



THE CALL AUGUST 2019

JULY

JULY 21 - VBS - Regular Children Church - "Dive into Prayer"

JULY 22- AUG. 2 - Summer Kick start Program for Pre-K. 9:00 - Noon

JULY 27 - JULY 27 - 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. VBS at Bear Trap Meadow- "Dive into Faith" Volunteers are needed to help with activities & music. Contact Jennifer Grooms (259-4460) if you can help.

JULY 28 - WORSHIP ON MOUNTAIN 11:00 A.M. - Wrap up VBS with "Dive into God's Love"

Chapel only, **No** 10:10 service at FCC.

Bring a side dish or dessert to share, lawn chairs and a guest. Water, fried chicken, paper goods & utensils provided.

AUGUST

Aug. 1 - DWM/CWF Board meeting 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall.

Aug. 5 - Circle of Friends Lunch @ Cheese Barrel @ noon. - ELDERS @ 7:00 p.m.

Aug 10 - Memorial service for Brad Greenlee @ 2:00 PM in Sanctuary with reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Aug 12 - Commissions & Board meeting

Aug. 14 - Week of Compassion dinner 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Aug 18 - Rev. McBride's last day in pulpit with a Farewell gathering in Fellowship Hall after service.

Aug 21 - Rev. McBride's last day in church office.

Aug. 28 - Cindy Huckfeldt Pulpit Guest

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

REV. MCBRIDE LAST DAY IN PULPIT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

FAREWELL GATHERING AFTER

10:10 SERVICE

NO CHAPEL

From the

Pastor's Desk

Family Reunions ...

As I write this article, Charles and I are driving from southern Indiana to our former "stomping grounds" of Bloomington, Illinois. We've been at Spring Mill State Park near Mitchell, Indiana for the annual Baylor family reunion. Charles' Mom Phyllis was a Baylor. Her sister (Aunt Betty) and many of Charles' cousins (first, second, third & twice removed) gather each year under a forest of trees between cornfields to eat and laugh, tell stories and play music. They reminisce about folks who went to heaven before I joined the family. They weave memories from my husband's childhood, and they stay up into the late hours of the night playing guitar and mandolin and singing country, gospel and a little bit of rock & roll. Because of distance, we don't make it every year, but even the first time we attended together, I was warmly welcomed into an embrace of love. This family includes Mike (who farms with a giant bulldozer outside of Mount Eden, KY), Jamie Henrietta Davis (named for her grandfather Henry - she holds a patent on LED tractor lights), and McKenna (a high school sophomore who was adopted from China at the age of 11 months). We sampled sugar cream pie, the state pie of Indiana, and savored the sweetness of laughter and love shared openly around picnic tables in an outdoor pavilion.



Charles & Aunt Betty

From here, we're headed to a different kind of family reunion. We'll visit friends in Bloomington, where I pastored for ten years before answering God's call to Wyoming, and then head to Des Moines, Iowa for the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We'll be with Peg Jackson (flying in from Casper), other Disciples from the Central Rocky Mountain Region and our church "family" from across the U.S. and Canada. We'll connect with old friends - including some who shared church camps in Arizona with me and Charles and classmates from my seminary days in Lexington, KY. We'll spend a little time with brand new friends, members of FCC in Portland - parishioners I've only just met but will get to know well in the coming years. No doubt, in preaching, workshops and casual conversation, there will be stories of those who've gone before and inspiration for those who'll follow after. We'll share music late into the night, and welcome one another with laughter and love around the Lord's Table. *This* family includes people of all ages and walks of life, those who've been Disciples for generations and those who are brand new to our family of faith. Disciples of Christ are young and old; they sing traditional hymns, praise songs, camp songs, gospel, blues, country and rock & roll. They share communion in sanctuaries, coffee houses, camp grounds and around kitchen tables. We worship in English, Spanish, Chuukese, Korean, Vietnamese, French and more. It is Christ's love and our love for Christ which brings us together and connects us, both around The Table and across the miles.

