



THE CALL

JUNE 2019

May 27 - OFFICE CLOSED - Memorial Day

May 29 - Search Committee Meeting

May 30 - NCHS Graduation Events Center @ 7:30

May 31 - KW Graduation Events Center @ 7:30

May 30-June 2nd, Pastor out of town

JUNE ACTIVITIES

PROPERTY CLEAN UP DAY - 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

JUNE 2 - PULPIT GUEST - Terri Morrison

JUNE 3 - Circle of Caring 2:00 PM

- Combined Elders & Board meet at 6:30 p.m.

- Regular Elders @ 7:00 PM

JUNE 6 - Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 AM

1:00 p.m. "Jesus Calling" Women's Bible Study begins the in Inner Room. Every Thurs.

JUNE 7/8 - PAIN TO PRAISE @ WOLCOTT GALLERIA

JUNE 8 - Mission group from CO at FCC

JUNE 9 - PENTECOST SUNDAY - WEAR RED!!!

JUNE 9-15 - CYF & Junior Camps at La Foret

JUNE 10 - Stewardship Commission @ 6:30 PM

- Other Commissions (except Property) 7 PM

- Executive Board Meeting @ 8:00 PM

JUNE 12 - Staff Meeting

JUNE 13 - "Jesus Calling" Women's Study @ 1:00 PM

JUNE 14 - FLAG DAY POTLUCK PICNIC @ 6:00 PM

Hosted by DWM - bring a side, salad or dessert & your lawn chair if you want to eat outside

JUNE 16 - FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 16-22 - Chi Rho Camp at La Foret

JUNE 20-22 - Discovery Camp at La Foret

JUNE 20 - "Jesus Calling" Women's Study @ 1:00 PM

JUNE 20 - Mountain Plaza Worship @ 10:00 AM

JUNE 22 - Troop 13 in Fellowship Hall 10-3

JUNE 29 - Northern District CRMR Meeting 10-3 @

FCC Cheyenne, all Disciples invited to attend

JUNE 30 - Young Adult Community Group cookout

at Michelle & Tyler Elser's home

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

Ronnie Sanborn, Custodial Contractor

Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays: CLOSED



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

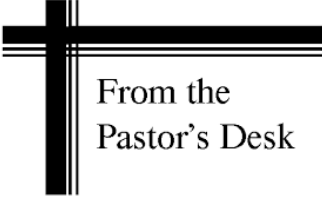


**CHURCH OFFICE
SUMMER HOURS
STARTING**

May 31, 2019

M-Th. 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

CLOSED FRIDAYS



From the
Pastor's Desk

The Importance of Relationships

One of the questions seminarians are asked while studying theology is, "What is the Church?" Before I was ordained two dozen years ago, I remember answering that question by quoting the children's song, "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple - the church is the people!" It's a simple summary of a profound truth. We may think about the "church" as being a beloved, sacred space (such as our spiritual home at 520 CY Ave.) and we talk about "going to church" (meaning *worship* at a specific time) - but at its core, THE CHURCH is the Body of Christ - a group of believers related to one another and united through their faith in God.

My relationship with you is nearing a key milestone - in June, I will have had the privilege of being your Lead Pastor for ten years. It would take some effort to count up a decade's worth of sermons preached, funerals led, hospital calls made or meetings attended. It would be impossible to measure the hours spent in prayer. But far more important than a mathematical accounting is the depth of relationships we've shared. I've celebrated with you the birth of children, graduations, weddings and baptisms. I've grieved with you the death of saints, relationships ending and other deep losses. I've watched in wonder as members of the church have grown closer to God, maturing in faith and developing as leaders. Thank you, Church, for opening your hearts and home to me and Charles.

We are also blessed by faith relationships that stretch far beyond Casper. When our women attend "Renewal," when Mike goes to Men's Retreat or Tom goes to the Fly Fishing & Theology event, when our youth go to summer camp or we work together to host Fall Feast, we are privileged to deepen the web of relationships shared across the Central Rocky Mountain Region. I give thanks for these relationships now especially as our Associate Minister Search Committee prepares to move forward. Recently, I was blessed to spend time on the phone with our Regional Minister, Rev. Joan Bell Haynes updating her on the time and effort already invested in preparing for our search. (Thank you again to Dennis Baker, the information gathering team, the job description team and the elders and board for getting us to the starting line.) Joan and I prayed together on the phone that day - for our congregation's future and for the Search Committee. Take courage friends! We are NOT alone.

