



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

**SEPT.
2018**

AUGUST HAPPENINGS

Aug. 26 - Prayers for Healing service

Aug. 27-Aug. 31 - Rev. McBride at Ring Lake.

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

Sept. 2 - 8:15 chapel, 10:10 worship

Sept. 3 - Office closed - Labor Day -

NO ELDERS MEETING

Sept. 4 - NCSD Schools resume. Preschool Open House

Sept. 5 - Preschool classes resume - 9 to 12

Sept. 6 - CWF Board meeting 10 a.m. & Lunch Bunch Potluck 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Sept. 7 - Resume Winter hours in church office - open on Fridays till noon.

Sept. 8 - 5th year Sandwich Ministry Celebration at King's Corner; Property Cleanup; AA Convention in Fellowship Hall

Sept. 9 - Kick Off Sunday- Fall Programming Schedule Resumes - Hot Dog Potluck

Sept. 10 - CWF Group 3 @ 11:30 a.m.; Circle of Caring @ 2:00 p.m.; Scouts, commissions & Board meeting

Sept. 12 - CWF Group 2 @ noon

Sept. 13 - CWF Group 1 @ 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 21-23 FALL FEAST AT FCC - Registration & Exhibit Hall open at 2:00 PM

Fri. Opening Worship 7:00-9:00 PM

Sat. Workshops/Business/Fellowship

Dinner at 5:30, Worship 7:00

Sept. 26 - Oct 4 - Rev. McBride vacation

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, SEPT. 2ND

LABOR DAY.

Winter hours resume after

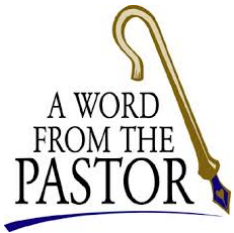
Labor Day

(Pastor's Day Off on Tuesdays.

Office open 8:30-12 on Fridays.)

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

Matthew 22:37



DISCERNING GOD'S CALL

I graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1989. My first “real” job, using my degree in environmental design, was working with the State Historic Preservation Office to complete a field survey of historical architecture in Alamogordo, NM. A year later, I took a similar position as part of a 3-person team surveying coal-mining-related resources in rural West Virginia. I attended First Christian Church in Charleston. One Sunday while sitting comfortably in my pew, I listened intently to Rev. John Atkinson’s sermon about God calling Moses. He said that God might be calling someone in that very room. I thought to myself, “Thank goodness it isn’t me!”

Now, after having been ordained 23 years ago, and having clearly heard God’s call to serve in congregational ministry with multiple churches in various states, I sometimes chuckle at the innocence of my younger self. We can never fully know what God is up to. God does surprising things all the time! God calls unexpectedly to us, challenging us to step out of our comfort zones - calling us to *trust* in the the Holy Spirit, even when “common sense” might make us hesitate. The theme for Fall Feast this September will be “Putting Feet to Our Faith.” During the nine plus years of ministry I’ve shared with you, I’ve come to know FCC Casper as a part of the body of Christ that can indeed boldly answer God’s call. When I came to the board nearly two years ago with a request from the region to host the next regional assembly, there was a positive response: Yes! So, soon, we will welcome Disciples sisters and brothers from NM-ID-UT-CO and WY to hear our Regional & General Ministers preach in this place we know as God’s home. When Dennis Baker approached the board of elders and then the executive board with a proposal to explore calling an associate minister, the response was unanimous - Yes, let’s explore what that could look like.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER CONVERSATION

So, the process is moving forward. A small group has been formed to help FCC explore and discern God’s call. This is not a search committee, but an information gathering team. They are working intently and will report back to the congregation in early October (most likely at a second all-congregation conversation session on Oct. 7). Those on the ‘information gathering team’ for the discernment process of calling an Associate Minister are: Dennis Baker, Al Singleton, Michelle Elser, Jo Cox, Keith Rouse, Tom Dowler, Cal Decker. They are working intently on two primary areas - 1) What might a job description look like for this position? What key spiritual gifts do we most need in a second staff member? What hopes/dreams do we have for expanding ministry that this person could lead us towards? 2) In conjunction with stewardship, they will look at the church’s fiscal responsibility in relation to this position. What invested funds are earmarked for an associate minister which would continue to go unused if we don’t take this step? What range of salary packages would be appropriate for this position, depending on the person called? Members of the team have been assigned to contact specific groups within our congregation for feedback as well as to be in conversation with our regional minister and other Disciples of Christ congregations in the region. You are encouraged to ***PRAY*** for God’s leading during this process, to pray for the team members, and to speak with any of them to share your feedback.

