

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Something for Everyone:

Book study plans beginning January 11th, 2021:

Books:

- 1. *The Whole Armor of God: How Christ’s Victory Strengthens Us for Spiritual Warfare* by Iain M. Duguid (partner or small group study);
- 2. *Church History: In Plain Language* by Bruce Shelley (led by Pastor Pat – group study);
- 3. *In Search of the Common Good: Christian Fidelity in a Fractured World* by Jake Meador (study or read on your own);

Formats: Choose which study works for you:

- a. Study a book with a friend or assigned friend (*The Whole Armor of God* book);
- b. Read a great book (not necessarily a study) (*In Search of the Common Good* book); **Or**,
- c. Study as a group (*Church History: In Plain Language* book).

Want to Sign UP?

- ✓ Sign-ups will be in the Narthex on Sunday, December 20th through Monday, January 11th.

Questions? Ask C.E. Elders Lejean Mitchell or Roy Holm.



Dee Potter at Brookdale Assisted Living receives her Love Line.

BAKING FOR BLUE: Love Lines

Thank you to all who have contributed either items or time to Bagging for Blues and Love Lines. A special thanks to Karen Samuels who made beautiful real evergreen wreaths for our five Love Line recipients. Remember that both these projects are on-going so keep those individually wrapped snacks for Bagging for Blue and items to hang on the Love Lines on hand for next year.

Welcome Visitors!

We are glad that you are here this morning.

Worshipping with children: Children are always welcome in worship. No nursery care is available at this time.

Listening Devices: If you need an assisted listening device, please ask one of the ushers and they will be happy to help you.

2020 ELDERS

Building & Grounds	Doug Williams (21) Dennis Spargur (22)
Clerk of Session	Cathy Aardema
Congregational Life	Debbie Montgomery (20) Patty Brus (22)
Education	Roy Holm (20) Lejean Mitchell (22)
Evangelism and Mission	Connie Fisher (20) Lisa Heimer (21)
Stewardship, Budget & Personnel	Dave Bensink (21) Mike Schnee (21)
Worship	Jonene Geile (20) Jennifer Chanley (22)
2020 Board of Deacons Sean Murray (21) – Moderator Chris Beers (20) Jan Bensink (20) Karen Snyder (20)	Carol Cherry (21) Carol Leach (21) Kennedy Corr (22) Roger Kearns (22) Quincy Sondeno (22)



DECEMBER 20, 2020
4th Sunday of Advent

————— **Please turn off cell phones** —————
(You can also listen in your vehicle in the parking lot: 107.9FM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
(remember to hummmmm)

LIGHTING of the ADVENT CANDLE: Bob & Sandi Yager

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Come away from times of weariness.
Dare to accept the energy God offers you.
Restore our energy, O Source of all power.
Let your goodness flow through us.
Come away from all your insignificant distractions.
Dare to let God show you a larger picture.
Help us to examine the flow of our lives.
Reveal to us what is really important.
Come away from the scorn of enemies.
Dare to laugh with those who have laughed at you.
Lead us to think of others in new ways.
Let us find grace and peace in Emmanuel.

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 am

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Find us on Facebook!  And Instagram 

Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00-3:00

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have called us to be apostles of your grace, but we have been judgmental instead of gracious. We condemn in others what is also, all too often, in us. We refuse to listen to others’ pain or to understand the source of their tears. We avoid those who are angry or scornful or embittered. It is easier to dismiss the feelings of others than to offer true empathy. We would rather reject than encounter them. Yet you come to us, Emmanuel, and we want to repent. You reach out to us, and our hearts melt. We want to embrace this new life. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579)
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end.
Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING:
“Immanuel” – Wendy Corr, Kennedy Corr, Jonene Geile

OFFERING PRESENTATION *(plates outside of sanctuary doors)*

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE	
Luke 1:26-38 <i>(NIV)</i>	Page 1588
Luke 1:46-55 <i>(NIV)</i>	Page 1589
Matthew 1:18-25 <i>(NIV)</i>	Page 1497

MESSAGE “Voices in the Night”

PRAYERS *of* THE PEOPLE *and* LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonene Geile & Wendy Corr
MUSIC ACCOMPANIST: Hayden Thomas
MESSAGE: Pastor Pat Montgomery

IN-CHURCH GUIDELINES

: : Between each use, the sanctuary will be cleaned and sanitized by our custodial staff.

: : Out of consideration for others, do not attend worship if you are not feeling well, if you have been in contact with others who have not been feeling well, or if you have attended any large group activities in the preceding two weeks.

: : All who come to worship will be greeted at the door by an usher who will ask if they are feeling well, have certain symptoms or other concerns.

: : Ushers will also take your temperature. Those with a temperature of over 99°F will be asked to return directly home.

: : Out of consideration for others, all participants will wear a mask covering their mouth and nose while indoors at the church building.

: : All worshipers are asked to keep a distance of 6’ from those who are not in their family or seating group. We ask that each such group keep a 6’ distance from other groups. In the sanctuary do not sit in a pew directly in front of or directly behind another group.

: : Offering plates will not be passed. They are near the sanctuary doors for you to place your offerings into.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Chrismons

The evergreen tree, which symbolizes the eternal life which our Savior has won for us, is a background for tiny white lights and white and gold Chrismons. The lights speak of him Who is the Light of the world, and the Chrismons (CHRIST + MONogram) proclaim the Name, the Life and the Savings Acts of Jesus the Christ.

Colors: All of the Chrismons are made in either white or gold or in a combination of the two colors.

GOLD: As a symbol for the glory and majesty of God and the Son of God, is also derived from Biblical usage. Exodus 25:11 ff; Revelation 1:13-16; 21:18-21.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW): SCHOLARSHIP

All Cody First Presbyterian Church High School Seniors and College Students may apply. Student must be an active participant in the church and must have a letter from the pastor. Applications are available in the PW mailbox outside the church office. Place your *completed* application in the PW mailbox outside the church office or mail to 2025 23rd Street, Cody, WY 82414. **Application deadline: March 15, 2021.** Any questions please contact Sandy Klomparens at 307-272-0350.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW IN YOUR PRAYERS

(Please notify us if specific prayer concerns need to be extended beyond two weeks)

Shirley Murphy
Family of Charlie Wright
Family of Carolyn (Harke) Person
Family of Dean Beemer
Family of Jackie Hensley

CALENDAR

Thursday, December 24
5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service – OUTSIDE

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 2020

Christmas Eve service will be @ 5:30 Somehow, Somewhere OUTSIDE on the church grounds. There will be carol singing for all whether you are sitting inside your car or outside your car. Everyone may even be asked to bring a flashlight. So watch for details as we discover the joy of worshipping the birth of our Lord even when it has to be in unusual ways.

STEWARDSHIP, BUDGET & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: 2021 Pledge Cards:

If you have not done so, please complete and return your 2021 pledge cards. We are developing the 2021 budget. Your pledge information is vital for the development of an accurate budget. Of course pledge cards are accepted anytime, but we would *like* them by late December. Thank you – *Stewardship, Budget & Personnel Committee.*

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Advent Materials

- **Advent Devotionals:** The Worship Committee has adult Advent devotionals available – pick one up today!
- **Advent Wreaths:** We encourage those who plan to worship online throughout the month of December to build an Advent wreath. While you watch the Advent services online light up your advent wreath as we try to be a community in the safety of our homes.