FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER,WY

THE CALL





Church Staff:

Rhonda Padilla: Lead Pastor
Kathy Winders: Secretary
Gracie Keizer: Music Director
Michelle Griebel: Custodian
Ministers: Every Member!

OFFICE HOURS
Mon.-Thurs.
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Fridays: CLOSED

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
8:15 Worship Service
9:00 Adult Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Gr. 4-8 Sunday School
10:10 - Worship Service
11:30 - Coffee Fellowship
11:30 - Choir practice & 12:30 Handbells

MISSION Statement

"Gathering at Christ's Table, We Welcome and Serve Others."



TIME CHANGE SUNDAY NOV. 1 Fall Back an hour!!



With Grateful Hearts and Hopeful Steps

As November arrives and we begin preparing our hearts for Thanksgiving, I find myself reflecting on the many blessings for which I am grateful. This year, gratitude carries a particularly deep meaning as we prepare to enter a new chapter in the life of our congregation.

First, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for the generous Pastor Appreciation gift. Your kindness, encouragement, prayers, and love mean more to me than words can adequately express. Ministry is not something we do alone, and I am continually reminded of what a blessing it is to walk alongside this congregation. Thank you for allowing me to share in your lives, your joys, your struggles, and your faith journeys. It is a privilege I do not take lightly.

I am also deeply thankful for Pastor Bryan and Teresa and the many ways they have poured themselves into the life and ministry of this church. Their years of faithful service, dedication, sacrifice, and love have helped shape who we are today. As we move through this season of pastoral succession, I recognize that we are not simply turning a page and beginning something entirely new. We are carrying forward the ministry, relationships, and faithfulness of those who have walked before us. I am grateful for all that Bryan and Teresa have given, and I pray that this next chapter of their journey will be filled with the same love and grace they have shared with so many.

As I prepare to assume the lead pastoral role through our succession plan, I do so with both humility and hope. Transitions bring many emotions. There is gratitude for what has been, uncertainty about what lies ahead, and excitement about what God may yet do among us. But I am reminded that the Church has never depended upon any one pastor. **It is Christ who calls us together, the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us, and all of us who share in the work of ministry.**

I am especially thankful for this congregation and the work we have already begun in discerning who God is calling us to be. Our mission statement, **"Gathering at Christ's Table, We Welcome and Serve Others,"** is more than a collection of words. It is an invitation to a way of life. Our new core values are helping us discover what that mission looks like in our relationships, our worship, our service, and our everyday encounters with one another.

Of course, learning to live into a mission takes time. We will not always get everything right. We will have questions, face challenges, and sometimes find ourselves walking unfamiliar paths. But perhaps that is part of what it means to be a people of faith. We do not have to know every step of the journey to trust the One who walks with us.

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The Apostle Paul writes, *"I thank my God every time I remember you"* (Philippians 1:3). Those words resonate deeply with me this Thanksgiving season. When I think about our congregation, I think about people who show up, who pray, who serve, who care for one another, and who continue to seek God's direction even when the way forward is not entirely clear.
As we gather around our Thanksgiving tables this month, I invite us to remember the Table that brings us together as a church. At Christ's Table, there is room for our gratitude, our grief, our hopes, and our uncertainties. There, we are reminded that we belong to Christ and to one another.

So, as we give thanks for the past and look with hope toward the future, may we continue walking together, listening to one another, extending grace, and making room for the Holy Spirit to lead us.

I am thankful for where we have been, grateful for those who have brought us this far, and hopeful for who God is calling us to become.

Thank you for being the Church. Thank you for your faithfulness. And thank you for the opportunity to continue serving alongside you as we begin this next chapter together.

With a grateful heart and hope for the journey ahead,

Pastor Rhonda



ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 1, 2026. If you have a loved one that passed away between November 1,2025-October, 2026 that you wish to have remembered during the service, please contact the church office with their name, date of birth, date of death by Wednesday, October 28th. There will also be a form in the bulletins to fill out and place in the bag with the offering.



Dear FCC & 3D Quilters,

Thank you for honoring me with a beautiful hand sewn, patriotic quilt. I was completely ambushed and surprised by the presentation. My bride was the sneakiest of all. When I hold it, I admire the handwork and thoughtfulness that the quilt represents and I really like the hand sewn tag. Thank you very much for the Veteran quilt, which is a true keepsake for me. Blessings to all, Rob Knaus.



The fifth Sunday in a month, is the Sunday that is set aside for the Mission Commission to collect donations for different non=profits. In August we collected from the congregation, DWM, and from the Mission Commission $2500. This money was for students that had outstanding lunch debts at the high schools. Natrona County received $1,250, Kelly Walsh received $750 and Roosevelt received $500. Lunch debts carry over from Middle School. We are grateful for all the support of the congregation for the 5th Sunday projects.

