



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

**OCT.
2018**

SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 21-23 - CRMR Fall Feast!

SEPT. 30 - PULPIT GUEST - Rev. Jo Ann Neal from Our Savior's Lutheran Church
New Sunday School Class - Lazarus Awakening in Board Room @ 9:00 a.m.
REV. MCBRIDE ON VACATION

OCTOBER

OCT. 1 - Elders @ 6:30 p.m.

OCT. 3 - PUMPKINS ARRIVE

OCT. 4 - CWF Board Meeting-10:00 a.m.
LUNCH BUNCH POTLUCK @ 11:30

Rev. McBride returns to office

OCT. 7 - World Communion Sunday
9:00 a.m. - Assoc. Minister Discussion
in Fellowship Hall

OCT. 8 - 11:30 CWF #3 - 2:00 Circle of Caring - Commissions & Board meeting

Oct. 10 - CWF #2 - noon

Oct. 11 - CWF #1

Oct. 13 - Heck Wedding Rehearsal & dinner

Oct. 20 - Melissa Heck Wedding

Oct. 26 - Cub & Scout popcorn sorting in Fellowship Hall

Oct. 27 - Cub & Scouts to pick up their popcorn

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 - 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

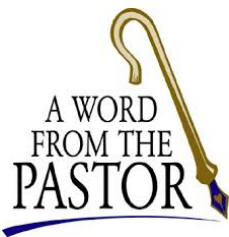
Preschool Phone - 472-0649

CIRCLE OF CARING

The Circle of Caring will meet on Monday, October 8, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m. in the Inner Room. This monthly group shares support for caregivers & those dealing with grief.

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

Matthew 22:37



Putting Feet to Our Faith

After months of planning and preparation, Fall Feast is finally upon us. FCC Casper will host the Regional Assembly of the Central Rocky Mountain Region. Our sister & brother Disciples of Christ from near and far will gather THIS FRIDAY and SATURDAY here in Casper. Whether you're registered or not, all members of FCC are welcome to attend worship Friday and Saturday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM. Nursery care will be provided.

The theme of this Fall Feast comes from Hebrews 12:1-2, which calls us to look at the pioneers of faith who've gone before - to learn from people whose feet have faithfully followed in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Here at FCC Casper, we are surrounded by people who truly put their hands and feet to the tasks of sharing God's love every day. I am amazed by how many FCC members are stepping up to help in all kinds of little ways with hosting Fall Feast - and I'm deeply thankful for the over abundant hours that a few are giving beyond measure (including Carol Sage who's coordinating meals, Dewey & Cal on all sorts of property cleanup, Janie Nelson who'll manage the bookstore, and Rick Black who's prepping worship slides as well as leading our a.v. crew). THANK YOU saints of the church!

FCC Casper *often* puts feet to our faith - in the sandwich ministry, the blanket ministry, prayer shawls & prayer cards, mission meals, visits to homebound, community service, generous giving. Disciples as a whole are good at putting our faith into action - by supporting overseas and homeland missions, through the Week of Compassion's disaster response, at summer camps with youth, on Disciples-related college campuses. It's a core part of who we are - and a way of showing whose we are. **THANK YOU** church for living out faith every day, by helping others and loving one another. - *Pastor Cynthia*



A Prayer for Thanksgiving

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,

help me to remember the jobless;

When I have a home, help me remember those who have no home at all;

And remembering, help me destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;

By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen

Health Insurance Costs

Due to the rising costs of medical care, our denomination ended the "Churchwide Healthcare" insurance plan offered to Disciples of Christ clergy at the end of 2016. Both Dec. 2016 and 2017 brought *significant* increases in the cost of health insurance available to our pastor. This year, Rev. McBride enrolled in Christian Healthcare Ministries, cutting costs to the church in half. CHM is a health cost sharing plan, with both a prescription reduction and catastrophic care component.

If you or someone you know is struggling to find an affordable health insurance plan, Pastor Cynthia is willing to discuss the pros and cons of Christian Healthcare Ministries with you.

