



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

**August
2020**



Church on the Mountain

**JOIN US FOR
THE ANNUAL WORSHIP ON THE
MOUNTAIN**

SUNDAY, July 26TH - 11:00 a.m.

**WHERE: Bear Trap Meadow -
North Shelter**

**BRING: your own lunch, drinks &
chairs**

**We miss our children's laughter. We
will be outside with easy social
distance opportunities, so this
could be a great step back into
worship for our young families.**

**Handicap parking is located beside
the bathrooms.**

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

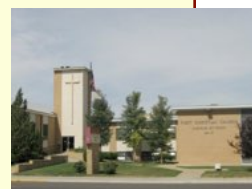
Ministers: Every Member!

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

*Save
the
Date*

**FCC'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION**

Feb. 13, 2021

**MORE DETAILS TO
FOLLOW**

Throughout my years in ministry I have never ceased to be amazed by the things good church folk say. Once long ago, I waited with the sister of a church member while her brother was having heart surgery. We got to talking about “grudges” and “forgiveness”. She said to me, “I only hold grudges for about 25 to

30 years and by then the person is usually dead so I don’t really worry about it.” I think my mouth hit the floor. And I have no idea what was said next. I was so completely shocked. She was serious. I was speechless!

Grudges have no place in the community of faith.

Forgiveness has a central place in the community of faith.

Many of us have trouble with this. We are more familiar with grudges than with forgiveness. And that is a hard thing to admit. Forgiveness does not come easy. There are many experts out there in cyberland to tell you about forgiveness, what it is, how to do it, why it’s good for you. The Mayo Clinic, the American Psychological Association, John Hopkins University, TED talks, Stanford University and many, many religious organizations offer a plethora of information on the web.

My own incomplete and evolving opinion, required of no one, is this: To ask forgiveness and to offer forgiveness takes a very courageous heart because forgiveness is complicated. Scripture tells us and Jesus tells us to forgive as God has forgiven us. I know I am not quite able to do that at times. I keep trying though. I try not to hold grudges but letting a grudge go is....well, sometimes I like just being angry (mostly at my washing machine right now) and maybe I actually like being hurt (it can give me a sense of righteousness you know). But, then being angry and hurt just makes my insides a mess and I don’t like that either. It’s a tangled web. Then today, I discovered something new.

Colossians 3:35 reads: *Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other, just as Christ has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.* The word “forgive” here is based on the word “GRACE”. It is to show grace, favor, kindness to another; to have a gracious attitude toward another. So, when I am angry and hurt the question (eventually) becomes, “How am I able to be gracious, kind to the one who has angered me, hurt me?” It will take time for me to get to the place where I can even ask the question. But with time, and some help from God, I’ll get there. WE all will.

I feel it is very important for me to apologize to the congregation, for a recent action on my part. The Personnel Committee had a meeting and it appeared to me that I was not invited to attend. I now know that attempts were made to notify me of the date and time of the meetings by email.

The problem was with a “hacker” or computer error, not with the Personnel Committee. I am embarrassed by my response. Please forgive me. **Dan Coey**

FCC REOPENING

We are so happy to have the doors open for worship. We opened on Sunday, June 7th and have had good attendance at both services. HOWEVER, the congregation still needs to be aware that things will look different and be different and in compliance with the Governor's Orders, the Health Department and the CDC's rules so we can keep all of our members and guests safe.

1. We will be offering two (2) services each Sunday -- 8:15 and 10:10. NO RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED.

2. How to enter the church.

You will enter the church either through the fellowship hall door or through the elevator door. A deacon will greet you at the elevator to take you up to the main floor. **Hand sanitizer and masks will be made available.** If you have your own mask, we encourage you to wear it. If you do not need the elevator, we encourage you to use the Fellowship door.

3. Seating

A deacon will greet you and escort you to your seat. 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.** After the service the deacon will dismiss the congregation from the back of the church to the front. If you are seated towards the front, please just be patient and we will get you out as soon as possible. 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

Since we are not able to pass the communion trays you will be given an individual communion packet containing a wafer and juice. Also since we are unable to pass the offering plate, we will have a unique way of collecting the offering during the offering time.

5. Notes about the service.

Hymns, scriptures and bible readings will be on the overhead screens up front. There will be no bulletins. Due to the social distancing guidelines we will not have a choir. 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.

The reopening committee: Dennis Baker Chair, Mike Ward, Colin Hogan, Cindy Huckfeldt, Judy Baker, Kathy Winders, & Dr. Caryn Yoast.

AUGUST DIACONATE

Debbie Mestas, Jackie Greenlee, Cal Decker

If you are scheduled to serve during the month of August and cannot do it, please contact Pam or Keith Rouse to let them know.

