



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

**SEPT.
2019**

AUGUST

Aug. 25. Cindy Huckfeldt Pulpit Guest
Aug. 26-28. Leigh Earle on vacation
**Aug. 28 - CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES
@ 7:00 ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.**

SEPTEMBER

Sept.1 - Music Sunday led by Amber French
Sept.2 - **LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**
Sept.3- **ELDER'S MEET @ 7:00 P.M.**
Sept.5 - **LEIGH VACATION UNTIL 9/19**
Preschool Open House - 11:00 a.m.
Lunch Bunch Potluck - 11:30 a.m.
Sept.6 - **Preschool Open House - 11:00
a.m.**
Sept. 8 - **Pulpit Guest - Rev. Joan Bell-
Haynes with potluck to follow 10:10. NO
CHAPEL SERVICE**
Sept. 9 - **PRESCHOOL RESUMES, 11:30**
Group 3 meets @ Hibachi Grill; Cub & Boy
Scouts resume; commissions & Board meet
Sept. 11 - **Group 2**
Sept. 12 - **Group 1**
Sept. 15 - **Pulpit Guest - Rev. Mary
Schmidt, First United Methodist**
Sept. 16 - **CALL Deadline**
Sept. 22 - **Pulpit Guest - Michelle Elser**
Sept. 28 - **Eddie Atkinson Eagle Court of
Honor**
Sept. 29 - **Pulpit Guest - Paul Hallock**

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

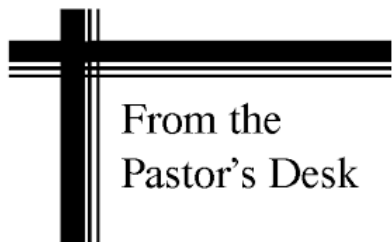
CHANGE IN MEETING DATE!

SEPT. ELDER'S MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

7:00 P.M.

**Contact Cindy Huckfeldt if you
cannot attend the meeting.**



From the Pastor's Desk

A Fond Farewell

On June 2nd, the congregation of First Christian Church in Portland, Oregon unanimously voted to call me to serve as their next Senior Minister. I am humbly honored to accept that call, and fully trust that it is God's will for my life. I'm ready to dive "all in" with wherever this adventure will lead - but, in order to say "hello" there, I must say "goodbye" here. In some ways, it's hard to fully comprehend that this day has come. I have been blessed to serve as your pastor (and to be called friend by many of you) over the past decade. *Thank you*, church, for the fond farewell send-off you shared with me and Charles Sunday morning after worship. *Thank you* to all 136 souls who showed up to hear my last sermon. Your presence in worship was a great tribute, and I know it took extra effort for some to attend - Jane & Don Baker drove up from Denver, Jack Walts and Brenda Lloyd drove from Cheyenne, Brian & Jenny Black took time off work, and there were others as well who came specifically to see me off. Thank you. *Thank you* for the abundance of cards - beautiful, touching, humorous and heart-felt.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 says: *Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.* **Thank you**, Church, for the MANY ways you have encouraged me AND one another through the years. This is truly a caring church family. I have been blessed to witness you pray for and with each other, drop off homemade soup when someone's ill, sit in hospital waiting rooms or take communion to nursing home residents. I have watched you rejoice with one another when babies are born, when new members join, when students graduate, when couples marry or celebrate milestones. You have supported Scouts, preschoolers and youth in the church as they set forth on life adventures - from camp scholarships to the International Affairs Seminar in NYC & DC to Jamboree and other trips - every time our young people host a spaghetti supper, sell Girl Scout cookies or make a plea for a school fundraiser, you are incredibly generous. Thank you for the *countless* ways you welcomed me as pastor into the most sacred moments of life - to hold and bless newborns or to send saints to heaven with shared family stories, you have trusted me to bear God's Presence in your midst - and I am the richer for it.