SANDWICH MINISTRY CELEBRATES 5 YEARS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the 5 year anniversary celebration of the Sandwich Ministry. It was a success and our participants really enjoyed the ham and cheese sandwiches, pickles and cupcakes. Thanks to Cal and Monica Decker for providing the ham, cheese and mustard. Cupcakes were provided by Carol Sage, Martha Wallace and the LDS Missionaries. Pastor Cynthia provided the message and thanked everyone for the help and support received over the past years. Recipients were invited to comment on "what the sandwich ministry means to me" - A few quotes are shared below.

In October there will be some changes for the Sandwich Ministry since there will be a lot going on in FCC during that time. October 6th lunches will be made at FCC; October 13th Sovereign Grace will be making the lunches so everyone gets a day off; October 20th sandwiches will be made at First United Methodist Church in the Sonrise room at 8:15 a.m. and will also be given out at that location; October 27th lunches will be made at King's Corner. Thank you to all who help! If you have any questions, contact Keith Rouse or Debbie Mestas.

From the Sandwich Ministry Celebration: "Thank you and God Bless" "May God's Blessings on this ministry ensure its growth" "Thank you for spreading God's love"

We have made 815 blankets since the start of the Blanket Ministry. I am planning on having a community wide event sometime in November to make blankets so they can be given to those in need this winter. We need fleece--2 yards of solid color and 2 yards of print for each blanket. Contact Debbie if you have any questions.

We will be collecting gloves, socks, hats and scarfs for those in need all winter. Donation boxes will be upstairs and in Fellowship Hall. Please **do not** bring coats, sweaters or boots. For several years we have purchased gift cards from Smith's for the homeless students. These are distributed by Greta Hinderliter. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Keith Rouse or Debbie Mestas. Thank you, *The Mission Commission*

WEEK OF COMPASSION UPDATE

Hurricane Florence came ashore the North Carolina coast the morning of Sept. 14. Winds of 90 m.p.h., storm surges of over 10 feet, and rain rates over 1" per hour caused devastation. The impact zones include several hundred Disciples congregations, many at risk of significant damage. Week of Compassion is partnering across our Disciples community and with ecumenical partners to respond in many ways to the tremendous need.

- Christmount Conference Center is hosting over 90 evacuees.
- Congregations in multiple states have offered their buildings as shelter for evacuees.
- Southwood Memorial Christian Church in Kinston, NC is working with local emergency management to host a mobile medical center on their campus.
- The Regional Office in North Carolina has been coordinating with congregations to preposition clean-up supplies and identify local resources.
- Our ecumenical partner, Children's Disaster Services, has teams providing childcare in shelters in North and South Carolina.

We also pray for people in the Pacific. Equivalent to a Category 5 hurricane, **Super Typhoon Manghkut** has been thrashing the northern islands of the Philippines. Week of Compassion is in communication with our partners in the Philippines and China and will respond as needed.

Thank you to the Fellowship Quilters for giving the Week of Compassion \$250 from the sale of a quilt they made. What a wonderful gift.

OCTOBER DIACONATE

Melanie Dowler, Lyle & Jo Cox, Laurie Anderson

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel: Janie Nelson

10:10 Service: Lynda Williams

OCTOBER Greeter

Trudy Woodard

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

**OCTOBER
Offertory Steward:**
Judy Baker

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Kent Ames	Oct. 3	Kellan Johnson	Oct. 15
Cal Decker	Oct. 3	Sara Williams	Oct. 16
Monica Decker	Oct. 5	Carmen Goodman	Oct. 24
Marie Henthorn	Oct. 5	Teresa Dugan	Oct. 25
Maryann Cain	Oct. 6	Vanita Wilson	Oct. 26
Bryant Badger	Oct. 7	Brian Black	Oct. 27
Brad Greenlee	Oct. 9	Chuck Potter	Oct. 29
Amber Fremch	Oct. 10	Randisue Davis	Oct. 31
Mark Williams	Oct. 11		

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Lee & Virginia Yohn
Oct. 26, 1958

Chuck & Suzy Stewart
Oct. 30, 1955

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!***Joan McNamara***

3334 Chaparal
Casper, WY 82604
203-8070

Suzee Sanford

2122 Shumway Ave
Casper, WY 82601
307-262-2387

Joan is a talented puppeteer, a professionally trained Christian educator, and the author of "Tuffy Turtle" children's books. She and her husband Bob enjoy traveling to spend time with their grandchildren.

