

THE CALL APRIL 2019

MARCH REMINDERS

March 25 - 29 - NCSD SPRING BREAK

Mar. 31 - Young Adult Community Group 3:30 PM -Hallock Shepherding Group @ Dowlers 5 PM

*LENTEN SERVICES will be every Wednesday night starting with vespers @ 6:00 p.m. in the Inner Room led by the Elders and soup supper at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

APRIL EVENTS

Apr. 1 - Circle of Caring @ 2:00 p.m.

- ELDERS @ 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 4 - DWM/CWF Board meeting @ 10:00 a.m.

- Lunch Bunch Potluck @ 11:30

Apr. 8 - CWF #3 11:30 @ Hibachi Grill

Apr. 10 - CWF #2 @ noon

Apr. 11 - CWF #1@ 10:00

Apr. 14 - Palm Sunday - Deadline for bringing Easter candy to church.

Apr. 15 - TAX DAY - Deadline to sign up for the Seder Dinner

Apr. 18 - MAUNDY THURSDAY - Seder Supper @ 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 19 - GOOD FRIDAY

Apr. 20 - Prayer Vigil - 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m

Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00 with a puppet show in the Fellowship Hall.

Apr. 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service @ 3 Crowns with First United Methodist Church

8:15 a.m. Chapel Service

10:10 Worship

April 23-25 - "Leadership Advance" event with evangelism training at FCC in Loveland

April 28 - 1:00 p.m. Casper CROP WALK

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 Ronnie Sanborn, Custodial Contractor 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

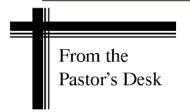
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Preschool hours (Sept-May)

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - noon

PAINTER NEEDED - A small closet at the back of the sanctuary is in need of a fresh coat of paint. If you'd like to volunteer for this project, speak with Cal Decker, our Property Chair.



Spiritual Disciplines

Are you a disciplined person? Do you have specific goals you're working towards in life? Whether it's practicing a sport or learning an instrument, showing up at the gym every day, or saving consistently over the years to be financially secure in retirement, there are many things in life that take

commitment and *discipline*. Is it easy? No, but definitely worth it. "Practicing our faith" takes **commitment** and **discipline** as well.

During Lent, this year's Sunday sermon series leads us to reflect on spiritual disciplines - prayer, fasting, solitude & silence, community, service / caring for the "least of these," and desiring God. Yesterday, we heard numerous scriptures where Jesus goes off alone to pray. Are you making time this week to be intentionally alone to seek God in silence? Henri Nouwen wrote that "without solitude it is almost impossible to live a spiritual life. In solitude, we separate ourselves from people and things in order to *attend to God*. In stillness, we quiet every inner and outer voice to listen for God's "sheer silence." This coming Sunday, we'll reflect on the importance of community - and how it is essential to our faith journeys to be engaged with and connected to other Christians.

Many spiritual disciplines are best lived out in a "both-and" balance... time alone to seek God and time in community to share with others, moments of prayer that consist of speaking our deepest needs to God and listening for the whispers of the Holy Spirit. What does your soul most need in order to draw closer to Christ? What spiritual discipline comes naturally for you and which do you need to practice more?

We are part way through the season of Lent. Opportunities for you to deepen your connection with Jesus abound - daily devotional reading, Wednesday vespers, upcoming Holy Week services and the Maundy Thursday seder. Have you ever thought of **evangelism** as a spiritual discipline? It is certainly something that all of us can practice more! When you see someone at church that you don't know, introduce yourself. Seek out that person at coffee hour who seems to be sitting alone. Pray about a neighbor, coworker, relative or friend you might invite to church at Easter - and then invite them! Offer to pick them up for one of our vespers/soup supper evenings. Bring them on Sunday morning, sit with them and introduce them to others. Then send them a prayer card thanking them for coming. At Easter we celebrate the Great News of Jesus' resurrection. Let's share the Good News of God's love and grace with others this Lent and Easter. - *Pastor Cynthia*

EASTER OFFERING: As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries.

Our general ministries provide critical resources to Disciples congregations, like stewardship campaign materials, loans and financial services, and space for community building around shared values and traditions. Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Our Easter offering on April 14 & 21 benefits the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), including: Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Historical Society, ethnic ministries (Obra Hispana, National Convocation, NAPAD), Home Missions, Disciples Women, Global Ministries, Higher Education & Leadership Ministries, Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, National Benevolent Association.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5 NRSV



There are a few items regarding the church that we would like to address: 1) Please make sure that if you are using the church for meetings, practices, receptions, etc., that ALL the lights are turned off, windows are closed and that the doors (especially

the kitchen door) are locked before you leave and make sure the handicap switch in the elevator entryway is **off** before leaving. **2)** When you come in to the church during the day, if you enter through the Fellowship Hall, please notify the staff that you are in the building. **3)** With cold and flu season here, please make sure you clean up your pew when you leave on Sunday morning (from chapel or 10:10 worship) and dispose of your used tissues in the bins outside the sanctuary. Thank you!

