



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

**APRIL
2020**

CANCELLATION OF WORSHIP & LENTEN SERVICES

The Elders held a special meeting Tuesday, March 17th to discuss whether to cancel the worship and Lenten services due to COVID 19. After much discussion, review of data from the CDC and Natrona Co. Health Department and prayer, the Elders voted unanimously to suspend all worship services until the outbreak of COVID 19 and risk to our congregation has been reduced significantly.

The Elders will begin immediately with an aggressive telephone calling program to our members to make sure that our congregation is doing well and if they need some help that we are there to help them. As always, if you need help don't wait for the Elders to call you but call the church office or reach out to any Elder and we will be in touch as soon as possible.

Your faith in God is strong and we will get through this. We ask you to continue to pray for all the people affected by this virus and for health care workers. Please, Please take care of yourself and God Bless.

Dennis Baker, Vice Chair of the Elders



Caryn, Leigh, Lisa and I are practicing social distancing. The Church office continues to be open BUT we are asking everyone to please stay away unless it is an emergency situation. We ask that you do not stop in to say HI! or see how we are doing. We appreciate the concern but want everyone to remain healthy. All doors will be locked. You can contact Caryn @ 502-836-7312 or the church office or an elder if you need anything. Thanks for understanding. *The Church Mouse* 😊

Church Staff:

Interim Pastor Rev. Caryn Yoast
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 Cancelled until further notice

9:00 a.m. cancelled

10:10 Cancelled until further notice

11:30 Coffee Fellowship cancelled

(307) 234-8964

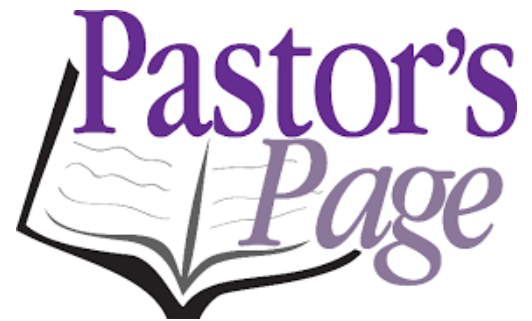
www.fcccasper.org

fcccasper@gmail.com

Preschool closed until April 6th

Preschool Phone - 472-0649

CHURCH OFFICE



*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God!"
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

Psalm 46

Dear Ones,

As you have read and heard, the leadership of our congregation made the difficult decision that due to COVID-19 we will suspend our worship services and all programs in order to protect our congregation and our community.

As people of faith this is difficult for us because we are a people who gather, a people who live a life in community. Our life is centered and grounded in our worship of God and in our places at the Lord's table. For many of us, we feel as though something is missing when we are not able to participate in the Lord's Supper. So I have a proposition for you all: Each Sunday we are at home, gather yourselves around a table in your home at your worship time, 8:15 or 10:10 (or some time during that service period).

- Bring a bible to your table. Bookmark these scriptures: Psalm 46, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26;
- Bring something from your kitchen that will serve as the bread and the wine.
- When you are settled around your table, begin with reading Psalm 46.
- Take a moment to think about how God is your strength. Be still for a moment in silent prayer. In silence be mindful of God's presence and God's blessings.
- Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of life and community.
- Partake of communion.
- Offer a benediction: May grace and peace be with us all. Amen.

When we all participate in this at home communion service, at our worship times, we are gathering with our faith community across the city. It is a way for us to maintain our ties to each other and to our God as one people. Knowing others are partaking at the same time, knowing others are reading scripture and praying as we are can fill us with hope in this time of uncertainty.



ALL YOUTH ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

Our Youth Group has enjoyed doing the Random Acts of Kindness during the month of March! The next Youth Group meeting will be May 10th.

If you have a child that is interested in attending any of the 2020 CRMR Summer Camp dates the **deadline for registering is Monday, April 6th**. Registration information is on the Christian Education Bulletin Board on the landing as you go down to the Fellowship Hall OR you can register on line @ crmrdoc.org.

