



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL

**MAY  
2018**

**APRIL 28 - Kheta Court Ladies of the Shrine Style Show and Luncheon @ 11:30. CROP Walk @ 1:00 p.m.**

**APRIL 29 - Parent & Youth Planning Luncheon after 10:10 service.**

**MAY 3 - CWF Board Meeting & Lunch Bunch Potluck.**

**MAY 6 - Pulpit Guest. Rev. McBride will be in N.M. for her father's funeral.**

**MAY 7 - Elders Meeting**

**MAY 13 - Graduation Sunday and presentation of Bibles to 2nd graders.**

**MAY 14 - Commission meetings & Board meeting**

**MAY 18 - Bernice Riley's memorial service @ 10:00 a.m. in sanctuary with reception to follow.**

**MAY 20 - Last choir performance and children's Sunday school before summer.**

**MAY 23 - Preschool Graduation. 3 & 4 year olds @ 5:45 p.m. and Pre-K @ 7:15 in Fellowship Hall.**

**MAY 27 - Memorial Day Sunday - No nursery care**

**MAY 28 - Church office closed for Memorial Day Holiday.**

## **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!**

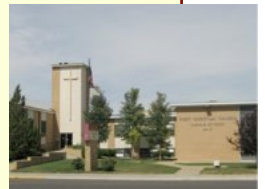
## **Office hours:**

**Mon.-Thurs.**

**10:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

**Fridays**

**8:30 AM - NOON**



## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

**8:15 Chapel Service**

**9:00 a.m. Adult Classes**

**10:10 Worship & Children's Classes**

**11:30 Coffee Fellowship**

**(307) 234-8964**

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## **Preschool hours (Sept-May)**

**Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon**

## **NURSERY CARE!**

**Parents** please NOTE: There will be NO nursery care on Sunday, May 27th because of the Memorial Day Weekend.

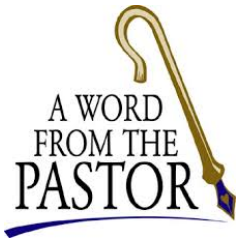
## **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and  
with all your soul and with all your mind."*

Matthew 22:37



## God's Timing

### *A Daughter's Pastoral Word*

Not every congregation can handle their pastor being gone on Easter Sunday - so, first of all, let me say THANK YOU. Thank you to Dennis Baker who preached on short notice on April 1 and to Bob McNamara who was our pulpit guest on April 8. Thank you to our staff and lay leaders who carried on in ministry as I was called away suddenly by my father's illness. On Palm Sunday, Dad's friends at First Christian in Alamogordo noticed something was a little "off" with Tommy. They called my sister, 70 miles away in Las Cruces, and she and husband Paul drove over to check on Dad. He complained about a headache that had been going on awhile, but then he took something and seemed to feel better. After dinner, they extracted a promise from Dad that he'd see his doctor.

Long story short... without any clear cause, he'd had a subdural hematoma, a "brain bleed." On Monday, March 26, he was life-flighted from the E.R. in Alamogordo to a regional trauma center in El Paso, TX. I was there by Wed. night to see him in ICU after he'd had the first of two craniotomies. Over the next two weeks, Debbie and I made the journey that many others make - spending long hours in hospital waiting rooms, rejoicing when he progressed out of ICU, and praying "without ceasing." By Tuesday, April 10th, Dad was fully himself again - funny, quiet at times but very articulate, walking well and gaining strength. With great relief, I flew home Wed. We knew there were risks ahead - a return of the bleed, cardiac complications, mobility or speech deficits, short-term memory loss just to name a few - but Dad was Dad again.

