



# THE CALL

**JULY  
2017**

## JULY HAPPENINGS

**JULY 3 - NO ELDERS MEETING THIS MONTH**

**JULY 4 - OFFICE CLOSED**

**JULY 7 - Rev. McBride out of office until July 14th attending General Assembly in Indianapolis.**

**JULY 9 - Farewell Brunch for John & Sharon Lansing between services. Bring your favorite breakfast bread, fruit or other brunch item to share.**

**July 10 - Commissions & Board meeting**

**July 11 - 21-Leigh Earle on vacation**

**July 22 - VBS on mountain 10:00 - 2:00 P.M.**

**July 23 - Chapel @ 8:15 - NO 10:10 Worship. 11:00 a.m. - Worship on the Mountain with potluck lunch after worship.**

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

### 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**

**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**

**Preschool Phone - 472-0649**

### NOTICE TO ALL ELDERS

**Because of the Independence Day holiday, there will be NO elders meeting in July.**



## The Journey isn't over till the "telling" is done...

A friend quoted Fred Craddock to me today. I know I don't have the words exactly right, but the gist of his insight was the importance of sharing the story of our travels through life. It's certainly true for faith - Living the Gospel isn't complete until we tell others about the love we have in Jesus!

Charles and I have returned from our month-long trek in Europe. One week ago, as I write this, we were completing an extended journey by train from Gothenburg Sweden to Rome. Over a stretch of 29 hours, we travelled by 5 trains (including missing one connection in Bologna and having to catch the next train an hour later). We took both high-speed express trains (traveling up to 198 km/hour) and regional trains that stopped frequently in small towns. We shared a 4-person berth on an overnight train with two German bicyclists who were headed to the Alps and toasting their journey with California Gallo wine. We were even on a train on a boat - crossing from Denmark to northern Germany on a "train ferry"... It was a long way home... We slept for about 5 hours in a hotel in Rome, then headed to the airport.

The "telling" of our travels will unfold in the weeks ahead, through stories shared in sermons and pictures offered for viewing for those who'd like to see. We were *so blessed* on this trip! I was inside 20 different churches, taking photos in most of them, sharing in worship in a few. We had quality time with four of "our boys" and so enjoyed visiting with two sets of parents of our exchange student sons. During the first week of our trip, Emmanuelle's folks, Tina and Alberto, took us out for a wonderful afternoon & evening drive in the country north of Rome, sharing traditional regional Italian cuisine at one of their favorite restaurants in the small town of Ariccia. In southern Sweden, during the last week of our trip, we stayed with William's parents, Tomas and Anneli in their beautiful, simple, peaceful home looking out at the Baltic Sea in the small town of Kalmar. We had breakfast on their garden patio and stayed up late talking about families and faith. (Tomas has just completed three years as chairman of the ecumenical church of Sweden.) I experienced incredible Christian hospitality at Peace United Methodist Church in Munich, Germany when I joined Pastor Christine and her international, English-speaking congregation for worship on the Sunday while Charles was unexpectedly hospitalized. I stood in wonder, neck-bent back, staring up at the incredibly detailed painting of Michelangelo on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. We rode "tourist" buses and boats to see the sites, enjoyed coffee & gelato and the flavors of four nations. We visited museums (in Stockholm we saw both a 1600's sailing vessel and memorabilia of the 1970's group ABBA). All along the way, I thought of you and gave thanks for your prayers.

Thank you to Dennis Baker, Paul Hallock, Amber French, all of the elders, Diane, Kathy, Leigh and every one here at FCC who continued on in ministry. When campers & counselors come back from camp, they are often filled with stories of the ways in which they saw God. I feel rather like that - home from camp / my summer adventure away - with faith lifted up, eager to tell of what I've seen, and in so doing to continue to journey...

