

# THE CALL JUNE 2018

MAY 27 - Memorial Day Sunday - No nursery care available during worship

MAY 28 - Church office closed for Memorial Day Holiday

MAY 31 - Kelly Walsh HS Graduation at 7:30 p.m. Casper Events Center

JUNE 1 - Natrona County HS Graduation at 7:30 p.m. - Casper Events Center

JUNE 1 - OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS DURING THE SUMMER.

JUNE 2 - Property Cleanup - 9:00 a.m. Brady Hover Court of Honor - 1:00 p.m.

JUNE 3 - Summer Study begins - 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room

JUNE 4 - Circle of Caring - 2:00 p.m. "Bible Explorations"- 2:00 p.m. Elders meeting at 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 7 - Lunch Bunch Potluck at 11:30 - Bring a dish to share and come eat!

JUNE 8 - Ramona Hadlock Memorial Service (Robin Nelson's mom) 10:30 a.m.

JUNE 11 - 6:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth & Stewardship Commission Meetings; 7:00 other commissions meet; 8:00 FCC Executive Board meeting

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

Matthew 22:37

## **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 Classes 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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS DURING THE SUMMER STARTING JUNE 1ST.



#### **Home-Maker God**

Where is YOUR Home?

Throughout scripture, there are numerous stories of "home" - stories of people being called to leave home like Abraham, Sarah, and Ruth, only to find that God has plans of a new home for them. There are the stories of creation, in which God makes a home for humanity, creating earth and all that is in it to be *good* for human

habitation. Through Christ, we are called to find our home within God's love.

During summer months, you may find yourself traveling away from home. Sometimes, one of the gifts of travel is it gives us new eyes to see "home" more clearly when we return from a trip. What a blessing it can be just to sleep in your own bed after time on the road.

I've been reflecting on "home" a lot lately. I am so blessed that Charles and I have been able to call Casper home for the past nine years. Right now, home for me is multi-faceted, the little turquoise house we share on 17th Street, my relationships with each of you at FCC, and my husband's heart are all places I call home. Where is your home? I'm asking not just what your address is, but where does your heart rest?

Since my father's death, my sister and I are sharing responsibility for all the material goods my parents accumulated in the house that was our childhood home. When I was home in Alamogordo, NM for Dad's funeral, Debbie and I began sorting through items that hold precious memories, material goods that may not have much monetary value but are priceless for our family. It was amusing how many times we'd sit down to look at something and there were "two" of everything... two turquoise necklaces Mom had worn, two oval wall-hangings she had painted, two mug racks Dad had made. With only two grown children left in our family, it's fairly simple to divide these things "in two"... I have found myself praying often for those families who face the death of a parent from a place of tension or distrust, families who don't have clear instruction on how to divide worldly goods left behind struggle even more with their grief than those who have the peace of being able to figure out together what's next.

There will be a time again, later this summer, when I'll need to take vacation time and go back to help my sister some more - with cleaning out closets, emptying bookshelves, figuring out what goes in a garage sale or will be given away. As more items (and more memories) are carried out of the house, it will gradually shift before our eyes from being a beloved physical place that defined HOME to being an increasingly empty house that will some day be someone else's home. I am aware of the depth of my personal journey of grief, feeling both 'orphaned' and even 'homeless' in some way - though I am so abundantly blessed and loved in many more ways. Above all, it is our faith that brings me peace.

In the New Testament, Paul's writing describes the church as being home, as being our family. I Timothy 3 calls the church "the household of God." Jesus himself defined his family as not just being his relatives, but the followers of God, saying in Luke 8:21: "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it." Psalm 68:5-6 reassuringly states that God is "father of the fatherless" (KJV) and in The Message says, "God makes homes for the homeless." If you have only been visiting First Christian for a while, perhaps the time has come for you to make this congregation your church home. Or, if you've wandered away for a season, perhaps God will call you back "home" soon. When your life circumstance changes and you move from one residence or station in life to another, may you always know that you are HOME in the Love of Christ. - Pastor Cynthia



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **BRADY HOVER** for achieving the **RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT.** Brady's Eagle Court of Honor will be Saturday, June 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. There will be a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Brady is the son of Jeff and Kelli Hover and grandson of Don and Randisue Davis. Congratulations Brady from your FCC family on this achievement.

