



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

November 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 22 & 23 - QUILT SHOW. The three quilting groups that meet at FCC will host a quilt show Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday morning from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Quilts will be on display in the Fellowship hall.

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

OCT. 29 - TRUNK OR TREAT event in the West parking lot. Children from our church, preschool and neighborhood are invited to come in costume to "trick or treat" from members' cars between 2 and 4 p.m. Pie baking contest that day as well.

NOV. 5 - 100th Birthday Celebration for Wilma Allen. The celebration will be from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All members of FCC are invited to come and greet Wilma & her family.

NOV. 6 - All Saints Sunday - Reading of names & lighting of candles during worship.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BACK.

NOV. 13 - Veteran's Day Sunday

NOV. 19 - CWF program at 10:30 a.m. & luncheon.

NOV. 20 - Thanksgiving Sunday. **ONE SERVICE @ 10:10** followed by the Thanksgiving feast and decorating the church for the holiday season.

NOV. 22-29th - Rev. McBride on vacation

NOV. 27 - **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** - Hanging of the Greens service.

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



**REMEMBERTO
CHANGE
CLOCKS BACK**

**on
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 6TH.**

Living Simply

Each Sunday during worship, our bulletins currently include a reflection insert around the theme of “Simple Living” provided by the stewardship commission. FAITH is simple, but not easy.



We are called to Live Simply: Follow Jesus;

Live Simply: Face the Truth;

Live Simply: Act Together;

Live Simply: Share Enough.

In Philippians 4, Paul speaks of being at peace, no matter life's circumstances. *11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.* (NIV)

In the coming weeks, members will receive an annual pledge card. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider your giving to the church in 2017 and bring that “estimate of giving” card to worship in November. In past years, we have asked commission chairs to speak during worship, describing what their commissions do. The work of each commission, from property to Christian Education, spiritual growth to the mission commission, is the work of the church - the ministry that we all share. The dollars and cents we put into the offering tray each week help make every aspect of FCC's ministry possible - from paying for lights and heat and building repairs, to buying teaching materials, funding the sandwich ministry, paying staff, supporting youth trips and camp, and so much more. Whether in the form of communion bread or peanut butter and jelly, your tithes and offerings feed the hungry. Because YOU give, the church as a whole preaches and teaches, prays and blesses, rejoices and rejuvenates, baptizes and saves, and makes a difference in our community and around the world. THANK YOU! - *Rev. Cynthia*

Capital Campaign Update: We are continuing to work with contractors on the building repair projects outlined by the recent capital campaign. The foundation/concrete work and parking lot are complete. The wall repair in front of the church's main entrance is in process. The new windows have arrived and installation is beginning soon. We are “on the list” with a roofing company that specializes in flat roofs to resurface the roof over the offices, hallways and education building. Depending on weather, this may be held until after winter to begin. Care is being taken to complete the work around the schedules of numerous activities at the church, including the Pumpkin Patch and Preschool classes. Thank you Cal Decker for your guidance through multiple projects as Property Chair.

Update on Pumpkins: The truck arrived at 2:37 pm Oct. 4th. MANY volunteers helped unload the truck and fill the patch; the last pumpkin off the truck was held aloft during a prayer of blessing; and workers headed to Fellowship Hall for soup & chili. To date, we've sold over \$7,000 in pumpkins, thanks to the efforts of numerous FCC members, Scouts & Preschool volunteers. As always, the home-baked pumpkin pies are a hit. Story times are a delight for area school children and our ministry as “the pumpkin patch church” will continue through the month. Last weekend's craft fair was a success with vendors filling Fellowship Hall.

CRMR Regional Minister search continues. Letters of interest were received from 16 candidates. References are being checked. Please pray for the search committee & our region.