SUMMER CAMPS 2020

Discovery (must have completed grades 1-3) June 18-20 @ LaForet

Junior (must have completed grades 3-5) June 7-13 @ LaForet

Chi-Rho (must have completed grades 6-8) June 14-20 @ LaForet

CYF (must have completed grades 9-12) June 7-13 @ LaForet

If your child is interested in attending any of these camps, **SCHEDULE YOUR PHYSICALS NOW!** Any questions, contact Erika Stupak.

WHAT'S THE MISSION COMMISSION BEEN UP TO?

The Sandwich Ministry will continue making lunches for those in need. We are requiring anyone who is helping to wear gloves. This includes our sandwich makers (who always wear gloves), the people who pack the bags and those who help at King's Corner. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself. We appreciate everyone who helps us.

The Fleece Blanket Project has completed 1215 blankets and will continue to make them at our regularly scheduled time. Cindy Huckfeldt's Quilting Class will be meeting in Fellowship Hall on April 18th so we will be moving to another room and it will be posted on the door.

The CROP Hunger Walk will be on Sunday, April 26th with registration starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Tate Pumphouse. The Walk/run will start at 1:00 p.m. FCC will have a team and Belle Stapleton is the team leader. We are in need of walkers/runners and donations to support the walkers/runners. If you have any questions please contact Belle Stapleton, Terri Morrison, Keith Rouse or Debbie Mestas.

We will continue to sell raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt that the Wednesday morning quilters made until Easter Sunday. The proceeds from the raffle will go to the Week of Compassion. We will draw for the quilt on Easter Sunday. You do not need to be present to win.

The Easter Offering will be collected on Sunday, April 5th and 12th. The 2020 Easter Offering again supports all the general ministries of the Disciples Mission Fund. Our monetary gifts can transform our shared work internationally, nationally, regionally, & locally. The Mission Commission Prayer and Education Calendar for March/April is on the table in the back of the church. Please take one and read about and pray about the happenings during each week of the month.

APRIL DIACONATE

Becky Foster, Trisha Nichols, Kristin Atkinson, Jackie Greenlee

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel: TBD

10:10 Service - Cal Decker

APRIL GREETER

TBD

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

APRIL**Offertory Steward**

Ted Grooms

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Tyler Ambrosino
Kristen Atkinson
Don Davis
Briana Black
Trisha Nichols
Harriet Ames
Ashley Budack

Apr 3
Apr 4
Apr. 5
Apr. 13
Apr. 13
Apr. 14
Apr. 17

Becky Foster
Natalie Grooms
Dennis Baker
Jennifer Grooms
Brenda Booth
Paul Hallock
Jim Oliver

Apr. 18
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Apr. 20
Apr. 20
Apr. 24
Apr. 26
Apr. 26

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Casey & Sarah Brown
April 12, 2008

Darin & Crystal Rodgers
April 15, 2005

Steve & Cindy Huckfeldt
April 24, 1976

**NEW PHONE NUMBER**

TRISHA NICHOLS
307-259-1934



To FCC -- Thank you very much for the scholarship money for the Spring 2020 semester. Thank you for all the support and prayers for this semester. **Keith Rouse.**

To My Church Family-- As presiding elder in October, I offered the following invitation for the offering.. "Women in the church share their time, talent, and treasure by using their hands to stitch a quilt, knit a prayer shawl, tie a fleece blanket, or spread peanut butter on a piece of bread. With each stitch on the quilt square, each row on the shawl, each knot tied on the blanket, each sandwich made, prayers are said for those to be comforted and kept ward, fed and nourished". As a recipient of a cozy and colorful "full of butterflies" fleece blanket and also of a stunningly beautiful quilt, **I want to thank everyone who participated in any way** in the creation of these gifts. I feel wrapped in God's strength and surrounded by my loving church family. As Kathy Meloy once said, "I can feel your prayers." Also an equally heartfelt thanks for the many cards I have received and prayers that have strengthened me.
Lani McBee

**SUBSTITUTE NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED!!**

We are in need of a substitute nursery attendant to work approximately 1 Sunday each month and during our regular nursery attendant's vacation this summer. Nursery attendants need to have infant CPR training and have a background check completed. Hours are usually 9:30 - noon on Sundays. Call Jennifer Grooms @ 259-4460 if you are interested or pass the word if you know someone that might be interested.



GRADUATION SUNDAYMAY 17TH.

