

# THE CALL OCT. 2017

#### SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER EVENTS

**SEPT. 26** - Hallock Community Group begins meetings 7:00 p.m. @ Stewarts house

**Sept. 28** - Godly Girlfriends @ 5:30 p.m.to eat soup and decorate the Patch.

- God & Life Class @ 6:30 p.m.

#### Oct. 1 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY -

Week of Compassion Luncheon. Guest Speaker Rev. Joe Hendrixson. Tickets for lunch \$15. Raffle tickets for pictures \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20.

Oct. 3 - Beta Sigma Phi meeting and luncheon @ 11:30 in Fellowship Hall

## OCT. 4- PUMPKINS ARRIVE @ 4:00 P.M. "All hands on deck!"

Please sign up if you plan to stay for chili.

- Oct. 5 CWF Board meeting @ 10:00 a.m.
- Lunch Bunch Potluck @ 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Bring a dish to share.
- **Oct. 8** Nominating committee meets @ 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

## All FCC'ers - please remember to turn in your nomination forms!

Blessing of the Beasts - 2 PM on church lawn

- Oct. 17 Beta Sigma Phi meeting and luncheon @ 11:30 in Fellowship Hall.
- Oct. 21- Pumpkin Patch Craft Fair in Fellowship Hall. See Carmen Goodman for details.
- Oct. 28 Shriner Ladies Lunch/Style Show, noon in Fellowship Hall See Mary Burgess for tickets.
  - **Pie Baking Contest** -Mike Ward in charge.

#### **Church Staff:**

Rev. Cynthia McBride, Lead Pastor Leigh Earle, Bookkeeper Kathy Winders, Secretary Annette Crain, Preschool Director Amber French, Music Director 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. 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

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

will meet on Sunday, October 8th @ 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall and NOT on Monday, October 9th @ 6:00.

A WORD

FROM THE PASTOR

#### A HURRICANE OF HELP - A RAINBOW OF HOPE

In recent weeks, we have heard of the devastation wrought by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and the flooding they brought in the Caribbean, the Gulf Coast and across the Southeastern US. One of the areas severely affected by flooding is the "Golden Triangle," a nickname for the area East of Houston between Beaumont,

Port Arthur, and Orange, TX. The Rev. Brenda Warren, a colleague from Beaumont, Texas shares: "We are ok, but numerous friends have major devastation to deal with. It is as bad or worse in the Golden Triangle than is shown on TV. The mayor of Orange, Texas is the spouse of the pastor of the little beach church we attend. He said Sunday morning that 85% of the homes, churches, schools, and businesses were flooded. It is catastrophic here. People with no flood insurance have homes no longer worth anything except the property value. Whole neighborhoods flooded. Lifetimes of sweet mementoes destroyed. Too bad all the trillions of gallons of water could not be gathered up in some way and sent to quench the horrible wildfires out west. Thankfully we have safe running water as of Saturday."

It is mind boggling to try to imagine the extent of the damage these two massive storms have caused. It is also truly amazing to reflect on the generosity of the human spirit, the innumerable stories of neighbor helping neighbor and strangers responding to help others in need. The Week of Compassion is the Disciples relief, refugee and development mission fund. It is a guaranteed way for us to quickly "put our compassion into action" anytime disasters strike. On October 1st, our Mission Commission will again host a Week of Compassion fundraising dinner. When you buy your ticket, for \$15, ALL of those funds will go to the Week of Compassion as the Mission Commission is covering food costs this year. Indicate your preference for chicken or roast pork. You are also welcome to make over and above gifts of any amount. Donations of pies and the purchase of raffle tickets increase our giving.

On World Communion Sunday, October 1st, we will have a personal visit from the Minister for Disciples Development of Week of Compassion. Rev. Joe Hendrixson will preach at both services, speak to the Homebuilders Class and also make a brief presentation at the luncheon. A native of Hutchinson, Kansas, Joe has years of experience in ecumenical and interfaith leadership as well as pastoral ministry. He has a passion for bringing people together to face the great divisions of our time: poverty, hunger, racism, and threats to educational and food systems. Joe is a graduate of Texas Christian University and the Claremont School of Theology. If you are new to the church, this is a great opportunity to learn about one of the most impactful ministries of the Disciples of Christ.

