



THE CALL

**NOV.
2017**

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

OCT. 21 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **VENDOR/CRAFT Fair** in Fellowship Hall

OCT. 28 - Noon - Kheta Court Luncheon & Style Show in Fellowship Hall

PIE CONTEST - 3:30 deliver pies with judging promptly at 4 - *creme, pumpkin, nut, fruit*

TRUNK OR TREAT - 2-4 p.m. in the West parking lot - decorate your car & come hand out candy - prizes for best trunk

NOVEMBER

NOV. 5 - ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NOV. 6 - Elders meeting @ 6:30 P.M.

NOV. 19 - **Consecration Sunday** - bring your family's 2018 pledge card to worship
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & decorating church for the advent season

NOV. 21 - 27th - Rev. McBride celebrating Thanksgiving with family in New Mexico

NOV. 21 - **HANDBELL PRACTICE** 6:30 P.M.

NOV. 23 - **THANKSGIVING DAY**

NOV. 23-24 - **Church office closed**

Creche Display - There will be a display of nativity scenes from around the world in downtown Casper every Saturday from Nov. 25 till Christmas. If you'd like to loan a creche, serve as host, bake cookies for guests, or provide music, talk with Pastor Cynthia.

Church Staff:

Rev. Cynthia McBride, Lead Pastor

Leigh Earle, Bookkeeper

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Annette Crain, Preschool Director

Amber French, Music Director

ACCOMPANIST Position Open !

Cheryl Dionne, Nursery Staff

Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays

8:30 AM - NOON



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Chapel Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:10 Worship & Children's Classes

11:30 Coffee Fellowship

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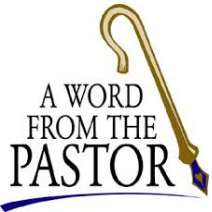
Preschool hours (Sept-May)

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon

Preschool Phone - 472-0649



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FALL BACK!!!!**



THE GIFT OF A SINGLE LIFE

This week I met with the young people of FCC who are participating in the God and Life program. One of their assignments is to interview a member of the clergy and ask about what it means to be called to the life of being a pastor. One of the questions they asked me was, “What is your favorite verse of scripture?” My life verse is Romans 8:26. My mother’s verse was Romans 8:28. (It’s touching to me to know that this same verse is shared by Betty Axworthy.) In the NRSV, it says, “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” (Another translation reads that *God works for good in all things...*) There are times in life that it can be hard for us to see the good. When a child dies, how can that be good? My understanding of this verse of scripture is that, even when truly bad things happen, God is still at work. God is at work for good in spite of the bad in this world. God alone can bring hope and healing out of tragedy, even years later. God is at work in ways we cannot see or fathom at times. Perhaps that’s part of why Romans 8:26 means so much to me: “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.”

When I was only five years old, my little sister Valerie died of leukemia. She was four. Losing a child at such a young age shapes an entire family. For the rest of our earthly life, our love for her is still with us. In ways that are difficult to express in words, it forms a bond with other families who know a similar loss, even with people we may never meet.

I want to tell you the story of Olivia. Olivia Caldwell was diagnosed with brain cancer in July 2012, when she was just 4 months old. She endured numerous surgeries and 7 months of high intensity chemo. By early 2013, doctors thought they’d gotten all of the tumor cells. Her last day of chemo was February 13, 2013 and the Caldwell family enjoyed a few months of “normalcy,” even though Olivia was living with effects from her tumor, including right side weakness, developmental delays, compromised vision and epilepsy. In June 2013, Olivia was rushed to Children’s Hospital Colorado in Denver. Her brain tumor had come back and was even bigger than before. The medical battle resumed with another port surgery and weekly chemo. Her tumor remained stable for about four months, until Olivia began to decline in late September 2013. October 17, 2013 was the day Olivia’s family found out there was nothing more that could be done. She went home with hospice care and passed away in the arms of her mother and father just 5 days later at 20 months and 3 days old. She left behind her mommy, daddy and her twin brother, Wyatt.

