



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

**JAN
2019**

DECEMBER DATES

Dec. 24 - Office open 8:30 a.m. to Noon -
- ONE CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP @ 7:00 P.M.
- Office Closed Dec. 25 & 26

JANUARY DATES

Jan 1 - OFFICE CLOSED

**Jan. 3 - CWF hosts ALL-Women's
meeting 10:00 a.m. in Board Room.
- Lunch Bunch @11:30 a.m.**

**Jan. 6 - Epiphany Sunday - Elder
installation during 10:10 service**

**Jan. 7 - Scholarship Applications due
in office by noon.
2:00 p.m. Circle of Caring
6:30 p.m. Elders meeting**

**Jan. 9 - CWF Group 2 @ noon (potluck
in Fellowship Hall)**

**Jan. 10 - CWF Group 1 @ 10:00 a.m.
(Meet in the Board Room)**

**Jan. 14 - CWF Group 3 @ 11:30 a.m. at
Little Shop of Burgers, 1040 N. Center**

**Jan. 17 - FCC serves Mission Meal at
CWRM, contact Debbie Mestas to help**

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



**HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO EVERYONE!**

Rev. Cynthia McBride
Kathy Winders
Leigh Earle
Amber French
Cheryl Dionne

New Year's Traditions

Once upon a time, a church was having its annual all-church New Year's dinner. Even though the event was advertised as a "potluck" meal, everyone in the congregation knew that they were to sign up for specific dishes and then follow the recipes in the old church cookbook. An awkward bachelor who was new to the church volunteered to bring a "Big Bowl of Fruit" to the New Year's dinner. He looked over the list and decided he could certainly handle that. People at the church were so glad to have a new member coming to their New Year's event that they forgot to check whether or not he had a copy of the church cookbook, or knew the page number for the "Big Bowl of Fruit" recipe. It was a large salad that combined three types of canned fruit with chopped up fresh fruit, all covered with cream dressing. Well, young Mr. Bachelor just brought a big bowl of fruit - (one apple, one banana, one orange, a bunch of grapes, etc.) - though the "old guard" at the church was certainly surprised at his offering, the kids at the church loved it so much that it became the 'new' tradition!

Does your family have a New Year's tradition? My Mom used to make oyster stew on New Year's Eve. When I was little, my parents would pop popcorn after dinner and we'd all play board games and stay up late (even to 10:00). Kathy Winders tells me that her mother would sometimes serve pork or ham because a "pig roots forward" but you *never* serve poultry because turkeys and hens "scratch backwards," and you want to head *forwards* into the New Year. Some parts of the country see black-eyed peas, lentils or beans as being "lucky" and so serve them on New Year's.

Depending on your perspective, following certain traditions can either be a source of comfort and deep meaning or feel like you're "stuck in a rut." On the one hand, a church that says, "We've never done it that way before," with dread and fear can limit its future and drive away new members. Yet, those same words, "We've never done that before!" can be spoken with awe, excitement and a willingness to try what's new. From my perspective, FCC Casper is a healthy congregation which does a pretty good job of both honoring key traditions and trying new things. At Christmas, we will have a beautiful candlelit service for Christmas Eve with traditional carols and communion, but we also have new ways of celebrating the season each year. Last year we hosted "A Night in Bethlehem" and this year we had a Christmas Recital, encouraging children & adults in the church to share their talents.

There will definitely be some new experiences ahead of us in 2019 as we move towards refining a job description and appoint a Search Committee to help call an Associate Pastor. We will keep using the "recipes" that work well - meaningful worship, strong community service, nurturing members of all ages - and we'll be trying some "new dishes" too. Please pray for ALL of the leaders of our congregation as we move into the New Year of 2019.

- Pastor Cynthia



NEWS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ELDERS

Anyone who knows me would not be surprised that I would rearrange traditions that have worked well for decades. We are reverting back to the old way that the new elders are to be installed. Instead of installing at a Christmas Party, they will be installed on Epiphany Sunday, January 6th during the 10:10 worship service. All current and past elders are encouraged to make a special effort to attend worship that day. The entire congregation will have an opportunity to welcome our elders and thank them for their service to the congregation. There will be coffee and goodies in the fellowship hall after church.

There will be a social get-together of ALL past and present elders in mid-January. The exact time and date TBD. Active elders serving in 2019 are expected to attend the first elders' meeting of the year on Monday, Jan. 7th at 6:30 PM. The meeting will include a time of prayer, the first of several training sessions for incoming elders, and review of our serving & homebound schedules.