The direct impact of Harvey on Disciples churches included: Iglesia Cristiana Betania lost their roof and had water damage to the sanctuary. Cypress Creek Christian Church in Spring, TX had severe flooding. Pastors, trapped in their houses by flooded streets, ministered to their anxious and scattered congregations, through virtual prayer services, phone calls, and offers of shelter. Kingwood Christian Church housed 70 people who were evacuated from the rising waters of Lake Houston. Pastor Amber Mattingly shared that, even with the anxiety of the evacuation and the pressing task of finding 70+ air mattresses, those gathered at KCC took a moment to celebrate a birthday, complete with a cupcake and candle. Pastor Heather Tolleson was trapped in her house in Katy, TX. She said to Week of Compassion staff: "I can't get out. But when the storm passes in a few days we will use our church [First Christian Church, Katy] as a site for healing and to help rebuild our community. There is a rainbow on the other side of the storm." Personal calls from Week of Compassion to Disciples pastors have provided a sense of connection and true support. The devastation of Harvey and Irma, the possible impact of Maria, have brought a "hurricane of help" from caring people. The gifts that we give here in Casper are part of a rainbow of hope given to those who will face a long recovery for years ahead.

As Hurricane Maria makes landfall in Dominica, we hold in our prayers all the people in the Caribbean who are directly in the path of the storm. This is the strongest hurricane on record to make landfall in Dominica. Week of Compassion has been in contact with our partners in the Caribbean and Puerto Rico and will continue to monitor the storm as it moves northwest. Every gift you make to Week of Compassion brings direct blessings of hope and help to someone in need, in Texas, the Caribbean, and around the world. - Rev. Cynthia McBride

The **God & Life Class** will be taught by Mike Ward on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, concluding in December. The class will start at 6:30 p.m. and end between 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. Dates for class are September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, November 9 and the second day TBD due to Thanksgiving; and December 14th will be the last class. For more information contact Mike Ward.

Did you know? Ministry feedback is always welcome. You can speak with our pastor or elders at any time. Members are also welcome to talk to the "Members at Large" Janie Nelson & Mike Ward. This year's Pastoral Relations Committee is: Randisue Davis, Keith Rouse, Linda Mosteller, & Lyle Cox.

# Motes of THANKS

Dear Church Family--Recently, faithful and diligent Paul Hallock came to visit us in our new home in Primrose Retirement Center, bringing with him the many encouraging notes you wrote upon our move--AND a lemon meringue pie. Needless to say, we enjoyed the pie, but <u>treasure</u> your notes! After 47 years in the Old Homestead, God was directing us to the path we have taken and making sure "things" would fall into place each step of the way. We are settled and happy here. How blessed we are! **Dwayne & Betty Axworthy** 

A big THANK YOU to all my church family who called, sent cards and prayed for us during the time of my precious brother's passing. It was much appreciated and treasured. *Laura & Bob Glasspoole* 

Thank you. I was so blessed as I opened your letter and saw all your signatures. It is so relevant for our ministries, to know that we are not alone, that we are being thought of.
You all gave me joy! - **Rev. Ruben Rodriguez**, Pastor Mountair Christian Church - Lakewood, CO

#### 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** at 247-0338. Thank you to Lani McBee and Kathy Winders who have been our pianists during the month of September and to Melanie Dowler who will be practicing with the choir on Wednesdays.

#### Nominating Committee News:

NOW is the time and NOW is your chance to have a voice in the leadership of First Christian Church Let your voice be heard by RETURNING your Nominating Form next Sunday, September 24th! Spend some time in prayer and in your Directory, and let the Lord speak to you about your church family and the gifts they all possess and how those gifts could be used in service to the church. And while you're at it, thoughtfully consider your own gifts and don't be shy....nominate yourself!

From Lani McBee & Cal Decker, this year's "Nom Com" chairs.

#### OCTOBER DIACONATE

Laura Chipperfield, Kendal Chipperfield, Lyle and Jo Cox

#### **Communion Prep**

**Chapel** - Janie Nelson

10:10 Service - Lynda Williams

#### GREETERS

Martha & David Wallace

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

Offertory Steward Larry Winders

Lawn Mower for Oct. Cal Decker



#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Grace Sallstrom Liberty Heights Patio Home 452 12105 Ambassador Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80921



Congratulations to the following qualified individuals for receiving awards for the 2017 Fall semester: Spencer Stupak, Amber Rouse, Abel Stewart and Keith Rouse. We are excited and wish all our recipients a great fall semester with solid performance. Thanks to the donors who have made this possible through their forethought and generosity, which many students have benefitted from. If you'd like to know more about participating in this program, please call Judy Baker @ 277-1530.

#### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kent Ames	Oct. 3	Mark Steinle	Oct. 10
Cal Decker	Oct. 3	Mark Williams	Oct. 11
Monica Decker	Oct. 5	Darlene McIrvin	Oct. 14
Marie Henthorn	Oct. 5	Kellan Johnson	Oct. 15
Maryann Cain	Oct. 6	Sara Williams	Oct. 16
Bryant Badger	Oct. 7	Carmen Goodman	Oct. 24
Brad Greenlee	Oct. 9	Vanita Wilson	Oct. 26
Betty Burkhart	Oct. 10	Brian Black	Oct. 27
Amber French	Oct. 10	Chuck Potter	Oct. 29
		Randisue Davis	Oct. 31

#### **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Lee & Virginia Yohn - Oct. 26, 1958 Chuck & Suzy Stewart - Oct. 30, 1955

#### **Memorial Service**

A Memorial Service for Marj Haass will be held at First Christian Church on Saturday, September 23rd @ 3:00 p.m. with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Laura Jaquith will be officiating. She is a Methodist minister in Oregon and a 2nd cousin to the family. **Cards of Sympathy** to the family of Marj Haass can be sent to Alexis Reed, 3315 W. Morse Dr., Anthem, AZ 85086 or brought to the church on the day of the service..

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES!

Oct. 1st - Week of Compassion speaker
Nov. 5th - All Saint's Sunday
Nov. 19 - Thanksgiving Sunday & dinner
Nov. 26 - Decorate the church for Christmas
More information will be forthcoming.

#### **BLESSING OF THE BEASTS**

Bring your pet to FCC at 2 PM on Oct. 8th for a brief service of blessing. All species are welcome. Donations benefit the Casper Humane Society. We will gather on the church's front lawn facing CY Avenue. Invite your friends & their critters.



The Youth group will meet every two weeks on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 or 7:15 p.m. Please put the following dates on your calendar: October 4 & 18th; November 1, 15, & 29th; December 13 will be the Christmas Party. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board to volunteer for providing dinner. If anyone has any questions about the youth group, contact Carmen Goodman (267-9892) or Laura Chipperfield (234-8692).

Guardians of Creation - Genesis 1:28 is the theme for the CYF Fall Retreat 2017 November 3-5 @ Bethany CC in Farmington, NM. This is a mission oriented retreat for Central Rocky Mountain Region high school youth. The cost is \$30 which includes meals, snacks, mission supplies, sleeping space & loads of fun. Registration forms are due by October 18th. See Carmen Goodman for further details.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

**WORSHIP & WONDER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Please contact Erika Stupak (277-8620) if you can help with our children's church that meets during the worship service. The children leave for this prior to the pastoral prayer. Everything is planned for you and volunteers sign up for individual Sundays, not for the whole year. An introduction to the format we use will be offered to new volunteers.

**<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS</u>** 9:00 A.M. Homebuilders Adult Sunday School--Bible based and discussion oriented class facilitated by Ted Grooms. Meets in the Inner Room. All are welcome.

#### CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS DURING WORSHIP SERVICE.

**Worship & Wonder** - Children's church experience based on interactive Bible stories for children ages 3 to kindergarten. Facilitated by volunteers - Erika Stupak is the coordinator. Children attend the first part of church service with family/friends, then leave with leader prior to Pastoral Prayer. Meets in the Preschool classroom downstairs.

Young Disciples - for children grade I through grade 4. Bible stories, games, and crafts. Facilitated by Jennifer Grooms. Children attend the first part of church service with family/friends, then leave with leader prior to Pastoral Prayer. Meets in preschool classroom downstairs.

**Chi Rho** - **students grades 5-8.** Michelle Elder is facilitator. Students stay with family/friends in church until after special music. Focus is on faith based discussions and activities.

**Nursery care** - Cheryl Dionne provides supervised professional nursery care every Sunday for infants - 2 year olds. You may bring your children to the nursery when you arrive at church or during worship if they get restless. The nursery is downstairs at the end of the main hall.

#### NURSERY VOLUNTEER/WORKER NEEDED

We are in need of a back-up nursery attendant, usually one Sunday per moth (9:30 - noon). Background check is required (church will submit your paperwork). Person can receive compensation for their time if requirements are met. If interested, please contact the church office or Jennifer Grooms (234-1138).



