



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL

**JULY  
2018**

## **JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER**

**June 25** - Bible Explorations 2:00 p.m.  
PRC meeting at church office 6:15 p.m.

**June 30** - DEADLINE for EARLY BIRD  
REGISTRATION DISCOUNT FOR  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

## **JULY DATES**

**July 2-13th** - Rev. McBride out of office

**July 2** - Circle of Caring 2:00 p.m.

**Elders @ 6:30 p.m.**

**July 4** - OFFICE CLOSED

**July 5** - Lunch Bunch Potluck 11:30 a.m.

**July 8** - Pulpit Guest Libby Hugus

**July 9** - Bible Explorations @ 2:00 in the  
Inner Room

**6:30** - Spiritual Growth/Stewardship

**7:00** - Commissions

**8:00** - Board meeting

**July 16** - CALL Deadline @ noon

Roger Miller Graveside Services @  
Highland Cemetery (TIME TBD)

**July 20** - Quilters Barn Board project in  
Fellowship Hall

**July 23** - Bible Explorations @ 2:00 in  
board room

**July 28** - VBS on the mountain 10-2  
Family Campout/Cook Out 5:00 p.m.

**July 29** - Worship on the Mountain @  
11:00 a.m. followed by potluck lunch.  
No 10:10 worship but there will be chapel  
@ 8:15 a.m.

## **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: CLOSED**

**THROUGH SUMMER**

## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

**8:15 Chapel Service**

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

**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**

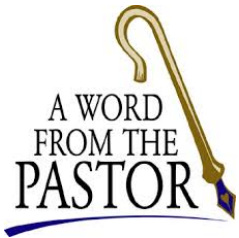
**Preschool Phone - 472-0649**



**Rev. McBride will out of the church office July 2- July 13th.** She will be in Alamogordo, NM. Please contact the church office during this time if you are in need of prayers or Dennis Baker, Elder Chair. Another pastor in town will be "on call" for us to assist with funerals or hospital calling if needed.

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

Matthew 22:37



## Through Thick and Thin

*God is with us ALWAYS*

Recently the expression, “God is with you through thick and thin” came to mind for me. No, it wasn’t in relation to dieting (ha ha) and it wasn’t in researching the history of the phrase. Though I have since learned, according to [phrases.org](http://phrases.org), the original Old English phrasing was “through thicket and thin wood” and literally referred to walking through thick forests of the English countryside. I was just reflecting again on how many funerals we’ve had this year - I officiated at two services a week ago, one at church on Friday and one at Newcomer’s on Saturday. Next Saturday I’ll speak at another service, this time at Bustard’s for someone without a church home. I honestly don’t quite know how people who have no faith make it through the toughest times of life. I am personally deeply comforted by the presence of God in prayer, by my walk with Jesus Christ and through the promises of scripture in those seasons when life is the hardest. It is truly a privilege to share the stories of faith with people who need God’s comforting love.

It was late Sunday afternoon when Suzy Stewart called to share some sad news. She’d had a phone call from Jerry Meeks about his sweet wife Jacque. Most of our members have since heard the very sad and distressing word that she has been diagnosed with a fast-growing, inoperable brain tumor. I spoke with Jerry the next day on Monday morning and he said that at this time, the family is limiting visits so that she can rest. Since then, I’ve had the privilege of visiting with Jerry and their daughters and praying at Jacque’s bedside. I’ve taken her prayer cards from many of you and a prayer shawl as well. They have the support of family and hospice care and appreciate the prayers of our church family. They are “in the thick of it.” It seems Jacque’s journey to heaven will be swift.

Celtic spirituality makes reference to “thin” places... places where the ‘veil’ between heaven and earth seems especially thin. Perhaps when you stand gazing at the grandeur of the Tetons, or when you sit in a silent sanctuary alone in prayer, God feels especially close - then, for you, that becomes a spiritually “thin” place. Whether your days are “thin or thick” this summer, may you know the abiding presence of God’s peace. - *Pastor Cynthia*

### News from the Executive Board

At the June 11th board meeting, several significant items were presented.