When the Preschool teachers took on leadership of the FCC Pumpkin Patch this year, they requested that the local charity we benefit in 2017 be somehow related to caring for children. After extensive conversation and investigation, the FCC Executive Board approved sharing this year’s Pumpkin Patch proceeds with the Olivia Caldwell Foundation. The mission of the Olivia Caldwell Foundation: To fund life-saving pediatric cancer research and programs to improve the lives of children battling cancer. As I watch children come to the Patch for story time, smiling brightly as they play among the piles of pretty orange pumpkins and multicolored squash, I find myself feeling grateful to know that a portion of this year’s proceeds will bring a smile to other children as well - and to Casper families who spend weeks on end at Children’s Hospital in Denver. - *Pastor Cynthia*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS - The Nominating Committee is still seeking names of a person willing to serve as Vice President in 2018. This would be a one-year term with no further commitment expected, as we have had an advance volunteer willing to be president in 2019. - Speak with Lani McBee or Cal Decker

2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



During October and November, we will hear sermons related to the theme “Live Generously” - reminding us of God’s abundant generosity which inspires us to be generous in response to God’s love with our time, resources and care for creation. Weekly worship will include presentations from each commission, sharing passion for ministry programs in 2018 which will be funded through our members’ pledged giving. On **November 19th** we will observe “Consecration Sunday.” EVERY member is encouraged to bring your pledge card to worship that day to be offered to God in a special time of consecrating prayer. Watch your mail for 2018 pledge cards and a letter from the stewardship commission.

THANK YOU..



Dear church family -- Thank you for remembering me on my birthday. I was pleased to be able to visit with many of you at Edwin Burgess’ 80th birthday party. My home is always open to any and all of you. Stop by to see me. In ***Christian Love, Jack Walts***

Dear Church members-- I would like to thank all of you for the wonderful Birthday cards and nice Birthday wishes on my 90th birthday. I enjoyed my three daughters taking turns reading them all to me on my birthday. ***God Bless, Marie Hentborn***

MISSION COMMISSION

Dear Members & Friends--Thank you so much for your support of the Week of Compassion Luncheon! Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, lunch tickets, and bought pies that were auctioned off. We couldn’t have done it without everyone’s help! We especially thank Jane Wallace for planning and preparing the meal; Jacquie Cook for helping cook and serve; Lani McBee and Al Singleton for donating the beautiful pictures for the raffle; Kathy Winders for making tickets and signs; all who brought pies and all who helped serve and clean up. CONGRATULATIONS to Annette Ambrosino as the winner of the photograph by Lani McBee and Dan Coey as the winner of the photograph by Al Singleton. It takes everyone to make it all work and this church always steps up to help. Thank you for all that you each do to make the world a better place! We are grateful for each of you! The Week of Compassion donations for the dinner, raffle, pie auction & offerings totaled \$2,142.70. \$1,176 was designated for Hurricane Relief and \$966.70 was given undesignated. There was also \$135 in checks received that were made to the Week of Compassion. Total Funds collected from January 1, 2017 to October 10, 2017 and sent to the Week of Compassion = \$3,761.12.

The Youth from the Crisis Center and the Children’s Advocacy project are helping make Fleece Blankets. Our congregation and friends have made 466 blankets to date. We are asking for donations to purchase fleece so we can continue the fleece blanket project and allow the youth to participate in this program. We need 2 yards of printed fleece and 2 yards of solid fleece per blanket.

The Sandwich Ministry is currently making 120 lunches each week. Thank you to those that continue to make sandwiches. The Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies is in need of turkeys, donations and volunteers for the “Gobble, Gobble, Give Thanksgiving” event. If you can help in anyway, please contact them @ 265-2172.

NOVEMBER DIACONATE

Rob & Jolene Knaus, Trisha Woods, Lani McBee.

Nov. Communion Prep

Chapel -Robin Nelson & Pat Seamands

10:10 Service - Jolene Knaus

GREETERS

Lyle & Jo Cox

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



Worship Leaders

Offertory Steward

Paul Hallock

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Wilma Allen	Nov. 2*	Dave Jerde	Nov. 17
Nathan Hawley	Nov. 2	Scott Hawley	Nov. 18
Spencer Stupak	Nov. 4	Brad Black	Nov. 20
Ted Grooms	Nov. 8	Billy Triplett	Nov. 21
Pam Steinle	Nov. 8	Bee Mattson	Nov. 22
Linda Keyser	Nov. 11	Darin Rodgers	Nov. 22
Lani McBee	Nov. 11	Ed Burgess	Nov. 26
Dan Coey	Nov. 12	Donna Klinker	Nov. 28
Amy Black	Nov. 14	Elaine Gross	Nov. 29
		Kylee Stupak	Nov. 30

* Wilma Allen will be celebrating her 101st Birthday.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Brent & Kim Forbis - Nov. 1, 1975

Phil & Becky Ostrander - Nov. 10



FCC CWF INSTALLATION & LUNCHEON

The Installation of the 2018 Christian Women's Fellowship Board officers will be held on Saturday, November 4th @ 10:30 a.m. with a luncheon immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Carol Sage. *All women are invited.*

The Northern District Women's Renewal in Douglas was a very enjoyable event for our women who attended. The "cafe" theme of living a sweet spiritual life, the fellowship with 40+ women, time with our new regional minister Joan Bell Haynes, and moments of rest and worship were all a blessing. The women of Casper thank the women of Sheridan for leading this year's retreat. We anticipate that the next women's retreat will be in 2019, as next September we'll all be busy with the Regional Assembly 'Fall Feast' here in Casper.

