

### First Congregational Church United Church of Christ An Open and Affirming Congregation

# The Epistle

### **May 2024**

"Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

(Paul's Epistle to the Philippians 1:2)

God is Still Speaking



# **Pondering Pastor**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.--1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

We are told in the scripture that as Christians we are to pray at all times. This month, the Pondering Pastor is inviting you to ponder your prayer life. The snow has melted and the mud has dried. The words below are for you to use as you walk the labyrinth on our church grounds. If you are not able to get to the church grounds, use the finger labyrinth elsewhere in the Epistle to pray your way through the labyrinth. Fill this in with as much silence as you need, listen for how God may respond; it may not be with words.

God I thank you for this day.... I thank you for the joys of life....
I thank you even when things are difficult.... In the difficulties and joys of life You are there to be with me to shout for celebration and to weep in despair.... Thank You for never leaving me alone.

When I pray, I seek to be nearer to You God, and to learn Your will for my life. Guide me day by day. Guide each step I take in life, especially when I can not see where the steps are leading. I trust in You to keep the path before me the one I need to be on....

God, help me learn to pay attention to Your leading.... So each day I may be closer to you. Help me know when You have something to teach me. Help me to pay attention to You in my life....

In Prayer, Pastor Kelli

PS. Can you find the rocks the Sunday School has added to the labyrinth?



### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

MONDAY 2:45-4:30 PM, TUESDAY-THURSDAY 12:30-4:30 PM

# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WEEKLY CHURCH USE: LA HERMOSA- TH 7:00 PM, SAT & SUN 3:00 PM BOYSCOUTS- TUES 6:00 PM CUBSCOUTS- WED 5:30 PM MIA'S LEARNING TREE: Mon-Fri 8 am-2 pm			1	2  NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2-3 @ FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	3	4  MEMORIAL  FOR  CHERRANN  ANN  SCAUFLER  11 AM
WORSHIP 10:30 AM GROWING FAITH SUNDAY NOISY CHANGE	6 BIBLE STUDY 2 PM	7	8	9 Men's Fellowship 6:30 pm	10	DURAN FELLOWSHIP HALL
DEACONS 9:15 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM	13  BIBLE STUDY 2PM	14	15	POTLUCK & SEED BOMB CLASS 5:30 PM	17	18 ALL CHURCH CLEAN 9-12
WORSHIP 10:30 AM @HOLY COMMUNION	20	21	22PASTOR KELLY	PUB THEOLOGY 6PM LOCATION TBD ON VACATION—	24	25
26 WORSHIP 10:30 AM	27  MEMORIAL  DAY  OFFICE  CLOSED	28	29  Fellowship Dinner 6 PM @ Marty's	30  COUNCIL 6 PM	31	

### **Community Garden Update!**

On April 21st following worship the garden committee filled our first raised garden bed with soil. Deer-proof fencing will still be added. We are hoping to plant toward the end of May.

Here is the blessing we gave the garden:

God who created the earth. We ask You to bless this garden today.

Bless the soil that it may nurture the bugs and worms and the food we plant.

God be with us as we do something new and start a community garden.

Bless the food that will grow here,

Bless this garden that it may nurture our community. Amen.





Pastor Kelli will be on Vacation May 20-26





We are reading the Book of Deuteronomy. We are hoping to change the day of our study to accommodate more folks. Look for weekly announcements or contact Pastor Kelli for a schedule.



# **Rock Springs High School**

Ava Andrews Jendaya Colletti AJ Fletcher Aubrielle Maes Natalee Williams

# **University of Wyoming**

Ashlynn Butcher

Please join us for a coffee hour in their honor on May 12th!



On Sunday May 19th we will worship at Holy Communion Episcopal Church, 10:30 am, for a joint celebration of Pentecost-the arrival of the Holy Spirit. A potluck lunch will follow.



# In Memory

**De Loy Wyman** April 24, 1933 – April 3, 2024



To the Fennell Family as they remember Cherann Ann Schaufler on May 4th 11am @ FCC

To the Bunning Family as they mourn Chris Bunning

### Mark Your Calendar!

Women's Fellowship is offering a seed bomb class with Bonnie from Red White Buffalo on May 16 at 5:30. We'll start out with a potluck, then go on to make the seed bombs.

The cost is \$12/person (covers the materials provided by Red White Buffalo).

A sign-up sheet will be passed around- please sign up if you are interested. Checks can be made out to Red White Buffalo. Bonnie needs a head count and payment by May 9th.

