



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

JULY 2021

HAPPENINGS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH New Minister

First Christian Church (DOC) in Casper is pleased to welcome Rev. Bryan Elliott as our new senior minister. Bryan joins the church after an extensive search led by our Search Committee for the past 2 years. Bryan reached out to our Regional Minister and the rest is history! He holds a Master of Divinity from Emmanuel School of Religion in Johnson City, Tennessee and Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs from the Univ. of Oregon. He has spent more than 17 years in ministry with prior experience in the fields of counseling, mental health, and as a hospital chaplain. Bryan and his wife Teresa will come to Casper from Community Christian Church in Lincolnshire, Illinois. His pulpit debut will be September 19th.



Rev. Bryan & Teresa Elliott

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 - Summer Vacation

Resumes Sept. 8, 2021

Preschool Phone - 472-0649

Thank you to the members of the Search Committee - Steve Brown, Carmen Goodman, Spencer Stupak, Annette Ambrosino, Keith Rouse, Joan McNamara, Linda Mosteller, Robin Nelson, Maggie Grooms and George Morrison for the many hours of research, meetings and conversations during the past two years to bring a senior minister to FCC.



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51

If you've been around the church during the week recently, you may have seen me up to my eyeballs in trash. I've been cleaning house. Or as I've been telling folks, I've been "Marie Kondo-ing" church!

A few years ago my youngest daughter Hava sent me a book they started selling in her shop in Boston: *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo. Marie Kondo is an organizing expert with books and a Netflix series that teaches folks how to "transform their cluttered homes into spaces of serenity and inspiration." The major question we must ask of our clutter, Ms. Kondo tells us is, "does this item bring us joy?" If not, we must toss it. There's more to it but that's the take away for me. Anyway...

Hava thought I might like the book as it helped her AND she knew I despised clutter (even though I am constantly surrounded by it!). Well, I won't dwell on my relationship with clutter and my complete and utter lack of joy in folding T-shirts in the "Kondo way" but I will say this: I certainly find much joy and everlasting happiness in watching Marie Kondo find joy in folding T-shirts into little tiny rectangles that stand up quite nicely in a well organized dresser drawer.

We could all learn a little something from Ms. Kondo. Joy is good. Really good. It's one of those fruits of the spirit! And, churches, I will say it...are hoarders. We are. We bring the stuff we don't want in our homes anymore and bring it to church thinking, "Oh, this is still in pretty good shape. They can use it at church." Well here's the question, if you don't think its appropriate for your home anymore why is it appropriate for God's home now? Our buildings are cluttered with things we don't want anymore, things that don't bring us joy anymore. Our buildings are cluttered with old books and curriculum and files that "maybe we will use this again. Maybe we will need this someday." And we do need some of that but mostly we don't.

So, with the calling of a new pastor it's time to clean house! It's time to take a good look at our building and toss out the things we don't need (like curriculum from 1970). And most importantly, we need to clean the house of our inner landscape, that is our heart. It's time to take a look around inside and see what old baggage we are dragging along with us: fear, sorrow, regret, narrow thinking, anger, old habits or routines, old ways of doing, of being... It's time to sweep out all that would keep you from becoming God's new creation because that is what is about to happen here.

God is at work transforming you into something new. A new life, a new heart and new spirit! And God needs room to work. So, beloved, lovely people of God, people of FCC Casper, the time is now. Get busy cleaning house. Something new and joyful is on the wind of the spirit.

*So, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; if anyone is in Christ, **she is a new creation**, the old has passed away; **behold, the new has come**.* 2 Corinthians 5.17





FULLER CENTER BIKE ADVENTURE

**Building a Better World,
One House at a Time.**

"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God."
- Hebrews 3:4

On July 14, 2021 the church will be offering hospitality to participants of the 14th annual Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure! There will be approximately 20-25 cyclists spending the night in Fellowship Hall. They are biking 3,750 miles from Amelia Island, FL to Florence, OR with the goal of raising \$600,000 to help fund the Fuller Center for Housing, a Christian non-profit 501 (c)(3) to end poverty housing worldwide.

They will be arriving in Casper on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 around 3:00 p.m. The DWM ladies will be providing dinner for the crew and our visitors. If you are interested in biking or their organization please join them for conversation in the Fellowship Hall. They like to spend time eating together with local members.

Many of the church hosts enjoy being able to send food with them on the road so if you are interested in supporting their efforts in this manner the list below suggests the types of foods that are beneficial to long-distance cyclists.