Monday evening I met with the Pastoral Relations Committee and elder representatives for an "exit interview." Together we reflected on highlights and challenges from ten years of ministry. I appreciated their thoughtful feedback. In succinct summation, Lyle Cox said, "You were good to us - and you were good for us." Thank you. You've been good to and for me as well.

God is Good - all the time. All the time - God IS Good! I know that God will continue to be good to you, and you will be good to each other. You will be good "to" and "for" the next minister called to serve in this place. Thank you for sending me forth - and now, it's time to start preparing your hearts to welcome your next pastor and family. It will take some time yet to discern who that person is meant to be, but God WILL provide. God WILL bring the next *best* minister to lead and serve alongside you. Partner with them well. Be honest, be open, share the best of your truest selves. Take risks together to learn and grow, weep and work and worship. Invite them to your homes, take them to your kids' sporting events, treat them to lunch at your favorite restaurants, help them find the best fishing spots or snowshoe trail. Invite them into your lives and hearts as you have done for me. And may God *Bless you and keep you - and cause God's face to shine upon you - and fill you with joy and peace.* Amen. - **Pastor Cynthia**

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.

**ON THE SCOUT TRAIL WITH TROOP 13**

Our church will be full on Monday nights when the Cubs and Boy Scouts start back at their regular time on Monday, September 9th. Cubs will be at 6:00 p.m. and Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m. Nathan, Zach and Scott Hawley recently returned from Boy Scout Sea Base in the Florida Keys. They spent July 31-Aug. 5th on a 40 foot boat sailing, snorkeling, and sight seeing. They teamed up with some scouts from Georgia and North Carolina.

EDDIE ATKINSON EAGLE COURT OF HONOR**WHEN: SEPT. 28TH****TIME: 1:00 P.M.****WHERE: First Christian Church Sanctuary**

Eddie is a member of Troop 94 and the son of Kristen Atkinson Anderson and the grandson of Rob & Jolene Knaus. The congregation is invited to join in this celebration.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

The sign up 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.

**KICK OFF SUNDAY**

We will Kick Off the Fall Season on Sunday, September 8th. Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes, Regional Minister, will be the pulpit guest. There will be NO chapel service that day.

Worship/Spiritual Growth Commission will host a potluck luncheon after the 10:10 service and will provide Sloppy Joes. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

Come listen to and welcome our Regional Minister to the pulpit.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER**Dessert & Discussion at the**

McNamara's home

8-week Book Study on

The Universal Christ

by Richard Rohr.

(Amazon \$26.00)

Starting 9/26-11/21

Sign up required - Limited seating (10)

SEPTEMBER DIACONATE

Al & Elaine Singleton, Annette
Ambrosino, Virginia Yohn

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel: TBD

10:10 Service - Singletons

SEPT. Greeters

Lyle & Jo Cox

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

**SEPTEMBER
Offertory Steward**

Paul Hallock

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Chuck Stewart	Sept. 1	John Lansing	Sept. 17
Michael Braley	Sept. 2	Jack Walts	Sept. 17
Trudy Woodard	Sept. 3	Tina Beall	Sept. 18
Rachel Cazier	Sept. 4	Jereca Lutz	Sept. 19
Phil Ostrander	Sept. 4	Joshua Black	Sept. 20
Laura Glasspoole	Sept. 7	Jacquie Cook	Sept. 22
Floyd Field	Sept. 8	Jackie Greenlee	Sept. 23
Debbie Mestas	Sept. 8	McKenzie Grooms	Sept. 24
Rhys Elser	Sept. 9	Jennifer Hawley	Sept. 25
Kevin Budack	Sept. 12	Lois Scott	Sept. 25
Tom Dowler	Sept. 13	Gloria Monroe	Sept. 29
Virginia Yohn	Sept. 15	Tina Raines	Sept. 29

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Sharon Lansing - Sept. 3, 1961
Abel & Kylie Stewart - Sept. 5, 2009
Tom & Melanie Dowler - Sept. 6, 1969
John & Amanda Kirlin - Sept. 12, 2015
Mark & Lynda Williams - Sept. 14, 1991