The third Saturday of the month you can find the Blanket ministry hard at work tying fleece blankets for several groups in Casper. You are more than welcome to come and help. They meet at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We continue to look for fleece so if you have 1.5-2 yards of fleece you have no idea as to what you'll ever use it for, please consider donating it to this project. Contact Trudy Woodard or Carla Schanck if you have fleece or questions about the project.



Spiritual Growth Commission has a lot of exciting events coming in November and December.



Sunday, Nov. 22 after the 10:10 service. We will have our annual Thanksgiving dinner on A sign up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board shortly. Choices will be turkey, ham, sides or dessert. **After** dinner plan to stay and decorate the church for Christmas.



December 19th at 4:00 p.m. our children will be performing a Christmas Pageant, followed by their Christmas Party. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m. Please come and see the performance.



December 20th we will hold an ugly sweater contest after both services in the sanctuary after each service. There will be adult and children's categories with prizes. Prizes will be awarded at both services.

January 10, 2027 will be the **Chili and Pie contest** after church with games to follow. Be thinking about what favorite pie you want to bring.

ANNUAL Stewardship CAMPAIGN

As we look forward to the coming year, we are filled with gratitude for how our church community has grown. Letters and pledge cards will go out November 2nd for our annual Stewardship Campaign. This campaign isn't just about keeping the lights on; it's about keeping our ministries vibrant and strong. We invite every member of our church family to prayerfully consider how you can invest your time, talent, and treasure and to work together to sustain it for years to come.

Please fill out your pledge card and return it to the church by November 15, 2026 so our Stewardship Commission can start planning the 2027 budget.

2027 PLEDGE CARD

ln Preparing For the Future, First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ would like to thank you for this opportunity to have your support in the ministries of this congregation.

Your pledging commitment for 2027 will be $_____
Per week/month/year. Please circle one. **Please return to church by November 15th.**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: ( ) _____-_____ Email: _____

Please return to First Christian Church, 520 CY Avenue, Casper,WY. 82601

Worship Leaders

DIACONATE
Oct. - Stupak Family
Nov. 1 - Trisha Whitcomb & Trudy Woodard
Nov. 8 - Trisha Whitcomb & Trudy Woodard
Nov. 15-Trisha Whitcomb & Trudy Woodard
Nov. 22 - Trisha Whitcomb & Son
Nov. 29 -Trisha Whitcomb & Son

OFFERING STEWARD
Cindy Hake

ELDERS
Oct. 25 - Dewey Smith
Nov. 1 - Steve Huckfeldt
Nov. 8 - Donna Osterholt and Nicholas Grooms
Nov. 15 - Dewey Smith & Nicholas Grooms
Nov. 22 - Carmen Goodman
Nov. 29 - Donna Osterholt

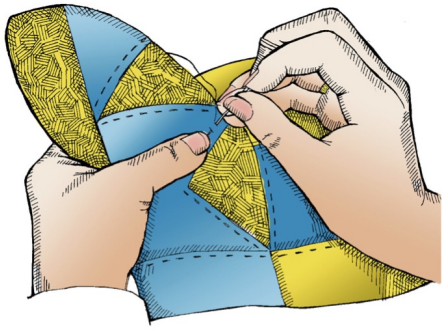
ACOLYTES
Oct. 25-Brielle & Alex Storey
Nov. 1-Natalie & McKenzie Grooms
Nov. 8-Cailynne Storey & Leena Maddox
Nov. 15-Rhys Elder & Natalie Grooms
Nov. 22-Abel Cazier and Rayden Herbst

OUTDOOR CLEANUP CREWS
Nov. & December - Belle Stapleton



Nathan Hawley	Nov. 2	Scott Hawley	Nov. 18
Bill Storey	Nov. 2	Brad Black	Nov. 20
Spencer Stupak	Nov. 4	Gayle Andress	Nov. 24
Jessica Heck	Nov. 5	Ed Burgess	Nov. 27
Melissa Heck	Nov. 6	Donna Klinker	Nov. 28
Ted Grooms	Nov. 8	Elaine Gross	Nov. 29
Caleb Woods	Nov 10	Julie Black	Nov. 30
Amy Black	Nov. 14	Kylee Stupak	Nov. 30
Paul Smith	Nov. 16		
Casey Rislove	Nov.17		





QUILTING RETREAT

There will be a quilting retreat in Fellowship Hall, November 5-7 from 9:00 a.m. to whenever. Bring a machine. Ironing an cutting stations will be provided. People can work on their own projects or a community project. Hopefully Tammy Day will be there working on Quilts of Valor. We will have a project in progress for the dialysis center. Lunch out at least the first day. We can discuss if we want to do something different for Friday and Saturday. Contact Cindy Huckfeldt for further details.



