



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

**MAY
2019**

APRIL EVENTS

Apr. 20 - Prayer Vigil - 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00 a.m.
Apr. 21 - EASTER SUNDAY
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service @ 3 Crowns with
First United Methodist Church
8:15 a.m. Chapel
9:00-9:45 "Share a Snack" Fellowship time
10:10 a.m. Worship
April 22 - Called Elders Meeting (re. Search)
April 23-25 - "Leadership Advance" event
at FCC Loveland, CO - Speaker Ron Allen
April 28 - 1:00 p.m. CROP WALK

MAY EVENTS

May 2 - Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 a.m.
May 6 - Circle of Caring @ 2:00 p.m.
Regular Elders meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
May 8 - CWF #2 - noon
May 9 - CWF #1 - 10:00 a.m.
May 10 - CWF #3 @ 11:30 a.m. at Silver Fox
May 12 - MOTHER'S DAY/Graduate Recognition
& Bibles presented to 2nd graders
May 13 - Stewardship Com. @ 6:30 p.m.
Commissions @ 7:00 p.m.
Board @ 8:00 p.m.
May 15 - Last Choir Rehearsal of Spring
May 22 - Preschool Graduation
May 19 - Music Sunday
May 27 - OFFICE CLOSED - Memorial Day
May 30 - NCHS Graduation Event Center @ 7:30
May 31 - KW Graduation Event Center @ 7:30

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!

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)

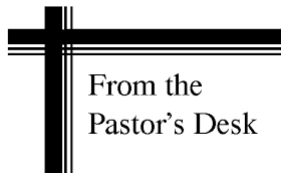
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon



SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

10:00 a.m.

Come see E. Bunny & Bring your own baskets



From the
Pastor's Desk

Telling the Good News = Evangelism

Happy Easter! "*Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen, Indeed.*" This traditional greeting has been shared at Easter by Christians for longer than anyone can exactly recall. It expresses the JOY of the resurrection as well as the HOPE shared by Christ's followers that we too will be raised to new life in Jesus Christ. The Eastern Orthodox Church passes along a tradition that credits Mary Magdalene herself with popularizing this saying that has become known as the "Paschal Greeting." After all, she supposedly addressed Emperor Tiberius in Rome with the words "Christ is risen."

Perhaps more at Easter than any other time of the year, Christians are made bold to tell others the **good news** that we find in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. In Greek, the word εὐαγγέλιόν "euangélion" means Good News. It refers to the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. "Euangélion" is also the source of the word "evangelism." So - at the heart of the matter - an evangelist is one who tells or shares Good News.

What is GOOD for you about knowing Christ? What is good in *your* life because you believe in God? What goodness comes your way for being a part of the church? To engage in evangelism, it is helpful to reflect personally on how we might answer these questions. Do you have more peace or joy or hope in your heart because you're a Christian? Do you find strength in times of trial? Does spending time in prayer help center your life, guide your decisions or bring blessings of peace and courage? For me, having a church family means I'm not alone. When I face times of trial in life, I know that there are others I can lean on for strength. Whether it's the death of a loved one or a serious illness, I know that if I ask others to pray with and for me, and I *will* have more peace when they do.

I invite you to think *specifically* about why you're a member of First Christian Church. What is it about this congregation that enriches your life? Perhaps it's a small group you participate in, the joy of singing with others in worship, or insights into scripture you've gained here through the years. What about our church would be a blessing for others you know? Do you know someone who likes to help people? Someone who's eager to learn or who wants to serve? Someone who's lonely or struggling in life right now? Invite that person to come with you to worship or to serve beside you at the sandwich ministry or to visit your Sunday School class or women's group. Don't just tell them what time worship is, but offer to pick them up. Bring them on Easter Sunday and come early for the "share a snack" coffee fellowship time between services in Fellowship Hall. Personally introduce them to someone else at FCC.

Evangelism Tips for Members - Think about what's most important to YOU about your faith and about our church. Actually write down a list so that it will be easier to tell someone else when the opportunity arises. Pray for God to show you who you might invite to church. Send a card, make a phone call or stop by and visit that person.

