



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

**APRIL
2021**



**HOLY WEEK is soon
upon us. March 29-
April 2 we will meet
for prayer and meditation**

each day in the sanctuary at 12:15 p.m.

Through brief meditations we will walk with Jesus through these last days of his life. We witness the cleansing of the Temple, move on to his anointing by the unnamed woman. We step into the shoes of one who loved the betrayer, then try to stay awake with the disciples as Jesus prays. Finally, we stand near the cross of Jesus with his mother.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Our Maundy Thursday service is Thursday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This year we will have a Tenebrae Service. We will share the Lord's Supper and move into this dark night with Jesus. Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning "darkness."

Tenebrae is a service of shadow and extinguishing light dating back to the ninth century. Originally Tenebrae was a set form of prayer, scripture and chants to be prayed over the last three days of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). The only light in the sanctuary came from a "hearse" (an elaborate candelabra) of 15 candles set in front of the altar. One candle is extinguished after each psalm is read until only the top candle was left. The last candle was hidden behind the altar, put into a "candle lantern" and the service ended in darkness to symbolize the death of Jesus.

Church Staff:

Pastor Dr. Caryn Yoast

Lisa Walker, Bookkeeper

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Annette Crain, Preschool Director

Cheryl Dionne, Nursery Staff

Ronnie Sambrano, Custodial Contractor

Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays: CLOSED



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Worship Service

9:00 Adult Sunday School

10:10 - Worship Service

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Preschool 8:45 - 12:00 P.M. M-F

Preschool Phone - 472-0649

**LET YOUR LOVE FLOW
WEEK OF COMPASSION
BLESSING BOXES WILL BE
COLLECTED ON EASTER
SUNDAY. BRING YOUR
BLESSING BOX TO
CHURCH**

EASTER! Pageants and bunnies and parades and dresses!
EASTER! Bonnets and lilies and baskets and eggs!

Many things are associated with our celebrations of EASTER, extended families gathering for supper, children hunting for brightly colored eggs, springtime and for the church it has been a custom to celebrate BAPTISM on the day of EASTER. In the early church new followers were welcomed into a time of preparation and education during the season of Lent. Dressed in white robes to symbolize purity and new life, new Christians were baptized on Easter. This continues to be the practice of many.

At First Christian Church of Casper, charter member **Neta Mae Clift** was baptized on **Easter Sunday, April 20, 1924**. She was baptized along with **Mrs. Wilma Swallow Allan** and **Ruby Dill Thomas**.

Easter baptisms for the **Shorow family** began in **1925. Easter Sunday April 12th** that year, **Dorothy Foster Shorow** and **Grace Foster Miller** were baptized. A few years later, **Chester A Shorow** found his way to the baptistry on **Easter, April 5, 1931**. Baptism at Easter is an ancient tradition but it is not always the case. **1926** is a year for which we are grateful. First a disclaimer, only a piece of this story is ours to tell and it is this.....

On January 13, 1926 H.R. and Mrs. H.R. (whose name was "Gertie") Dowler joined the First Christian Church of Casper, WY. They joined by Letter of Transfer. Also, on that January morning, **Mr. A. J. (Art) & Mrs. A. J. (known as "Faye") Dowler** joined the church by Confession & Baptism. Five years after the founding of the church, the Dowler family enters the life of this community of faith and they remain an active and significant part of the ministry here today.

Throughout the years, church board minutes are filled with the commitment and dedication of **Art** and of **Earl**. On **Easter April 5, 1931** H.R. and Gertie's son **Earl**, is baptized along with his son, **Lester**. And **Lester's son**, well, he continues to show us what it means to be a part of the community of faith. He continues to show us, through his leadership, his service and his way of being, how to live as Christians who don't always agree but who are able to discuss matters of faith and ministry honestly and without malice. He shows us what it is to wear the name: Christian.

H.R. & Gertie's Great-grandson was himself baptized at First Christian Church of Casper, as were H. R & Gertie's Great-great granddaughters **Gretchen, Erin and Amanda**. Although they no longer live in Casper, Gretchen, Erin and Amanda continue to live the faith they learned at home and at this church in their own congregations as they raise their children in the community of faith.

Generations of faith are seen here each week. Generations of transformational faith are seen and heard here in this place each week. And so for this centennial minute, for this time of Easter and new life, new hope, we give thanks for the gift of **Tom Dowler**.



CHURCH PROTOCOL UPDATE

REGARDING COVID-19 AS OF 3/16/21

With the Governor's new orders effective March 16th, we are going to slowly try opening the church. With that in mind we will be doing the following:

- We will no longer be taking temperatures or attendance prior to entering the sanctuary.
- Attendance will be taken on the original attendance forms that will be placed in the pews for the 10:10 service and the one sign in sheet on the pedestal for Chapel service.
- We have put the hymnals and bibles back in the pew racks and will be singing out of the hymnals instead of having the words on the screen
- Communion will still be observed using the prefilled communion cups and offering will continue to be collected with the butterfly nets.
- We do ask that you continue to social distance and masks are your personal choice..

