



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL

**NOV.  
2020**

## NOMINATING REQUEST

It's that time of year that we nominate people for the year 2021. This year we are two different ways of nominating. If you are interested in nominating someone to a position on the Board, Elder or Diaconate, please contact the church office. **Deadline for nominating is Sunday, October 25th.**

The following positions are open on the Board:

**President - Colin Hogan**

**Vice President, Secretary and Members-at-large.**

Nominations are also open for the **Eldership**. Elane Burkhalter, Cindy Huckfeldt, Phil Ostrander and Mark Williams will be completing their terms and **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** for election as an elder this year. The most visible role of elders is serving during worship, by offering prayers at the Lord's Table and by assisting in worship leadership. The elders also take communion to home-bound members on a regular basis and serve as leaders and support for our members. They are asked to pray often – for the church, for specific member's needs, and for the world in which we live. The elders meet the first Monday of every month for prayer and study, to review the serving schedule, and to share pastoral concerns from home-bound members

Nominations are also open for the **Diaconate**. Pat Buck, Cal & Monica Decker, Jackie Greenlee, Elaine Singleton & Dylan Stupak are completing their terms and **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** for election as a deacon this year. The diaconate is a group of people who serve the church. The diaconate prepares and serves communion. They are on a rotating schedule. Sometimes deacons are asked to assist with worship preparation, sanctuary decorations or changing paraments. This is a spiritual journey. Deacons should faithfully attend worship, support the church by time, talent and treasure. Also they serve the annual Thanksgiving dinner (when we can do this again) and are invited to join a commission of their choice and assist with special projects. Please give prayerful thought to this job if you are asked to serve.

If you have questions, contact Wanda Hogan or Ted Grooms, Nominating Committee

### Church Staff:

**Interim Pastor** Dr. Caryn Yoast

**Lisa Walker**, Bookkeeper

**Kathy Winders**, Secretary

**Annette Crain**, Preschool Director

**Cheryl Dionne**, Nursery Staff

**Ronnie Sambrano**, Custodial Contractor

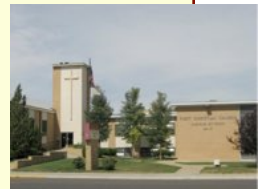
**Ministers: Every Member!**

**Office hours:**

**Mon.-Thurs.**

**10:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

**Fridays: CLOSED**



### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

**8:15 Worship Service**

**10:10 - Worship Service**

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**Preschool 8:45 - 12:00 P.M. M-F**

**Preschool Phone - 472-0649**



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE  
NOVEMBER 1, 2020  
FALL BACK!!!!**

Thou that hast given so much to me,  
Give one thing more--a grateful heart:  
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,  
As if thy blessings had spare days,  
But such a heart whose Pulse may be  
Thy Praise.

~~George Herbert 1593-1633

A chill in the air, the leaves have turned and are falling, the scent of winter is carried with the wind. It's hard to believe November is upon us. We'd hoped it would be settled down by now but the pandemic continues. Actually, virus cases are rising throughout the country and the uptick of COVID-19 in our state is wearing on all of us. It can be hard to see clearly through the weight of continued uncertainty.

But we are God's people. We know there is a light that always shines in the darkness. We know we are never alone. We know we have much to be thankful for.

And so, during this month of thankfulness and gratitude, let us be aware of our many blessings. Take a few moments each day this month and remember all we have to be thankful for: family and friends, food and shelter, love and joy, compassion and kindness, laughter and tears, life and breath.

Search your memories. Remember someone who has made a difference in your life, just one person who has enriched your life—someone who loved you when you were unlovable, someone who encouraged you when you were struggling, someone who brought light to your darkness, someone who challenged you to be better or more than you thought you were, someone who was patient with you, someone who guided you, someone who helped you discover your talents, someone who offered kindness—and then write that person a brief note of thankfulness and gratitude. Even a brief note that says, "I am grateful for your presence in my life. You have made a difference. Thank you," will brighten the darkest of these November days.

