

# FRONTIER CHURCH

*“Preparing people to be in mission with Jesus in all the places where we live, work, and play”*

**1888 E. Four Mile Road**

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## Greetings,

It’s hard to believe that as you are reading this I am already starting my second month as pastor here at Frontier. Debbie and I are finally digging out from beneath the boxes in our house and I am beginning to get the feel of Cheyenne. My overwhelming first impression of Frontier United Methodist Church is how much this is a church that is poised and ready to make a significant impact upon the community of Cheyenne. I know that this is nothing new to most of you folks who have been coming to this church for some time. It’s obvious to me that Frontier United Methodist Church has been impacting the community of Cheyenne in a positive way for many years now. What I find to be most exciting is I get the feeling that we have only scratched the surface of what God has in mind for this church.



**Pastor Steve & wife Debbie**

One of the things that it will take for us to truly reach our potential as a church is for us to make sure that we are all pulling for the same result. It’s important for us to be unified in our efforts to grow the ministry of this church. This is one of the things I will be asking about in our small group get-togethers. I am eager to hear your thoughts about what the core values are that we hold both as Christ’s Church and as Frontier Church. I will be hearing many of your thoughts about this during the small gatherings, but if you aren’t able to make it to a gathering, please call so we can arrange a time where I can talk to you in person.

These are challenging times for the church. Our culture is changing and as a church we must adapt to what is happening beyond our doors. We can get overwhelmed by the busyness of our culture or we can get lulled into a sense of complacency. We can get sidetracked by good activities and miss out on the really great ones. From what I have seen in just the first month of being here is that we have some really great opportunities to deeply impact even more lives here in the community of Cheyenne. With the great programs you have already begun and deeply committed leadership, I believe that God is going to use us in some mighty and powerful ways. That’s the thing about working for God; you never really know what to expect, but you know it’s going to be great in the long run. I hope that you, like me are looking forward to working with God for the long run.

Please keep praying and asking God to show us the way. Ask God to empower us for the journey ahead. I know that many of you have been praying for Debbie and I in this time of transition and we appreciate that more than you’ll ever know. All of our prayers are so vitally important to our mission to *prepare people to be in mission with Jesus in all the places where we live, work and play*. Thanks for all you do. Thanks for all you are going to do as we move forward together in ministry.

May God’s blessings be upon you,

**Pastor Steve**

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## PHI SIGMA MU NEWS

We had a great experience at mission camp at the end of July and thank everyone who helped make that happen. We are going to continue to look for mission opportunities through out the year, in which we can get the students involved sharing Christ with others. Be sure to look at the student website calendar to be aware of up to date events as the summer comes to an end.

In Christ, Andrew Gill




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**Church Office Hours are Normally: Monday through Thursday, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.**

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## DO YOU PLAY GUITAR OR KEYBOARD?

The adult worship band is always looking for vocal or instrumental talent, especially a guitar or key board player. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Renee Vielhak at 637-5533 or [rvielhak@aol.com](mailto:rvielhak@aol.com).

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# PRAYER CORNER

## THE REFINING PROCESS OF GOD'S LOVE

As the summer days seem to get longer and hotter, we might wonder how much we can endure, even though we know the season will eventually pass into Fall, and the days ahead will be more pleasant. Still, everyone can probably identify with the words of Mother Teresa when she said, "I know God will not give me anything I can't handle; I just wish He didn't trust me so much!" It's hard to trust God during the refining process of life, but that's what God wants us to do. Trust means believing that God is good even when life is really hard. Trust is believing that the One who is refining us, loves us and has only our best interest in His mind and His heart.

When asked, a silversmith explained the refining process that requires the intense heat of a furnace. The silversmith must watch the process very closely, with a steady eye, so that the timing will be exact; if the refining time is exceeded even in the slightest, the silver can be "injured" or permanently damaged. So it is with God ... His eye is steadily intent on the work of refining -- purifying us, and our trials do not come at random; His wisdom and love are both fully engaged. focused on every detail of our lives.

So, how does the silversmith know when the refining process is fully done right? He can see his own image in the reflection of the precious metal. Becoming conformed to the image of Christ is a process, and each of us is a work in progress. Hopefully, we can look back on our difficult times and see some of God's work shining through in the growth and faith He has helped us achieve. Then, we can look ahead, trusting Him and knowing that His promise from Romans 8:28 holds true: "And we know that He works all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose." In addition, we can follow the next verse with greater understanding: "For those God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son." The "good" is becoming like Jesus, because God wants the best for us.

It's a lifelong process; but, every day we have the choice -- to conform to the world, or become more like Our Lord. So, when tough times come our way, let's remember that "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver" (Malachai 3:3) ...and ask ourselves, how much of God's image do others see when they look at us?

Carol Hedger,  
FUMC Prayer Ministry Team

# LIFECHOICE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

LifeChoice is busy processing the baby bottles from the churches that participated in this year's campaign. Frontier's contributions total \$284.70 so far. This total reflects only the bottles filled with change. There is also an additional \$75 from check contributions. **Thank you Frontier for your generosity during a difficult economic year.**

## **HOST a CHURCH FAMILY GATHERING ...** **Beginning in August**

To help Pastor Steve and Debbie Earnshaw become more acquainted with the folks at Frontier, would you be able to invite 12 or so people to a one-time Gathering in your home or at the church? Perhaps you can provide a light snack, meal or have your guests bring their favorite food item to share? The Earnshaws are looking forward to visiting the established Small Groups but also hope to get to know more folks through a few Gatherings. There is a *Hosting* signup sheet in the hallway.

