



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL

## JULY 2020



**WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO A NEW NORMAL FOR CHURCH SERVICES. STARTING SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST, WE WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRING RESERVATIONS FOR EITHER SERVICE. WE WILL STILL FOLLOW THE SOCIAL DISTANCING, MASKS AND SANITIZER REQUIREMENTS. BE SURE TO READ THE ARTICLE INSIDE THE "CALL" FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE SERVICES.**

*Small groups that have had their reopening plans approved can start meeting in the church starting immediately. Welcome back!! Call the church office*

### 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

(307) 234-8964

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Preschool closed until further notice

Preschool Phone - 472-0649



### JOIN US FOR

### THE ANNUAL WORSHIP ON THE MOUNTAIN

**SUNDAY, JULY 26TH - 11:00 a.m.**

**WHERE:** First Shelter as you enter Bear Trap Meadow. Please bring your own lunch, beverages, and lawn chairs. We will be social distancing while we worship and enjoying the Fellowship of our church friends.

You know lots of people have interesting reasons for going to church. For some, it is the place they were born and raised. Some go to see friends, Others say the week isn't right without going to church. A few don't know why. I know a few who go to church because if they don't they will be spending the afternoon in their bedrooms and not out playing with their friends (now there's a choice). Others have said "it is what we do as a family." Still others come because a friend invited them (by the way, this is near the top of how churches grow). The reasons we attend church are personal and they are all important to each individual. Occasionally, though, I will hear someone say they go to church to find God. This is when I must speak up.

*A preaching professor once said, we do not go to church to find God. We can find God anywhere. We go to church because God has found us.*

Think about that. We can find God anywhere. Creation is filled with the presence of God. The Psalms tell us this. Psalm 8, Psalm 104, Psalm 136 all speak of God's work and care for creation. Leviathan, the great sea monster was made for the Creator's delight! Our Shepherd cares for us, feeds us by that stream of still waters. Yes, we are able to find God out in the mountains, hills and streams.

And I have heard many people give that as a reason for NOT going to church. I have heard more than enough times, *"I don't go to church because I can find God out in nature."* Relying on that preaching professor, my response is always the same, *"yup, I know. I do too. I think one of God's favorite places to stay for a while is at the bottom of Bryce Canyon. I go to church because God found me."*

We go to church because God has found us! We go to church, to worship to give thanks to God, the *Hound-dog of Heaven* for always coming after us when we wander off, for always welcoming us even when we are not our best selves, for promising to always be with us. We go to church with hearts that are grateful for a life lived completely in the presence of God—even when we are stubborn, willful, angry, afraid. God. Is. With. Us. God has promised. And we give thanks.

***Blessings, Dr. Caryn***



## **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.**

Both services will be the same as our usual 10:10 service. **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.

### **6. Groups using the church facility.**

Small groups, (Caring group, quilters, scouts, Search Committee, etc) that have had their reopening plans approved may start meeting at the church starting immediately. Please call the church office to make sure your group is on the calendar. Social distancing, and sanitizing before and cleaning up your areas after your meeting is still required. For further info or questions, contact the church office.

**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. Your 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.*

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**JULY DIACONATE**

**Deb Mestas, Amber Rouse, Dylan Stupak** (thank you to Debbie Mestas, Nylia Cazier & the Rouse family for doing being Diaconate for the month of June during this reopening phase.)

If you are a Deacon, Pam & Keith Rouse ask that you contact them to sign up for a Sunday to be diaconate at both services. This will continue until we are back on normal church service schedule. Thank you for understanding and willing to perform your charge as Diaconate of FCC.

**JULY**  
**Offertory Steward**  
**Ted Grooms**



Dear FCC friends,  
Thank you so much for the retirement gift card and check. The greeting card says that I made a difference at FCC--well, FCC made a real difference in my life, too. Many thanks!

May your ministry continue to be blessed and to bless more and more people in our world.

Peace & stay well. --**Leigh Earle**



**THANK YOU** to Steve Huckfeldt & Larry Winders for doing the church lawn for the months of May and June and to Ted & Nicholas Grooms for taking the month of July. Also thank yous to everyone that showed up for the church clean up on June 6th. It was very much appreciated and the church looked great on reopening Sunday. If anyone would like to sign up to be on the "yard work team" for August & September please contact me. Thanks again to our helpers **Dan Coey, Property Chair**

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Ally Sellers	July 3	Emily Brown	July 18
Cooper Goodman	July 4	Steve Brown	July 18
Al Metz	July 9	Tom May	July 21
Ruth Jones	July 12	Rose Williams	July 26
Ed Strube	July 13	Rick Black	July 31
Levi Ostrander	July 15	Pam Rouse	July 31

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Brian & Jenny Black - July 2, 1988  
Stephen & Emily Brown - July 7, 2007  
Rick & Teri Black - July 14, 1990  
Dave & Becky Foster - July 14, 1979  
Mike & Carol Braley - July 15, 1972  
Scott & Jennifer Hawley - July 20, 1996  
Tim & Kati Havasi - July 28, 2001