Suzee's daughter, Libby, was active in our youth group last year and is now in her freshman year at the University of Wyoming. Suzee works in home healthcare.



Dear Friends, Gene and I so appreciated your thoughts and prayers while he was at WMC and Poplar Living Center. We are especially grateful for Pastor Cynthia's visits and prayers with us and for all the lovely prayer card messages. Thank you, Everyone and God Bless You All!

Gene & Pat Buck

Dear FCC Family; Thank you very much for the scholarship money for the Fall 2018 semester at UW/CC at Casper College. I am currently studying Religious Studies with an emphasis on History. Thank you so much!!

Keith Rouse

First Christian Church; Thank you so much for granting me this scholarship money. It means so much to me and I appreciate it so much! It will help me reach my goal to become a Civil Engineer! I can't thank you enough.

Kendal Chipperfield

Thank you for the scholarship. I appreciate it very much and it will be put to good use.

Dylan Stupak



ADULT PROGRAMMING

Homebuilders - discussion class on current issues and Bible studies.
Facilitator is Ted Grooms - 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. - Meet in Inner Room

Lazarus Awakening - Travel to the Holy Land, A Bible Adventure with Lani McBee
9:00 - 10:00 A.M. Sept. 30 - Nov. 18 - Meet in Board Room

CHILDREN

Nursery care available for infants and toddlers, downstairs

WORSHIP & WONDER- (Age 3-kindergarten) and YOUNG DISCIPLES CLASS (grades 1-4) meet during church service. Children attend the beginning of worship with their families and then are dismissed to go with the class leaders to their respective classes.

CHI RHO CLASS (grades 5-8) facilitated by Michelle Elser. Class will usually attend worship through the choir's anthem and leave with Michelle to go downstairs.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

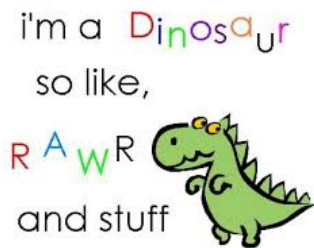
This year we are working toward facilitating monthly events youth grades 6-12. Time and dates will be determined by the activity, but we are trying to meet late afternoons on Sunday. In September we had a popcorn and movie event. In October we are planning a pumpkin carving event. Youth are always welcome to bring friends.

YOUTH CAMP & REGIONAL RETREATS FOR 2018-2019 SAVE THE DATES!!!

Fall Retreat - Nov. 9-11 at FCC in Colorado Springs - CYF Only
Midwinter Retreat - Feb. 15-18, 2019 at La Foret - Chi Rho & CYF
CYF & Jr. Camps - June 9-15 at La Foret
Chi Rho Camp - June 16-22 at La Foret
Discovery Camp - June 20-22 at La Foret

**More information can be found at www.crmrdoc.org
and will be shared in The Call as it becomes available.**

If anyone has ideas for Christian Education programming, or would like to volunteer to work with our children & youth, please contact Jennifer Grooms @ (307) 259-4460.



UPDATES FROM THE DINOSAUR CAVE!

We are off to a GREAT start. It is great to have our school filled with little voices again. This year we have 63 students enrolled. 29 in Pre-K; 19 in the 3/4 class; 7 in the young 3's and 8 in the intro class. We have one opening in the young 3's class. Our new teachers have settled in and are doing a great job! We are going on our first field trip this Friday. We are going on a BEAR HUNT!! I wonder if we will find Smokey Bear?? Everyone is so excited to go and it looks like we should have great weather this year for our first visit up on Casper Mountain.

We've enjoyed our first Friday chapels with Pastor Cynthia, learning about how God's Light can shine in us - singing "This Little Light of Mine" and beginning to learn sign language for the song "Jesus Loves Me." We start chapel each week by lighting our "finger candles" while Pastor Cynthia lights the candles on the communion table.

We are so blessed to have Matthew Hills working on our playground for his Eagle Project. He is rebuilding the swing set, which was originally constructed as an Eagle project by Arlon Ward "many moons" ago. Our students will be so excited to play on our new, safe swing set.

