



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

**DEC.
2019**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM THE
CHURCH STAFF**

*Kathy, Leigh, Amber,
Annette, Cheryl & Ronnie*

NOVEMBER

Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Sunday - dinner after 10:10
Service with Christmas decorating after dinner. **NO
CHAPEL SERVICE**

Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving - Office Closed Nov. 28 & 29

DECEMBER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST - First Sunday of Advent
(Hanging of the Greens Service) & Congregational
Meeting. **NO CHAPEL OR ADULT SUNDAY
SCHOOL.** Pie and Punch Reception welcoming Rev.
Caryn Yoast, Interim.

DEC. 2 - Circle of Caring - 2:00 p.m. - **ELDERS 7:00
p.m.**

DEC. 3 - Handbell Practice @ 7:00 p.m.

DEC. 5 - CWM Board meeting @ 10:00 - Lunch
bunch @ 11:30

DEC. 9 - Stewardship Commission @ 6:30 p.m. -
Commissions @ 7:00 and Board @ 8:00 p.m.

DEC, 11 - GROUP 3 - 11:30 @ Silver Fox - GROUP
2 @ noon

DEC. 12 - GROUP 1 - 10:00 a.m.

DEC. 22 - Music Sunday - No Chapel

DEC. 24 - Christmas Eve - 5:00 p.m. service for
families with small children - 7:00 p.m.
Caroling, communion & candlelight service

Church Staff:

Interim Pastor Rev. Caryn Yoast (start
date Dec. 1)

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: CLOSED



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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DECEMBER 1, 2019

9:00 a.m. - **CONGREGATIONAL MTG.**

10:10 - Hanging of the Greens - **No Chapel**

11:30 - Pie & Punch Reception to welcome
Interim Minister Rev. Caryn Yoast.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING -- SAVE THESE DATES!

November 24th - AFTER THANKSGIVING DINNER

Decorating the Church for the season.

(We will decorate as much of the church as possible depending upon the amount of help that is provided).

December 1, 2019

Hanging of the Greens Service - NO CHAPEL

Congregational meeting @ 9:00 in Fellowship Hall - NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Welcome Reception for Interim Minister Rev. Caryn Yoast after the 10:10 service.

Pie and Punch will be served.

Children's Sunday school will start celebrating 4 weeks of preparing for Jesus' Birth with stories, crafts, games, songs, "Special Visitors" and more.

December 15, 2019

Favorite Music of Marie Robertson will be featured on the piano. Pianists will be Lani McBee and Kathy Winders

December 22, 2019

Christmas Sunday - NO Chapel. This is a family service with music. Please bring a guest to church.

December 24, 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE

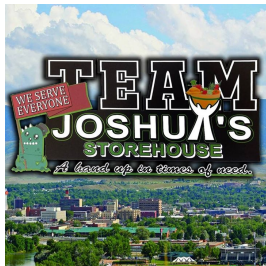
5:00 p.m. - designed for families with children -Sponsored by Christian Ed

*This will be a short (30-40 minutes) Christmas Eve Service especially designed for families with children. It will feature 2-3 carols and a child friendly telling of the Christmas story with battery votive candles. There will be **NO sermon or communion** at this service. While this service is planned for families with children, all ages and families are welcome.*

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Service

Pastor Caryn Yoast will bring the message. Join us for traditional carols, communion and candlelight service. There will be hot chocolate and cookies served after the service in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the Spiritual Growth Commission.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
DECEMBER 25TH.**



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S/JOSHUA STOREHOUSE

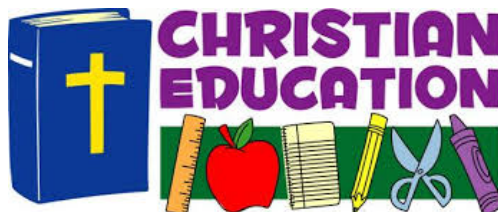
At a recent Disciples Women's Ministry (formerly CWF) meeting, it was reported that quite a few FCC members had no idea why the collection of empty egg cartons and canned or boxed non perishable items resided in a corner outside of Fellowship Hall near the staircase closest to and leading up to the sanctuary. The answer is

Joshua's Storehouse distributes the non-perishable and not expired foods collected at FCC to community citizens in need. Joshua's purchases eggs in large amounts to distribute to those same folks but needs clean and empty egg cartons to fill and distribute the eggs to its clientele.