\*A proposal for an Eagle Scout project to construct a small building that can serve as a sales station during the Pumpkin Patch was given permission to continue in design development.

\*A request from the Central Wyoming Council of the Boy Scouts to allow girls to join Cub Pack 13 as part of the new BSA “family scouting” initiative was given approval.

\*The elders proposed considering a process to call an Associate Minister. The board unanimously approved entering a discernment and discussion process to explore this possibility. Next steps will include forming a small group to develop a timeline for this process, to assess needs of the congregation and possible areas of growth, develop a possible job description and explore funding needs and sources. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we move forward in conversation.

## INTERGENERATIONAL DAY TRIP!!

The summer intergenerational trip (all ages) will be held in late July or early August. We are considering a trip to the Sheridan area. Details to be announced later!



## YOUTHACTIVITY

**All youth** are invited to a movie night on Sept. 16th to kick off the youth programming (grades 5-12) for the fall. More details will be announced later.!

## 10TH ANNUAL THEOLOGY & FLY FISHING RETREAT

**AUGUST 6-10, 2018**

**BEAR LODGE RESORT,  
BIGHORN MOUNTAINS**

To register or for information  
contact:

Doug Goodwin, pastor FCC Sheridan.

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



## BIBLE EXPLORATIONS

Bible Explorations taught by Kevin Anderson will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays and 2:00 p.m. in the Board room. Next meeting will be June 25th. The Topic will be The Beast, his Mark and his Number (666). Contact Kevin Anderson if you have any questions.



THANK YOU to Laní McBee, Donna McIntire, Melanie Dowler, Kathy Winders and Arlon Miller for providing the piano and organ music during the summer while I continue to search for a permanent accompanist. Continued prayers would be appreciated. Amber French, Music Director

## NEW ADDRESS

Laura Chipperfield  
610 Granite Peak, #105  
Casper, WY 82609

Lois Koch  
Park Place  
1930 E. 12th #322  
Casper, WY 82604



## FCC TRIVIA

*Did you know?....*

**Answers to June trivia:**

- 1) Tom Dowler attended last year's Fly Fishing & Theology Retreat.
- 2) Amber Rouse bakes cupcakes monthly for the Youth Crisis Center.

## SUMMER STUDY - The Book of Titus

Our summer adult class continues on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room with Pastor Cynthia leading.

**LAMP**--A lamp symbolizes the Word of God: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). It also may represent wisdom, based on Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids (Matthew 25:1-13). Additionally a lamp may symbolize the indwelling of the Holy Spirit -- and life itself.



**JULY DIACONATE**

Becky Ostrander, Laurie Anderson, Virginia Yohn

**COMMUNION PREP**

**Chapel: TBD**

**10:10 Service**

Becky Ostrander (1, 8, 22, 29)  
Lani McBee (15)

**JULY Greeter**

Belle Stapleton

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

**July Offertory Steward:**

Randisue Davis

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Ally Sellers	July 3	Lois Koch	July 20
Cooper Goodman	July 4	Tom May	July 21
Ruth Jones	July 12	Wanda Leeling	July 24
Wanda Hall	July 13	Kathy Meloy	July 26
Ed Strube	July 13	Rose Williams	July 26
Emily Brown	July 18	Rick Black	July 31
Stephen Brown	July 18	Pam Rouse	July 31

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

Brian & Jenny Black - July 2, 1988  
Stephen & Emily Brown - July 7, 2007  
Rick & Teri Black - July 14, 1990  
Dave & Becky Foster - July 14, 1979  
Michael & Carol Braley - July 15, 1972  
Scott & Jennifer Hawley - July 20, 1996  
Tim & Katy Havasi - July 28, 2001  
Spencer & Erika Stupak - July 31, 1999



Dear Church Family--We need to thank you again for the notes from many of you. We appreciate all the care you have shown us. We pray for strength for Cynthia as she has had so many challenges during this past year. God Bless You All!

