around the World. Families are invited to camp out that evening and then join Worship on the Mountain Sunday Morning. More details at a later date.

Last Day for Homebuilders Sunday School Class is May 15th. The class will meet for brunch in the Fellowship Hall that morning during Sunday School Time. Other members of the church are invited to bring a breakfast dish to share and come enjoy pancakes fixed by Tom Dowler.

Do you have an idea for a summer study? Would you like to offer a brief lesson on a topic of interest to others at FCC? We may offer a variety of brief lessons on Sunday mornings during the summer while the Homebuilders Class is on break. Speak with Pastor Cynthia if you have an idea to share.



If there are any 2016 high school or college graduates from FCC this year, please contact the church office by May 11th. If you have a child that is completing 2nd grade, please contact the church office by May 11th.



CHAPEL SERVICE

Do you like to go to the lake on Sunday morning? Do you like to have an early tee time or hit the river fishing but you don't want to miss church? Then the 8:15 chapel service in the

sanctuary is the place for you to be on Sunday morning! Come to a service led by elders, lay people and Pastor Cynthia. There is always room for one more. Chapel will continue throughout the summer. All are welcome to this informal worship with weekly communion.

HELP NEEDED!!

Cal Decker, Chairman of Property, is looking for people to help with small projects around the church during the week. Cal has been diligently working to keep up with the small projects but can't do everything by himself. If you are retired and looking for something to occupy your time a few hours a week, please give Cal a call. He would gratefully accept the help and even work with you to accomplish the tasks.

Thank you for awarding me a scholarship for the Spring 2016 Semester. I am really enjoying my first semester at South Dakota School of Mines. I appreciate the financial assistance to help with my college expenses. Thank you again!...Spencer Stupak

We were delighted to have the FCC choir sing at Poplar Living Center right after we finished the regular "church" service on Palm Sunday afternoon. It was so nice! The residents there loved it. Thank you,
--Virginia Palumbo

My staff and I just want you to know how very grateful we are for your continued support. With the recent downturn we are very busy trying to help as many families as we can with emergency services. Please pray for our clients and staff as we continue to do our best to help them. Blessings.. Interfaith

Dear Pastor Cynthia & our church family-- Gene and I have been so blessed by the love and concern expressed to us during his recent hospitalization and stay at Poplar. We were so grateful for the visits and prayers with Pastor Cynthia, for the bright yellow flower and the phone calls and well wishes. We were both truly touched by the prayer cards he received while at Poplar. Gene came home the day after Easter and will continue with outpatient therapy at Poplar and is hoping to be free of pain soon. God Bless you All, - Gene and Pat Buck

Dear Friends; You will never know how touched I am with many, many prayer cards I received after my surgery in Denver. Each card had a thoughtful saying from each of your hearts. I have reread them many times. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. May God Bless all of you.

In Friendship, Anne Klocksien



PUMPKIN PATCH UPDATE

Mike Ward will be the 2016 Pumpkin Patch Coordinator. Mike plans on starting Pumpkin Patch meetings soon because there is a lot of preplanning that is needed prior to Pumpkin arrival in October. If there is anyone that would like to serve on a Committee, please contact Mike Ward @ 259-1785 ASAP. Thank you. It takes a village to make a successful patch because one person cannot do it all.



***With Hearts touched by Love
We Give Thanks to God!***

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY

On behalf of our mother, Beverly Mattson, Kelly Bush, Lance Mattson and I, Karla Scott Zimmerman would like to take a moment to thank all of you here at FCC! Over the years, Mom has been active in your church and has made some incredible friendships here. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for caring and pastoring our mother. As always, time marches on and it is time for Mom to move closer to one of her kids. She will be moving to Spearfish, South Dakota to be closer to Kelly as she lives only a few miles away.

Her new address will be:

Bev Mattson,

540 Falcon Crest Drive #154

Spearfish, SD 57783

We are sure she would like to keep in touch with all of you. Again, thank you for being a part of our church life for many years and it seems odd to me now to think that all of us are elsewhere, but you will always have a piece of our hearts with you! God's blessings on you!!

-- The family of Bev. Mattson



YOUTH RAFFLE

FCC's Youth are holding a raffle for a photograph donated by Al Singleton. The photograph entitled "Trail's End" is finished in a unique style, printed directly on metal and ready to be hung as a fine art piece. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held on May 22nd after worship during the youth-hosted Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser. Stop by and purchase your "lucky" ticket. Approximate value of the artwork: \$175.



CUB SCOUT NEWS!

The annual Pinewood Derby was held at the Shrine club on March 26th. It was a fun time for the Cubs. The District Derby was held at the Eastridge Mall on Saturday, April 16th.

CONGRATULATIONS to FCC's Pack

#13 Webelo, Zach Hawley, for taking FIRST place in the District!

BOY SCOUT NEWS!

As of April 1st, Jeff Hover is Troop #1013's new Scoutmaster. We thank Steve Hollister for his service over the last 4 years and wish him well in his new endeavors. We also have a new charter organization representative and that is Erika Stupak.