Thank you for your patience and humor as I lead the elders this year. Administrative organization is not among my gifts, but God has told me I had to do it so here I am. For further information contact Cindy Huckfeldt, 2019 Elder Chairperson. 307-251-2955

Not all of our younger members attend every week, and not all of the children are in the sanctuary... so... ***"Did You Know?"*** - The number of children & young families who participate at FCC continues to grow. On a recent week, we had 24 little ones downstairs. The next Sunday we had 30!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Worship and Wonder class (age 3 - kindergarten) and our Young Disciple Class (grades 1-4) meet during the 10:10 worship service. Children should attend the beginning of worship with their families and then they will be dismissed to go with the class leaders to their respective classes.

On December 23rd & 30th, Erika Stupak will show the Christmas movie "The Star" during our Sunday School time. There will be snacks!

The activity for January 6 is TBD. Regular programming begins again on Sunday, January 13th.

Our Chi Rho class (grades 5-8) is facilitated by Michelle Elser. That class will usually attend worship through the choir's anthem and then leave with Michelle.

Nursery is available for infants and toddlers.

It's EXCITING to see steady growth in participation in our children's ministries at FCC. Thank you to Joan McNamara for directing our children on Christmas Music Sunday.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM SOME OF THE CHILDREN AT FIRST CHRISTIAN!

JANUARY DIACONATE

Amber Rouse, Trudy Woodard

COMMUNION PREP**Chapel: TBD****10:10 Service - Tammy Heck****JANUARY Greeters**

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To volunteer as a Sunday greeter call Pat Buck @ 234-1829**JANUARY
Offertory Steward****Judy Baker - 1/6 - 1/13
Ted Grooms - 1/20 - 1/27**

Dear Pastor Cynthia & FCC - We are so humbled and incredibly honored to have been chosen as a recipient of the proceeds of the Pumpkin Patch again this year! We didn't expect this at all and your \$1,000 donation was such a blessing. Thanks to your continued support. We were able to give another \$100,000 to our research team this past week. That's now \$325,000 given in only 5 years. Your support means so much! - Thanks again, **Katie & the Olivia Caldwell Foundation.**

Church Friends...I am not much good at writing "Thank You" notes, but here goes. Being treated to visitors and a prayer shawl and a plate of cookies was all very nice. Thank you, **June Bredemeyer**

Thank you to my church family for the cards, calls, soup and prayers during my recovery time. It is wonderful to be a part of God's family. Again a big thank you. Love, **Trisha Nichols**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Robin Nelson | Jan. 2 | Lynda Williams | Jan. 13 |
| Maggie Grooms | Jan. 4 | Jane Wallace | Jan. 13 |
| Jane Baker | Jan. 6 | Marcus Hayden | Jan. 19 |
| Carol Sage | Jan. 6 | Evan Woods | Jan. 19 |
| Kelly Hover | Jan. 7 | Kim Forbis | Jan. 21 |
| Debbie Mapp | Jan. 10 | Nylia Cazier | Jan. 22 |
| David Taylor | Jan. 11 | Karen Huckfeldt | Jan. 30 |
| Dorothy Rhoades | Jan. 13 | | |

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

are available for the 2019 Spring term on the bulletin board across from the church office. The application deadline is noon on January 7th. If you have any questions contact Becky Foster, Chair of the Wills/Trusts/Memorial/Scholarship Committee, "WTMS."

**THANK YOU WAYNE!**

The choir and I would like to thank Wayne McIntire for writing the trombone counter-melody that Bob Meloy played on Thanksgiving Sunday. We appreciate his talent and generosity. It was a beautiful addition to our anthem. *Amber French, Choir Director*

ATTENTION DIACONATE!

A Diaconate meeting and training for ALL active deacons will be held in January. Time and Date yet to be determined. There will be a brief training for all new deacons and a time for everyone to sign up for serving/communion prep for the 2019 year. If you need to sign up prior to the meeting, contact Belle Stapleton, incoming Chairperson of the Diaconate.



CALLING ALL FCC WOMEN!!!!

On Thursday, January 3, 2019 we are planning a get-together for all women of the church able to attend. At our CWF General meeting in November it was decided to forego the previous pattern of monthly "CWF Executive" board meetings and instead to have a special fellowship time for *ALL* women in the church once a quarter. We invite you to come and get better acquainted with other women of the church. No matter which CWF circle you usually attend or if you've never joined Christian Women's Fellowship, **you are welcome**.

