



THE CALL

September
2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. **Aug. 20** - **Eagle Court of Honor** for Dylan Stupak 2:00 p.m. in FCC Sanctuary - Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Sun. **Aug. 21** - 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School gathering will discuss "family trees" - bring a story to share from YOUR Family's history

11:35 a.m. - A "dessert buffet" hosted by worship commission during fellowship time to honor Cyndi Trimmer, our retiring nursery attendant.

Aug. 28 - Baby Shower for Maggie Grooms and Baby Girl Grooms after worship - all FCC women invited.

Aug. 31 - School starts for Natrona County district

Aug. 31 - Choir rehearsal resumes @ 7:00 p.m.

THURS. SEPT. 1 - Elders will meet @ 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 2-9th - Rev. McBride on vacation

Sept. 4 - Pulpit Guest *"The Fruit of our Labors"*

Sept. 5 - Labor Day - Church office closed

Tues. Sept. 6 - Preschool Open house

Wed. Sept. 7 - First Day of Preschool

Fri. Sept. 9 - Fall office hours begin with Church Office open on Fridays from 8:30 - noon

Sept. 11 - BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY!!!

Shepherding Group #9 Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. (RSVP to Lani McBee)

Week of Compassion Fundraiser Dinner

at 5:30 p.m. - Catered by Silver Fox -
BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY! \$25 each

Sept. 16-18 - Women's Retreat in Colorado Springs.

Sun. Sept. 18 - Youth will share their NYE & summer camp experiences during worship.

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!

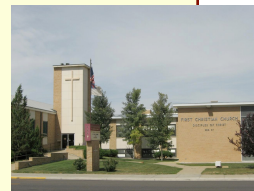
Office hours:

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 ELDERS!!!!!!

Due to Labor Day being on Monday, Sept. 5th the Elders will meet on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor's Post

"My Best Friend is a Tree"

While I was at Ring Lake, I met a woman who told me, "My best friend is a tree." We happened to be walking together up a steep rocky trail past an old, bare tree that forms a striking silhouette against the blue Wyoming sky. That tree has, no doubt, stood in that spot longer than Ring Lake Ranch has been around. Its life has ended, its leaves and smaller branches are long gone, yet still it stands. This tree's roots reach straight down into layers of split sandstone. Through the years, tree and stone became so intertwined that it's hard to tell where roots end and rock begins. My new friend paused as I commented on the beauty of this old, dead tree. She went on to tell me about a Benedictine retreat center in Washington State where she found deep spiritual healing during the darkest time in her life. On the green, grassy grounds of that retreat, there stands a large willow. She says that, to get to it, you walk down a long path and cross a small bridge, then you can lay on your back on soft cool grass and look up into its branches - and the tree is filled with birds. An entire flock of singing swallows nests in the tree each summer. "The tree sang to me," she said. "It healed my soul."

During August, I'm preaching a sermon series exploring how the metaphor of trees expresses faith. Our capital campaign, **"Building on Our Past - Reaching for God's Future"** also uses the logo of a tree. We could think of the tree as representing the physical work we're doing at FCC. The roots are like the foundation repairs that will be addressed when we resurface the parking lot and add concrete walkways next to the building. The trunk is like the wall at the front entry of the church that will be lifted and stabilized. The branches could represent the roof arching overhead, needing to be repaired to keep out snow and wind and rain as it has for over 60 years. When you look up through the leaves of a tree, you see the beauty of the sun or sparkling stars at night. When you look through the windows at church, you also see sunlight warming our world - but some of those windows now leak or are beginning to show damage because of age. Four key areas of our church building are in need of repair, and the capital campaign is raising \$180,000 for this significant and much needed work. We are blessed to have \$90,000 available from long-term gifts to use for matching funds.

I am excited about the progress being made on this campaign! Several members and friends of the church have already made gifts. Many others are thinking and praying about what they'll be able to contribute. THANK YOU! Bids are in from contractors and some of our starting contracts are already signed. Work on the parking lot will begin in early September. Work on the roof will follow, with the goal of having these two phases completed before winter weather. The schedule for the wall and window work is being finalized.

Our spiritual roots go down deep into the past - through the apostles and early teachers of the faith, we learn of Jesus - through the lives of individuals and families who've been members at FCC Casper in previous generations, this precious gift of faith has been handed on to us. Now it's our time to support the branches of faith, to reach out to the next generation sharing God's Love, to invest ourselves in maintaining this structure that we are blessed to call our church home. The bricks & mortar, the parking lot & roof, the building we use every day and every week makes ministry possible - to teach children, feed the hungry and gather God's people in worship and witness.

