



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL

JAN.  
2022



The following board members were installed for the 2022 year on Sunday, December 12th at the annual meeting.

- BOARD PRESIDENT** - Dennis Baker
- VICE PRESIDENT**- Carmen Goodman
- SECRETARY** - Kathy Winders
- MEMBERS AT LARGE** - Trudy Woodard & Kelley Lackey

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Ted Grooms & Erika Stupak - 2022
- Elane Burkhalter & Randisue Davis - 2023
- Teresa Elliott & TBD - 2024

## COMMISSION LEADERS

- Christian Education** - Michelle Elser
- Mission Commission** - Annette Ambrosino & Wanda Hogan
- Spiritual Growth** - Belle Stapleton
- Property** - Spencer Stupak & Colin Hogan
- WTM & S** - Larry Winders
- Chair of the Elders** - determined by the elders
- Chair of the Diaconate** - TBD
- Disciples Women's Fellowship** - TBD (in transition)

Welcome to the new Board and the first meeting is Monday, January 10th. Look for more details regarding orientation and board information.

## 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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[www.fccasper.org](http://www.fccasper.org)

[fccasper@gmail.com](mailto:fccasper@gmail.com)

Preschool - M-F 9:00 - Noon

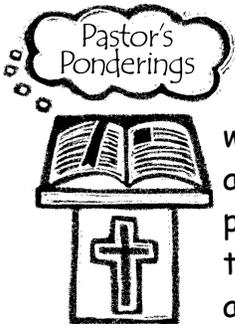
Preschool Phone - 472-0649



**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE  
AT 7:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH.**

**CANDLES, COMMUNION, AND CAROLS SERVICE  
FAMILY SERVICE SO NO NURSERY WILL BE  
PROVIDED.**

We look forward to seeing everyone!



## Dear Church Family,

Note that I use the term "family." It is because that is what I think of when I experience time with you all. Church is a family affair, as God calls us children and Jesus calls us brothers and sisters. It is joyful, messy at times, but always it is precious and wonderful. We have just celebrated Christmas and we have experienced together Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving, a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with one another. Those are the highlights, but, and more importantly we have together worshipped God, seen people join our church family, seen more and more visitors who have experienced joy in our church family. This year, 2022, I would like to share one or two of my goals with you: 1) I would like to start a Men's group that meet's at least once a month with the goal of seeing how God's Word can help us to be the best husbands, fathers, men, that we can be to our families and beyond; 2) And if we continue to grow in number and faith practice I would like to look into the possibility of calling an Associate Minister who will focus on Youth, Children and Young Adults.

Several years ago both Teresa and I's parents said that they missed us, wanted to see us, and as they age, getting out is more and more difficult. What happened after that "miss you" conversation is that my mother passed away, and my father slipped into increasing dementia. That has got me to think, How am I really spending time with loved ones, be they family or friends? I believe those in our lives value time with us more than we realize, and I am hoping we don't realize the value of getting together with friends and family when it is too late to experience togetherness. That brings me to our gatherings each Sunday, do we value that time with one another? Because as my children and parents have reminded me, that time, that precious time is running out and it will become so very valuable when it slips away. Take care and thank you for all the gifts and blessings you have showered on Teresa and I this Christmas season and these past several months. You are our friends and we hope that we will grow in relationships that will show greater love and support as we learn and continue to grow in our friendship with one another.

I know that many of us go into the New Year with hopeful expectations of weight loss, changing bad habits into good ones, spending more time with family, etc. But when all is said and done, those weight loss items (the ones in the corner of the room with all the clothes hanging on them!) become increasingly un-used, habits remain pretty much the way they were and spending time with family can become texts and emails. It is my hope that more and more we reach out to others, be they family or friends with notes of appreciation, time together for lunch or dinner, time sharing a cup of tea or coffee, or other ways to say to those you love that they matter to you. And may we always remember that time spent with God is what sustains and keeps us moving forward. What have you learned from this past year that you wish to take into 2022 that will bless God and those around you?

Happy New Year!  
Pastor Bryan



Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year!



### COME JOIN THE CHOIR!!!!

We are always looking for new members. Our practice time is 2:00 p.m. on Sunday after noons. This Sunday we will be singing "Mary Did You Know?" and on December 26th "Christmas Time is Here." If you have any questions, please give me a call at 277-4839 or email [arlonlerouge101@gmail.com](mailto:arlonlerouge101@gmail.com)

### MISSION COMMISSION UPDATES

The commission is keeping active during the rest of December with the following:

- helping to prepare and serve dinner at the Mission on Christmas Eve from 3-5:30 p.m.
- making and distributing sandwiches on Christmas Day
- Making blankets on Saturday, December 18th from 10-2p.m We can still use donations of fleece or funds to purchase fleece.
- Collecting warm gloves and other items for people in need.
- Giving gift cards to Greta Hinderliter for the homeless students.

Contact Debbie Mestas (785-577-5762) Keith Rouse (258-7589) or Trudy Woodard (237-2172) if you are interested in helping with serving the mission, making sandwiches or blankets.



We have had several requests from teachers asking if their students could come make blankets as a service project. It is encouraging to see children and youth wanting to give back to their community. 26 basketball players from NCHS made 20 blankets on December 4th. On January 6th, the blanket ministry will help 5th grade students from Southridge Elementary School make blankets as part of a leadership program.



The Mission Commission would like to encourage everyone to get involved in helping others in the community during the upcoming year--from making sandwiches and lunches every Saturday at 8:15 a.m. or blankets on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10-2:00 p.m.; serving at the mission, helping with the Week of Compassion or donating to the special offerings. You can make a difference!!

