



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL

**JULY  
2019**

## **JUNE DATES**

**JUNE 22 - Ethan Birkle, Troop 13, Eagle Project in Fellowship Hall 9-3**

**Wilma Allan memorial service @ 10:00 AM in Sanctuary**

**JUNE 29 - Northern District CRMR Meeting 11-2 @**

**FCC Cheyenne, all Disciples invited to attend**

**JUNE 30 - Young Adult Community Group cookout**

**Michelle & Tyler Elser's home, gather at 3:30**

## **JULY DATES**

**JULY 1 - Circle of Caring @ 2:00 PM**

**- ELDERS @ 7:00 PM**

**JULY 4 & 5 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**JULY 8 - BOARD & COMMISSIONS MEET**

**JULY 10-26 - Rev. McBride traveling for vacation & to attend General Assembly in Des Moines.**

**JULY 20 - Matthew Hills, Eagle Court of Honor in Sanctuary with reception to follow in**

**Fellowship Hall from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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

**JULY 27 - VBS ON THE MOUNTAIN**

**JULY 28 - WORSHIP ON MOUNTAIN 11:00 A.M. -**

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

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

## **UPCOMING DATES**

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

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

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

## **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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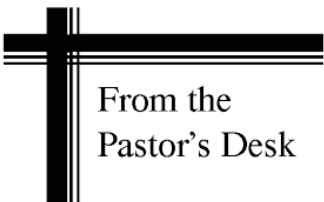
## **Preschool hours (Sept-May)**

**Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon**



**OFFICE CLOSED  
JULY 4TH  
&  
JULY 5TH**

**HAVE A GREAT  
4TH OF JULY!**



From the  
Pastor's Desk

### Faithfully Following our Ever-Changing God

I have a friend who says, "If you want to hear the Divine One chuckle, just tell God *your* plans." On our life-long faith journeys, it can seem sometimes that just as soon as we think we have life figured out, God calls us to something NEW. God is calling Charles and I to a new adventure in ministry and life.

For a few of you, this will be the first you've heard that I have accepted a new calling from the Lord. Starting in September, I will serve as the next Senior Minister of First Christian Church in Portland, Oregon. I have been so blessed to be the lead pastor of FCC Casper for **ten years** as we have welcomed new families, celebrated the lives of saints, improved the physical condition of this beloved spiritual home, increased hands-on service to those in need and answered God's call to grow together, loving one another in Christ. Today, FCC Casper, is a healthy congregation with a bright future. God *will* bless the ministry you share here.

I am excited about the move to "FCCPDX" (PDX is the code for Portland's airport and shorthand for the city itself). The congregation has lived through more than their share of challenges but, thanks to a strong interim period, they are ready and excited for a new future. They worship in a beautiful, historic, downtown sanctuary with modern offices & meeting space. Like FCC Casper, the church building is frequently used by multiple community groups and the congregation actively engages in outreach to their community. They have a strong history of excellent music, are supportive of the arts, have the best church library I've ever encountered and welcome a diversity of people to worship. Most importantly, it feels like a *holy* calling to a place and a people where I can fully use my gifts for ministry. Countless hours of prayer, a deep connection in my heart, and numerous little signs along the way confirm that this is the leading of the Holy Spirit. Yet, with all of that said, I will miss the deep friendships formed here (as well as our preschool & Scouts).

I ask you to join with me in praying *daily* for the Search Committee. After receiving my letter of resignation, the Executive Board has officially approved the Search Committee change their focus from seeking an Associate Minister to immediately beginning the search for your next Lead Pastor. Please pray for an Interim Minister to help shepherd the flock of FCC Casper during this 'in-between' time.

Charles and I have already begun packing boxes - not so much to be ready to move at the end of August as to clean out the house a bit so we can get it listed for sale. (If you know of someone wanting to move to the Big Tree neighborhood, send them our way.) Each box I pack offers a time to hold in prayer signs of change - memories, transition, my love for you, my hopes for your future and prayers for FCCPDX. When I shared the news of this new call with clergy colleagues in town, one of them said, "Oh Cyndy, I'm happy-sad!" Just as my own heart is experiencing a mix of emotions, I know the same is true for many of you. Some of you will be sad at our leaving, some will be excited for a new future coming, some may even feel angry or confused or disappointed, fearful, hopeful, relieved or wondering - or even all of the above. Be patient with each other. Feel what you need to feel. For members who've been hoping for something to be different at FCC, this is a prime opportunity to engage or re-engage with ministry here. Commit yourself to attending worship regularly and being involved in ministry. For members who've been blessed by my service as your pastor - permit me to say that the absolute *best* tribute you could give to my time in ministry here with you is to **continue** to show up! Continue to be as engaged in ministry as possible and be as supportive of the church as you have been of your pastor.

