

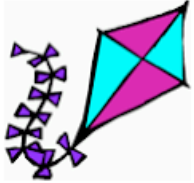


FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

May

May is the month
Of sunshine and flowers
Birds in their nests,
And one or two showers.



Games to play and kites to fly
Or just looking at the sky.

We could spend a year this way
If the year were made of May.



Church Staff:

Bryan Elliott: Lead Pastor

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Daniel Galbreath, Music
Director

Mikayla Fulwider, pianist

Donna Osterholt, Nursery

Michelle Griebel, Custodian

Ministers: Every Member!



OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Thurs.

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Fridays: CLOSED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Worship Service

9:00 Adult Sunday School

10:10 - Worship Service

11:30 - Coffee Fellowship

11:30-Choir Rehearsal

12:30 Handbell Rehearsal

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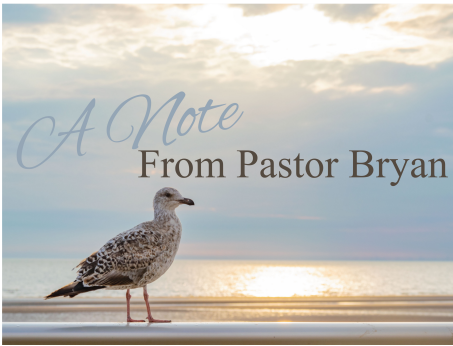
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If at first you
don't succeed,
try doing it
the way mom
told you in the
beginning.

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY**

MAY 11, 2025



Dear Church Family,

What does Spring mean to you? Is it the budding of the trees and the beginning of green sprouting on the branches? It is the daffodils in all their yellow glory? Is it an Easter Egg Hunt and all the children running to get those precious eggs? How about the shift in the weather and the coming of warmer days? What defines Spring for you? With all those

above questions to ponder —

I would like to make some observations about this year as we have just seen over a third of it pass by us: We have had some great growth in the church with several couples, individuals and a families either join the church or attend on a regular basis. We have had a great Easter celebration with our Easter Egg Hunt as well as our Easter Sunday Services. We are a blessed people. As many of you know, our stainless windows are in disrepair and are in need of restoration. In the past we have entered into **Faith Promise with a Purpose** fund drive for the beautification of our Sanctuary and hallways and entries. We have raised over \$40,000 last year. This year for **our windows** we have another **Faith Promise** opportunity and our goal is to **raise \$50,000**. We are calling the campaign "**Let the Light Shine: Restoring Beauty, Reflecting Grace**" and we hope you are able to participate.

The big announcement for this May Newsletter is that we have interviewed a candidate, Rhonda Padilla, for our Associate Minister position. We were sent Rhonda's Ministerial Profile through our denominations Search and Call office and our Regional Office. After talking with a couple others it was determined by the Search Committee to interview Rhonda. The committee did that and unanimously asked her to come and preach on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. Rhonda did a great job preaching, singing and sharing her vision for the position as well as our church moving forward. The elders met on April 14th prior to the called Board Meeting and unanimously endorsed her to the Board for a Board vote. The Board met that same night and unanimously voted to present Rhonda to the congregation for a vote for the Associate Minister position and that congregational meeting was April 27, 2025 at 9:15 AM. The congregation has voted to extend a call to Rhonda and in the next week we will write a "Letter of Call" that is like an employment contract, her start date being July 1, 2025. We are excited to enter into this new era of ministry and I ask that you pray for Rhonda as she is guided by God in her next steps of ministry with us and pray for us as a church as we embrace Rhonda as our new Associate Minister.

And in this season of honoring our Mothers, may we celebrate, honor and remember our mothers both living and those who have entered into their heavenly reward! Happy Mother's Day!!!

May you see May flowers this Spring and may the God of grace and mercy be with you.

Blessings,

Pastor Bryan



We lift up all mothers in our prayers to God!



Pastor Rhonda Padilla



At the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 27 the congregation voted to extend a call to Pastor Rhonda Padilla to be our new Associate Minister of FCC. Rhonda has served as the worship pastor for Mountair Christian Church since 2017 and as Associate Pastor in 2022. She is currently on the MCC Board and serves as an elder. She also created a women's group called Faith Focus to nurture relationships with a foundation of faith using the word of truth to build a much needed trust in God and one another. She loves serving the region as the Regional Executive Administrator, building relationships with all the CRMR clergy and aims to support in every capacity that she can. In 2023 she graduated with her certificate of ministry. She is currently in the MDiv program at Lexington Theological Seminary.

Rhonda's first love is family and she has 6 grandchildren ranging from 2-13. A close second is her love for music/worship and her hobbies are cake decorating, spiritual vocal coaching, drawing & writing. We welcome Rhonda to First Christian Church.

The Month of May is the gateway to summer — Jean Hersey

Rev. Dale Matherly
Interim Executive Regional Minister
Pulpit Guest May 4, 2025

Interim Executive Regional Minister. Dale Matherly comes to the CRMR from Topeka, KS, serving faith communities of all sizes for other three decades. He will bring the message from the pulpit on Sunday, May 4th. He will also do a "Leadership Development Workshop" for elders, board members and anyone else that is interested is invited to attend. It will be in Fellowship Hall after the 10:10 service.



