



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

**MARCH
2017**

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27 - Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet @ Shrine Club

March 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 service
God and Life Class @ 6:00 p.m.

March 2 - CWF Board Meeting @ 10:00
Lunch Bunch Potluck @ 11:30

March 4 - God and Life Class @ 9:00

March 5 - First Sunday in Lent

March 6 - Circle of Caring @ 2:00
Elders @ 6:30

March 7 - Preschool Fundraiser @ 6:30

March 8 - Lenten Worship 6 pm, soup @ 6:30

March 9 - Property Commission @ 6:30

March 12 - Second Sunday in Lent

March 13 - Spiritual Growth @ 6:30
Commissions @ 7:00
Board @ 8:00

March 15 - God & Life Class @ 6:00
-Lenten Worship 6 pm, soup @ 6:30

March 17 - Pinewood Derby Setup

March 18 - Pinewood Derby Competition
in Fellowship Hall - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

March 19 - Third Sunday in Lent

March 20-24 - IB Testing for NCHS upstairs

March 22 -Lenten Worship @ 6, soup @ 6:30

March 26 - Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27-31 - SPRING BREAK - No school

March 29 -Lenten Worship @ 6, soup @ 6:30

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!

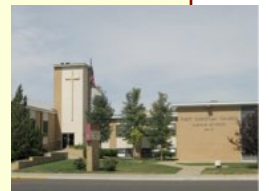
Office hours:

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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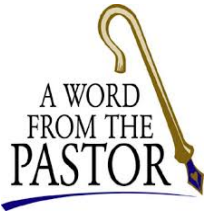
Preschool hours (Sept-May)

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon



**SPRING
FORWARD
SUNDAY
MARCH 12**

GIRLS STATE will be meeting in the board room every Tuesday evening @ 7:30 starting March 14th - May 23rd.
NCHS IB Testing will be held in the Inner Room and several classrooms starting Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 24th. The testing will be from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



COLORING OUR WAY THROUGH LENT

One of my earliest childhood memories centers around “coloring”.... picture a little toe-headed girl sitting on the living room rug, carefully choosing one crayon after another to draw and color pictures for hours on end. My mother encouraged creativity in all of her children’s lives. There are pictures of my older brother and sister, at the picnic table in our backyard, wearing a couple old shirts from my Dad’s closet turned around backwards, paintbrushes in hand, creating a masterpiece on newsprint. With her supervision, we cut out pictures from magazines to glue into a collage decorated with bits of lace or ribbon. We pressed leaves between sheets of waxed paper. All these childhood arts and crafts, at home, at Scouts, at church camp and at school, were saved as cherished treasures by my Mom. Through the years, a natural affinity for art became connected with my spirituality as a way of seeing God and experiencing the Creator through the act of creating.

It’s no surprise then, that when I stumbled upon Sybil MacBeth’s “Praying in Color,” I discovered a spiritual practice that touched me. I first read and used her book: *Praying in Color; Drawing a New Path to God* several years ago when I was in a dry patch spiritually and having a hard time praying. According to the website, prayingincolor.com - Sybil says can’t remember a time she didn’t pray; but she also can’t remember a time she prayed “well.” The prayer practice Praying in Color was born when her desperation to pray for family and friends intersected with her love of color and doodling. As a confessed non-artist, she marvels at God’s sense of whimsy and humor in giving her a way to pray through drawing. One of her favorite passages from Scripture is 2 Corinthians 12:9. “My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.” (NIV)

“Adult coloring books” have become popular in recent years. People in many walks of life are discovering that the simple act of doodling and coloring can have a true meditative or even therapeutic value. I know it’s not for everyone, but if you find that sitting still and staying focused in prayer are a challenge or you just want to “hang out” with God but don’t know how, perhaps it’s time for you to pick up a colored pencil or two and take a turn coloring in an image inspired by nature or a favorite passage of scripture.

During Lent this year, there will be available in Fellowship Hall, coloring “posters” that members of the church are welcome to help decorate - whether adult, child or youth. A different image will be available each week to accompany my sermon series on the stations of the cross. The completed posters will be displayed in the sanctuary each Sunday. The same images will also be used as bulletin covers.