We are part of a *living* tree - a church with a strong future of ministry in Casper, Wyoming and the world. THANK YOU for your part in sharing in ministry in this place. *Blessings, Pastor Cynthia*



Dear Friends--My recent surgery was more comfortable by the visits from Cynthia, Charles and Paul. It was always a pleasant time when they stopped. The carnation was a bright spot, also. After I went home I received the prayer cards from so many of you, and what a joy it was to read and reread each of them. Bless you all for your caring, prayers and love.

In friendship, *Anne Klocksien*



The parents of Dylan Thomas Stupak and Boy Scout Troop 13 cordially invite you to attend his **Eagle Scout Court of Honor** on Saturday, August 20th @ 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Christian Church. Reception to follow the ceremony in the fellowship hall.

HELP WANTED!! NURSERY ATTENDANT

Due to Cyndi Trimmer's retirement, we are in need of a nursery attendant. Attendant must agree to a background check and be willing to become certified in infant CPR. Please contact the church office if you are interested or know of someone who might be interested. Hours are 10:00 a.m. - noon on Sunday mornings.

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out!!

A "DESSERT BUFFET"

The Spiritual Growth Commission will host a "tasting dessert buffet" after 2nd service on August 21st. You are welcome to bring your favorite dessert to share. This will be a special recognition and card shower celebration for Cyndi Trimmer, our nursery attendant. She will be moving to Arizona to be with family. We wish her well in her move.

HOMEBUILDERS' CLASS WILL START MEETING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

The Homebuilders Class is a faith based discussion class at 9:00 A.M. Sundays. Ted Grooms facilitates this class with assistance of class members. Adults of all ages are welcome.

Please let Jennifer Grooms or Pastor Cynthia know if you are interested in leading an adult class. Topics can be varied. You can choose a time other than Sunday morning and the class length can be variable. We do have access to some engaging videos for discussion and study purposes.



Youth who attended youth events sponsored by our church during the summer will be sharing their experience with the congregation on Sunday September 18th. Carmen Goodman and Laura Chipperfield will continue to facilitate youth activities.



SAVE THE DATE!!

All church ladies are invited to Maggie Grooms' Baby shower on Sunday, August 28th following worship. The shower will take place in the Fellowship Hall and will include lunch and laughter. Please RSVP to Trisha Woods @ 797-3047. Baby girl Grooms is registered at Target.



SEPTEMBER DIACONATE

Tammy Heck, Trisha Woods, Josh Woods,
Jeremy Allen, Wanda Gochenour

COMMUNION PREP

10:10 Service: Larry Winders

Chapel Service: Sharon & John Lansing

GREETER

Debbie Mestas

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

Offertory Steward: Ted Grooms

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

LIBRARY NEWS!

We have some great devotional sources in our library and thanks to CWF, we have some new additions to that collection in memory of Twila Herrick. We also have some great sources on the history of Christianity, Protestantism, and the Disciples of Christ Church.

Another new addition to the library is the book "Accidental Saint: Finding God in All the Wrong People." It is written by Nadia Bolz Weber, an ELCA Pastor from Denver who spoke at this year's Spring Feast. It includes humorous & moving stories of holy encounters she's had with interesting people from all walks of life.

Interested in joining a book club or a movie group that would meet at the church? Contact Jennifer Grooms @ 234-1138 or sign up to indicate interest in the church library.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Stewart	Sept. 1	John Lansing	Sept. 17
Michael Braley	Sept. 2	Jack Walts	Sept. 17
Rachel Cazier	Sept. 4	Tina Beall	Sept. 18
Phil Ostrander	Sept. 4	Jereca Lutz	Sept. 19
Laurie Anderson	Sept. 6	Josh Black	Sept. 20
Laura Glasspoole	Sept. 7	Jacquie Cook	Sept. 22
Debbie Mestas	Sept. 8	Jackie Greenlee	Sept. 23
Roger Miller	Sept. 10	Jennifer Hawley	Sept. 25
Bill Rissler	Sept. 10	Lois Scott	Sept. 25
Tom Dowler	Sept. 13	Katy Hallock	Sept. 27
Jacque Meeks	Sept. 14	Bernice Riley	Sept. 28
Virginia Yohn	Sept. 15	Gloria Monroe	Sept. 29
		Tina Raines	Sept. 29