Pulpit
Guest



A BIG THANK YOU to all that brought Easter Eggs for the Easter egg hunt, help hide the eggs, and helped the kids find the eggs. Mother Nature did not cooperate with us for an outside hunt so we hid them throughout the church. We had a good attendance and everyone found their eggs.

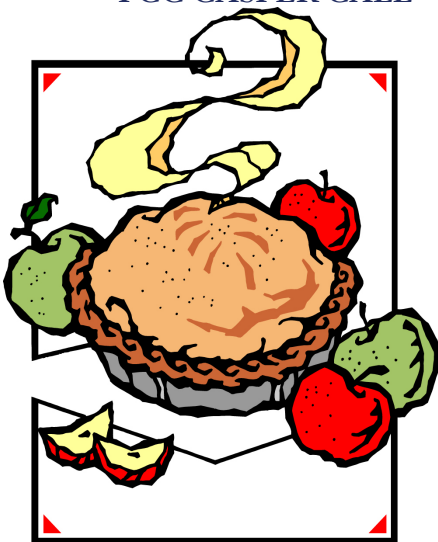
Christian Education will present our 2nd graders going into 3rd grade with their Bible from the church on Mother's Day, May 11th at the 10:10 worship service.



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

There is a summer special music sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you sing, play an instrument or piano, you are welcome to sign up for special music during June, July and August 10:10 service. Special music is done while offering is being collected. All musicians of all ages are welcome to participate. **MUSIC SELECTION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY NOON OF THE WEEK YOU ARE PERFORMING.**





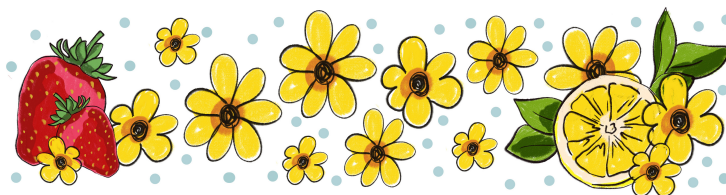
Come and join us for our 2nd Annual Pie Bake-Off and ice cream social on Sunday May 18 after 2nd service. Sign up for one or more categories (Fruit Pie, Cheesecake, Cream Pie, Misc. Pie) and bake your best pie. We will have judges that will be trying all the pies and picking winners in each category. If you want to bake a pie please make sure that you have your pie checked in with Jane Wallace no later than 9:45 a.m. on May 18th. If you don't bake, that's ok too. Just come and eat pie and ice cream, be social and enjoy the fun! Any questions, contact Kimberly Ireland.



In March we had our first 5th Sunday Mission emphasis, which was the University of Jamestown's nursing mission to Kenya. Kim Ash, Lani McBee's daughter, shared with the congregation at both services her passion for the people of Chogoria, Kenya. You responded so generously. Your offerings for this special mission totaled \$1371.00. **THANK YOU, CONGREGATION!** The Mission Commission will add \$500 to that amount from our budget for a grand total of \$1871.00. This nursing mission is worthy of our support and you all did a great job! Thank you so much. We wish Kim and her nursing students safe travels and a fulfilling mission experience for all involved.

The Sandwich Ministry has increased the number of lunches to 80 each week. Donations of peanut butter and jelly have been overwhelming—we have enough to last many months. We pack lunches on Saturday morning and include 6-8 other items with the sandwiches, including juice boxes, granola bars, fruit cups, and chips. We get many items from the Food Bank, but we also purchase items as needed. We are very grateful to the kind folks who donate money and food to supply these lunches.

The Blanket Ministry had its last work day for the season on April 12th. Four volunteers completed several blankets. We will reconvene our third Saturday work days in the fall. Thankfully, we have a new source for the fleece—Hobby Lobby. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Thomas.





D.W.M

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 - 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

READ ACTS 10

Join us in our challenge to read the entire Bible this year.

SERVICE PROJECT: Habitat For Humanity

We will have a guest speaker, Kelly, from our local Habitat office. Our donations will be matched up to \$200.00 with funds from DWM and will go directly to the Casper organization.

Please join us for fun and fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

DIACONATE FOR MAY, 2025

Contact Belle Stapleton if you cannot serve

8:15 - Nina Hytrek

10:10 - Dale Gregory & Deb Mestas

OFFERING STEWARD

Paul Hallock

ELDERS

April 27- Steve Huckfeldt & Dennis Baker

May 4 - Dewey Smith & Nancy Thomas

May 11 - Dewey Smith & Nicholas Grooms

May 18 - Teresa Elliott & Dennis Baker

May 25 - Steve Huckfeldt - Nicholas Grooms



Linda Mosteller	May 3	Mary 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	Jared Black	May 22
Lois Purvis	May 11	Cristopf Atkinson	May 24
George Morrison	May 12	Amanda Kirlin	May 24
Martha Wallace	May 12	Steve Kingsolver	May 25
Gene Weiss	May 12	Travis Hayden	May 31



George & Terri Morrison - May 3, 1975
 Kirk & Robin Nelson - May 15, 1982
 Tyler & Michelle Elser - May 23, 2011
 Russ & Julie Black - May 25, 1980
 Dan & Jan Coey - May 26 1984
 Ted & Jennifer Grooms - My 31, 1975
 Travis & Robin Sibal - May 31, 2014



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May 2025

FCC CASPER CALL

MAY 2025

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