



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

JUNE 2020



IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

We are planning on reopening the church on **Sunday, June 7th**. Both services, 8:15 and 10:10 will be exactly the same service. There will be limited seating and everything will be set up for the 6 feet social distancing requirements. The elevator door will be open and the fellowship hall door will be opened. We do ask that if you do not need the elevator that you use the Fellowship Hall entrance. The kitchen door and kitchen **WILL NOT** be accessible. **See the inside of the CALL for further details on the changes we have had to implement to satisfy the Governor's, Health Department and CDC requests to open the doors to our church and hold worship.** Things will look different and will be different. Thanks for your patience and understanding as ALL of us have to navigate the "new" norm for awhile.

The Re-opening team

Church Staff:

Interim Pastor Dr. Caryn Yoast

Lisa Walker, Bookkeeper

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Annette Crain, Preschool Director

Amber French, Music Director

Cheryl Dionne, Nursery Staff

Ronnie Sanborn, Custodial Contractor

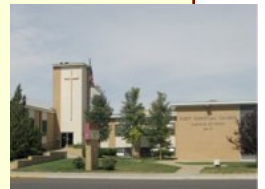
Ministers: Every Member!

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 further notice

Preschool Phone - 472-0649



The church office will remain closed for the time being. Please continue to call if you need something from the church and we will make sure that you get it and we are still requesting that you do not come into the church office until further notice.



Pastor's Page

Anyone remember that thing called the rotary phone? Maybe you had one permanently attached to your kitchen wall. Maybe yours had a loooooong curly cord so the receiver could wander a mile or so away from the phone itself---teenagers liked to do that back in the day. Or maybe you had a pink princess phone in your bedroom. Now that was the lap of luxury!

These days our phones look like something out of Star Trek or Dick Tracy. When we were talking on those princess phones we sure didn't anticipate iwatches or Smart Glasses! But here they are.

None of us anticipated COVID19. None of us anticipated this worldwide pandemic. And none of us anticipated the need to cancel corporate worship for months. But, we have done what has been best for the health and safety for our people. We have made decisions with the love of God and the love of neighbor and the love of self in mind. And we continue to make decisions with LOVE as the ground of our all choices.

When we gather once again our worship, our sanctuary will look will feel different. The scent of our sanctuary may be different. Who knew that disinfectant would become a sacred scent? We will need to behave differently. Our hands, used as signs of affection, as signs of God's compassion, as signs of God's love and nearness will now be kept to ourselves. A pat on the back is out. In a place where we try to strip ourselves from all our masks and false selves now, we will cover our faces with masks or handkerchiefs.

But, we are the people of God and we are smart! We will find other ways to express God's love, God's compassion, God's nearness with each other, with our neighbors, with the world. Not touching each other, not sitting near each other, not hugging each other, wearing a mask ARE STILL signs of LOVE we give to one another.

"Slow and steady wins the race" should be in the bible. Good words to live by from the Tortoise and the Hare racing along. Good words to remember and listen to.

Or how about this: *"I am about to do a new thing; NOW it springs forth, do not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

Do you perceive it?

Do You?

God is doing a new thing with us.

God makes the way.

Always.

Blessings to each of you...Dr. Caryn Yoast



FCC REOPENING GUIDELINES

We are looking forward to **June 7th** when we will be opening the doors for worship. HOWEVER, before that happens the congregation 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. Seating will be **limited to 50** people per service. You **MUST** make a reservation by contacting the church office @ 234-8964 between 10:30-2:30 (**Mon-Thurs**) or use the church email fcccasper@gmail.com **The church office is closed on Fridays so you are asked to plan ahead.**

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. 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.

Our first priority is to restart our communal worship. The reopening team will work on opening our building again for large and small groups once our new way of worshipping is established.

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 on June 7th. 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.

JUNE DIACONATE

Debbie Mestas, Amber Rouse, Nylia Cazier,
Becky Foster

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel: TBD

10:10 Service - Larry Winders

JUNE GREETER

TBD

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

JUNE**Offertory Steward**

Larry Winders

**BIRTHDAYS**

Annette Ambrosino	June 1	Steve Huckfeldt	June 20
Jason Baker	June 1	Elane Burkhalter	June 25
Zachary Hawley	June 1	Clyde Cain	June 25
Jaden Reece	June 4	Nicholas Grooms	June 26
Verla Jerde	June 7	Nina Hytrek	June 26
Peg Jackson	June 10	Bernard Ambrosino	June 27
Deanna Budack	June 11	Sandie Stoltenberg	June 29
Dan Hallock	June 15	Bob Glasspoole	June 30
Mary Burgess	June 16	Crystal Mangano	June 30
Keith Rouse	June 17	Jerry Meeks	June 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Misty Baker - June 2, 2012
 Rob & Jolene Knaus - June 3, 1995
 Raylan & Tammy Heck - June 7, 1986
 Rich & Janie Nelson - June 10, 1970 (50 yrs)
 Ted & Lois Purvis - June 13, 1959 (61 yrs)
 Chook & Lani McBee - June 15, 1965 (55 yrs)
 Bob & Laura Glasspoole - June 19, 1965 (55 yrs)
 Clyde & Maryann Cain - June 22, 2002
 Kevin & Deanna Budack - June 25, 1989
 Chuck & Judy Potter - June 26, 1957 (63 yrs)
 Keith & Pam Rouse - June 26, 1993