# 10TH ANNUAL THEOLOGY & FLY FISHING RETREAT

AUGUST 6-10, 2018
BEAR LODGE RESORT,
BIGHORN MOUNTAINS
TO REGISTER OR FOR
INFORMATION CONTACT:
DOUG GOODWIN



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.



#### DO YOU NEED HELP with

yard work, housework or other projects? Amber Rouse is your go to person!! Amber is ready to do any of the above for any of the members of the church. Contact Amber @ 258-7009 for information or to schedule a work

further information or to schedule a work time.



#### YOUTH ACTIVITY

**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.!



#### INTERGENERATIONAL DAY TRIP!!

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



# CHECK OUTTHE KITCHEN!

CWF purchased a new refrigerator for the church. If you put items in the refrigerator or freezer, please label them. The refrigerator will be cleaned out every Friday unless items are labeled.

**Dolphin**--Because dolphins often swim alongside ships, they've been used to symbolize Christ's presence, guiding people through earthly life and into eternal life. Dolphins have been depicted as the fish that swallowed Jonah, though they're actually mammals. Because

Jesus compared his three days inside the tomb to Jonah's three days inside the fish, dolphins also came to symbolize resurrection.



#### JUNE DIACONATE

Martha Wallace, Jackie Greenlee, Trudy Woodard (June 3,24) Tassma Koehmstedt (June 10, 17)

#### Communion Prep Chapel: 10:10 Service -

Dan Bilbeisi (June 3, 17, 24) & Lani McBee (June 10)



Jim & Trisha Nichols

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

#### June Offertory Steward:

Larry Winders

Dear Friends-- Thank you for your prayerful support of our family in this difficult time following our father's death.

We were touched by the decision of the Stewardship Commission to send a memorial gift to the Week of Compassion in his honor. It is a truly fitting remembrance that the "Tommy and Marilyn Dobson" Fund at WoC will continue to share Christ's compassion with the world for years to come. Rev. Cynthia Dobson McBride, Charles McBride and Deborah & Paul Cook

To our Casper Church Family— Thank you for the card shower that you had for us. We truly appreciate the thoughtfulness. We are doing fine and attend church at the First Christian Church here in Sheridan. If you are every in Sheridan, give us a call or stop by. We would love to see our Casper friends! *God Bless...The Lansings* 

**THANK YOU to** Cal Decker, Tom Dowler, Larry Winders, Al Singleton, & Robin Nelson, for completing the landscaping on the Spruce side of the church parking lot. It looks very nice and is appreciated by the congregation.

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Annette Ambrosino	June 1	Emma Crawford	June 24
Jason Baker	June 1	Elane Burkhalter	June 25
Zach Hawley	June 1	Clyde Cain	June 25
Jaden Reece	June 4	Rick Koehmstedt	June 25
Deb King	June 6	Josh Woods	June 25
Verla Jerde	June 7	Nicholas Grooms	June 26
Peg Jackson	June 10	Nina Hytrek	June 26
Deanna Budack	June 11	Bernard Ambrosino	June 27
Dan Hallock	June 15	Bob Glasspoole	June 30
Mary Burgess	June 16	Crytal Mangano	June 30
Keith Rouse	June 17	Jerry Meeks	June 30
Steve Huckfeldt	June 20		

#### **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Dave & Misty Baker - June 2, 2012
Rob & Jolene Knaus - June 3, 1995
Raylan & Tammy Heck - June 7, 1986
Rich & Janie Nelson - June 10, 1970
Ted & Lois Purvis - June 13, 1959
Chook & Lani McBee - June 15, 1965
Bob & Laura Glasspoole - June 19, 1965
Clyde & Maryann Cain - June 22, 2002
Kevin & Deanna Budack - June 25, 1989
Chuck & Judy Potter - June 26, 1957
Keith & Pam Rouse - June 26, 1993

#### **NEWADDRESS**

Bernard & Annette Ambrosino 2936 Player Dr Casper 82601



#### **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 you 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. What FCC man went to last year's "Fly Fishing & Theology" retreat in the Big Horn Mountains?
- 2. This FCC member bakes cupcakes once a month for the Youth Crisis Center. Who is it?

