



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

**DEC.
2021**



Happy
Holidays!

*From your church
staff:*

*Pastor Bryan
Kathy Winders
Lisa Walker
Arlon Miller*

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday, November 21st - Annual Thanksgiving
Potluck after 10:10 service

Decorate the church for the holidays immediately
after lunch. Please stay and help.

Sunday, November 28th - First Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 6th - Commissions & Board
meeting to approve the 2022 Budget and the slate of
elected officers, elders & diaconate

**Sunday, December 12th - ANNUAL
CONGREGATION MEETING** 9:30 a.m. in
Fellowship Hall. No Sunday School that Sunday.
Purpose of meeting is congregation to approve the
2022 budget, slate of elected officers, elders &
diaconate.



**Congregational
Meeting**

Church Staff:

Bryan Elliott: Lead Pastor
Lisa Walker, Bookkeeper
Kathy Winders, Secretary
Arlon Miller, Music Director
Annette Crain, Preschool Director
Cheryl Dionne, Nursery Staff
Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays: CLOSED



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Worship Service

9:00 Adult/Youth Sunday School

10:10 - Worship Service

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Preschool - M-F 9:00 - Noon

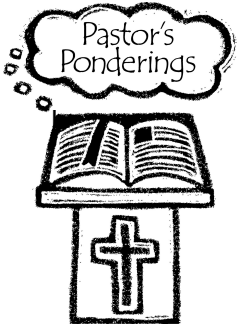
Preschool Phone - 472-0649

DECEMBER 12, 2021

9:30 A.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

**Purpose is to approve the 2022 Budget,
board officers, elders & diaconate.
Please plan to attend.!**



Dear Church Family,

I am excited to say that this is my very first Wyoming Advent and Christmas season celebrated with you! In the next few weeks we will take a journey in Advent as we anticipate and celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world. This is a time when people allow the sacred to trickle into the secular. We see it in public places all the time - bell ringers, opportunities for giving and receiving all over the place. It is a time for school events, work parties, social engagements as well as church activities and celebrations. This year, under the direction of Arlon Miller our new Music Director, we will work on bringing together a choir and a bell choir.

During this season of Advent and Christmas we will celebrate: **November 28th** we share "The Candle of Hope" as we encounter the Light of the World; On **December 5th** we experience the "Candle of Peace" as we talk about The Very Terribly Great Day; on **December 12th** we light the "Candle of Love" as we talk about the Word Became Flesh; and on our last Sunday in Advent, **December 19th** as we light the "Candle of Joy" and speak of Mary, Did You Know? All culminated with the Candlelight and Communion **Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24th at 7:00 P.M.** where we will share Christmas Carols to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child. The church celebrates this time of Advent and Christmas every year. It is the story that we know. Jesus' birth, his life, his crucifixion, his resurrection, is a story that we also know.

How can we, who have heard this story for many, many years anticipate and joyfully celebrate this season year in and year out? I have asked that question as often as my years on this earth roll by. But the answer to that question is a simple yes, we do know the story by anticipation, the story of Christmas, the story of the gospel, the story of Easter. But the good news in this season of anticipation is - **the story is not finished.** God is still writing it and we are participating in the creative story of God. And as participants, we get to create new and exciting twists and turns that all lead us to Jesus, anew each and every day, and each and every year! Come celebrate in the Story of Jesus in this season of Advent and Christmas. Touch a life. Have your heart touched by the author of our story. Happy New Year -- as Advent kicks off our church calendar as Christians. See you in this wonderful season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

In anticipation of Jesus, Pastor Bryan

P.S. As many of you know, three years ago the Pulpit Search Committee came together to look for an Associate Minister. We are entertaining that idea once again. You have seen our numbers growing as we welcome more and more young families. The church leadership would like to get ahead of this exciting growth and work towards helping enhance our work in God's kingdom in Casper, Wyoming. Please pray for wisdom as we take this journey together. I will keep you updated on our progress. Blessings!



SERMON IN THE ROUND

Join Pastor Bryan for Sermon in the Round in the Board room every Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m. and review the sermon from the previous Sunday. Bring a sack lunch and stay longer if you wish to visit. Everyone is welcome!



