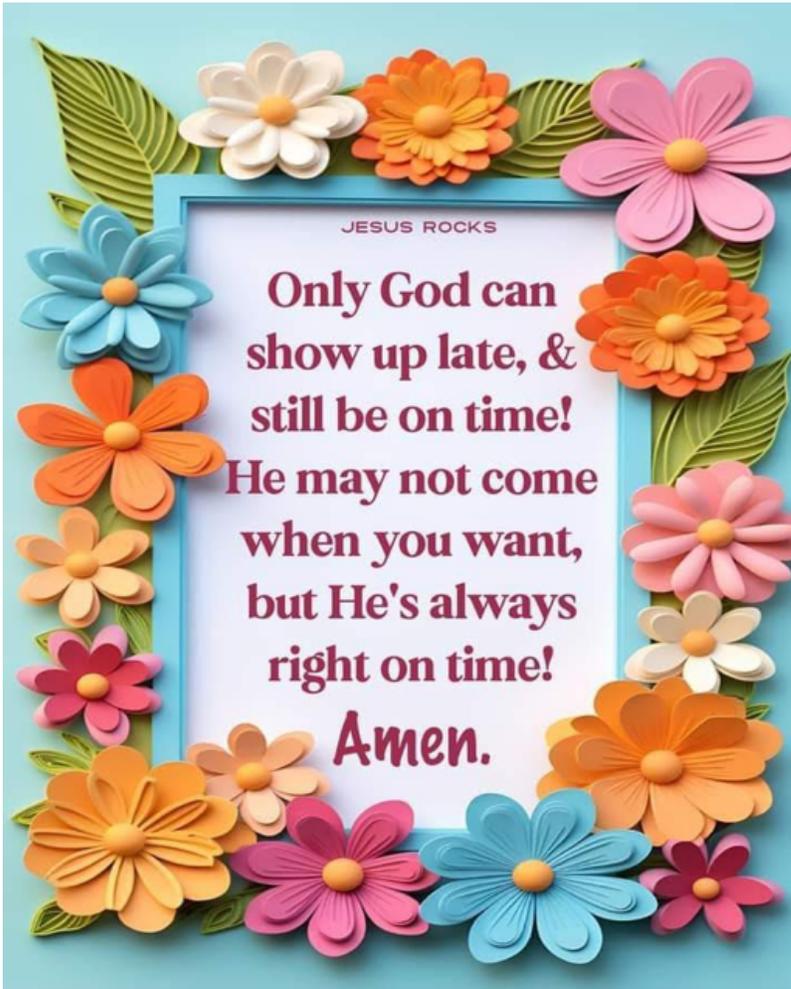




FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL



Church Staff:

Bryan Elliott: Lead Pastor
Rhonda Padilla: Associate Pastor
Kathy Winders, Secretary
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
9:15 a.m. Gr. 4-8 Sunday School
10:10 - Worship Service
11:30 - Coffee Fellowship

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fccasper@gmail.com

WHEN: Wednesday April 8 - April 29

TIME: 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 pm

WHERE: FCC

FOR WHOM: children grades 4 and up who wish to explore what faith means to them with the intention of being baptized on Mother's Day, May 10th. Contact Pastor Bryan or Pastor Rhonda if you have a child or children interested in attending the class led by Pastor Bryan and Pastor Rhonda.



Dear Church Family,

Here I am sitting in my office and looking out my window to the world (CY Avenue) and what do I see, brown that is fighting to turn green! The first unofficial full week of Spring. I will say that the possibility of warm weather does not hold the glamor that it usually does because we have had a week of 70-80 degree weather. I has been a non-winter. Yet it has been a time that we have seen all the seasons in a week and that alone can overwhelm our senses. One thing I love and miss about snow is that it refracts light. Have you ever noticed that late after the sun goes down on a snowy night how much light there is all around you? How the snow catches the light and shines it like millions of diamonds! I have always marveled at that phenomenon. And as I sit in my office on a warm springy/summery day it comforts me somehow to know that light is being reflected in these precious little buttercups of Spring as well as in the greening of the grass and the brilliance of the sunny skies. New hope breaking forth in darkness, and light being reflected and multiplied all over the earth is what Easter is all about. We are here on this world to bear witness to the Light of the World and Shine! It is our purpose.