Lenten devotional booklets are available at church. They include a daily scripture and brief meditation written by General Minister & President, Sharon Watkins, and her husband, Disciple theologian & scholar, Rick Lowery. As is the practice at FCC, the elders will again lead weekly Vespers services. If you, a young person in your family, or someone you know is interested in being baptized, please let me know as plans are being made for this year’s Pastor’s Class. I think that Lent this year will indeed be a ‘colorful’ time for us - may it be filled with blessings. - *Pastor Cynthia*

PROPERTY UPDATES



Do you want to help light up the Sanctuary? Do you have some spare change? We need 12 new lights in the sanctuary. Property has received two bids and the cost is approximately \$100 a piece for high efficiency LED bulbs (which last 18,000 hours) and reconfiguring the current fixtures and also redoing the overhead aisle fixtures. These will be more efficient to operate and provide better lighting. **SOOO...**The

Property Commission is hosting a **HOT DIGGITY DOG POTLUCK AND BINGO** March 12th after church in the Fellowship Hall. Do you have a special dish that uses hot dogs, polish sausage or brats? This is your chance to share it. If you don't want to cook a hot dog dish, you can bring a side dish for everyone to enjoy. After sharing the wonderful "dog dishes" we will play some bingo. \$1.00 per card or 6 cards for \$5.00. This is an all-church fellowship potluck event, where there'll be a freewill offering basket out to help fund lighting improvements.

We will also be painting the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 25 and all help is welcome. For further information contact Cal Decker or Jane Wallace.

Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976. Millard Fuller was a self-made millionaire at age 29, but as his business prospered, his health, integrity and marriage suffered. Millard and Linda decided to follow scripture's mandate to "sell all you have and give to the poor." Beginning in 1973, they served as missionaries, partnering with the Disciples of Christ in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo) to test a new housing model. Upon returning to the US, they founded Habitat for Humanity, which continues today - drawing on volunteer labor to build affordable housing across the country and around the world.

The **HOME BUILDERS** Sunday School class invites the congregation to join them at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 26th in the Inner Room to hear a presentation about Habitat for Humanity. Dan Coey has lined up a great presentation and it will be presented from both the operational effort of the organization and from the perspective of those they serve.

*please
join us*



* Christmas is a very special time for Christians. Since I am nearing the end of my "saga of the knees," I wish to thank my church friends and families for the flowers, food, calls, visits from the Elders, CWF and the Godly Girlfriends. The two card showers were so touching and helped me along my mending time. I am truly blessed. - *Shirley Wenn*

* This is just a note to thank Paul Hallock & Melanie Dowler for bringing me the Sunday bulletins. My daughter helped me hear the worship service from the website, so I followed through by listening to it as I looked at the program. I thoroughly enjoyed that! I miss you all as I am not able to attend church services and greet you all in person, but please know my thoughts and prayers are there. - *Sincerely, Marie Robertson*

My Church Family, Thank you so much for the scholarship money. It will help me for the Spring 2017 semester. Also, I want to thank my church family for all your support for my continuing education and over the last couple of years. I am truly blessed, and again, thank you!! - *Keith Rouse*

Thank you to my church family for all the cards, calls, card shower and prayers that I received during my recent surgery. I appreciate the thoughtfulness. - *Sincerely, Monica Decker*

You can't be sad when you're holding a cupcake. Unknown

MARCH DIACONATE

Melanie Dowler, Phil & Becky
Ostrander, Wanda Gochenour

Communion Prep

Chapel - Lani McBee (3/5 & 3/12)
Burgesses (3/19 & 3/26)

10:10 - Melanie Dowler

GREETER

Debbie Mestas

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

Offertory Steward

Ted Grooms

Scripture Reader sign up
sheet on bulletin board).
Chapel Leader sign up
sheets on table at back of
sanctuary.



Arlen Ward

6790 S. Gilpin Circle West
Centennial, CO 80122

Tom May

The Aspens

229 E. Lathrop Rd. Lot 166
Evansville, WY 82636

New
Address!