P.S. We're no longer placing boxes of tissues in the pews as they often get sat upon & squashed, but we do have tissues available in the narthex if you'd like to take some in to the sanctuary with you.

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.



CHRISTIAN ED OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteer to help with Veggie Tales summer programming for ages 3 – Grade 4. Pray about facilitating an adult class Sept.-May. (Ted Grooms will retire from leading Homebuilders on May 8.)



NEWS FROM THE SCOUT TRAIL

The Cub Scouts had their Blue & Gold Banquet several weeks ago and 3 boys crossed over to our Boy Scouts. Congratulations to them and it is good to see Troop 13 growing. At the recent Court of Honor, Zach Hawley received the rank of Star and Cristopf Atkinson receive the rank of 1st Class.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Rebekah Shoen for winning State Championship in Speech in original Oratory and qualifying for Nationals. Rebekah is a student at Kelly Walsh High School.



Nathan Hawley was presented an award for the Young Referee of the Year by the Wyoming Soccer Association, and Scott Hawley was presented an award for the Referee of the Year by the Wyoming Soccer Association. **WAY TO GO!!!**



YOUTH PIZZA PARTY -- SAVE THE DATE!

Youth (grades 5-12) are invited to a pizza party following church on Sunday, April 14th. We will eat pizza and stuff eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

APRIL SERVERS

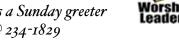
Diaconate: Laurie Anderson, Trudy Woodard, Annette Ambrosino, Debbie Mestas

COMMUNION PREP Chapel - TBD

10:10 Service - Deckers

APRIL Greeter

David Wallace To volunteer as a Sunday greeter call Pat Buck @ 234-1829



Offertory Steward:

Tom Dowler



We would like to take this time to thank all of you for the cards, notes and prayers for Catherine Conley during and after her heart surgery, visits to her while she was in ICU by Rev. Cynthia and for all the sympathy cards and

prayers for her mother and sister after her passing. A special thanks to Carol Sage for sitting with Cathy's mother and sister during the long hours of the surgery and for Carol's visits, phone calls and food during this trying time. Thank you to Rev. Cynthia for her visit to our home after Cathy's passing. Peg Jackson's visit was also appreciated when she brought the card from CWF #1 and the special prayer she gave us. May God Bless all of you for caring for us during this trying time!

- Marie & Arlene Wegner

Thank you very much to all those who visited me at the hospital and at Elkhorn. We also appreciate all of you who kept us in your thoughts & prayers, for the emotional support and words of encouragement. Praising & Thanking God for his Healing Power & Mercy.

- Al McKenzie

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Tyler Ambrosino	Apr. 3	Dennis Baker	Apr. 20
Kristen Anderson	n Apr. 4	Jennifer Grooms	Apr. 20
Don Davis	Apr. 5	Brenda Booth	Apr. 24
Briana Black	Apr. 13	Paul Hallock	Apr. 26
Trisha Nichols	Apr. 13	Jim Oliver	Apr. 26
Harriet Ames	Apr. 14		
Becky Foster	Apr. 18		
Natalie Grooms	Apr. 18		
Don Davis Briana Black Trisha Nichols Harriet Ames Becky Foster	Apr. 5 Apr. 13 Apr. 13 Apr. 14 Apr. 18	Brenda Booth Paul Hallock	Apr. 2

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Casey & Sarah Brown April 12, 2008 Darin & Crystal Rodgers April 15, 2005 Steve & Cindy Huckfeldt April 24, 1976



CHALICE HYMNAL FINAL PRINTING

We have purchased a few extra Chalice Hymnals to supplement what we have in the sanctuary and use in the Inner Room. If any member of the church would like to make a donation to dedicate one of

these hymnals in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office. The cost is \$25.

My dear friends---Just thought I would let you know I am doing fine here in Texas. I enjoy and look forward to your pictures and news on Facebook and also receiving the monthly newsletter. Thank you and miss all of you!! Love & Hugs, *Virginia Braley*

WORSHIP & WONDER LEADERS NEEDED!

Worship & Wonder is our Sunday School class for children ages 3-5. The class has a regular curriculum and is scripted. Materials are available for you. We just need people to help implement it. If you are interested, contact Erika Stupak or Maggie Grooms.



LENTEN WORSHIP & Soup Supper

Every Wednesday evening during Lent, the First Christian Church Elders lead a vespers service at 6:00 p.m. in the Inner Room with a Soup Supper afterwards in Fellowship Hall. The Theme for this year's vespers services is The Beatitudes.

To celebrate Palm Sunday on April 14, our children will process into the sanctuary with the choir and sing during worship. They're encouraged to come on Sundays this month to practice with Joan McNamara. We use "ecopalms" which are sustainably harvested.

Our **Maundy Thursday** service will be held April 18th. There will be a seder supper with roast lamb that night @ 6:30 p.m. with worship and communion shared around the tables as the meal unfolds. If you'd like to help the Spiritual Growth commission with the meal, speak to Amber French. A "Seder" meal tells the story of Passover, which Jesus shared with his disciples the night of his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. Come experience a holy time during Holy Week. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. DEADLINE for reservations is Monday, April 15th.