We thank all of you for supporting the preschool and sharing your church family and building with us.

Teachers Annette, Katie, Stacy, Christina, Cheryl, Brooke

Children's Activities for Fall Feast - Sat. Sept 22

- 8:45 – 9:15 – Get to know you Bingo
- 9:15 – Who were the disciples? Who are the disciples now?
- 9:45 – Foot activity with Annette/make a snack/outdoor time
- 10:30 – Shoe Game
- 10:45 – Craft for elders to take to shut-ins
- 11:15 – Parable Time (Wise and Foolish Builders)
- 12- 1:30 Lunch Break
- 1:30 – Parable Time (Good Samaritan and Band Aid Game)
- 2:00 – Puppet making/ puppet show script/ puppet show
- 3:30 – cool treats and outdoor time
- 3:50 – Closing
- 4:00 – End of children's activities for the day

Fall Feast

is for Children too!

Any FCC youth whose families have not registered for Fall Feast are still welcome to join in the fun on Sat. 9/22 - but *please* call Jennifer Grooms to let her know you want to attend. (Non registered children will need to bring their own sack lunches.)

YOUTH at The Feast

Registered youth in grades 6-12 will have a 2-night Lock-In at Grace Lutheran Church. They'll share in the nightly worships, make sandwiches for the sandwich ministry on Saturday, have 2 workshops on Sat. morning and do a mission project at Vision Beyond Borders in the afternoon. Their Sunday worship will be an outdoor service at the waterfall at Rotary Park.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>REV MCBRIDE VACATION</p> <p>Pulpit Guest</p> <p>8:15 AM Chapel</p> <p>9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Rev. McBride vacation</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 PM Elders</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Rev. McBride day off</p> <p>1:00 PM Beta Sigma Phi</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p> <p>4:00 PM PUMPKINS ARRIVE</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM CWF Board meeting</p> <p>11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Potluck</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:15 AM Chapel</p> <p>9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>9:00 AM Associate Minister Discussion</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Indigenous Peoples' Day</p> <p>Columbus Day</p> <p>11:30 AM CWF Group 3</p> <p>2:00 PM Circle of Caring</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 PM Nominating Committee Mtg</p> <p>6:30 PM Spiritual Growth/Stewardship</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Commissions</p> <p>8:00 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Rev. McBride day off</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p> <p>12:00 PM CWF #2</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 AM CWF #1</p> <p>6:00 PM Boy Scouts Roundtable</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</p> <p>10:00 AM State Quilters</p> <p>4:00 PM Heck Wedding Rehearsal</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8:15 AM Chapel</p> <p>9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>4:00 PM Blessing of the Pets</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Rev. McBride day off</p> <p>1:00 PM Beta Sigma Phi</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Heck Wedding</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</p>
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PUMPKIN PATCH TIME

There have been some changes in the Patch in recent years. In order to have enough helpers to work the Patch, leadership has shifted from FCC volunteers to other groups connected with the church - last year it was the preschool; this year it's the Scouts. To thank them for their time, a larger share of the Patch income goes to benefit these groups. The church still receives some income from the Patch for youth & mission activities and has the benefit of visibility in our community as we're still known as The Pumpkin Patch Church.

Mike Ward is the lead coordinator for the Pumpkin Patch this year. The management of the Patch is being shared by the parents and Scouts of Boy Scout Troop #1013 and our Cub Pack. Thank you Scouts for taking on the *MANY* leadership roles that happen behind the scenes.

We are still looking for a Story Time Coordinator. This person needs to be organized and able to make & receive phone calls during the day. They will schedule story times with local preschools that want to visit the patch and line up story teller volunteers to work with the children & sell pumpkins in the patch on weekdays during school hours.



It's time to start signing up to sell pumpkins! If you'd like to volunteer in the patch, see Mike Ward (259-1785) or put your name on the sign up sheets at church. Pick your shift, come with a friend, and have FUN welcoming neighbors to enjoy the Patch!

BLESSING OF THE BEASTS - SUN. OCT. 14 - 4 PM