



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

MARCH 2019

FEB. 24- SCOUT SUNDAY

FEB. 28- Preschool Program (in the sanctuary) and fundraiser silent auction at First Christian Church @ 6:30 p.m. Dessert refreshments will be in the Fellowship Hall after the program.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

Mar. 4 - 2:00 PM Circle of Caring
- 7:00 PM ELDERS

Mar. 6* - ASH WEDNESDAY

- Vespers 6:00 p.m.
- Soup Supper following

Mar. 7 - DWM Quarterly meeting 10:00 AM
- **Lunch Bunch** - 11:30 AM

Mar. 10 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Mar. 11 - CWF #3 - Lilacs & Lavender 11:30 AM
- Commissions and Board meeting

Mar. 16 - Blanket Ministry 10-3

Mar. 24 - Young Adult Community Group 3:30 PM

March 25 - 29 - NCSD SPRING BREAK

***LENTEN SERVICES will be every Wednesday night starting with vespers @ 6:00 p.m. in the Inner Room led by the Elders and soup supper at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

YOUTH NEWS - *THANK YOU* to Erika Stupak for serving as chaperone for the 10 participants in our recent youth group bowling event.

Current children's programming attendance on Sunday mornings is around 15 children/youth. Thank you to all of our adult volunteers who teach every week!

Kylee Stupak attended the Midwinter Retreat at La Foret. Thank you to Katy McGlade for being our driver/chaperone.

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: 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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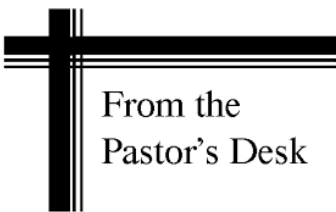
Preschool hours (Sept-May)

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

SPRING FORWARD

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019



From the
Pastor's Desk

Leaning In, Letting Go

This is the title of this year's Lenten Devotional from Chalice Press, written by Nicole Massie Martin, a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Princeton & Gordon-Conwell Seminaries who works for the American Bible Society. In the introduction, she writes: "Throughout life, we've collected quite a bit of stuff we don't need. We have picked up bitterness from disappointment and a bit of anxiety from our need to control. We have packed some anger from unmet expectations and brought along some fear from the past... Leaning in to God and letting go of these unnecessary burdens go hand in hand."

During Lent, I am planning a sermon series on spiritual disciplines. A common discipline often associated with Lent is fasting. Traditionally, it meant going without food for a specified period of time. When you fast, you become aware of your body's hunger, which in turn can cause you to reflect on your hunger for God. You connect with Christ in recalling his fasting in the wilderness. You can choose to give away the money you would've spent on food to feed someone who is hungry. There are many kinds of fasting or "giving up" ... many ways to "let go" as a spiritual discipline.

Is there something you need to let go of in your life? Is there a bad habit or addiction you should leave behind? Is there something you love that you realize you could live without for 40 days that, in letting go of, would draw you closer to Christ?

How will you "lean in" to God this Lenten season? Is there a practice you could take on that would lead you closer to Jesus? If you're not already in the habit of being in worship *every* Sunday, what about making the commitment to come to church every week leading up to Easter? Do you have a daily time for prayer? If not, what about setting aside a specific time to pray each day, even just for a few minutes? Choose an act of service. Practice evangelism - invite someone to church with you or tell the story of your faith journey to someone close to you.

Charles and I are blessed with three very sweet pets - our hyper dog Brett and two cats, Cancion and Berkeley. Each one of them, at various times, will choose just to sit nearby and *lean* on us. It's a simple gesture, a sign of longing for closeness and sharing affection. Perhaps you're at a point in life where you see you've taken your relationship with God for granted. I invite you to spend time between now and Easter *leaning* on God, *leaning* into God's love. Pick up your devotional on Sunday, March 3rd. Come to the Ash Wednesday service on March 6th. As the sign up sheets go up, you're invited to participate in Lent in other ways as well - serve soup on a Wednesday night, come to the Maundy Thursday Seder meal/worship time, join in the prayer vigil on the day before Easter. May this Lenten season bring blessings of peace to your heart and soul. - *Pastor Cynthia*



There are a few items regarding the church that we would like to address: **1)** Please make sure that if you are using the church for meetings, practices, receptions, etc., that **ALL** the lights are turned off, windows are closed and that the doors (especially the kitchen door) are locked before you leave. **2)** When you come in to the church during the day, if you enter through the Fellowship Hall please notify the staff that you are in the building. **3)** With cold and flu season here, please make sure you clean up your pew when you leave on Sunday morning (from chapel or 10:10 worship) and dispose of your used tissues in the bins outside the sanctuary. Thank you!

