



THE CALL

MAY 2021

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.



Take care of your garden
and keep out the weeds.
Fill it with sunshine,
kind words and kind deeds.

--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

CHURCH RE-OPENING FROM COVID-19

The Governor lifted the COVID-19 restrictions as of March 16, 2021. As a church we slowly began to reopen to some sense of normalcy. Here is the current protocol being used:

- Hand sanitizer is still available throughout the church.
- Masks are available as you enter the sanctuary.
- We no longer require reservations for services
- We no longer check temperatures.
- We no longer require seating in alternate rows.
- We are offering coffee and cookies after 2nd service.
- Practice social distancing is still encouraged.
- Sunday School classes have opened for all ages.
- We no longer require masks.

We encourage you to do what feels comfortable and safe to you. If you want to wear a mask, please do so. We will constantly be cleaning the church on all surfaces and will monitor the safety of our congregation and guests to ensure that we can remain a safe place to worship

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

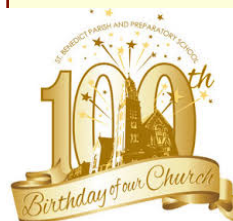
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Preschool 8:45 - 12:00 P.M. M-F

Preschool Phone - 472-0649



SAVE THE DATE

**The 100TH Birthday Party
for FCC has been scheduled
for SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2021**

MORE DETAILS TO COME!!

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

HISTORY.

Looking back at history can be a tricky proposition. As much as we would like to think otherwise, history is rarely objective fact telling. More often than not, it is storytelling with interpretations of the past being made by the storyteller. The storyteller may not be even be aware of their own interpretations spilling into stories of the past but there they are.

Consider the journey into our own past here at First Christian Church. We mark February 13, 1921 as the official founding of the church. To be sure, this is the date of a formal organization named First Christian Church here in Casper, Wyoming. But it is not the only one, nor is it the first—official organizing of First Christian Church in Casper, Wyoming that is.

The Sisterhood was the first organized effort to birth the Christian Church in Casper. The minutes of that first meeting read:

A number of ladies met at the home of Mrs. Hurtt January 13, 1915 for the purpose of organizing a society of some kind among the ladies of the Christian Church. Mrs. Hurtt acted as chairman, Mrs. W.A. Baker Sec. pro-tem. The meeting was opened by scripture reading after which Mrs. Trager led in prayer. The question was then before the house. What should we call our society. A motion was made to call it "The Sisterhood." Motion carried. The following officers were then elected—Mrs. Herman Johnson, President, Mrs. W.A. Baker, Vice President, Mrs. Harry Williams, Secretary & Treasurer. There were present Mrs. Johnson, Baker, Trager, Henderson, Hurtt and Williams. (Record Book #1, Sisterhood of the Christian Church, Casper, Wyo. January 13, 1915 - September 20, 1923, p 1.)

The Sisterhood got busy with the work of mission, ministry, fellowship here in Casper but that news didn't travel or so it would seem...In writing about the mission field of Wyoming, Sheridan Pastor Arthur J. Aikins wrote:

Casper could never have been reported [as having a Christian Church], for the simple reason that there never was any organization until last fall, when William I. Stahl began a meeting there in a tent and effected an organization. Cold weather came on which drove them from the tent and they practically quit. (Christian Standard, January 5, 1918)

Mr. Aikins obviously hadn't met The Sisterhood. Preacher Stahl was not the organizing force in Casper. The Sisterhood was and they had been organized for 3 years. And Preacher Stahl wasn't the one who *began a meeting there in a tent*. The Sisterhood did. They purchased a tent from the Ladies Aid of the Wheatland Christian Church at a price of \$40 (The Sisterhood minutes, September 5, 1917) for *our coming revival* at which Brother Stahl was invited to preach. Following the revival Brother Stahl and The Sisterhood would work together to organize a church on September 23rd at 9:00 pm (The Sisterhood minutes, September 17, 1917). And, perhaps most importantly, they did not *practically quit*. They ORGANIZED A CHURCH! Yes, cold weather came. Yes, they sold the tent—because they went inside! They found homes to meet in. They built a *Tabernacle* at Grant and 3rd streets.

