

# THE CALL JAN.

#### **DECEMBER**

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 -

**OFFICE OPEN 8:30 - NOON** 

**DEC. 25-26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** 

DEC. 29 - NEW YEARS SUNDAY - regular service

hours 8:15 & 10:10

DEC. 31 & JANUARY 1 - OFFICE CLOSED

#### **JANUARY, 2020**

**JAN. 1 - OFFICE CLOSED** 

**JAN. 2 - NCSD CLASSES RESUME** 

JAN. 6 - Preschool resumes, Circle of Caring @

2:00 p.m., Cubs @ 6:00, Elders @ 7:00 & BSA

JAN 8 - Choir rehearsal resumes

JAN 9- Scholarship deadline

JAN 10 - Office closed on Fridays and 6:00 Elder Dinner in Fellowship Hall.

JAN 13 - Stewardship Commission 6:30 p.m., Commissions @ 7:00 and Board meeting @ 8:00

JAN 20 - CALL deadline @ Noon

JAN 22- CALL folders @ 9:30 a.m.

#### **Church Staff:**

Interim Pastor Rev. Caryn Yoast

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 Early 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

## JANUARY 13, 2020 COMMISSIONS & BOARD MEETING

The Commission Chairpersons are encouraged to invite members of the church to join their respective commissions. Commissions meet at 7:00 p.m. ALL Commissions chairs and newly elected members of the Board will meet at 8:00 p.m. in the Board room. If you cannot attend, contact Board President Mike Ward.

#### ALL DIACONATE MEETING JANUARY 19TH 9:30 A.M.

Purpose to train incoming diaconate and to sign up for 2020 serving schedule. If you cannot make it contact Keith or Pam Rouse.

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It was a blessing to have our regional minister with us for Advent worship. Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes reminded us that we are God's beloved people. She reminded us we all need the good news of Jesus. She reminded us that as a community of faith, First Christian Church is to be about the work of Jesus. To do this, she said, we must discern who and what God is calling First Christian Church to be in this place and in this time.

Discernment. Listening Hearts. Attentive hearts asking hard questions. A community heart honestly looking back at who it has been, seeing who the community is now, asking who the beloved community might become. A beloved people of God turning its questions their Maker, Redeemer, Friend in order to grow in service and likeness to the One who called it into being.

Discernment is the new journey we will travel together in 2020. It will be a journey that will take us through the wilderness. As you know, wilderness is a difficult place but it is also a place to be still. A place to hear. A place to see. A place to wonder. A place for clarity. Together, trusting in our God's guidance, God's presence we will follow God's leading along this new path through the wilderness, so that we may discover who God is calling First Christian Church to be.

"A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Isaiah 40

Blessings, Dr. Caryn Yoast

#### **Contact info:**

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CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 25th & 26th

December 31, 2019 & January 1, 2020

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#### KID'S KORNER

Calling all kids as we journey back in time during Jesus' childhood in Judea.

- ---Epiphany when the 3 Wise Men came to baby Jesus bearing gifts. What were they and why?
- ---Dedication of Baby Jesus in the Temple
- ---When Jesus' family moved back to Nazareth from Egypt. A special guest tells what it was like to travel back then.
- ---What food did Jesus eat as a boy? What games did he play or was he too busy helping Joseph?

COME HELP US CELEBRATE JESUS AS A "KID".

#### ATTENTION PAST AND PRESENT ELDERS



All Past and Present Elders are invited to the annual Elder Dinner to be held on Friday, January 10th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church. The dinner will be catered by the Silver Fox and is \$15 per person. Reservations are to be made to the church office no later than Wednesday, January 8th.

