



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

November

Comes and
November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.

With night coming early
and dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
and frost by the gate.

The fires burn
and the kettle sings,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring.

By Elizabeth Coatsworth



Church Staff:

Bryan Elliott: Lead Pastor

Rhonda Padilla: Associate Pastor

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Mikayla Fulwider, Music Director

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

12:30 Handbell Rehearsal

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Fall back, not behind!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

**BE SURE TO CHANGE CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR ON NOVEMBER 2, 2025**



Dear Church Family,

As we enter into this month of November we are looking at a calendar that includes a time of reflection on those who have touched our lives and are no longer with us - All Saints Day - will be held on Sunday, November 2 where we will remember them and the impact that they had in our lives. Teresa Elliott will be the speaker for both services. She will share memories that touch our hearts based on a song that she has found inspiring for the occasion. The candles that we light on our altar shares the glow that that life meant to us and still means to us. Please come and remember those we love and remember together our loved ones.

As we have already experienced in October, a change is in the air and we have had a fall that will continue into November. We know that change is in our future and no doubt experienced through the raking of leaves and the frost on our lawns! Change is not just seen in the seasons of weather changes, it is also seen in how we change and adapt to new things going on around us. We have had several visitors this year. Some families, some couples and some singles. With each new person comes new ministry opportunities. How will we as a church embrace these new opportunities moving forward? That is a question that I continually ask myself and invite you to explore as well.

You have seen that we have - with your input - made some subtle changes in our pew arrangement in the sanctuary. That was done to accommodate people with special needs, be it wheelchair or strollers. We have also changed the choir area to free up some room to experience different styles and presentations of worship music. All these changes have been discussed among various groups in the church, by the Board and with you our church family. We thank you for all your valuable input. It has made our transitions better. Know that we may tweak things moving forward as we adapt to needs of you our congregation.

A Big **THANK YOU** to Steve Huckfeldt, Raylan Heck, and many others to get a portion of the Educational Wing Stained Glass window framed and placed in the hallway from the elevator and across from the coat rack. It can now be appreciated by all and we have Steve and his team to thank for that labor of love. A Big **THANK YOU** for the card and gift for Pastor Appreciation. It is a pleasure to be one of your pastor's and share in ministry with such a loving and caring congregation!

Fall is a special time as we see the beauty around us and know that family will gather to share from the abundance of thankful memories as we gather to give thanks to God over Thanksgiving. Our Church Thanksgiving Meal will be held on Sunday, November 23rd after our 10:10 AM Worship Service. This will be a time of food and fun and especially fellowship. There is a sign up sheet outside the church office that you can write in what you choose to bring to this celebration. The weekend following Thanksgiving will start our season of Advent where we will decorate the church prior to Sunday, November 30th, which is the first Sunday of Advent. Our Sermon Series this Advent will focus on the Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. As we look forward to the arrival of the Christ Child into our lives. What a blessed month this is! May we take these moments and savor them as precious because we truly have been gifted with family! May God bless you this month as we celebrate with Thankful hearts!

With a Heart of Hope and Thanksgiving,
Pastor Bryan

WORDS FROM
PASTOR
RHONDA**Giving Thanks**

First and foremost, I want to give thanks for all the wonderful cards, phone calls and messages along with the gift from the congregation for pastor appreciation month. October was a beautiful fall display of God's beauty in Casper and that was accompanied by all the warm acts of love from this congregation. The beautiful color changes, the indescribable sunrises and sunsets, and yes, even the wind. Makes me, feel more at home here than ever. I am ever so thankful that God called me to this church. I have no regrets, and I give thanks to God for allowing me to be a part of such a loving community.

In the four months that I have been here, I have been meeting with people for coffee, lunches and dinners as a way of getting to know everyone better. One of the things I ask, is if they will share their First Christian Church journey. The testimonies continue to confirm how much love is here. The hope for a bright future for generations to come gives way to a willingness to embrace new things, even if it's hard at first.

One of the greatest things I learned in life, through all the struggles, challenges and changes, was to have an attitude of Gratitude. I see that attitude in everyone I have met with. As I look back on our community journey, I am thankful for Bryan who has given me the opportunity step into the role of ministry at Primrose.

The transition has gone well thanks to the help of Pastor Nancy and some of our congregants from here who faithfully attend to show support. Our numbers have grown in attendance and one of our guests, Phyllis, has been playing piano for me stood up last week and said, "I think I have found my purpose." I know I have found one of mine. Thanks be to God.