Let us cherish the time we have together this summer while the Eternal One who is both always constant and ever new leads us forward as people of faith. Your Pastor and Friend, *Rev. Cynthia McBride*

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### CONGRATULATIONS!!

FCC congratulates Eddie Atkinson on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout in May. He is a member of Troop 94. He is the son of Kristin Atkinson Anderson and grandson of Rob & Jolene Knaus.

**THANK YOU** to those who showed up to help clean up the church and yard for summer. I appreciate the help of Linda Mosteller, Becky Foster, Cal Decker, Larry Winders, Dan Coey, Steve Huckfeldt, Casey Rislov & children, Amanda Wardell & children, Keith Rouse, Pam Rouse and Jennifer Grooms. We got the outside done, the cap stones on the front walls, the mowers ready and the AC turned on. I apologize if I missed anyone but your help was greatly appreciated. - *Dewey Smith*



### 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 UPDATES

Our prayer focus on the Mission Commission's Prayer and Education Calendar for June has been homelessness and Africa, which included prayers for a long-term health care volunteer in Kenya, congregations who are supporting refugees and immigrants globally and in local communities, drought victims in Kenya, mission workers in Zambia supporting university students, and volunteers from CRMW who prepared the South Hills Retreat Center outside Twin Falls, Idaho for this season's opening. Our prayer calendar for July, which follows the theme of Hunger and Water, is on the back of the June calendar we have been using. Please pick up a calendar outside the sanctuary if you don't have one already. We would like to thank everyone for using these calendars that Terri Morrison makes and for praying for people locally and around the world.

The Blanket Project will not meet during July and August. If you know someone that is in need of a blanket, contact Debbie Mestas. The Sandwich Ministry continues to make between 100-115 lunches every Saturday morning at 8:15. If anyone would like to help, we would appreciate it. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Debbie Mestas, Keith Rouse or Terri Morrison.

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**JULY DIACONATE**

Pam Rouse, Amber Rouse, Debbie Mestas, Martha Wallace

**COMMUNION PREP**

**Chapel: TBD**

**10:10 Service -** Debbie Mestas

**JULY Greeters**

Martha & David Wallace

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



**JULY**  
**Offertory Steward**  
Ted Grooms

**Worship Leaders**

**PULPIT GUESTS**

Rev. McBride will leave town July 10th to travel to a family reunion. Our pulpit guest on Sunday, July 14th will be Rev. Bob McNamara. She will be attending General Assembly July 20-24th. Our pulpit guest on Sunday, July 21st will be Nicholas Grooms.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Ally Sellers	July 3	Emily Brown	July 18
Cooper Goodman	July 4	Stephen Brown	July 18
Al. Metz, Jr.	July 9	Lois Koch	July 20
Ruth Jones	July 12	Tom May	July 21
Wanda Hall	July 13	Kathy Meloy	July 26
Ed Strube	July 13	Rick Black	July 31
Levi Ostrander	July 15	Pam Rouse	July 31

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

Brian & Jenny Black - July 2, 1988  
Stephen & Emily Brown - July 7, 2007  
Rick & Teri Black - July 14, 1990  
Dave & Becky Foster - July 14, 1979  
Michael & Carol Braley - July 15, 1972  
Scott & Jennifer Hawley - July 20, 1996  
Tim & Katy Havasi - July 28, 2001  
Spencer & Erika Stupak - July 31, 1999



Dear FCC Friends,

In April & May, while spending time in Las Vegas, NV, I began having double vision. We visited several specialists in our effort to determine the cause, which was diagnosed as left lateral rectus palsy. At this time the double vision is gone, however, I have had a recent relapse. They say it could take 3 months or longer to completely go away. I very much appreciated the calls, texts, emails, cards and PRAYERS. Thank you all for being so thoughtful and caring. **God Bless, Don (and Randisue) Davis**

FCC Friends,

Thank you for the Easter Card from Pastor Cynthia. It meant so much to me to be remembered. FCC will always have a special place in my heart. I enjoy the FCC Laramie and have only missed on Sunday since I moved here. I usually help serve communion at the early service and have made a lot of friends. Tell everyone in Casper hello for me and I'll show up some Sunday!

**Your friend in Christ, Stan McIrvin**

**SUMMER GATHERING OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF THE CRMR DISCIPLES will be in Cheyenne, Saturday June 29th 11a.m. - 2 p.m. FCC Cheyenne is providing a picnic lunch. A Free will offering will be taken. If anyone would like to attend, please contact Pastor Cynthia. You can ride down & back with her.**



### **“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.

**Robin Nelson** has been a member of FCC since 1973. She is in her 60’s and usually attends the chapel service. Robin was a Sunday School teacher for 10 years, a member of the Diaconate and the Caregiving Group. She loves various outside activities and is retired. Her father, Ed Hadlock, dedicated his life by playing the Marimba for the church for many years. Her hope for FCC’s future is to have faith and hope to help the church grow in this changing world.

