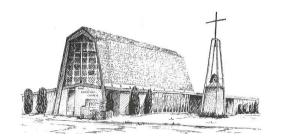


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The Crusader



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Holy week has so far been my busiest week as a minister. Being a solo minister can be quite stressful at times, wondering if you are doing the right things, if you are phrasing things in your sermon right, if you designed a lesson correctly. It is all very stressful, and I absolutely love it.

Going into May, I am excited for the various things that are happening. This month there is regional assembly, CRW work weekend, our day trip to CRW and I get to see my mother. While this month may seem busy, I still don't think it will be as stress filled as Holy Week.

So, do you ever feel really stressed? How do you manage your stress? Is it exercise, eating, going for a walk, reading? Have you ever spent time in prayer to manage your stress? Prayer can take on the form of meditation, which can be a time we can use to center ourselves and our spirits and in doing this relieve our stress. I highly recommend that you spend some time in prayer this month, mediating with God and finding your center, to live a healthier, more spiritual life.

Blessings,

Pastor Mat





May 1: Patty Pfau – Birthday/Anniversary Celebration

May 8: Pastor Mat serving a Mother's (Ladies) Day luncheon

May 15: Linda DeMinck
May 22: Donna Dowell
May 29: Debbie Bickerton

MAYE PEYFDIA

Diaconate: Jan Tromp

As long as we are not serving communion but rather going up to the front of the church and receiving communion, we will only have a Diaconate.



Elder:

May 1:

May 8: Tricia Waylett

May 15:

May 22: Donna Dowell May 29: Fred Lumsden

Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity

"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table, as God has welcomed us."

2022 Church Events



8 – Mother's Day (Ladies Day)...Pastor Mat serving lunch

13-15 Work weekend at Cane Ridge West
15 - Board Meeting for March and April
20-22 - Regional Assembly - Post Falls, Idaho

28 – Day Trip to Cane Ridge West 30 – Memorial Day – Office closed

Grief Support 7-9 sponsored by Five Valley's Church of Christ every

Monday night until May 23rd

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"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the LORD" ~ Jeremiah 30:17

Please pray for:

Wayne DeMinck Debbie Bickerton
Ruth Vinion Linda Sadler

Judy Hazelbaker Doug and Joan Combs Marie Hall Ukraine and it's people

Charlotte Hanger's daughter, Debbie



9– Carma Gilligan

12 – Fotis Vatoussis

19 – James Pfau

21- Mishel Vatoussis



6 – Ron & Donna Dowell

23 – Fotis & Mishel Vatoussis

Monthly Offerings in Jan	<i>\$4,237</i>
Monthly Offerings in Feb	<i>\$5,638</i>
Monthly Offerings in March	\$3,010
Monthly Offerings in April	\$4,511



Creamy Pasta Primavera

I can't think of Spring without thinking of this dish...

Ingredients:

2 cups uncooked Penne Pasta

1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces

3 medium carrots, shredded

2 teaspoons canola oil

2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved

1 garlic clove, minced

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1/2 cup heavy whipping cream

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Directions

- 1. Cook pasta according to package directions. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, sauté asparagus and carrots in oil until crisptender. Add tomatoes and garlic; cook 1 minute longer.
- 2. Stir in the cheese, cream and pepper. Drain pasta; toss with asparagus mixture.

Don't know why they didn't include salt and pepper but you will probably want to include it. Also, feel free to add any veggies you want, i.e. peas, zucchini, etc.so good!!

The Symbol find has returned!

I have hidden a symbol in The Crusader and whoever finds it, will receive a gift card, i.e. McDonalds, Dairy Queen, and other places and one other small prize. There is only <u>one symbol</u> hidden for the month's issue and if that person finds the symbol, they contact myself or Mat.

The reason behind this is to get people to open the Crusader and read it. So now even if our selected person is one of our out of town readers and they are chosen by me to hide the symbol in their Crusader and they find it, I can send them their gift certificate/gift card. The symbol for May is \bigcirc so look closely and if the symbol is in your Crusader, contact Joyce or Mat.

April – Nancy Johnson and she found it!!! I was thrilled to listen to her voicemail because she sounded excited. So fun...

May -



Another great recipe and this one is from Bekah Myers and from what her mom says, she really likes the kitchen!

Bekah's Smoothie Recipe

½ cup of frozen raspberries
1 cup of frozen mixed berries
½ cup of Yogurt, plain and unsweetened
Enough water or milk to make it blend and powdered sugar to taste.

BLEND AND ENJOY!

Thank you, Bekah, for this recipe I'll gladly take more!!!

