



THE CALL

**OCT.
2022**



**STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN
KICKS OFF
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 9, 2022**

Fall is finally upon us which is the time that we start thinking about moving the church forward in the coming year. The Stewardship Commission will be working with each one of the commissions to fine tune their budgets for the coming year. We encourage our Commissions to look closely at what they are doing and look to see not only what they want to maintain but how they want to increase their service to our congregation, the community and for outreach into other parts of the world.

Our Stewardship campaign will start on Kickoff Sunday, October 9, 2022. We ask that you strongly consider making a pledge this October for 2023. This will help the Stewardship commission and the Board in plotting a course for the church and church outreach. We know that the economy is difficult right now so we just ask that you carefully consider and pray about what you think you can give to the church. Any pledge is welcome but if you could consider doing a little more than last year it would be appreciated. Thank you for what all of you do for the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Judy Baker, Chair of Stewardship Commission or any member of the commission: Tom Dowler, Randisue Davis, Larry Winders, Ted Grooms or Paul Hallock.

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

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE AS OF

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

PROMISED \$21,380

RECEIVED \$13,140

Dear Church Family,

As of this writing I have preached 108 times (twice a Sunday). I have been installed by our Regional Minister as your "new" pastor while celebrating my 1 year anniversary as same. A BIG THANK YOU to Doug Goodwin for bring us the Word and for everyone else who participated in this great event. Teresa and I have most recently remodeled our home kitchen. We also celebrated the announcement of a new grand baby to be born in February. We have also just gotten back from the birthday party of our oldest granddaughter and our daughter. As of this writing it is the goal of the Board (Elders and Personnel) to review me over this past year but more importantly to create goals moving forward. A short list of those goals are:



- To lead a Spiritual Assessment program with leaders of the congregation
- Have a consultant come in and help leadership with Visioning and goal setting for the congregation with leadership and interested congregants attending
- For me to attend a Transformation Workshop with our Regional pastors
- Theology and Fishing Retreat
- Continue to be a chaplain at WMC
- Start a "Cookie Call" ministry of visitation with interested people visiting homebound members, members and visitors

We will be celebrating a **"Trunk or Treat" on the Sunday, October 29th, before Halloween** where we will invite all of First Christian Church Pre-school families as well as the families in our church - no age limit to participate - you will decorate your car or truck trunk or bed and hand out candy and treats that you supply. We will also have a meal of Sloppy Joes and chips and hot apple cider as well as donuts. We will begin this at 5 PM and run 6:30 PM. If anyone has some games we can set up we could play some corn hole or other games in the theme of Halloween. Please no scary or gory costumes. We had something in the newsletter about it and a sign up sheet as well. Hope you all can come and celebrate and share in good times for the whole family.

I would like to have you ponder this two part question in the coming days: What is your hope for FCC in the coming days as we strive to embrace our future and What am I willing to sacrifice in my time, treasure and talent to see the work of Christ shared among our church family as well as in Casper and beyond?

October is our Stewardship Month where we prayerfully consider our financial gifts, tithes and offerings to our church. On Sunday, October 14th I will be preaching a Stewardship message entitled: "The Cloud of Witnesses." We will talk about how our time, talents and treasure is used and I will ask the question, "Who surrounds and invests in your life? Our scripture that morning will be Hebrews 12:1-3.

As we ponder our giving and lay it before God may we also ask ourselves how we can be good stewards in our time with family, church, work, and in our friendships with others. To this end, I strive to be your servant. Blessings and see you soon!

In His Grip,

Pastor Bryan

From the Chairperson

OCTOBER 2022

I hope everyone is having a good start to their fall and enjoying their favorite fall flavors and traditions. Here are some questions that have been asked and I will try and answer them as best as I can.

WHEN WILL WE BE UNLOCKING THE CHURCH? If I had a crystal ball I could tell you but since I don't I can tell you it won't be happening soon. We have had several instances where we have had inebriated people try to get into the building or get into the building and we have had to ask them to leave. For the safety of all staff (secretary, business manager & pastor) we are going to keep the building locked. If you need into the building, you come to the elevator door and ring the doorbell. The staff can see who you are and then let you in. If you are with a group, you can get a key from Kathy and then you may unlock the door for entrance if you or someone in your group is close to the door. When your group is ready to meet, unlock the door while you meet and then return the key to Kathy. Please do not leave the door unlocked unattended or propped open. We appreciate your cooperation on helping to keep the staff and all the people in the building safe.