#### MENU

Festive Salad-Mixed FieldGreens, Diced Apples, Cashews, Dried Cranberries & Swiss Cheese with Chef's Sweet Citrus Vinaigrette (No iceberg)

BBQ Brisket
Scallop Potatoes
Chicken Duxelle
Sausage Stuffed stuffed mushrooms
Rolls with Butter
Assorted Desserts
Ice team and lemonade

If you have questions, contact Cindy Huckfeldt, Chair of the Elders

New years marks a NEW beginning, NEW People to meet, NEW adventures to enjoy and NEW memories to create. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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#### JANUARY DIACONATE

Keith, Pam, Amber Rouse & Becky Foster

#### COMMUNION PREP Chapel: TBD 10:10 Service -Martha Wallace

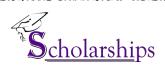
#### JANUARY GREETER

Trudy Woodard

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

# JANUARY Offertory Steward Tom Dowler





#### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

TIME...Scholarship applications are due into the church office on January 9th. 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.

#### From the Family of Kathy Meloy

Thank you for the prayers, hospital visits, written cards and notes, telephone calls, visits with her at home and food these last few months of Kathy's time with us. She appreciated it all! We are also grateful for the loving support and many kindnesses extended to us when she died and the following week through the funeral service.

# JANUARY

<b>Birthday</b> :	S
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Robin Nelson	Jan. 2	Jane Wallace	Jan. 13
Maggie Grooms	Jan. 4	Lynda Williams	Jan. 13
Jane Baker	Jan. 6	Marcus Hayden	Jan. 19
Carol Sage	Jan. 6	Evan Woods	Jan. 19
Kelly Hover	Jan. 7	Kim Forbis	Jan. 21
Debbie Mapp	Jan. 10	Nylia Cazier	Jan. 22
David Taylor	Jan. 11	Karen Huckfeldt	Jan. 30



Many Hands Lighten The Load... Where Could You Help?

#### A PERSONAL APPEAL!!

I know that there are members of our congregation who are contemplating: "Could I handle being Vice President of the Executive Board?" However, so far you have been a little too timid to step up. My answer is "Yes, You can do this! You have the strength and the qualities to be Vice President, You know you do!" I pray that you reach deep within your soul and let the Holy Spirit fall upon you. May your fears fall behind you. May the Lord help you find the strength and the faith to embrace the position of Vice President. Amen

Dan Coey, Retiring President



#### HOMEBUILDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The "Homebuilders" class has invite Debbie Mestas and Terri Morrison to

speak about plans for the Mission Commission.

The Commission has the goal of meeting the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. All are welcome to come to the Homebuilders class on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Inner Room.

#### 2020 CHURCH DIRECTORY

The 2020 Church Directory is getting ready to be printed. If you have any changes to your info i.e. name, address, phone, email and do not come to church, please contact the church office so the directory can be updated

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Good morning or afternoon. (Depending on what part of the day you are reading the Church CALL/Newsletter) I hope that all is well in your life and with your relationship with First Christian Church – Casper.

Can you believe that it has been 20 years since we worried about what might happen when the year 2000 came. All the talk about Y2K and the effects that were to happen to the computer run devices. Well obviously we survived with little or no lasting affects other than becoming a year older. However, many things have changed. One glaring change is that our church congregation has gotten older and significantly smaller. Roughly 52% of our membership is retired. If my memory serves me right, this is the first time in 35 plus years the church membership has not fielded/elected a complete slate of executive board officers. What does that say to a prospective candidate who applies to be our next senior/lead or about where First Christian Church — Casper is headed......Think about it!

As we start a new decade, if we are to grow as a church, we must re-evaluate our commitment and ask ourselves "If Not I, then Who?" Currently there are 2 positions open on the 2020 executive board. Both of these positions are voting members of the board. They are Vice President of the Congregation and the Chairperson of Christian Education. There is also an opening on the Nominating Committee which would serve as co-chair of that committee in 2022. Everyone who is part of this congregation has a role to play to help make this church successful. Think about it what your role might be and pray about filling one of these thee vacancies. Don't sit and wait to be asked to fill a slot or take on a job. Please, if you feel that you are capable of performing the task at hand, step up and say "H ere I am Lord, choose me." Then contact me and volunteer your talents to serve First Christian Church – Casper.

If Not I, Who Then Shall Serve?