Dennis Baker

HOLY SATURDAY 12 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL



The elders invite you to join them by participating in the 12 Hour Prayer Vigil on Saturday, April 3rd. The vigil will be in the sanctuary from 6:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. and elders will be serving as hosts throughout the day. Those who are staying at home due to COVID restrictions or recommendations or otherwise not able to attend church are invited to participate by praying from your homes. You may call the church office (234-8964) if you would like to pick a specific time period during the day. You may sign up for 1/2 hour or a 1 hour time segment. If you have any questions, contact Tom Dowler, Co-chair of the Elders.



APRIL DIACONATE

Chapel: TBD

10:10 - Kylie Stewart

contact Pat Seamands or Trisha Whitcomb if you cannot serve.

OFFERTORY STEWARD

Tom Dowler



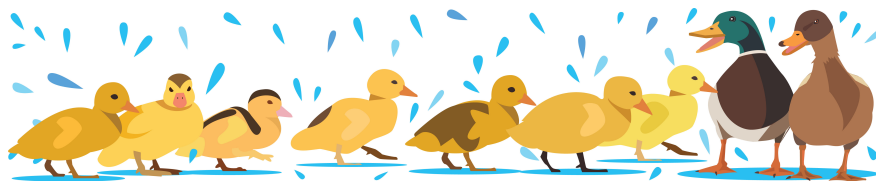
THANK YOU to everyone who brought soup and non-perishable items for the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's not too late to bring items. We received 114 cans of food. The soup received was given to Wyoming Food for Thought and the vegetables and other non perishable items were delivered to Mimi's House. We appreciate all of your help in making this a success. *Michelle Elser*



SAVE THE DATE!

FLEECE BLANKET BLITZ!

Fleece Blanket Project is planning a blanket blitz on October 16, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Our goal is to make 100 blankets. Many people from small children to senior citizens, as well as various organizations benefit from this project. We are in need of donated fleece. We use 2 yards of plain and 2 yards of printed, anti-pill or blizzard fleece per blanket. Material can be dropped off at the church or contact Trudy Woodard or Debbie Mestas.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Tyler Ambrosino	Apr 3	Becky Foster	Apr 18
Kristen Atkinson	Apr 4	Natalie Grooms	Apr 18
Don Davis	Apr 5	Dennis Baker	Apr 20
Briana Black	Apr 13	Jenifer Grooms	Apr 20
Trisha Nichols	Apr 13	Paul Hallock	Apr 26
Harriet Ames	Apr 13	Jim Oliver	Apr 26

ANNIVERSARIES

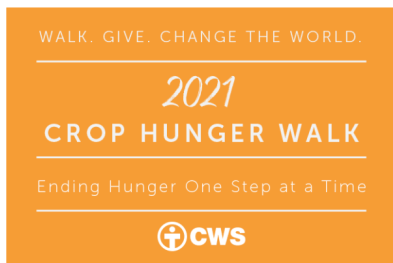
Casey & Sarah Brown - April 12, 2008
Darin & Crystal Rodgers - April 15, 2005
Steve & Cindy Huckfeldt - April 24, 1976



**CONGRATULATIONS
ZACH HAWLEY
YOUTH REFEREE
OF THE YEAR.**

ATTENTION QUILTERS!!!

The Fellowship Quilters were given a large, high-quality hand quilting frame. It loads similarly to a long-arm machine, but is designed for hand quilting. It is probably large enough to work a double size quilt. We cannot use it; we don't have the space to leave it set up. We would like to give it to a church member. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Huckfeldt @ 307-251-2955.



CROP HUNGER WALK - 2021

Put Sunday, April 25th on your calendar. That is spring CROP Hunger Walk. This will be a virtual walk again in 2021 due to COVID-19. Currently there are two teams registered and they are hoping for ten. Our goal is to raise \$2500. You can donate on line. If you would like to be involved in this event which benefits our local community and the global community, please contact Keith Rouse, Belle Stapleton or Debbie Mestas.



LET YOUR LOVE FLOW WEEK OF COMPASSION FUNDRAISER

Purchase a shirt, t-shirt, polo shirt, sweatshirt, vest, jacket etc. and bring it to the church. Cindy Huckfeldt will embroider the FCC Chalice on it for you. Cost is \$15 for the embroidering and all proceeds go to the Week of

Compassion. Stop by and drop off your shirt and fill out the embroidery form and Cindy will work her magic. The chalice is in red and you have to decide what color of embroidery thread you want to use, do you want it to have the 100th Birthday on it or just the chalice. Make a check payable to FCC for \$15 and put Week of Compassion in the memo line. Shirt and jacket are on the bulletin board outside of the secretary's office. Check them out!! If you already have an item at home you would like to use, please feel free to bring it in.



The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of the Christian Church (DOC):

- Center for Faith and Giving
- Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries
- Communication Ministries
- Christian Unity & Interfaith Ministry
- DOC Historical Society
- Disciples Home Missions
- DWM Division of Overseas Ministries
- Higher Education and Leadership Ministries.

If you wish to give, write your check to FCC & put Easter Offering in the memo part and send your check to FCC, 520 CY, Casper 82601



WHOA!! This school year is flying by. We have so many things to look forward to these next few months.

