



THE CALL

JAN. 2023



Church Staff:

Bryan Elliott: Lead Pastor
Kathy Winders, Secretary
Arlon Miller, Music Director
Megan Jones, Preschool Director
Alexus McKauly, Custodian
Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Fridays: CLOSED



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Worship Service

9:00 Adult Sunday School

9:15 Youth Sunday School

10:10 - Worship Service

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Preschool - M-F 9:00 - Noon

CLOSED JUNE-AUG.

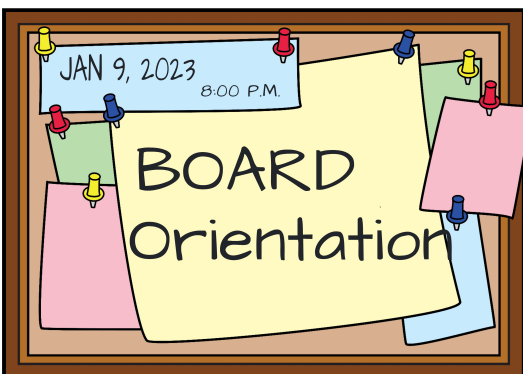
Preschool Phone - 472-0649

Board President
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Members at Large

Stewardship Chair
 Christian Education
 Property
 Spiritual Growth
 Mission Commission

WTM&S
 Diaconate Chair
 Elder Chair
 Nominating 2023

Carmen Goodman
 Erika Stupak
 Max Jacobson
 Kelley Lackey
 Trudy Woodard
 Ted Grooms
 Michelle Elser
 Colin Hogan
 Kimberly Ireland
 Annette Ambrosino
 Wanda Hogan
 Larry Winders
 Pat Seamands
 TBD
 Elane Burkhalter
 Randisue Davis



JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Jan. 9, 2023 @ 8:00 p.m.

This will be a regular board meeting and an orientation for all NEW and RETURNING members of the Board. If you cannot make it contact Carmen Goodman @ 267-9892

New Year's Message

FROM THE PASTOR

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 dinner, a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service and Sunday Christmas Service with one another. We have baptized some adults and young people this past year as well as welcoming those who have joined through transfer. We have hosted a Regional Fall Youth Retreat and been engaged in many opportunities of giving to the work of Christ locally and throughout the world. Those are the highlights, but, and more importantly, we have worshipped God together, seen people join our church family, and seen more and more visitors who have experienced joy in our church family. This year, 2023, I would like to share one or two of my goals with you: 1) I would like to have at least one Friend Day in which we talk about as well as invite friends and neighbors to our church services. I would like this service to take place sometime before Easter with the hope that they will continue on to our Easter Service and beyond; 2) It is my hope that we will also find ways to encourage those around us to engage in a relationship with Christ and that we as people of faith will begin to share our faith in meaningful ways. To do this will take some planning and teaching and it is my goal to start to work towards educating us on our spiritual gifts and then on evangelism (sharing our relationship with Jesus with others).

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. With that in mind in lieu of any type of raise or cost of living I have asked the Board and have received an extra 2 weeks of vacation. It will not change the amount of Sundays that I preach as I am not gone for the 2 Sundays off that I have for educational purposes. I am blessed to have this time to spend with family and I am thankful for you my church family.

So, with family and church seen as important are our gatherings each Sunday something that we value? 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 this past several year. You are our friends and we hope that we will continue to grow in relationships that will show greater love and support as we learn and continue in becoming the family of God.

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 2023 that will bless God and those around you?

Have a Blessed and Happy New Year! **Pastor Bryan**



PLEASE SIGN UP!!
ALL MEMBERS FROM CHAPEL TO 10:10 WORSHIP ARE ASKED TO SIGN UP FOR A SUNDAY TO BRING TREATS FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR. THE SIGNUP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD BY THE KITCHEN.



ALL HANDS ON DECK!!
SPIRITUAL GROWTH NEEDS HELP WITH UNDECORATING THE CHURCH SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023 11:30 A.M.
EVERYONE PLEASE COME AND PARTICIPATE.



PASTOR BRYAN WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE FROM MONDAY DECEMBER 26 - MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023. HE WILL BE SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH HIS KIDS AND GRANDKIDS IN IDAHO. WE WISH SAFE TRAVELS FOR PASTOR BRYAN AND TERESA. DENNIS BAKER WILL BE BRINGING THE MESSAGE ON NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST AT 10:10 A.M. THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Disciples Women's Ministry (DWM) meeting
When: Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Where: Fellowship Hall

Read Mark 10
Service Project this month:
Donations to the Olivia Caldwell Foundation

All women of the church are welcome.

JANUARY DIACONATE

8:15 - Nina Hytrek

10:10 - Melanie Dowler, Trudy Woodard

Contact Pat Seamands @ 262-2921
if you can serve in January

OFFERTORY STEWARD
Tom Dowler

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
New signup sheet downstairs

WORSHIP & WONDER

1/8 - Maggie Grooms

1/15 - Dan Bilbeisi

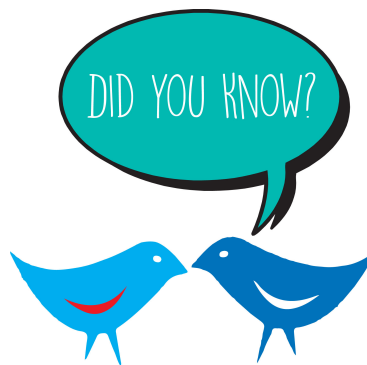
1/22 - Teresa Elliott

1/29 - Erika & Kylee Stupak



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Max Jacobson	Jan. 1	Dorothy Rhoades	Jan. 13
Robin Nelson	Jan. 2	Jane Wallace	Jan. 13
Maggie Grooms	Jan. 4	Lynda Williams	Jan. 13
Jane Baker	Jan. 6	Marcus Hayden	Jan. 19
Carol Sage	Jan. 6	Evan Woods	Jan. 19
Kelly Hover	Jan. 7	Nylia Cazier	Jan. 22
Debbie Mapp	Jan. 10	Karen Huckfeldt	Jan. 30
David Taylor	Jan. 11		



Eating ham, cabbage, black eyed peas and 12 grapes on New Year's Day brings good luck over the next 12 months...