COMPLEX CARBS (fast & slow burning)

Whole Grain Bread/Pasta/Bagels/cracker

Granola and Granola Bars

Quaker Canisters (whole rolled oats)

Orange, Grapefruit, Grape, V-8 juice

Pretzels, Brown Rice/Quinoa

Sweet Potatoes

Graham Crackers

Honey in plastic squeeze containers

Apples, Bananas, Oranges, Assorted Dried fruit (without sulfates or preservatives.)

PROTEINS

Tuna Packets

Dry Nuts & seeds (salted w/sea salt,

Eggs

unsalted, roasted, or raw), peanuts,

Peanut Butter/ Almond Butter

almonds, cashews etc.,

Jerky/Dried meat (without MSG)

FATS

Olive Oil/Coconut Oil (plastic bottles)

Butter (real, in tubs)

String cheese or sliced cheeses

NUTRIENTS

Energy Gel Packets/Bottles/Blocks (GU, Hammer, Shot, etc.)

Emergen -C packets (joint health to lubricate cyclists' working joints)

Hummus & Fresh vegetables (celery, carrots, avocados etc.)

Spinach (tubs or packages of fresh spinach)

If you are interested in providing any of the above, please drop off at the church on Wednesday, July 14th. Thank you!!

JULY DIACONATE

Chapel:

10:10 - Larry & Kathy Winders
(helpers: McKenzie & Natalie Grooms)

Contact Pat Seamands or Trisha Whitcomb if you cannot serve.

OFFERTORY STEWARD

Larry Winders



Nursery Attendants

SUBSTITUTE NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED!!

FCC is in need of a substitute nursery attendant to relieve our current nursery attendant when she needs to be out of town or to be with her family. Thank you to Erika Stupak for volunteering as a substitute the past month. Contact Jennifer Grooms for more details @ 234-1138



Birthdays

Elane Burkhalter	June 25	Emily Brown	July 18
Ally Sellers	July 3	Stephen Brown	July 18
Cooper Goodman	July 4	Rick Black	July 31
Al Metz, Jr.	July 9	Pam Rouse	July 31
Ruth Jones	July 12		
Levi Ostrander	July 15		

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
 Michael & Carol Braley - July 15, 1972
 Scott & Jennifer Hawley - July 20, 1996
 Spencer & Erika Stupak - July 31, 1999

SAVE THE DATE!!**WHY? - REGIONAL ASSEMBLY****WHEN: SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2021****WHERE: SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH****More details to follow.****CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATES**

There will be NO VBS this year but we will have games and activities for kids following the outdoor worship service on July 18th. Please come and have some summer fun!!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, JULY 5TH



SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 16, 2021 FLEECE BLANKET BLITZ!

The Fleece Blanket Project is gearing up for a blanket blitz on October 16, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We are in need of donations of fleece (2 yards of plain and 2 yards of printed, anti-pill or blizzard fleece per blanket) or money for us to purchase the fleece and volunteers to help make the blankets. If you wish to donate funds to the undertaking, please make your check payable to FCC and put blanket ministry in the memo part. Materials can be dropped off at the church or **contact Trudy Woodard** if you have any questions.

MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The number of lunches distributed on Saturday's continue to remain steady. July 10th the sandwiches and lunches will be provided by Sovereign Grace Church so FCC's volunteers will get a day off.

We will not be making blankets during the months of July and August.

The Blanket Ministry helped Cristoph Atkinson make 45 blankets to complete his Eagle Project for Rocky Mountain Oncology.

We will serve the Mission meal on June 24th and always welcome help. Contact Debbie Mestas if you can help.



WORSHIP TECHNICIANS NEEDED

The Audio-visual team at FCC has recently undergone an upgrade. We now offer livestream of our church services and are in need of people who are willing to learn the new operations. Are you interested in getting more involved with our church but not wanting to attend additional meetings??? I have just the ticket!!

CONSIDER these Sunday morning opportunities:

- Run Screen, sound tech, camera for the live streaming.
- post services on line
- run the sound system for funerals and weddings as needed.

On the job training. If you or someone you know, are interested in learning this new setup, Contact Rick Black at fccasperav@gmail.com or the church office @ 234-8964.

July was named after the famous Roman general Julius Caesar; it was selected by the Roman senate, being the month he was born in. Lying between June and August, July is the seventh month of the Gregorian calendar. As we're at the beginning of the second half of the year, it's a great time to start on a new foot.



