



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL



December 2024



MERRY
Christmas

We send joyful greetings as we
celebrate the birth of Jesus.

PASTOR BRYAN, KATHY, DANIEL, MIKAYLA
DONNA



Congregational Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

9:30 A.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Purpose is to approve the 2025 budget,
board members, elders and diaconate.

Church Staff:

Bryan Elliott: Lead Pastor

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Daniel Galbreath, Music Director

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

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Dear Church Family,

I am excited to say that this is my 4th Advent and Christmas season celebrated with you! In the next few weeks we will take a journey in Advent as we anticipate and later celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world. Our trek and host will be Joseph the earthly father of Jesus. We will learn of his life based on scripture and the struggle of helping to father and nurture the coming King of all humanity. We also know that Advent and Christmas is a season in time when people allow the sacred to trickle into the secular. We see it in public places all the time - bell ringers, opportunities for giving and receiving all over the place. It is a time of school events, work parties, social engagements as well as church activities and celebrations.

This year our wonderful choir under the direction of Daniel Galbreath and the piano support of Mikayla Fulwider will bring us a wonderful music for the season as well as handbells under Mikayla's direction. We will have the Children's Program on the 15th that shows us just how talented our children and youth are; Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve Service on Saturday the 24th at 7:30 PM. The church celebrates this time of Advent and Christmas every year. It is the story that we know. Jesus' birth, his life, his crucifixion, his resurrection, is a story that we know. How can we who know the story anticipate this season year in and year out? I have asked that question often as my years on this earth roll by. But the answer to that question is a simple yes, we do know the story of anticipation, the story of Christmas, the story of the gospel, the story of Easter. But the good news in this season of anticipation is - the story is not finished. God is still writing it and we are participating in the creative story of God. And as participants of God's story, we get to create new and exciting twists and turns that all lead to Jesus. Come celebrate in the Story of Jesus in this season of Advent and Christmas. Touch a life by inviting friends, family and neighbors to celebrate this story with you. Have your heart touched by the author of our story. Happy New Year - The Advent Season kicks off the Church's calendar as Christians. See you in this wonderful season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

In His Loving Embrace,

Pastor Bryan





THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024
AFTER THE 10:10 SERVICE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A DISH AND
NUMBER OR PEOPLE ATTENDING

FCC 2025 DIRECTORY



UPDATE FOR THE FCC 2025 DIRECTORY

We are doing the yearly update for the 2025 Directory. Please email any changes to your status (address, phone number, school age, etc) fccasper@gmail.com by January 13 2025.



GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

NOVEMBER 24TH AFTER THE
THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
SPIRITUAL GROWTH WILL BE
NEEDING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR
THE HOLIDAY SEASON. PLEASE STAY
AND HELP DECORATE.



WORSHIP *with us!* CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

7:30 p.m.
Dec. 24, 2024

DIACONATE FOR DECEMBER

Chapel - Nina Hytrek

10:10

- Dec. 1 Kelley Lackey & Belle Stapleton
- Dec. 8 Kelley Lackey & Trudy Woodard
- Dec. 15 Kelley Lackey & Melanie Dowler
- Dec. 22 Kelley Lackey & Dale Gregory
- Dec. 24 Kelley Lackey, Spencer Stupak,
Belle Stapleton & Dale Gregory
- Dec. 29 Kelley Lackey & Debbie Mestas

OFFERING STEWARD

Tom Dowler

ELDERS

- Nov. 24 - Dewey Smith, Nancy Thomas
- Dec. 1 - Teresa Elliott , Nicholas Grooms
- Dec. 8 - Dewey Smith, Gloria Monroe
- Dec. 15 - Teresa Elliott, Dennis Baker
- Dec. 22 - Nancy Thomas, Nicholas Grooms
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve, Nancy Thomas
- Dec. 29 - Nancy Thomas (both)
Dennis Baker preaching.



Olivia Wardell	Dec. 1	Pastor Bryan	Dec. 18
Lyle Cox	Dec. 6	Robert Cain	Dec. 19
Ted Purvis	Dec. 6	Althea Wardell	Dec. 19
Mena Pagett	Dec. 7	Jolene Knaus	Dec. 23
Rob Knaus	Dec. 14	Rita Petersen	Dec. 25
Holly O'Brien	Dec. 15		



Nicholas & Maggie Grooms
December 7, 2003

Carol Sage & Bruce Postema
December 17, 1999

Lyle & Jo Cox
December 22, 1990

Ed & Mary Burgess
December 24, 1974 (50 years)

Gary & Max Jacobson
December 24, 2010

Bob & Jacquie Cook
December 29, 1951 (73 years)

Dear FCC Scholarship Committee and Church Family--

I would like to formally thank you for the scholarship money I was granted for my fall semester. With the financial aid from the church and a fund from the fire marshal's office, each have made my degree very stress free to complete. I will be completing my degree this spring along with my basic EMT certification. I plan to use my degree to acquire a job as a BLM dispatcher this summer. Next year I will be pursuing a bachelor's in Organizational Leadership through UWCC, which should only take me an additional 2 years after graduation. Thank you again for your generosity as I pursue my career goals.

