



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL

**DEC.  
2022**



## **Church Staff:**

**Bryan Elliott:** Lead Pastor  
**Kathy Winders,** Secretary  
**Arlon Miller,** Music Director  
**Megan Jones,** 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**

**CLOSED JUNE-AUG.**

**Preschool Phone - 472-0649**



**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 4, 2022**

**9:30 A.M. - Fellowship Hall**

**Purpose to approve the 2023 Budget, Board, Elders, Diaconate and approve the proposed Bylaw change & recommendations of the Mission Commission for Faith Promise Funds usage.**



In the next few weeks we will take a journey in Advent as we anticipate and later 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. Our church activities and celebrations will find many, who have little to no church involvement interested in church

this time of year. It may be that they come out of curiosity or nostalgia of their pasts. It makes no difference why they are interested, just that they are present to hear about Jesus. We can give them this opportunity by inviting our friends, neighbors and family to our church in this season of anticipation and wonder! I will be sharing an Advent Sermon Series on the Songs of the Season: November 27th will be "The Songs of the Season: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel! With a brief history of Christmas Carols; The Songs of the Season: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"; The Songs of the Season: "Silent Night"; The Songs of the Season: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"; Our Christmas Eve Service will speak of "The Glory of This Place." Please invite your friends and family to our worship services this season of Advent. People are more likely to come during this time than any other.

We will celebrate with bells on three Sundays this Advent season: November 27, December 4 and the 18th at the 10:10 AM worship. Our Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve Service on Saturday the 24th at 7:00 PM to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. On Sunday, December 25th we will only have one service that will be celebrated at 10:10 AM and we will sing Christmas carols, hear the reading of the Christmas Story from the Gospel of Luke and celebrate communion. The church celebrates this time of Advent and Christmas every year. It is a story that we know very well. But not everyone is familiar with Jesus' story. Please share this story through word and deed and invitation. It is a great way to introduce people to our Lord and to our church community. 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 to Jesus. 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 - Advent kicks off our Church calendar as Christians. See you in this wonderful season of Hope, Joy, Peace and Love.

In Anticipation of Christmas,

Pastor Bryan





## FROM ME TO YOU

## THANK YOU!!

Well, this is the last call article for my term as Chairman of the Board of First Christian Church. It has been an honor and a blessed privilege to serve in this capacity over the last year.

First let me say thank you to all of those who have served on the board and the commissions. Your hard work and commitment to the church is what keeps us going. You have taken on some new projects and worked to make the leadership of the church more effective. You are the true definition of the word steward when it comes to caring for our church and congregation.

Second, I would like to thank the congregation for trusting me to guide this church through this year. They say a good leader is someone who surrounds himself with people who are smarter than they are, and I certainly had that opportunity this last year. Your love for the church, community, and the world can not be outdone by any other church. We are who we are which is a loving church.

Lastly, I would like to thank Bryan, Kathy, and Lisa (while she was here). This church has been blessed to have these people handle all the day-to-day work of the church. Their love for people and their ability to get things done is truly inspirational to me.

I hope you have the merriest of Christmas's this year and glad tidings for the coming year!

Thanks again and Merry Christmas!!!

**DENNIS BAKER, CHAIRMAN 2022**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS  
PROPOSED CHANGE TO BYLAWS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH WILL BE PRESENTED TO  
THE CONGREGATION AT THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON  
December 4, 2022**

**ARTICLE 8 – ELDERS, DIACONATE, AND HONORARY MEMBERS**

**SECTION 8.1 – COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF ELDERS AND DIACONATE**

**SUBSECTION 8.1.1**

**CURRENTLY READS:** The Board of Elders shall consist of sixteen elected members, being both men and women.

**CHANGE TO READ:** The Board of Elders shall consist of both men and women, with a number sufficient to meet the needs of the congregation.

**REASON FOR CHANGE;** This bylaw was written September 1980 when the congregation was quite large. Our congregation has gradually declined, therefore making it very hard to fill the currently required number of 16 for the eldership. By eliminating the designated number of 16 it allows flexibility to increase/decrease the number as needed.

Submitted by:

Dennis Baker, President of the FCC Congregation

Carmen Goodman, Vice President of the FCC Congregation



## DECEMBER DIACONATE

8:15 - Nina Hytrek

10:10 - Zach Hawley & Cristopf  
Atkinson

Contact Pat Seamands or Trisha  
Whitcomb if you cannot serve.

**OFFERTORY STEWARD**  
**Ted Grooms**

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

12/4 - Open

12/11 - Annette & Pat

12/18 - Elliotts

12/25 - Christmas Day

### WORSHIP & WONDER

12/4 - Jadalyn Wardell

12/11 - Maggie Grooms

12/18 - Dan Bilbeisi

12/25 & 1/1 - No W&W

1/8 - Maggie Grooms

## DECEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

Victoria McGee	Dec. 2	Chook McBee	Dec. 13
Lyle Cox	Dec. 6	Rob Knaus	Dec. 14
Ted Purvis	Dec. 6	Bryan Elliott	Dec. 18
Sharon Lansing	Dec. 7	Terri Taylor	Dec. 21
Mena Pagett	Dec. 7	Jolene Knaus	Dec. 23
Crystal Rodgers	Dec. 8	Rita Petersen	Dec. 25
Roger Cook	Dec. 9	Lorna Cook	Dec. 31
Mark Hallock	Dec. 9	Sebastian Koehmstedt	Dec. 31
David Riedel	Dec. 12		