Thank you for sharing the journey of faith here at FCC Casper. - *Pastor Cynthia*



As I walk about the building on Monday nights and see the smiling faces of these young boys, I also see flashes of the boys who came before them, and I cannot help but smile. I have often jokingly referred to Monday night meetings as an invasion of the church, and for anyone who has stopped by on a Monday night between 6 and 7 it is not too much of a stretch. I have heard many leaders refer to scouting as a trail, that leads up a mountain peak to where the Eagles soar. Cub Scouts walk on that trail too, but our portion is in the valley below the mountain. We travel on the plains, playing and learning as we go. The path for these young scouts is not difficult or steep, but we must continue to move forward none the less.

It has been my privilege over the last 10 years to meet and work with some of the most amazing adult leaders, in our pack at FCC as well as with the Riverbed District and Greater Wyoming Council. At its heart, a Cub Scout Pack is driven by those caring adult volunteers. They model the 12 words of the scout law for our kids and foster in them the importance of these character traits. We all hope, as we go along, that at least some of those lessons resonate for the boys. Through campouts, bike rodeos, day camps, den meetings, pumpkin trucks, and pinewood derbies, I have a million happy memories. Thank you to all my wonderful scouts, past and present, for the smiles and laughter, the fist bumps and pies in the face. I hope with all my heart you continue walking down the trail that leads to that mountain, and work to "Do Your Best." My parting advice to you is simple, no matter the challenge or task---Enjoy the Journey!!! **Scott Hawley, Cubmaster Pack 1013 - 2007-2017**

What a special surprise today to receive prayer cards from FCC concerning my recent back surgery. I THINK I am healing well and trying to take it easy for awhile, which is a little tough for those that know me! :) Special thanks to Cynthia and Paul for visits at the hospital and to the church for the pretty carnation to brighten the room! Thanks also to Paul for continued calls to check on me and to Anne Klocksiem for providing a meal and serving as my chauffeur a few times. Blessed by my church family. *-Jenny Black*

Our thanks to all who expressed sympathy in notes or spoken words when my sister Jane passed away in April. We love our church family! *- Suzy and Chuck Stewart*

Thank you everyone for all the telephone calls, cards, and prayers. They were a welcome light in my day. I am doing very well now. Thanks again, *Bob Glasspoole*

To friends and members of FCC. The staff and patients of Wyoming Kidney Center would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful ladies who provided the warm blankets. During dialysis it is very common for the patients to get cold and to have a snuggly blanket not only takes away the chill but also the knowledge of someone's thoughtfulness warms the heart. We thank you so much for your generous donation and keeping the patients in your prayers.

*Sincerely, Wyoming Kidney Center*



### **MEN'S THEOLOGY/FISHING RETREAT**

Any man interested in attending the Fishing Retreat should send name and contact information to Doug Goodwin @ [pastordoug@sheridandisciples.org](mailto:pastordoug@sheridandisciples.org) or Don Sarton @ [dsaton63@gmail.com](mailto:dsaton63@gmail.com). Dates are July 31-August 4th at Bear Lodge Resort at Burgess Junction, Wyoming. More information on the bulletin board.

**JULY DIACONATE**

Wanda Gochenour, Amber Rouse, Debbie Mestas, Trudy Woodard

**Communion Prep**

**Chapel** - Carol Sage

**10:10 Service** - Wanda Gochenour

**GREETER**

Debbie Mestas

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



**Offertory Steward**

RandiSue Davis

**Lawn Mowers for July**

Wanda Gochenour & Colin

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Ally Sellers	July 3	Tom May	July 21
Cooper Goodman	July 4	Jake Mongan	July 21
Ruth Jones	July 12	Wanda Leeling	July 24
Wanda Hall	July 13	Kathy Meloy	July 26
Ed Strube	July 13	Rose Williams	July 26
Emily Brown	July 18	Marj Haass	July 27
Stephen Brown	July 18	Rick Black	July 31
Lois Koch	July 20	Pam Rouse	July 31
Diane Martin	July 21		