Psalm 136 is a Thanksgiving Psalm. It is a "call and response" psalm that ancient Israel used in worship. The psalm taught God's people of God's love framed by God's creation and by God's salvation history with Israel. The constant refrain "God's steadfast love endures forever" throughout reminds us all that no matter our circumstance God's love is ours and God is present with us. Yes, we have much to be thankful for.

"O give thanks to God for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever." Thanks be to God.



# **CHURCH PROTOCOL CHANGES**

## **REGARDING COVID-19 AS OF 10/11/20**

With the continued increase in COVID-19 numbers for Natrona County and trying to keep our congregation safe, we will be implementing the following:

1. **All attendees will have their temperature taken before entering the sanctuary.** There will be a greeter with a sign in sheet and will also take your temperature before entering.
  2. **EVERYONE is asked to use hand sanitizer before entering and upon leaving the sanctuary.**
  3. **We ask everyone to please wear a mask or face covering. Masks and hand sanitizers are available.** If you have your own face covering, we encourage you to wear it throughout the entire service, from entering the building to exiting the building.
  4. **Seating** -capacity of 50 people. For social distancing reasons we will seat every other row with alternating rows on either side of the center aisle. You will be seated front to back. **FIRST SERVICE WILL SIT IN THE PEWS WITH THE GREEN DOTS. SECOND SERVICE WILL SIT IN THE PEWS WITH THE RED DOTS.** There will be NO coffee or social hours at this time so as soon as the service is over, we ask you leave the building as quickly as possible again either through the fellowship hall or by the elevator.
  5. **Communion and offering.** We are still using the individual prepackaged communion cups. Offering is still being collected with the butterfly nets.
  6. **Notes about the service.** Scriptures and bible readings are still on the overhead screens up front. **We will not be singing hymns for a few weeks and** will not have a choir until the regional office and other protocols we are following say it is permissible. **SPECIAL MUSIC...** Until we are able to have a choir, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in providing special music during second service.
- If you have little ones, the busy bags have also been put away for now. but the nursery is open if you are comfortable having your kids in the nursery. Children are welcome to sit with their parents too.

**As a reminder please be safe, wear a mask and use the hand sanitizer. You have been missed and we look forward to seeing you in church. You're safety is our main priority. If you have any questions, contact the church office. Thank you**

### **FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION**

We have heard that some parents are thinking that they would like to return to church, but sitting through an entire service may be too much for their children. Just a reminder that we do have childcare for children infant through age 5. Michelle Elser has graciously offered to continue to teach the ChiRho class which is for youth grade 5 and up. She says the curriculum is easy to social distance on within the youth room. Thank you Michelle!! If someone has an idea about safely managing children grade 1-grade 4 for part of the church service we can work with you. We can order curriculum and provide materials. If nothing else we can break out the videos we use during the summer. Unfortunately, neither Joan nor I can physically interact with multiple children safely, but perhaps someone with a younger, stronger immune system might take this on. Just call Jennifer at 259-4460.

October Sunday School materials should be in the mail this week for elementary age and preschool children. If you do not receive these, please let Jennifer know.

Dan Coey and Dr. Yoast are facilitating adult Sunday School at this time at 9:00 a.m

## NOVEMBER DIACONATE

Chapel -- To be Determined by Chapel  
Attendees

Larry & Kathy Winders - 10:10 service

**If you are scheduled to serve at the 10:10 service and cannot do it, please contact Pam or Keith Rouse to let them know.**

**OFFERTORY STEWARD**  
**Larry Winders**



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Nathan Hawley	Nov. 2	Scott Hawley	Nov. 18
Spencer Stupak	Nov 4	Brad Black	Nov. 20
Ted Grooms	Nov. 8	Colin Hogan	Nov 22
Pam Steinle	Nov. 8	Bev Mattson	Nov 22
Caleb Woods	Nov. 10	Darin Rodgers	Nov 22
Linda Keyser	Nov. 11	Ed Burgess	Nov. 26
Lani McBee	Nov. 11	Donna Klinker	Nov. 28
Dan Coey	Nov. 12	Nancy Vreeland	Nov. 28
Amy Black	Nov. 14	Elaine Gross	Nov. 29
Dave Jerde	Nov. 17	Kylee Stupak	Nov. 30

