

**October 2018**



**October 27th!**

Road Ditch and church fall clean up!

Sign up at the information center.

Or you can just show up to help!!

All sorts of chores for all abilities.

Great fellowship time as well!!!

Weather permitting of course, the fun begins at 8 am.

**The LOGOS program** has started off well. We have around 20 students enrolled. We are meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 3:00-6:00. The format is:

3:00-3:30 – Recreation

3:30-4:30 – Bible Study

4:30-5:00 – Worship

5:00-6:00 – Family Time (Dinner)

Parents & members of the congregation are more than welcome to participate in all or part of the festivities.

The theme for the first semester is “God Created...”. The dates and themes for October are:

October 14 – Vegetation

October 28 – Stars, Sun & Moon (Cosmos)

LOGOS Sunday will be November 11<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 service. Please mark your calendars.

We are still looking for volunteers who may be called to be a part of LOGOS, whether it be on a cook team, help with desserts, table parent, sharing your gifts & talents during recreation or Worship time, helping with Bible Study, etc.

Please feel free to talk to co-directors Jim Lyon (763-2033) or Teresa Williams (752-8731) if you are interested in helping out.

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Greetings Everyone.

This coming Sunday, October 7, is INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH Sunday. I know that is exciting to so many of you. Already a good number have told me they know exactly who they want to invite. That is great. I also know inviting someone to church can be terrifying. What if they reject my offer? What if it turns them off to church forever? What if they talk about me behind my back? So many reasons to be silent.

That having been said, excited or terrified, let me share with you research data from two different sources about the power of personal invitation. First, *The Institute for American Church Growth* asked over 10,000 church-goers this question: What was responsible for your coming to Christ and this church? The results?

- 2% I had a special need
- 3% I just walked in
- 6% I liked the minister
- 1% I visited here
- 5% I liked the Sunday school
- 1/2% I attended a gospel meeting
- 3% I liked the programs

**79% A friend or relative invited me**

Christianity Today, one of America's leading Christian periodicals, has a division called Church Trainer. They present to local churches the following statistics as they talk about, "The Power of an Invite."

"Every week I ask you, 'What initially brought you to church?' Here are the statistics:"

- 6-8% Walked in by own initiative
- 2-3% Liked a program offered
- 8-10% Liked the pastor
- 3-4% Had a need met by the church.
- 1-2% Were Evangelized
- 3-4% Attracted by Sunday School

**70-85% Invited by a relative or friend!**

Although the statistics slightly differ from one another, I believe you still get the point. Invitation is the most powerful tool in our tool belt of seeing someone come to church. Such is the research data.

This having been said, as Christians our commitment is not to the following of data. For political candidates, maybe. Not for us. Even though data provides important information, our primary goal as we say in our Mission Statement is to "Follow Jesus Christ." So, what did Jesus do?

Jesus, at the very beginning of his ministry, invited those who were to become his disciples to "come and see." Note this passage from John 1:35-39

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

Jesus invited people. It was as if he was saying, "Come check it out." "Follow Jesus Christ."

One final thought. As we take the step to invite people, we also need to be thinking about how we will greet them when they come. How will we engage them? How will say, "Hi," to them? How can we say with our eyes or our hands shakes, "God loves you and so do I?" How will we share the incredible love and warmth that exists within First Presbyterian Church?

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Fall is my favorite time of year. You have the cooler temperatures, the fall harvest, and hoodies. You also have the colors. It is like God is taking a paint brush and splashing the color around our world, begging us to take a minute and enjoy the beauty He has given us. How often do we get caught up in what "has" to be done and we forget what is around us, or what is going on Facebook, Instagram, or where ever. In November, the Senior high youth will have the opportunity to attend the Senior High retreat in Casper. We will be discussing faith in media. Where does faith come in when media is involved, does it play a role? We all consume media. It could be news on TV, an app on your phone, newspaper, movie, radio, or social media. So, I would like to ask you, what role does faith have on your consumption with media? If you have a good app or program that you use, please feel free to send me an email with the information. I will be collecting them to share with the youth.