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

On December 3rd, join us for an interactive night of fun and fellowship! At "A Night in Bethlehem," kids and their families will explore the city at the time of Jesus' birth. Through hands-on experiences they'll find out about the most important baby ever—and learn that Jesus came to save us. This is a 2-3 hour event, and I am looking for helpers. We have many jobs, big and small, so if you would be interested in helping, please contact Michelle Elser at 307-259-1166, and we can find the perfect part for you! There will be several areas with crafts and hosts in Biblical costumes.





CONGRATULATIONS TROOP 13 NEW EAGLE SCOUT

Caleb Stahl's Eagle Court of Honor was held Saturday, October 14th at the Izaak Walton League Clubhouse. Members of Troop 13 participated in the Ceremony, celebrating Caleb receiving Scouting's highest rank. Caleb has enjoyed his journey to earning the Eagle Rank which requires an incredible amount of work. During his scouting adventure he has also been able to attend two high adventure bases, Sea Base and Philmont Scout Ranch, and attended the National Jamboree this past July. Caleb's goal was to complete his journey to Eagle before the National Jamboree which he achieved. Congratulations to Caleb and his parents Chris and Eve Stahl on this wonderful achievement. Caleb is the 68th Eagle Scout in the History of Troop 13.

TROOP 13 TRAILS

Nathan Hawley has completed his Eagle Board of Review which is the final step in earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Nathan worked hard to earn this achievement and the celebration of earning Scouting's highest rank will be during Nathan's Eagle Court of Honor. Time and date are yet to be announced. Congratulations to Nathan's parents, Scott and Jennifer Hawley, who have encouraged and supported Nathan throughout his Scouting career.

Troop 1013 survived the trip to Wisconsin Summer Camp. Seven adult leaders and 18 boys made the trek from Casper to Camp Tesomas in Rhinelander, WI. The boys worked on merit badges and skills for rank advancement. One of the highlights was the spectacular Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony. The Order of the Arrow is a fraternal organization of Scout Campers. Members are nominated by their peers in the Troop. Two scouts from Troop 13, Ethan Birkle and Matthew Hills, were called out for membership in the Order of the Arrow. Troop 1013 is also thankful that First Christian Church in Sioux Falls, SD graciously fed the troop and provided accommodations en route to and from Wisconsin.

The Troop held the annual end of summer parent's BBQ and Court of Honor in September. Fun, food and tales of the summer camp were shared with families and guests. Merit badges and rank advancements of the boys were also celebrated that night. The Troop will be working the Pumpkin Patch Saturday Oct. 21 and Sunday Oct 22.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY will be observed November 5th. If you have lost a loved one between November 1, 2016 and October 31, 2017 and would like their name to be read during worship on November 6th, please contact Kathy Winders in the church office with their name, date of birth and date of death by Wednesday, November 2nd. There will be extra guests in worship with us that day, so it's a wonderful opportunity for every member to practice the evangelism of hospitality and welcome.

PIE CONTEST

Starting at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28th, Mike Ward will accept pies for the Pie Contest. Entry forms are on the bulletin board. The entry fee is \$3.00 per pie and fees will be used for prizes. There will be a cash prize for 1st & 2nd place in each division. Judging will begin promptly at noon and judges' decisions are final. Categories are fruit, nut, creme and pumpkin pies. Pies must be a between 9" and 12" in diameter. No identifying marks/names allowed on baking dishes. Winners will be announced at the 10:10 Sunday Service October 29th. Pies will be sold by the slice on Sunday after worship. Entry forms are on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Ward.





PRESCHOOL NEWS

The kids are loving being the “keepers of the patch.” Last week we enjoyed story time with Teacher Jenny and we are busy getting ready for Halloween. We have had visits from the firemen and went to visit a Fire Station. We have also been practicing fire drills. Our Halloween parties will be October 30 & 31. You are invited to come and hand out candy to the kids when they trick or treat in the offices of the church those two days. Pre-K gets to carve pumpkins too. We will soon start working on our Thanksgiving program.