How do you “put feet” to your faith? In what ways will FCC Casper answer God’s call to step out together in our next era of ministry? May the Holy Spirit guide our discernment and our lives.

- Pastor Cynthia McBride



CELEBRATE FALL KICKOFF

on Sunday, September 9th by joining us for a Hot Dog Lunch & Potluck in Fellowship Hall after the 10:10 Worship service. Everyone is asked to provide a side dish or a dessert. This event is sponsored by the Spiritual Growth Commission. If you have any questions, contact Melanie Dowler or Brenda Booth.



YOUTH ACTIVITY

All youth (grades 5-12) are invited to a movie night on Sept. 16th to kick off the youth programming for the fall. Plan now to come & bring a friend!



THE SCOUTING TRAIL

The Scouts headed to Alcova Lake this past weekend for their last summer campout. Fun was had by all -- both leaders and boys. FCC's Troop/Pack 13 Cubs & Scouts resume their regular meeting schedule on Monday, Sept. 10th. Our Cub Pack is accepting enrollment by girls in the new family scouting program. **POPCORN** time is here so if you see a Cub Scout or Boy Scout out selling, please purchase some popcorn & support the Troop.

DIACONATE MEETING

Sunday, September 16
in Fellowship Hall after
10:10 service to discuss
what help will be needed
for Fall Feast. Contact
Tammy Heck if you are
unable to attend.

SELECTION OF NEW BOARD OFFICERS, ELDERS & DEACONS 2019

The Nominating Committee is asking for everyone to pray for those individuals who will be asked to serve in leadership roles for 2019. The Nomination forms will be in the Sunday bulletins starting September 9th. Deadline for all nominations will be Sunday, Sept. 24th. Think about what you would like to do for the church this coming year. If you have any questions, contact Lani McBe. This year's theme is *Live Your Weave...*

CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS!!

The 2018 Fall Feast Worship Planning Team is looking for singers to fill the All Region Choir at Fall Feast! If you are interested in singing be sure to show up at Fall Feast and participate. (Rehearsal will be during one of the Saturday workshop times with the All Region Choir singing during Saturday evening's worship service.) ALL vocalists of any age are welcome to sing in the Fall Feast choir, whether you usually sing with the FCC Choir or not.



BEE- The bee symbolizes various traits across cultures and faiths. Its sting may represent judgment, while its honey calls to mind the sweetness of divine riches. Multiple times in the Old Testament, the Promised Land is described as "flowing with milk and honey".



FCC CHOIR
practice resumes on
Wednesday, Sept.
5th at 7:00 PM.
The choir will sing
on Kick Off Sunday,
September 9th.

SEPTEMBER DIACONATE

Tassma Koehmstedt, Carmen Goodman,
Dan Bilbeisi, Laurie Anderson

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel: TBD

10:10 Service - Virginia Yohn

SEPTEMBER Greeter

Annette Ambrosino

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

**SEPTEMBER
Offertory Steward:**

Tom Dowler

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Chuck Stewart	Sept. 1	Jack Walts	Sept. 17
Michael Braley	Sept. 2	Tina Beall	Sept. 18
Phil Ostrander	Sept. 4	Jereca Lutz	Sept. 19
Laurie Anderson	Sept. 6	Joshua Black	Sept. 20
Laura Glasspoole	Sept. 7	Jacquie Cook	Sept. 22
Debbie Mestas	Sept. 8	Jackie Greenlee	Sept. 23
Rhys Elser	Sept. 9	McKenzie Grooms	Sept. 24
Kevin Budack	Sept. 12	Jennifer Hawley	Sept. 25
Tom Dowler	Sept. 13	Katy Hallock	Sept. 27
Virginia Yohn	Sept. 15	Gloria Monroe	Sept. 29
John Lansing	Sept. 17	Tina Raines	Sept. 29

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

John & Sharon Lansing - Sept. 3, 1961
Abel & Kylie Stewart - Sept. 5, 2009
Tom & Melanie Dowler - Sept. 6, 1969
John & Amanda Kirlin - Sept. 12, 2015
Mark & Lynda Williams - Sept. 14, 1991



I surely want to thank all those who visited, called or sent cards while I was in the hospital. I guess, until you are on the receiving end a person does not realize how much the church family means to you. Thanks so much.

