



# THE CALL

# FEB 2021

## 2021 RECIPE FOR A HAPPY CHURCH!!

- 1 Cup of Consideration**
- 1 Cup of courtesy**
- 1 gallon of "faith in God" and also one another**
- 2 teaspoons of praise**
- 3 teaspoons of appreciation**
- 1 generous dash of cooperation**
- 3 teaspoons of pure extract of "I'm sorry"**
- 1 Cup of contentment**
- 1 Cup each of confidence and encouragement**
- Several hobbies**
- 1 Quart of blindness to others' faults**

**Flavor with frequent portions of recreation and a dash of happy memories. Stir well and remove any specks of jealousy, temper, criticism or "me" importance. Sweeten well with a steady flavor of devotion.**

**Never serve with a cold shoulder or hot tongue.**

*Author Unknown*



### 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  
**9:00** Adult Sunday School  
**10:10** - Worship Service

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**Preschool 8:45 - 12:00 P.M. M-F**  
**Preschool Phone - 472-0649**

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY.

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### THE DEADLINE FOR THE CALL WILL BE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH BY NOON.

## **MOVING..** Last week I moved again. This time it

was just across town from 21st street to 1st street downtown. Moving doesn't bring out the best in us---in me and John that is. This is our reality. We know it, we accept it AND we anticipate it. Over the last 36.5 years

John and I have moved 12 times. 12 times we have bubble wrapped, boxed and taped up our possessions, carried and packed them into a car or a U-haul and driven from one side of town to the other, one side of our country to the other and back again. Every time we move, we "loudly discuss" what must be kept, what needs to be tossed, how many books do we really need to take with us (all of them), we are not taking that beat up pre-school cubbie with us again (yes. we. are.). Yes, we need to cut the sofa bed out of the basement and trash it! Together, we loaded our 1984 Amana side-by-side on to a truck from California to Nevada to Texas to Georgia to Kentucky. That refrigerator lasted through 7 moves and 20+ years. Oh! it was a sad day when our beautiful 1984 Amana had to go the way of non-energy efficient appliances.

Moving is a big project and it always take longer than we anticipate (we've missed a hotel reservation or two along the way---we didn't get off and away as soon as we wanted, we were too exhausted to travel as far as we intended). We get tired. We get testy with each other. Yet, underneath all our noise and frustration (and yes, anger and fear) we are deeply grateful for the other. We know we can depend on the other for presence, help, support. We know we are able to depend on the other to find the way forward when we cannot see the light of our new day (fear does that even in times of joy.) We are glad to not be alone. We know this. And still...

It seems to me life in the church is like that **MOVING**, from past to present to future doesn't always bring out the best in us here either. We get loud, we get quiet, we get testy and snippy with each other. It is difficult to figure out how much room there is in the moving truck. It's even more difficult to figure out what goes in the truck: what do we take with us as we move on to a new day? What do we need to leave behind and let go of? (or to say it another way, how much will fit in your bag? What's important? What are you willing to carry? What do you need to let go of and leave behind?). We get nervous and we are afraid because in the church that new place, that new day we are on our way to isn't always so clear. The new day, the new place of promise can be fuzzy to see or define. The destination can be uncertain. I understand why the Israelites wandered the wilderness for so long and why they wanted to go back to Egypt. Egypt was...known. There were too many unknown's on that promised side of the Jordan river.

But we are God's people. And God has promised to be with us--always. God may not pack our bags (those choices are ours) but God will continue leading our journey. God's people are always on the move to a new place, to a new day, to a new promise. We may not see it clearly. It may take longer than we thought. But we are not alone. God is with us AND we have each other. This we know.

***Dr. Caryn Yoast***

# CHURCH PROTOCOL UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 AS OF 1/18/21

First Christian Church has been monitoring the COVID Pandemic and have been following the recommended precautions to limit the spread of the virus. We continue to limit church attendance at both services, require face masks, social distance people by alternating every other pew to sit in and provided hand sanitizer at various different locations throughout the church. We feel that these measures keep our congregation as safe as possible and still allow us to worship on a weekly basis.

Our preschool has done a remarkable job in cleaning and sanitizing the areas that the kids are in and we are one of the few preschools in town that has not had to shut a classroom down due to COVID exposure.

Our custodian continues to do a fantastic job in cleaning and sanitizing all areas in the church with special attention to the high touch areas. All of these measures help prevent the spread of COVID.

So where do we go from here? We are now beginning to work toward providing Sunday School for our children again. We currently have 2 adults Sunday School classes that meet at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. Twice a month our CYF Sunday School (grades 6-12) meets during the 10:10 worship service. If you are interested in assisting us as we work toward providing a safe and comfortable learning environment for our children please let the church office know.