- SPRING BREAK starts March 29th-April 2nd.
- Spring pictures will be taken on April 14th & 15th. Jeans Photography will be doing them. If you would like to have family pictures done call Annette at 472-0649 to schedule an appointment. This is open to all church members too!
- Preschool graduation will be Thursday, May 27th and Friday May 28th is last day of school.

The kids celebrated the marriage of Q&U again this year. It was streamed live so if you would like to see Q&U's wedding check out the First Christian Church Preschool Facebook page.

We are open for Fall Enrollment. Our 3-4 class is almost full and the Pre-K class is 75% full. If you know of anyone who might have an interest in preschool in the fall have them call the preschool.

We appreciate the support our church family gives us and want to wish everyone a Happy Easter and Blessings to everyone.

Annette Crain, Director

Pastor Search Committee Update



The Search Committee has received five profiles of prospective candidates from the Regional Office. We have narrowed the list down to three and are starting to call references and discern the process. Please provide prayers for our committee, our congregation and prospective candidates so we may select one that God is leading to us. Thank you, Carmen Goodman & Steve Brown, Committee Co-Chairs.



EASTER EGG HUNT

YES PETER, there WILL be an Easter Egg Hunt. The weather forecast looks promising. The hunt will be Saturday, April 3 starting at 10:00 a.m. on the playground. We will NOT be going inside. Egg hunts will be divided by age. Masks ARE encouraged and bring a basket!!

MISSION COMMISSION SANDWICH MINISTRY

The Sandwich Ministry continues to provide sack lunches every Saturday at First United Methodist Church's office. We continue to provide sack lunches once a month for Casper Youth for Christ and serve at the Mission on the 4th Thursday of each month. If you would like to help with any of these projects, contact Debbie Mestas.

March 2021

April 2021

May 2021

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28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship</p> <p>9:00 AM HOMEBUILDERS</p> <p>9:00 AM DR. YOAST S.S. CLASS</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Holi</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 AM TOPS</p> <p>9:00 AM QUILTERS</p>	<p>1</p> <p>SPRING BREAK</p> <p>April Fools' Day</p> <p>10:00 AM DWM Board meeting</p> <p>12:15 PM HOLY WEEK MEDITATION</p> <p>6:30 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY</p>	<p>2</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>12:15 PM HOLY WEEK MEDITATION</p> <p>3:15 PM Sandwich making</p>	<p>3</p> <p>PRAYER VIGIL</p> <p>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</p> <p>10:00 AM EASTER EGG HUNT</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Easter</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship</p> <p>9:00 AM HOMEBUILDERS</p> <p>9:00 AM DR. YOAST S.S. CLASS</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>2:00 PM Circle of Caring</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 PM Elders meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 AM TOPS</p> <p>9:00 AM QUILTERS</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 AM DWM #1</p>	<p>9</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>3:15 PM Sandwich making</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</p> <p>10:00 AM STATE QUILTERS</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship</p> <p>9:00 AM HOMEBUILDERS</p> <p>9:00 AM DR. YOAST S.S. CLASS</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30 AM DWM #3</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP</p> <p>7:00 PM Commissions</p> <p>8:00 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Beginning of Ramadan</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 AM TOPS</p> <p>9:00 AM QUILTERS</p> <p>12:00 PM DWM #2</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Tax Day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>8:00 AM Youth for Christ Sandwich making</p> <p>3:15 PM Sandwich making</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</p> <p>10:00 AM BLANKET MINISTRY</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship</p> <p>9:00 AM HOMEBUILDERS</p> <p>9:00 AM DR. YOAST S.S. CLASS</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:00 PM CALL DEADLINE</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 AM TOPS</p> <p>9:00 AM QUILTERS</p> <p>9:15 AM CALL FOLDERS</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day</p> <p>5:00 PM Mission Meal</p>	<p>23</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>3:15 PM Sandwich making</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship</p> <p>9:00 AM HOMEBUILDERS</p> <p>9:00 AM DR. YOAST S.S. CLASS</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 AM TOPS</p> <p>9:00 AM QUILTERS</p>	<p>29</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>3:15 PM Sandwich making</p>	<p>30</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>3:15 PM Sandwich making</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</p>

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2021 SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

IMPORTANT CHANGES REGARDING CAMP REGISTRATIONS

CRMR is having everyone register using only the paper forms this year. There will be **no** online option this year for registration. Registration forms and other information regarding camp are on the bulletin board across from the church office. **Deadline for all registrations is Monday, April 19th to Lisa, FCC Bookkeeper.**

CYF - High School Camp - students completing 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade: JUNE 13-19 Cost \$425

Chi-Rho Middle School Camp - students completing 6th, 7th, 8th grade. JUNE 20-26 Cost \$425

Junior Youth Camp - those completing 3rd, 4th, 5th grade: JUNE 13-19 Cost \$425

Discovery Camp - those completing 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade: JUNE 24-26 Cost \$130

*Students completing 3rd grade can decide to go to either Junior or Discovery Camp

If a form requires a notary, Kathy in the church office is a notary.