Troop 13 will be attending the Spring Camporee on May 13-15 and are gearing up for a camping filled summer. Some of our scouts and leaders will be camping at Camp Philmont in northern New Mexico in June, while others are looking forward to Camp Buffalo Bill. Our Boy Scouts are very busy with activities throughout the year and will continue to meet on Mondays at the church during the summer.

MAY DIACONATE

Martha Wallace, Sara Williams, Amanda Kirlin, Jeremy Allen, Tassma Koehmstedt, and Laurie Anderson

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel Service:

Rita Petersen

10:10 Service:

Carol Sage

MAY GREETER

Debbie Mestas

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

MAY Offertory Steward

Larry Winders



THANK YOU!

To Cal Decker for all of the work he has been doing around the church. Check out the new look in the entryway of the church, new skylight in the foyer and the hallway. When you see Cal give him a big "SHOUT OUT" of thanks. We are so grateful for his talents.

To Harriet Ames for cleaning and straightening the CWF closet. It was a lot of work and very much appreciated.



Live your faith every day!

"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian anymore than standing in a garage makes you a car."

"...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house..."

1 Peter 2:5 NRSV



We Have Moved!

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Our youth are preparing for summer camps and the big gigantic Youth Event in Orlando in July. Youth wishing to attend a camp need to contact Carmen Goodman. The youth filled Easter Eggs for the Annual Easter Egg hunt. On March 30th the youth volunteered at the Rescue Mission. **See the youth bulletin board for schedule of activities.**

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS by and for FCC's YOUTH

The Youth are selling T-shirts and sweatshirts as a fundraiser for their trip to Orlando. T-shirts are white with red lettering and sell for \$15, sizes youth med & large and Adult Small, Large or XL - Sweatshirts are grey hooded - \$25/each. Grey Zip up hooded sweatshirts are \$28. (Sizes 2XL to 5XXL available in both T-shirts and sweatshirts at \$2 more). Order forms are on the youth bulletin board by the Inner room. Orders will be taken through April 25th. Imprinted with the red chalice logo, First Christian Church and the saying: "Keeping the Faith for 95 Years!"

April 27 - Pizza Ranch Fundraiser - Mention FCC Youth when you order

May 22 - Spaghetti Lunch after church and includes the drawing for the Allen Singleton Photo. Photo raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

June 11th - Garage Sale at FCC. We will start taking donations in May. Any household items welcome, but no clothing please. *THANK YOU FCC for all of your support!!!*

MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

Did you know? If we had to purchase every item placed in The Sandwich Ministry lunches, it would cost \$3.82 without fresh fruit and \$4.17 with fruit to prepare each lunch? Thanks to using the Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies, donations from Meals on Wheels, Wyoming Food for Thought and donations from many individuals the cost to the church is only \$0.40 a lunch. What a difference your gifts make! Thank you all!

The Fleece Blanket project is doing well and we continue to make blankets on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 4 PM. If you want to help make blankets please come and join us. To date 136 blankets have been made or given to this project. The Sandwich Ministry and Fleece Blanket projects are a way to share God's love through tangible gifts given to those in need. These special ministries also build relationships and help people in our community "pay it forward" in unique ways. On Monday of this week, a special blanket was given to one of our sandwich recipients. The blanket was made in honor of Theresa who passed away. Theresa had served in the Navy and her sister asked if a blanket could be made with out of fleece with anchors or lighthouses on it and given to someone in need. An "anchor" blanket was blessed in worship Sunday morning and then given to Maggie who is a 90 year old Navy veteran. Maggie was so touched by this gift she insisted on making a donation to buy fleece so someone else can receive yet another blanket. And the circle of giving continues....

THE WEEK OF COMPASSION DINNER HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FALL.

If you have any questions or would like to help with the Sandwich Ministry, please contact Debbie Mestas. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated.

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PRESCHOOL NEWS

We had a wonderful spring program. The children sang songs from all over the world. Now it is time to work on our final program -- "The Last Roundup". It's almost time for the end of the school year and it has been a great year. We love helping those little ones grown and learn.

On Friday, April 22nd, we will be having Super Hero Day! The kids will go to chapel and learn about the ultimate SUPER HERO...God! After chapel they will go to the parking lot and meet some real spur heroes!

Not Spiderman or Batman but policemen, the National Guard, firemen and police dogs. It will be an exciting day at preschool. The preschool will also be hosting a booth at the Eastridge Mall on Saturday, April 30th from 10-2:00. It is a day for celebrating young children. There will be a lot of information and fun stuff for young children to do. Share this information with families of young children. The preschool still has openings for next fall. If you know of any families with small children that might be looking for a preschool, have them call the preschool office @ 472-0649 for more information or to set up a tour.

Thank you to the members of the congregation that purchased tickets for our 50/50 raffle. We appreciate the support of the congregational members. Thanks, Teacher Annette