High School graduates will be recognized formally on May 17th. We will also read and print the names of students graduating from college or other post high school programs. Please let the church office know about your graduates by Wednesday, May 13th.

We will recognize children **WHO ARE COMPLETING SECOND GRADE** with Bibles on Sunday, May 10th. Please let the church office know if you have a child finishing 2nd grade by Wednesday, May 6th.

ALL CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

This includes Worship & Wonder, Young Disciples, and Chi Rho.

NEW BOOKKEEPER

We have a new bookkeeper that will replace Leigh Earle when she leaves April 1st. Her name is Lisa Walker. She and Leigh are training now. We are very pleased to have Lisa on board and when the church reopens, please stop in and say hi!

Pastor Search Committee Update



The Search committee received several profiles and has been reviewing them. We have chosen one candidate to begin discussions with. We had a Skype call interview scheduled for March 17th but because of their COVID-19 concerns, he cancelled the call and has postponed further discussion until after Easter.

~The FCC Search Committee - Steve Brown & Carmen Goodman, Co-Chairs



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT is still scheduled for **Saturday April 11th @ 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church**
Designed for toddlers through elementary school



UPDATES FROM THE "CLOSED" CORRAL

Today is the beginning of a three week closure for the preschool. We will miss the kids so much during this time. The teachers will continue to post activities on our Facebook page and come in and do extra cleaning of the classrooms. They will post some friendly videos for the kids, showing them that everything is going to be O.K. It's hard for us to understand and figure out these changes that are happening. Can you imagine how hard it is for our little students to understand. They will miss their friends and teachers. They love come to preschool. That is why it is so important for our teachers to continue to connect with them in some format. As of now, the preschool will be closed till April 5th. Currently our plan is to extend our school day by one hour till the end of the school year. The kids will attend school starting April 6th from 8:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. This will make up the 30 hours of missed school. If there is a recommendation for extended closures, we will make additional adjustments. Please pray for our preschool families and teachers as we figure out the impact this will have on them. God's blessings to you all ~~~~Teacher Annette.



SCOUT MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED FOR NEAR TERM!

Troop 1013 News By Larry Reimann

We are committed to the health, safety and well being of our scouts and their families. After careful consideration and out of abundance of caution regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Troop 13 is canceling Scout meetings and activities and will follow the lead from the school district on when to resume regular meetings. Please watch the app for announcements for camp and the resumption of regular meetings. We apologize for any inconvenience. Your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time, is much appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Nick Kendrick or Larry Reimann. Thank you!!

CUB SCOUT DENS will be working together remotely through Skype and other programs like that. **No actual meetings** will be at the church at least through the beginning of April at this time.



12 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL is still on schedule *if we are back on schedule for Sunday services* and will be Saturday, April 11th from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office. Sign up for 1/2 or an 1 hr to come pray in the sanctuary. Elders will be on site throughout the day. Be sure to use the elevator entrance.

April 2020

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5 Palm Sunday 8:15 AM Chapel 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	6 2:00 PM Circle of Caring 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Elders 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	7 1:00 PM BSA meeting 6:30 PM Handbell Practice 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM SEARCH COMMITTEE	8 Pasover 9:00 AM Quilters 12:00 PM Group 2 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	9 10:00 AM Group 1 11:30 AM Youth for Christ 11:30 AM group 3 - Sweet Zoey's 7:00 PM Maundy Services	10 Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED	11 6:00 AM Prayer Vigil 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry 10:00 AM State Quilters 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
12 Easter 6:00 AM Sunrise Service - 3 crowns 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:10 AM Worship	13 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Commissions 8:00 PM Board Meeting	14 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM SEARCH COMMITTEE	15 Tax Day 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	16 11:30 AM Youth for Christ	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry 10:00 AM HUCKFELDT QUILT CLASS
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**AA MEETINGS ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT FCC HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Fellowship IS available for AA Quick Fix. Women can contact Chris @ 307-399-3307 and men can contact Glen @ 307-337-8656. The AA Hotline is 307-288-6762.

Audio, Chat, Call in & Email support at aa-intergroup.org

General Service Website: aa.org (videos & more) District Website: area76aawyoming.org

May God Bless you and keep you until we meet again!