In my visits to Mountain Plaza, I found we have seven of our beloved church members there. After talking with Paul Hallock, I prayed on a way to gather our people, and God led me to ask coordinator if I could volunteer to play music, which led to asking if I would do a Sunday worship service. Our first service was held there was October 19th and we had twenty people who attended including all seven of our members, praise God

I'm thankful for our leadership and all the support of this congregation. The new changes to the sanctuary gives way for new gifts of worship. We have also made a way to welcome those who are disabled. **This** is God at work and living proof that **we are better together**. Your input is valuable, and I am thankful for all of you who have made these things possible.

All these things and so much more have led me with a grateful heart to "Give Thanks". In the attitude of gratitude, this Thanksgiving season, we will pause the singing of the "Doxology" and sing "Give Thanks" after the offering is collected for month of November. We will bring back the "Doxology" in the month of December.

Please, continue to be diligent about reading your emails and reading this newsletter so we can stay informed and engaged.

Forever Thankful and blessed beyond measure,

Pastor Rhonda



Thanksgiving Dinner

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FEAST

With Fall in the air it is time again for our Thanksgiving Feast. The date is November 23rd **after second service.** Please sign up for turkey, ham, or sides. There is a sign up sheet outside the church office. Any questions, contact Jane Perez @ 258-2063.

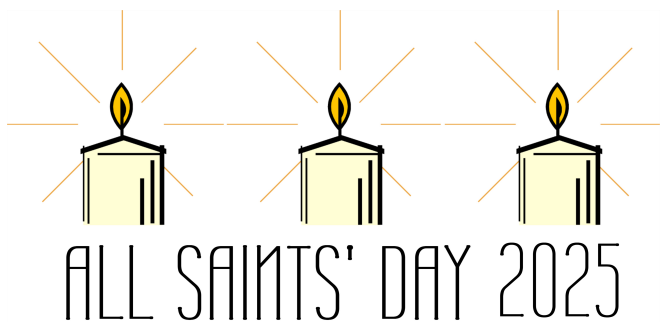


YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 13, 2025 SAVE THE DATE



The annual Youth Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 13th. Details will be provided next month, but we hope that our church youth can join us for a fun celebration of the season and fellowship.

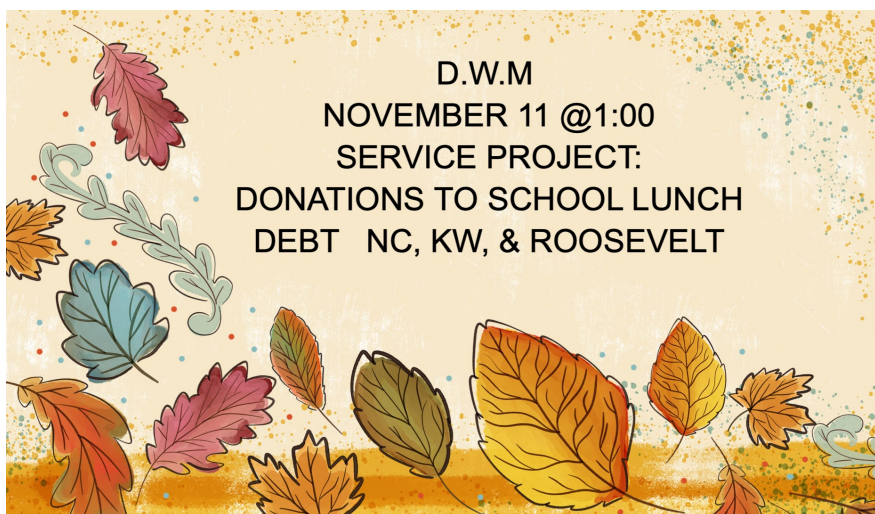
If anyone would like to help out at the Christmas Party or be part of the planning, please contact Michelle Elser @ 307-259-1166. I am hoping to make this event even more fun than the past couple of years. All ages of youth are invited so I am looking at breaking up the age groups with different activities and **WOULD LOVE THE HELP!!** Thank you and Christmas Blessings —Michelle



All's Saint's Day will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 2nd**. If there is someone who passed away in the past 12 months (November-October) you would like recognized and remembered during the reading of names at the church services, please turn in the information into the church office before NOON on Wednesday, Oct. 29th. Be sure to include the individual's name, date & year of birth, and date & year of death.



THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND POTLUCK will be on December 14th. Jennifer Grooms is the pageant director and will be working with the kids during Children's Church/Worship & Wonder. The pageant will be held during the children's moment at 10:10 service. A sign up sheet for the potluck will be made available shortly.



**2025 ADVENT DEVOTIONALS
COMING SOON!!!!**

The 2025 Advent Devotionals will be available to the congregation the middle of November. The first Sunday of Advent is November 30th.



