



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

July 2025



**“One flag, one
land, one heart,
one hand,
one nation
forevermore!”**

OLIVER WENDELL
HOLMES

Church Staff:

Bryan Elliott: Lead Pastor
Rhonda Padilla: Associate Pastor
Kathy Winders, Secretary
Mikayla Fulwider, pianist
Donna Osterholt, Nursery
Michelle Griebel, 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

10:10 - Worship Service

11:30 - Coffee Fellowship

11:30-Choir Rehearsal (does not meet in summer)

12:30 Handbell Rehearsal (does not meet in summer)

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OFFICE CLOSED JULY 3 & 4
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



Dear Church Family,

We have a new family member: Rhonda Padilla joins us this month as our new Associate Minister! We are excited for her to share her gifts of ministry with us in the coming years. So that we can reach out to her with good ol' Wyoming Hospitality we are going to do what in the South is called a "Pounding." A "pounding" is when you bring a pound of this and a pound of that which are essential for running a household. Our spin on this will be that we would like people to donate to the purchase of gifts cards so that we can help Rhonda set up her home this month. You can just write a check or give cash and drop it in the offering plate and write "Pounding" or Rhonda on the check memo or on the envelope that you put cash into. Thank you for making her feel a welcomed member of our church family!

In the next several months Rhonda will be sharing her heart in newsletter articles and through meeting with you all through visits into your home or other ways. That way you can get to know her and she you. If you remember I did some of these visits when I began my ministry almost four years ago. In the coming months Rhonda and I will be working on a plan to have her take on various ministry functions. The goal as stated in the information that I gave the Church Board is:

"Mentorship is not just about teaching skills—it's about shaping a leader who will carry the church forward. By pouring into an Associate Pastor, you are investing in the future of the church and helping them become the leader God has called them to be."

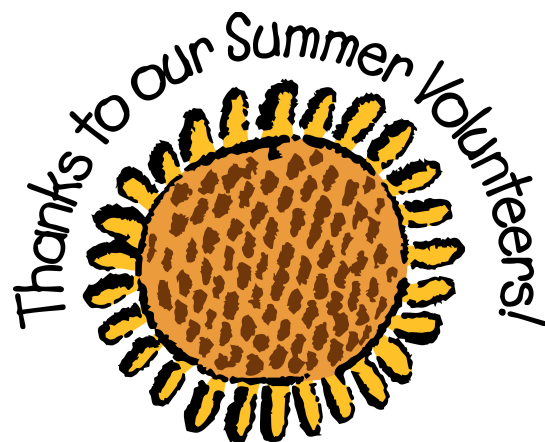
As many of you know we have had a lot of visitors over the past several months. Many of which continue to come and several of which have joined our membership. This is an exciting time. I am proud of you all as you have shown these "potential" church family members hospitality. They have felt welcomed and valued. Thank you!

Another Big THANK YOU! For all of you who have given to our "Let The Light Shine" campaign of restoring our Stained Glass windows. We have exceeded our promised/pledged goal and have 60% of the promised pledges in received donations! You are all a blessing and I am thankful and proud to be your Pastor!!

As you travel and share time as family this summer, please remember your church family as well. Come and say "hello" to Rhonda and please invite people to "come and see" our ministry at First Christian Church.

Blessings,

Pastor Bryan



First Christian Church is very thankful to all the individuals that have been willing volunteers to help with the Children's Church during the summer and to all of our musicians that have volunteered to play special music during the 10:10 service. Your participation is much appreciated.

Thank you & Blessings on all —Michelle Elser, Christian Ed chair & Mikayla Fulwider, pianist.



Restoring Our Stained Glass for Generations to come!

For generations, our church's stained glass window has been more than just beautiful—it has been a window of faith, telling the story of God's love and filling our sanctuary with light. Now this window needs our help.

Through our Faith Promise Campaign we have the opportunity to restore and preserve this sacred work of art for generations to come. Your pledge will ensure that the light of God's presence continues to shine through our church, inspiring worshippers for years to come.

Will you join us in restoring beauty and reflecting grace?

Our goal is \$50,000

Name _____

Pledge _____

Pledge today! Deadline September 30, 2025

Give in Faith, Preserve the Light!



5th Sunday Mission Emphasis – June 29th will be the second 5th Sunday of the Year. The Mission Commission has designated “Babies Bottoms” as our special mission emphasis. Keeping babies clean and dry is vital to their health and the cost of diapers is overwhelming for financially challenged families. During June, please help us collect diapers in all sizes, (newborn to toddler) & baby wipes. A box has been placed outside the sanctuary for your donations. Thank you for your generosity and compassion for others. Any questions, contact Nancy Thomas.



