



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

AUGUST 2017

JULY/AUGUST HAPPENINGS

July 22 - VBS on mountain 10 AM - 2 PM

July 23 - Chapel at 8:15 AM

NO 10:10 Worship service in sanctuary

11:00 AM Worship on the Mountain
with potluck lunch afterwards

July 28 - Aug 6 - Wisconsin Scout Camp

July 31 - Aug. 4 - Men's Theology/Fly
Fishing Retreat in the Big Horn Mountains

Aug. 2 - Regional Assembly Planning
meeting

Thursday Aug. 3 - Lunch Bunch
Potluck at 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

Aug. 5 - Quilters sewing day in the
Fellowship Hall - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Contact Jane Wallace for further
details.

Aug. 6 - Sign Up Deadline to register to
attend Heart Mountain Trip on Aug. 26

Aug. 7 - Circle of Caring (Support group
for caregivers & those living through grief)
2:00 PM in the Inner Room

Church Staff:

Rev. Cynthia McBride, Lead Pastor

Leigh Earle, Bookkeeper

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Annette Crain, Preschool Director

Amber French, Music Director

Diane Lynn, Accompanist

Cheryl Dionne, Nursery Staff

Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

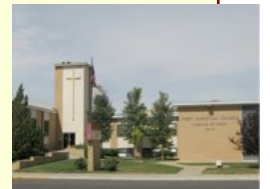
Mon.-Thurs.

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays

CLOSED

June 2 - Sept. 1



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Chapel Service

9:00 a.m. Conversation Time

10:10 Worship

& Children's Classes

11:30 Coffee Fellowship

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Preschool hours (Sept-May)

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon

SHEPHERDING GROUP # 1 will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 13th to travel to Jean Johnson's ranch. If you need further information contact Paul Hallock.

FAMILY REUNION REPORT



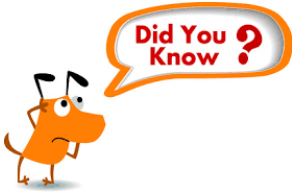
Every two years, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada gathers for a “family reunion” of sorts at our General Assembly. As Disciples, the life of our church is lived out in three ways - in the congregational, regional and general church. I am truly blessed to serve a congregation that has had a strong sense of Disciples identity for many years, aware of our ties with the broader church. I am fortunate to attend both Regional and General Assemblies often as your “representative” - but I want to invite you *right now* to participate in the next one with me! The next General Assembly will be held July 20-24, 2019 in Des Moines, IA. The next Regional Assembly (of the Central Rocky

Mountain Region) will be **right here** in Casper - September 21-22 of 2018. Our youth can see friends they’ve met at camp, our women can reunite with Disciples sisters we know from past Women’s Renewals - and fishermen like Tom Dowler can reconnect with men from the fly-fishing/theology retreat held in the Big Horns. “Fall Feast” as the Regional Assembly will be called is a great chance to meet other Disciples from across Wyoming and across our region - and you don’t even have to leave home to do it!

The 2017 General Assembly was held in Indianapolis, with 3,789 Disciples attending. I greeted friends from our region (including folks from Cheyenne) along with people I know from Arizona, Illinois, Kentucky and across our denomination. I reconnected with seminary classmates and gave greetings to Rick Spleth from Paul Hallock. (Rick was in Paul’s youth group years ago in Tulsa; he’s now the Regional Minister in Indiana.)

During worship each night, we heard excellent preaching and praised God with a variety of music - praise songs, a performance by the all-assembly choir, contemporary music led by a praise band, traditional Tongan drumming calling us to reflection, great hymns of the church, a cello - harp combo, and the joy of thousands of voices raised together in song. Children, youth and adults of many walks of life shared worship leadership; multiple languages were spoken, and dancers lifted our hearts to God.

I attended workshops in the “Justice Learning Track” hearing from speakers like Michael Kinnamon (who issued a call to reflect on the role of religion in “an age of fear”) and three representatives from Global Ministries - who told stories of African immigrants in Italy, citizens of Tuvalu dealing with drastic sea level rise, and the church of North India offering aid to victims of human trafficking. The stories of our church’s work around the world are inspiring. The true work of the church - living out the Gospel of God’s Love revealed in Jesus Christ, taking the risk to grow spiritually in shared communities of faith, putting hands and feet to the task of practicing justice alongside the marginalized - the true work of church is only something we can do together. On my way home from Indianapolis, I had a text from Melissa St. Clair, the pastor at Heart of the Rockies Christian Church in Fort Collins. She was looking for help for a woman she knew who’s currently in Casper, homeless and struggling. Even though I was at the Denver Airport and couldn’t offer to help myself, I was able to give Melissa Debbie Mestas’ phone number. Debbie is such a great resource for connecting people in need in our community with the wide variety of food banks and social service agencies in town. Debbie met this woman, gave her food from our sandwich ministry and offered information on other ways she could find help. Whether we experience thousands of Disciples singing together during worship in a convention center, or one Disciple helping another to feed one hungry person, that’s church! I praise God for the JOY, challenge and HOPE of being a part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). - *Pastor Cynthia*