We have several opportunities to be beacons of light in this season of Easter when people go to church and entertain thoughts of God that may not be their normal everyday pattern. So at this time of the year we have opportunity to talk to the seekers and invite them to a Maundy Thursday Service or to an Easter Egg Hunt, and to Worship services on Resurrection Day - Easter Morning. Did you know that most people don't visit a church because they are not asked. Also it may take someone several times of being asked to decide to come and see what this church thing is all about. I believe FCC offers people a place to experience the presence of Christ with warm and genuine, light reflecting people who care for them. We are unique in that we like to like people and really want to get to know them. That is our gift as a community, we offer hospitality. All we need to do is invite. As we share this month of the beginning of Spring, may we offer new life growth experiences to those around us by sharing our lives in meaningful ways. Let us meet together in celebration as we share. See you Sunday and have a blessed and glorious Easter!

In His Glorious Resurrection,

Pastor Bryan

Our Mission:

Gathering at Christ's Table,
We Welcome and Serve Others!

Easter Message

From the
Associate Pastor



A Season of Resurrection and Hope

I don't know about you, but as April arrives I can almost hear it — the bells of Easter ringing! The joy of Resurrection Day is drawing near, and my heart is filled with excitement. The familiar Easter hymn echoes in my mind: *"I can hear the bells ringing, they're singing that we can be born again!"* It is a sound of hope, of life, and of new beginnings.

Spring has a beautiful way of reminding us of God's promises. Everywhere we look there are signs of new life — buds forming on trees, flowers pushing up through the soil, and longer days filled with light. Creation itself seems to proclaim the good news that God is always at work bringing renewal and resurrection.

Throughout this season of Lent, we have been traveling together through our 2026 devotional, *A Lenten Journey of Grace Toward New Creation*. We have been reflecting on that guiding question: *How do we get there?* When I first created the devotional, I had no idea what our shared journey would look like. Yet God has been faithfully guiding us every step of the way.

Through scripture we have explored the wilderness, wandered through the desert, stood on the mountaintop, and asked faithful questions along the way. We have gathered around tables for our Lenten dinners, breaking bread and sharing fellowship. As a church family, we have also come together in the FCC visioning process — discerning who we are and how God is shaping our future ministry. We are Becoming. I would especially like to thank our Central Rocky Mountain Regional Minister, Dale Matherly, for helping guide us through this important work, encouraging us to see a future filled with hope. His leadership reminds me of the words in Acts 20:32: *"And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified."* It is a blessing to be reminded that God continues to build us up and lead us forward together.

Our mission statement reminds us of this shared calling: **"Gathering at the table of Jesus, welcoming and serving others."** What a gift it has been to see the whole church collaborating, praying, and dreaming about how we will live into that mission together.

As we prepare for Resurrection Day, I also want to express my deep gratitude to the many people who help lead us in worship through music. Thank you to our wonderful **choir**, our **handbell choir**, and to **Ruby** for the time, practice, and love you pour into preparing our Easter music. Your gifts help us experience the joy of the resurrection in a powerful and beautiful way.

I am truly elated to be on this journey with you. Though I have only been here for ten months, I am deeply grateful for God's call that brought me here and for the opportunity to serve alongside such a faithful and caring community. It is a blessing to walk this path of discovery together.

As Resurrection Day approaches, my prayer is that the ringing of Easter bells will remind us that God is always leading us toward new life. May the joy of Christ's resurrection fill our hearts, renew our spirits, and inspire us to continue becoming the people God is calling us to be.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Rhonda



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 4TH @ 10:00 A.M.