Scholarship applications for the 2023 Spring term are available on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office. Deadline for applications is Monday, January 16, 2023 to the church office.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Application applies only to the Spring 2023 semester
- Funding applies to undergraduate work only (except for the ministry)
- Must complete a full-time schedule - **MINIMUM OF 12 HOURS**
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale - transcript to be attached to application
- Maximum numbers of semesters will be 4 for an Associates Degree and 8 for a Bachelor's Degree. If major requires more than 120 semester hours, students may petition Wills, Trusts, Memorial & Scholarships for consideration of an extension.
- Must be an active participating member of FCC Casper, WY.

If you have any questions, contact Larry Winders, Chairman WTM&S committee @ 234-0656 or winders@bresnan.net



The Mission Commission presented to the congregation at the annual Congregational Meeting on Dec. 4th, the 10 agencies/organizations that were chosen to benefit equally from the Faith Promise Funds received as of November 30, 2022. Currently, each will receive \$1,495.00 but could receive more if more pledges come in by the end of the year.

- Blanket Ministry
- Greta Hinderliter’s homeless student program
- Habitat for Humanity
- Interfaith of Natrona County
- Kim McBee Ash and nursing students going to Kenya to help with healthcare
- Maranatha Children’s Ministry in Haiti (funded last year from Mission Commission)
- Navigators Mission Program (funded last year from Mission Commission)
- Seton House
- True Care
- 10% into Mission Commission regular budget for any upcoming projects.



NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED!!

We are in need of a Sunday nursery attendant. Cheryl Dionne our long time nursery attendant of 7 years will be leaving us at the end of December. If anyone is looking or knows of anyone that could use some extra cash, contact Michelle Elser or Pastor Bryan for further information

CRMR Youth Midwinter Retreat



*God gave you a fingerprint
that no one else has,
so you can leave an imprint
that no one else can.*

**FEB. 17 – 20, 2023
@LAFORÉT**

YOUTH 6TH - 12TH GRADE

CRMR YOUTH MIDWINTER RETREAT WILL BE FEBRUARY 17-20, 2023 AT LAFORÉT. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IN THE CHURCH OFFICE IS JANUARY 16TH, 2023. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ERIKA STUPAK.



**DON'T TAKE A
VACATION
FROM CHURCH
JOIN A COMMISSION**

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN A COMMISSION AND MEET OTHERS YOU
MIGHT NOT KNOW!**

The following commissions are accepting any and all willing workers:

Spiritual Growth
Christian Education
Property
Mission Commission

Mark your Calendars!!



Spiritual Growth Commission is planning an afternoon of food, fun and prizes. Join with us after second service on February 5, 2023 for a variety of soups, bingo and prizes. February 5th is also Scout Sunday and all scouts and families are welcome. We are asking church members to bring an hord'oeuvres to share with everyone. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!

January 2023

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FCC CASPER CALL

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSED CHRISTMAS BREAK</p> <p>PASTOR BRYAN OUT</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Paper Piecing Quilters 2:00 PM Circle of Caring 2:30 PM DWM Team mtg 2:30 PM DWM Team Meeting 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (den mtg) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (den mtg) 6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Commissions 8:00 PM Board Orientation & mtg 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM AA 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM QUILTERS 6:30 PM Elders Dinner 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Sandwich making 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men's BS 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY
<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM Adult's Sunday School 9:15 AM Young Adult School 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (den mtg) 6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Commissions 8:00 PM Board Orientation & mtg 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Sermon In the Round 2:00 PM DWM Fellowship 7:00 PM AA 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM QUILTERS 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Quilters 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 Men's Group
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM Adult's Sunday School 9:15 AM Young Adult School 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIDWINTER RETREAT FORMS Martin Luther King Jr. Day 12:00 PM CALL deadline 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Sermon In the Round 7:00 PM AA 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM QUILTERS 9:15 AM CALL folders 	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Sandwich making 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men's BS 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 9:00 AM 3rd Quilters 10:00 AM blankets
<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunar New Year 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM Adult's Sunday School 9:15 AM Young Adult School 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (den mtg) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Sermon In the Round 7:00 PM AA 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM QUILTERS 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Sandwich making 5:00 PM Mission Meal 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men's BS 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY
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DID YOU KNOW???

The Partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.

Two Turtle Doves are the Old & New Testaments

Three French Hens stand for faith, hope & love

Four Calling Birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Five Golden Rings recall the Torah or Law; the first five books of the Old Testament

Six Geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation

Seven Swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit-
Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership & Mercy

Eight maids a-milking are the eight Beautitudes

Nine Ladies Dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace,
Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control

Ten Lords A-leaping are the Ten Commandments

Eleven Pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples

Twelve Drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.