Other suggestions - wear your name tag. It makes it easier for visitors to know who they can ask for directions or information. Sit in a different pew from time to time. It gives you a new perspective on worship as well as the chance to get to know different people before or after church. Come to coffee hour. Sit with someone you don't know well. Practice telling *your* faith story. Start with someone close to you or a friend from church. Say out loud three ways in which you are blessed to be a Christian. You can't expect to talk about your faith with someone who's never been to church if you're not even comfortable sharing that story with someone who already knows Jesus - so practice. Invite a friend from church to coffee and talk together about the top 3 things you love about God and the top 3 things you like about FCC. Easter IS a time to share the Good News! Let's each do our part.

- Pastor Cynthia

AN IDEAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

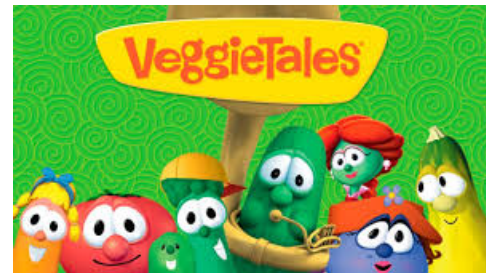
We need volunteers to sign up to help with our Veggie Tales summer programing for children ages 3-grade 4. **Sign up for a Sunday of your choice.**

Yes - you can bring another adult with you. Make it a Sunday morning Date!

1. Attend church service through the Hymn of Praise/Prayer.
2. Adjourn to the board room which has a big TV and an air conditioner.
3. Serve a cookie and juice pouch to your young colleagues (snacks provided)
4. Ask children about their week. They like to share and it's fun.
5. Show the video. Veggie Tales is really funny!

6. If weather is nice and time permits, go out to the playground, sit on a bench and watch children play until church lets out. (If it's rainy - we have other games for indoors.)

Contact Jennifer Grooms or Maggie Grooms if you want to be volunteer for this excellent FUN-filled program.



NEWS FROM TROOP #13

CONGRATULATIONS to Matthew Hills on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout. Matthew and his fellow scouts rebuilt the swing set for the FCC Preschool last fall.

CAMP NEWS - Our Scouts will attend Scout Camp this summer at Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch located in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. They are all looking forward to this camp.



Fair Trade Coffee - Why FCC uses "Equal Exchange" Coffee



Did you know that most multi-national coffee corporations regularly use purchasing practices that take advantage of growers in Latin America and Africa? Their primary focus is their own profit. Multiple "middle-men" are involved between the sites where coffee & cocoa beans are grown and the final point of sales – along the way, each of those brokers & shippers make larger profits than the farmers who work the soil. It's a common practice in countries like Honduras for large companies to clear-cut tropical forests, plant coffee in the sun (often depleting the soil) and then move on. That practice also requires multiple chemical fertilizers ... Fair Trade offers an alternative to these harmful practices.

Local farmers work in cooperatives to preserve natural fauna, opting for coffee varieties that thrive in the shade and can be managed well on smaller farms. The people who grow & pick the coffee beans receive a fair wage for their efforts, which is then invested in their own communities, supporting education for children, more self-determination and meaningful work for women, and preservation of the environment. It's interesting that something as simple as the decision about the type of coffee we serve on Sunday morning can be a form of ministry in itself. By supporting Equal Exchange – and by educating our members about the lives of coffee growers – we can make a difference in the world.

EASTER OFFERING-Disciples Mission Fund: This Holy week, let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through ongoing tending, nurturing and caring. Gifts to the Easter offering can transform our shared work. As you give to the Easter Offering, your donations support international, national, regional, and local ministries. The Easter Offering will be collected on Sunday, April 21st. You may put your donation in the envelope provided in the pew or send a check to FCC. Find out more online at disciplemissionfund.org



MAY DIACONATE

Steve & Emily Brown, Kathy Winders,
Virginia Yohn

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel: TBD

10:10 Service - Larry Winders

MAY Greeter

Pat Buck

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

**MAY****Offering Steward**

Larry Winders

Thank you for all your prayers, concerns, cards & words of kindness. Many thanks to Cynthia for stopping by to see me in the hospital. I am grateful for such a loving family in the church. **Janis Coey**

Dear Church Family...
Thanks you all for your thoughtful cards and greetings. I am doing fine. Stop by for a visit when you are in Buffalo. **With love, Winnie Allan**