Thank You



for your Kindness

Dear FCC Family, Words cannot adequately express my gratitude to you for the many prayers and gifts to fix my car. It is such a blessing to know all of you and to be a part of this wonderful congregation where members care for one another. I am humbled by your generosity and am forever in your debt. Thank you so much!! In Christian love,
Debbie Mestas

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**YOUNG DISCIPLES NEWS!
KICK OFF SUNDAY -
SEPTEMBER 29TH**

We're going to DIVE INTO GOD'S CREATION for the month of October and **DIVE INTO GOD'S PROMISES** (Noah's Ark) for November. In December we will **DIVE INTO GOD'S LOVE** in preparation for Advent.

Come and join us for a new and exciting experience in understanding God's work in our daily lives!

CIRCLE OF CARING

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Circle of Caring will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9th.



“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 we’ll feature bios of search members so you can get to know them better.

Maggie Grooms became a member of FCC in 2013 when she transferred her membership to Casper from Laramie. Maggie is married to Nicholas Grooms and has two beautiful girls, McKenzie & Natalie. Maggie is in her 30’s and attends the 10:10 service with her family. She has been a member of the Education Commission, Community group and served as an Elder. She is a Pharmacist at Albertson’s Osco Drug. Her hope for FCC’s future is to grow and become a place of spiritual growth for her children. Did you know that Maggie grew up on a sheep ranch?

Linda Mosteller joined FCC in November of 1983. She grew up in the Disciples of Christ FCC churches in Atchison, KS and Cheyenne, WY. She is in her 60’s and often attends both the chapel and the 10:10 service. She helps with the sound system at both services and when needed for other church activities. She has been a member of the Diaconate, and has served as Chair of the Elders and President of the Congregation. Her hope for FCC’s future is to thrive in the years to come.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee has submitted our Congregational Profile to the Regional Office. They have already received profiles of two interested candidates and are anticipating the arrival of more applications. Keep an eye on the bulletin board near the Inner Room for signs of progress. The Search committee members pray every day at 7:00 AM. You are invited to join them - wherever you are as your day begins - pause and pray for FCC, for the search process, for an interim to be called forth and for our next pastor.

PULPIT GUESTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 1 - HYMN SING ALONG led by Amber French & Becky Foster

SEPT. 8 - Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes, Regional Minister

SEPT. 15 - Rev. Mary Schmidt, Assoc. Pastor, First United Methodist

SEPT. 22 - Michelle Elser

SEPT. 29 - Paul Hallock



If there is anyone in the congregation that would like to bring a message on a Sunday morning, please contact Cindy Huckfeldt, Elder Chair.

YOUR PRESENCE matters!

As Pastor Cynthia mentioned in her final sermon, if you’ve been blessed by the ministry of a specific pastor, at the time of their departure - the best way to show that moving forward is by simply showing up! Keep coming to worship, be engaged with the life of the congregation. The best complement you can make to any minister, is to be sure that the church they leave behind is as strong and healthy as it possibly can be and ready for the next leader God will call. Please do your best to be in worship every week and support our pulpit guests and the church.



FROM THE PRESCHOOL CORRAL

School will be starting Sept. 9th. Our classes are almost full. We have three openings in our intro to preschool class and one in our MWF 3-4 class. The others are FULL!! We have many things planned for the school year. This year I will be doing the Director's job and not be in the classroom. Teacher Christina will be the leader teacher in Pre-K and Teacher Brianna will be helping with Pre-K. Teacher Brianna was the Friday helper in the 3-4 room for 2 years. Teacher Brooke will be moving from Pre-K into the 3-4 classroom since Teacher Katie will not be returning. Teacher Stacy will stay in the Intro and Young 3's class. I am excited to be able to spend a little time everyday in each classroom. By not teaching, I will have the opportunity to write more curriculum and write a few grants too!. We will miss Pastor Cynthia for chapel on Fridays. If anyone is interested in being a guest chapel leader, we meet on Fridays @ 9:20 a.m. in the sanctuary for about 20 minutes. Stop by my office if you are interested in helping. Bless you all for your help and support. ~~~~Teacher Annette.