- *Dr. Badger is singing bass with the “Mountain Men Chorus” in Estes Park.
- *Cindy Huckfeldt retired in June after a successful teaching career, most recently at Casper Classical Academy.
- *Linda Mosteller retired from the State of Wyoming Department of Work Force Services in July.
- *Jerry Meeks also retired this summer.

*Don Davis retired from MLS Services after 43 years of service and in the position of President the last eight years.

To our wonderful church family -

My family and I would like to thank you so much for all the prayers and support these last three long years. Your prayers and support have gotten us through a lot of hurdles and roadblocks. We could not imagine going through something like this without a wonderful and caring church family. Yes, we still have battles and obstacles to overcome, but because of your prayers and support we will see this through to the end. Thank you again so much!!! With much love, *Keith and The Rouse Family.*



MISSION COMMISSION NEWS

We are currently making 100 lunches each Saturday and thanks to everyone that helps. We are sponsoring snack bags for 100 children on the reservation who are involved with the horse culture program during the week of Aug 6th. This program provides equine therapy to help prevent suicide. We are glad to be a part of this program. 22 blankets were made on July 15th which brings us to a total of 426. We will be taking blankets to the Youth Crisis Center on August 30th from 4-5:30 p.m. so the youth can tie blankets and give back to the community. If you're interested in helping, contact Debbie Mestas. Thank you to FCC for all the support the Mission Commission receives. Some upcoming events with details later: Week of Compassion Dinner; and raffling a throw during the Eclipse Festival. Proceeds from raffle to be used for our outreach projects. Any questions contact Debbie Mestas.

CONGRATULATIONS On National Title - Congrats to brothers Kellan and Carson Johnson. At the National High School Rodeo Association Finals, they were named Performance Champions in the team roping with an impressive time of 6.340! This was Kellan's last high school competition before he starts classes at Gillette College in the fall.



CONGRATULATIONS to Jacquie Cook and Jane Wallace. Jacquie won sweepstakes and a purple ribbon on her Barn Quilt at the Central Wyoming Fair. She also won a blue ribbon on her wool wall hanging and a red on her pet wall hanging. Jane Wallace won 2 reds, 2 white and a purple ribbon and took Judge's choice on her Sedona Stars Wall hanging. Jane was also a cake decorating judge for 4-H. Congratulations to these talented ladies.

Life is like ice cream -- enjoy it before it melts!

AUGUST DIACONATE

Martha Wallace, Debbie Mestas, Becky Ostrander

Communion Prep

Chapel - TBD

10:10 Service - Larry Winders

GREETER

Wanda Gochenour

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



Worship Leaders

Offertory Steward

Ted Grooms

Lawn Mower for August

Mark Williams

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Melissa Hayden	Aug. 2	Becky Ostrander	Aug. 17
Kathy Winders	Aug. 3	Dorothy Smith	Aug. 18
Sara Brown	Aug. 6	Erika Stupak	Aug. 19
Teri Black	Aug. 7	Courtney Kaplan	Aug. 20
Jan Coey	Aug. 9	Brent Forbis	Aug. 21
Logan Brown	Aug. 10	Shirley Wenn	Aug. 24
Betty Black	Aug. 12	Amber Rouse	Aug. 25
Cameron Budack	Aug. 12	Larry Winders	Aug. 25
Tammy Heck	Aug. 15	Brad Reece	Aug. 26
Bill Westman	Aug. 16	Val Williams	Aug. 27
Jim Doyle	Aug. 17	Gene Buck	Aug. 28
		Stan Mclrvin	Aug. 30

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- Mike & Kelli Slominski - Aug. 2, 1992
- Gene & Maria Weiss - Aug. 2, 2016
- Cal & Monica Decker - Aug. 6, 1966
- Randy & Becky Hodges - Aug. 7, 1976
- Bob & Daria Dundas - Aug. 8, 1998
- Bill & Mary Lou Westman - Aug. 15, 1964
- Dave & Terri Taylor - Aug. 16, 2003
- Mark & Pam Steine - Aug. 19, 1972
- Josh & Trisha Woods - Aug. 25 2001
- Al & Elaine Singleton, Aug. 29
- Jerry & Jacque Meeks - Aug. 30, 1968
- Leonard & Ruth Jones - Aug. 31, 1960

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MISSION NUMBERS

11 tons of potatoes sorted for local food bank
 A 3-bedroom house framed in under 5 hours for Habitat (inside the convention center!)

