



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL

## JAN/FEB 2017

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sun. Jan 22 - Deacon Training**

**Sat. Jan. 28** - God & Life Class led by Mike Ward @ 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 1** - God & Life Class @ 6:00 p.m. - Dinner served.

**Thurs. Feb. 2** - CWF Board meeting @ 10:00 a.m. - Lunch Bunch Potluck @ 11:30

**Sun. Feb. 5** - Souper Bowl Sunday - *bring a can of soup to donate!*

**Mon. Feb. 6** - Circle of Caring @ 2:00 p.m. - Elders @ 6:30 p.m.

**Thurs. Feb. 9** - Property Commission Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

**Sun. Feb. 12** - Scout Sunday

**Mon. Feb. 13** - Commissions & Board

**Feb. 17-20** - Youth Midwinter Retreat in CO for Chi Rho & CYF (grades 6-12)

**Mon. Feb. 20** - President's Day - **Office closed.** Deadline for articles for the CALL will be noon. Tues. Feb. 21

### 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**

**(307) 234-8964**

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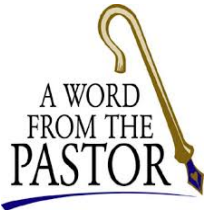
**Preschool hours (Sept-May)**

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon

### DIACONATE MEETING

**January 22, 2017 after 10:10 worship service.**

**All current and newly elected deacons should attend. A brief training will be held and sign up sheets will be available. If you cannot attend, contact Wanda Gochenour or Tammy Heck so you can be scheduled to serve this year.**



## A Light for the Nations

We are in the season of Epiphany - those days following January 6th when we remember the visit of the magi to the Christ child, when the church traditionally hears texts from the prophets and recalls the story of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus. This time at the beginning of each calendar year marks the *journey* from Christmas to Lent.

This year, Ash Wednesday will fall on March 1st. We will again have special worship services (& a soup supper) hosted by our elders weekly on Wednesday evenings through Lent.

For me, personally, a key part of the Christmas/Epiphany story is its amazing inclusiveness. Jesus was visited by shepherds - no doubt a rag-tag, scraggly bunch who'd been sleeping in the fields - AND the magi - though not necessarily *three kings* according to scripture, they no doubt were well studied foreigners with enough resources to travel far and bring costly gifts. God's Son Jesus came as a living gift to those "with means" and those with nothing, to the locals and people from far away. Last Sunday, we heard from Isaiah 49, when God spoke to the Servant Messiah saying, "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

For many people in the world, there has been a definite view of America as a "Christian" nation. Our founding fathers incorporated many ideals of faith into the founding documents of this country. Though as citizens we might squabble about it every few decades, our currency says "in God we trust" and the pledge of allegiance speaks of "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." The very nature of inclusivity is often hailed as both a Christian and an American ideal - but it is not always easy.

As a nation of immigrants, we struggle to treat with respect those whose language, food, culture and customs are different from our own - even when it makes us stronger as a people and enriches our lives. In his speech at the Martin Luther King/Equality Day celebration, former Casper mayor Daniel Sandoval lifted up an anecdote of a typical encounter in an American city - when an Arabic taxi driver drops off his Italian passenger on a corner in Chinatown where she can buy a sushi taco from a French girl at a food truck. He celebrated the richness of food and music enhanced by having multiple influences - perhaps that's part of the unique delight we enjoy as Americans. I am distressed that there seems to be a growing divide in our nation, an undercurrent of mistrust and mistruths, a rhetoric of hating foreigners or even a new social norm emerging that it's okay to be mean to our neighbors next door just because they're different from us. This is surely a time when the church needs to again answer God's call to be a "Light" and an embodiment of holy love - for all the nations AND for our own nation.

Sometime this Spring, our Christian Ed team is planning a field trip for our children & youth to visit Heart Mountain, the site of a Japanese internment camp in Wyoming during WWII. It will be a powerful experience to face a time in our history when fear and mistrust got the upper hand. In the late 1950's and early '60's my mother was an advocate in the Civil Rights movement. In her own brave, quiet way, she did what she understood to be God's work - by registering African American citizens to vote in Peoria, IL and then teaching English to Chinese American immigrants in California. When I see the evil face of racism and injustice begin to rear its head again in my own lifetime, I find myself asking: what would my mother do? What would Jesus do? Who would God love? ALL OF US - so, I must do the same. May your life this year be graced by love and light - and may you add to what IS good in the world around us. - *Pastor Cynthia McBride*



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our bookkeeper reports that as of January 16, 2017 the Christmas Offering for 2016 was \$1,093.95. This offering supports regional ministry in the Central Rocky Mountain Region. To date, the 2016 Building Capital Campaign expenditures totaled \$102,290.24 - windows, pitched roof, wall repair and parking lot are all complete! The flat roof over the Christian Ed wing will be done in May/June.