***Lorna & Roger Cook***

FCC Family and Friends--Thank you very much for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. The cards and get well wishes have been very up-lifting and encouraging. I really appreciate all your prayerful support. God Bless, ***Elaine Umbach***

Thank you so much for the fleece blankets during our stay at WMC. It was greatly appreciated. ***Sheryl, Jim & Bishop***

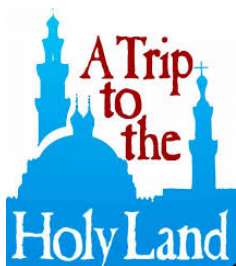
Dear Church family and all the loving hands that worked on the comfort blankets -- Chuck and I thank you. We know we are loved because of the special prayer and blessings the blankets hold. We always have God's love as do you all. We love our church family. ***Chuck & Suzy Stewart***

Dear FCC members and friends-- Thank you to Pastor Cynthia and First Christian Church for the beautiful memorial service for our Mom Ramona Hadlock, CWF and Godliyy Girlfriends for the reception following the service. We also appreciate the cards and prayers during this time in our lives. ***Blessings to all of you-- The Hadlock family.***

Dear Quilting Group-- I just wanted to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers for our family. When we put the quilt on our bed, we felt a warmth from Casper like no other. You all did a great, beautiful job and we appreciate it. Thanks, again for all your prayers. ***Love, the Brabler's (Virginia Yohn's daughter and family)***

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: **Living God's Word:** :  
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: *Therefore encourage one another and build* :  
: *each other up, just as in fact you are doing.* :  
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## DO YOU WANT TO TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND WITH YOUR FCC FRIENDS ?



Over an eight-week period in the fall, you can travel to the Holy Land with your FCC friends and you won't need to leave Casper!! Our new friend Joanna Weaver, who wrote "Being Mary in a Martha World" will take us there. She will open your heart to the truth that you are cherished — apart from anything you accomplish, apart from anything you bring. Just as He called Lazarus forth to new life, Jesus wants to free you to live fully in the light of his love, unhindered by fear, regret or self-condemnation.

You can choose to "travel light" and just come along to enjoy the video sessions and discussions, as we did last winter — Or you may purchase her book "Lazarus Awakening," which can be found on Amazon for under \$12. Last year I provided "highlights" of each chapter. This year I would like for you to find your own highlights. I will continue to provide weekly study guides based on each video session so you would not need to purchase the Study Guide. "Just as Jesus called Lazarus from darkness, He is calling you to come out of the false beliefs and habits that keep you from receiving His unconditional love. He is calling you to know that God not only loves the world — He loves You!"

Contact Lani McBee if you are planning on participating. The start date for our "TRIP" will be announced later!



## ON THE TRAIL WITH TROOP 13

Troop 13 Scouts have a very busy summer planned. Nathan Hawley will be leaving on Saturday, June 23 to go to Northern Tier High Adventure Scout Camp in the North Woods of Minnesota. He will be joining a troop from Texas where they will head to Ely Minnesota and he will return home on July 2nd.

Caleb Stahl is a counselor at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base Scout Camp this summer. Troop 13 will also be leaving the week of July 8th to go to Buffalo Bill Scout Camp for the week. They continue to meet on Mondays @ 7:00 p.m. during the summer.

## CRM 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 Central Rockies Regional Minister Joan Bell Haynes.





**PASTORAL CARE** - Rev. McBride will be returning to New Mexico to help her sister sort through their father's house and continue to settle the estate. She will be out of the office July 2-13th. While she is away, emergency spiritual care will graciously be provided by Rev. Lynn Williamson, the pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church. Please contact Kathy Winders and she will put you in touch with Rev. Williamson as needed. Our elders are also available for your support.