DWM periodically transports what FCC members have brought to share with Joshua's to its 334 S. Wolcott Street location. Other ways you can assist Joshua's and any other of our city's food banks is to personally deliver to that entity itself. Joshua's Storehouse is NOT open on Mondays

More ways to assist any of our local food banks are volunteering for one of them or by sending them a check. With monetary donations, food distribution centers can purchase food from the Food Bank of the Rockies, located in Mills, for less than 20 cents a pound. That's a lot of bang for your buck!

FCC's Sandwich Ministry operates easily in the black because of products available for purchase from Food Bank of the Rockies. For further information speak to a DWM member.



CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMMING

The following Children & Youth programs are available every Sunday at FCC. The nursery is available for infants and toddlers. Worship and Wonder is available for children age 3 - kindergarten. A Young Disciples class is offered for children grades K/1-grade 4/5 and for the older youth Chi Rho is available for those grades 5-8.

Children in Worship and Wonder and Young Disciples attend church with parents into the beginning of worship and then go with teachers to respective classrooms after children's time in the service. Special Christmas activities are planned in December. CHI RHO students attend church through special music and then leave with their leader. This allows students this age to experience communion and prayer times.

All kids are invited to come and join Sunday School for four weeks of preparation for Jesus' Birth with stories, crafts, games, song, "Special Visitors" and more!! Come and See! This fun time will start December 1st Please plan on coming and bring a friend!

DECEMBER DIACONATE

Steve & Emily Brown, Pam & Amber Rouse

COMMUNION PREP

Chapel: TBD

10:10 Service - Deckers

DECEMBER GREETER

Lyle & Jo Cox

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

**DECEMBER
Offertory Steward**

Tom Dowler

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Victoria McGee	Dec. 2	Charles McBride	Dec. 12
Lyle Cox	Dec. 6	Chook McBee	Dec. 13
Ted Purvis	Dec. 6	Ron Knaus	Dec. 14
Mike Ward	Dec. 6	Terri Taylor	Dec. 21
Sharon Lansing	Dec. 7	Virginia Braley	Dec. 22
Mena Pagett	Dec. 7	Jolene Knaus	Dec. 23
Crystal Rodgers	Dec. 8	Rita Petersen	Dec. 25
Roger Cook	Dec. 9	Sebbie Koehmstedt	Dec. 31
Mark Hallock	Dec. 9		

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Trisha Nichols - Dec. 13, 1974
 Bruce Postema & Carol Sage - Dec. 17, 1999
 Roger & Lorna Cook - Dec. 22, 1953
 Lyle & Jo Cox - Dec. 22, 1990
 Ed & Mary Burgess - Dec. 24, 1974
 Nicholas & Maggie Grooms - Dec. 27, 2003
 Robert & Jacquie Cook - Dec. 29, 1951

2020 DISCIPLES WOMEN'S OFFICERS

On Saturday, November 16th, the ladies of Disciples Women (DWM) held their installation of the 2020 officers. Those installed were:

President: Janie Nelson

Secretary, Service & email/Telephone: Jo Cox

Treasurer: Melanie Dowler

Devotions: Peg Jackson

Bereavement: Virginia Yohn

Kitchen: Lani McBee

Group 1: Chairman Trisha Nichols

Group 2: Co-Chairmen: Peg Jackson (Dec. Jan. Feb), Lani McBee (March, Apr. May) Virginia Yohn (Sept. Oct. Nov)



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME...Scholarship applications are due into the church office on January 17th. To be eligible for a scholarship, students must be a participating member of FCC, have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4 point scale and be enrolled full time (minimum 12 hours). Scholarship forms are available on the bulletin board outside the church office. For more information please contact Becky Foster, Chair of WTMS @ 797-2711.



ADVENT ESCAPE ----- "A JOURNEY TO THE STABLE"

Are you looking for a few hours of quiet, of respite from the busy, somewhat hectic season that is approaching? Are you ready to put aside baking, cooking, shopping, packing, wrapping, cleaning, traveling, guests, parties,...etc...etc...etc. and sit and think, meditate on what the Season of Advent is really about??

