



THE CALL

MAY 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21 - Rouse Shepherding Group meets @ 6:30 p.m. at their house

April 22 - Handbell Spring Ring community concert @ Ramkota 2:30 p.m.

April 23 - Installation of new Regional Minister in Loveland, CO @ 3:00 p.m.

May 1 - Happy May Day! Circle of Caring @ 2:00 p.m. Elders @ 6:30 p.m.

May 4 - CWF Board meeting @ 10:00 a.m. *Final meeting until September.*

Lunch Bunch Potluck @ 11:30 a.m. followed by time of prayer for "National Day of Prayer"

May 10-June 14th - **Rev. McBride on European Vacation**

May 10 - Group 2 CWF meets @ noon - *Final meeting until September*

May 12 - Group 1 @ 10:00 & Group 3 @ 11:30 - *Final meeting until September*

May 14 - Youth Sunday and Mother's Day

May 15 - Boy Scout Court of Honor - 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

May 21 - Music Sunday - NO Chapel

May 24 - Preschool Graduation @ 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

May 25 - NCHS Graduation @ 7:30 p.m. - Casper Events Center

May 26 - KW Graduation @ 7:30 p.m. - Casper Events Center

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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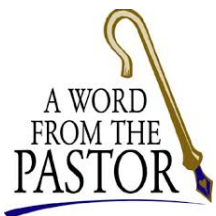
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Preschool hours (Sept-May)

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon

CONGRATULATIONS to Robin Hadlock Nelson and Kirk Nelson who were inducted into the Wyoming Softball Hall of Fame on March 23, 2017. Robin has played softball for 45 years and Kirk has played and umpired for 34 years with numerous regional and national tournaments. Their accomplishments also include the development of the Fastpitch Girls 18 & Under Junior Olympic Softball program in Casper. FCC congratulates them on receiving this honor!





“It Takes A Village”

Giving Thanks for Our Church Family

There’s a Nigerian saying, “It takes a whole village to raise a child.” This proverb expresses the African view of important family relationships, concern for others, and a willingness to share even self-sacrificially, especially for the benefit of children who are seen as a gift from God for the whole community. The expression “It takes a village” was popularized in America after its 1996 use as a book title by Hillary Clinton. It has since entered our general psyche as short-hand for the reminder that all of our lives are interconnected. Not just when we’re raising a child, but throughout life, there are indeed times when it takes a group of people offering shared support for one to not just make it but to thrive in life.

Over the past month, I have been deeply grateful for the “village” that is First Christian Church Casper. On March 11 (I remember because it was the day after my birthday) I woke up with a sore throat. Charles had suffered from a bad cold the week or two before that, so I figured, in spite of being careful, I’d caught his cold. I suffered through an increasing list of symptoms - congestion, headache, cough - expecting to get better with time. I toughed it out for well over two weeks but was just not beating the cough, so I finally went to the doctor. Without hesitation, his diagnosis was swift, “You’ve got the flu.” He started me on an antibiotic and explained that, though I had gotten a flu shot, the vaccine just wasn’t as effective this year as usual.

Many of our FCC members and others in town have suffered respiratory ills this winter. Now, I’m among them. Preparing for worship on April 2nd, I’d been fighting the cough and wasn’t sure how strong my voice would be. So, instead of speaking from memory as I usually do, I wrote out a manuscript and asked the elder that day (who happened to be my husband Charles) to read portions of it so I could rest my voice as we alternated back and forth on a text exploring Jesus’ last words on the cross. It was a good way to continue the Lenten “stations of the cross” series. As is the pattern with this influenza, my health would improve slightly and then worsen over the coming weeks. I again wrote out a manuscript for Palm Sunday. That day, while I was home in bed with fever and chills, the preaching fell to elder chair Dennis Baker who took the theme I’d given and expanded on it. In 25+ years of ministry, I’d never missed worship on Palm Sunday - nor spent so much of Holy Week sick in bed! Pastor Brenda from Grace Lutheran filled in for me at the Wednesday noon service. Finally, on Thursday, I ventured out for a little office time and to share in leading our Maundy Thursday service.