Miscellaneous things from Joyce

- Mathew will pass around the draft of the Church Directory during fellowship time. Please check your listing and if ok, write OK beside your listing. If something is incorrect, just write the correct information.
- If a church key is checked out to you, you will be receiving an email stating the key that is checked out and the number, if the information is correct, you don't need to do anything. If you have a key without a number on it, please let me know.



2022 Assembly of the Northern Lights Region May 20 - 22 Templin's on the River, Post Falls, Idaho

Surrounded by gorgious mountains and forests of ponderosa pine and lying the dramatice rushing spokane River, the own of Post Falls, Idaho.
Guest Speaker if Kaitlin Curtice.

See Mat for details on attending.

Day Trip to Cane Ridge West May 28th

Come and explore Cane Ridge West, the beautiful piece of land owned by the Montana congregations of the Disciples.

Estimated Plan:

9:00am bus departs from FCC Missoula

10:30am Arrive at CRW
11:00am Tour of CRW
12:30pm lunch (BBQ)
1:30pm Interest Groups

3:00pm Free Time 4:30pm Worship 5:30pm Dinner

6:30pm Camp Clean Up 7:00pm back to Missoula







FCC T-shirts Are you interested in ordering a church T-Shirt?



They are only \$15 each

If you want one but can't make it into church, you can mail a piece of paper with your name, phone number and what size and how many you need. We must have payment before the shirt is ordered. You can always call the church at 406-549-7221 for more information.

Mother's Day (Ladies Day)

Pastor Mat has taking over Mother's Day this year! He will be serving a lunch after worship service on this Sunday, which is May 8th.

Yall like fried Spam or Bologna sandwiches??? (haha)



The Hope Rescue Mission does AMAZING things for people and are Christ based.

They have three programs that reach out to help homeless, down on their luck...just plain folks that are having a bad patch in life.

Hope Outreach — This program is reach out to help people find a permanent or temporary place to live and have built many tent cities for these people. You may have seen these tent cities, one of them is on HWY 93 just before you get to Peak Fitness on Blue Mountain Road on the same side of the hwy.

<u>549 – HOPE</u> – The church receives many phone calls as well as walk ins asking for financial assistance and not being able to vet these people, we usually have to say no. Now, we can simply ask them to call 549-HOPE and on the other end are volunteers who can better help these people. <u>Grace House</u> – They offer long-term, free recovery program for women dealing with overwhelming personal issues such as addiction, domestic violence, or a criminal history.

	March	April	May	
Avg. attendance from	24	22		
headcount				
Ave attendance from	30	28		
Attendance cards				
Avg. online observers	43	35**		
**Tech problems on				
Easter #'s				

You are invited to

Work Weekend at Cane Ridge West

May 13-15

Summer Camp at CRW

Cane Ridge West - Lincoln, MT GMPK (Entering Grades 1-3 w/ parent/grandparent/guardian)

THIS CAMP HAS BEEN CANCELLED

July 11-16 – Kids Camp (Entering Grades 2-3) (Mon 11 am-Sat 11 am) \$250 July 11-16 – Junior Camp (Entering Grades 4-5) (Mon 11 am-Sat 11 am) \$250 July 18-23 – ChiRho/CYF (Entering Grade 6-HS Grad) (Mon 11 am-Sat 11 am) \$250

See Pastor Mat if you need a church Scholarship for your child.

Tortelli Soup

3 cans Cream of chicken soup
1 ½ c. salsa
10 oz chopped chicken (can use canned chicken)
3 cups water
Simmer 40 minutes
Add 3 cups taco shredded cheese
Serve with corn chips
THIS RECIPE SUBMITTED BY CAROL WHITE!
We miss you, Carol.

Correction of Marie's address

I have an update for Marie's address...we need to include her room number which is **MC8**. I'm sorry if you had your greeting cards returned because of the lack of room number but in the beginning, that's what was told to the church.



On April 24th, Transitional Regional Minister Sandy Messick joined us for worship and during the worship service installed Pastor Mat. It was a wonderful worship service and at the end of the installation, Pastor Mat was also presented with his certificate of commissioning, which shows that he is officially a minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We already recognized Mat as our Pastor, but it is a great joy for him to be recognized by the region.

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)



He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains.

Psalm 104:10

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Service 10:45am Patty Pfau - Coffee Pick up Crusader FVCC 3-8	Venture Scouts-6:30 PM Grief Support Group 7-9	TOPS 7AM-11:30AM Boy Scouts-7:00 PM	4 Five Valley's 7pm - 9pm	5 Girl Scouts 4:30 - 6 FVCC Prayer Group 7pm-8pm	Choices Al-Anon group 12:30- 1:30 The Dowells Cleaning Crew	7 New Hope Al-Anon 9:30am-noon AA-7pm
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