On Friday morning, I'd just backed out of our garage to drive to church and lead preschool chapel when my sister called. They'd taken Dad to the E.R. in Las Cruces with chest pains. We tried to reassure each other that this was just a bump in the road. As the day unfolded, the news became harder to hear. Dad had a heart attack at the hospital. Because of brain bleed issues, the cardiologist couldn't treat his arterial blockage with a stint, but the doctors were still more worried about his brain than his heart. Friday afternoon, I was at a retreat with other clergy-women in Casper. I shared what was happening with apologizes if I had to step out to take a call. Updates continued to come.... things weren't looking good... We closed our time together with these wonderful women of God gathering around me as I sat in a well-worn rocking chair. They laid their hands lightly on my head and shoulders and spoke words of grace, words of courage and strength and peace rooted in our shared faith. They prayed for me, for my family, for our congregation, and most of all for my Dad - that God would watch over him and take care of him. The last friend said, "Amen," and my phone rang. My sister said simply, "He's gone." There, in a living room in Casper, the Spirit of God had been invoked to guide my Dad from yet another Intensive Care Room to his place in eternity - to be greeted by Marilyn, his wife of 55 years, and their two children, David and Valerie, as well as his beloved Lord and Savior Jesus. It was a holy moment and I slipped off my shoes as Moses did long ago.

Throughout the two weeks we'd shared together, there were countless moments of grace - glimpses of God's hand guiding all that unfolded. I was able to go quickly to be with family. I had already planned to be gone the Sunday after Easter so the pulpit was covered. I modified my plan to fly to Arizona for the "Wild Women of the West" event to thinking I could drive. The morning I would've left town, Dad went back to the hospital and I was still there as we faced his second surgery. As soon as we'd shared prayer with his neurosurgeon and nurse, an OR opened and Dad was rushed to surgery. Charles drove over from AZ to surprise us all with a visit at the hospital, never thinking it would be his last chance to see our last living parent. It can sound trite to tell a grieving person, "it was his time" when a loved one dies, but in this case - I do believe it was *God's timing*. There will be a glorious celebration of life for my father on May 5 at First Christian Church in Alamogordo, NM. Please continue to pray for my family in the weeks ahead as we lovingly remember a truly good man - loving Christian father, community volunteer, retired engineer, dedicated church leader, who now shares his sweet tenor voice with heaven's choir. - *Pastor Cynthia*



The Tennyson Center for Children's 23rd Annual Fundraising dinner will be May 12, 2018 at Embassy Suites in Loveland, CO starting at 5:30 p.m. There is no set price to attend, but we all know there is no such thing as a free meal. Each meal costs \$32 per attendee. Donation forms and envelopes for individuals, to confidentially seal their donations of any amount, will be provided. If you wish to make a reservation contact Mikki LeVett @ 720-855-3212 or email mikki.LeVett@Tennysoncenter.org.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY &  
BIBLE PRESENTATIONS  
TO SECOND GRADE STUDENTS  
on Mother's Day - Sunday, May 13th**

Deadline to submit names of graduates (college and high school) to the church office is Monday, May 7th.

**10TH ANNUAL  
THEOLOGY & FLY FISHING RETREAT**

**AUGUST 6-10, 2018**

**BEAR LODGE RESORT,  
BIGHORN MOUNTAINS**

**TO REGISTER OR FOR  
INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**DOUG GOODWIN**

[pastordoug@sheridandisciples.org](mailto:pastordoug@sheridandisciples.org)

In 2014, author Anthony Surage attended the Retreat. He has a new book available online at Amazon: *BRING BACK EDEN: MEDITATION OF A FLY FISHER*.



**KHETA COURT #59  
(LADIES OF THE SHRINE)**

are sponsoring a Style Show/Luncheon at First Christian Church in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 28th at noon. Everyone is invited to attend and see new spring and summer fashions from Fashion Crossroads. Tickets are \$10 a piece and can be purchased from Linda Keyser @ 262-4565 or Janice Traylor @ 237-7483.