82 Disciples donated blood

120 backpacks assembled for the homeless at Wheeler Mission

200+ little red hats knitted for newborns

2 full breakfast meals served for all guests at 2 Ronald McDonald House locations in Indy

Created 90 hero capes for young patients at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital

Plus health kits & quilts for refugees

THANK YOU to the CWF Executive Board for paying registration fees for all FCC women to attend the Women's Retreat in Douglas. What a great way to encourage participation!

- Pastor Cynthia

FCC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for Fall 2017 Scholarship funds are due in the church office by Thursday, August 10th or to Judy Baker by Friday, August 11th. Scholarship applications are on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact Judy Baker, Chair WTM&S.





TROOP 1013 TRAILS

Troop 13 has another Eagle Scout!!! Caleb Stahl, a Junior at NCHS has completed all the requirements for Eagle Scout and was approved for this distinguished honor by BSA National. The Eagle Scout Badge is the top award in Scouts and requires an incredible amount of work. Caleb had a goal of completing his Eagle Scout award before the National Jamboree, July 19-29! He can now proudly wear his Eagle rank at the Jamboree. Caleb's Eagle Court of Honor will be later this fall to celebrate his achievement.

Congratulations to Caleb and his parents, Chris & Eve Stahl.

Nathan Hawley's Eagle Scout Project is scheduled for August 12th from 8:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m. on Casper Mountain. Nathan will be resetting all the signs on the Casper Mt. Forest Ecology Interpretive Trail. The trail follows the cross-country ski loop around the lodge. The Eagle Project is one of the most difficult parts of a Scout's journey to the highest rank in Scouting. Completing this project requires that the Scout identify the project, plan the project, source the funding, run the work and document everything about the project. The Eagle Rank also requires a large documentation package that the Scout needs to complete. The Troop is looking forward to Nathan achieving his Eagle Award.

Our Troop has been busy this summer with camping and activities. In June, 15 boys and 4 adults camped out on Muddy Mountain and the boys worked on rank advancement items. The Scoutmaster Challenge for this campout was Mystery Meals. The Scoutmaster purchased the food and the boys did not know what food they were receiving until they were given the food at the campsite. They had to create their own weekend menu from the given supplies--this activity included the adult leaders as well--except the Scoutmaster, of course! One of the dishes had to be cooked in a Dutch Oven. The boys' cakes turned out much better than the leaders' cake (because we tried an experiment!) Fun was had by all who participated!!

The troop tries to go on an ambitious summer camp about every four years and this summer is the year for the adventure. July 28-August 6th 18 boys and 7 adults will travel for summer camp at Camp Tesomas in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. This is one of the top camps in the US and has been featured in Boys' Life several times. The boys will load up on Thursday, July 27th and leave at 7:00 a.m. on the 28th. They will return the evening of August 6th. We want to thank members of First Christian Church in Sioux Falls, SD for offering to accommodate the Troop on July 30th and Aug. 5th on our way to and from camp. We want to thank the members of FCC Casper who have generously supported us. The fundraisers we had--the bake sale following church services on Scout Sunday, a Schwan's fundraiser, Pizza Ranch, yard sale and the ice cream fundraiser at Serendipity raised \$1,579.69 for the trip. Walmart has donated an additional \$445 as part of their community outreach and we continue to receive many blessings that have made this trip possible. After Scout camp and the Eagle Project, we are going to work on recovering and planning for another exciting year of Scouting!

Two Eagle Scouts from our troop, Caleb Stahl and Dylan Stupak, are attending the National Jamboree, at the Bechtel Reserve in Virginia, July 19-29th. The Jamboree is a once-in-a-lifetime Scout event for a Boy Scout. Congratulations boys and savor this experience! (Also attending Jamboree is Sebastian Koehmstedt, who's a member of another Troop in town but who's part of the FCC congregation.)