I’ve been through two rounds of antibiotics. The last doctor I saw tells me most people need at least a full six weeks to get over this - so I’m on track for being well in another week or so. I’m truly “tired of being tired” - but also humbled to be reminded of how much *we need each other*. I’m thankful for Kathy & Leigh and the work they faithfully do in the church office, whether I’m there multiple hours each day or checking in by phone from my sick bed. I’m thankful for elders who visit homebound members when I’m hesitant to visit them myself even though the doc insists I’m not “contagious” at this point. Thank you to everyone in our church family for your thoughts and prayers, for soup and cards, and for making sure that ministry goes on! “It takes a village” - it takes all of us, using our many gifts, to live God’s reign into being in tangible ways. THANK YOU for being part of Christ’s “village” here in Casper! - *Blessings!* - *Pastor Cynthia*

CLASS ON ANGELS - The Homebuilders Class has asked me to address the topic of “Angels in the Bible.” We’ll be discussing this theme the next two Sundays (April 23 & 30) during the 9 a.m. hour in the Inner Room. All are welcome.



CROP Hunger Walk/Run

Coming SOON! The **2017 Casper CROP Walk** will be Sunday afternoon April 30th. Join the FCC walking team, led by Pastor Cynthia, to raise money to stop hunger. The one mile walk and a 5k run/walk will begin at the Tate Pump House patio and run along the North Platte River and around the Three Trails Golf Course. Registration will start at 1:15 p.m. and the walk will start @ 2:00 p.m. We are looking for sponsors for the walk so if you know of anyone that would like to help or needs more information, contact Debbie Mestas or Pastor Cynthia. Our goal is to have 100 walkers and \$5000 raised to end Hunger and poverty locally and around the world. The Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies will received 25% of funds raised. Sign up anytime to walk or donate at www.crophungerwalk.org. Click on the map over Casper to find our walk details.

The congregation is invited to the annual handbell **Spring Ring**. Handbell choirs from the area will be putting on a concert on Saturday, April 22nd @ 2:30 p.m. at the Ramkota. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be accepted. FCC ringers will be participating so come support the Spring Ring and enjoy some great music! Ringers from FCC are Amber French, Anne Klocksiem, Tammy Heck & Bob Meloy.



MISSION COMMISSION

The Sandwich Ministry will be taking 50 lunches this week to Youth for Christ to help feed the students from NCHS. For some of these students, the lunch they get at the Link is the only meal they receive each day. We will see how this goes and may then provide lunches one day a month for them.

Our blanket count is 350 blankets made and we will continue to make them on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like to participate in any of these projects, contact Debbie Mestas or Keith Rouse. Thanks for your support. *Debbie & Keith*

THANK YOUS ... Thank you for your very kind letter of prayer support. An excellent ministry of First Christian to the community. I very much appreciated the opportunities to speak to your fellowship in times past. - *Yours Faithfully, Steven Gunderson, Bethel Baptist Church*

Dear Church Family...I want to thank you so much for coming to visit me and share with me. You have no idea how much it has meant to me! - *Dorothy Jones*

Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, and the support given to Amber's family and me! It means so much to have a church family that cares and we are so thankful. Thank you to Darlene Bishop, Michelle Elser, and Carol Sage for providing meals for Nick and Orion! They really appreciated them and knowing that people they didn't even know cared about them. You all have a special place in our hearts. God Bless you all! - *Debbie Mestas & Family*



Thank you Dennis Baker & Randisue Davis for your visit with a prayer shawl & flowers. I so appreciate ALL of the prayers of the congregation as I continue to regain my strength and health following a LONG bout of influenza. - *Pastor Cynthia*

Evil Queens are just Disney Princesses who worked in customer service too long!!!