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

John & Sharon Lansing
Sept. 3, 1961

Abel & Kylie Stewart
Sept. 5, 2009

Tom & Melanie Dowler
Sept. 6, 1969

John & Amanda Kirlin
Sept. 12, 2015

Mark & Lynda Williams
Sept. 14, 1996

Dwayne & Betty Axworthy
Sept. 25, 1954



ADDRESS CHANGES

John & Amanda Kirlin
30 Davis Tee
Sheridan, WY 82801



Gaylene Barnes
1725 W. Odell Ave
Casper, WY 82604
801-891-2683



ATTENTION SHEPHERDING GROUP 9

A question for you..."Which came first..the chicken or the egg?" The answer: The EGG! or should I say EGGS.... Because you are invited to BREAKFAST on Sunday, September 11th @ FCC @ 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the beginning of the Fall Season together. It's also the first Sunday for the choir to sing in worship again!. Please join us. It will be an "eggcciting" time!. Please RSVP to Lani McBee so she will know how much food to prepare.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nathan Hawley, Matthew Hills & Curtis Reimann for completing the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) held August 1-6th @ Edness Kimball Park. Dylan Stupak was a staff member at the camp.



WAY TO GO MARTHA WALLACE!! Martha earned multiple blue ribbons on handwork and quilts at the Central Wyoming Fair.

Mission Commission Updates

Keith Rouse is now a co-chair for the Mission Commission and we are glad to have him! We are still making fleece blankets for the homeless and those in need of comfort and warmth. To date, 193 blankets have been made and distributed. We will be making blankets on Saturday, August 20th in the Board room and September 18th in Fellowship Hall. This is a fun way to meet new people and help others at the same time!

Keep an eye out in Fellowship Hall for collection boxes for used eyeglasses, hearing aids and used postage stamps as well as for aluminum tabs. These are "no cost to you projects" that will help others in our community and beyond. We appreciate your "no cost" donations to help with these projects. If you have any questions or want to help, contact Debbie Mestas or Keith Rouse.

Fair Trade Coffee - Coming soon - The Disciples of Christ coffee project partners with Equal Exchange to support small farmers around the world who grow coffee using environmentally sustainable practices and paying a fair wage to harvesters. Soon, FCC will be serving Fair Trade coffee during Sunday morning fellowship times!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We still have a few openings left in Pre-K and the 3/4 class. Please contact the preschool or church office if you have a child, grandchild, or friend that would love to attend a "SUPER" Preschool. Preschool open house will be on Tuesday, September 6th from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. School will start at

9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7th. Due to the downturn in the economy affecting enrollment in the preschool, we made some changes in the teaching staff over the summer. Teacher Stacy will be with the Intro to Preschool and Playgroup; Teacher Chanel will be teaching the 3/4 year old classes and Teacher Annette will teach the Pre-K class. Teacher Annette will continue as the Preschool Director in the afternoons. We are looking forward to an exciting year exploring "under the sea" and thank all of the FCC Congregation for the support given to the preschool.

--Teacher Annette, Preschool Director



NEW CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING FOR FALL 2016 BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

Children and youth, age 3 - Grade 8, are invited to participate in special worship and Christian Education experiences during the regular 10:10 A.M. worship time this school year. Children and youth will attend a portion of the worship service with their parents and then be dismissed during worship to participate in age appropriate classes. If you are participating in leading worship, we also have volunteers who would be happy to have your young child sit with them until class time. Just let us know! Please see below for descriptions.

Infants - Age 2 - A **nursery** is provided for infants through age 2, from 10 a.m. to noon every Sunday. Infants and young children are also welcome in the sanctuary during worship service. Children's activity bags are available at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Preschool (Age 3) - Kindergarten - Worship & Wonder, a simple worship service where Bible stories are shared with lovely figures and sets constructed for us by Gene and Pat Buck. Children share a simple snack and enjoy monitored playtime with each other. Children attend worship with their parents in the sanctuary and are then excused to leave for Worship and Wonder with the leader following the Hymn of Praise. Worship and Wonder meets in the "tent room" downstairs. Parents can pick their children up following worship. Worship and Wonder is facilitated by volunteers.