There are still bags of empty Easter Eggs that there will be bags of empty Easter Eggs that we would love to see filled. All you need to do is place WRAPPED candy or toys in the eggs, and bring the full eggs back to the church for our Easter Egg Hunt. We will also accept donations of wrapped candy, however, filling the eggs provided helps take the filling burden off of one person. We appreciate all that this congregation does to helper youth and are excited to offer another fulfilled morning for kids.

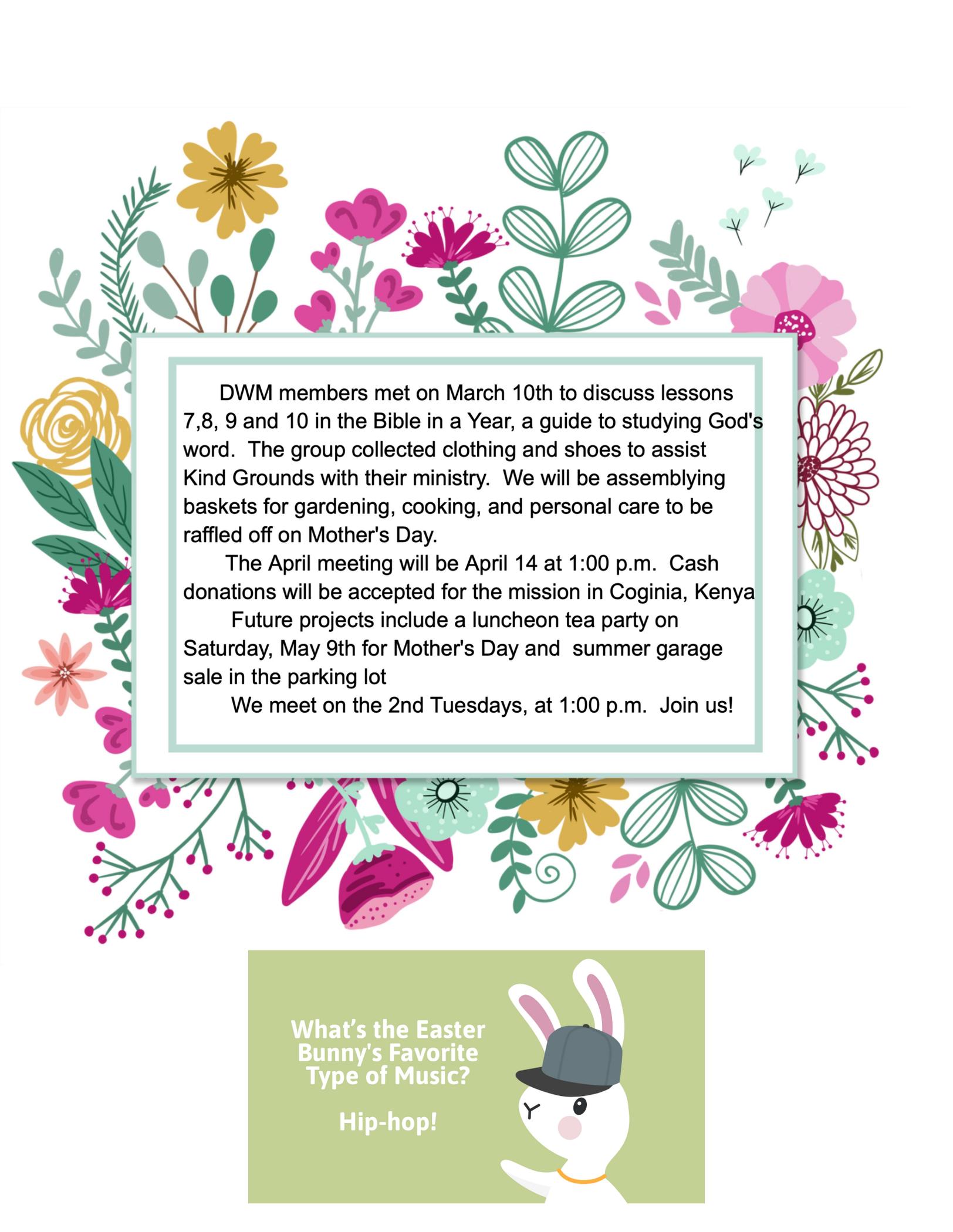
Please bring the filled eggs to the church on March 29th



CRMRS SUMMER CAMPS 2026 registration is due in the church no later than April 16th. Registration forms are on the bulletin board.

