



THE CALL

JUNE 2021

HAPPENINGS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Springtime is here and it is great to see the flowers coming out and the grass turning green. While things are blooming outside, we are also seeing activities growing inside the church. Here are a few things going on:

WORSHIP COMMISSION is working on putting together the "Church on the Mountain" in July which actually maybe "Church in a Park or at Edness Kimball Park" due to the fact that the county has removed the shelters on the mountain that we normally use. The Worship Commission is evaluating this and working with the Education Commission (Vacation Bible School) to secure a location. Stay tuned.

PROPERTY COMMISSION remains terribly busy as with an older building you have more issues. Spencer could use some help so if you can meet a plumber, electrician or any other contractor to talk about the issues, please let Spencer know. He will be very appreciative. We are thankful that Ted Grooms has taken over managing the outside issues of the church and lawn care. Contact Spencer to see what you can do.

EDUCATION COMMISSION reports that the Sunday School classes are going well and we have kids in various age groups attending. (See article inside). The kids are writing down what kind of week they are having from 1-10 (highest) and many are having 9-10 scored weeks. Love the positive attitude of the kids. Thank to all who are teaching the classes.

We enjoy seeing you if you are attending. If you are not feel free to come join us or continue to watch our Facebook page (in person is way better!!!) Until next month or we meet again, have a great Spring.!

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

Pastor Search Committee Update



- **The Search Committee** has been remarkably busy in reviewing profiles. They had reached out to one candidate, but he declined the invitation so they are back on the hunt reviewing profiles of potential Sr. Ministers. They currently are reviewing 8 profiles.
- This committee has worked extremely hard for a long period of time so if you see one of them, please make sure to thank them for their service to the church.

Rev. Yoast is out of the office for a few days so our guest columnist this month is Ted Grooms.

FAMILY CAMP

As part of our look at what our congregation has done over the past 100 years, we offer a quick look at an event the organizers called "Family Camp".

In the middle 1980s the organizers (four mothers and their families from the Home Builders class) wanted to create an activity that was all inclusive of all members of a family at the same time. The idea of a camp evolved through a serious planning effort. It was determined that in order to keep everyone engaged it needed to be a distance from Casper. In order to justify the drive time, it was concluded that the event needed to expand over a longer timeframe. A Saturday/Sunday format was developed and our good inter denominational friends made the Presbyterian Church Camp available to us outside of Story, Wyoming. Throughout the life of Family Camp, the event was structured around going to Camp on Saturday morning and coming home Sunday afternoon. The Camp took on a life of its own and expanded to offer a Friday evening start. The overriding premise was that it should be inter-generational and available to all. Our second church van even brought more campers up on Sunday morning. At times, the age span for the participants exceeded 75 years.

My memories of Camp are many and varied. I remember the beginning arts and crafts activities as we all circulated through the many centers to open Camp each year. The free time in the afternoon is filled with BIG soap bubbles, hikes, fishing, babies sleeping on the porch of the dining hall while 15 older young kids played in the creek with abandon. I remember the talent show evoked such entertainment that people really do slap their legs and cry from laughing so hard. I still feel the warm embrace of God's love from 50 or more people singing and telling stories and young and old making smores at the campfire. The anticipation of Sunday morning service was overwhelming.

I also know that this reality would not have been possible without the love of our congregation and the commitment to that love from Kathy Badger and Anne Klockslem. They prepared 4 to 5 weekend meals for 65 to 70 people at a time for 15 years and made it look effortless. They had it down to a science!

As I reflect on the life of Family Camp I find a refreshment of that original enthusiasm that created Family Camp in the first place. I know that any individual in our congregation is empowered to see a need and to respond. I am fortunate to have four generations of our family participating in First Christian Church. I so look forward to seeing how the Church serves my granddaughters and how my granddaughters serve the Church in the next generation. Can you imagine what the **next 100** years will look like?

FAMILY CAMP 2005
Recognize anyone???



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We have had 6-8 children in elementary Sunday School ages ranging from 3-12. Chi Rho class had 2-3 attending. We are so happy to see our young ones attending church again.