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## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Begins again on August 15th with *Calling Samuel*. Children who have memorized the books of the bible will receive a special prize. Church members are invited to attend an information fair about the Workshop Rotation Model of Sunday School after the 9:00 am service. The Children's Ministry Team is looking for help with teaching, shepherding, support and administrative tasks. To volunteer, please contact Angi Crotsenberg at 635-0421 or [angelacrotsenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:angelacrotsenberg@hotmail.com); or Tamra Jackson at 630-3036 or [wyohusker1@bresnan.net](mailto:wyo husker1@bresnan.net).

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## **FREE FIREWOOD**

Ken Hertel has a lot of free firewood to give away. See him after the service to make arrangements to pick up your firewood or call him at 635-4689.

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## **WOMEN OF FAITH – Sept 24 & 25, Denver**

What if God provided exactly what we need? Why would He do that? Because He loves us! He loves YOU. Join us for 2 days filled with laughter, music, and stories that make you chuckle even as you wipe away a tear. Don't miss it! Tickets are limited! Tickets are \$125 each for two days of conference, boxed lunch for both days and one night hotel, \$150 for all of the above and two nights hotel stay. For more information, please contact Linda Herget at [slherget@msn.com](mailto:slherget@msn.com) or 635-0921.

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## **PRIME TIMERS PARTY**

The next Prime Timers get-together is Saturday, August 21st. Mary and Howard Pickerd are the hosts. They are located at 10319 Wayne Road. They will be providing Sloppy Joes and would like for folks to bring chips, dessert, salad, soft drinks, iced tea or lemonade. For questions or more information please call 634-6083.

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## **WYOMING KID CARE CHIP** **(Children's Health Insurance Program)**

This program is through the Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department, 6101 Yellowstone Rd, Ste #210. The program offers health, dental and vision insurance with no premium to children who do not qualify for Equality Care (Medicaid) because of income guidelines, which is often the case if one or both parents are employed. Brochures and applications (**also in Spanish**) are on the table in the hallway. For more information or for any questions visit their website at [www.health.wyo.gov/CHIP](http://www.health.wyo.gov/CHIP) or call toll free 877-543-7669 or 888-996-8786.

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## **CHEYENNE INTERFAITH** **HOSPITALITY NETWORK ... (CIHN)**

Frontier will be hosting Cheyenne Interfaith Hospitality Network August 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>. This organization helps house homeless families at the church for a week every 7 weeks. We will need people to cook meals, host in the evening (5-8pm), stay overnight at the church (8pm-7am) and stay on Saturday (2-3hour time slots). Lots of help is needed to help the families that come. Please contact Karla Oligschlaeger 778-9621, if you are willing to help out in any way.

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## JOY Circle

Join the JOY Circle (Daytime Women's Bible Study) for a coffee on Tues, August 31, at 1 PM in the kitchen at the church. Bring your ideas for our next Bible study or a book for discussion. Contacts are: Jan Taylor, 514-2007 or Carolyn Morris, 632-6487.

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## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We will meet at Carolyn Morris' home at 1027 Spirit Lane on Thursday, August 12th at 1:30 PM. If you are working on a project please bring it along. This ministry knits and crochets prayer shawls to bring comfort and prayers to others who are going through difficult or life-changing times. We would love to have you join us! If you would just like to learn more about this ministry come and visit our meeting or call Mary Moncrief at 635-1830. Many of us are just learning to knit or crochet, so if you aren't experienced don't let that stop you. We meet once a month on the 2nd Thursday at 1:30. We are finding so many ways in which God is touching our lives as well as those who receive the shawls.

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## CONCERT OF PRAYER

Put **Friday, August 27** on your calendar! There will be an exciting **Concert of Prayer** at the home of Larry and Joyce Jacobsen, beginning with a barbecue at 6 p.m. Come to **7016 Tumbleweed Dr.**, and bring a side dish or dessert. Meat and condiments will be provided. Following the barbecue, we will move inside for pastor-led prayer on four different topics. Please come and bring both your physical and spiritual appetite! Questions? Contact Diane Egge at 634-9607 or [diane.egge@gmail.com](mailto:diane.egge@gmail.com); Gina Gibson at 307-761-0369 or [prayer4ce@aol.com](mailto:prayer4ce@aol.com); or Karen Mydland at 637-3764 or [kmmydland@gmail.com](mailto:kmmydland@gmail.com)

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## REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> !

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### RACE FOR THE CURE

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Wyoming State Capital. Activities start at 6:30 am. You may register online at [www.komenwyoming.org](http://www.komenwyoming.org) or call 637-7223 for a paper application. Further information is available on the tables in the hallway. Look for the 4 ½" X 5 ½" cards, with a map printed on the back.

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## FRONTIER'S AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

**Bailey Dolph-8/02**

**Andy Ellis-8/04**

**Diane Schafer-8/05**

**Darla Ellis-8/06**

**Brett Maret-8/13**

**Larry Schwab-8/15**

**Matt Hudson-8/19**

**Milt Mydland-8/21**

**Carson Schelhaas-8/22**

**Andres Ramsey-8/23**

**John Radomicki-8/25**

**Warren Heitman-8/28**

**Sharon Radomicki-8/29**

**Sara DiRienzo-8/04**

**Mary Pickerd-8/04**

**John Crotsenberg-8/06**

**Kelly Kenworthy-08/10**

**Larry Moncrief-8/14**

**Jordyn Oligschlaeger-8/17**

**Patience Steiger-8/19**

**Paul Lewis-8/22**

**Warren Ramsey-8/23**

**Kristen Herget-8/24**

**Bryce Burt-8/28**

**Mary Moncrief-8/28**

Are we missing your birth date? Do we have an incorrect date? If so, please contact  
Kathy Watkins at the Church office, 778-3098.