We will continue to check temperatures, ask people to continue to wear face masks, provide hand sanitizer, and continue to social distance as much as possible.

We are committed to providing worship and education opportunities for all of our church families in a clean and safe environment. Should you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me or Dr. Yoast.  
***Dennis Baker***

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



## LENTEN SERVICES

**Lenten Services will start with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. We will meet in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. through March 31st. We will NOT have our traditional soup supper. We will observe all the church COVID guidelines. The services will be led by the Elders.**

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
February 13, 1921- February 13, 2021

In light of the continuing influence of the COVID-19 virus in our community, state and nation, the 100th Anniversary Committee has determined **to delay** our 100th celebration until late summer or early fall. Hopefully things will be better for all of us by then. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. WE look forward to celebrating the history and life of our First Christian Church with you then.



**FEBRUARY  
DIACONATE**  
Chapel: TBD  
10:10 - Larry & Kathy Winders

**OFFERTORY STEWARD**  
Larry Winders



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Judy Potter	Feb. 5	Melanie Dowler	Feb. 17
Connor Goodman	Feb. 6	Payton Brown	Feb. 20
Jo Cox	Feb. 7	Ben Ambrosino	Feb. 21
Carson Johnson	Feb. 7	Stevey Kingsolver	Feb. 24
Jared Baker	Feb. 9	Jackie Tighe	Feb. 25
Betty Blain	Feb. 12		
Pat Buck	Feb. 12		
Michelle Elser	Feb. 16		

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Larry & Kathy Winders - February 22, 1969



**Dr. Caryn Yoast**  
120 W. 1st Apt. 405  
Casper, WY 82601

**Jane Wallace**  
200 E. 9th  
Casper, WY 82601



**COLLEGE  
Scholarships**

The Wills, Trusts, Memorials & Scholarships Commission has awarded \$500 scholarships to Nathan Hawley and to Dylan Stupak for the 2021 Spring Semester at Casper College. The commission is excited for these students as they pursue their college journey.  
*Larry Winders, Chairman*



Psalm 33:3  
Sing to God a new  
song; play skillfully,  
shout for joy!

**NEW MUSIC MINISTRY FOR REGIONAL YOUTH!**

The region is launching a new program for the youth of CRMR. It is a collaboration of songs utilizing the gifts of music for youth all over our region. We have created a new google classroom called CRMR Youth Music to connect with all that want to participate. Gayle Grace, a fun loving musician and Chair of Vocal Music at PPCC will be leading this project and is anxious to begin collaborating with young musicians from around the 5 states and hopes to create music videos of camp favorites to be shared with all our churches. Whether you sing, play an instrument, or both, if you've participated in camps before or not, please join. Email [gaylegrace13@gmail.com](mailto:gaylegrace13@gmail.com) to get started.



**Deacons  
Called  
To Serve**

## ALL NEW AND RETURNING DEACONS

The Diaconate are in need chair or co-chairs for the 2021 year. Since the pandemic has struck the duties of the deacons has changed. The Chair or co-chairs are responsible for filling the serving schedule, which is only finding two deacons to serve at the 10:10 service. The serving deacons are responsible for taking temperatures, handing out the communion cups, bulletin and collect offering. Easy Peasy!! The duties of the Diaconate chair are also to work closely with the Spiritual Growth Commission. If you wish to serve as the Chairman or Co-chair the Diaconate, please contact the church office.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2021

CROP HUNGER WALK

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time



## CROP HUNGER WALK - 2021

Put Sunday, April 25th on your calendar. That is spring CROP Hunger Walk. This will be a virtual walk again in 2021 due to COVID-19. If you would like to be involved in this event which benefits our local community and the global community, please contact Terri Morrison or Debbie Mestas.



**PASTORAL  
SEARCH  
COMMITTEE**

The Search Committee has updated the Congregational Profile and it was submitted to the Regional Office on December 28, 2020. They plan on meeting within the next few weeks, if they have any profiles to look at. Because of the

pandemic, all churches looking for new ministers are experiencing the same difficulties we are in receiving active profiles. If you have any questions, contact Carmen Goodman or Steve Brown, Co-Chairs of the Search Committee.

## MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The Mission Commission is continues to do the following:

- Serve dinner at the Rescue Mission every 4th Thursday of the month.
- Virtual CROP Walk on Sunday, April 29th. Please plan to participate. See article above for more information.
- Fleece Blanket Ministry makes blankets on the 3rd Saturday of every month.
- Sandwich ministry makes sandwiches on Fridays at 3:15 p.m. and put the lunches together on Saturdays at 8:15 a.m. and distributes them in the breezeway at First United Methodist Church from 10:00 - noon.
- Makes lunches for Youth For Christ on the 3rd Friday of every month at 7:00 a.m.
- With our credit at the Food Bank, we are providing nutritional snacks to the teachers at Lincoln Elementary School to hand out to children who are food insecure.