Christopf Atkinson

Thank You!



The blanket ministry made 13 blankets on Nov. 16th with 7 NCHS Honor Society and Youth Empowerment youth volunteering to help us. Anyone is welcome to come and tie blankets as the need for them to growing more throughout our community. Blankets are made every third Saturday of each month from 10-1:00 p.m. except for the summer months.

Our Commission and DWM have partnered to decorate the Christmas tree in the narthex. We are asking for donations of hats, gloves, and socks to fill our tree. These will be distributed to help keep our less fortunate warm during the colder months.

The Commission continues to serve at the Rescue Mission on the fourth Friday of each month. We will be serving on Friday, Nov. 22nd from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and could use volunteers to help.

If you have any questions about any of the service projects the Commission is involved in, please contact Annette Ambrosino or Wanda Hogan.



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AND PAGEANT!!

This year Spiritual Growth will be hosting a Christmas Potluck on December 15th after the 10:10 service. We are looking for kids to be in the pageant that will be presented during the 10:10 service on December 15th. If you have a child that would be interested in being in the pageant please reach out to Teresa Elliott.

There will be a sign up sheet for food and attendees coming shortly



DON'T BE A GRINCH - JOIN THE FCC YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

14 DECEMBER | AT 2PM
 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 QUESTIONS? TEXT MICHELLE AT 307-259-1166

WEAR YOUR WACKIEST CHRISTMAS OUTFIT OR UGLY SWEATER! BEST DRESSED WILL BE CROWNED HOLIDAY CHEER-MEISTER.

BRING A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT FOR THE GIFT EXCHANGE.

FCC YOUTH, please join us on December 14th at 2:00 p.m. for a very Grinchy Christmas Party celebrating the season! We will have a craft service project and a brand new escape room for you to solve. Wear your wackiest Christmas outfit or ugly sweater, and bring a white elephant gift for the exchange. We hope to see you there and bring a friend or tell all your friends about it. Any questions, contact Michelle Elser.

**DWM
CHRISTMAS
POTLUCK
DECEMBER 10TH**

Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m.