If so, come and join us:

"DESSERT AT THE McNAMARA'S"

December 3rd - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

for a

"JOURNEY TO THE STABLE"

This is a **4 week gathering** of quiet, thoughtful discussions on what it means to return to that stable so long ago, to think and feel what Mary and Joseph must have felt on their journey into God's history and promise and to slow down and dwell in the quiet peace of God's Presence.

Where: 3334 Chaparral Dr. (Off Robinson Rd and Buckboard - near Oregon Trail School). Sign up ASAP on the bulletin board. **SEATING IS LIMITED!!** *We will decide on whether to continue on Tuesday evenings or more to another night at our dessert & discussions."*

MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The winners of the blanket raffle were Ted Grooms and Mark Williams. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets! We raised \$122 for Keith Rouse's mission trip to Puerto Rico. The cost of the trip is \$1300-\$1500 per person. If anyone would like to help fund the cost of the trip, talk to Keith Rouse.

The Sandwich Ministry received a grant of \$100 from the United Way which had to be used by December 15th so we purchased 7 cases of peanut butter. Sovereign Grace will be making the lunches on December 14th so FCC's volunteers get a much deserved break on the day.

Please remember to pick up the Prayer Calendar that Terri Morrison has made and use it every day to pray for our local and global missions. Thank you! Debbie Mestas, Commission Chair.



WINTER ITEMS NEEDED!!!

FCC is collecting warm socks, gloves, hand warmers, caps and scarves through the winter months for those in need. These items can be new or gently used. There is a box for you to put your donations in under the coat racks in the hallway to the elevator.

We are also collecting gift cards for Greta Hinderliter. These cards will be given to homeless students so they can purchase food. If you would like to help with this project contact Terri Morrison, Keith Rouse or Debbie Mestas.



NOTES FROM THE FCC CORRAL!

This week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with our annual Feast and Thanksgiving Program. We will be hosting a full Thanksgiving dinner for 140 people in the fellowship hall.

During the week we will be having our book fair. You can come purchase books during the preschool mornings or find Cheryl in the nursery on Sunday mornings and she can help you. We take cash, checks and credit. Books make great Christmas presents.

We want to thank everyone who is helping us with Blankets for Babes. We are still in need of people to sign up to bring new twin size blankets or comforters. There is a sign up sheet by the preschool door. If you bring a blanket it can be dropped off in front of Teacher Annette's office. See more information in the article below. Happy Thanksgiving from the Preschool!



BLANKETS FOR BABES

This year for Christmas, the preschool will be partnering with the Child Development Center on a very special gift. Many children that attend CDC do not have beds. Flanigan's Furniture has donated 30 twin size beds and others have donated pillows and sheet sets for the beds. They are in need

of new twin size blankets or comforters by Dec. 2nd or 3rd. It is our goal to make sure that CDC has a blanket for each and every child. If you would like to help with a donation of a warm and cozy blanket, there will be a sign up sheet on the community board by the preschool doors. Donations can be left in Teacher Annette's office or in front of her door.

DEBBIE'S BLANKET MINISTRY is also working on blankets for Headstart and Mimi's House. We made 8 blankets on November 16th. We will be making blankets on December 21st from 10-3 and possibly one other day which is TBD. If anyone would like to help with this project contact Debbie Mestas or Trudy Woodard.

December 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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WELCOME REV. CARYN YOAST

At the called special congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 17th the congregation voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Search Committee to offer the call to Rev. Caryn Yoast as our interim minister. Rev. Yoast and her family live in Erie, CO. Rev. Yoast will be in the pulpit at FCC on Sunday, Dec. 1st.

The Search Committee will also be hosting a "Pie and Punch" reception in Fellowship Hall after the service to welcome Rev. Yoast to FCC.

There will also be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you would be interested in signing up for providing a meal for her until she gets settled in her apartment and this would be a chance to get to know her personally on a one on one basis. If you have any questions, contact Steve Brown or Carmen Goodman, co-chairs of the Search Committee.