YOU'RE INVITED to the **100th Birthday Celebration** for Wilma Allan on Saturday, November 5th from 1-3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Wilma joined FCC on April 20, 1924 and is our longest-continuing member. She turns 100 on November 2nd. Her family invites all of Wilma's "Church family" to celebrate this milestone. Come stop by Fellowship Hall to greet Wilma and share a piece of birthday cake.

The FCC youth group has been very busy and helpful around FCC. They have been working the Pumpkin Patch on Wednesday nights and also sold hot dogs and chili dogs at the Saturday craft fair. Their upcoming schedule is:

- October 26th- work the patch 4-7:00
- October 28-30th - CRMR Fall Retreat at Cairn Christian Church
- Nov. 7 - Shopping for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
- November 16 - Stuff Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
- December activities to be announced

**YOUTH
GROUP**

NEW CLASS FOR GRADES 8-12

Hey First Christian Youth in 8th - 12 grade! You are invited to plan now to join a new class that is starting in **January**. The "God and Life" program will include a student workbook, meeting with a mentor and doing numerous hands-on mission projects that incorporate serving people in our community in the name of Christ. The schedule will be integrated into our Wednesday evening youth group meetings. 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 Mike Ward @ 259-1785 as he will be teaching the class. It will be a fun time and a learning experience that is well worth your time and effort.



Our Scouts have been busy as usual this month with troop meetings, earning merit badges, and working in the Pumpkin Patch. There will be a Boy Scout Court of Honor in the Sanctuary on November 7th. Popcorn sales were great again this year and the fellowship hall will be filled to the brim with popcorn on Friday, October 28th & Saturday October 29th. The popcorn will be counted and sorted for all the cubs and scouts on Friday afternoon and the boys will pick up their popcorn for distribution on Saturday morning. Jennifer Hepp and her mother Liz Hepp are the popcorn chair persons this for the

Cub Scouts and Erika Stupak is popcorn chair for the Boy Scouts. THANK you FCC'ers for supporting our Pack & Troop. The profit from selling popcorn helps cover costs for troop activities, sends individuals Scouts to camp, and can help boys earn college scholarships.

NOVEMBER DIACONATE

Dylan Stupak, Erika Stupak, Jolene Knaus, Rob Knaus, Melanie Dowler, Kim Forbis

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel Service: Janie Nelson

10:10 Service: Jolene Knaus

GREETER

Annette Ambrosino

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

Offertory Steward: Paul Hallock

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

**NOVEMBER****ANNIVERSARIES**

Brent & Kim Forbis - Nov. 1, 1975

Phil & Becky Ostrander - Nov. 10

Stan & Darlene McIrvin - Nov. 20, 1953

Dear Church family-- Thank you so much for the beautiful carnation that I received after my surgery. I appreciate the thought and the visit from Pastor Cynthia & Charles.
--Kathy Winders



Dear FCC Friends, Thank you for your expressions of sympathy and condolence after the death of my brother in Texas on Sept. 7th. My family and I appreciate your support.

-Leigh Earle

First Christian Church-- Interfaith appreciates your commitment to our ministry. Your support is vital to our mission of helping the less fortunate in our community.

-Many Blessings, Interfaith Staff

Dear Church - Thank you for your gift, card & kind words during "Minister Appreciation" week. -Pastor Cynthia

November Birthdays

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

Dear Mrs. Baker-- I am honored to receive the Fall 2016 educational scholarship and grateful for the opportunity it will provide to further my education. It has helped tremendously and alleviated some of the burden of going back to school.

In late 2014, with my third child on her way, I entered a period of reflection and began to see the world in a different way. This was the start of an endeavor to make the world a better place by making myself a better person. Receiving my education is just the beginning, as I hope to contribute much more to my community, the people of this planet and especially the children of the world by becoming an educator.

