



THE CALL

FEB 2019

JANUARY

JAN. 25 - ELDER'S DINNER @ 6:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY

**FEB. 4 - CIRCLE OF CARING @ 2:00 P.M.
- ELDERS MEET AT 6:30 P.M.**

FEB 7 - Lunch Bunch Potluck @ 11:30 a.m.
Everyone is invited to bring a dish and have some food and fellowship. **NO DWM Board meeting.** Rev. McBride in Denver 2/7-9.

**FEB 9 - Stewart Birthday Inner Room 10-noon
ΒΣΦ Valentine Party Fellowship Hall 12-3 p.m.**

**FEB. 10 - Deadline for reservations for CWF/
DWM hosted Spaghetti dinner**

**FEB 11 - CWF #3 @ 11:30 a.m. @ Lime Leaf
6:30/7 & 8:00 - Commissions & Board**

FEB 12 - Wallace Quilters, Board room @ 9 a.m.

FEB 13 - CWF #2 @ Noon in Fellowship Hall.
Other women of the church are welcome.

**FEB 14 VALENTINE'S DAY - CWF #1 meets at
10:00 a.m. in Board room**

**FEB 15. NO SCHOOL. CWF hosts Spaghetti
dinner @ 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.**
CRMR Youth Midwinter Retreat @ La Foret

**FEB 18 - OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF
PRESIDENT'S DAY.**

FEB. 24 - SCOUT SUNDAY observed

FEB. 25 - Cubs Blue & Gold Banquet at Shrine Club

**FEB. 28 - FCC Preschool Program/Silent Auction
fundraiser at FCC 6:30 p.m. Dessert refreshments
will be in the Fellowship Hall after the program.**

Church Staff:

Rev. Cynthia McBride, Lead Pastor

Leigh Earle, Bookkeeper

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Annette Crain, Preschool Director

Amber French, Music Director

Cheryl Dionne, Nursery Staff

Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays: 8:30 - Noon



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Chapel Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Class

10:10 Worship & Children's Classes

11:30 Coffee Fellowship

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Preschool hours (Sept-May)

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon

Preschool Phone - 472-0649



**CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED
MONDAY, FEB. 18
PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**From the
Pastor's Desk**

New Wineskins

The New Year is often a good time for cleaning out closets and intentionally trying to reduce clutter in our lives. What spiritual "cleaning out" do you need to do as this new year unfolds? What clutter (physical, emotional or mental) is in your way? Do you need to let go of the *old* to make room for the *new*?

In Luke 5, Jesus told a parable: "*No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. ³⁸But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, 'The old is good.'*"

I'm not a sommelier, but I know that some wines are better with age. The right aging process also helps the flavor of certain types of cheeses and even home-made spaghetti sauce & chili. As followers of a faith that started over 2,000 years ago (and one that was rooted in an even more ancient faith) we know that OLD STUFF can be **GOOD!** But, sometimes, we need NEW ways of living out our sharing of the "Old, old story" so that others can hear it anew and our own hearts can be refreshed.

Let me tell you about some NEW things happening in one of the "oldest" groups at FCC...

CWF - Christian Women's Fellowship - has been active in our congregation since FCC's inception in 1921 (though initially the group was called the Women's Missionary Society). In fact, it was a group of women meeting in a home in Casper who first decided that our community NEEDED this church! They invited the evangelist Rev. Charles Stout to come and preach. (Check out his photo on our hallway history of ministers.) The women of the church continue to ask: what does FCC *need*? What *needs* in Casper can we help meet? Now, they are trying to figure out the right "container" for a beloved ministry of this church.

When Rev. See was preaching here, and we had over 400 members, there were at least five CWF circles. Through the years, as membership declined, CWF consolidated into three groups. After my arrival here nine-plus years ago, we added a new group "Godly Girlfriends" meeting at night to accommodate younger, working women's schedules. Though CWF's membership is much smaller, the three women's circles and Godly Girlfriends continue to do tremendous ministry - faithfully funding special projects both inside the church and meeting needs in Natrona County, hosting bereavement receptions, providing the Sunday coffee hour once a month, helping monthly with the sandwich ministry, baking goodies for the Pumpkin Patch, sending cards to homebound members, and more.