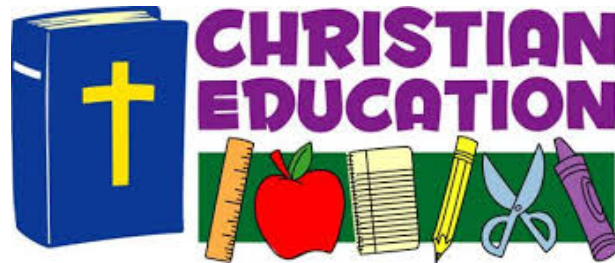
**THANK YOU**

I want to thank Colin Hogan for taking the lead on getting the Church Work Day done because I had to be out of town. Thank you to Colin, Wanda Gochenour, Tom & Melanie Dowler and Larry Winders for being the clean up crew. It is very much appreciated and everything looks great. I found that my truck was filled to the brim with stuff to go to the dump. Thanks again for your help! **Dan Coey**



### 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.



There will be **NO** Vacation Bible School this summer. We do not know when children's programming will begin in the fall as we are waiting on guidelines for working with children in a church setting. Joan McNamara has ideas for curriculum for the fall if we are able to proceed. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jennifer Grooms.



## MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Bible Study Class meets Saturdays at 7:30 am in the Youth Meeting Room of FCC. In its early years Bible chapters were simply read (hence the title). Currently we engage in an in-depth study of Jewish and Christian history, other religions, religious philosophy in general and the relationship between science and religion (including reconciling differences), among other topics. DVD's, both religious and secular, are the primary source material. A discussion of the video material follows. Coffee and occasionally treats are provided. The group is small, friendly, open to ideas and welcomes visitors to join us. If you are interested or have questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Al Metz @ 265-1468. See ya Saturday.



**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER OF COLLEGE** for church members are available by contacting the church office @ 234-8964. We will either mail you one or email the application to you. Deadline to turn your application into the church office is noon on Thursday, August 6th.

Hey Kids! Families! Friends!

Regrettable news - VBS will not happen this summer. BUT...



the GOOD NEWS ... **THE BUGS ARE COMING THIS FALL!**

First are the **"BEES"** — start thinking of how you want to "bee"....



Bee kind, Bee considerate, Bee helpful, Bee Faithful....  
Bee thinking how you'll describe yourself!

Then comes the **SPIDER** as we FALL into God's Web of Love and Grace!



Followed by our **PRAYING MANTIS**.... Guess what that's about!

And of course, you can't have a "buggy" theme without **BUTTERFLIES**....

and becoming God's New Creation!



Of course, there might be a few more flying fiends, I mean friends, showing up!



So.... get ready! BEE PREPARED....



*"Bee" involved - Contact Jennifer Grooms or Joan McNamara to help*

#### SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

We did have a potential candidate and interviewed him via a zoom call but none of the committee felt like he was the one. Rev. Bell-Haynes is continuing to watch for candidates but so far has had no prospects. She is continuing the search through her avenues. ***Carmen Goodman, Co Chair***

# July 2020

## FCC CASPER CALL

JULY 2020

June 2020							July 2020							August 2020						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>8:15 AM Worship</div> <div>10:10 AM Worship</div> <div>28</div>	<div>2:00 PM Circle of Caring</div> <div>6:30 PM Elders meeting</div> <div>8:30 PM Boy Scouts</div> <div>6</div>	<div>7:00 PM AA</div> <div>7:00 PM SEARCH COMMITTEE</div> <div>7</div>	<div>9:00 AM QUILTERS</div> <div>8</div>	<div>9:00 AM QUILTERS</div> <div>15</div>	<div>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</div> <div>10:00 AM STATE QUILTERS</div> <div>11</div>	<div>Independence Day</div> <div>4</div>
<div>8:15 AM Worship</div> <div>10:10 AM Worship</div> <div>5</div>	<div>6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP</div> <div>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</div> <div>7:00 PM Commissions</div> <div>8:00 PM Board Meeting</div> <div>13</div>	<div>7:00 PM AA</div> <div>7:00 PM SEARCH COMMITTEE</div> <div>14</div>	<div>9:00 AM QUILTERS</div> <div>16</div>	<div>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</div> <div>17</div>	<div>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</div> <div>18</div>	<div>Independence Day (observed)</div> <div>3</div>
<div>8:15 AM Worship</div> <div>10:10 AM Worship</div> <div>19</div>	<div>12:00 PM CALL DEADLINE</div> <div>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</div> <div>20</div>	<div>7:00 PM AA</div> <div>7:00 PM SEARCH COMMITTEE</div> <div>21</div>	<div>9:00 AM QUILTERS</div> <div>9:15 AM CALL FOLDERS</div> <div>22</div>	<div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>24</div>	<div>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</div> <div>25</div>	<div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>2</div>
<div>8:15 AM Worship</div> <div>11:00 AM WORSHIP ON THE MOUNTAIN</div> <div>26</div>	<div>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</div> <div>27</div>	<div>7:00 PM AA</div> <div>7:00 PM SEARCH COMMITTEE</div> <div>28</div>	<div>9:00 AM QUILTERS</div> <div>29</div>	<div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>30</div>	<div>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study</div> <div>31</div>	<div>Independence Day</div> <div>1</div>

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**LANI MCBEE is scheduling Special Music for Sunday services. There are a few opening left so if you can sing, play the piano or an instrument and want to like to strut your stuff, contact Lani McBee @ 258-3503.**