MISSION COMMISSION UPDATES

Volunteers are needed to make sack lunches on Saturday mornings starting at 8:15 a.m. on the 1st, 2nd, & 5th Saturdays. We make 120-130 sack lunches every Saturday for those that are homeless or hungry. The Blanket project continues to meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 3p.m. The Casper CROP Hunger Walk is on April 28th @ 1:00 p.m. You can sign up to walk, be a part of the FCC team or donate at www.crophungerwalk.org/CasperWyoming. If you want to participate, please register as soon as possible. The goal this year is to have 100 walkers/runners and to raise \$5,000.00. If you are interested in any of these projects contact Debbie Mestas or Keith Rouse.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COMMISSIONS: First Christian Church has commissions that meet on the 2nd Monday of every month. These are: Property, Christian Education, Spiritual Growth, Financial Stewardship and the Mission

Commission. Please check your calendar and see if you have time to volunteer on a commission.

Cal Decker, Chair of Property is requesting volunteers for the Property Commission.

There are a lot of upcoming projects that will need the help of volunteers for the spring clean up day for the church, mowing and trimming the yard this summer and other necessary upkeep of the church building and grounds. The help of all our members is most appreciated!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Volunteers are needed to provide treats, make coffee and clean up after the fellowship time on Sunday mornings after worship. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. Please consider signing up if you, your family or a group of friends would like to provide treats and make coffee. After all - if you enjoy the fellowship time and having a Sunday snack to eat or coffee to drink - it's only fair that you take a turn to help provide it. We're looking for a "Duke of Donuts" or "Queen of Coffee" who would like to take this project on and coordinate the Sunday Fellowship Hour. Please contact the church office if you're interested or have questions.

MARCH DIACONATE

Lyle & Jo Cox, Martha Wallace, Jackie Greenlee

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel: Singletons
10:10 Service - Lynda Williams

MARCH Greeter

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



MARCH
Offertory Steward
Paul Hallock

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Anna Koehmstedt	Mar 2	Kasey Stewart	Mar 20
Kylie Stewart	Mar 2	Madison Rouse	Mar 22
Billy Mosteller	Mar 5	Judy Baker	Mar 23
Cindy Huckfeldt	Mar 8	Jeff Hover	Mar 24
Cynthia McBride	Mar 10	Trent Hover	Mar 24
Arlene Wegner	Mar 12	Lori Hayden	Mar 25
Pat Seamands	Mar 16	Janie Nelson	Mar 26
Eddie Atkinson	Mar 17	Elaine Singleton	Mar 30
David Wallace	Mar 17	Suzy Stewart	Mar 30
Carol Braley	Mar 18		
Elizabeth Sanford	Mar 20		

MARCH ANIVERSARIES

ROBERT & JOAN McNAMARA
MAR 7, 1970

GENE & PAT BUCK
MAR 11, 1966



Dear First Christian Church, I would like to thank you profusely for your donations and assistance with my Boy Scout Eagle Project. It really means a lot to me, and my project wouldn't have been possible without your support.

So Thank You! Sincerely, **Matthew Hills**

Dear First Christian Church Friends, I want to thank every one of you for the thoughtful messages and prayers for healing. I enjoyed every single card. The flower is still beautiful. I am doing well and they tell me I am right on schedule with my recovery. I thank God for all of you and for the work He is doing to return my health!

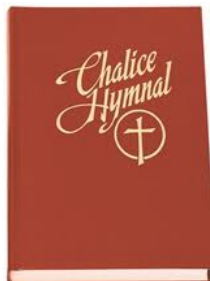
Love, **Elaine Singleton**

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the Ladies of the Disciples Women Ministries for the delicious spaghetti dinner served on Friday night, Feb. 15th. The decorations were beautiful and the food was exceptional. The evening was a big success with over 60 people being served. If you loved the Million Dollar Baked Spaghetti (with no calories) copies of the recipe are on the refrigerator in the downstairs kitchen.

**CHALICE HYMNAL FINAL PRINTING**

Chalice Press (the Disciples of Christ publishing company) is running a final printing of the Chalice Hymnal which we use on Sunday mornings. The hymnals cost \$25 each. If any member of the church would like to purchase one of these for your personal use — OR you would like to make a donation for the church to purchase additional copies to supplement what we have in the sanctuary, please contact the church office by Monday, Feb. 25th.





LENTEN WORSHIP & Soup Supper Volunteer Signup

Every Wednesday evening during Lent from Ash Wednesday, March 6 through April 10th, the First Christian Church Elders will lead a weekly evening vespers service starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Inner Room with a Soup Supper will follow in the Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 p.m. Two people are needed to prepare soup for 30 people each and another to help clean up, bring crackers etc. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to prepare soup for the Wednesday services.