Our Disciples connections go even further... Last Saturday, Bob Brite (interim pastor at FCC Cheyenne) led an evangelism workshop for us. Did you know that Paul Hallock was Bob's pastor when he was in high school? Bob's ministry crossed paths with Rev. Frank See after he'd left Casper. We are connected to each other. Before Easter, I received a phone call from the Office of the General Minister & President in Indianapolis. Rev. Lee Hull Moses, chief of staff for Terri Hord Owens, was calling to *thank* FCC Casper for being **one of the top 100 giving churches** in our denomination. That's because we are a Tithing Church. Long ago, FCC's leadership made the decision - if we're going to ask our members to *tithe*, to give 10% of their income to God's work, the church should do the same. So, we dedicate 10% of a specific share of our annual budget to support the Disciples Mission Fund. This commitment keeps our congregation's relationship with the broader church intentionally strong. Thank you Church for continuing to honor these important, holy relationships.

Charles and I recently celebrated our anniversary. He is my rock, my life partner, my best friend. I am so blessed by the love we share - yet I know I am truly fortunate to have many life-giving relationships - with family, with life-long friends - and for the past decade with wonderful, dedicated members of FCC Casper. I pray that FCC is a source of strength in *your* life - a place where we can all find and form deep, life-supporting, holy relationships. 21 years of marriage - 10 years of ministry in Casper - how time flies! I am praying this day that you are blessed by a relationship with Jesus Christ, and by human relationships that deepen that Holy connection. - *Pastor Cynthia*



COME CELEBRATE FLAG DAY AT A POTLUCK PICNIC!

Friday, June 14th @ 6:00 p.m.

Come enjoy a “Manwich” sandwich provided by the women of CWF/DWM!

Bring a potluck dish for everyone to enjoy, along with a lawn chair.

We will eat outdoors - weather permitting.

Invite a neighbor, friend, co-worker or extended family to come along.

CHILDREN’S SUMMER PROGRAMMING @ FCC

The summer programming for children will start on Sunday, June 2nd. Children age 4 and up are welcome to join an adult facilitator in the board room for a snack and Veggie Tale movie or another faith-based film for children after the “children’s sharing time” during the 10:10 worship service. Parents, if the weather is nice and we are finished with our lesson before the end of the worship service, look for us outside on the playground.



NO CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING ON MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY, MAY 26TH.

Nursery will be available for infants and toddlers.

Children are ALWAYS welcome in the worship service and at our fellowship time!!!!



DIVE INTO FAITH VBS

CASPER MOUNTAIN - JULY 26TH

Saturday, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

AT A LATER DATE!

Volunteers are needed to help with our children’s summer programming -- either Veggie Tales and/or Vacation Bible School. Please call Jennifer Grooms (234-1138) or Maggie Grooms (399-3840) if you can help.

QUILT RAFFLE WINNERS - CONGRATULATIONS TO Raylan and Tammy Heck for winning the quilt raffle! We raised just over \$500. With that, we’ve repaired and serviced three sewing machines and purchased fabric for three quilts currently in progress. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the quilt raffle. It is appreciated by all the “Fellowship” Quilters. Our quilting groups continue to meet on Wednesdays throughout the summer. Newcomers are welcome - even if you’ve never quilted before. (Let Cindy Huckfeldt know if you need some instruction.) Downstairs “Fellowship” Quilters work cooperatively on large projects. Upstairs group works independently on individual projects.

Local Episcopal Churches invite us to join in “*Thy Kingdom Come*” events including a Christmas-at-Pentecost **Christmas Carol-sing** & Prayer event followed by Christmas refreshments on Wednesday, June 5 from 12:00-1:00 PM at St. Mark’s, 701 S. Wolcott.