Wanda Leeling

Dear Friends, Thank you for your support at the passing of Roger Miller. There are so many of you to thank—Pastor McBride, Paul Hallock for his beautiful prayer at Dad's service, and Judy, Darlene & Peg for serving at the reception at the church and I know there are many more. God Bless You All -

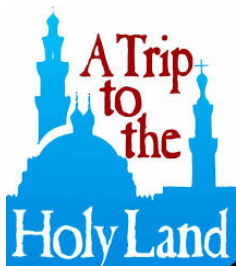
Kris Handley (Roger's daughter)

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Congratulations to Keith Rouse, Amber Rouse, Dylan Stupak, Abel Stewart, Ashley Budack Zbel, and Kendall Chipperfield. They are recipients of the \$400 scholarship from FCC for the Fall 2018 Semester. Go Students! Any questions, contact Becky Foster, Chairman WTM&S. Donations to FCC's scholarship fund are always welcome. The scholarships come from invested funds of past designated gifts honoring many members through 97 years of FCC's ministry in Casper.

WE WILL FEED YOU IF YOU COME!!

Property commission will be having TWO cleanup days on September 8th & 15th as we get the church ready for fall feast. The clean up days are starting at 9:00 a.m. Please let Dewey Smith or Cal Decker know you'll come as lunch will be provided. We fixed lunch for 6 people at the last cleanup. Let's double that because it takes a village to keep the church looking good and one that we want to be proud of for Fall Feast! ALL help is appreciated.



LAZARUS AWAKENING!!!

Our Fall Bible Study class is scheduled to be September 30th. I will be ordering books for the class on September 15th. If you would like to be included on this list, please let me know. You may also order the book yourself through Amazon. I look forward to seeing a full class. **Lani McBee**

MISSION COMMISSION

The Sandwich Ministry will celebrate our **5 year** anniversary on September 8th at King's Corner. We will have a special lunch for our participants and cupcakes and cookies for our partners. Thank you to the congregation for your support. We will be packing the lunches on Friday, Sept. 7th @ 8:30 a.m. and the sandwiches will be made on Saturday at 8:15 a.m. Thanks to Cal & Monica Decker for providing ham and cheese for the sandwiches that day. Pastor Cynthia and Rosemary King, from First United Methodist Church, will speak at 9:45 a.m. and following that music will be provided by Bob Meloy and Jim Oliver. All of our partners in the sandwich ministry - FCC, FUMC, Sovereign Grace Church, members of the LDS Church, Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies, and Healthcare for the Homeless are invited to attend. We hope you can join us. ***Come meet recipients of the sandwich ministry and celebrate FIVE YEARS of feeding the hungry!*** King's Corner is at the intersection of Beech & First Streets near First Methodist Church.

Due to the Fall Feast, we will be packing lunches at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 21st in Fellowship Hall - so that arriving guests can see & share in this mission. We will be making 70 lunches for Casper Youth for Christ once a month starting Sept. 21st. We would appreciate assistance with these projects. Fleece blanket group made 19 blankets on August 18th and continue making them on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Blankets were recently given to area agencies for distribution, including Healthcare for the Homeless and Interfaith.

We will not be doing a Week of Compassion dinner this year but will do a raffle during Fall Feast for a picture donated by Allen Singleton. The drawing will be held during the Saturday evening meal. Tickets will be sold starting Sept 2nd.

Keith Rouse, Chair of Mission

CWF LADIES!!

Just a reminder that ALL CWF meetings start in September.

CWF Board - Sept. 6

Group 1 - Sept. 13 @ 10:00 a.m.