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- Brian & Jenny Black - July 2, 1988
- Stephen & Emily Brown - July 7, 2007
- Rick & Teri Black - July 14, 1990
- Dave & Becky Foster - July 14, 1979
- Michael & Carol Braley - July 15, 1972
- Scott & Jennifer Hawley - July 20, 1996
- Spencer & Erika Stupak - July 31, 1999



**FCC WELCOMES A NEW MEMBER**



Dan Bilbeisi  
116 S. 3rd  
Mills, WY  
307-251-7963

**WOMEN OF FCC**

The CRMR Northern District Disciples of Christ Women's Retreat will be held September 23-24 in Douglas, Wyoming. A "Sweet Life Cafe" will be the theme and will satisfy your cravings for friends, God and spiritual growth. The women of FCC Sheridan are working hard on hosting the retreat and **all** women of FCC are invited to attend. There are registration forms on the bulletin board. **Registration deadline is July 21, 2017.** The retreat runs from Saturday, September 23 @ 1:00 p.m. until Sunday, September 24 @ 11:30 a.m. and will be held at the Sleep Inn in Douglas.

**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.



**PROPERTY OPPORTUNITIES -  
PROPERTY COMMISSION NEEDS HELP!!!**

Cal Decker, Property Chair, has made a list of different items that have been brought to his attention that people would like to see spruced up around the church. Not all of them have been completed and the list has been posted on the bulletin board by the secretary's office. If you see a project that you would like to do as an individual, family or group, please do so, let Cal know and mark it off the list. Some of these projects have been taken on in past year's at the annual "clean up day" - but didn't get completed this year. Any help is greatly appreciated to help out the Property Commission.

- \*Deep clean any/all of the bathrooms
- \*Paint water damaged wall in foyer
- \*Clean commercial dishwasher in kitchen, paying attention to wall underneath it
- \*Paint the pink cabinet in the fellowship hall blue to match our new wall color
- \*Deep clean stairs and stair treads
- \*Dust or polish wood as needed throughout the church (including pews, furniture, baseboards & trim)
- \*Clean/dust windowsills
- \*Dust library
- \*Polish all stainless steel sinks
- \*Clean windows
- \*Install "Do Not Enter" signs at the north entrance of the main parking lot

Property has had a productive year completing our capital campaign projects. The roofing over the main building has been finished. Plans are underway for landscaping the triangle area around the gazebo with sod and a sprinkler system and new plantings will grace the front of the sanctuary facing CY Ave.

We would like to have the church (inside and outside) "spick and span" for the 2018 Regional Assembly to be held at FCC Casper. Thank you to EVERYONE who's helping out with property care and deep cleaning projects!



**FAREWELL BRUNCH**

John and Sharon Lansing are preparing to move to Sheridan, WY to be close to their son. They have been active, dedicated members of

FCC since December 2013, participating in the chapel service and Homebuilders Class. In the past, they have taken on leadership for a shepherding group and in planning Veterans' Sunday. *John & Sharon - you will be missed!* There will be a "potluck brunch" in their honor between morning services on Sunday, July 9th. Bring your favorite breakfast bread, fruit or other brunch item to share in Fellowship Hall.

**LIFT CHAIR AVAILABLE**

Dorothy Jones' daughter has a mechanized "lift chair" available for sale for \$150 until the first week of July. If any member is in need of such an item, you may call Laurie at 267-3081.

**INTERFAITH**  
**140 E. "K" Street**  
**Suite 101**  
**Casper, WY 82601**  
**(located at the old**  
**Roosevelt School)**

**Jack Walts**  
**848 Shadow Mtn. Trail**  
**Cheyenne, WY 82009**  
**phone number is same**

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ON THE MOUNTAIN



On Saturday, July 22, all children in grades K-5 (or preschool with a parent and 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. We also plan to have a center on Japanese culture and language in preparation for the Christian Education sponsored trip to Heart Mountain on August 26th.

VBS will be held at the South Shelter at Bear Trap Meadow, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 P.M. Lunch will be provided. If transportation is needed, call Jennifer @ 234-1138.