## PLEASE NOTE!!!!

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 20th for President's Day, so the deadline for articles for the CALL will be noon on Tuesday, February 21st. The CALL will be mailed on Thursday, February 23.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HELP WANTED!

Adult leaders are needed to help with Worship & Wonder on Sunday mornings. Children's church is for ages 3-5 during regular worship service, curriculum and structure is set up for you. You would only volunteer for individual Sundays. Contact Erika Stupak if you can help and would like to receive training.



## SUBSTITUTE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

for grades K-4. The lesson plan is provided. Contact Jennifer Grooms for further information and to volunteer.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Coordinator is needed for Vacation Bible School on the Mountain to be held Saturday July 22nd. If anyone is interested or has questions, please contact Jennifer Grooms.



Dear Members of First Christian Church-- I am enjoying the lovely bouquet of mums Melanie Dowler delivered to me here at home. They are being admired by all! It was nice of Paul Hallock to stop for a visit and I'm looking forward to Cynthia's visiting. I am so grateful that the Good Lord allowed me to come home and I send all my thanks for the many thoughts expressed by the members of the church in the prayers and well wishes.  
*Sincerely, Marie Robertson*

Dear Friends--Thank you for your loving support during Warren's long battle with dementia and death. We very much appreciated your calls, lovely cards, memorial donations, delicious meals and visits. We are so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family. We appreciated Paul Hallock for taking part in Warren's memorial service and Rev. Cynthia for always being there for us. Many thanks. *In Christian Love, Martha, Mark and David Wallace, Sarah and Sabrina Schroefel*

Dear Friends at FCC, Thank you so much for my Fall scholarship. I really appreciate the help you have given me for my college education. Sorry this message is so late. *Ashley Budack*

**DIACONATE**

Servers for February will be determined at the January 22nd meeting. Be sure to come for training AND scheduling!

**Feb. Communion Prep****Chapel - Singletons****10:10 - TBD****GREETER****Peg Jackson**

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

**Offertory Steward**

Anne Klocksien

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

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Judy Potter	Feb 5	Michelle Elser	Feb 16
Connor Goodman	Feb 6	Melanie Dowler	Feb 17
Jo Cox	Feb 7	Dona Ryan	Feb 19
Carson Johnson	Feb 7	Payton Brown	Feb 20
Marie Robertson	Feb 7	Ben Ambrosino	Feb 21
Jared Baker	Feb 9	Mark Foster	Feb 22
Betty Blain	Feb 12	Stevey Kingsolver	Feb 24
Pat Buck	Feb 12	Del Lloyd	Feb 27

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Larry &amp; Kathy Winders - February 22, 1969



Thank you for all the goodies Larry & I received over the Christmas Holiday. The chocolate, peanut brittle, and cookies were delicious. The dogs enjoyed the homemade dog biscuits from Peg Jackson. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated and hope everyone has a very Happy New Year! ---Kathy Winders

**Dear Church Family - THANK YOU** for the many Christmas blessings you showered upon us! - *Pastor Cynthia & Charles McBride*

**PROPERTY COMMISSION**

Property Committee



The Property Commission is still in need of commission members and helpers. There is a lot to do around the church and one or two persons can't do everything, so if anyone has some free time and would like to help keep the church in good shape, please come to the next commission meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping but can't make the meeting, please contact Cal Decker or Dewey Smith. There are several ongoing maintenance projects around FCC and we welcome your support!

**HOMEBUILDERS** Sunday School Class will have a **breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall during class time on January 29th. All FCC members are invited to stay after Chapel or come early prior to the 10:10 service for the breakfast. We normally meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Inner Room and all adults in the congregation are welcome.



Peg Jackson

[pegj10@charter.net](mailto:pegj10@charter.net)

*"A party without cake is just a meeting!" Julia Child*



## PRESCHOOL NEWS - from Teacher Annette Crain



HAPPY NEW YEAR!! What a GREAT start to a wonderful year. Can you believe it? It is already time to enroll for the fall 2017 preschool year. Enrollment has opened to our current families and will open to the public on February 15th. We have already had many people calling and making appointments for tours and information. Looks like we will be full next year! Our new website and Facebook page have really helped us get the word out. The teachers will be attending the Preschool Fair at the Library on January 28th. Our spring program and silent auction will be on March 2nd. We are looking for donations for the auction. If you or someone you know would like to donate items for the auction, please let me know or drop your donation off in the preschool or church office. We love our jobs at the preschool and all the little children in it! Thank you for your support and faith in our preschool program. If you ever have any questions about the preschool or our activities, please feel free to contact me.



## UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Save the dates below for the 2017 Youth camps for all FCC youth:

- Feb. 17-20 - Midwinter Retreat - 6th-12th grade at La Foret
- March 26-April 1 - International Affairs Seminar (in NYC & DC)
- June 11-17 - Jr. Camp & CYF Camp at La Foret
- June 18-24 - Chi Rho Camp at La Foret
- June 22-24 - Discovery Camp

Be sure to check the youth bulletin board for updated information & registration forms. **Souper Bowl of Caring** will be February 5th. Donations of canned soup are being accepted this year for The Link and Restoration Church who provide lunches to High School Students. The Youth group will meet on January 25th to set up the Football Field. Dinner will be provided.



## UPDATES FROM CWF

The annual February "Love and Friendship" Brunch will be moved later in the Spring this year and will become the "Spring Fling Brunch 2017!" Look for further information to be forthcoming in the bulletin and The CALL. CWF groups are busy this month serving dinner at the Mission, making cookies and meeting. All ladies are welcome to join the CWF group of their choice:

Group I meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month @ 10:00 a.m. at FCC - Leaders are Carol Sage & Mary Burgess.

Group II meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month @ noon for a potluck salad lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Leaders are Harriet Ames, Anne Klockslem & Peg Jackson.

Group III meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at different restaurants @ 11:30 a.m. Leaders are Debbie Mapp and Rita Petersen.

Godly Girlfriends meet in the evenings, when needed, to make cookies, pies, or help serve the mission. The leader is Randisue Davis.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please feel free to come to one of the meetings or contact one of the leaders. If you are interested in Godly Girlfriends, contact Randisue so you can be added to the email contact list.

*"Cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education!" -Mark Twain*



## REGIONAL NEWS

The Region's search committee has finally narrowed the list of applications for the Executive Regional Minister to one candidate. The next step will be presenting this person to the Regional Board, led by moderator Reggie Chapman. Once the board meets, based on their approval, the final candidate will be announced to the region at large. We are excited to know that the extended search process brought forward several excellent applicants and we pray for God's blessing upon the Region as we move forward together. We are thankful for the leadership of Rev. Dean Phelps as our interim "ERM" including his multiple visits to Wyoming over the past two years.

On January 17, 2017 the CRMR office will officially move its location from Tennyson Center for Children to South Broadway Christian Church. The new office will be located on the second floor. The phone numbers and email addresses remain the same.

Our New Address:

23 Lincoln St.

Denver, CO 80203

Welcome to the Region! - Rev. Dora Devon was ordained at FCC Loveland on January 14. Rev. Bob Brite began his service as interim minister at FCC Cheyenne in November.

***Remember - FCC Casper will host the CRMR "Spring Feast" in 2018!***



## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JULY 8-12TH - INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Registration is open online and by mail for the 2017 General Assembly in Indianapolis this summer. Early bird registration discount ends March 30th. Be a part of Disciples history - elect the next General Minister & President of the Christian Church (DoC), join in service projects, learning opportunities & powerful worship. Go to [disciples.org](http://disciples.org) for further information or speak to Rev. McBride. *John 17:20-21a*



## VISION BEYOND BORDERS

Vision Beyond Borders is a missions organization with an office here in Casper. Pat Klein started the ministry in 1994 with a burden to bring Bibles to persecuted countries. Their work also includes shipping humanitarian containers to refugees, rescuing women out of sex trafficking, pastor support and sponsoring orphanages. VBB currently seeks to hire a bookkeeper/office assistant for the Casper Office. **Call 333-6545 to apply.**

# February 2017

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## SCOUTING ADVENTURES



Our Webelos are getting ready to cross over to Boy Scouts at their annual Blue & Gold Banquet on February 27th @ 5:30 p.m. at the Shrine Club. Zach Hawley and Christopf Atkinson from FCC will be crossing over into Boy Scouts. For further information contact Scott Hawley @ 258-4572. The Boy Scouts will be preparing for Klondike Derby to be held at Edness Kimball Wilkins Park January 20-22nd, and for Scout Sunday which will be Sunday, February 12th.

## NEW CLASS FOR GRADES 8-12

Hey First Christian Youth in 8th - 12th grade! You are invited to join the "God and Life" program that is being held on **January 28 @ 9:00 a.m.** The classes will be held on Wednesday nights starting February 1st @ 6:00 p.m. with dinner provided and repeated on Saturday mornings for those that can't attend the Wednesday night class. 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. 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.