Please plan on coming to enjoy some coffee and rolls at 10:00 a.m. We will bring you up to date on news that is taking place among our women. This is not a meeting just for CWF, as we would like participation from all our women. If you have questions or need further information contact Harriet Ames or Peg Jackson - Co-Chairs of CWF 2019.

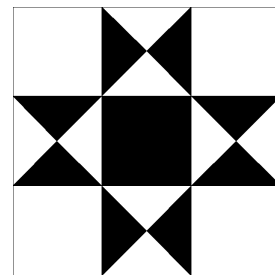
FCC FELLOWSHIP QUILTERS - THE "OTHER" BLANKET MINISTRY

Every Wednesday morning, a small group of dedicated church women meets in the Fellowship Hall in a ministry of quilting. When Bev Miller died, her family generously donated her projects and materials to the group with which we were able to make quilts for Rhys Elser and Natalie Grooms. We also finished two of her projects and donated one to Wyoming Oncology and the other as a graduation gift to a homeless high school student. Another project was finished and sold with the proceeds going to the purchase of much needed tools.

Working almost exclusively with donated fabrics, we were able to finish several other projects and raffled a quilt to the young people of the church last Christmas. We are finishing our second quilt to support Seton House and also finished a Quilt of Valor that was presented to Raylan Heck. Levi Ostrander received a quilt to welcome him to our church family. It was covered with brightly colored shoes.

Additionally, we were able to give a quilt to Virginia Yohn's daughter who lost her home and belongings in a fire; we sold a quilt that we had been working on for a very long time to Shirley Morton. We had planned to raffle it for the Week of Compassion, but it was the first quilt that Shirley had ever sewn so she purchased it and made a substantial donation to the Week of Compassion. Months later, that quilt was lovingly draped over her casket at Newcomers by her family. We started an Irish Chain quilt that Wanda Leeling said was her favorite of all the quilts the group had ever done. It was finished and we presented it to her at Hospice the day before she died. We have another quilt that should be finished by the end of December and hope to sell raffle tickets for it shortly after that.

We have made 14 quilts in 18 months. A huge thank you to Annette Ambrosino and Kalico Kat Quilts for donating sewing machines! They work great, and we will be putting them to work keeping others warm. If you have any tools, fabric or batting that you would like to donate to our Quilting group or if you are interested in joining the Fellowship Quilters, please contact Cindy Huckfeldt.



UN-DECORATING HELP NEEDED

The church's Christmas decorations will be removed on January 6, 2019 after the 10:10 service. The Spiritual Growth Commission asks for people to stay after worship to assist in taking down the decorations and packing them away for next year. If there is anyone that would like to take down certain trees or other decorations, they may do so at their own convenience. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to undecorate a specific area after Christmas, contact Amber French.

For those who have purchased poinsettias, please wait until after the Christmas Eve service to take them home. We ask that all live poinsettias be taken home anytime between Dec. 25th and after worship on Sunday, January 6th.

Dear church family -- We thank all of you for your continued caring for Roger and I. The cookies from the Ladies groups were so good. Roger finds it easier to stay in so rarely gets out. We noticed many new faces in the church when were there recently. Great!! Blessings to all of you. **Roger and Lorna Cook**

Dear Pastor Cynthia. Thank you so much for your kindness during such a difficult time; we appreciate all the support we received. Please pass along our thanks to the Elders for visiting us in Hospice and to the congregation for keeping mom in their prayers and for all their kind words on the many notecards we received. It helped to know that so many were thinking of mom and of our family. **Michele Perko and all the family of Shirley Morton**

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM
THE FCC PRESCHOOL
AND
TEACHERS

We are on Christmas Break
right now and will return to
school on Wednesday,
January 2, 2019.