The Theme for this year's vespers services will be The Beatitudes. Each year, we are blessed by the leadership of our elders. This should be a meaningful time of spiritual study to share as we journey through the season of Lent.

Our **Maundy Thursday** service will be held April 17th. There will be a seder supper with roast lamb that night @ 6:30 p.m. with worship and communion shared around the tables as the meal unfolds. If you would like to help the Spiritual Growth commission in hosting the Maundy Thursday meal, please speak with Amber French. A "Seder" meal is based on the Jewish Passover feast and tells the story of Passover, which Jesus shared with his disciples the night before his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. Come and experience a holy time during Holy Week.

There will be a **12 hour Prayer Vigil** on Saturday, April 20th from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A sign up sheet will be posted in April.

"SEWING TO SAVE" PILLOWCASE-DRESS WORKSHOP

A local ministry group provides clothing to young children in Africa, made from recycled pillowcases. They will host a "Sewing to Save" pillowcase-dress workshop on Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Restoration Church, 411 S. Walsh Drive. Sewers & non-sewers welcome. There will be jobs for all who would like to participate. The goal is to get 100 dresses made and ready to send with the missionaries leaving from our area. Leader, Elizabeth Marshall says, "Often we have only a day or two notice so it is nice to have the dresses ready to go. Last year we sent over 500 dresses to several different countries and over 1500 dresses in the the last 4-1/2 years. This has only been possible because of all the volunteers from many churches and organizations in Casper." There will be drinks and snacks sufficient for a light lunch. A planned demonstration will be around 1:00 on how to make the dresses with sleeves. (Many cultures want the girls' shoulders covered.) Bring your sewing machines and sewing aids that you're used to using. We have about 4 machines for people to use if your machine is not easy to transport. For more information call Elizabeth Marchall @ 307-265-1325.

YOU MUST'VE BEEN A BEAUTIFUL BABY!!

We'll be having a "guessing game" this spring. All members are invited to give a copy of a baby picture of yourself to Carol Sage. She'll post them on the bulletin board across from the office & then members will be invited to guess who's who. Contact Carol Sage if you have questions.





GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

When: July 20 - 24, 2019

Where: Des Moines, IA

Imagine this: Worship that lifts your soul. Stories that touch your heart.

Educational resources to assist your congregation in ministry.

Conversations that stretch your mind. Messages that call you to action.

Connections that remind you that God's family is bigger than a local congregation.

All this and more in five short days!

Join us in downtown Des Moines at the Iowa Events Center for General Assembly 2019. Early registration discounts are available until March 31, 2019. Speakers will include Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President, and the prophetic voice of Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. Information, schedules and registration forms are available online at www.ga.disciples.org. Peg Jackson plans to attend and is looking for a roommate. Charles and Cynthia McBride are going as well - and would love to see a group from Casper head to Des Moines to share this "family reunion" of Disciples from across the US and Canada. Talk to Pastor Cynthia if you have questions.

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Preschool News: FROM THE DINOSAUR DEN!!

We have been very busy giving tours and enrolling current students for the 2019-2020 school year. Open enrollment started on February 19th. Many families are planning on being at the preschool bright and early to get the limited spots available.

I'm sure we will have another great year. February 28th is the preschool fundraiser. We will be having our program @ 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary with a silent auction to follow in the fellowship hall. We have quite a lot of goodies to bid on. They will be on display in the preschool area on the 25th. Come by, look it over and place a bid on some great things. March 14th & 15th is picture day. Audie Jean's will be taking Easter pictures. There will be a sign up sheet for appointments available March 14th in the afternoon. This will be on the main bulletin board in the preschool. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of the great prices she gives the preschool. We thank you for the support you give to the preschool. We have really grown in the Casper Community.

March 2019

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MARCH, 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Associate Minister Search

Please begin to *PRAY* for whoever God is preparing to call to be our Associate Minister! The process of preparing to enter the search process is nearly complete. A small group well familiar with the needs of our congregation has worked diligently to prepare a job description. Thank you to Dennis Baker, Jo Cox, Melanie Dowler, Paul Hallock, and Jennifer Hawley. We hope to prepare a brief video with interviews of members.

New Member Class

During March and April, Pastor Cynthia will offer a Sunday morning class for people interested in joining First Christian Church and for those who have become members in the past year. If you would like to participate, please let her know. Also, any parents of children or adults to be baptized this Easter should speak with Pastor Cynthia this week.