Thank You and May GOD Bless You, Michael Ward, 2020 Exec. Board President



of the

Board

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Larry Reimann, Scoutmaster of Troop 1013 has received the Scoutmaster Award of Merit. This is the 2nd award in 75 years that has been awarded to Troop 1013. Larry will be stepping down as Scoutmaster in January and will be serving as the Troop Committee Chairman replacing Mike Ward. The new Scoutmaster will be Nick Kindrick.

2020 CRMR MIDWINTER YOUTH RETREAT
When: Friday, February 14 - Monday, February 17, 2020
LaForet Conference and Retreat Center
Registration due to Leigh Earle by January 8, 2020

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#### NEWS FROM THE CORRAL

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to our First Christian Church Family. It's been a wonderful but very busy month. Last Fridays the kids had chapel with Dr. Caryn. She taught them the Christmas Story. I was surprised at how many children could answer her questions that she would ask. It showed that our little preschoolers walk in faith. We also dressed up to

reenact the Nativity. The children had fun. We will be having our Christmas Party on December 18th. It will be the whole morning and of course we will have a special visitor who will be attending. This will be our last day of 2019 and preschool will resume on January 6th. The year is flying by and it is already time for our parents to be thinking about enrolling their little ones for kindergarten. The preschool will start enrollment in late January. The "Blankets for Babes" was a big success. We were able to donate 40 blankets and 15 throws. Our preschool families donated 24 blankets and the downstairs quilters made a beautiful quilt also. The blanket ministry donated 16 tied blankets. We are so blessed to have such giving people at our preschool and in this church.

I appreciate my staff for all they do and a BIG thanks for your help and support making our preschool program the best that it can be.

Merry Christmas to all of you. See ya next year!!!

Teachers Annette, Christina, Brooke, Brianna, Deborah, Taryn, Cheryl & 60+

preschoolers



#### **DESSERTATTHE McNAMARA'S**

When: Thursday, January 16, 2020

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Sign up please -- Limited seating (10)
Pick up a hard copy from office of HOLY ENVY by Barbara Brown Taylor..
6 ordered @ \$16.50 each (Pay to Joan). If you prefer an e-book of HOLY ENVY, please order from Amazon, Harpor Collins or Google for Kindle, Nook, or apple e-book \$12.99

#### **MISSION UPDATES**

Terri Morrison and Debbie Mestas will speak at the Homebuilders Class on Dec. 22nd about the Mission Commission.. We will discuss what we have been doing and what we could be doing different locally and globally. Your input is valuable. Hope to see you there.

We gave 16 blankets to the Child Development Center and will be making blankets for Headstart and Interfaith on Dec. 21st from 10-3. If you would like to help, contact Debbie Mestas or Trudy Woodard. We have made over 1100 blankets in the past four years and they have been given to those in need of comfort and warmth.

The Sandwich Ministry would like to invite you to come to King's Corner any Saturday from 9:45 to noon and help give our lunches. We appreciate everyone who helps with the Sandwich Ministry and are blessed to have the support of our congregation.

Casper CROP Hunger Walk will be April 26th and we would like to encourage all of you to provide input on how we can make this a successful walk. Please contact Terri Morrison, Keith Rouse, or Debbie Mestas with ideas. We are looking for people to be on the planning committee.

Thank you cards have been received from the staff at Interfaith for our support and also from Casper Youth for Christ for the sack lunches we provide once a month during the school year.

\*\*Debbie Mestas, Chairman\*\*

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### **DECEMBER 22, 2019**

Christmas Music Sunday - There will be worship @ 8:15. The 10:10 worship service will feature choir, bells, and guest musicians. Bring a quest to church.

### **DECEMBER 24, 2019**

The Education Commission will host a 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service based on the play "A Christmas Surprise" by Jennifer Carter. "A Christmas Surprise is available for children to listen to as an audiobook on Audible. This service will be 30-40 minutes and has bee designed for families with children. All families and ages are welcome. Ella the Star and Max the Donkey with the help of our children will tell the story of Christmas. We will serve a family friendly communion. Cookies and Cuties will be available afterwards. Because this service has been created with children in mind, there will be NO nursery at the 5:00 p.m. service.

#### 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Service

Dr.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. Nursery care WILL BE available during the 7:00 p.m. service.