- Camp dates: Discovery (completed grades 1-3) - June 18-20 at LaForet. Cost \$140
- Junior (completed grades 3-5) - June 14-20 at LaForet - Cost \$450
- Chi Rho (completed grades 6-8) - June 14-20 at LaForet - Cost \$450
- CYF (completed grades 9-12) June 14-20 at LaForet - Cost \$450

Any questions contact Michelle Elser or Erika Stupak.



DWM members met on March 10th to discuss lessons 7,8, 9 and 10 in the Bible in a Year, a guide to studying God's word. The group collected clothing and shoes to assist Kind Grounds with their ministry. We will be assembling baskets for gardening, cooking, and personal care to be raffled off on Mother's Day.

The April meeting will be April 14 at 1:00 p.m. Cash donations will be accepted for the mission in Coginia, Kenya

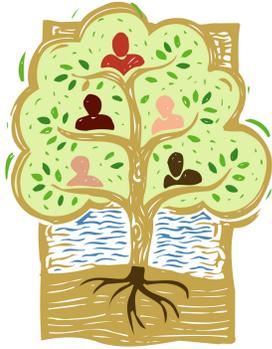
Future projects include a luncheon tea party on Saturday, May 9th for Mother's Day and summer garage sale in the parking lot

We meet on the 2nd Tuesdays, at 1:00 p.m. Join us!

What's the Easter Bunny's Favorite Type of Music?

Hip-hop!





Worship Leaders

DIACONATE FOR APRIL 2026

8:15 - TBD

10:10- Tom May & TBD

OFFERING STEWARD

Judy Baker

ELDERS

Mar. 22-Dewey Smith & Dennis Baker

Mar. 29 - **Palm Sunday** - Dewey Smith & Carmen Goodman

April 5 - **Easter Sunday** Donna Osterholt, Dennis Baker

April 12 - Dewey Smith, Dennis Baker

April 19 - Donna Osterholt, Carmen Goodman

April 26- Donna Osterholt, Nicholas Grooms

May 3 - Theresa Elliott, Nicholas Grooms



Tyler Ambrosino	Apr. 3	Dennis Baker	Apr. 20
Kristen Atkinson	Apr. 4	Jennifer Grooms	Apr. 20
Teresa Elliott	Apr. 7	Kimberly Ireland.	Apr. 25
Briana Black	April 13	Paul Hallock	Apr. 26
Jim Hytrek	April 18	Jim Oliver	Apr. 26

ANNIVERSARIES

Casey & Sarah Brown - April 12, 2008

Darin & Crystal Rodgers - April 15, 2005

Steve & Cindy Huckfeldt - April 24, 1976



To the WTMS Committee & FCC,

Thank you very much for the scholarship to support my educational pursuits. This gift allows me to concentrate on my studies and be prepared to register for next semester on time. That is an enormous gift. I am so grateful for your investment in me, as well as my family. We are grateful to call FCC our church family. With sincere thanks, Brandie Maddox.



MISSION
Statement

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

**Gathering Christ's Table,
We Welcome and Serve Others.**



Spiritual Growth



Easter Flowers

Spiritual Growth will only be purchasing a few fresh flowers this year for Easter. For those wanting to donate in honor/memory of a loved one, the names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$10 and the donated funds will be applied to camp scholarships for the youth. Deadline to donate is March 29th. If you have any questions, contact Jane Wallace, Spiritual Growth Chair.



June 21st- Family fund day at the Ball Park. For \$18 a piece, you get into the SPUDS ballgame. Includes your ticket and food. Or you can just purchase a ticket for \$10 a person. The game starts at 3:30 p.m. Signup sheets will be out soon.