### 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. The event will be at the South Shelter at Bear Trap Meadow. If you have any questions, contact Melanie Dowler.

**FAMILY CAMP** - An informal "Family Camping" night will be held Saturday July 22nd, after VBS and ending before Worship on the Mountain. Plan to take your tent or camper up Casper Mountain and enjoy cool night air, fellowship with FCC'ers, shared cooking around the campfire.

### HEART MOUNTAIN TRIP - AUGUST 26

On Saturday, August 26, Christian Education is sponsoring a trip to Heart Mountain Relocation Center, which is located between Powell and Cody. At present our plan is to visit Heart Mountain late morning, have a picnic lunch in Cody, and go to the Buffalo Bill Museum for a couple of hours. Then we will head home, stopping for a fast food supper along the way. It will be a full day, but doable in the summer with good weather and extended daylight hours. While we are tailoring this trip for elementary students, high schoolers and adults are welcome to join us. Information on cost, transportation options etc., will be available in mid July. **Save the date.**

### NOTES FROM THE MISSION COMMISSION

The Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies received \$1000.50 from the Casper CROP Walk and will use these funds for mobile pantries in Casper. Thank you to everyone that participated in the CROP Walk. This will be an annual event and will be in the last weekend in April 2018 on a Saturday afternoon.

On Saturday June 17th we made 15 blankets for a total of 404 to date and we will be taking some blankets to the Youth Crisis Center so the youth can help tie blankets and be able to give back to the community. A date is TBD but will take place this summer. If you want to help with this project, contact Debbie Mestas. The Sandwich Ministry is currently making 100 lunches per week and on July 1st we will be making ham and cheese sandwiches thanks to Cal Decker, as a special one-time treat to celebrate the Fourth of July. The Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies has approved this and we are excited to be able to give our participants a special treat!

We have started planning for the Week of Compassion Dinner and hope to be able to bring a speaker from the Week of Compassion and will provide more information at a later date. Contact Debbie Mestas or Keith Rouse if you have any questions about any of the projects.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25</p> <p>Scout Camp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Chapel</li> <li>9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</li> <li>10:10 AM Worship</li> <li>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</li> </ul>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 AM T.O.P.S. #35</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>29</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>30</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8:15 AM Chapel</p> <p>9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>9:00 AM Lansing Farewell Potluck</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:00 PM Circle of Caring</p> <p>6:30 PM NO ELDERS MTG</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Independence Day</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 AM T.O.P.S. #35</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:30 AM Lunch Bunch</p> <p>Potluck</p>	<p>7</p> <p>General Assembly - Rev. McBride out of office</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</p> <p>10:00 AM State Quilters</p>
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### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY in Indianapolis**

Please hold in prayer Disciples of Christ from across the US and Canada who will gather July 8-12 for worship around the theme of John 17:20-21 "ONE" as well as learning, service, fellowship, electing a General Minister & President and other business items.



### **PUMPKIN PATCH MANAGER(S) NEEDED!!!**

Do you want to see the Pumpkin Patch continue in 2017?? If so, we are in need of two (2) people to work together as managers of the patch. This would entail being in charge of all aspects of the patch - i.e. contact with the Pumpkin Patch Company, finding people to set pallets, unload the truck, do a morning "Quality Control" check & roll of the pumpkins, schedule story times and readers, recruiting committed teams to cover the pumpkins when there is inclement weather, advertising, making sure the selling volunteer schedule is full, overseeing the funds and all the other behind the scenes work that starts in September and runs through the end of October. If so, it is important that you contact Mark Williams or the church office ASAP. If we do not find someone prior to the July board meeting, then we probably will not have a pumpkin patch this year.

So many of us love the patch and are happy to be "the Pumpkin Patch Church" - but we need committed Leaders to coordinate all of the volunteers it takes to run the Patch each year. Is God calling YOU to step up to this important task in Fall 2017?