If you would like to help with any of these projects, contact Debbie Mestas Mission Chair; Keith Rouse or Trudy Woodard.



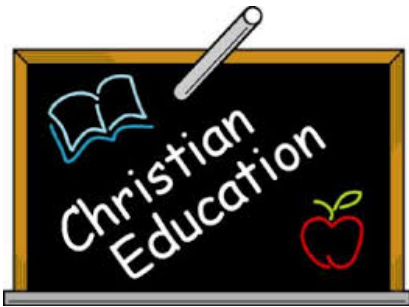
### UPDATE FROM THE SUPER HEROES CAVE!

Happy New Year to you all! The children were so excited to return to school. This month we will be learning our letters J, I, X & P. We have eaten jello jigglers, jumped for joy just because it was January; made our own ice-cream in a bag, had some extra fun and food, and we will pig out on Pajama Day with pink and purple polka dotted pancakes! We are excited that we have made it into the new year without any shutdowns due to COVID. The teachers are doing a great job keeping everything extra clean. Thank you for the prayers for my parents, students, and teachers during this COVID time.

We applied for another grant and we were recipients of the funds in the amount of \$26,101. This was a "loss of income grant" due to the down turn in our enrollment. With this grant, the preschool should be financially stable. We have been fortunate to qualify and receive 3 grants this past year for a total of \$40,000.

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Thank you for your continued support,

*Annette Crain, Director*



Materials have been ordered for the January and February Sunday School mailings for preschool through grade 5. January's materials should go out the end of next week.

Looking ahead to Easter, and PERHAPS an Easter Egg Hunt might work since Easter is the first week of April and it could be held outside. Of course COVID permitting. Stay tuned for more information.

Contact Jennifer Grooms if you have questions.



### COME TO THE BLANKET BLITZ!!!!

The Fleece Blanket Project will be celebrating 5 years of ministry with a **BLANKET BLITZ**. On Saturday, March 7th from 10am-2pm teams from various agencies and schools around the city who have participated in our Blanket Project will gather in separate rooms at the church to assemble as many fleece blankets as they can. At the end of the day we hope to have made 100+ blankets!

We need **YOU!!!** We need a First Christian Church team (or two) to participate. We also need donations: sharp scissors, fleece cut in 2 yard pieces, volunteers to help set up and clean up. Everyone is welcome to come participate. The FCC Fleece Blanket Project is significant in our community. The gift of warmth and comfort is just one way we extend love of God and love of neighbor into the community of Casper. Mark your calendars and join us!!! Questions? Please call Trudy Woodard, Debbie Mestas or call the church office.

# February 2021

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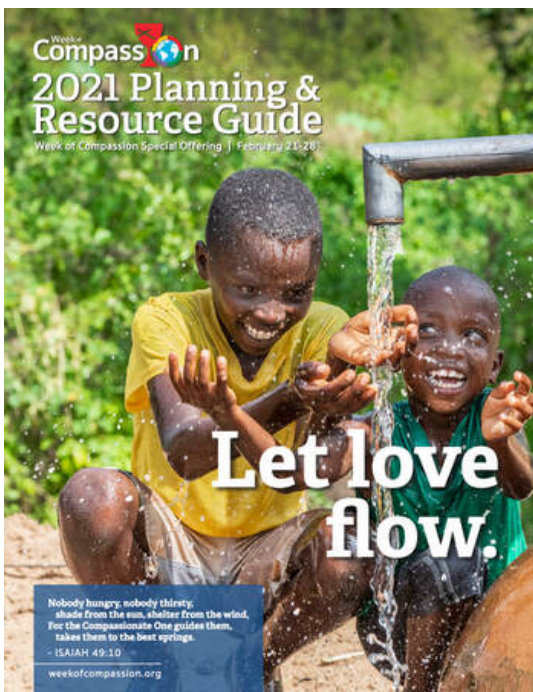
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*Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty,  
shade from the sun, shelter from the wind,  
For the Compassionate One guides them,  
takes them to the best springs.  
- ISAIAH 49:10*



Each year during the month of February the *Week of Compassion* offering is received in Disciples congregations around the United States and Canada. Since its beginnings in the early 1940's Week of Compassion provides humanitarian assistance, refugee resettlement, disaster response and development work across boundaries of culture, country and religious tradition to relieve suffering around our world. Working together with global partners Week of Compassion turns suffering into hope sharing God's love for all throughout our country, around our world. We will collect Week of Compassion offering on February 21 & 28th. If you wish to contribute, please make your check out to First Christian Church and put Week of Compassion in the memo and mail it to the church. Thank You!