As Charles and I continue preparing to move to Oregon, we know that there will be future family reunions with YOU... when some of you will hopefully come see us, when we pass through Wyoming on a summer road trip, and when we meet again at another General Assembly, aka Family Reunion of the church. What a blessing it is to know that we continue to belong to each other, as we belong to the Lord. May you be blessed by time with YOUR family this summer, in all of its manifestations. - *Pastor Cynthia*

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! - Psalm 133:1



Men's Theology & Fly Fishing Retreat

August 5-9, 2019 - Bear Lodge Resort, Big Horn Mountains, Wyoming

Guest Leaders: Brad Lyons, President & Publisher of Chalice Press

Bruce Barkhauer,

Minister of Faith and Giving Christian Church (DOC)

Contact: Doug Goodwin: pastordoug@sheridandisciples.org or call 307-674-6795

Don Sarton: dsarton63@gmail.com

MEN'S RETREAT

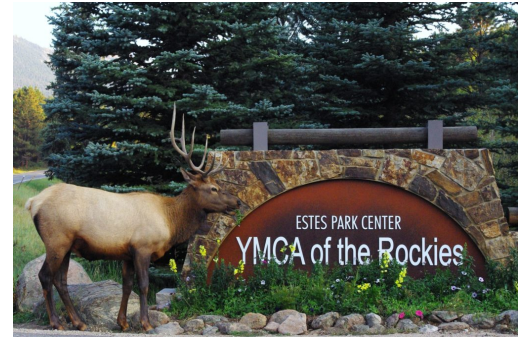
Where: Estes Park at the YMCA of the Rockies

When: Friday, Sept. 13, 2019 - Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019

Cost: ranging from \$130 to \$260

(depending on number of people in a room)

Registration information is on bulletin board across from church office..



FALL 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



Applications for Fall 2019 Scholarship funds are due in the church office by Thursday, August 9th or to Becky Foster by Friday, August 10th. Eligibility requirements for a scholarship are: **1)** Student must be a participating member of First Christian Church; **2)** Student must carry a 2.5 GPA on a 4 point scale & **3)** copy of grades from the previous semester of college or last year of high school must be provided with your application. Scholarship applications are on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact Becky Foster, Chair of WTM&S. cell 797-2711 home 266-4673

MISSION COMMISSION requests you continue using the Mission Commission's Prayer and Education Calendar which is available at the back of the sanctuary. August theme is Latin America and the Caribbean, and September is East Asia and the Pacific. Please participate in the Week of Compassion Dinner. Your \$25 ticket supports the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (DOC). Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world. Come enjoy fellowship and a great meal catered by The Silver Fox.

DWM/CWF

All members of DWM/CWF are invited to the quarterly meeting on Thursday, August 1st @ 10:00 a.m. Contact Peg Jackson if you need further information or have any questions.



Coffee Fellowship

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

The signup sheet for the 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour for the Fall months is on the downstairs bulletin board. Please see if there is a day that works for you to provide the "treats" and sign up. **EVERYONE** is asked to take a turn so it doesn't become the same ones signing up.

AUGUST DIACONATE

Pam & Amber Rouse, Marthat Wallace,
Debbie Mestas

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel: TBD

10:10 Service - Dan Bilbeisi

AUGUST Greeters

Nylia Cazier

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

**AUGUST
Offertory Steward**

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Melissa Hayden	Aug. 2	Shirley Wenn	Aug. 24
Kathy Winders	Aug. 3	Amber Rouse	Aug. 25
Janet Field	Aug. 4	Larry Winders	Aug. 25
Terri Morrison	Aug. 5	Brad Reece	Aug. 26
Sarah Brown	Aug. 6	Val Williams	Aug. 27
Teri Black	Aug. 7	Gene Buck	Aug. 28
Jan Coey	Aug. 9	Joan McNamara	Aug. 28
Logan Brown	Aug. 10	Stan McIrvine	Aug. 30
Cameron Budack	Aug. 12	Jim Nichols	Aug. 30
Bill Westman	Aug. 16		
Becky Ostrander	Aug. 18		
Dorothy Smith	Aug. 18		
Erika Stupak	Aug. 19		
Brent Forbis	Aug. 21		