Among the changes coming for CWF: Consideration of using new initials: DWM - meaning **Disciples Women's Ministry** in an attempt to be more inclusive & welcoming of ALL women in the church, even those who've never connected with CWF - and restructuring their Executive Board. Rather than meeting monthly, they plan to coordinate activities of their circle groups in less formal ways and plan a larger quarterly event to include more women of the church & their families. Thanks to Peg Jackson and her helper Harriet Ames for encouraging the women to try doing things in a new way.

The first such new event will be a **Spaghetti Dinner** on Friday, Feb. 15. Mark your calendars now for this FREE meal and night of romantic music with FREE childcare, all provided by CWF/DWM in Fellowship Hall. (See elsewhere in The Call for more details.)

.... Stay tuned to hear more about "new wineskins" being explored by CWF/DWM.

.... If you're a woman of *any* age and you'd like to visit a CWF/DWM circle to get to know other women in the church, you are always invited.

- *Pastor Cynthia*

Group One (also named Elizabeth/Ruth/Naomi) meets 2nd Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Board Room

Group Two (Martha) meets 2nd Wednesdays at noon in Fellowship Hall for a potluck salad lunch

Group Three (Marie) meets 2nd Mondays at 11:30 for a Dutch Treat lunch at area restaurants

Suggested CWF dues are \$6 per month, but any offering is welcome

Godly Girlfriends meet 5:30 PM on Thursdays towards the end of the month, various times during the year

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to students Keith Rouse, Abel Stewart, and Josh Black on being recipients of \$400 scholarships for the spring semester 2019. These scholarships are made possible through the wisdom, foresight and generous donations of the saints who have gone before us. If you are interested in contributing funds or setting up a scholarship fund for FCC scholarships, contact Becky Foster, Chair of the Wills, Trust, Memorials & Scholarship Committee "WTMS" or Ted Grooms, Chair of the Stewardship Commission.



UPDATE FROM THE MISSION COMMISSION

The Mission Commission and the youth will work together for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** on February 3rd. There will be a table set up in Fellowship Hall for you to place cans of soup and nonperishable foods on in support of your Super Bowl team. Join in the fun and see if your team wins by the amount of food collected.

The **Fleece Blanket ministry** has made 967 blankets since the project was started and has delivered over 920 blankets to date. We will be making blankets on January 26th from 1-4 p.m. (**not** our regular scheduled Saturday) to try to reach the goal of making 1000 blankets by our 3rd year anniversary! The Mission Commission gives blankets to people in need and to 28 organizations that serve those in need. Central Wyoming Hospice, Healthcare for the Homeless, Greta Hinderliter for homeless students, Interfaith, Community Action, Self Help Center, Youth Crisis Center, Casper Youth for Christ, Meals on Wheels, Children's Advocacy Center, Make A Wish Wyoming, Rocky Mountain Oncology, Renal Care Center, Mills Fire Dept, WMC (Mother & Baby Unit, Pediatrics, Chaplain office and the Caring Closet), Shepherd of the Valley Care Center, McKinley House, Victim Services, Night in the Cold, the Day of Encouragement in Midwest and some of the Sandwich Ministry recipients have been among those receiving the blankets. Saturday's special event will have music and refreshments. You are invited to come tie a blanket and help us celebrate this amazing milestone! Contact Debbie Mestas if you need more details.

Casper's **CROP Hunger Walk** will be on Sunday, April 28th starting at the Tate Pumphouse. This is an opportunity to participate and make a difference both locally & globally. If you are interested in participating, contact Deb Mestas or Keith Rouse.