WHY ARE WE DOING SO MANY SECURITY PROCEDURES? Well to start with we have a pre-school and we need to have safety protocols in place to operate this pre-school within state standards. Therefore, we must make sure that there are only monitored doors for access into the church as well as the pre-school area. We have installed security cameras so that we can record activity both inside and outside of the building. If there is an incident, we can hopefully provide footage to the proper authorities for their use. We have a check-in procedure for parents bringing the children to pre-school as well as picking them up. This includes who can drop off and pick up. We have an app that parents can use so that the school can be aware of a safety concern or any changes that the parents may need to make in who is dropping off or picking up the child.

The church had 5 people attend church safety training here in Casper to understand how we can keep our congregation safe and mitigate safety concerns. We are currently reviewing these recommendations to see which ones are applicable and doable. As this progresses, we will keep you informed.

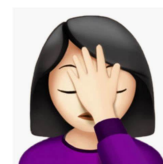
WHEN WILL WE RETURN TO COMMUNION TRAYS? Quite honestly, I don't know if we will ever return to using and passing the communion trays. Our members have said how much they miss helping each other and sharing communion with someone in the same pew. While returning to the old ways gives us that good feeling it is not the healthiest way of doing things. Not even counting COVID, passing communion trays allows flu, colds, and other medical issues to be passed from person to person more readily. Again, one of the main priorities of this church is to keep our church healthy and a safe place to worship. We are not out of the weeds yet with COVID and cold & flu season will definitely be on us very soon.

If you have other questions or concerns, please reach out to me and I will answer then the best I can. Stay healthy and God Bless.

Dennis Baker, Board Chair



“I was a banker....until I lost interest!”



**OCTOBER
DIACONATE**

8:15 - Nina Hytrek

**10:10 - Trisha Whitcomb & Nylia
Cazier**

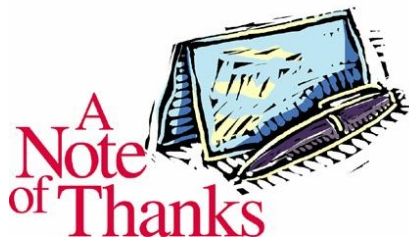
Contact Pat Seamands or Trisha
Whitcomb if you cannot serve.

**OFFERTORY STEWARD
Paul Hallock**

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
Oct. 2 - open
Oct. 9 - open
Oct. 16- Trudy Woodard
Oct. 23 - Carmen Goodman
Oct. 30 - open



Cal Decker	Oct. 3	Carmen Goodman	Oct. 24
Maryann Can	Oct. 6	Teresa Dugan	Oct. 25
Bryant Badger	Oct. 7	Vanita Wilson	Oct. 26
Amber French	Oct. 10	Brian Black	Oct. 27
Mark Williams	Oct. 11	Kelley Lackey	Oct. 27
Kellan Johnson	Oct. 15	Chuck Potter	Oct. 29
Sara Williams	Oct. 16	Randisue Davis	Oct. 31
Natalie Herchkorn	Oct. 19		
Dale Gregory	Oct. 20		



Dear First Church Congregation
and staff,

Thank you for being so welcoming and
caring. We so appreciate the visits we have
had and the cards that we have received
over the past 3 years. The Quilt of Valor
that Ed received is so special to us. I also
so enjoy attending service when possible.
Thank you, **Sally & Ed Grooms**

I want to thank the church quilting
ladies for the beautiful quilt that Cindy
Huckfeldt brought to me. We are getting
settled in our new home at Primrose. Ted
is working at getting stronger. We have
been so glad to join you all at church each
Sunday via the computer so we still feel we
are a part of the congregation. Thank you
to Rick for all he has done to get the
livestream up and running. Thank you
again and God Bless. **Lois Purvis**



*Thanks for
helping children
bloom.*

*In
Worship &
Wonder*

Maggie Grooms

WANT SOME IRIS BULBS??

If anyone is interested in getting some iris bulbs, you are
welcome to come dig them up from the small flower bed
between the elevator door and the preschool door.