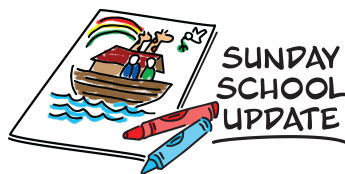
MUSIC DIRECTOR

He is the choir and orchestra teacher at Casper Classical Academy. Arlon is very talented and plays the violin, viola, cello, base, piano and organ. He plays in the chamber orchestra at Casper College and I organized a string quartet made up of four middle school teachers called the CAZA string quartet. I am also the organist at St. Stephens Episcopal Church. I am always looking for more opportunities to work with music!

As the new choir/music director I look forward to bringing back the choir and bell choir. The time is yet to be determined, however, it is looking like 9 a.m. between the first and second services on Sundays. Though other times could be arranged based upon the majority. We plan to perform a few pieces during advent to kick off the new season. I'm looking forward to seeing all that are interested in this new musical journey! Please contact Arlon if you are interested in singing or playing bells at arlonlerouge101@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REMINDERS

- Youth/CYF Sunday school is at 9:00 a.m. in CYF room
- Erika Stupak will be covering the Young Disciples class for Jennifer Grooms which she recovers from knee surgery
- Michelle Elser will be out of town in December and Kelley Lackey will be covering the classes on December 12 & 19. There will be no Sunday School Dec, 26 or Jan. 2nd 2022. Sunday School will resume on January 9, 2022.



The Mission Commission will be collecting warm hats, scarfs, mittens, gloves, socks and hand warmers during the Christmas Season. There is a box under the upstairs coat rack for you to put your donations.

We are also collecting \$25 gift cards from Smith's to give to Greta Hinderliter for homeless students. If you donate a gift card, please give it to Lisa Walker, the Business Manager of the church.

DECEMBER DIACONATE

8:15 - TBD
10:10 - Debbie Mestas

Contact Pat Seamands or Trisha Whitcomb if you cannot serve.

OFFERTORY STEWARD
Ted Grooms

ADULT Sunday School

TIME CHANGE

The adult Sunday School class taught by Belle Stapleton will start meeting at 9:15 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. All adults are welcome to come to Sunday School.



Victoria McGee	Dec. 2	Rob Knaus	Dec. 14
Lyle Cox	Dec. 6	Bryan Elliott	Dec. 18
Ted Purvis	Dec. 6	Terri Taylor	Dec. 21
Mike Ward	Dec. 6	Jolene Knaus	Dec. 23
Mena pagett	Dec. 7	Rita Petersen	Dec. 25
Crystal Rodgers	Dec. 8	Lorna Cook	Dec. 31
Roger Cook	Dec. 9	Sebbie Koehmstedt	Dec. 31
Chook McBee	Dec. 13		



Jim & Trisha Nichols - Dec. 13, 1974
Bruce Postema & Carol Sage - Dec. 17, 1999
Roger & Lorna Cook - Dec. 22, 1953 (68 years)
Lyle & Jo Cox - Dec. 22, 1990
Ed & Mary Burgess - Dec. 24, 1974
Nicholas & Maggie Grooms Dec. 27, 2003
Jacquie & Robert Cook - Dec. 29, 1951 (70 years)



MID-WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

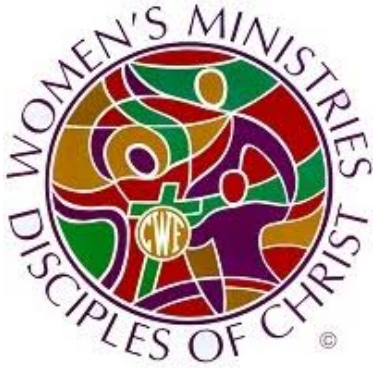
Attendees: Middle and High School Youth
Where: La Foret Conference Center in Colorado

When: February 18-21, 2022

Reservations forms will be available in January, 2022
Please let Erika Stupak know if you are interested in attending.

MISSION COMMISSION will be making lunches and passing them out on Saturday, December 25th, 2021. It is Christmas day but if anyone would like to come make lunches and pass them out, contact Debbie Mestas.