With your help, I continue to focus on reaching my goal of graduating from the University of Wyoming in 2019. Thank you for your generosity and for your investment in my future. - Sincerely, Abel Stewart





PRESCHOOL UPDATES

It's fall and what a fun time at preschool. We have done so many fun things this month. We went on a bear hunt and found Smokey the Bear and Robin Nelson too! The fire trucks came, and now the pumpkins are here. This week we had our school pictures in the Patch by Audie Jeans Photography. She took family pictures on Saturday and part of the proceeds will go to the preschool. Next week we will be going to the Library and bringing our Lunch to school. As you can tell, the letter of the week is "L." At the end of the month we will be pumpkin carving and having Halloween parties. Before you know it we will be working on our Thanksgiving program. A "BIG THANKS" to Cal Decker for giving the preschool a hand whenever we need it. --Annette Crain, Director



We will observe Veteran's Sunday on Sunday, November 13th. The names of service members will be placed in the bulletin. If anyone in your family is currently serving or has served in the Armed Forces, please contact the church office by Nov. 9th with the name, rank, branch of service and years served so they can be recognized during worship on November 13th. Veterans are welcome to wear their uniform or insignia of their branch or unit. The choir will offer a special musical tribute.



On Saturday, October 22nd there is going to be an exploratory meeting to see if there is enough interest to start a prayer group/fellowship to pray for loved ones and friends who have cancer. Cancer seems to be epidemic now and the goal of this prayer group would be to pray, support and provide information for those with cancer, their families and their friends. This would be an interdenominational fellowship. The exploratory meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, 3030 S. Poplar. For further information contact the Bethel Church office @ 234-8812 or Pastor Steve Gunderson at stevegunderson@hotmail.com.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY will be observed November 6th. If you have lost a loved one between November 1, 2015 and October 31, 2016 and would like their name to be read during worship on November 6th, please contact Kathy Winders in the church office with their name, date of birth and date of death by Wednesday, November 2nd. There will be extra guests in worship with us that day, so it's a wonderful opportunity for every member to practice the evangelism of hospitality and welcome.

ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER & CHURCH DECORATING

The annual Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Sunday, November 20th after the 10:10 service in the Fellowship Hall. There are two sign up sheets on the bulletin board. One is letting the Diaconate Chairman know what food items you plan on bringing and the second is if you are planning on attending the dinner and how many in your party so they know how much food to prepare and tables/chairs to set up. Further questions can be directed to Wanda Gochenour, Diaconate Chair. There will be NO CHAPEL service on Nov. 20th. There will be only one service at 10:10.



After dinner everyone is invited to stay and help decorate for the Christmas Season. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27th. There will be a Hanging of the Greens service that Sunday.



**WYOMING
ASSOCIATION OF
CHURCHES**

The Wyoming Association of Churches will host a Buddhist-Christian dialogue at First Christian Church in Casper on Saturday, November 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 fee of \$35 includes lunch.

WELCOME MCKENZIE GROOMS



Thank you for all the prayers and support for the arrival of our sweet McKenzie! We certainly could feel the love. It was wonderful to get the rose from the congregation. We are excited for all of you to meet McKenzie in the coming weeks. --Love, Maggie, Nicholas and McKenzie Grooms

MISSION UPDATE

The Mission Commission will be collecting caps, gloves, socks and scarves for those in need of warmth this winter. These items can be new or gently used. If you have blankets or coats, we can also distribute them to people in need on your behalf. There are many in our community who could benefit from these items. We will have a collection bag set up soon and will announce the location in the bulletin. We made 20 blankets on October 15th for a total of 250 blankets this year. We will continue to make them on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10a.m.-4p.m.

The 2nd annual "giving thanks" event will be held on Monday, November 21st from 11a.m.-7p.m at Casper Faith Assembly, 4301 Casper Mtn. Road. This cooperative event includes efforts of numerous churches and charitable agencies to provide food that can be prepared as a Thanksgiving dinner for individuals or families with financial need. If you know of anyone in need of a Thanksgiving basket, contact Debbie Mestas before Nov. 9th so they can be registered for this event. Also if you want to volunteer to work a 2 hour shift during the "giving thanks" day or help with any other project, contact Debbie Mestas or Keith Rouse.