Ecumenical **Holy Week** services will be held from 12:05-12:35 daily at First United Methodist Church. The annual **12 hour Prayer Vigil** will be Saturday, April 20th from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

MISSION COMMISSION REPORT

The Mission Commission will focus on both local and global missions this year. The **Casper CROP Hunger Walk** will be held on Sunday, Apr 28th at the Tate Pumphouse. We have set a goal of \$5000 this year and to have 100 walkers/runners. We would love to have a huge team from FCC as well as teams from other churches and organizations. This is an event that anyone can participate in whether by walking or running, being on the planning team or by supporting the other walkers/runners. The money raised will be distributed by Church World Service to help fight hunger, with 25% going the Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies to help fight hunger in Wyoming. Contact Keith Rouse or Debbie Mestas for further info.

Twelve blankets were made on March 16th bringing our total made to 1,015. We will make blankets with the kids at the Youth Crisis Center on Monday, March 25th @ 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping, contact Debbie. The Sandwich Ministry is going well, but could use more volunteers especially on the 1st, 2nd, and 5th Saturdays. If interested, come to the church at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday to help. Thanks to everyone that supports our mission projects. **Debbie Mestas, Mission Commission Chair**

YOU MUST'VE BEEN A BEAUTIFUL BABY!!

We're having a "guessing game" this spring. All members are invited to give a copy of a baby picture of yourself to Carol Sage. She'll post them on the bulletin board across from the office & then members will be invited to guess who's who. Several photos are already posted - you can pencil in your "guess" on the nearby sheet.





GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

When: July 20 - 24, 2019 Where: Des Moines, IA

Come Experience: Worship to lift your soul. Stories to touch your heart.

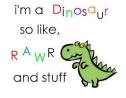
Educational resources to assist your congregation in ministry.

Conversations that stretch your mind. Messages that call you to action. Connections that remind you that God's family is bigger than a local congregation.

All this and more in five short days!

Join Disciples from across the US & Canada in downtown Des Moines at the Iowa Events Center. **Early registration discounts are available until March 31, 2019**. Speakers will include Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President, and the prophetic voice of Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. Information is available online at www.ga.disciples.org. The McBrides are going, as well as Peg Jackson, and we'd love to have a group from Casper head to Des Moines to share this "family reunion" of Disciples! Talk to Pastor Cynthia for more information.

UPDATE FROM THE DINOSAUR DEN



SPRING BREAK!!! Yeah. School will be out from March 25-29th. When we return, it will be time for our Trip Around the World. Everyone is looking forward to that and graduation will soon be here. Our fundraiser was a huge success. We made over \$4000 from our silent auction and a little over \$1000 from our gift board. Take a look at the long board in the downstairs hallway by Annette's office - it is

a "gift board." All money from the gift board will go towards purchasing new carpet for the church. There were 100 envelopes on the board and each envelope represents the gift amount you would like to give towards new carpet. If you would like to donate, pick a number and place your gift in the envelope in the box. There is a receipt in each envelope for your gift. The preschool will match donations dollar for dollar up to \$2,000. Wouldn't it be wonderful to gift \$4,000 to the church towards new carpet?

We currently have a few openings for next fall's enrollment. Share with your family and friends who might want to enroll their child that church members get a 10% discount on tuition. We appreciate the members of First Christian Church and hope to become a stronger partner with the congregation. Enjoy Spring Break and if you have any questions on the gift board be sure to stop by the preschool and we'll answer them. Thanks, the dinosaur leaders -- *Teachers Annette, Stacy, Kati, Christina, Brooke, Brianna, & Cheryl.*

May 2019

April 2019

March 2019

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NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION

EASTER EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH @ 10:00 A.M. In addition to the egg hunt there will be a puppet show in the Fellowship Hall. DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT ARE NEEDED! Donations of candy to stuff the Easter Eggs are needed by Sunday, April 14th. Candies should be individually wrapped and can be left in the church library. We also need individuals to help hide the eggs at 9:00 a.m. on 4/20. We are looking for someone to set up a photo booth where parents can snap photos with E. Bunny with their cell phones. Just the booth--no photography equipment needed. Contact Jennifer @ 259-4460 to volunteer. NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 21st to allow our teachers and children to attend worship with their families.

OTHER UPCOMING CHRISTIAN ED EVENTS

Sun. March 24 - Young Disciples and W&W learn about baby Moses and song practice

Sun. March 31 - Young Disciples and W&W learn about young man Moses and song practice

Sun. Apr. 7 - Young Disciples learn about Palm Sunday and song practice

Sun. Apr. 14 - Young Disciples have pre-Easter activities - Children & Youth sing in church

Sun. Apr. 21 - No Sunday School but nursery is available

Sun. Apr. 28 - Young Disciples learn about Moses on the move



<u>Bible School on the Mountain</u> will be Sat. July 27 as we "dive" into our faith with an undersea theme. Volunteers are needed to prepare lunch, run centers, and offer general assistance. This year we are expanding our VBS experience with activities during our regularly scheduled Sunday School time on July 14 and 21. Exciting things are planned!