August
Offertory Steward
Randisue Davis



Dear FCC friends,

Thank you to all of my FCC family and Dr. Yoast for the prayers, phone calls, cards and general concern for me and my family at the time of my brother's tragic accident and passing. Knowing you were praying for me eased

the pain of losing a family member. Knowing my brother is in heaven is a blessing. I will remember all of your kindnesses forever. Love, Peace & God Bless! **Elane Burkhalter**

Greetings Friends! Sending you love from Portland. I just want to say THANKS for the friendly cards you all have sent. As FCC Casper resumes worship in the sanctuary, I am praying that everyone stays healthy & that God gives you patience & strength during these trying times. I am lifting up in prayer each of you, Caryn and all of FCC's staff and leaders. May you be kind to each other as you share Christ's compassion with the world. COURAGE, my friends! **Grace & Peace, Rev. Cynthia McBride.**

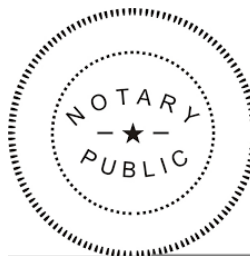


August BIRTHDAYS

Melissa Hayden	Aug. 2	Courtney Kaplan	Aug. 20
Kathy Winders	Aug. 3	Brent Forbis	Aug. 21
Janet Field	Aug. 4	Shirley Wenn	Aug. 24
Terri Morrison	Aug. 5	Amber Rouse	Aug. 25
Sarah Brown	Aug. 6	Larry Winders	Aug. 25
Teri Black	Aug. 7	Brad Reece	Aug. 26
Jan Coey	Aug. 9	Val Williams	Aug. 27
Logan Brown	Aug. 10	Gene Buck	Aug. 28
Cameron Budack	Aug. 12	Joan McNanara	Aug. 28
Tammy Jo Heck	Aug. 15	Stan McIrvine	Aug. 30
Bill Westman	Aug. 16	Jim Nichols	Aug. 30
Jim Doyle	Aug. 17		
Becky Ostrander	Aug. 18		
Dorothy Smith	Aug. 18		
Erika Stupak	Aug. 19		

ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Kelli Slominski - Aug. 2, 1992
 Gene & Maria Weiss - Aug. 2, 2016
 Cal & Monica Decker - Aug. 6, 1966
 Randy & Becky Hodges - Aug. 7, 1976
 Chris & Sandie Stoltenberg - Aug. 7, 1993
 Bob & Daria Dundas - Aug. 8, 1998
 Bill & Mary Lou Westman - Aug. 15, 1964
 Dave & Terri Taylor - Aug. 16, 2003
 Al & Elaine Singleton - Aug. 29, XXXX
 Leonard & Ruth Jones - Aug. 31, 1960 (60 years)



DID YOU KNOW.... our church secretary is a Notary Public?? Well give Kathy a call if you need something notarized.



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.



DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER OF COLLEGE is noon on Thursday, August 6th.

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. If anyone would like to sign up for the month of September, please contact me.

A big thank you to Bob Meloy for replacing the toilet in the little girls bathroom in the preschool area and to Colin Hogan for getting the swamp coolers running in the board room and the inner room.

.Dan Coey, Property Chair



UPDATE FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ATTENTION KIDS! PARENTS!

BEE on the lookout for info about **BUGS**
Buzzing around FCC this Fall.

BEE ALERT!! and **BEE** thinking on what kind of **CHILD OF GOD** YOU all want to **BEE!**



SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee will be meeting once a month for awhile until they get 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

**PRESCHOOL UPDATE**

This fall we **WILL** be having preschool again. Preschool will open on Tuesday, September 8th with our big Open House and start regularly scheduled classes on September 9th & 10th. This year we will be celebrating **SUPERHEROES**. It has been a difficult time with ever changing rules and regulations. Our enrollment has been very slow, but we are beginning to get more phone calls everyday. We currently have 6 openings in our Pre-K class, 5 in the 3-4 class, 3 in the young 3's class and 3 in the intro class. I'm hoping to get a few more students in each class before the end of summer. If you know anyone of preschool age, let them know we have openings.

The preschool will be having a summer celebration picnic that will celebrate our pre-k kids who graduated. We will be having a picnic on the playground on August 13th at 6:00 p.m. I wasn't sure if families would want to come back to celebrate with us, but we have had an overwhelming response from them. We will have a short graduation ceremony and hand out diplomas. I'm so happy that our children and parents will have closure as preschool has played an important part of their lives over the past three years.

We have a big project that will hopefully happen in August in the preschool...We will be replacing the flooring in the three classrooms. From fundraising, donations, and some grant money we will have enough funds to replace them. We are looking for volunteers to help install the flooring. I'm told it is a simple install. Colin Hogan, Vice Chair of the FCC Board is working with us and says "it's easy enough for everyone to help." We do not have a date as of yet so watch for information. We are very excited!!

As always, thank you for your support! We love our church family and all that they do to help and support the preschool. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. **Teacher Annette**



We would like to take this time to thank you for the love and support we have received during our educational journey. Our success was possible because of our family and friends. We appreciate you. **Abel & Kylie Stewart**

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FCC....Thank you for the quilt. I LOVE IT! Thank you to the quilt ladies who made it. God Bless, Blake Stupak

MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The Sandwich Ministry will resume on Saturday August 1st at 8:15 a.m. The Fleece Blanket project will start on September 19th at 10:00 a.m. All volunteers for both programs will need to be screened per the health department, wear masks and gloves. We will be cleaning and disinfecting the tables and everything we touch before and after making the lunches. The lunches will be given out in the breezeway at First United Methodist from 10 - noon. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, contact Debbie Mestas or Keith Rouse. The Mission Commission will also be serving at the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission once a month. We will serve on the 3rd Thursday every other month and the 4th Thursday every other month for a total of 12 times. We will serve on August 20th. If you want to help with this project, contact Debbie Mestas. Volunteers are needed for all of these projects. Thank you for sharing your love with those in our community who are having a rough time! **Debbie Mestas, Mission Commission Chair.**