CONGRATULATIONS! to Colin
Stewart for being a Super Achiever. Colin
was judged on Sunday, February 12th on his
piano playing and is eligible to play March
4th in Laramie.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Anna Koehmstedt	Mar 2	Carol Braley	Mar 18
Kylie Stewart	Mar 2	Kasey Stewart	Mar 20
Billy Mosteller	Mar 5	Madison Rouse	Mar 22
Cindy Huckfeldt	Mar 8	Judy Baker	Mar 23
Cynthia McBride	Mar 10	Jeff Hover	Mar 24
Anne Klockslem	Mar 12	Trent Hover	Mar 24
Arlene Wegner	Mar 12	Kevin Anderson	Mar 25
Pat Seamands	Mar 16	Lori Hayden	Mar 25
Eddie Atkinson	Mar 17	Janie Nelson	Mar 26
David Wallace	Mar 18	Elaine Singleton	Mar 30
		Suzy Stewart	Mar 30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Gene & Pat Buck - March 11, 1966

**SOUPER BOWL UPDATE**

The youth of FCC gathered canned soup and other food items donated by the congregation. They set up a "football field" table in Fellowship Hall, with people placing their items by the goal post of their preferred team. Unlike in the Super Bowl later that afternoon, at our *Souper* Bowl morning on Feb. 5th - the Falcons "beat" the Patriots 111 to 86. \$77 was also contributed. The financial & canned food offerings are being divided between two groups in town that provide free meals to local high school students. NCHS students are invited to eat at The Link, run by Casper Youth for Christ. Students from KW can walk down the street and eat at Restoration Church. So -- FCC youth are helping other youth this year. They thank you for your support of the Souper Bowl of Caring.

NOTE: The God & Life Class will be meeting on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays and Saturdays instead of every Wednesday and Saturday. If you need further information, contact Mike Ward.

You can tell a lot about a person's character by their way of eating jelly beans. - President Ronald Reagan

PRESCHOOL UPDATES



We have been having so much fun in preschool. Our Spring Program and Silent Auction will be March 7th. We are looking for NEW donated items. Thank you to those that have donated. Our program is "Hooray for the RED, WHITE, and BLUE," celebrating our country. The program will be at Frontier Middle School @ 6:30 p.m. This year we will be selling tickets. Adults are \$6 and children are \$3 and includes a dessert bar. Preschool registration is looking good for fall 2017. Registration opened to the public on Feb. 15th. As always, thank you so much for your support. We appreciate all you do to help the preschool.

Teacher Annette Crain

YOUTH NEWS



All information regarding the CRMR 2017 Youth Summer Camps is posted on the youth bulletin board. Registrations are due to the region on April 14th but due to the church office by April 7th. If you have any questions, contact Carmen Goodman.

WORSHIP & WONDER NEEDS HELP!!!!



First Christian Church's Worship & Wonder program needs additional volunteers to help facilitate this excellent program for our Preschool age 3 - Kindergarten. This program is a simple worship service where Bible stories are shared (using wooden figures to tell the story) along with a snack and playtime. The children attend worship with their parents and are excused following the Praise Hymn. This program is taught by volunteers and currently it is very short on volunteers. If you can help with this program, please contact Erika Stupak. Training is available.

PACK 13 PINWOOD DERBY

The annual Cub Scouts' Pinewood Derby will be held in the Fellowship Hall of FCC on Saturday, March 18th. Stop by and see some "awesome" cars designed and built by Pack 13 cub scouts. You're welcome to come on "race day" and watch the excitement!



WTMS Report: Congratulations to our scholarship recipients, Abel Stewart and Keith Rouse, for qualifying for the Spring 2017 award. Thank you to the Donald Klinker Fund for making this possible and allowing our students to achieve the knowledge that will pay future dividends back to the community we live in. - *Judy Baker Chairman WTM&S*

The Week of Compassion - 2017 Week of Compassion disaster responses include: tornado relief in Mississippi, storm recovery in Colorado, flood relief in Texas and storm relief/recovery in Florida and California as well as three ongoing long-term storm recovery projects.... and that's just in the U.S. When disaster strikes, when flood waters rise, when hurricanes and tornados rage - YOU ARE THERE through the offering support we give to the Week of Compassion, the church bears witness to God's presence and loving strength when people need it most. Thank you.



LENT BEGINS MARCH 1st

The annual Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Inner Room. Come experience this meaningful worship, including the imposition of ashes and communion as the season of Lent begins.