DIACONATE FOR NOVEMBER, 2025

8:15 - Nina Hytrek

10:10 Spencer & Erika Stupak

Contact Belle Stapleton if you cannot serve

OFFERING STEWARD

Tom Dowler

ELDERS

Oct. 26 - Dewey Smith & Nicholas Grooms

Nov. 2 - Teresa Elliott & Nancy Thomas

Nov. 9 - Steve Huckfeldt (both)

Nov. 16 - Dewey Smith & Dennis. Baker

Nov. 23 - Teresa Elliott - Nicholas Grooms

Nov. 30 - Dewey Smith - Nicholas Grooms

Dec. 7 - Steve Huckfeldt (Both)

Dec. 14 - Dewey Smith & Teresa Elliott

Dec. 21 - Teresa Elliott & Nicholas Grooms

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve - TBD

Dec. 29 - Nancy Thomas (both)



.Nathan Hawley	Nov. 2	Scott Hawley	Nov. 18
Spencer Stupak	Nov 4	Brad Black	Nov. 20
Jessica Heck	Nov. 5	Colin Hogan	Nov. 22
Melissa Heck	Nov. 6	Bev Mattson	Nov. 22
Ted Grooms	Nov. 8	Gayle Andress	Nov. 24
Caleb Woods	Nov. 10	Ed Burgess	Nov. 27
Lani McBee	Nov. 11	Donna Klinker	Nov. 28
Dan Coey	Nov. 12	Elaine Gross	Nov. 29
Amy Black	Nov. 14	Julie Black	Nov. 30
Paul Smith	Nov. 16	Kylee Stupak	Nov. 30
Casey Rislov	Nov. 17		



Dear Church Family—Thank you so much for the many cards, thoughtful words, and generous gifts you share with me as Chook and I moved into a new season of life. Your love, prayers, and encouragement meant more than I can ever say.

With your gifts, I'll be starting a new flower garden at my new home. Each time I see a new bloom I will be reminded of the beauty of our years together, the way you've helped my faith to grow, and the joy of being surrounded by such a caring church family.

Just like a garden is made lovely by many different flowers, my life has been made richer and brighter by each of you. Though I may be living in a new place, you'll always remain close in my heart. God's blessings on all of you and our beautiful church, FCC. With love and gratitude, Lani

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Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign has kicked off. This year our campaign comes from our scripture for today's sermon - 1 John 3:18 "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth". Here at FCC our love is seen in Sunday school lessons, in music offered during worship, sandwich ministry, blanket ministry, and our missionary work. We invite you to prayerfully consider your financial pledge. Every gift of time, talent and treasure are acts of love and together we can continue God's call to move forward in faith and mission. **We ask that after you prayerfully consider, please complete and return your card to the church by November 2nd.** This will give the Stewardship Commission time to prepare the 2026 budget. If you prefer you can put your pledge card in the offering bag. If you lost or didn't receive a pledge card there are cards available in the pews.

Thank you and Blessings from the Stewardship Commission.

2026 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PLEDGE FUND

In preparing for the future, FCC Casper would like to thank you for this opportunity to have your support in the ministries of this congregation. Please return your pledge by November 2, 2025

The pledging commitment for 2026 will be \$ _____ per week/month/year. Please Circle One

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone (307) _____ Email: _____





Mission Opportunities

Your Mission Commission works hard to bring outreach opportunities before the congregation. We had a wonderful blanket tying day on October 18. A group from LDS, as young as 7 years old, joined FCC volunteers and put together 10 blankets. On the same day, the LDS group packed lunches and helped Debbie give them out at the Methodist Church. The youngsters were excited to be involved and felt they were doing something good for our community with blankets and sack lunches.



The Commission has thoughtfully considered where we can help most effectively for people in need. We will be adding another agency to our quarterly outreach giving in 2026, making six groups that we help locally and globally; Interfaith of Natrona County, Week of Compassion, The Navigators (missionary training), Maranatha Children's ministries in Haiti, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and the Wyoming Food Bank. Our **Fifth Sunday Special Offerings** have been successful and we will continue with the Sandwich Ministry, Blanket Ministry, and serving a meal at the Wyoming Rescue Mission.

Our final **Fifth Sunday Special Offering** in November will involve cash contributions for the school lunch program for under-served students in Casper's high schools. There are many high school students who have no means of paying for their lunches and we want to help! This will be a joint effort with the Disciples Women's Ministry.

If you have any questions about the Mission Commission, please feel free to contact Nancy Thomas @ 307-337-5245.



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:15AM Worship 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00PM Handbell Rehearsal	27 6:00PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Boy Scouts	28 7:00PM AA	29 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon in the Round	30 OFFICE CLOSED Halloween 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making	31 OFFICE CLOSED Halloween 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making	1 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MINISTRY
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