FINAL REPORT FROM THE SUPERHEROES

School year 2020-2021 has come to an end. Our graduation of the Pre-K students was great and sad to see them leave. Several of the teachers will not be returning next year so I have been recruiting new teachers along with new students and working on updating our curriculum. We have some openings for the fall so contact the preschool if you know of someone looking for a GREAT preschool. Church members get a 10% discount on tuition. We have a wonderful Facebook page and website that has more information about the preschool. Prospective students and parents can call 472-0649 to schedule a tour. Our website is www.fccpreschool-casper.com

I appreciate all that the congregation does for the preschool and the support that is given to the preschool. Keep us in your thoughts as we go through this time of transition with new teachers, new curriculum and new students. Next year we will be going "Under the Sea" for the 2021-2022 year.

Blessings to everyone & have a great summer--Annette Crain, Director



WORSHIP ON THE MOUNTAIN

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

11:00 AM.

BEAR TRAP MEADOW

Bring your own lunch, lawn chair or blanket. Water and tables will be provided and signs will be posted.

Any questions, contact Belle Stapleton



KELLEN (Left), DAD JHETT (center) CARSON JOHNSON

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS TEAM ROPING CHAMPIONS.

Team roping brothers Kellan & Carson Johnson are Casper natives and members of FCC. Their dad Jhett is the Casper College Rodeo coach. They are the grandsons of Jean Johnson. A 6.0 second run gave them a four run time of 26.7 and a National Championship.

July Trivia

Every Independence Day, how many times does the Liberty Bell ring?

What was the name of the newspaper that published the Declaration of Independence?

What is the location of the nation's oldest Fourth of July parade?

Answers: 13, The Pennsylvania Evening Post,
Calvin Coolidge

July 2021

- US Holidays
- Birthdays
- Fun Activities
- Work
- Home

Siri Found in Apps

June 2021							July 2021							August 2021							
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>8:15 AM Worship</div> <div>10:10 AM Worship</div>	<div>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</div> <div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</div>	<div>7:00 PM AA</div> <div>7:00 PM Search Committee</div>	<div>9:00 AM QUILTERS</div>	<div>10:00 AM Group 1</div>	<div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>3:15 PM Sandwich making</div>	<div>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</div>
<div>Independence Day</div> <div>8:15 AM Worship</div> <div>10:10 AM Worship</div>	<div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>Independence Day (observed)</div> <div>2:00 PM Circle of Caring meeting</div> <div>2:00 PM Elder's meeting</div> <div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</div>	<div>7:00 PM AA</div>	<div>9:00 AM QUILTERS</div>	<div>10:00 AM Group 1</div>	<div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>3:15 PM Sandwich making</div>	<div>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</div> <div>10:00 AM STATE QUILTERS</div>
<div>Dr Yeast vacation</div> <div>8:15 AM Worship</div> <div>10:10 AM Worship</div>	<div>6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP</div> <div>7:00 PM Commissions</div> <div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</div> <div>8:00 PM Board Meeting</div>	<div>7:00 PM AA</div>	<div>9:00 AM QUILTERS</div> <div>3:00 PM Fuller Biker in Fellowship Hall</div>	<div>12:00 PM Fuller Biker in Fellowship Hall</div>	<div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>3:15 PM Sandwich making</div>	<div>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</div> <div>7:30 PM Cub Outdoor Movie Night Church Lawn</div>
<div>Dr Yeast vacation</div> <div>8:15 AM Worship</div> <div>11:00 AM Worship on Mountain</div>	<div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</div>	<div>Ed al-Adha</div> <div>7:00 PM AA</div>	<div>9:00 AM QUILTERS</div>	<div>5:00 PM Mission Meal</div>	<div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>3:15 PM Sandwich making</div>	<div>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</div>
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Weddings

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Many wonderful memories have been made at FCC. One of which is weddings. Since the beginning of our church, we have been blessed to have so many performed at our church. First recollection of such was in 1922, when Mary Viola Browder became the bride of E. G. Lemmers. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hildebrand. First in the CY church was Mary Chamberlain and Robert Haley performed by Pastor Jack Reeves. After the last remodel of our church, Vivian Starr became the bride of Homer Mayo, performed by the Rev. Deward Allen.

Thank you to all who made the bulletin board possible, as well as this article. Check out the bulletin board.
Trudy Woodard

The Northern District congregations will be gathering on Saturday, July 31st at FCC in Loveland, CO from 10am - 12:15 p.m. This will be an in person meeting but Zoom will also be set up for those who request it.

Tentative schedule: 9:30 a.m. Gathering
10 a.m. Opening prayer and congregational sharing
11:15 a.m. Election of President and Member at Large
11:45 a.m. Lunch

We are interested in participating in a mission project at one of the district congregations, or working together in some way with a congregation's mission project. Send your ideas to Rev. Doug Goodwin, President of the Northern District