Our own written history picks up the story here,

Services were held for only a short time. During the first World War the congregation disbanded and the property was sold. However, this group of women continued their meetings. "So, for six or seven years, this faithful group labored on alone, and like the five wise virgins kept their lamps trimmed and well supplied with oil, that the bridegroom's coming might not find them unprepared." (Gadbery) "There's not a life, or a death or birth / That has a feather's weight of worth / Without a woman in it."

Let us thank God today for their example of Christian commitment and determination. First Christian Church has served 50 years because these people lost a battle, but persevered in their faith. (Lewellyn p 9)

Now, having read through the record books of The Sisterhood I believe there to be more than a little "storyteller's interpretation" in our written history even as I admit my own. The Sisterhood didn't *labor on alone*. They have never been alone. God's presence is seen throughout their written pages as together they moved through pandemic and war and letting go of tabernacles they built with their own hands and changing landscapes of culture and mission and ministry. Across the years, decades, century, the women of the Christian Church in Casper have never *lost* anything! and they certainly have not *lost a battle* because they have never been at war with anyone. These faithful women have always been about the work of mission and ministry. They are, as they have always been, disciples!

You know, the latest meeting of *The Sisterhood*, now called *Disciples Women's Ministry*, happened just a couple of weeks ago when DWM Group #1 met on April 8th 2021. The minutes of every Sisterhood, CWA, CWF, DWM meeting are here along with their names, their work, their studies, their commitment to the on-going mission and ministry of the Christian Church here in Casper Wyoming. It is all here. Written. Recorded.

It's been over 100 years. Maybe it's time to write HER-STORY. Maybe it's time to finally claim HER-STORY as the founding story, the birth story of First Christian Church of Casper.



RECOGNITION OF 2021 GRADUATES

We will be presenting our high school graduates with a gift on Sunday, May 16th during the 10:10 worship service. If you have a child graduating, please contact the church office @ 234-8964

Also, if you are receiving a degree or certificate from a college, university, or trade school, please let us know. We will be sure to announce your accomplishment.



SECOND GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

We will be awarding our children who are in second grade with a Bible on Sunday, May 9th during the 10:10 worship service. If you have a child in 2nd grade, please contact the church office.



UPDATE ON CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Michelle Elser teaches our Chi Rho class (5th grade ad up). Students wishing to attend this class attend the church service through communion and then leave with Michelle.

Jennifer Grooms teaches our Young Disciples class (K-5th). This age group is flexible. Some younger children may enjoy this class. Children participating in the Young Disciples class attend worship with their families through the Lord's Prayer and then leave with Jennifer for their class. Masks are encouraged and are provided if you do not have one. When possible we will go outside for part of the class and we will be starting with some golden oldies--The Parables of Jesus including "The Good Samaritan", "The Wise and Foolish Builders" and the "Mustard Seed" COME JOIN US. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jennifer Grooms.

I'M TIRED OF WINTER. I WANT TO FAST FORWARD TO COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW HOT IT IS!!

MAY DIACONATE

Chapel: Cal Decker
10:10 - TBD

contact Pat Seamands or Trisha Whitcomb if you cannot serve.

OFFERTORY STEWARD

Ted Grooms



Linda Mosteller	May 3	May Lou Westman	May 16
Jenny Black	May 4	Trisha Whitcomb	May 16
Dylan Stupak	May 4	Jamie Williams	May 16
Darlene Bishop	May 6	Raylan Heck	May 17
Brady Hover	May 7	Betty Axworthy	May 18
Tassma Powers	May 7	Caryn Yoast	May 21
Lois Purvis	May 11	Jared Black	May 22
Hailey Rodgers	May 11	Cristopf Atkinson	May 24
George Morrison	May 12	Amanda Kirlin	May 24
Allen Singleton	May 12	Steve Kingsolver	May 25
		Travis Hayden	May 31



- George & Terri Morrison - May 3, 1975
- Robin & Kirk Nelson - May 15, 1982
- Don & Randisue Davis - May 21, 1977
- Tyler & Michelle Elser - May 21, 2011
- Russ & Julie Black - May 25, 1980
- Dan & Janis Coey - May 26, 1984
- Bernard & Annette Ambrosino - May 31, 1986
- Ted & Jennifer Grooms - May 31, 1975

Dear FCC & Caryn; This past Sunday, I was preparing for my Sunday morning tour of online worship in Kentucky when I happened across the live stream of the 8:15 service at First Christian Church. I was filled with delight when I saw Caryn serving FCC as the interim. I love that congregation and fell in love with them while serving as interim regional minister in Central Rocky Mountain Region. Thank you Caryn for giving your time and energy to guide them through this transitional period. Blessing to all!

