



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL

**SEPT.  
2020**

## —STAYING— CONNECTED

### FROM SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We don't know about you but those of us on the Spiritual Growth Commission miss seeing our church family. We understand that life on planet Earth runs the spectrum from uncertain to downright scary.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! We want to see each other and thankfully we live in a digital age. WE are asking all of our church family, but especially those who are unable to attend Sunday worship yet, to put together a short video (about a minute) of yourself as a greeting for each other. Do you miss coffee fellowship?? Record yourself sharing coffee and donuts with us. Miss singing??? Record yourself belting out "Amazing Grace". God says make a joyful noise. We want to see and hear you laugh and dance and tell corny jokes.

Those of us who are technologically challenged can have someone in your family help out. Cell phones can really be a gift from heaven. If nothing else, call an Elder and we'll come and record you through the storm door if that is a way to keep you both safe and connected.

Once you have your video, email it to the church office and we will play them at worship and post them to share with our larger church family.

If you have any questions, contact Belle Stapleton, Chair of Spiritual Growth. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!!!

#### Church Staff:

**Interim Pastor** Dr. Caryn Yoast

**Lisa Walker**, Bookkeeper

**Kathy Winders**, Secretary

**Annette Crain**, Preschool Director

**Cheryl Dionne**, Nursery Staff

**Ronnie Sanborn**, Custodial Contractor

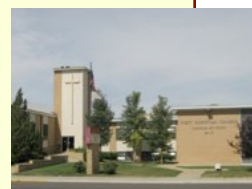
**Ministers: Every Member!**

#### Office hours:

**Mon.-Thurs.**

**10:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

**Fridays: CLOSED**



#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

**8:15 Worship Service**

**10:10 - Worship Service**

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**Preschool begins Sept. 9, 2020**

**Preschool Phone - 472-0649**

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**ELDERS  
SEPTEMBER  
MEETING  
CHANGED  
TO**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9 @ 7:00 P.M.**

*Ah, September!*

*You are the doorway to the season that awakens my soul...* Peggy Toney Horton

Today. The ease and the adventures of summer are quickly being tucked away for another year, the rhythms of fall are soon to be upon us—our teachers, our children, our young people are returning to school (in a variety of ways). The new month is nearly upon us.

September. For people of faith, when we step through the doorway of September we discover a newness of life, a difference in the dazzling light that surrounds us, we glance around this changing color-filled landscape and we suddenly realize our soul is leading us home. In September we come home to that place that gives us life. In the church, we call it Homecoming.

Even with an ongoing pandemic the leadership of First Christian Church has been at work planning several exciting opportunities to welcome you home and awaken your soul. You will read about many of them throughout this issue of *The Call*.

Among our homecoming opportunities is this:

An **ALL-CHURCH RETREAT**. The topic is **Prayer**, specifically: “**Discernment: Listening to God.**” The program will include types of prayer, seasons of prayer and bible study centering on “Jesus and prayer”. The retreat will be held at the church on a Friday evening and all-day Saturday.

This **ZOOM retreat** will be led by Dr. Kay Northcutt. Dr. Northcutt is currently Adjunct Professor of Preaching and Evangelism at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO. She is also the former Fred B. Craddock Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK. Dr. Northcutt is a Certified Spiritual Director, retreat leader and has extensively written on spirituality and prayer for various periodicals over the last 20 years. Currently she lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The date for the retreat will be announced soon. Registration will be required.

Also, our **Transition Team**: Ted Grooms, Colin Hogan, Steve Brown, Judy Baker, RandiSue Davis, Kathy Winders, are beginning their work of leading and caring for First Christian Church through this time of transition. The team will be attending a webinar led by the **Lombard Mennonite Peace Center** on *Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches* later this month. The team is also developing a set of questions for interviews with members of the congregation to discover (and re-discover) your stories of what brought you to FCC. This project is being done in conjunction with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration committee as we look forward to the future.

September. The doorway to new life, new light, new opportunities. Come home. The door is open and we are waiting with open arms for YOU.

## **FCC CHURCH GUIDELINES**

We are so happy to have the doors open for worship. We are still following the CDC, Health Department, Regional Office guidelines for church service.