Grade 1-4th Grade - Young Disciples will meet in the west corner classroom downstairs (across from the tent room). These students will attend worship service and leave with their leader following the Hymn of Praise, at the same time as Worship & Wonder. During the fall semester children will learn about cities in the Middle East that are featured in Bible stories such as Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Nazareth. They will read Bible stories related to these sites, learn about the lives of children who live in these cities today, investigate the geography of the area, and participate in crafts and games. A simple snack will be offered. Parents can pick their children up following worship. Jennifer Grooms will be the teacher.

Grades 5-8 - Our ***Chi Rho*** class will meet following special music in the worship service. This will allow them to participate in congregational prayer time, communion & offering, followed by interactive faith studies led by Michelle Elser. During the fall semester, Michelle will focus on how faith concepts can be illustrated with fun and exciting science activities. They will meet in the CYF (pool table) room. Students will be dismissed from class at the close of the worship service to meet their parents in Fellowship Hall. A simple snack will be provided.

WORSHIP & WONDER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

NEEDED - Volunteers to facilitate Worship & Wonder. If you would like to try it, but have never done it before, we will be happy to show you the ropes. Contact Erika Stupak (estupak@hotmail.com)

NEEDED - Volunteers to substitute for Jennifer and Michelle. Contact Jennifer Grooms @ 234-1138 or jgrooms11@bresnan.net

NEEDED one or two individuals representing our church congregation to greet preschool parents during preschool orientation on Tuesday, September 6th 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

NEEDED 2-3 individuals to help preschool staff redirect preschoolers and children through the front door and to their classrooms during parking lot construction. (8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - noon) Dates in early Sept. - TBD

September 2016

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11 ■ 8:15 AM Chapel ■ 8:30 AM GROUP 9 BREAK-FAST ■ 10:10 AM Worship ■ 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship ■ 5:30 PM Week of Compassion Dinner	12 ■ 2:00 PM Circle of Caring ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scouts ■ 6:30 PM Spiritual Growth ■ 7:00 PM Commissions ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts ■ 8:00 PM Board Meeting	13 ■ 7:00 PM AA	14 ■ 9:00 AM Quilters ■ 12:00 PM CWF Group #2 ■ 7:00 PM choir	15 ■ 6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg	16 CWF WOMEN'S RENEWAL	17 ■ 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study ■ 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry ■ 10:00 AM Blankets
18 CWF WOMEN'S RENEWAL YOUTH SERMON ■ 8:15 AM Chapel ■ 10:10 AM Worship ■ 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	19 ■ 12:00 PM CALL DEADLINE ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	20 ■ 7:00 PM AA	21 ■ 9:00 AM Quilters ■ 9:30 AM CALL FOLDERS ■ 7:00 PM choir	22 ■ 6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg	23 ■ 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study ■ 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry	24 ■ 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study ■ 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry
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BUY YOUR TICKET & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Week of Compassion dinner is scheduled for Sunday, September 11th @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The dinner will be catered by Silver Fox. Tickets are \$25 a piece. Tickets will be sold on Sundays between chapel and 10:10 service and after service through September 4th. There will only be 90 tickets sold. The dessert will be pie. (As in previous years, we would appreciate people signing up on the bulletin board to bring pies.) The menu will be set by Bernard - and we all know, with him cooking, it will be a TERRIFIC meal! Half the cost of the ticket goes directly to the Week of Compassion to put our "compassion into action" across the country and around the world. An additional portion this year will go to the current building projects, thanks to our wonderful caterer Bernard Ambrosino. Entertainment will be provided by Diane Lynn, Becky Foster, Amber French, friends & Charles McBride. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact Debbie Mestas.



ATTENTION CHOIR and HAND BELL CHOIR!!!

Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday August 31 at 7 p.m. We will rehearse every Wednesday evening unless otherwise decided. Our first Sunday to sing will be September 11. I would like to do an Easter Cantata, so singers please keep that in mind. Lani, the leader of our choir Shepherding Group, will provide breakfast for us at 8:30 a.m. on the 11th. Please let her know if you will be attending.

The Bells will be playing again this year. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday nights @ 6:30 p.m. October 4, 11 and 18. We will play on October 23rd. Christmas rehearsals will be on November 29, December 6, & December 13. We will play on Sunday, December 18th. I will need to know who can make the October dates by September 12th. As always, if you can come early to help set up, I would appreciate it. If anyone is interested in playing with the Handbell Choir or singing in the Choir for the first time, please contact me. We'd love to have you! - Amber French, Music Director