HELLO AND HAPPY FALL FROM THE PRESCHOOL FAMILIES!!



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PRESCHOOL**

We have been adjusting to being back at school, learning about our school routines, meeting new friends and even had a fire drill. We are looking forward to a trip to the grocery store, having some firemen visit and also looking forward to Dr. Tolley, DDS coming to visit.

We are so glad to be back together, making new friends and looking forward to a new year of learning.

A HUGE thank you to the Disciples Women’s Ministry and the Education Commission for contributing to scholarships for our little students and their family. We are so grateful for your support!!

As always if you have any questions about the preschool please feel to contact me. Megan Jones

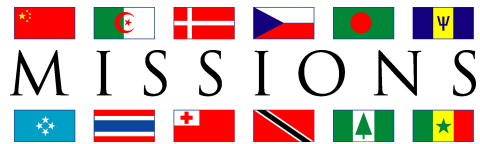
Pastor Bryan was installed by the Executive Regional Minister Rev Joan Bell-Haynes on September 11, 2022. It was a very nice installation. Rev. Doug Goodwin gave the sermon for the day, special music was offered by Bob Meloy and Lani McBee and the choir did a beautiful anthem. The service was followed by a luncheon held in the Fellowship Hall put on the the Search Committee and other members of the church. It was good to “Officially” welcome Pastor Bryan and his wife Teresa to First Christian Church.



Our current bookkeeper, Lisa Walker, has resigned to take a full time job. So we are currently looking for a part time bookkeeper. If you know basic accounting and have worked with the Quickbooks program, contact Dennis Baker, Chair of Personnel or if you would like more information about the job and duties.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

NOW is the time and NOW is your chance to have a voice in the leadership of FCC. Everyone is asked to spend some time in prayer and let the Lord speak to you about your church family and the gifts they all possess and how those gifts could be used in service to FCC. Consider your own gifts and don't be shy...nominate yourself. Think about what you or who you think would be good in a leadership role and be prepared to say “Yes, I would love to serve in that role for the good of my Church” when you are contacted by a member of this years Nominating Committee.



The Sandwich Ministry started its ninth year in September. We see new people each week, many who have never asked for help before. The ministry is currently making 60 sandwich lunches every Saturday morning.

The Blanket Ministry is starting its sixth year and resumed making blankets on September 17th. Over the past years they have made 1,744 blankets and 1,722 people or organizations have benefitted from this ministry. Headstart has requested 35 blankets so we will be working on providing them with their request. The Activities Director at Lifecare has some residents that will be making several blankets for the ministry. If you would like to participate in this ministry, contact Trudy Woodard.



FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It was good to welcome the children and young adults back to Worship and Wonder and Youth Sunday school. We are officially into the new Sunday School year. Worship and Wonder is still in need a few volunteers for our little ones - age 3 to Kindergarten. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to volunteer. The Young Disciples (grades 1-5) is being taught by Jennifer Grooms. Both of these classes are taught during the 10:10 service time. The children leave for their respective classes after Pastor Bryan does the Children's time. The Jr High/High School classes are taught by Michelle Elser and meet at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the CYF room downstairs.

Contact Maggie Grooms if you need information on W&W, and Michelle Elser, Chair of Christian Ed if you need further information on any of the youth classes or if you are interested in joining the Christian Education Commission.

CRMR YOUTH FALL RETREAT - OCTOBER 28-30

A weekend of faith, friends and service to others for 9th-12th graders. Cost - \$40 Registration and DEADLINE IS to FCC Office by noon on October 10th. NO EXCEPTIONS Registration forms are the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Stupak.

We are also asking members of the congregation to donate fleece for the blankets the youth will be making during the retreat. We want to make sure we have plenty of fleece to keep the kids occupied and hopefully make lots of blankets. They use 2 yards of solid color and 2 yards of printed, anti pill or blizzard fleece. Feel free to drop off your donations at the church. Thank you, Erika Stupak

My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate!!!

October 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stewardship Kickoff 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Commissions 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 PM DWM Fellowship 7:00 PM AA 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM QUILTERS 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 3:00 PM Sandwich making 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men's BS 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 9:00 AM 3 D's quilters 10:00 AM Blankets 	
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UPDATE FOR THE FCC 2023 DIRECTORY

We are having to do the update for the 2023 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			