To the Congregation....I would like to thank the members of our church for their generous outpouring of well wishes...cards, phone calls, emails...on the occasion of my 75th birthday. This congregation has always been encouraging to others..and I certainly appreciate the encouragement as I move forward..a little more slowly now..but grateful for the love I received and am able to share..with all of you. Again, thank you.....**Paul Hallock**

Thank you to Dr. Yoast for the devotional material she brought me and for the Easter candy; for the visits and phone calls I have had from Carman Goodman, all the cards from Group 2 and the beautiful purple pansy. I want to thank all the people working to keep the church going and appreciate everything that everyone is doing. Be safe and miss you all! **Shirley Wenn**

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

Elane Burkhalter
emb57wy@gmail.com

I'm moooving!



Jim & Trisha Nichols

78 27th St. West

Apt 122

Billings, Mt. 59102

Dorothy Smith

Maurice Griffith Manor

77 Gardenia, Casper 82604

237-7739



CHURCH CLEANUP

Saturday, June 6th

9:00 a.m. -noon

The outside is in need of summer cleanup and Dan has planned June 6th for that to take place. All who are able are asked to bring shovels, gloves, and wear work clothes to spruce up the church. If you have any questions about the cleanup, contact Dan Coey, Property Chair. All help will be greatly appreciated.



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.

UPDATE FROM MISSION COMMISSION

The CROP walk raised \$1,200 this year. Thank you to everyone who walked and/or donated! Renee Overton from Church World Service said people can donate any time during the year. We are hoping for a banner year for 2021 so plan on joining us.

We are not sure when the Sandwich Ministry and the Fleece Blanket Project will be able to start again. We ask for your prayers for those in need in our community and our world. *Debbie Mestas, Mission Commission Chair.*



SAY HELLO.....First Christian Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming welcomes their new pastor, Rev. Aerli Smith. She starts her ministry at FCC Cheyenne on June 1st and will preside in worship on June 7th. Their interim for the past several years, Pastor Bob Brite, last day in the pulpit will be Sunday, May 31st. On behalf of FCC Casper we welcome Rev. Smith and we say goodbye and good luck to Pastor Bob on his retirement.



FROM FCC's Board Chairman

Good morning or afternoon as the case may be.

Over the last few months like everybody else First Christian Church has had to deal with uncertainty and changes in our daily lives which were brought on by the COVID-19 virus. With that in mind I want to give a big "shout out" to Rev. Caryn Yoast, Dennis Baker and the Executive board for their due diligence to see that we are following the guidelines recommended by the Governor. This has not been an easy job and has been time consuming to say the least. Please take time to tell those individuals "thank you."

Now on to another subject, for many years members of our congregation have been asked to describe the First Christian Church of Casper. Their answers vary, but it always seems to be mentioned we are a caring church. Or that we give back to the community of Casper to help others, and that we are friendly, open minded, etc., etc. these are true. However, until you personally have a crisis in your life or family do you truly see that extent of this caring. Recently I have been under the receiving end of this caring and outpouring of concern and affection. It is amazing!

I want to thank ALL that have become part of my support group. I will not try to mention each one by name as there are so many and I would no doubt leave some one out. Thank you for the quilts and prayer shawl from the women of First Christian Church. Thank you for the many cards, baked goods, phone calls, text messages and emails. Most of all thank you for the prayers of comfort and healing.

Peace be with you during these trying times. With Christ we can get through this together.
 ---Mike Ward



LAST ROUNDUP AT THE CORRAL

The preschool has been so quiet as we wait for everything to open back up. It has been a very anxious time for us and our families. The possibilities of change is somewhat scary. We will not be having our traditional preschool graduation this year in May but I am trying to set a date for sometime in August. We want to celebrate each of our special kids with a picnic and a small ceremony. We are enrolling for next fall and still have a few openings. If you know of anyone looking for an **EXCELLENT** preschool for next year have them contact the preschool at 472-0649. Keep watch on our Preschool Facebook page for changes that might happen. We are sending surveys to parents to help us understand their needs and feelings. Stay safe. Soon this will pass. **Blessing to you. Teacher Annette**



June 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 8:15 AM Worship 10:10 AM Worship	8 6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00 PM Commissions 8:00 PM Board Meeting	9 7:00 PM SEARCH COMMITTEE	10	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13
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