MAY DIACONATE

Trisha Woods, Tassma Koehmstedt, Jo and Lyle Cox

Communion Prep

Chapel - May 7 & 14 - Lani McBee
 May 21 & 28 - TBD
 10:10 - Larry Winders

GREETER

Jackie Greenlee

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

Offertory Steward
 Larry Winders



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Mosteller	May 3	Mary Lou Westman	May 16
Jenny Black	May 4	Jamie Williams	May 16
Dylan Stupak	May 4	Trisha Woods	May 16
Darlene Bishop	May 6	Raylan Heck	May 17
Grace Sallstrom	May 6	Betty Axworthy	May 18
Brady Hover	May 7	Jared Black	May 22
Tassma Koehmstedt	May 7	Cristopf Atkinson	May 24
Lois Purvis	May 11	Amanda Kirlin	May 24
Hailey Rodgers	May 11	Steve Kingsolver	May 25
Al Singleton	May 12	Catherine Kingsolver	May 27
Martha Wallace	May 12	Travis Hayden	May 31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Cynthia & Charles McBride	May 9, 1998
Robin & Kirk Nelson	May 15, 1982
Don & Randisue Davis	May 21, 1977
Tyler & Michelle Elser	May 21, 2011
Russ & Julie Black	May 25, 1980
Dan & Jan Coey	May 26, 1984
Tracy & Jeff Padilla	May 26, 1984
Bernard & Annette Ambrosino	May 31, 1986
Ted & Jennifer Grooms	May 31, 1975

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE for the Sweet Life Cafe Retreat

The CRMR Northern District Disciples Women's Retreat will be held September 23 & 24th 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 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 event will be held at the Douglas Inn. The retreat runs from Saturday, September 23 @ 1:00 p.m. until Sunday, September 24 @ 11:30 a.m.



FELLOWSHIP HALL PAINTING

A big **FCC THANK YOU** to Chris Rislov and his crew for painting the majority of the Fellowship Hall. His company prepared the walls, donated the paint and painted the majority of the Fellowship Hall. Also a thank you to Jane Wallace and her merry band of painters for completing the job.

ATTENTION!!!! The Property Commission will return to meeting on the 2nd Monday of every month starting with the May 8th meeting. They will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Board meeting. Membership is open to all FCC members!



PRESCHOOL UPDATES Whoa! It's mid April already and soon we will be having our Preschool Graduation on May 24th. As usual we have been very busy at school. Everyone enjoyed their Spring Break and now it's time to finish up the year. On Friday we will have swimsuit day in the fellowship hall. The kids love to wear their swimsuits to school...teachers not so much! At the end of April and the first week of May, the Pre-K class will enjoy their journey around the world. We have many guests coming to the school that represent the countries the kids will be visiting. They will "visit" England and get to have tea and biscuits with the Queen; New Zealand, China, Germany, Ireland, Spain, France, Mexico and get their passports stamped at all stops. On Wednesday, April 26th @ 9:30 a.m., the drum and pipe band will come and play for the school. The younger students will be doing an author study on Dr. Seuss for two weeks. When we return from our travels we will have SUPER HERO Day. The parking lot will be filled with a fire truck, an ambulance, the National Guard, maybe a life flight helicopter and several other super heroes will be visiting the school. It's a super fun and exciting morning. Come visit and meet the "SUPER HEROES." You're always welcome!

Thanks again to everyone who supports the preschool program. We couldn't do it without you!! - Teachers Annette, Chanel, Stacy, Christina & Cheryl

FUNDRAISER AT CHIPOTLE

On April 28th from 5 to 9 PM, Chipotle will donate 50% of their profits to support the Casper CROP Walk. If you go, be sure to tell them you're helping CROP fight hunger when you place your order.



Thanks to all the youth for helping fill the Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on the 15th. Several of our youth will be attending youth camps in June - Dylan Stupak, Kylie Stupak and Sara Williams will represent FCC this summer at Camp LaForet.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST WANTS PATIO FURNITURE

The Casper Youth for Christ have a project to take in used patio furniture that they will fix up and then have a patio sale. Anyone with used patio furniture who'd like to make a donation can contact the Youth for Christ Office @ 235-6650.