FCC and Scout troop #13 are hosting a Trunk or Treat/Haunted House on OCTOBER 31st from 10 - noon! We are looking for people to decorate their trunks and pass out Halloween candy or other items during the event. The scouts and packs from our church will be hosting a haunted house to entertain all of our guests. We will also have games set up in the gazebo area for more fun. You do not have to RSVP to join in the fun, just make sure that you are at the church, and your trunk is set up by 9:40 on the 31st! We really hope to have everyone's support so that we can continue this event because it was so successful! If you have any questions, contact Michelle at 307-259-1166. Thank you.

We are asking for donations in case we have so many kids that we run out of the candy we bring (fingers crossed!). This will also supply candy for people who aren't able to purchase candy for their trunks, but would still like to participate. If you would like to donate candy, small toys, small chips, pencils or anything really that is in sealed packages (if edible), please place it in the basket by the sanctuary by OCTOBER 25th. Thank you.



Gracie and the choir are planning a Christmas Cantata for December 20th. More details to follow BUT if you would like to participate in the cantata, practices are Sunday's at 11:30 a.m. (right after church). Please contact Pastor Rhonda if you have any questions or see Gracie at Sunday services.



HAPPY RETIREMENT FROM THE STAFF

Pastor Rhonda

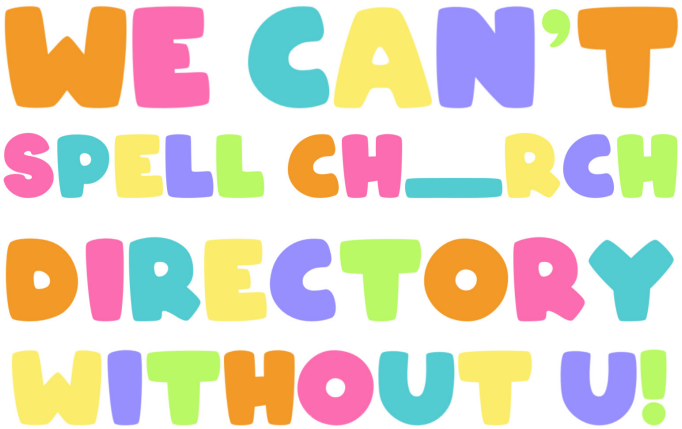
Kathy

Gracie

THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY
Generosity is an expression of joy, not obligation.

We give freely and cheerfully, trusting God to multiply every gift and use it for His glory (2 Corinthians 9:7). Your generosity strengthens our church family and helps extend our ministry far beyond these walls. We invite you to prayerfully partner with us as we continue carrying this mission forward for generations to come.

You can scan the QR code to give as you feel led. On behalf of First Christian Church, thank you for your faithful and generous hearts.

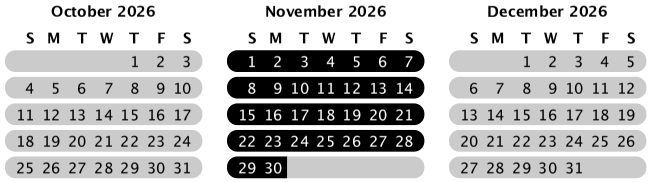


UPDATE

It is time to update the church directory or 2027. Please fill out the form below and mail to the church or you can make your corrections on the directory copy on the card table outside the church office. The deadline for corrections will be December 27th. Thanks

	Congregant 1	Congregant 2	Additional Household Members & ages of children
FULL NAME			
ADDRESS			
PHONE NUMBERS & EMAIL ADDRESS			
BIRTHDAYS			
OCCUPATIONS			

November 2026



FCC CASPER CALL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time End 8:15AM Worship 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 12:30PM HANDBELLS	2 Day of the Dead 9:00AM Paper Piecing Quilters 6:00PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM Elders meeting 7:00PM Boy Scouts	3 Election Day 7:00PM AA	4 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon in the Round	5 Quilt Retreat Fellowship Hall	6 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters	7
8 8:15AM Worship 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 12:30PM HANDBELLS 3:00PM Primrose Service	9 9:00AM Working 4 Warriors quilting 6:00PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00PM Boy Scouts 7:00PM Commissions	10 1:00PM DWM Fellowship 7:00PM AA	11 Veterans Day 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon in the Round 1:00PM Mission Commission	12	13 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters	14
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22 8:15AM Worship 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM thanksgiving dinner 12:00PM DECORATE CHURCH	23 9:00AM Working 4 Warriors quilt 6:00PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Boy Scouts	24 7:00PM AA	25 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon in the Round	26 Burgess than...fellowship hall Thanksgiving	27 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 5:00PM Mission Meal	28
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