We have advertised on Facebook and have gained a few new students, but we still have a few openings. If you know of a family looking for a high quality preschool program, have them contact us! Thank you for all your help and what you do support the program. ***Thanks, Teacher Annette***

YOUTH NEWS!

The FCC Youth group is open to all youth grades 5-12. The Youth group meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15 p.m. There are several activities planned for the upcoming months. Please put the following dates on your calendar - Regular meetings - Nov 1, 15 & 29 AND:

October 18 - Prepare food for Craft Fair to sell as fundraiser

CRMRY CYF Fall Retreat at Bethany Christian Church in Farmington - Nov. 3-5

Mission Weekend at La Foret for CYF & Chi Rho - Nov. 18-19

December 13 - Christmas Party

International Affairs Seminar (travel to NYC & DC) - March 17-24, 2018

Contact Carmen Goodman or Laura Chipperfield for more details.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The FCC Youth Group will be collecting items to enclose in shoebox gifts along with a \$9 fee for shipping expenses. The goal is to fill 15 shoeboxes. The youth will be packing the boxes at their November 15th meeting. If you have any items to include in the shoebox, please leave them on the pool table in the youth room. Do not bring any toothpaste. We will be tracking at least one shoebox this year so we can inform the congregation where in the world it ends up. Small toys & school supplies make great gifts for children around the world. (No ‘war’ related toys, such as guns, please.)



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER & CHURCH DECORATING

The Annual Church Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Sunday, November 19th after the 10:10 worship service. Signup sheets to attending and bring food will be placed on the Diaconate bulletin board. Questions? Contact Wanda Gochenour or Tammy Heck. Decorating the church for the Advent season will happen right after the luncheon, so bring a change of clothes and stay to help. All ages can help with decorating. For more information on decorating plans contact Melanie Dowler.



ATTENTION HANDBELL CHOIR

Practice for the holiday season of the Handbell Choir will be held Tuesday, Nov. 21, Nov. 28 & Dec, 5th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The bells will play on Sunday, December 10th @ 10:10. If you have any questions or cannot make a practice, please contact Amber.



November 2017

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween 7:00 PM AA 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 AM T.O.P.S. #35 9:00 AM Quilters 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP 7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM CWF Board meeting 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Potluck 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry 10:30 AM CWF Installation & Luncheon 2:00 PM BSP meeting
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daylight Saving Time End All Saint's Sunday 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 PM Circle of Caring 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Day 7:00 PM AA 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 AM T.O.P.S. #35 9:00 AM Quilters 12:00 PM CWF #2 7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM CWF #1 11:30 AM CWF #3 - Wonderful House 6:30 PM God & Life 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans Day (observed) 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans Day 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry 10:00 AM State Quilters
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<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner 1:00 PM Decorate Church 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM BETA SIGMA PI 6:30 PM Handbell practice 7:00 PM AA 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 AM T.O.P.S. #35 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanksgiving 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry
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Even with a late start and challenging weather our Pumpkin Patch is off to a great start. As of October 15, 2017 our pumpkin sales total \$5,676. Hopefully the rest of the month continues this momentum. The next two weekends have great potential. October 21st is the Craft/Vendor Fair from 10 a.m. - 4:00 pm; October 28th is Trunk or Treat from 2-4 p.m. in the west parking lot and the Pie Baking Contest will start with receiving baked pies @ 3:30 p.m. and judging at 4:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat will be hosted by the Olivia Caldwell Foundation, the local charity chosen to be the recipient of patch funds for 2017. They are planning on having a booth to sell hot chocolate and apple cider and will be giving a prize for the best decorated Trunk. Space of vehicles is limited so if you would like to join the fun, please call Katie Caldwell @ (307) 333-1273 or Chanel @ (307) 262-2300. If you would like more information about the Olivia Caldwell Foundation you can visit the website at www.oliviacaldwellfoundation.org. It is a local organization that raises money for pediatric cancer research primarily in partnership with the Denver Children's Hospital.

Thank you to everyone who helped unload the pumpkins, to CWF for a great meal, and all of the volunteers that have worked or will be working the patch. ---- **Teacher Chanel**

PIANIST WANTED!!!!

FCC is looking for a skilled musician to play for choir practice on Wednesday evenings and to play for Sunday morning church service. If you know of anyone that might be interested in joining our staff, please contact Amber French **ASAP**.