**1. We will be offering two (2) services each Sunday -- 8:15 and 10:10.** We are gradually starting to return to the normal chapel service at 8:15 a.m. The 10:10 service has not changed in its format.

**2. How to enter the church.** We are still entering through the elevator door and fellowship hall. **Hand sanitizer and masks will be made available.** If you have your own mask, we encourage you to wear it.

**3. Seating** - We are still social distancing our seating with a capacity of 50 people. For social distancing reasons we will seat every other row with alternating rows on either side of the center aisle. You will be seated front to back. **FIRST SERVICE WILL SIT IN THE PEWS WITH THE GREEN DOTS. SECOND SERVICE WILL SIT IN THE PEWS WITH THE RED DOTS.** There will be NO coffee or social hours at this time so as soon as the service is over, we ask you leave the building as quickly as possible again either through the fellowship hall or by the elevator.

**4. Communion...** We are still using the individual prepackaged communion cups. Offering is still being collected with the butterfly nets.

**5. Notes about the service.**

- Hymns, scriptures and bible readings are still on the overhead screens up front. We are thinking of bringing bulletins back in September.
- Currently we will not have a choir until the regional office and other protocols we are following say it is permissible. **SPECIAL MUSIC...** Until we are able to have a choir, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in providing special music during second service.
- If you have little ones, the busy bags have also been put away for now.

**As a reminder please be safe, wear a mask and use the hand sanitizer. You have been missed and we look forward to seeing you in church. You're safety is our main priority. If you have any questions, contact the church office. Thank you**



**DISCIPLES WOMEN MINISTRY** **will not** be meeting in September. They are going to try to start back up in October. If you have any questions, contact Janie Nelson, President.

### **CIRCLE OF CARING**

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Circle of Caring will meet on Monday, September 14th @ 2:00 p.m.

## September DIACONATE

Annette Ambrosino.

We are in need of diaconate for September. You do not have to do both services -- just 10:10. Please contact Pam or Keith Rouse if you can serve during the month of Sept.



**September**  
Offertory Steward  
Paul Hallock

### NEW ADDRESS

Dorothy Smith  
Garden Square  
1950 S. Beverly Apt 3  
Casper, WY 82609  
237-7739



## A FEW REMINDERS

1. Please be sure when you leave the restroom or the building that you check the windows and make sure they are closed.
2. If you are using your key to get in the Fellowship Hall during work hours, please call the church office and let one of the staff know you are in the building. It is very disconcerting to hear someone in the building when the doors are locked so please be courteous and let us know if you are downstairs.
3. When you leave the church service, **PLEASE** take your communion cups with you and throw in the bin outside the sanctuary.



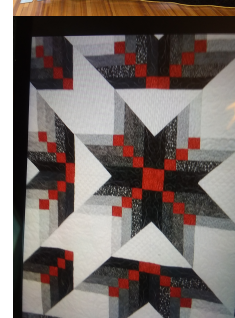
## September BIRTHDAYS

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	Josh 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	Gloria Monroe	Sept. 29
Tom Dowler	Sept. 13	Tina Raines	Sept. 29
Virginia Yohn	Sept. 15		

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** Jane Wallace for winning Grand Champion and Reserve Champion at the State Fair for her quilts. Also to Deanna Budack for winning a blue ribbon on her sunflower quilt. They belong to the Happy Quilters group that meet at the church on Wed. in the board room. They all did well in the ribbon department.







## NURSERY TO OPEN

We will have a nursery attendant on duty starting Sunday, September 20th. New health protocols will be in place for children using nursery care. These will include taking and recording child's temperature and the nursery will be limited to children ages infant through 4 years of age. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## WORSHIP AND WONDER

Worship and Wonder **will not meet until further notice**, so children ages 2-4 are welcome to attend church with their parents or this age of child may stay in the nursery.

## THANK YOU FROM THE PROPERTY CHAIRMAN

I want to thank Ted and Nicholas Grooms for doing the church yard work for the month of July and Colin Hogan for doing the month of August. I appreciate your hardwork and dedication so much. I need someone for the month of September, so please contact me.