NO PUMPKIN PATCH 2019

It's with a bit of sadness that the FCC Executive Board announces that FCC Pumpkin Patch will NOT be held for 2019. The board was unable to find facilitators who were willing to take on the full management responsibility this year. It is with a great deal of pride that we look back on the many years of the Pumpkin Patch which was initially launched under the energetic and capable Jenny Black. The following organizations benefitted from the funds raised by the Pumpkin Patch: FCC Preschool, FCC Scout Groups, FCC Youth activities, the Wyoming Rescue Mission, Seton House, Hospice, the Self-Help Center, and the Olivia Caldwell Foundation. We are grateful for the support shown to the Pumpkin Patch by FCC members, FCC Scouts, FCC CWF groups, FCC Preschool, NCHS Leadership classes and numerous high school athletic teams and youth groups.

UPDATES FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Just a gentle reminder concerning educational programming--please remember that individuals working with children and youth MUST have a background check. We facilitate that for you. Also, without a regular minister's presence, we ask you kindly contact our Christian Ed Facilitators, Jennifer Grooms or Joan McNamara prior to starting a class or ordering curriculum. Thank you.

NURSERY REMINDERS - If your meeting, event, or activity requires nursery care, please let Jennifer Grooms know. Remember the nursery care must be provided by an FCC approved provider. This is for liability and safety reasons. Also, the nursery is primarily for infants and toddlers. We do not provide snacks, diapers, pull-ups, etc., so please remember to bring a little tote with your child's needs.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING - Our summer multi-age children programming will continue through Sept. 22. It is for children ages 4-grade 4. Children attend the first part of worship with their family and are then dismissed to go with the teachers. Sept. 28th regular programming will begin with Worship & Wonder class for children age 3-5 (kinders), Young Disciples for children ages 1-4, Chi Rho for youth in grades 5-8. More information to come in September. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help lead **Worship & Wonder**. Material is prepared for you. Maggie Grooms is our Worship and Wonder coordinator. Contact Maggie if you desire to help with the W&W program. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help assist with the **Young Disciples Class**. This person would assist children with activities that already planned. Please contact Jennifer Grooms or Joan McNamara if you can help. **YOUTH PROGRAMMING** is under the care of Erika Stupak. She will be coordinating youth activities for youth, grades 5-12. Erika would love ideas and assistance.

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ADULT EDUCATION

We need adult facilitators for adult classes. It would be good to schedule at least one adult class on Sunday mornings that would meet from 9-10 prior to worship service. We can help with ideas and curriculum. If you would be interested in teaching a class, please contact Jennifer Grooms or Joan McNamara. Thank you.

MISSION COMMISSION REPORT

Thank You to everyone who supported the **Week of Compassion** by purchasing tickets to the dinner, for the raffle of the beautiful photographs by Lani McBee and donations to the Week Of Compassion. We raised **\$1,423.15** that will be sent to the Week of Compassion. Thank you to everyone that contributed. The dinner was a great success! We enjoyed the music from Charles McBride and Diane Frame, ate a wonderful meal and Michelle Elser auctioned off the desserts that were won by Paul Hallock, the Rislov family and Carmen Goodman. Virginia Yohn and Erika Stupak won the beautiful photographs from Lani McBee. All Week of Compassion proceeds from this event have been designated for ongoing hurricane recovery in Puerto Rico.

Please continue using the Mission Commission's Prayer and Education Calendar, which is available on the ledge outside the sanctuary. Please note that new calendars will be available at the end of the month. The theme for September will be East Asia and the Pacific.

The Sandwich Ministry has been making sandwiches for six years on Sept. 7th. Thank you to everyone who helps with this. The Fleece Blanket Project will start again on Sept. 21st. If you have any questions regarding any of the projects, contact Debbie Mestas, Mission Commission Chair.