Michelle Else will be taking over as the Education Commission Chairman in September. The job of the Education Commission Chair is to coordinate education programming and help volunteers get the resources that they need. Many parents over the years have said they would like to see our Youth programming grow. The only way for that to happen is for the parents to step up and help to grow these programs. Michelle sent a questionnaire out to the parents regarding the type of children and youth activities they would like to see the church offer and to see if there is enough leadership interest to make it feasible. If you have not responded to her questionnaire, please call her or email her if you have any questions, She is very excited to try new things and see the youth programs flourish BUT it cannot or will not happen without everyone's help. Please fill out your questionnaire and send it to Michelle or leave your completed questionnaire at the church.

Jennifer Grooms will continue to lead the Young Disciples Class on Sunday mornings and Michelle will continue to lead the Jr. High and High School Sunday School Class.

The Young Disciples Class (Kindergarten - Grade 4/5) will continue to meet through the summer during worship service. Children attend worship with their families and leave for class following the Lord's Prayer. AT THIS TIME JENNIFER NEEDS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES: JULY 24, JULY 31 AND SEPTEMBER 5TH. Please let Jennifer (259-4460) know if you can help. There will be NO Young Disciples Class on July 18th. This is church on the mountain day and we encourage children to attend this service with their families.

May 23 will be the last meeting of our Chi Rho class until September. Many thanks to Michelle Elser for having led this class.

Nursery is available for infants through age 5.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMMISSION (Worship) CONTACT BELLE STAPLETON @ 215-4568 HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED!!!

JUNE DIACONATE

Chapel: Robin Nelson & Pat Seamands
 10:10 - Debbie Mestas
contact Pat Seamands or Trisha Whitcomb if you cannot serve.

OFFERTORY STEWARD

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Annette Ambrosino	June 1	Emma Crawford	June 24
Jason Baker	June 1	Nicholas Grooms	June 26
Zach Hawley	June 1	Nina Hytrek	June 26
Verla Jerde	June 7	Bernard Ambrosino	June 27
Peg Jackson	June 10	Sandie Stoltenberg	June 29
Deanna Budack	June 11	Bob Glasspoole	June 30
Dan Hallock	June 15	Crystal Grooms-Mangano	June 30
Mary Burgess	June 16	Jerry Meeks	June 30
Keith Rouse	June 17		
Steve Huckfeldt	June 20		

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
- Ted & Lois Purvis - June 13, 1959
- Chook & Lani McBee - June 15, 1965
- Bob & Laura Glasspoole - June 19, 1965
- Kevin & Deanna Budack - June 25, 1989
- Chuck & Judy Potter - June 26, 1957
- Keith & Pam Rouse - June 26, 1993

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FCC GRADUATES 2021

Blake Stupak & Jackson Gilbert receiving children's bibles for completing 2nd grade.

HIGH SCHOOL

Eddie Atkinson going to Casper College in the Fall.

Rebekah Schoen going to Michigan State in the Fall.

COLLEGE

Sydney Oliver - Casper College with degree in Music Performance.

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. If you are interested in donating fleece we need 2 yards of plain and 2 yards of printed, anti-pill or blizzard fleece per blanket. If you wish to donate funds to the undertaking, please make your check payable to FCC and put blanket ministry in the memo part. Each blanket costs approximately \$40 and we hope to make 100 blankets that day. Materials can be dropped off at the church or contact Trudy Woodard if you have any questions.





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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

If you would like to help plan a one day Vacation Bible School on the mountain on Saturday, July 16th please contact Jennifer Grooms at 259-4460.

MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The Commission continues to make sandwiches on Fridays afternoons at 3:15 p.m. and complete and distribute the lunches on Saturday mornings starting at 8:15 p.m. If you can help, we can always use the help. Blankets will be made on Saturday, June 19th from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. and then we will be taking a summer break. We continue to serve at the Mission on the 4th Thursday of each month.