#### FALL STYLE SHOW & LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 28, 2017 LUNCH @ NOON FOLLOWED BY STYLE SHOW BY FASHION CROSSROADS FCC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sponsored by Kheta Court #59, Ladies Oriental Shrine For tickets contact Mary Burgess @ 234-2951, or Linda Keyser @ 262-4565



#### NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL "ZOO"

Our theme this year is the "ZOO" and we are off to a great year. We still have a few openings available. There are two in Pre-K, 1 in the intro class and 1 in the young 3's. We are hoping that we get to go on a "Bear Hunt" this week and find Smokey Bear. Not sure if that will happen as the

weather is not going to be nice. If not, maybe Smokey will come visit us as school. The pre-K class will be helping Ms. Cheryl with snacks. They will be making apple turnovers and monkey bread. YUMMY!!! and the younger kids will be painting with apples. Fall is so much fun! Thanks for all you do to support the FCC preschool program. ~~ Teacher Annette

#### **UPDATE FROM MISSION COMMISSION**

The <u>Week of Compassion luncheon</u> will be on Sunday, October 1st @ noon in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$15 per person and the proceeds are going to the Week of Compassion. This is a great way to help people devastated by recent hurricanes. Tickets will be sold until Sunday, September 27th. Jane Wallace is preparing the luncheon and there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers to bring pies for dessert. We are also selling raffle tickets for two beautiful photographs donated by Lani McBee and Allen Singleton. The raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held during the luncheon on October 1st.

The Fleece Blanket project has made a total of 466 blankets since January, 2016. We will continue to make them on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 AM - 3 PM. Everyone is welcome to come help with this project.

Thanks you's to: Everyone that brought eclipse glasses. These will be going to a missionary in Nepal so children in an orphanage can view the solar eclipse in their area in 2018; Martha Wallace for making covers for women's exams for Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic.

We are also asking for donations of warm clothing for those in need. They can be left in the box under the coat rack upstairs or on the cart on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of these programs, contact Debbie Mestas (785-577-4762) or Keith Rouse (258-7589).



#### IT'S THATTIME OF YEAR

Cub Scouts Pack 13 and Boy Scouts Troop 1013 are selling popcorn again. You're more than welcome to come to stop by the church on Monday nights between 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. to purchase your popcorn. This year popcorn is available to take home with you. If they don't have what you want, they will certainly order it for you. Proceeds from the popcorn sales help fund scout camps and other scouting activities. Support a local scout!!! Zach and Nathan Hawley appreciate those of you who purchased popcorn from them on a recent Sunday morning.

**CWF News:** The current leaders of the CWF Executive Board will all continue their roles of service in 2018. The officer installation will be held on Saturday, November 4th with a salad luncheon in Fellowship Hall. ALL Disciples women are welcome to join the CWF circle of their choice. Group 1 meets 2nd Thurs. at 10 AM. Group 2 meets 2nd Wed. at noon with potluck lunch. Group 3 meets 2nd Thurs. at 11:30 for lunch at area restaurants. Godly Girlfriends will meet Sept. 28 at 5:30 to prep decorations in the Pumpkin Patch. 14 women will attend the CRMR Women's Renewal Retreat in Douglas, with the theme "Sweet Life Cafe".

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#### **GODLY GIRLFRIENDS**

Godly Girlfriends will be meeting on Thursday, September 28th @ 5:30 p.m. to help **decorate the Pumpkin Patch**. Jenny Black is providing a pot of soup for dinner. If you are planning on helping, please email Jenny at <a href="mailto:jennyblacki@me.com">jennyblacki@me.com</a> so she will know how many to prepare for and how much help she can count on. During October, the Godly Girlfriends group will have a night of baking pumpkin pies to sell at the patch. Jane Wallace will be organizing that evening and contacting everyone with the date. We usually make around 16 + pies for sale.

#### PUMPKINS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON OCTOBER 4TH

Preparations are coming right along for this year's Pumpkin Patch. Our preschool families are very excited to help out this year. The Boy Scouts will be setting up the tent on Monday, October 2nd and volunteering in the Patch the weekend of October 21st. The Cub Scouts will be helping every Monday evening in October. There are still a lot of empty slots on the sign up sheet, so please check your calendar and see when nights work for you. ALL help is appreciated.

"Blessing of the Beasts" will be held Sun. Oct. 8th at 2:00 PM on the front church lawn. The Craft Fair is October 21st from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and will be in the Fellowship Hall. Booth space is limited to 26 booths so make your reservations early. Booth fee is \$25. Registration forms are in the church office or if you need further information contact Carmen Goodman @ 267-9892 or <a href="mailto:dragonflyclg@yahoo.com">dragonflyclg@yahoo.com</a> Mike Ward is planning on doing the **Pie Contest** again this year on Sat. Oct. 28. For entry details and information contact Mike @ 259-1785.

If anyone has any questions, please call Teacher Chanel McCash @ 262-2300.