**PULPIT GUEST** - Our pulpit guest for Sunday, July 8 will be the Rev. Libby Tedder Hugus. She is an ordained minister and pastor of "The Table" in downtown Casper. Libby and her family enjoy sharing soup suppers with friends in their historic Casper home and exploring the wonderful outdoor spaces of Wyoming. Libby has preached for us before and we are honored and excited to welcome her back.

### **MISSION COMMISISON UPDATE**

The Sandwich Ministry could use some help on the 1st, 2nd, & 5th Saturdays as we tend to have fewer volunteers at that time. On June 30th the crew can take a break as we will be using frozen peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that we received free from Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies. We are making 120-130 lunches every Saturday. Other agencies that provide meals are also seeing an increase in the number of people they feed.

There were 18 blankets made on June 16th bringing our total made to 774 since January, 2016. We have been able to give comfort and warmth to a lot of people in our community. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this project. We will continue making blankets on the 3rd Saturday from 10-3p.m. Thank you to all for your support for these projects! We have been blessed to receive blankets, fleece, toiletries, peanut butter, water, and other items.

We appreciate all of you. If you want to help or have questions or concerns, please contact Keith Rouse or Debbie Mestas.

## **FAMILY CAMPOUT - FAMILY COOK-OUT**

**When: SATURDAY July 28th**

**Time: 5 p.m. AND Overnight    Where: Casper Mountain**

As we have in previous years, a few FCC Casper families will have an informal overnight "Family Camp" following Vacation Bible School. The Elsers invite you to join them for a one-night campout on Casper Mountain. Bring your tent, trailer, camper or other gear and spend the night under the pines - then you'll be able to be first in line for Worship on the Mountain Sunday morning!

If you're not up for camping out, you're still welcome to join the Elser/McBride community group for a potluck cook-out. We'll gather around 5 p.m. at one of the campsites near Beartrap. Bring your own lawn chairs and food to share. We'll cook out over the campfire and relax in the cool mountain air. ALL ARE WELCOME! Talk to Michelle for details on finding this year's camping spot.

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JULY, 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> ■ 8:15 AM Chapel ■ 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL ■ 10:10 AM Worship ■ 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	<b>2</b> ■ Rev. McBride vacation ■ 2:00 PM Circle of Caring ■ 6:30 PM Elders ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> ■ 7:00 PM AA	<b>4</b> ■ Independence Day ■ OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b> ■ 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch ■ Potluck	<b>6</b> ■ OFFICE CLOSED	<b>7</b> ■ 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study ■ 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry
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<b>15</b> ■ 8:15 AM Chapel ■ 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL ■ 10:10 AM Worship ■ 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	<b>16</b> ■ Roger Miller Graveside service ■ 12:00 PM CALL Deadline ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> ■ 7:00 PM AA	<b>18</b> ■ 9:00 AM Quilters ■ 9:30 AM CALL Folders	<b>19</b> ■ 6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg	<b>20</b> ■ OFFICE CLOSED ■ 9:00 AM Quilters Barnboard project Fellowship Hall	<b>21</b> ■ 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study ■ 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry
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## **WE'RE GOING ON A PRAYER SAFARI!!**

**When: July 28th**

**Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m**

**Where: Beartrap Meadow - Casper Mountain**

**Get ready for some ROARING good fun @ FCC Vacation Bible School. Come for music, games, storytelling and much more! Sign up now. For further information contact Jennifer Grooms @ 259-4460 or Joan McNamara @ 307-203-8070 to volunteer for FUN!**



## **WORSHIP ON THE MOUNTAIN!!**

**When: July 29th**

**Where: Bear Trap Meadow**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.**

**Worship and Potluck Lunch to follow.**

**There will be NO 10:10 worship service this Sunday. Join everyone for food and fellowship. Chapel WILL be held at 8:15 a.m.**