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CLINTON, MT 59825**

**SPRING CLEANING BUG**

Ladies of the church--It's Springtime in the Rockies and if you have been exposed to the "Spring Cleaning Bug" we have a job for you!! On Saturday, **May 12th @ 9:00 a.m.** ALL members of CWF and Godly Girlfriends are encouraged to help with three specific cleaning projects: the storage closet behind the stage; the supply closet containing paper goods, pots, and pans; and the kitchens. Our goal is to discard items that are no longer usable or useful and to straighten up and clean as we go! Discarded items will be placed on the stage and Sunday, May 13th church members are invited to look them over and take whatever you would like. All remaining items will be donated to Rescued Treasurers. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**MAY DIACONATE**

Lyle & Jo Cox, Virginia Yohn, Madison Rouse, Tammy Heck (sub)

**Communion Prep**

**Chapel:** Volunteers needed  
**10:10 Service** - Deckers

**May Greeter**

Mary Burgess

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

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Linda Mosteller	May 3	Mary L. 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
Brady Hover	May 7	Betty Axworthy	May 18
Tassma Koehmstedt	May 7	Jared Black	May 22
Lois Purvis	May 11	Cristoph Atkinson	May 24
Hailey Rodgers	May 11	Amanda Kirlin	May 24
George Morrison	May 12	Steve Kingsolver	May 25
Allen Singleton	May 12	Catherine Kingsolver	May 27
Martha Wallace	May 12	Travis Hayden	May 31

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

George & Terri Morrison - May 3, 1975  
Charles & Cynthia McBride - May 9, 1998  
Kirk & Robin 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  
Jeff & Tracy Padilla - May 26, 1984  
Bernard & Annette Ambrosino - May 31, 1986  
Ted & Jennifer Grooms - May 31, 1975



Chuck and I would like to thank all the wonderful folks who have prayed for us and have sent special and meaningful notes and cards. We love our church family ...*Chuck & Suzy Stewart*

Thank you for the wonderful letter sent to our students. We are all touched by the care and love shared. *Sincerely, Mark V. Blankenship, VP of Advancement, Lexington Theological Seminary.*

Thank you to everyone that donated candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Approximately 30 children gathered on a chilly, damp morning to search for eggs filled with candy and the Easter Bunny even made an appearance. *Jennifer Grooms*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Saturday, July 28th**  
**on Casper Mountain**

**Activities will focus on The Lord's Prayer and Africa this year. More details to come. If you would like to help with VBS, contact Jennifer Grooms.**

**CHRISTIAN SYMBOL**

**FLEUR-DE-LIS.** Because the fleur-de-lis resembles a lily, a symbol of purity it is sometimes used to represent the Virgin Mary. Due to its three petal form, the fleur-de-lis also symbolizes the Holy Trinity.



**BOY SCOUT POPCORN SALE!!** There is a display of Boy Scout Popcorn in the Fellowship Hall and on the table

outside the secretary's office. There are tins of sea salt popcorn and several different kinds of microwave popcorn. The new price list is on each table. You can purchase your popcorn anytime and leave your money in the church office.





## FCC TRIVIA

How well do you know your church friends? Each month we will be having some FCC Trivia in the CALL and the answers will be printed in the following month's CALL. Once you see some of the questions and would like to submit some trivia of your own, contact the church office and we will make sure the people about whom the trivia would be are in agreement to have that knowledge released to the rest of the congregation.

1. Where is the "Bible Display Case" located? In the current display, from whose family are most of the historic books? Whose voice(s) currently narrate the display?
2. Which current FCC member holds the record for attending the most CRMR annual men's retreats from Casper?
3. Music trivia: What young person at FCC is an avid drummer? Who has won competitions for playing piano (even after only having a few years of lessons)? Who loves the cello?

### Answers in the June CALL

**Answers to April trivia:** 1) FCC's second "real" stained glass window is located in the upstairs Christian Education wing. 2) Lois Purvis once caught a huge fish in Alaska (bigger than Ted's). 3) Lois Koch once shot a moose.