Brent & Kim Forbis - Nov. 1, 1975  
Phil & Becky Ostrander - Nov. 10, XXXX  
John & Candace Becker - Nov. 16, 1991  
Jim & Mary Oliver - Nov. 23, 1996

## DWM UPDATE

GROUP 1 is on a temporary hiatus regarding their monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday's of the month. The DWM Board, GROUP 2 and 3 are continuing to meet at their regularly scheduled times. Group 3 will meet on Monday, Nov. 9th @ 11:30 at Yellowstone Garage.

Thank you to my church family for the scholarship. Hopefully, I will be graduating this fall. It has helped a lot with my studies! Thank you again!  
Amber Rouse

## MEALS AT THE MISSION

Mission Commission will be serving meals at the Mission once a month on the 4th Thursday of each month except for November and December. If you would like to help serve, please contact Debbie Mestas.

## SANDWICH MINISTRY

Sandwich Ministry makes sandwiches on Friday afternoons at 3:15 and pack lunches on Saturday mornings at 8:15. Sandwiches are distributed at 10:00 at First United Methodist Church. Sovereign Grace will be providing lunches on Nov 14th and January 9th so sandwiches will not be made by FCC on those days but we will be distributing the lunches. Contact Trudy Woodard, Keith Rouse or Debbie Mestas if you would like to help. Lunches are being made by Keith and Debbie for Casper Youth for Christ on the 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7:45 a.m. If you would like to help them out, contact Keith Rouse.

**BLANKET MINISTRY** continues to meet on the 3rd Saturdays. They made 22 blankets in October. 7 people were in attendance - 3 church members and 4 community members. Ten of the blankets will go to Interfaith and others will be given to Healthcare for the Homeless and other organizations. If you know of someone who could use a blanket contact Trudy Woodard or Debbie Mestas.

## REMINDER TO EVERYONE USING THE CHURCH

**There are hand sanitizers and disinfectant cleaner or wipes placed in the rooms around the church. Please make sure when you leave a room that you have used, that you use the disinfectant cleaner on the tables and other surfaces you have touched.**





### SUBSTITUTE NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED!!

We are in need of a substitute nursery attendant to work approximately 1 Sunday each month and during our regular nursery attendant's vacation this summer. Nursery attendants need to have infant CPR training and have a background check completed. Hours are usually 9:30 - noon on Sundays. Call Jennifer Grooms @ 259-4460 if you are interested or pass the word if you know someone that might be interested.



**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** will be observed on Sunday, November 1st. If there is someone who passed away in the past 12 months (Nov. 1, 2019 - Oct. 31, 2020) you would like to have recognized during the reading of names, please turn in the information to the church office by Wednesday, October 28th. Be sure to include the individual's name, date & year of birth and date of death.

### TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

The Transition Team has started interviewing members of our congregation. You should have received a letter of introduction and a set of questions in the mail earlier this month. If you did not, please contact the church office and they will be mailed to you.

Each member of the congregation will be contacted by a member of the Transition Team to schedule an in person interview. The interviews are being done in person so that relationships may grow and conversation may be comfortable and personal. Masks will be worn, interviews may be done outside, or wherever each member feels most comfortable.

The Transition team members are: Ted Grooms, Randisue Davis, Colin Hogan, Judy Baker, and Kathy Winders.



### MISSION COMMISSION COLLECTING ITEMS

The Mission Commission will be collecting warm socks, gloves, hats, scarves and hand/toe warmers now through April for those in need. There will be a collection box under the upstairs coat rack.

They are also asking for help in providing gift cards to Greta Hinderliter, who is the school district's liaison for homeless students. The gift cards are used to purchase food and gas for the homeless teens/families that live in their cars. If you would like to help with this project, or make a donation to help purchase cards, contact Debbie Mestas.