Every Wednesday evening during Lent starting March 8th and going through April 5th, FCC's elders will be leading evening Vespers with a soup supper to follow. The weekly Wednesday schedule is below:

6:00 p.m. – Vespers service in the Inner Room

6:30 p.m. – Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall

If anyone is interested in providing soup or helping with the weekly suppers, there is a sign up sheet on the Elder/Diaconate bulletin board or you can contact Dennis Baker, Chairman of the Elders. We would like to have two or more people signed up each week. The vespers services will include costumed portrayals of people who encountered Jesus. If you'd like to appear in costume, speak with Peg Jackson.

The Maundy Thursday Service is scheduled for April 13th at 7:30 PM and there will be NO soup supper that evening. On this most holy of nights, we remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his Disciples, even as we have communion together.

There will be a 12 hour Prayer Vigil on Saturday, April 14th from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This will be hosted by the Elders. Members are encouraged to sign up for half hour or hour-long time slots to come and pray. Resources will be available. During Lent, Pastor Cynthia will preach a sermon series on “stations of the cross.” A meditative coloring activity will also be available in Fellowship Hall throughout Lent for those who wish to participate. **EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 16TH**

SPRING LUNCHEON



The CWF-hosted Spring Luncheon will be on April 1, 2017 @ 11:30 a.m. The meal will be catered by the Silver Fox and tickets will be \$17. Entertainment will be provided by the Irish Dancers. Tickets will go on sale March 12th. Raffle tickets are being sold for the spring quilt made by the Wednesday morning quilters. The drawing will be held at the Spring Luncheon (but you need not be present to win).

MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The Sandwich Ministry is going well and we would like volunteers to help. Here is the monthly schedule, so if you can find time to help, you can pick a time that works best for you: The Casper LDS helps on the 3rd Saturday of each month and they bring volunteers as well as all the items for the lunch; the Sovereign Grace Baptist Church helps make lunches every other month on the 2nd Saturday and make the lunches in their homes and deliver them to King's Corner. They will make the lunches on the 2nd Saturday of April, June, August, October and December. CWF groups help with lunches on the 4th Saturday of each month. (So, our greatest need for volunteers is often the 1st Saturday, or the 2nd Saturday of alternating months.) If you would like to help by making lunches at FCC at 8:15 a.m on a Saturday or distributing them at King's Corner from 10-noon, please let Debbie or Keith know. The blanket project is meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10-4, and they have made 330 blankets since January 2016. We are also going to start making mats out of grocery bags to give to the homeless so they have a barrier between them and the ground. We are asking for donations of clean grocery bags that are in good condition. No date has been set to start this project. If you have any questions on any of the above projects, contact Debbie Mestas or Keith Rouse.

We must have pie...Stress cannot exist in the presence of a pie....--David Mamet

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MALAWI MISSION TRIP - Lani McBee



On March 20 I will be flying to Malawi for 3-1/2 weeks with my daughter Kim and 10 student nurses. They will be working at Nkhoma Hospital, a remote facility deep in the jungle outside of Lilongwi. Adjacent to the hospital is a small manufacturing plant that houses the Peanut Butter and Jesus project. This plant produces vitamin and nutrient enriched peanut butter found to be effective in the re-nourishment process for starving children. We will also be working with the Ministry of Hope, spending time in their crisis nurseries, traveling with them to assist in feeding 800 children at a remote feeding station and assisting in conducting a mobile medical clinic where over 500

Malawi people of all ages will be provided access to medical care. This group plans to bring financial resources and supplies to the Nkhoma Hospital, the mobile medical clinic, Ministry of Hope feeding stations and the crisis nurseries as well as support for the Peanut Butter and Jesus Project. This will be Kim's 4th trip to Africa. She writes, "I think this trip is such a valuable life lesson to our students who see first hand the every day lives of those living in the poorest of conditions. I hope that it creates a heart of servant leadership in them and a desire to continue to help those less fortunate than us." If you wish to donate to the Malawi nursing adventure, you can make your check payable to the University of Jamestown, indicating that is is for the "Malawi Mission Fund" on the memo line and mail them to Kim Ash, 2210 4th Street NE, Jamestown, ND 58410 and she will deliver them to the university.

NEW REGIONAL MINISTER - The Central Rocky Mountain Regional Board has called the Rev. Joan Bell Haynes to serve as our next CRMR Executive Regional Minister. She begins in April.