Thank you to those who are "recycling with a purpose" by donating items for our ongoing collections of eyeglasses, hearing aids, postage stamps and aluminum tabs. We've already filled the eyeglass box once for distribution by the Lion's Club.



The **Casper College Band concert** will be Saturday, October 29th in the Wheeler Concert Hall in the new music building at 3:00 p.m. Admission is free. One of our own, Bill Stolte, is among the area musicians who play with this group along with CC students. He says, "Hope to see all of you there."

CWF will have its Installation of Officers on Saturday, November 19th at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The program will include a brief presentation sharing the theme from this fall's Women's Renewal. There will be a salad potluck luncheon following the Installation in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend.



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The **Annual Church meeting** to approve the 2017 budget, officers, elders & diaconate will be held on Sunday, December 11th @ 9:15 a.m. Interim Executive Regional Minister, Rev. Dean Phelps, will be our pulpit guest that day.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship | 31 Halloween 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 1 7:00 PM AA | 2 6:30 AM T.O.P.S. #35 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM choir | 3 10:00 AM CWF Board Mtg 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Potluck | 4 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry 1:00 PM Wilma Allen 100 party | 5 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry 1:00 PM Wilma Allen 100 party |
| 6 Daylight Saving Time End All Saint's Sunday 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship | 7 2:00 PM Circle of Caring 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 8 Election Day 7:00 PM AA | 9 6:30 AM T.O.P.S. #35 9:00 AM Quilters 12:00 PM CWF Group #2 6:00 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM choir | 10 10:00 AM CWF Group #1 11:30 AM CWF Group #3 | 11 Veterans Day 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry 10:00 AM Wyo. Assoc Church meeting 10:00 AM State Quilters | 12 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry 10:00 AM Wyo. Assoc Church meeting 10:00 AM State Quilters |
| 13 Veteran's Day Sunday 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship | 14 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Spiritual Growth 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Commissions 8:00 PM Board Meeting | 15 7:00 PM AA | 16 6:30 AM T.O.P.S. #35 9:00 AM Quilters 6:00 PM youth group 7:00 PM choir | 17 6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg | 18 11:00 AM Preschool program & feast | 19 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry |
| 20 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 12:00 PM THANKSGIVING DINNER | 21 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 22 Rev. McBride Vacation 7:00 PM AA | 23 6:30 AM T.O.P.S. #35 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM choir | 24 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving | 25 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry | 26 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry |
| 27 Rev. McBride Vacation 1ST SUNDAY ADVENT 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship | 28 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 29 7:00 PM AA | 30 6:30 AM T.O.P.S. #35 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM choir | 1 10:00 AM CWF Board Mtg 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Potluck | 2 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry | 3 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry |

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The **Thanksgiving Offering** benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve. Let's give generously.



Trunk or Treat & Pie Contest



On Saturday, October 29th, FCC will host a "Trunk or Treat" event in the West parking lot (behind Bustards) from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Members of the congregation are invited to participate by bringing mini wrapped candy to distribute to the kids. This is a great evangelism opportunity to visit with families from our neighborhood, Cub Pack and preschool. Decorating the cars and wearing costumes are appropriate.

Prior to the trunk or treat, starting at 9:30 a.m., there will be a Pumpkin Patch Pie Contest. The entry fee is \$3.00 per pie and fees will be used for prizes. There will be a cash prize for 1st & 2nd place. Judging will begin promptly at noon and judges' decisions are final. Categories are fruit, creme and pumpkin pies. Pies must be a minimum of 9" in diameter and a maximum of 12". No identifying marks/names allowed on baking dishes. Winners will be announced at the 10:10 Sunday Service on October 30th. Pies will be sold by the slice on Sunday after worship. Entry forms are on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Ward.