As you are all aware, there are lots of needs not only in our community but around the world. Week of Compassion is responding to these needs and Christian World Service can always use donations.

~~~~~Debbie Mestas, Commission Chairman



**FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY**

**JUNE 20th.**

**TREATS FOR ALL FATHER'S COURTESY OF THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMMISSION.**



## END OF SCHOOL UPDATE FROM THE PRESCHOOL SUPERHEROES

It's almost that time---The time we say goodbye to another great group of kids. Now they will go to BIG school. Not all of them are excited for this new adventure in their life. A mom stopped me last week to tell me how her son burst into tears when he found out that his preschool friends weren't going with him to BIG school. Some of these kids have been together for three years. More than half of their little lives have been spent at First Christian Church Preschool. Each and every one has had an impact on our lives just as we have had on theirs. Lots of hugs over the years.

Next fall will be 22 years for me at the preschool. I will have a second generation student attending in the fall. I can't believe that I have spent more than 2/3rds of my life here and every day is just like the first day. I love my job and the kids. I am the luckiest person I know!!!

The preschool had bike day this week. There were no traffic citations issued and no accidents. We went to the farm and everyone was so excited to go. They fed baby goats, played with baby piglets, and rode miniature ponies. Next week the 3-4 year olds, Y-3's and the intro class will host their parents for a short music program and snacks afterwards.

Thursday May 27th will be our SUPERHERO graduation for the Pre-K class at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Friday, May 28th is our final send off for summer break. It's going to be a SUPER DAY. We will have our community of superheroes and their mighty machines come to the parking lot and share with the kids. The church lot will be blocked off so if you have to do something at the church, please park in the lot behind Bustards or plan to come in the afternoon. The City of Casper will have the K-9 unit, police cars and a fire truck. The town of Mills will be bringing an ambulance. The U.S. Post Office will have a small mail truck; the National Guard will have some Army men and a jeep; Smokey the Bear and his friends from the BLM will be here; a school bus from NCS D; some construction equipment; Super Pup and his friends from the Sheriff's department will also be here. We would love it if any of you would like to come and join the excitement. It all starts at 9:15 until noon. We started the year off slowly and quietly but will finish it with a BANG!!

We couldn't do all of this without the support of First Christian Church and we appreciate everything you do for us to make this all possible. See ya in the Fall! *--Director Annette and the Superhero Teachers.*

## CUB SCOUT PACK 13

Our Cubs will have a very full summer of activities by doing the following each month:

- June 7 - regular meeting at the church
- June 14- family picnic and final awards at Washington Park
- June 17-19 -Cub Scout Day Camp
- July 17 - Outdoor movie night- 7:30 p.m. Church lawn
- Aug. 20 - Pack Campout.

Check your email for times and places and see ya in the church next fall. If you have a child, grandchild or a friend that would like to join Cubs, contact Erika Stupak for further information.



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| <p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Father's Day</li> <li>8:15 AM Worship</li> <li>9:00 AM HOMEBUILDERS</li> <li>9:00 AM DR. YOAST S.S. CLASS</li> <li>10:10 AM Worship</li> </ul> | <p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM CALL Deadline</li> <li>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</li> <li>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</li> </ul>                                                                                                   | <p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM AA</li> <li>7:00 PM Search Committee</li> </ul> | <p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 AM TOPS</li> <li>9:00 AM QUILTERS</li> <li>9:15 AM CALL Folders</li> </ul> | <p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:00 PM Mission Meal</li> </ul>      | <p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OFFICE CLOSED</li> <li>3:15 PM Sandwich making</li> </ul> | <p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</li> </ul>                                                                                 |
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## **OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY IS COMING SOON!!!**

Please save the dates of September 10-12 for our church's celebration! We are so pleased to be able to announce that Rev. Mark Pumphrey, the great, great grandson of our very first pastor, Rev. Charles Stout, will be delivering the sermon that Sunday morning, Sept. 12th. Mark is currently pastor at the First Christian Church (DOC) in Greeley, Colorado. He is very excited to be able to join us that day.

**SAVE THE DATE AND COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP.  
MORE DETAILS IN NEXT MONTH'S CALL**