JUNE DIACONATE

Lyle & Jo Cox, Debbie Mestas, Laurie Anderson (*Communion by intinction through the summer*)

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel: TBD
10:10 Service - Dan Bilbeisi

JUNE Greeters

Jim & Trisha Nichols

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



Worship Leaders

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First Christian Church--
 Many thanks for your recent donation to Interfaith. We feel very blessed to have your continued support of our mission. Today and every day we are grateful for the difference you make. Blessings! - *The staff at Interfaith*

Thank you so much for your donation of sack lunches to the center! *Youth Crisis Center*

NEW ADDRESS:

Rev. Dr. Bryant Badger
 c/o Garden Square
 1000 Stuart, Room 204
 Ft. Collins, CO 80525

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- Rob & Jolene Knaus - June 3, 1995
- Rayland & Tammy Heck - June 7, 1986
- Rich & Janie Nelson - June 10, 1970
- Ted & Lois Purvis - June 13, 1959 (60 years)**
- 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



CONGRATULATIONS to Martha Wallace and Debbie Mestas for receiving awards on Tuesday night from the Retired Senior Volunteers

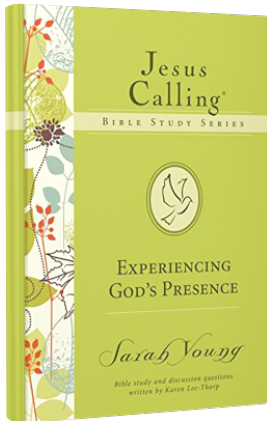
Program (RSVP). Martha received the Silver Award and Debbie received the Diamond Award. Congratulations to these women for their awards. FCC is proud of you.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 9, 2019

WEAR RED TO CHURCH

The **Pentecost Special Offering** helps start new churches, with half of the funds staying here in the Central Rocky Mountain Region.



NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY -- "JESUS CALLING"

Would you like a chance to lay down your cares, enter God's Presence, and hear Him speak through His Word? Would you like to take some time in silence studying a passage of scripture? Would you like to share your insights and hear what others have discovered? Would you like to learn how to better make space in your life for the Spirit of God to speak to you through the Word of God and the people of God? If the answer is yes, come join our Summer Bible Study - **Jesus Calling**. All women in the church are welcome! We will meet every Thursday @ 1:00 p.m. in the Inner Room starting June 6th. We will not meet on July 4th but resume for four more weeks on July 11th. The books are \$5.50 each. Please contact Lani McBee, Carol Sage or Peg Jackson if you

wish to participate, and they will make sure you receive a book. As you take time to "be still and know that I am God" you will encounter God's peace, find strength from the scriptures, and gain a new perspective on how Jesus is calling you... Please join us. If you have any questions, contact Lani McBee.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE - The Elders have been working closely with the Board as we move forward with the call of an Associate Minister. I am happy to announce that a Search Committee has been formed. The members of the committee are: Annette Ambrosino, Steve Brown, Carmen Goodman, Maggie Grooms, Joan McNamara, Linda Mosteller, Robin Nelson, Keith Rouse, Spencer Stupak and George Morrison will be the alternate. This committee represents different perspectives within FCC--different ages & life stages, chapel & 10:10 attendees, long-timers and new comers. This committee will be meeting with Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes, Regional Minister on May 29th to officially start the search process. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to serve on this committee. - **Cindy Huckfeldt, Chair of the Elders.**



We are following the official "Search and Call" process within our denomination, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Our Regional Minister will provide support to the search committee as they prayerfully move forward. The "congregational profile" describes who we are as a church. There is still some preparation work ahead before we will be ready to receive names of potential candidates. At that point, we will know that applicants are ordained Disciple clergy who have had a background check done and are in good standing. Seeking a minister includes a great deal of trust - the church must trust that they are following God's leading, the members of the search committee must trust each other (they probably won't always agree or see things from the same perspective, but they are called to work together with mutual respect, trying to listen to one another, to the congregation as a whole, and to the Holy Spirit). It takes time to officially enter the process - and then it can take many months to find the right candidates who are the "best fit" for a specific congregation. Please pray for our search committee and for clergy who are faithfully, prayerfully trying to listen for God's call.

There will be an important CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD AND ELDERS

ON MONDAY, JUNE 3RD - from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M.

to receive important information about the Search process following Joan's visit.