Dean Phelps, Transitional Regional Minister Kentucky

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.





RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 10, 1926

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Hoon. Prayer by Brother Gadberry. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Roll call showed the following present: ELDERS Hoon, Gadberry, Johnson and Gay; DEACONS Hemry; DEACONESSES Hoon and Johnson. Treasurer's report read and accepted.

- Motion made and carried to allow bill for pianist during revival meetings.
- **Motion made and carried that we deem it not best to give up morning services to anti-saloon league on December 12, 1926.**

Elder Park now present. Deacon Reed now present.

- Motion made and carried that Mr. Gadberry and Mr. Hemry be authorized to borrow money to pay interest on mortgage.

Meeting adjourned.

C.D. Hemry, Secretary

The 18th amendment was in effect at the time of this meeting. Repealed by the 21st amendment in 1933.



**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.

NOSES ARE RED, FINGERS ARE BLUE. I'M TIRED OF WINTER.. HOW ABOUT YOU?

WELCOME!



AN UPDATE FROM THE SUPER HEROES OF FCC

I can't believe that it is so close to the end of our school year and we have so much fun stuff to do. Pre-K and the 3-4 class will be going to the planetarium the end of April and in May we will be going to a farm. We will be flying around the world traveling to England, Mexico, China, France, Egypt, New Zealand, Italy, Scotland and Brazil. We have added a few new countries to our travels this year. Every day we will have a special guest come in and teach us about their country. We even get to try different food. We are all excited that our passports will be full of new stamps.

Graduation for our 2021 Pre-K graduates is scheduled for May 27th in the Fellowship Hall. Our last day of preschool will be May 28th.

We are so happy that we have had a successful year in preschool. Thank you for all you do to support the preschool. We appreciate you all. **Annette Crain, Director**

Pastor Search Committee Update



The Search Committee has received several profiles of prospective candidates from the Regional Office. We continue to review them and have been in contact with a few of the applicants. 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.



DO YOU REMEMBER SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE?

The First Christian Church 100th Birthday Committee is asking members to provide a short (snip-it) of your memory and send it to Paul Hallock at phallock1226@gmail.com. We will start printing these comments in the June issue of the CALL and continue through the summer. I'm sure we all have something special that we can remember from our years at FCC.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM HOMEBUILDERS 9:00 AM DR. YOAST S.S. CLASS 10:10 AM Worship	26 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	27 7:00 PM AA	28 7:00 AM TOPS 9:00 AM QUILTERS	29	30 OFFICE CLOSED 3:15 PM Sandwich making	1 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY
2 Orthodox Easter 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM HOMEBUILDERS 9:00 AM DR. YOAST S.S. CLASS 10:10 AM Worship	3 2:00 PM Circle of Caring 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Elders meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 7:00 PM AA	5 Cinco de Mayo 7:00 AM TOPS 9:00 AM QUILTERS	6 10:00 AM DWM Board meeting	7 OFFICE CLOSED 3:15 PM Sandwich making	8 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 10:00 AM STATE QUILTERS
9 Mother's Day 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM HOMEBUILDERS 9:00 AM DR. YOAST S.S. CLASS 10:10 AM Worship 10:10 AM 2nd Grade Bible presented	10 11:30 AM DWM #3 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00 PM Commissions 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 8:00 PM Board Meeting	11 7:00 PM AA	12 Bid al-Fitr 7:00 AM TOPS 9:00 AM QUILTERS 12:00 PM DWM #2	13	14 OFFICE CLOSED 3:15 PM Sandwich making	15 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 10:00 AM BLANKET MINISTRY
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SANDWICH MINISTRY UPDATE

The Sandwich Ministry continues to provide lunches every Saturday in the breezeway at First United Methodist Church. We are grateful for our dedicated volunteers from FCC and the community who faithfully make sandwiches and pack lunches each Friday and/or Saturday. Sovereign Grace Church will be making the lunches on May 8th so everyone gets a well deserved break.



CONGRATULATIONS

to

Debbie Mestas

**One of four finalists for the
Jefferson Award**