Members of First Christian Church: We were so blessed by the wonderful "Prayer Gifts" given to encourage us by "the Church next door"! Bob takes a nap under that beautiful warm blanket everyday now, since his stroke and the hot rolls from Texas Roadhouse that the Pastor delivered to our door were outstanding! We also appreciated the kind letter and all those names of people who prayed for us. Sweet!! God surely is in the prayer answering business. Thanks again, & again & again! - **Bob & Teresa Griffin @ "534 CY"**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Mosteller	May 3	Mary Lou Westman	May 16
Jenny Black	May 4	Jamie Williams	May 16
Dylan Stupak	May 4	Trisha Woods	May 16
Darlene Bishop	May 6	Raylan Heck	May 17
Brady Hover	May 7	Betty Axworthy	May 18
Tassma Powers	May 7	Jared Black	May 22
Lois Purvis	May 11	Cristopf Atkinson	May 24
Hailey Rodgers	May 11	Amanda Kirlin	May 24
George Morrison	May 12	Steve Kingsolver	May 25
Allen Singleton	May 12	Travis Hayden	May 31
Martha Wallace	May 12		

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

George & Terri Morrison - May 3, 1975
Charles & Cynthia McBride - May 9, 1998
Robin & Kirk Nelson - May 15, 1982
Don & Randisue Davis - May 21, 1977
Tyler & Michelle Elser - May 21, 2011
Russ & Julie Black - May 25, 1980
Dan & Janis Coey - May 26, 1984
Jeff & Tracy Padilla - May 26, 1984
Bernard & Annette Ambrosino - May 31, 1986
Ted & Jennifer Grooms - May 31, 1975

WORSHIP & WONDER LEADERS NEEDED!

Worship & Wonder is our Sunday School class for children ages 3-5. The class has a regular curriculum and is scripted. Materials are available for you. We just need people to help implement it. If you are interested, contact Erika Stupak or Maggie Grooms.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Carson Johnson signed with the Casper College Rodeo Team to compete next year in team roping. Congratulations from your church family.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS AT FCC:**Janet & Floyd Field**

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Linda Feezer

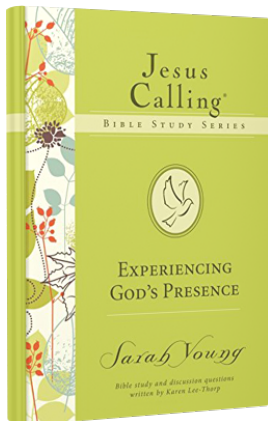
831 S. McKinley 82601
307-234-0246

Victoria McGee

(Parents: Kristen & Mike Stephens)
2100 Eddopf Ave., Casper 82609



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



Would you like a chance to lay down your cares, enter God's Presence, and hear God 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 at 1:00 p.m. in the Inner Room starting June 6th - June 27th. 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. If you cannot attend our study, First United Methodist will be offering the same class on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. starting May 4th through June 29th. Contact FUMC if you're interested in attending.

As you learn 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 at 258-3505.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!!!

If anyone from the congregation is interested in doing a short video for the Search & Call application, please contact Dennis Baker or Pastor Cynthia. We are hoping to have between 4 to 6 short videos from different people in the congregation who can talk about the sandwich ministry, blanket ministry, community groups, and representatives from other activities in the church. When completed these will be uploaded to the church website. Check out the video sample already online at www.fccasper.org.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Sun- May 5 - Young Disciples celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Sun- May 12 - Young Disciples learn about Ruth & Naomi.

2nd graders receive Bibles in Church service -
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS.

Sun- May 19 - Young Disciples learn about Deborah

Sun- May 26 - Summer Programming begins

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ALL GRADUATES FOR 2019

If you are a high school graduate, college or university graduate this year, please contact the church office by Monday, May 6th. We will have a recognition of all graduates on Sunday, May 12th during the 10:10 service.

If your child is completing the 2nd grade, please contact the church office by Monday, May 6th. FCC members and participants completing the 2nd grade will be presented a Bible during the 10:10 service on May 12th.





EASTER SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

On Easter Sunday, we know that many families will share a special meal or other celebration right after worship. With that in mind, for April 21st ONLY, our weekly "coffee fellowship time" will be in between chapel and 10:10 worship - **from 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring a treat or snack to share. Invite family & friends to come and arrive a bit early for fellowship time. This gives the Chapel folks and the 10:10 folks a chance to visit together. There will be NO Homebuilders Class on Easter Sunday. There will be NO children's Sunday School so that children may remain in worship with their parents. Nursery care IS available during the 10:10 service.