**THANK YOU** to Cal Decker and Ronnie Sambrano for fixing the sink hole in the parking lot. It is greatly appreciated and also thank you for all the behind the scenes projects you do around the church.





## HAPPY OCTOBER FROM THE SUPER HERO DEN!!

We have been having a GREAT time at preschool. The children are so excited to celebrate Halloween soon. They will be having parties in their classrooms. They will also be trick or treating around the church. If you would like to hand out candy and see all the cuties come to church at 11:15. Candy is provided by the preschool. Plan on wearing a mask NOT a halloween mask but a medical mask.

We will be having our book fair again November 16-30th. The preschool earns 50% back that we can use towards books, classroom materials and furniture. By having book fairs every year we have been able to update some of our tabletop activities. Each year our preschool fair has grown in support. Last year we earned over \$900. We will not be having our fall program and Thanksgiving feast this year. This is the first time in 31 years that the preschool hasn't shared this amazing family celebration. This year the preschoolers will celebrate by having a feast in their classrooms.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Teacher Taren and family on the birth of Raye Marie on October 13th. Her big brother Brooks is very proud and is a preschooler here.

*Annette Crain, Director*



## CHRISTIAN ED THINKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

Jennifer Grooms has been thinking about an outdoor children's program. It would be a living nativity in the gazebo area. The characters would be spaced apart in small groups so that children and their families could walk to each group. We can socially distance. The characters would have a bit of the story to tell. The group of characters are the usual--shepherds, wise men, angels, and Mary/Joseph. We could have a Christmas bag of goodies for the children as families leave. The idea would be to keep it brief and light, appropriate for children. It would be necessary to have a plan A and date and a plan B and date. Let Jennifer know if you have ideas for improving this plan, are itching to be a wise man, have a donkey 🐴, or could hang lights on the gazebo, really want to help Jennifer bring this idea to reality. Contact her at 259-4460 or [jgrooms11@bresnan.net](mailto:jgrooms11@bresnan.net)



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH UPDATE

Because of COVID regulations we will not be able to do our traditional Thanksgiving dinner this year so the Spiritual Growth Commission will be celebrating Thanksgiving with the congregational attendees and shut-ins by preparing special Thanksgiving bags for everyone. These will be available for those attending services on November 15 & November 22nd to take home. The Commission members and other helpers will be delivering bags to those not able to attend service at this time and to the shut ins after November 22nd service.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** will be after the 10:10 service on Sunday, November 22nd. We will be decorating the sanctuary as usual and limited decorating of the rest of the church. Contact Belle Stapleton, Chair of Spiritual Growth if you have questions or would like further information.



# November 2020

## FCC CASPER CALL

## NOVEMBER 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> Daylight Saving Time End 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM HOMEBUILDERS 9:00 AM DR. YOST S.S. CLASS 10:10 AM Worship	<b>2</b> 2:00 PM Circle of Caring 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Elders meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> Election Day 7:00 PM AA	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM QUILTERS	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM DWM Board meeting OFFICE CLOSED	<b>6</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>7</b> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 9:00 AM HUCKFELDT QUILTERS
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<b>22</b> <b>THANKSGIVING SUNDAY</b> 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM HOMEBUILDERS 9:00 AM DR. YOST S.S. CLASS 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Decorate church	<b>23</b> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM AA	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM QUILTERS	<b>26</b> OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving	<b>27</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>28</b> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 9:00 AM HUCKFELDT QUILTERS
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## UPDATE FOR THE FCC 2021 DIRECTORY

We are having to do the update for the 2021 FCC Directory by mail this year. Please use the below template to update your directory information and send it back to the church at 520 CY Avenue by December 15th. Thank you.

	Congregant 1	Congregant 2	Additional Household Members & ages of children
FULL NAME			
ADDRESS			
PHONE NUMBERS & EMAIL ADDRESS			
BIRTHDAYS			
OCCUPATIONS			