The **Sandwich Ministry** served 3550 sack lunches from July 1st - December 31st. Thank you to everyone who helps with this project! We need Saturday helpers, so if you are interested contact Debbie Mestas.

There are several large maps of the Middle East in the classrooms and library of the church. They are old, worn and out of date. If someone would like to have them for a craft project, let Jennifer Grooms know before Thursday January 31st, otherwise they will be discarded.

FEBRUARY DIACONATE

Kathy Winders, Lynda Williams, Annette Ambrosino, Belle Stapleton

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel - Robin Nelson & Pat Seamands
10:10 Service - Larry Winders

FEBRUARY Greeter

Trudy Woodard
To volunteer as a Sunday greeter call Pat Buck @ 234-1829



FEBRUARY Offering Steward:
Larry Winders

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Judy Potter	Feb. 5	Melanie Dowler	Feb. 17
Connor Goodman	Feb. 6	Payton Brown	Feb. 20
Jo Cox	Feb. 7	Ben Ambrosino	Feb. 21
Carson Johnson	Feb. 7	Mark Foster	Feb. 22
Marie Robertson	Feb. 7	Steve Kingsolver	Feb. 24
Jared Baker	Feb. 9	Jackie Tighe	Feb. 25
Betty Blain	Feb. 12		
Pat Buck	Feb. 12		
Michelle Elser	Feb. 16		

FEBRUARY ANIVERSARIES

LARRY & KATHY WINDERS
FEB. 22, 1969 (50 YEARS)



Thank You to the *many* members of the congregation who gave Charles and me cards and many tokens of appreciation over the holidays. Thank you to CWF for the annual "staf gift" shared with several of our FCC

workers. We are blessed to be part of such a caring & generous church family. **Blessings, Pastor Cynthia**

ATTENTION EAST-SIDE MEMBERS



Paul Smith regularly attends the 10:10 worship service but needs transportation to and from church. Paul lives on the 600 block of South Walsh Drive. Several of our congregational members have been bringing him but they cannot provide weekly rides. If you can help with transportation, please contact Dennis Baker @ 277-1532.

LIBRARY DONATIONS - TENT ROOM

Before you donate to our church library, please review the following: 1) Is the publication date prior to 2010? If so, our library has **NO** room for it but you can donate to the Friends of the Library. 2) We **DO NOT** have room for paintings, posters, etc. Please **DO NOT** leave these items in the library.

The downstairs tent room and worship & wonder room has been accumulating "odds & ends" that impede our yung child programming held in this room. Over the next month, the room's materials will be cleaned and organized and unnecessary items will be given away. Please **DO NOT** put things in this room without checking with Erika Stupak or Jennifer Grooms.



DONATION TABLE

There's a small table at the foot of the stairs outside of Fellowship Hall where you can drop off the following items: canned goods & non-perishable items for Joshua's Storehouse, clean used egg cartons, eye glasses for the Lion's Club and cancelled postage stamps.

Peace Starts with a Smile 😊

EVERYONE COME!! CWF joyfully invites you to enjoy a night of “romance & wine” (sparkling water)! and all things “lovely and divine” at our Valentine’s Day dinner on Friday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be tasty and consists of Baked Spaghetti (regular and gluten free), salad, garlic bread and a sweet treat for dessert. There is no cost, just be the guest of CWF/DWM. Nursery care will be provided and the children’s menu will be Baked Mac & Cheese, mandarin oranges and oreos. The children will be served in the Christian Education wing.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Pastor’s office. Please let us know how many will be attending, how many children and if you will be eating gluten free. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, February 10th.



WYOMING SENIOR OLYMPICS

The Wyoming Senior Olympics will be held in Pinedale, WY February 7-9th. Events include skiing, snowshoe races, speed skating, hockey goal shoot, swimming, pickleball and an indoor one mile walking race. Events are open to anyone 50 years or older. Competitors are divided into age brackets. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.



ACOLYTE TRAINING CALLING ALL PARENTS!