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Trisha Nichols - Dec. 13, 1974

Bruce Postema & Carol Sage - Dec. 17, 1999

Roger & Lorna Cook - December 22, 1953 (69 years)

Lyle & Jo Cox - Dec. 22, 1990

Ed & Mary Burgess - Dec. 24, 1974

Gary & Max Jacobson - Dec. 24, 2010

Nicholas & Maggie Grooms - Dec. 27, 2003

Robert & Jacquie Cook - Dec. 29, 1951(71 years)



Dear Church Board and Congregation--Thank you for your recognition of my pastoral ministry during Minister Appreciation Month. FCC Casper was instrumental in my becoming a minister in mid-life, supporting me financially through school and giving me so much encouragement all along the way. I will always be grateful and look forward to serving among you again. **Nancy Thomas**

Dear FCC--Thank you for the visits by Paul Hallock and Pastor Bryan. It is always nice to have company. Blessings, **Pam Steinle**.



**SPIRITUAL GROWTH** is asking you to share a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary during the Advent season. Please contact the church with your name and the name of the person that it is in memory of or in Honor of. The cost is \$9.00. When you send your check please write "Poinsettias" in the memo part of your check. The names will be printed in the December 18th bulletin. Deadline to purchase is December 11th.

**Why is Santa so good at karate? Cause he's got a black belt.**





EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME TO THE  
PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

When: Thursday, December 15th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Sanctuary at First Christian Church

## Christmas Program

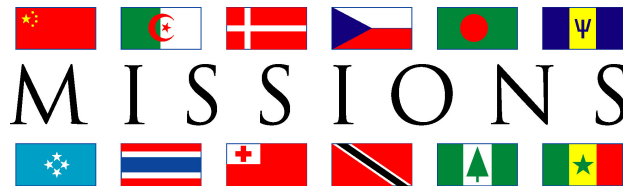
Cupcakes & milk will be served after the performance in  
Fellowship Hall

**TIME CHANGE!!!!**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL START AT 9:00 A.M.**

**starting Sunday, January 8, 2023 instead of 9:15 A.M.**





### **Proposed usage of the Faith Promise monies raised in the Faith Promise Campaign**

The Mission Commission received numerous suggestions for usage of the Faith Promise Funds. Some of them did not fit into the mission requirements or were already a line item in the budget so were removed from the list. The following were discussed at the Board meeting on November 14th and given to the Mission Commission to review and bring their suggestions to the Board at the November 28th meeting for board approval. They will present eight or nine projects to the board for approval. **After the board meeting an all church email will be sent with the final recommendations that will be presented to the congregation.** Funds will be distributed. We want to thank the Mission Commission for the time they have put in on this project so that the funds raised can be used to the fullest benefit for our local community and missions around the world.

Blanket Ministry  
 Casper Youth For Christ  
 Central Wyoming Rescue Mission  
 Community Action (social work outreach program)  
 Greta Hinderliter's homeless student program  
 Habitat for Humanity  
 Central Wyoming Hospice  
 Interfaith of Natrona County  
 Kim McBee Ash and nursing students going to Kenya to help with healthcare  
 Maranatha Children's Ministry in Haiti  
 Navigators Mission Program  
 Seton House  
 True Care  
 Unattended Student Initiative  
 Week of Compassion  
 Wyoming Food Bank  
 10% back into Mission Commission regular budget for any upcoming projects.



There will be NO Sunday School for all classes on November 27th, December 25th and January 1st. The busy bags will be by the sanctuary doors for the children to entertain themselves.

The Junior/Senior High classes will meet on Dec. 4th. We will do the Christmas lesson and learn more about the birth of Jesus. We will NOT meet on December 11th. We will meet on Dec. 18 and having a Christmas Party. Wear an ugly Christmas Sweater, and bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange with the other kids (please make the gift appropriate for Sunday School and nothing expensive. Think of something laying around your house that you don't want any more). We'll have treats and Christmas crafts and catch up before the holidays.

# December 2022

FCC CASPER CALL

DECEMBER 2022

November 2022							December 2022							January 2023						
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30										

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>27</div> <div> <div>8:15 AM Worship</div> <div>9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School</div> <div>10:10 AM Worship</div> <div>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</div> <div>12:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>1:00 PM Handbell practice</div> </div>	<div>28</div> <div> <div>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</div> <div>7:00 PM Board meeting</div> <div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</div> </div>	<div>29</div> <div> <div>11:00 AM Sermon In the Round</div> <div>7:00 PM AA</div> </div>	<div>30</div> <div> <div>9:00 AM QUILTERS</div> </div>	<div>1</div> <div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>3:00 PM Sandwich making</div> </div>	<div>2</div> <div> <div>7:30 AM Men's BS</div> <div>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</div> </div>	<div>3</div>
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**The Mission Commission and DWM (Disciples Women's Ministry) would like to invite you to help us decorate the Christmas Tree in the foyer with **HATS, MITTENS, SCARFS & SOCKS** for adults and children in need in our Casper Community. Please bring your items and place them on the tree!!**