#### June Answers will be in the July CALL

Answers to May's trivia: 1) The Bible Display Case is located in the alcove across from the elevator. Most of the books on display are from Dorothy Jones' family (with a Greek NT from Dr. Axworthy). Audio narrators are Bill Coburn, Peg Jackson & Michelle Elser. 2) Mike Ward holds the record among current members for attending the most CRMR annual men's retreats. 3) a. Zach Hawley is an avid drummer; b. Colin Stewart has won piano competitions; c. Amber Rouse loves playing the cello.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** - **Rick Black** on receiving the Ellbogen Meritorious Elementary School Educator Award. Rick said, "It has been an honor and a pleasure to teach all of my students throughout the years. Thanks to Kendal and Laura Chipperfield for inviting me and honoring me tonight."

**Libby Sanford, Sara Williams, Kendall Chipperfield** were honored at the Awards Banquet of their respective schools for being in the top of their class.

**Martha Wallace, Debbie Mestas** were Jefferson Award Nominees for 2018 and Martha was one of the three finalists.

NC Boys Soccer Team - State Champions 2018 FCC graduates - high school & college



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

Registration for the Fall Feast is now open. You can register online at <a href="https://www.crmrdoc.org">www.crmrdoc.org</a> 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.





#### THE ZOO IS CLOSING FOR THE SUMMER!

Another preschool is ending and our students have graduated. Some of the Pre-K graduates have been with the preschool for 4 years. This graduating class will graduate from high school in 2031!! This was my 22nd preschool graduation. I am so proud that I have had the opportunity to touch so many little lives. It is such a blessing.

We are FULL for next fall. Enrollment has been great and we have started a wait list and expanded Pre-K. We conducted interviews for a teacher to replace Chanel and also an extra teacher for Pre-K. The teachers will work getting their classrooms cleaned next week and then off for the summer to welcome the **DINOSAURS** to school in the fall. If you need to reach me during the summer, call the preschool number 472-0649. Have a GREAT summer and see you in the fall. Thanks for all the church does for the preschool -- **Teacher Annette and rest of the zoo keepers** 

#### MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The Sandwich ministry has been seeing an increase in homeless and hungry people. Other churches in the area have been seeing their numbers increase also. We <u>appreciate</u> everyone who helps with the ministry. The Sandwich Ministry will celebrate 5 years of service in September and we would like to have your input with ideas on how to mark this anniversary.

20 blankets have been made the month of May and we'll continue to make blankets on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10-3. If you would like to help but are unable to make Saturdays, contact Debbie Mestas. If you know of someone in need of a blanket contact Debbie or Keith Rouse.

The CROP Hunger Walk was a success. It is not too late to get your Qdoba coupons. They are good until May 2019. The cost is \$10 and the coupons are worth \$48+. See Keith and Debbie for coupons. Money received goes to the Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies. If you have any concerns or questions, contact Keith Rouse, Mission Chair.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE SUMMER

There will be NO children's programming on Memorial Day Sunday. There will be NO nursery for infants on Memorial Day Sunday. Young Disciples and Worship & Wonder will not meet either. Children are always welcome to stay with their families in the sanctuary during worship. Feel free to make our joyful noise unto the Lord a bit louder that day!

Summer programming begins on Sunday, June 3rd. Our nursery will be open and preschool through grade 4 are welcome to watch fun films about our faith during the 10:10 Worship service. Please contact Erika Stupak if you can assist with summer programming.

Children's fall programming will resume on Sunday, September 9th. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Grooms.

**AN ADULT SUMMER STUDY** will begin on June 3rd in the Board Room, using a RightNow media Bible study - starts at 9 a.m. or the end of chapel.

<u>LAWN CARE</u> - There are still some slots for mowing/trimming the church yard during the summer. Please check your calendar and see if you are able to take a week or a month and mow the yard. Cal will give lessons on the mowing/trimming equipment if you need them.

<u>PROPERTY CLEANUP</u> - There will be a clean up day on June 2nd @ 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed! If you have anything that needs to be taken care of at church, please contact Dewey Smith or Cal Decker before June 2nd. PLEASE COME HELP!!!

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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 @ 307-208-8070 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.