**Keith Rouse** has been a member of FCC since 2009. He and his family, Pam, Madison & Amber, moved to Casper from Las Vegas where they were members of FCC Las Vegas. Keith is in his 50’s and usually attends the 10:10 service. Keith has been property chair, served as Vice Chair and Chair of the Board, been a member of the choir, served as Mission Commission Chair and helps with the Sandwich Ministry. He is an archivist at the CC Western History Center and his favorite hobby is reading & exercising. He has completed 6 marathons and over 50 triathlons. His hope for FCC’s future is continued & steady growth.

**Spencer Stupak:** “I became a member of FCC four years ago when I was baptized on Easter Sunday. My wife and three children, also my father in-law Mike Ward, are all active here. I’m in my 4<sup>th</sup> decade in life, usually attend the 10:10 service, and am serving as Search Committee Chair. I’m currently searching for a Mechanical Engineering position here in Casper. My favorite hobbies are fishing and watching my beloved Oklahoma Sooners play football. Other FCC’ers may not know that I met my wife at church camp when she was a youth at FCC Casper and I attended FCC Cheyenne. I hope that the upcoming search for a senior pastor is swift and seamless as possible. Also I hope that our church family is patient and understanding with the process. Please keep the search committee in your prayers!”

### **SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

We have met three times. During our first meeting, we met with our Regional Minister, Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes and she talked to us about the process of selecting our new Senior Minister/Lead Pastor, after we found out our task had changed from searching for an associate minister. **Spencer Stupak** has graciously accepted the role of Committee Chair.

Our first task at hand is to finalize our church’s Congregational Profile. We are reaching out to the congregation for this task with the enclosed questionnaire. Please fill it out and turn it in to the church office, or put it in the offering tray during worship. We will post the latest version of the Congregational Profile on the bulletin board outside of the Inner Room for your information!

**Please return your completed questionnaire to the church office, put it in the offering tray or email your answers to Carmen at [dragonflyclg@yahoo.com](mailto:dragonflyclg@yahoo.com).**

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### 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.



### SEARCH COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Describe the congregation's strengths:
2. Describe the congregation's growing edges:
3. Goals of the congregation for the next five years:

Please return to church office, put in the offering or email answers to Carmen at [dragonflyclg@yahoo.com](mailto:dragonflyclg@yahoo.com).  
**DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, JULY 7TH.**

# July 2019

- US Holidays
- Birthdays
- Fun Activities
- Work
- Home
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>8:15 AM Chapel</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2:00 PM Circle of Caring</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Elders</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Rev. McBride day off</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:15 AM Chapel</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Commissions</p> <p>7:00 PM Spiritual Growth</p> <p>8:00 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM WALLACE QUILTERS</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Rev. McBride vacation</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1:00 PM Jesus Calling Bible Study</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Rev. McBride day off</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</p> <p>10:00 AM State Quilters</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Rev. McBride vacation</p> <p>Pulpit Guest - Rev. Bob McNamara</p> <p>8:15 AM Chapel</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:00 PM Jesus Calling Bible Study</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Rev. McBride day off</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>20</p> <p>General Assembly - Rev. McBride out</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</p> <p>11:00 AM HILLS EAGLE COURT OF HONOR</p>
<p>21</p> <p>General Assembly - Rev. McBride out</p> <p>Pulpit Guest - Nick Grooms</p> <p>8:15 AM Chapel</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Summer Kick start Program</p> <p>Pre-K</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM Summer Kick start Program</p> <p>Pre-K</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p> <p>9:00 AM Summer Kick start Program</p> <p>Pre-K</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Rev. McBride day off</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>9:00 AM Summer Kick start Program</p> <p>Pre-K</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Rev. McBride day off</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>9:00 AM Summer Kick start Program</p> <p>Pre-K</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry</p> <p>10:00 AM VBS on Mountain</p>
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### ***COME DIVE INTO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL***



Join us for VBS Sundays, July 14th & the 21st during the 10:10 service as we will “Dive Into Scriptures” and “Dive Into Prayer.” We will complete our three-part “Diving Expedition” on Saturday, July 27th from 10 a m - 2 p m when we’ll “Dive Into Faith” and wrap up on July 28th with Worship on the Mountain as we “Dive into God’s Love.” Come explore our faith under the sea with stories, crafts, music, and games. Children of all ages are invited. If your child is under the age of 5, we kindly ask that one parent or guardian come along to assist.

Volunteers are needed to make lunches and to help with activities and music. Please contact Jennifer Grooms @ 259-4460 if you can help. What could be more fun than playing on the mountain, singing praises and celebrating our faith on a beautiful summer day! Registration forms are available at the church or you can contact Joan McNamara @ 307-203-8070, Jennifer Grooms or the church office to register.