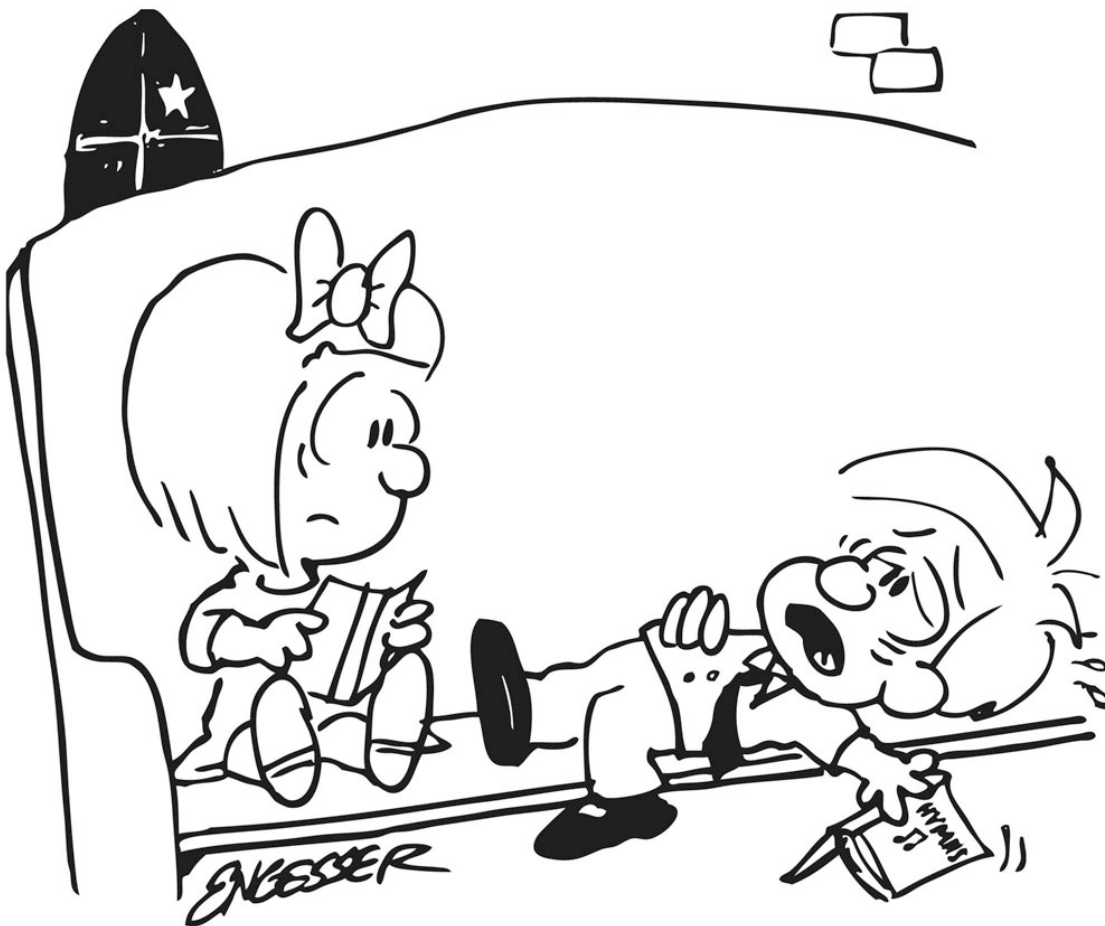
Blankets will also be made on December 18th. Contact Trudy Woodard if you have questions.



INFORMATION ON DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Disciples Women's Ministry has met and decided as a group to walk a new path in 2022. One of our beautiful hymns begins "We gather together to ask for God's blessing to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own". The DWM (Disciples Women's Ministry) will begin the new year 2022 by gathering together in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, January 11th and February 8th @ 2:00 p.m. We will

be turning to the wisdom of God's Word. Teresa Elliott will be our guide as we learn how to study the Bible. It is our hope that this will equip you to daily (or at least weekly) study the Bible on your own. All women of the church are invited. We'll talk, pray and enjoy the fellowship of one another. Bring your Bible and a spiral notebook. If you have any questions, contact Lani McBee @ 258-3503.