First Christian Church and Church World Service invite walkers and runners of all ages to come out for a 1-Mile walk or a 5K walk/run on April 28th starting at the Tate Pumhouse. Registration starts @ 1:00 p.m. and walker/runners begin @ 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Debbie Mestas at debmestas@gmail.com Money raised will be distributed between the Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies (25%) and Church World Service (75%).



MISSION COMMISSION UPDATES

Help is needed for the Sandwich Ministry. We meet every Saturday @ 8:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to make lunches which are then distributed at King's Corner from 10-noon. Once every 8 weeks Sovereign Grace provides the lunches for us and provide lunches on June 1st. A youth group from Colorado will make lunches and some blankets on their mission trip on June 8th. We made 6 blankets on April 13th. Everyone is welcome to come on the 3rd Saturday to help with blankets from 10-3p.m. Terri Morrison is working on educating us about global missions. Check out the calendars she has made that show how we can support & pray for both local & global missions. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Mestas.

UPDATE FROM THE DINOSAUR DEN

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so like,
RAWR and stuff



Time is going by so quickly. School will be out before we know it. The preschool has collected \$932 towards new carpet for FCC. We will be matching this amount making a total donation to the carpet fund of \$1864. Hip Hip Hooray!! Thank you to everyone that donated to this cause. We have many exciting things coming up at our preschool. Pre-K will begin their annual "trip around the world" on Monday, April 22nd. We will have special guests visit the school throughout the next two weeks.

The children will learn about Ireland, England (where the Queen comes to tea with us), New Zealand (Teacher Annette's mother will be the guest); Italy (a trip to Olive Garden); Germany (Mena Pagett will be the guest); China, Spain (Pastor Cynthia will be teaching us about bull fighting); France (Jennifer Grooms will be sharing her vast knowledge about France); and Mexico with a trip to the Guadalajara Restaurant where the kids get to order their food in Spanish. We will be eating food from all of these countries. It will be a BIG adventure. The younger classes will be doing a two week author study on Dr. Seuss. They too will be eating fun food and making projects for their exciting adventure.

The preschool still has a few openings available. I expect that we will fill-up after the Year of the Young Child Celebration. We love our church family and are thankful for the many ways that you support and care for our preschool!

May 2019

- US Holidays
- Birthdays
- Fun Activities
- Work
- Home

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FCC CASPER CALL

MAY, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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12 Mother's Day 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 10:10 AM Graduation Sunday 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	13 11:30 AM CWF Group 3 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Coffee Fellowship 7:00 PM Spiritual Growth 8:00 PM Board Meeting	14 Rev. McBride day off 9:00 AM WALLACE QUILTERS 7:00 PM AA	15 9:00 AM Quilters 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice	16 1:15 PM YOUTH FOR CHRIST	17 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL BIKE DAY - NO PARKING IN LOT	18 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry 10:00 AM Blankets
19 MUSIC SUNDAY 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	20 12:00 PM CALL Deadline 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	21 Rev. McBride day off 7:00 PM AA	22 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM CALL folders 5:45 PM 3-4 Years Graduation 7:15 PM Pre-K Graduation	23 PRE SCHOOL OUT 1:15 PM YOUTH FOR CHRIST	24	25 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry
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SAVE THE DATE!!

Vacation Bible School on the Mountain is planned for Saturday, July 17th. We will be “diving” into our faith with an undersea theme this year. Volunteers are needed to prepare lunch, run centers, and offer general assistance. This year we are expanding our VBS experience with activities during our regularly scheduled Sunday school time on July 14 and July 21. Exciting things are planned so look for details in the coming weeks. If you want to help with VBS, contact Jennifer Grooms or Joan McNamara. There are LOTS of fun ways to volunteer!

NEW BOOK IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

“Widower to Widower: Surviving the End of Your Most Important Relationship” by Fred Colby. This book is a gift to the church library from Mike Ward. It’s a personal memoir of a man whose wife died. He documented his journey of grief through postings on the Caring Bridge website, excerpts of which are included in the book and has balanced these with realistic insights about the grieving process and supportive words of wisdom for others who lose a spouse. It is an easy read, well balanced and soundly touches on the wide range of topics related not just to grief but to numerous changes in life men face after their wives pass away. This is an excellent addition to the church library and would be a good resource for widowers in the congregation for years to come. Stop by and check it out!