**Dan Coey, Property Chair**



## CONGRATULATIONS Kylee Stupak

From the Central Rocky Mountain Region....We are thrilled to announce Kylee Stupak applied for and was selected for the CRMR Executive Council of Youth (ECOY) for the 2020-21 term. The committee selected 10 youth from our region to

plan and lead the regions youth activities, including retreats and camp. This is a big leadership commitment on Kylee's part. Kylee is the daughter of Spencer and Erika Stupak and the granddaughter of Mike Ward. She is a sophomore at KW. JOIN us in congratulating Kylee on this outstanding achievement and wish her well as she develops leadership skills and represents FCC Casper.

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee has begun meeting once a month for awhile until they receive some profiles from the Regional office. Profiles are few and far between and the ones they have received are lacking leadership and pulpit experience. Onward and Upward!

**Carmen Goodman, Co Chair**



## NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Preschool will start on Wednesday, September 9th. Teachers start back on August 24th and our Open House is on September 8th. We have had a lot of interest in preschool but we still have a few openings. We had a wonderful drive by graduation. It was so good to see all the kids that stopped by. Lots of smiles and

happiness. I'm so glad we were able to finally celebrate our kiddos. **EXCITING NEWS.....** We received a \$10,000 grant from the CARES act., for childcare centers that had a large financial loss to their program. This is the second grant that we have received this summer. This grant will allow us to hire an aide to help with the extra cleaning. There are so many unknowns this school year. Wish us luck for a successful school year and please pray for us throughout this journey. Peace to you all.. **Annette Crain, Director**



**JOIN us as we pray for our teachers from preschool to elementary school, from middle school to high school and high school to college and beyond as they prepare to return to the classrooms in September. Prayers also for the students and parents of children attending the brick and mortar schools and the virtual classes held at home.**

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Programming is still on hold currently. Elementary children should receive a mailing with some fun lessons and crafts in early September. Parents should have received a letter from Dr. Yoast asking for input regarding the type of programming parents need during the fall. PLEASE, PLEASE respond to her request. Some options are:

- Do nothing at this point (that's ok to say----we just need to hear from you)
- Kick off late September with class for middle school/high school (Thanks to Michelle Elser for volunteering to facilitate this class)
- Offer a Zoom specially designed for children worship service at least once this fall
- Individuals who are younger than Joan and Jennifer facilitate an elementary age classroom/ curriculum provided.
- Continue mailing home Sunday school lessons and activities
- Other ideas????

Please give us feedback. We want to hear what you and children are looking for. **Thanks, Jennifer**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Annette Crain for successfully submitting two grants from the CARES Act and from Kids First totaling \$13,800. This money will be put toward increased sanitization and cleaning needs by the preschool. Thank you Annette for being proactive.

# September 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>6</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship 10:10 AM Worship</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00 AM PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM PRESCHOOL STARTS 9:00 AM QUILTERS 7:00 PM Elders meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>11</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 10:00 AM STATE QUILTERS</p>
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## **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMMING**

Please watch for announcements regarding the beginning of adult classes this fall. Dan Coey has agreed to continue facilitating the Homebuilders Class and Dr. Yoast will be teaching a class about our denominations beliefs and history. If anyone else would like to facilitate a class, please contact Jennifer Grooms (259-4460)

## **MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE**

**The Sandwich Ministry** will celebrate 7 years of feeding the hungry in our community of Sept. 7th. We will start using the kitchen to make sandwiches starting September 5th. Sandwiches are usually made on Fridays @ 3:15 p.m. and the lunches are put together on Saturday mornings starting at 8:15 a.m. If you would like to help make sandwiches, put lunches together, and/or help distribute them at First United Methodist Church, please let Debbie or Keith know. THANK YOU to Brianna Black for donating several cases of Girl Scout cookies. The recipients loved them and it made their day. We also received a generous donation for the Sandwich Ministry and thank you to our benefactor.

We will resume the Fleece Blanket making on Saturday, September 19th in Fellowship Hall from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Blankets are made on the 3rd Saturday of every month. If you would like to help with this project, contact Debbie or Trudy Woodard.

We are serving once a month at the Mission and we will serve the 3rd Thursday every other month and the 4th Thursday every other month. We will serve August 27th and September 17th. If you want to help with this, contact Debbie. For all of our activities, COVID guidelines will be followed with gloves and masks being required.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please contact Keith Rouse, Debbie Mestas or Terri Morrison.

Thank you.....**Debbie Mestas, Mission Commission Chair**