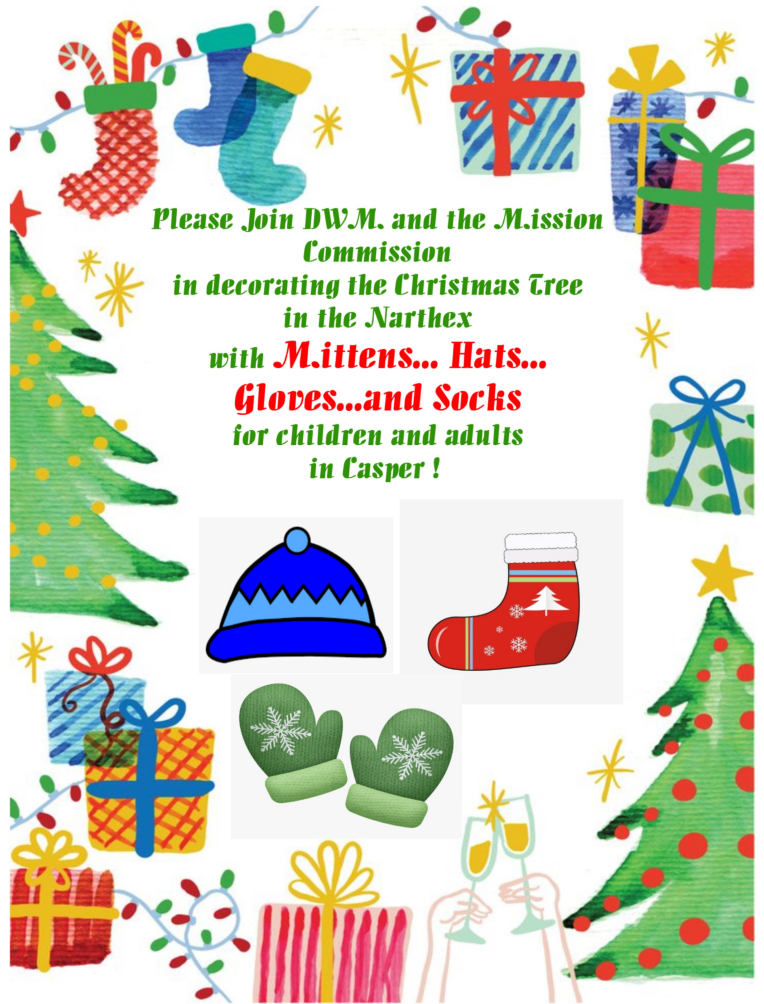
**DWM WILL PROVIDE
CHICKEN!**

We will have our fun yearly

Ornament Exchange!

**Please bring cards
for our shut-ins!**

**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME!!**



*Please Join DWM, and the Mission Commission in decorating the Christmas Tree in the Narthex with **M.ittens... H.ats... G.loves...and S.ocks** for children and adults in Casper!*



**DWM
Service Project
for December**

Let's help fill the Christmas stockings for **Heart to Hands** with stickers, small toys, bubbles (winter fun for sunny days) and any other small item like crayons that would bring joy!



The Spiritual Growth Commission will be taking poinsettia orders in the next couple weeks for Christmas. Price this year is \$10. If you wish to order a poinsettia in memory or honor of loved ones and are not in church you may call the church office. Make sure you put "Poinsettia" in the memo portion of your check.



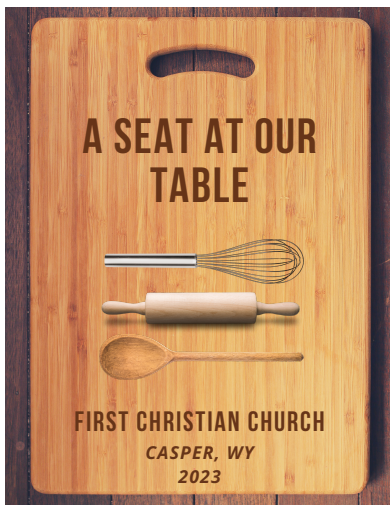
**YOUTH
MIDWINTER RETREAT**

Chi Rho & CYF youth
February 14-17, 2025 at La Foret

Summer Camps for (all ages)
June 15-21 at La Foret



Dear Spiritual Growth Commission and Congregation, It warms my heart to be recognized by my church during Ministers' Appreciation Month. Thank you to Spiritual Growth for the VISA gift card, which I will gladly put to use. I am blessed to be part of this congregation. Thank you for the opportunities to share ministry with you all. Blessings and Love, Nancy Thomas



DID YOU MISS THE OPPORTUNITY LAST YEAR TO PURCHASE THE DWM RECIPE BOOK - "A Seat At Our Table". DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO ORDER FOR THE HOLIDAYS. THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET POSTED BY THE CHURCH OFFICE SHORTLY. DWM IS PRINTING NEW COPIES FOR SALE. CUT OFF DATE IS DECEMBER 15TH.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO ENJOY THE WONDERFUL FOOD PREPARED BY PAST AND PRESENT OF OUR CHURCH AND TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF OUR DWM!! Any questions, contact Lani McBee.

CORRECTION ON PAGE 88 OF COOKBOOK—Black Bottom Banana Bars missed ingredient of 1-1/2 C smashed bananas (3 medium ones)

December 2024

November 2024							December 2024							January 2025						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15AM Worship School 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:20AM CHOIR PRACTICE 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 12:30PM HANDBELL PRACTICE 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Paper Piecing Quilters 1:00PM DWM Team Meeting 6:00PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00PM Boy Scouts 8:00PM Board Meeting 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30PM Elders meeting 7:00PM AA 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon study group 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MINISTRY
<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15AM Worship School 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 9:15AM congregational meeting 10:10AM Worship 11:20AM CHOIR PRACTICE 12:30PM HANDBELL PRACTICE 3:00PM Primrose Service 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Boy Scouts 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00PM DWM Fellowship Potluck 7:00PM AA 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon study group 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 2:00PM Youth Christmas Party
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<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15AM Worship School 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:20AM CHOIR PRACTICE 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 12:30PM HANDBELL PRACTICE 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Boy Scouts 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Eve 7:00PM AA 7:30PM CHRISTMAS EVE 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Day 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor Byran gone Hanukkah (1st day) Kwanzaa 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 5:00PM Mission Meal 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MINISTRY
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