NEWS FROM SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMMISSION

While Rev. McBride is on her European vacation, Sunday, May 14th Mother's Day will also be Youth Sunday and the service will be led by the FCC youth. May 21st will be Music Sunday and Amber French is in charge of the service. This will also be the last Sunday for choir participation until September. May 28th is Memorial Day Sunday and we will start communion by intinction which will run through August. Rev. Bob McNamara, retired Lutheran pastor, will be our pulpit guest that day. On June 4th, we'll celebrate Pentecost and hear from Lani McBee about her time in Malawi. Wear RED to worship that day!

There are a few Easter Lilies in the sanctuary so if you purchased a lily and want to take it home, you can do so after worship on Sunday, April 23rd.

MEN'S THEOLOGY/FISHING RETREAT

WHEN: July 31-August 4, 2017

WHERE: Big Horn Mountains, Northern Wyoming
Bear Lodge Resort @ Burgess Junction, Wyoming

Basic cost: \$200

Motel Cost: \$90/night Condo Cost: TBD

Wyoming Fishing License: \$14/day (non residents)



To register, send your name and contact information to:

Doug Goodwin pastordoug@sheridandisciples.org or Don Sarton dsaton63@gmail.com**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

JULY 8-12TH - INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Registration is open online and by mail for the 2017 General Assembly in Indianapolis this summer. 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 for further information or speak to Rev. McBride. **Meet the Nominee:** Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens has been nominated as the next General Minister & President. A Disciple since young adulthood, she is currently dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and pastor of First Christian Church of Downers Grove, IL. Rev. Owens is widely sought after as a preacher, speaker and workshop facilitator. Her ministry and intellectual interests include a theology of reconciliation, cultural intelligence, developing inclusive and multi-cultural congregations, and the mentoring of youth and young adults. She is married to Walter Owens, Jr., with whom she will soon celebrate 30 years of marriage.



The last day of children's Sunday School will be May 7th. Youth will be leading worship on May 14th. During this service high school graduates will be recognized and graduating second graders will be presented with Bibles. There will be NO Worship and Wonder on May 14th. Please give Kathy Winders the name & details of any graduate in your family. The last day of Worship and Wonder will be May 21st.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We are looking for volunteers to assist with Bible School on the Mountain on Saturday, July 22nd. Contact Trisha Woods, Tassma Koehmstedt or Jennifer Grooms if you are interested in helping!!!

**SUMMER VEGGIE TALES**

Children's Summer Veggie Tales series during worship will be June 4th. We are in need of volunteers to assist with this program. It's a simple way to get to know the younger children in our church. The children will leave at the usual Worship & Wonder time in the service and go to the Board room for their lessons. If interested in helping with this children's program, contact Jennifer Grooms.



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WELCOME THE NEW EXECUTIVE REGIONAL MINISTER

Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes will be installed as the new CRMR Regional Minister on Sunday, April 23rd at the First Christian Church, 2000 N. Lincoln Avenue, Loveland, CO. Rev. Bell-Haynes come to CRMR from United Christian Parish of Reston, an ecumenical congregation comprised of four denominations where she has served since 2005 as co-pastor. She is an alumna of the Disciples Divinity House and the University of Chicago Divinity School. She is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (DOC). We look forward to meeting Rev. Bell-Haynes. If anyone would like to attend the Installation on the 23rd, please contact Rev. McBride. Those wanting to attend will leave immediately after the 10:10 worship service on the 23rd.

*Property
Committee*



The call went out from our **Property Commission** for volunteers to help with the lawn work this summer and was answered quickly by our congregation. At this time we only need someone for September. Thank you to everyone that volunteered - Cal Decker, Larry Winders, Nicholas Grooms, Mike Ward, Wanda Gochenour & Colin Hagen and the Williams family. Mike Ward will be moving the pallets from around the garage out to the Taylor's on Mother's Day weekend.

If anyone has any questions about the pallet moving or would like to help, contact Mike. The new lights in the sanctuary have been installed and the roofers are working on the flat part of the roof this week.