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- Mike & Kelli Slominski - Aug. 2, 1992
- Gene & Maria Weiss - Aug. 2, 2016
- Cal & Monica Decker - Aug. 6, 1966
- Randy & Becky Hodges - Aug. 7, 1976
- Bob & Daria Dundas - Aug. 8, 1998
- Bill & Mary Lou Westman - Aug. 15, 1964
- David & Terri Taylor - Aug. 16, 2003
- Al & Elaine Singleton - Aug. 29
- Leonard & Ruth Jones - Aug. 31, 1960

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Dennis Baker and Dan Coey regularly help Paul Smith by providing him with transportation to and from church and for such other necessities as trips to the pharmacy and grocery store. While both of these men are willing to continue to help, they need some help. Dan is out of town until snow shuts down his contract and Dennis is not always available. We are looking for a few members to help when Paul needs transportation on a Sunday morning or in an emergency. He lives on the east side of town. For more information or to volunteer contact Cindy Huckfeldt, Chair of the Elders.

CIRCLE OF CARING

The August Circle of Caring will meet on Monday, August 5th at **NOON** at the Cheese Barrel. Participants are asked to RSVP to Martha Wallace to be included in the reservation for this "Dutch Treat" lunch.



WEEK OF COMPASSION DINNER

When: August 14th - Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25

Dinner will be catered by the Silver Fox. Entertainment will be provided by Charles McBride and Diane Lynn Frame, interactive games will be played and you'll receive one free raffle ticket for a beautiful picture by Lani McBee. Additional raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. We need donations of pies or desserts for the dinner. Contact Debbie Mestas, Keith Rouse or Terri Morrison if you can bring a dessert. **Thank you, Debbie Mestas**



“Who’s Who” on the SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee members are Annette Ambrosino, Steve Brown, Carmen Goodman, Joan McNamara, Linda Mosteller, Robin Nelson, Keith Rouse, & Spencer Stupak. The alternate is George Morrison. Different perspectives, different ages & life stages, chapel & 10:10 folks, long-timers & new-comers make this a diverse team. Each month will feature bios of search committee members so you can get to know them better.

Annette Ambrosino has been a member of FCC since 1986. She is in her 60’s and attends the 10:10 service. She has been an Elder, a member of the Diaconate, Sunday School Teacher, VBS teacher and helped with the Sandwich Ministry. She works in the Registration Office at KW and her favorite hobby is traveling. She is married to Bernard Ambrosino and has 2 grown sons. Annette was born in Gillette and resides in Casper. Her hope for FCC’s future is to “fill the pews.”

Carmen Goodman has been a member of FCC for 8 years. She has two boys, Cooper & Connor, who come to church with her at Christmas. Carmen is in her 50’s and attends the 10:10 service. She is currently serving as an elder, has been a deacon and served as Chairman of the Diaconate for two years. She has been involved in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, was our youth group co-leader and was Worship & Wonder coordinator for several years. Her hope for FCC’s future: To keep our strong faith and church “family” together with added growth. She’s employed in Oil & Gas Regulatory work, loves plants, gardening and camping.

George Morrison started attending FCC 9 years ago and joined in 2017. He comes to chapel faithfully, along with wife Terri, Mom Kathy Meloy, brother-in-law Bob Meloy. George’s sister Kathy Morrison has recently started coming to chapel as well. George is in his 60’s and often helps serve communion to the chapel folks. His hope for Fcc’s future: continue providing education and a community. George is a retired social worker, and his favorite hobby is cars. Other FCC’ers may not know that George grew up in Juneau, Alaska and lived in Fairbanks, AK until 2001 when he and Terri lived in England and Baltimore before moving to Casper in 2010.

Joan (Joni) McNamara joined FCC in 2018. She is in her 70’s and attends the 10:10 service with her husband Rev. Bob McNamara. While active in Our Savior’s Lutheran church she was involved in the Youth and Family Ministry, Small Group Minister, Director of Christian Education and Director of Puppet Ministries. Her hope for FCC future is to continue to be a vibrant, spirit-filled community radiating God’s love and Presence n the community. She is a retired professional puppeteer and church staff and an author. She has flown around the world more times than she can count.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee continues to meet on Tuesday evenings and have recently completed the Congregational profile which has been submitted to the Rgional Office.

A Sunday School teacher asked, “Jennifer, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the ark?”

“No,” replied Jennifer. “How could he, with just two worms?”