"That last 'Glo-ooo-oooh-oooh-ooooh-oooh-oooh-oooria' about did me in."



PRESCHOOL UPDATES

What a month we have had. Our Thanksgiving program is Friday, Nov. 19th and the kids have been practicing so hard and Ms. Kathy has been playing the piano for us. We are busy making decorations so our room will be festive. We are having our Scholastic Book Fair and it will be available until Monday, Nov. 22nd. Stop by and purchase great Christmas gifts on Sunday, Nov. 21st. Pastor Bryan is doing our Friday chapel service with the kiddos and they just love him! He has made so many new friends in the preschool. In the spirit of Thanksgiving I have been asking the kids the question **WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?** So I am thankful for my new teachers who love the kids and preschool as much as I do; Pastor Bryan and Teacher Teresa who make learning about God fun and exciting; my family; my husband; all the preschool families who share their littles with me; the littles who give hugs and are so excited to learn and the church family who supports and cares about the preschool.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE AND EVERYONE STAY HEALTHY! Ms. Annette and the fishes under the sea.!!

CUB SCOUT PACK 13 UPDATES



Cub Scouts would like to thank the congregation for their amazing support during our annual popcorn sale! We surpassed our sales goal this year!! We have many fun activities planned for 2022 and you all helped us get there! Boys and Girls, K-5 are welcome to join in the fun!

December activities

Den meetings - Monday Dec. 6

Pack Game Night - Dec. 13

Christmas break - Dec. 20 & 27

Den meetings - January 3, 2022

If you have any questions, contact Erika Stupak @ 277-8620.



CONGRATULATIONS to Virginia Yohn for winning the beautiful butterfly quilt in this year's fall fund raiser for the Fellowship Quilters. We have been overwhelmed with the support we received this year. An anonymous member of the congregation donated enough money to replace

our 70 year old sewing machine. Another donated a full roll of batting, enough to complete at least 15 more quilts. Our raffled raised \$445. Thank you for your support in our mission to provide warmth and beauty to those within the congregation and the wider community. Stay tuned for an update on the Quilts of Valor that will be awarded to our veterans in appreciation of their service to our country or congregation.

December 2021

- US Holidays
- Birthdays
- Fun Activities
- Work
- Home
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January 2022

December 2021

November 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8:15 AM Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Hamukkah</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM QUILTERS</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM DWM Board</p> <p>10:00 AM Wallace Quilters</p>	<p>3</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>3:15 PM Sandwich making</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship</p> <p>9:00 AM Adult's Sunday School</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM Wallace Quilters</p> <p>10:00 AM Circle of Caring</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Sewardship</p> <p>7:00 PM Commissions</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p> <p>8:00 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM QUILTERS</p> <p>12:00 PM Group 2</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM GROUP 1</p> <p>10:00 AM Wallace Quilters</p>	<p>10</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>3:15 PM Sandwich making</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</p> <p>10:00 AM STATE QUILTERS</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship</p> <p>9:00 AM NO Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 AM congregational meeting</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:30 AM Group 3</p> <p>12:00 PM CALL deadline</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM QUILTERS</p> <p>9:15 AM CALL folders</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 AM Wallace Quilters</p>	<p>17</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>3:15 PM Sandwich making</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</p> <p>10:00 AM Blankets</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM QUILTERS</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 AM Wallace Quilters</p>	<p>24</p> <p>OFFICE Open until noon</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>3:15 PM Sandwich making</p> <p>7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <p>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Kwanzaa</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School</p> <p>10:10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM QUILTERS</p> <p>5:00 PM COOK 75 ANNIVERSARY DIN- NER</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM Wallace Quilters</p>	<p>31</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> <p>3:15 PM Sandwich making</p>	<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <p>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</p>

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UPDATE FOR THE FCC 2022 DIRECTORY

It is time to update the directory for 2022. If you do not attend a service, please use the template below to update your directory information and send it back to the church at 520 CY Avenue by December 2nd. Thank you. All current information will be used if nothing is updated.

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