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YEAR END UPDATE FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Whew... We did it! And it's been a great year! Graduation was held on Wednesday, May 22. Miss Kathy played the piano for our program and Mrs. Jennifer Grooms passed out Veggie Tales Bibles to our graduates. Thank you to everyone that helped us out. As I finish this school year there are a few milestones for me. I have been the preschool director for 5 years and have now served twenty years at the preschool. Time really flies when you are having so much fun! Teacher Katie will be leaving us at the end of the school year to spend more time with her children. Next Fall, Teacher Brooke will be moving into the 3-4 classroom and she is super excited. I will not be teaching next fall...it's time for me to concentrate on just being the Director. Teacher Cristina will be taking over as lead teacher in the Pre-K class. Teacher Brianna has been a teacher assistant for two years and she will be moving into Pre-K to help Teacher Cristina.

From July 22nd - August 2nd, we will have a two-week summer bootcamp for kids going into Pre-K and Kindergarten. Contact the preschool if you have children that would be interested in a summer learning "re-boot" / bootcamp before school starts.

We have a few openings for next fall, so tell your friends and family. Thank you for supporting our preschool program... We think of everyone at FCC as a part of our preschool family! So... we've had a "roaring" good time this year with the dinosaur theme, and we'll be seeing ya'll in September as we celebrate "Cowboy year" at the FCC Preschool. - **Teacher Annette** - (and the other "dinosaurs" in the preschool)

MISSION COMMISSION UPDATES

Thank you to all the volunteers in the church and in the community. As Keith Rouse said on Sunday, "FCC runs on volunteers"... *God Bless you!* On June 1st, Sovereign Grace Church will be making lunches for the Sandwich Ministry and will bring them to King's Corner so our faithful volunteers will get a **day off**. June 8th there will be a youth group coming from Ft. Collins Methodist Church to do a mission project - they will be making lunches in the morning and helping make blankets in the afternoon. Since we are expecting 6 youth and 3-4 adults, we will **NOT** need any help with lunches that day either. **ENJOY YOUR DAY OFF!! YOU'VE EARNED IT.**

The blanket project will make blankets on June 8th from 10-3 and can always use volunteers as well as donated fleece. The **Blanket Project WILL NOT MEET JULY or AUGUST!!** We hope to resume in September. If anyone desires to make blankets at home and bring them in, you're welcome to do that. Thanks to everyone that has helped with this project over the past few years.

The Casper CROP Hunger Walk raised \$1388 which will help fight hunger and poverty in Casper and around the world. FCC had the most walkers/runners and raised the most money. Kudos to you. A Week of Compassion Dinner will be later this year - more details to follow. If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or would like to be a member of the commission, please contact Debbie Mestas, Keith Rouse or Terri Morrison. Pick up one of the mission prayer calendars and join in praying for mission partners both locally and around the world.

Why is it that - People pray for cake but when God gives them flour, butter, eggs, sugar and a pan,

they get frustrated and leave the kitchen? 🍰

June 2019

- US Holidays
- Birthdays
- Fun Activities
- Work
- Home
- Siri Found in Apps

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PROPERTY COMMISSION

The Executive Board hereby notifies the congregation that Cal Decker has resigned effective May 31 as Property Commission Chair. **Thank you Cal for your faithful service!** We appreciate all the time and dedication Cal has given to FCC over the past few years, HOWEVER, with his resigning that leaves a BIG hole in the property commission so volunteers are needed to keep the church property maintained. A brainstorming meeting was held on Sunday, May 26th and several people from the congregation have stepped forward to handle different aspects of the Property Commission BUT MORE VOLUNTEERS are needed to help. It takes a BIG “village” to run this church. Thank you to Cal & Larry for caring for the lawn throughout May. People are still needed to sign up to mow and trim the lawn for July, August, September, & if needed October. Sign up on the bulletin board by the secretary’s office.

We will not have a Property Chair until someone steps forward and agrees to chair and oversee the different sections of the commission. Property is looking for an overall chair & co-chairs for 3 sub-groups: Grounds-keeping, Handyman projects (covered) and Work Day Chair (covered for June but a 1-day leader will be needed in the Fall). THANK YOU to Chris Rislov and Jim Nichols who have stepped forward to be the general “handymen” at the church. If you see something that needs to be repaired etc., please contact the church office or Rev. McBride. DO NOT contact them individually.



CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY will be June 1st starting at 8:00 a.m. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to clean up the yards, parking lots, flower beds, and help with other projects around the church to spruce it up for summer. Contact Dewey Smith if you have questions.