Group 2 - Sept. 12 - Noon

Group 3 - Sept. 10 - 11:30 a.m.

All women of the church are invited to join a group. Contact Carol Sage for more details.



Have YOU Registered for Fall Feast?

Remember FCC Casper is hosting this year's Regional Assembly Sept. 21-23. Be sure to come "Put Feet to our Faith!"



COME ABOARD THE FCC PRESCHOOL DINOSAUR TRAIN

It is the year of the Dinosaur and we are getting ready to have a Dino-Mite time. We have two new teachers this year--Katie Keeler will be teaching the 3-4 class and Brook Miller will be in the Pre-K class with Cristina and myself. We are so excited to have them be a part of our teaching team at FCC Preschool. We have one opening in our Young 3's class. Our young 3's class is M/W/F FROM 9:00 A.M. - NOON. The children in this class have late spring birthdays to early fall (April to October). We have had GREAT enrollment for this fall. We currently have 64 students enrolled and 5 kids on the wait list. Our Open House is September 4th with classes starting September 5th. Thanks for all you do for our preschool....WE really appreciate you. Stop by and take a look at the Dinosaur Decorations!!

- Director Annette Crain & fellow teachers

"Weave"

We are many textures,
we are many colours,
Each one different from the other.
But we are entwined with one
another in one great tapestry.

*Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, in unity and love.*

We are different instruments,
playing our own melodies,
Each one tuning to a different key.
But we are all playing in harmony,
in one great symphony.

*Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, in unity and love.*

A moment ago, we did not know
our unity, only diversity,
Now the Christ in me
greet the Christ in thee,
in one great family.

*Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, in unity and love.*

Fall Feast Schedule of Events

Friday, September 21, 2018

8:00 am -3:00 pm Clergy Convocation
2:00 pm – 6:45 pm Registration & Exhibit Hall Open
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Opening Worship

Saturday, September 22, 2018

8:00 am – 9:00 am Fellowship w/Coffee, Fruit & Pastries*
8:45 am – 9:00 am Hymn Singing
9:00 am – 9:20 am Morning Devotional in sanctuary
9:30 am – 10:30 am Workshop Session I
10:45 am – 11:45 am Workshop Session II
12:00 pm – 1:20 pm Lunch*
1:30 pm – 2:50 pm Business Session
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Workshop Session III
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Break / Prepare for evening
5:30 pm – 6:45 pm Dinner*
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Closing Worship

Sunday, September 23, 2018

9:00 am – 10:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship

*Indicates meal included with registration cost.

September 2018

FCC CASPER CALL

SEPTEMBER, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p> <p>Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p> <p>SCHOOL STARTS 11:00 AM Preschool Open House 7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</p>
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<p>9</p> <p>Fall Kickoff 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM Potluck - Hot Dog Lunch</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah 11:30 AM CWF Group 3 2:00 PM Circle of Caring 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Nominating Committee Mtg 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Commissions 8:00 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters 12:00 PM CWF #2 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 AM CWF #1 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Roundtable</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry 9:00 AM PROPERTY CLEANUP</p>
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BOOKS OF FAITH

Are you familiar with the **CHURCH LIBRARY**? It's a brightly lit, comfortable room at the end of the hall opposite the sanctuary. You can stop by anytime during office hours, when the church building is open for meetings, on Sunday morning, (or by appointment with any staff or board member who has a church key). Sit and enjoy a time of reading and reflection or check out a book to read at home.

Our current display features: *I Never Knew that Was in the Bible* and issues of the *National Geographic* on topics such as Pope Francis, Mary, and the Healing Power of Faith. Did you know that the biography section includes life stories of interesting Disciples forebears such as dynamic singer Rosa Page Welch and frontier evangelist "Raccoon" John Smith? You can check out a book of prayers or daily devotionals or a cd of Dixieland music performed by Bob Meloy. There are elder and diaconate resources available too. **Visit the Library today!!**

There will be a **Cokesbury Book Sale** held on site during Fall Feast. If you have a request for specific titles get them to Janie Nelson or Pastor Cynthia ASAP. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the book sale, see Janie.

CIRCLE OF CARING WILL MEET ON MONDAY, SEPT. 10TH @ 2:00 P.M.