FAREWELL GATHERING

You are cordially invited to a Farwell Gathering for our Pastor, Rev. Cynthia McBride and her husband, Charles on Sunday, August 18, 2019 in Fellowship Hall after the 10:10 worship service. There will be NO chapel service that Sunday. Join us in wishing the McBride's blessings as Pastor Cynthia begins a new ministry in Portland, Oregon. There will be a card shower!

WORSHIP ON THE MOUNTAIN

When: Sunday, July 28th

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Where: First Shelter as you enter Bear Trap Meadow

There will be NO 10:10 service that morning. Chapel WILL BE held. Bring a lawn chair (extras if you have some), bring a side dish or dessert to share, and your own beverage. Water, chicken, paper goods and tableware will be provided by the Spiritual Growth Commission. If you have any questions, contact Amber French.



Erika Stupak will be organizing youth activities and hopes to have one each month. If you can help Erika with this or have ideas of what you would like to do, please give her a call @ 277-8620.



NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL CORRAL



HOWDY Y'ALL.. Next week you will hear little voices down in the preschool. YIPEE!! We will have our first ever summer bootcamp. We have 14 enrolled. Check out the decorations in the classrooms and hallway. It's a Western Year ! We still have a few openings for our fall school year. There are 4 openings in the Intro Class (2-1/2 year olds) and 3 openings in Pre-K (4-5 year olds). If you know of any families that are looking for a GREAT preschool, pass the information on. Church members get a 10% discount.

Preschool roundup starts on Monday, Sept. 9th. We are having two open houses to kick off the year. The round-up (Open House) will be on Thursday Sept. 5th & Friday, Sept. 6th from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. When school starts in September we will be doing everything that Wyoming Cowboys and Cowgirls would do: rodeo, horseback riding and working on our cowboy books. We always have so much fun on the Ranch (aka preschool).

In the fall we would love to have cookies and milk with our church grandparents. If you would be interested in being one of our church grandparents, let Teacher Annette (head sheriff) or Kathy know and we will work on getting this program started. Kids always need a grandma/grandpa to have cookies with or even read a story to them once in awhile. A BIG thanks to the congregation for their support of the preschool program. Take some time and visit the kids when school starts.

Ya'll Come to see us.....Teachers Annette, Christina, Stacy, Brooke, Brianna & Cheryl

August 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ELDERS

I am reminded of my favorite scene from Steve Martin's *Parenthood* when he says "Parenthood is like a rollercoaster; you're in for a wild ride and the ups and downs can be scary." So goes the life of the congregation as well. We wish the McBrides well as they step on to the next ride of the carnival; we will continue on our own. I am thrilled with the Search Committee that we have in place. Remember that they will need our prayers. They also need more tangible recognition of our support. Send them a prayer card. Show up at their door with a cheesecake. We're a creative bunch. You'll figure it out. Prayer also for Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes as she searches for an interim minister for us. When Dr. Badger retired, I was amazed at all the little things around the church that had been done as if by shoe elf and weren't getting done anymore. I'm sure that when Pastor Cynthia leaves, we will discover a similar strike among the shoe elf community. We'll need to pick up the slack. If something needs done, please just do it if you can and call for reinforcements if you can't do it by yourself. It's just like home; no one is going to get things done if we don't. Step up your visitation of members and friends in the hospital and care homes. Phone a friend whom you have not seen in church for awhile, make visitors feel welcome; it's how we grow a church. Our church family needs to know we can depend on each other, with or without a pastor. Being left alone in the house might actually be good for us.

We will also need pulpit supply until we have an interim in place. I will be in the pulpit on August 28th and Rev. Bell-Haynes will be preaching on Sept. 8th. We need someone for Sunday, Sept 1st. This is a perfect time for the rest of us to dust off those public speaking skills and share what Christ has laid on your hearts. You can read a sermon prepared by someone else that has been meaningful to you. Contact Cindy Huckfeldt, Chair of Elders, if you are interested in volunteering. I don't know which direction this car on life's rollercoaster is taking, but I do know God did the engineering. It doesn't mean I don't have a sick feeling in my stomach; it just means I know that if God can walk with us through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, he'll get us through this as well.

Cindy Huckfeldt, Chair of the Elders