Volunteers are needed for the weekly yard cleanup for the months of: July, August, October, November, and December. Large garbage bags will be provided for your use. Thank you to the Dowlers for signing up for the month of September. . We need volunteers for the following:

- **Removal of the cotoneaster in the flower bed outside of the kitchen**
- **Pull down the broken branch in the apple tree in the NE corner of the building and haul to the dump**
- **Cut out the dead branches on the lilacs on the fence line between the church and NC parking lot in the Gazebo area and trim brush/weeds on the fence line going east. These can be placed in the dumpster in the west parking lot.**
- **Remove the dying lilac bush to the north of the gazebo**

Ted will be out of town through the end of June but if you have any questions you can call him at (307) 262-2888.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office.

Thank you very much —Ted Grooms



Disciples Women's Ministry (D.W.M.)

Summer Potluck

Tuesday, July 8th - NOON in Fellowship Hall

D.W.M. will bring chicken and you bring your favorite dish.

Don't forget our challenge to read the entire Bible this year. Please read ACTS 12.

Donations will be received for our D.W.M. budget

EVERYONE LADY IS WELCOME TO JOIN US!!!!

Any questions contact Lani McBee



Outdoor Service

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, July 27th @ 11:00

Ayres Natural Bridge

Please join us for our annual Outdoor Worship Service. It will be at Natural Bridge again this year and we will be in Spot 4 which is the same spot we used last year. Spiritual Growth will provide fried chicken, water, lemonade, plates and eating utensils. They would like everyone attending to bring a side or dessert.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Spiritual Growth would like those planning to attending sign up, put the number of people you're bringing and what you platoon bringing for a side or dessert so they can have an accurate account of attendees and plan accordingly for chicken, water and lemonade.

Also be sure to bring a lawn chair. If you have any questions, contact Kimberly Ireland

THERE WILL BE REGULAR CHAPEL SERVICE AT 8:15 a.m.



Worship Leaders

DIACONATE FOR JULY, 2025

Contact Belle Stapleton if you cannot serve

8:15 - Nina Hytrek

10:10 - Belle Stapleton & Deb Mestas

OFFERING STEWARD

Judy Baker

ELDERS

June 22- Steve Huckfeldt both services

June 29-Dewey Smith - Nicholas Grooms

July 6 - Teresa Elliott - Nancy Thomas

July 13 - Steve Huckfeldt (both)

July 20 - Teresa Elliott - Nicholas Grooms

July 27 - Teresa Elliott - Steve Huckfeldt

SPECIAL MUSIC

June 22 - Kathy Winders

June 29 - Maddox Family

July 6 - Pastor Rhonda

July 13 - Kathy Winders

July 20 - Delilah Stewart

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

June 22 - Michelle Elser

June 29 - open

July 6-27th - Jennifer Grooms



Sam Kingsolver	July 2	Carla Schanck	July 20
Cooper Goodman	July 4	Tom May	July 21
Joyce Preston	July 5	Amanda Wardell	July 21
Al Metz	July 9	JoAnn Neal	July 22
Ruth Jones	July 12	Jason Ireland	July 24
Emma Lackey	July 16	Nita Martin	July 28
Belle Stapleton	July 16	Rick Black	July 31
Wanda Hogan	July 19		



ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Jenny Black - July 2, 1988

Gene & Nita Martin - July 7, 1969

Rick & Teri Black - July 14, 1990

Scott & Jennifer Hawley - July 20, 1996

Spencer & Erika Stupak - July 31, 1999

**THE ELDERS WILL NOT MEET
DURING JUNE OR JULY.
ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT
DEWEY SMITH, ELDER CHAIR**

**BOARD MEETING
JULY 14, 2025 @ 8:00 P.M.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 MISSION SUNDAY 8:15AM Worship 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship	30 6:00PM Boy Scouts	1 7:00PM AA	2 9:00AM QUILTERS	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 OFFICE CLOSED Independence Day 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making	5 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MIN-ISTRY
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13 8:15AM Worship 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 3:00PM Primrose Service	14 6:00PM Boy Scouts 6:30PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00PM Commissions 8:00PM Board Meeting	15 7:00PM AA	16 9:00AM QUILTERS	17	18 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making	19 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MIN-ISTRY 9:00AM 3 D's quilters 9:00AM Men's Group
20 8:15AM Worship 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship	21 12:00PM CALL deadline 6:00PM Boy Scouts	22 7:00PM AA	23 9:00AM QUILTERS	24	25 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 5:00PM Mission Meal	26 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MIN-ISTRY
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