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“Come They Told Me” is the theme of this year’s Christmas offering. Rev. Maggie Archibald from the Indiana Region says, “One of my favorite Christmas songs is *The Little Drummer Boy*. The idea that this little boy who has nothing tangible to give to Jesus is still welcomed, still embraced, still celebrated is overwhelming to me. Because that is true for each of us.” A few years ago, Maggie was invited to join a new ministry

cohort group. She says she was unsure. “What gifts could I possibly bring to this group of truly wonderful colleagues and ministers? Joining this group has been both life-changing and life-giving. Our time together consists of listening, worship, laughter, and love. Just like the little drummer boy, each of us brings “our finest gifts” to this group and to our ministry. Each of these gifts is unique and beautiful.” **Regional Ministry** provides the opportunity for clergy and congregations to journey together in mutual support. Rev. Archibald goes on to say, “These colleagues are a living, tangible reminder to me that no matter what gift we each may bring we are all still welcomed, still embraced, still celebrated by each other and by Jesus. I am so grateful to the Region for creating this group, for allowing me to be part of it, and for supporting new ministers in the region.”

Our Christmas offering at FCC Casper furthers the work of the **Central Rocky Mountain Region** to “equip, enable, and edify the ministry of 311,000 square miles of Disciples, consisting of 47 congregations and 175 ministers in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Southeast Idaho, and Northwest New Mexico.” You may contribute to the Christmas offering during Sunday morning worship or on Christmas Eve.

January 2019

FCC CASPER CALL

JANUARY, 2019

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <div>8:15 AM Chapel</div> <div>9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</div> <div>10:10 AM Worship</div> <div>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</div> <div>30</div> | <div>New Year's Eve</div> <div>2:00 PM Circle of Caring</div> <div>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</div> <div>6:30 PM Elders</div> <div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</div> <div>31</div> | <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>New Year's Day</div> <div>7:00 PM AA</div> <div>1</div> | <div>9:00 AM Quilters</div> <div>7:00 PM Choir Practice</div> <div>2</div> | <div>10:00 AM CWF Board meeting</div> <div>11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Potluck</div> <div>3</div> | <div>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</div> <div>8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</div> <div>4</div> | <div>5</div> |
| <div>8:15 AM Chapel</div> <div>9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</div> <div>10:10 AM Worship</div> <div>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</div> <div>12:00 PM Installation of Elders</div> <div>6</div> | <div>2:00 PM Circle of Caring</div> <div>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</div> <div>6:30 PM Elders</div> <div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</div> <div>7</div> | <div>Rev. McBride day off</div> <div>7:00 PM AA</div> <div>8</div> | <div>9:00 AM Quilters</div> <div>12:00 PM CWF #2</div> <div>7:00 PM Choir Practice</div> <div>9</div> | <div>10:00 AM CWF #1</div> <div>6:00 PM Boy Scouts Roundtable</div> <div>10</div> | <div>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</div> <div>8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</div> <div>10:00 AM State Quilters</div> <div>11</div> | <div>12</div> |
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| <div>8:15 AM Chapel</div> <div>9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</div> <div>10:10 AM Worship</div> <div>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</div> <div>20</div> | <div>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</div> <div>12:00 PM CALL Deadline</div> <div>2:00 PM Cub Scouts</div> <div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</div> <div>21</div> | <div>Rev. McBride day off</div> <div>7:00 PM AA</div> <div>22</div> | <div>9:00 AM Quilters</div> <div>9:30 AM Call folders</div> <div>7:00 PM Choir Practice</div> <div>23</div> | <div>24</div> | <div>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</div> <div>8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</div> <div>25</div> | <div>26</div> |
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2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to the following members of FCC who were elected to serve the church for 2019.

Board Chair: Dan Coey
Board Vice Chair: Mike Ward
Secretary: Elaine Singleton

Chair of the Elders: Cindy Huckfeldt
Chair of the Diaconate: Belle Stapleton
Historian: Lani McBee

Class of 2021 Elders: Carmen Goodman, Nicholas Grooms, Lani McBee, Terri Morrison, Linda Mosteller, Erika Stupak

Class of 2021 Diaconate: Annette Ambrosino, Emily & Stephen Brown, Jennifer & Scott Hawley, Debbie Mestas, Amber & Pam Rouse, Belle Stapleton, Larry & Kathy Winders

Jr. Diaconate: Nathan Hawley, Eddie Atkinson

Commission Chairpersons - Christian Education - Jennifer Grooms & Joan McNamara with 3-area helpers; **Mission Commission**-Debbie Mestas; **Property**-Cal Decker; **Stewardship**-Ted Grooms; **WTM&S** Becky Foster; **CWF** Co-Chairs Peg Jackson & Harriet Ames.

We are in need of a chairperson for the Spiritual Growth Commission. If interested contact Dan Coey. (This commission helps plan special worship services and membership events.) ***ALL COMMISSIONS & the Board will meet on Monday, Jan. 14.***