Seed bombs are native flower seeds mixed in with soil and clay, then thrown out in gardens or random spots around town.



# Women's Fellowship

May 16 @ 5:30 PM
We will be hosting a seed bomb class for the month of May.
(see previous page for details)
We will not meet on our usual
Monday in May. We will continue our summer informal get together. Watch for our summer schedule sign-up!



Pick up the tab for the Ronald McDonald House Intermountain Area!

Your donation of pop tabs helps provide a home away from home for families of seriously ill or injured children receiving treatment from local medical facilities.

Please drop tabs off at the church.



In order for our Sunday worship to run smoothly we need your help! Please sign up to be a worship leader, coffee hour host, or show us your beautiful art work.



You can find the sign-up sheets in the lobby or call the church office.

Thank you to all of our volunteers. You are greatly appreciated!

# COLLECTING CANS AND BOTTLES

We continue to collect cans and bottles for recycling. The funds from this collection are add to our discretionary fund.

\*Remember to take your tabs off the cans and bring them to the office for the Ronald McDonald House.\*



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Recycling one wine bottle saves enough energy to operate a 100-watt light bulb for 3 hours



# St. Christopher's Highway

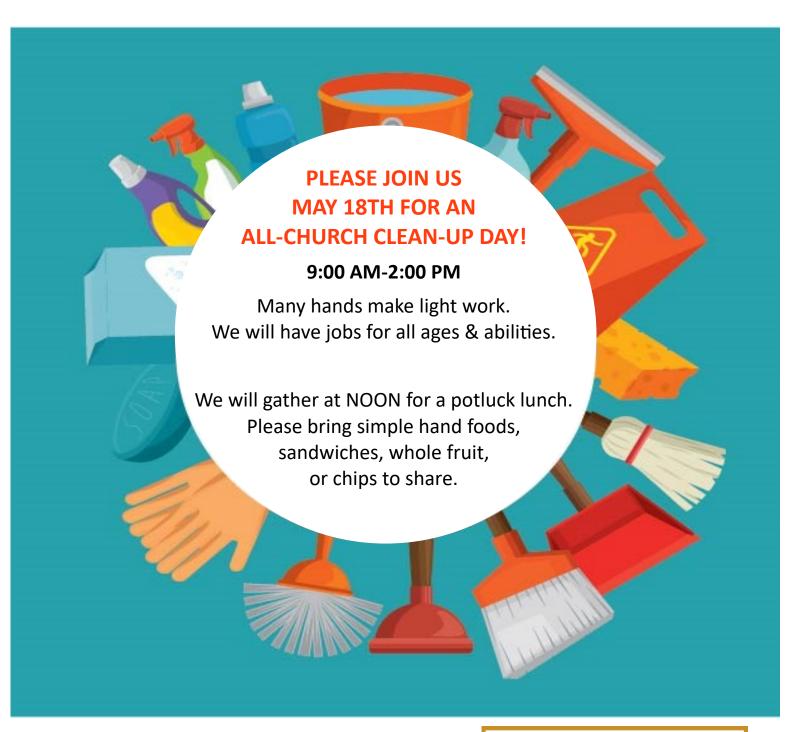
PO Box 567 Rock Springs, WY 82902 307-922-2380

Travel Assistance
Rock Springs & Green River



Type of Assistance:
Lodging Food
Transportation Clothing

Volunteer on call 7:00am - 9:00pm





# Pub Theology May 23RD @ 6PM

Join us with our friends from Holy Communion. Location will be announced later.



#### **SCRIPTURES FOR MAY**

MAY 5 Psalm 150 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57 **MAY 12** 

MAY 19 **TBD MAY 26** TBD



MAY 9TH AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

# It takes a congregation to run a church, Thank Yous go to:

To Growing Faith, Mary Ruth P., Penni H., the Godfrey Family for being

- worship leaders
- To Growing Faith, Mary Ruth P., Joy C., Fennell Family, Godfrey/Legerski Family for hosting fellowship
- To Mary Ruth for displaying her art.
- To Linden O, John, Paul L, Kathy G. Jacean G, for putting soil in the
- garden
  - To Growing Faith, Michele and Linden O. for painting rocks for the Labyrinth



# Let Us Pray Together on



### Where:

First Baptist Church 527 C Street, Rock Springs

### When:

Thursday, May 2, 2024

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Or on KREO 93.5 Radio Thursday, May 2nd 6:00pm & Sunday, May 5th 7:30am