We have enough young children coming to worship at FCC that we would like to try to schedule acolytes on specific dates. If you would like your children to be included in the Spring rotation of candle lighting, please email Emily Brown at emmy_jane@hotmail.com. We will offer a training session for parents and children. We do not have a specific age limit. We’ll trust the parent’s judgement when their children are old enough to handle open flames and young enough to still enjoy participating.

FROM THE EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Worship & Wonder class (age 3-kindergarten) and Young Disciple class (grades 1-4) meet during the 10:10 worship service. Children should attend the beginning of worship with their families and will be dismissed to go with the class leaders to their respective classes. Our Chi Rho class (grades 5-8) is facilitated by Michelle Elser. That class will usually attend worship through the choir’s anthem and then leave with Michelle. A nursery is always available for infants and toddlers.

ADULT EDUCATION is in need of volunteers to facilitate adult education classes. If you are interested in leading an adult class, please contact Jennifer Grooms. The Homebuilders Class meets weekly in the Inner Room, currently facilitated by Ted Grooms & other volunteers. Other classes meet for shorter periods of intentional study.





PRESCHOOL UPDATES

Preschool enrollment for the fall has started and is open to current preschool families and church members. It will be open to the public on February 19th. If you know anyone who might be interested in attending our wonderful school or would like a tour of the facility, have them contact Preschool Director Annette Crain @ 472-0649.

The annual FCC Preschool spring fundraiser will be on Thursday, February 28th at First Christian Church. The school program, titled "What I Learn in School," will be in the sanctuary, and the silent auction and dessert reception will be in the Fellowship hall following the program. Event starts at 6:30 p.m. If you have any item you would like to donate for the silent auction (baskets, photographs, etc.) contact Teacher Annette or bring them to the church office - or if you would like to donate some home-made baked goods for our reception, talk to Cheryl Dionne.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR YOUTH

February 15-18 - Midwinter Youth Retreat at Camp La Foret. Kylie Stupak will be attending with Katie McGlade as sponsor.

Bowling Party for Grade 5-12 sometime in February. Details yet to be determined.

Graduation Sunday & 2nd Grade Recognition - May 12th during 10:10 worship



SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, April 20th - 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, July 27 - VBS on the Mountain, Beartrap Meadow - Theme: "The Reef"

WEDNESDAY QUILTERS



The Fellowship Quilters are raffling a queen-sized quilt to support purchase of materials and tools for future quilting projects. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets will be sold on Sunday's before and after worship service. Drawing date TBD. If you'd like to help sell tickets to friends outside of church, see Cindy Huckfeldt.

MISSING BOOKS!

We are missing 6 copies of "Common Prayer, A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals." This is a large book of responsive readings used at chapel occasionally. They are kept on the shelf outside the sanctuary. If you have borrowed a copy, please return it to the church. If you would like to order a copy for your personal devotion time, we can assist with that.

We are also missing several of the red Chalice Hymnals. If you have taken one home to practice some hymns, to learn music for solos, etc., please return them to the church office. Thank you!!!



February 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:15 AM Chapel 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	28 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	29 Rev. McBride day off 7:00 PM AA	30 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Choir Practice	31	1 Groundhog Day 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry	2
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2019

When: July 20 - 24, 2019

Where: Des Moines, IA

Join Disciples from across the US and Canada in downtown Des Moines at the Iowa Events Center for General Assembly 2019. Early registration discounts are available for the adult/regular registration fee until March 31, 2019. Speakers at the General Assembly will be Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President; Rev. Nancy Gowler, FCC, Puyallup, WA; Rev. Ruben del Pilar, Community Worship Center, Gardena, CA; Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale; Rev. Mark Briley; Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. For further information, schedules and registration forms go to www.disciples.org and all information is on the website. If you have any questions regarding the General Assembly, talk with Pastor Cynthia. Knitters, crocheters, crafters and quilters across the church are crafting "finger labyrinths" to be used during worship in Des Moines. See Peg Jackson for a pattern if you'd like to join this project.