We ask that the congregation continue to pray for Troop 1013 as we travel the next few weeks and as we work to provide the members training and life experience that shape these young men to be our future leaders. We appreciate the support from First Christian Church.

- Larry Reimann, Scoutmaster Troop 1013

HEART MOUNTAIN TRIP - AUGUST 26

On Saturday, August 26, Christian Education Commission has planned a day trip to visit the Heart Mountain Relocation Center that is located between Powell and Cody. The center features interactive exhibits, as well as a meditation area. This trip is open to anyone in the church. Following our visit to Heart Mountain, we will have a picnic in a park and then spend approximately 2 hours at the Buffalo Bill Museum. At that museum we will divide into small groups by interest --- the museum is too big to see it all in 2 hours.

Itinerary - All times approximate

Leave church parking lot at 7:00 A.M.
 Arrive Heart Mountain between 10:30 and 11:00
 Leave Heart Mountain between 12:30 and 1:00
 Lunch in city park in Cody between 1:00 and 1:30
 Buffalo Bill Museum 2:00 p.m.
 Leave Museum at 4:00 p.m.
 Fast food supper in Thermopolis on way home
 Home approximately 8:30 p.m.

Museum Admission

Adults -- \$19
 Seniors (65+) -- \$18
 Students (18+ with valid ID) -- \$16
 Youth (6-17_ -- \$12
 Children (5 and under) free

How much does the trip cost? You'll need to pay your admission to the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody (see above) and buy your fast food supper. The cost of fuel and Heart Mountain admission will be covered. Christian Education will provide a picnic lunch. We need to know who is going and whether you can drive, take passengers, or would like a ride by Sunday, August 6 by the end of worship. A sign-up list is posted outside the church office or call Jennifer Grooms @ 234-1138.

75 YEARS AGO - President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 designating "military zones" which evolved into a plan to incarcerate "All Persons of Japanese Ancestry" beginning in March 1942. Unprepared for the mass removal of 120,000 men, women, and children, the U.S. Government looked for large sites that could be quickly secured. Seventeen makeshift detention facilities, known as "assembly centers," were converted from racetracks and fairgrounds. These sites were rarely fit for human use, with people living in former horse stalls and hastily constructed shacks.

Most of the incarcerated who lived at Heart Mountain were originally sent to facilities at the Santa Anita Racetrack, the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, or the Livestock Exposition Pavilion in Portland, Oregon. They faced a cadre of soldiers as they arrived. Those forced into "assembly centers" were there for three to four months until more permanent facilities were established by the War Relocation Authority.

A Relevant Reminder Today -

"Racism, under whatever justification its supporters can find, is still racism. It goes against what makes us all Americans. There is no racial or religious test for being an American. We should not start one now."

- HMWF Chair Shirley Ann Higuchi

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

During August, between worship services, Pastor Cynthia will share "travelogue" slides in Fellowship Hall, talking about Renaissance Art & Architecture and showing photos of some of the churches she and Charles visited in Italy this summer.

Sunday School (including Homebuilders Adult Class) will begin meeting Sunday, September 17th. Children's classes as well as Worship and Wonder for preschoolers will meet during the 10:10 worship service. Homebuilders will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Inner Room.

August 2017

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WORSHIP ON THE MOUNTAIN

Worship on the Mountain will be **Sunday, July 23rd @ 11:00 a.m.** There will be no 10:10 service that morning BUT there will be chapel at 8:15 a.m. There will be a potluck lunch after the mountain service with fried chicken, drinks and table service being provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share and a lawn chair. Worship & Lunch will be at the NORTH Shelter at Bear Trap Meadow - The very first shelter as you approach Bear Trap from Casper. We'll set up our chairs in a circle among the trees. (You can take the first dirt road towards the meadow if you need to park near the shelter, or walk from the main parking lot.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ON THE MOUNTAIN

On **Saturday, July 22**, all children in grades K-5 (or preschool with a parent and any older youth who wish to participate) are invited to VBS on the mountain. Our theme this year is "Moving Mountains" and is based on Jesus' parable of the mustard seed. VBS will be held at the SOUTH Shelter at Bear Trap Meadow, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 P.M. Contact Jennifer Grooms for further information. Lunch will be provided. If transportation is needed, call Jennifer @ 234-1138. (This shelter is across the meadow from where worship will be held. You can park at the far end of the main parking lot or take the second dirt road to get to the shelter.)