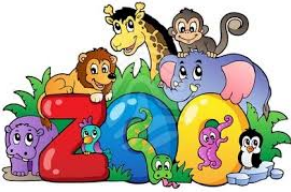
## ATTENTION MEN OF FCC

The regional Men's conference will be held Friday May 18-Sunday, May 20 at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO. Join a great weekend of inspiration, fellowship, and relaxation with men from across the Central Rocky Mountain Region. Cost ranges from \$95 to \$245 (depending on how many people are in a room). Registration deadline is April 27th and registration forms are on line at [crmrdoc.org](http://crmrdoc.org)

## CRMR FALL FEAST - SEPT. 21-23 @ FCC

Registration for the Fall Feast is now open. You can register online at [www.crmrdoc.org](http://www.crmrdoc.org) or you can print off registration forms from the website and get a full schedule of events. Early bird registration deadline is June 30 and final registration deadline is August 31st. There is a discounted registration fee for all local volunteers. As we are hosting this year, let's have a strong showing from FCC Casper! General Minister and President Rev. Teresa Hord Owens will be speaking along with our Regional Minister Joan Bell Haynes.





## NEWS FROM THE ZOO!

We are winding down the preschool year...Graduation photos have been taken, caps ordered and we're starting work on our graduation program. This will be my 18th graduation program at FCC preschool. How time flies! Just think of how many little lives our preschool has touched. Graduation will be May 23rd. Everyone is invited to come.

With the end of this school year we will have some changes to our preschool staff. Teacher Chanel will be leaving us. It is bitter-sweet and we will truly miss her, but she will venture out on a new journey that will benefit her and her family. So we are currently seeking a new teacher for the fall. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them call the preschool for an application. I am hoping to have interviews in early May, so we can introduce our families to the new teacher at the end of this year's program.

The preschool children really enjoyed swimsuit day and the teachers did too. Pre-K will start their journey around the world next week. They will visit Ireland, England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, New Zealand and Mexico. We will have many visitors visiting the preschool to share information about the different countries with the kids. The younger kids will be working on an author study. They will focus on books written and illustrated by Eric Carle. Thank you for your support and help. ***Teacher Annette***

### YOUTH PROGRAMMING MEETING

We will have a light lunch meeting on April 29th following worship to determine the direction of upcoming Youth Programming at FCC. We invite youth (grades 6-12), their parents, and individuals who may be interested in helping with youth programming to join us for lunch. Plan to come and bring your ideas for summer and fall programming.



### CROP WALK

When: April 28th

Time: Registration 1:00 p.m.

Walk: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Tate Pumphouse

If you wish to be involved in this year's walk, contact Keith Rouse or Debbie Mestas. Goal is raising \$5,000 to fight hunger and to have 100 walker/runners participate. Participants are encouraged to register in advance online at [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) or you can register on site the day of the event.

## PROPERTY UPDATES

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for **summer lawn mowing**. Please pick a week or a month that you would like to volunteer to do the mowing and trimming of the church lawns during the summer. There is a John Deere riding tractor/mower available along with a weed-eater for trimming. Cal Decker has said if you contact him he will meet and give instructions on how the machinery works.

If anyone has something you would like Property to address before Fall Feast, contact the property commission or let Terri Morrison or Stan McIrvin, members at large, know and they will inform property. Dewey Smith is the chair of this year's Property Commission.



# May 2018

FCC CASPER CALL

MAY, 2018

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**RISING FROM THE ASHES - A Women's Retreat:**

**Saturday, April 28th- 8:30 - Noon at King's Corner, 112 S. Beech**

Come hear Diane Lynn (former pianist at FCC) share her faith life testimony and story of hope.

Please call First United Methodist @ (307) 234-9385 to request childcare.  
Suggested donations: \$5.00, Canned Food items or any Women's Toiletries.

Disciples Mission Fund **Special Day Offerings** provide support to specific ministries.

Most recently, we received the Easter offering, which benefits the work of missionaries around the world as well as the General Church. The next Special Day Offering will be gathered on Pentecost (May 20th) to benefit new church starts.

**Missionary Visit** - Bruce Van Voorhis, a Disciples/UCC missionary in Hong Kong, will visit Casper **May 7-10**. Bruce works with the Asian and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs, where he advocates for human rights through a variety of programs. Bruce will speak to the elders on Monday evening, and be the guest of honor at a **POTLUCK ON WED. MAY 9 AT 6:30 PM**. We are looking for a host or hosts who would be willing to provide a guest room for our missionary and assist with transportation while he's in town - including rides to and from the Natrona County airport.