# JANUARY DIACONATE

8:15 - TBD

10:10 - The Nicholas Grooms  
family

Contact Pat Seamands or Trisha  
Whitcomb if you cannot serve.

**OFFERTORY STEWARD**  
**Tom Dowler**



Robin Nelson	Jan. 2	Dorothy Rhoades	Jan. 13
Maggie Grooms	Jan. 4	Jane Wallace	Jan. 13
Jane Baker	Jan. 6	Lynda Williams	Jan. 13
Carol Sage	Jan. 6	Marcus Hayden	Jan. 19
Kelly Hover	Jan. 7	Evan Woods	Jan. 19
Debbie Mapp	Jan. 10	Nylia Cazier	Jan. 22
David Taylor	Jan. 11	Karen Huckfeldt	Jan. 30

No January anniversaries



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Natalie Herchkorn**  
2730 Lennox  
Casper, WY 82601

**Paula Freerksen**  
4717 Vista Way  
Casper, WY 82601

**PASTOR BRYAN  
WILL BE OUT  
OF THE OFFICE  
12/25-12/31  
Dennis Baker  
will be pulpit  
guest on 12/26**

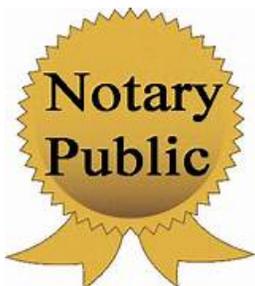
## NEWS FROM



**MID-WINTER YOUTH RETREAT**  
**Attendees: Middle and High School Youth**  
**Where: La Foret Conference Center in  
Colorado**

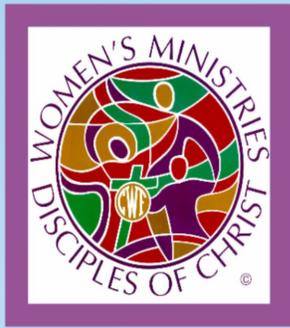
**When: February 18-21, 2022**

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



**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CHURCH SECRETARY IS A NOTARY???**  
If you didn't ---now you know. If you need anything notarized, stop by  
the church office between 10-2 Mon-Thursday and she'll be glad to help.  
Fee is only a smile and a kind word.





**Come gather with us as we enter a New Year!**

**Join the Women of DWM**

**(Disciples Women's Ministry)**

**on Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

**at 2:00 p.m.**

**in Fellowship Hall**

**for a time**

**of Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and fun!**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**You will need**

**your Bible and a spiral notebook!**

**Teresa Elliott will lead the study ,**

**encouraging us toward the goal**

**of daily Bible reading!**

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

**Psalm 119:105**

For the women who plan to attend the meeting on January 11, 2022, please read the following scripture ahead of time: Psalm 119: 1-6 and think about these two questions: 1) What did you see that caught your attention? and 2) Which verse spoke to you the most? SEE YOU THERE!



First Christian Church Preschool

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
from  
The Preschool teachers  
& students

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDER!!**  
**NO Sunday School**  
**December 26, 2021 or January 2, 2022**  
**Sunday school resumes on Jan. 9th.**



**QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTED TO ROGER COOK BY THE FCC FELLOWSHIP QUILTERS on Sunday, December 5, 2021. Roger served with the Air Force from 1951-1955. Pictured are (from left to right) Elane Burkhalter, Darlene Bishop, Peg Jackson, Virginia Yohn, Elaine Gross, Roger Cook, Lorna Cook and Cindy Huckfeldt.**



**A Quilt of Valor** was also presented to Ted Purvis by Pastor Bryan. The ladies pictured above made the quilt for Ted. Ted served in the U.S. Army from August, 1953 until May 1956 but continued to serve in inactive duty until May 1958. He did basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri and attending engineering school in Ft. Bellvoir, VA. He was stationed in Anchorage Alaska, as a PFC at Headquarter Engineers and served at Big Delta on an engineering project and served in drafting and designing and left this assignment as Corporal.

# January 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kwanzaa</li> <li>8:15 AM Worship</li> <li>9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School</li> <li>10:10 AM Worship</li> <li>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</li> </ul>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</li> <li>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study</li> <li>7:00 PM AA</li> </ul>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM QUILTERS</li> <li>5:00 PM COOK 75 ANNIVERSARY DIN- NER</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Wallace Quilters</li> </ul>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OFFICE CLOSED</li> <li>New Year's Eve</li> <li>3:15 PM Sandwich making</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Year's Day</li> <li>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</li> </ul>
<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Worship</li> <li>9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School</li> <li>10:10 AM Worship</li> <li>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School resumes</li> <li>2:00 PM Circle of Caring</li> <li>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</li> <li>7:00 PM Elders meeting</li> <li>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study</li> <li>7:00 PM AA</li> </ul>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM QUILTERS</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Wallace Quilters</li> <li>10:00 AM DWM Board</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OFFICE CLOSED</li> <li>3:15 PM Sandwich making</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</li> <li>10:00 AM STATE QUILTERS</li> </ul>
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**FROM CHAIRMAN DENNIS BAKER**

I hope everyone is having a great Christmas season and if you are like me preparing for the coming year. As your 2022 (yes this is hard to write 2022) Chairman of the Board I have decided to do Board of Directors training on Jan 10th @ 7:00 p.m. in the board room followed by a short board meeting. This means that if commissions want to meet, they need to pick out a different time to meet other than before the normal board meeting time. I feel that if we discuss the purpose of the board, how we interact as a board, how we request funds for your commission along with some other things first we get off to a wonderful year. If this puts additional stress on commission chairs, I'm sorry but I do feel that this is important.

Thank you for your support in electing me and I look forward to visiting with you in the coming year as we move forward. God Bless!!