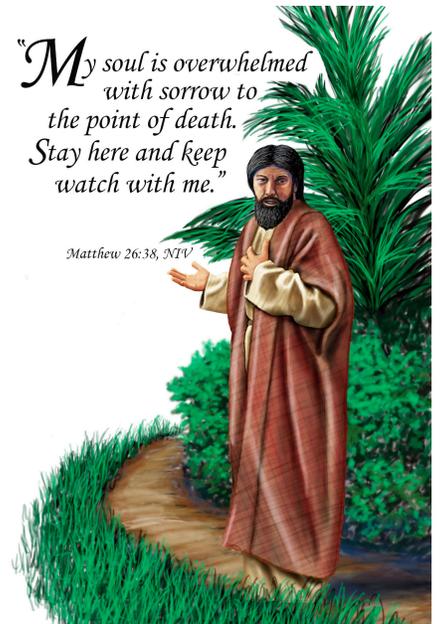
July 26- Outdoor worship at Natural Bridge

August 15 - Lake Day - more information to follow

October 26 - Bryan's Retirement Party



MAUNDY THURSDAY worship service will be on April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Inner Room. This service will be led by Nancy Thomas. Please join us for Music, Message and Communion.



"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Matthew 26:38, NIV

Several weeks ago we had three days of meeting with the Interim Regional Minister Rev. Dale Matherly. We met as a congregation after the 10:10 service, Monday night with Board and Elders, and Tuesday with the Visioning team. Out of those meeting the following CORE values, Goals and Mission Statement were established. The team is in the process of meeting and discussing ways to make these goals happen.

SOAR

Strength, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results

CORE VALUES

- 1. Welcome and Belonging**-extending the hand of fellowship to all who enter this church. This includes worship, communion and all activities.
- 2. Faith in Action**-Our wider community will see the face of Christ in our service to others, large & small, building bridges in the community.
- 3. Christ Centered Worship**-nurturing the presence of God through experience of communion, worship, centered in Christ, for all generations, using the gifts which with we are blessed.
- 4. Community relationship & shared leadership**-We believe faith is lived in relationship and as a generous life

GOALS FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS

1. Youth and families
2. Worship & Music vitality
3. Care & Support, Community response
4. Volunteer culture
5. Financial sustainability

MISSION STATEMENT

"Gathering at Christ's table we welcome and serve others."

VISIONING TEAM

Belle Stapleton
Carmen Goodman
Donna Osterholt
Randisue Davis
Steve Huckfeldt
Dewey Smith
Ex officio - Pastor Bryan & Pastor Rhonda
Alternate: TBD

April 2026

March 2026

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May 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15AM Worship School 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 9:15AM Youth Sunday School 10:10AM Worship School 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Boy Scouts 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00PM AA 	<p>1</p> <p>April Fools' Day</p> <p>Passover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon in the Round 	<p>2</p> <p>7:00PM Maundy Thursday service</p>	<p>3</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15AM SANDWICH MIN-ISTRY
<p>5</p> <p>Easter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15AM Worship School 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 9:15AM Youth Sunday School 10:10AM Worship School 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Paper Piecing Quilters 6:00PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM Elders meeting 7:00PM Boy Scouts 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00PM AA 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon in the Round 	<p>9</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	<p>10</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15AM SANDWICH MIN-ISTRY 11:00AM BURGESS BABY SHOWER
<p>12</p> <p>Orthodox Easter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15AM Worship School 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 9:15AM Youth Sunday School 10:10AM Worship School 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 3:00PM Primrose Service 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Working 4 Warriors quilting 6:00PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00PM Boy Scouts 7:00PM Commissions 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00PM DWM Fellowship 7:00PM AA 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon in the Round 	<p>16</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	<p>17</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15AM SANDWICH MIN-ISTRY 9:00AM 3 D's quilters 9:00AM Men's Group 10:00AM blanket ministry
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