Foster Parent Exchange repeatedly states how appreciative they are of all the support we have given them the past year. In our conversations, they are always amazed what a kind and giving church we are. They are still in need of many items, not just for items for the youth, but also when the children and parents are reunited. Youth group has agreed that they would like to continue to support the Foster Parent Exchange. October's One thing will be winter pajamas. If you are so moved to donate pjs, all sizes from 6 months through adults sizes are needed. The collection totes will be back by the name tags. Thank you!

Youth Group will meet on Sunday, October 21 at 3 pm. Youth Group is open to any youth 6th grade thru high school. Youth Group is youth directed . We discuss issues that are happening in their lives, concerns that they are struggling with, or anything else they may want to learn about.

October 6 and 7 I will be hosting a confirmation retreat at Camp Story. The youth going through confirmation will gather and we will start on their journey to learn about their faith, the Presbyterian faith, and what it means to be a follower of Christ. Please say a prayer for us. We will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Sunday after that until April. If you know a person sixth grade and up that is interested in going through the confirmation process, please let me know. All are welcome to join conformation classes.

Sunday, October 7 the Triennium Team will be set up in the fellowship hall selling vinyl mesh multipurpose reusable bags. They are great bags! They can be used for your groceries, gym bag, or Bible study bag. The possibilities are endless! They were made with love by the "Bag Lady." The bags will sell for \$25 each with all the proceeds going to the Triennium Team.

The annual Senior High Retreat will be November 16-18 in Casper at Shepard of the Hills. This years theme is Faith in Media #meFAITHdia. We will be evaluating and discussing where does our faith play into social media. Does it has a place in Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, movies, pop culture, etc.? Does your faith factor into what you post or like? This event is open to any student 9th - 12th grade. They do not need to be members of this church or attend here. The cost is \$25. Please get a hold of me for the required paperwork. Registration is due October 20.

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 23. The Triennium Team will be hosting an All You Can Eat Pancake feed to raise money for their trip. Please watch the weekly updates, bulletins, and the Facebook page for more information. If you have a hidden pancake flipping talent and would like to showcase them on that Friday, please let me know, we would love to have you!



Scott, Marion, Don and Doug serve up Mary's sloppy joes at Lunch Together on a rainy September day. Men's Day is always the Tuesday during FPC rotation. We serve again Thanksgiving week, your involvement is terrific way to demonstrate your gratitude, and yes, bring your out of town guests with you!

Blessings ,

Tina Anderson (751-4810)

Jan Leupold

Mary Ludemann

Doug Moore

Mitzi Knapp

Janis Devore



October 7th the Mission and Outreach Committee will be hosting a JUST Coffee Tasting Table. Be sure and stop by the Fellowship Hall after

Worship to sample a few of the varieties of JUST Coffee. We will also have coffee order flyers for you to make a personal coffee order. Payment will be expected when you hand in your coffee order. Be thinking about Coffee for Christmas Gifts! By purchasing this Coffee you are helping to support our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in Mexico and Guatemala.

As a reminder please sign up at the information center to be a Sunday Coffee Fellowship Sponsor. Thank you to those of you who have been a sponsor. The Coffee at Fellowship time on Sundays is always made by Dorothea Doerr. Be sure and tell her thank you!

Please sign up at the information Center to give Esther McKenzie a ride to Church on Sundays. This is her ONLY means to church as all Public Transportation seats are filled on Sundays. Please pray about this and see if God is calling you to bring Esther to Church.

In July when Pastor Paul and Terri were gone we had Missionaries Jeremiah and Katana Pate fill the Pulpit. What a delightful, spirit filled couple they are and so passionate about their work in Indonesia. The Pate's were so grateful for the out pouring of love and finances our Church family had for them. Wanted to share with you the Thank You they sent:

Dear 1st Presbyterian Church:

We were blown away at the outpouring of love we received from you. Thank you so much for your generous gifts! The community at First Presbyterian is unlike any other and we are grateful for you and your partnership with us!

Through you gifts and prayers you are helping us bring the Good News of Jesus to any Buddhists who are often eagerly wanting to hear about Him. The impact and influence of your partnership will be felt throughout eternity!

We are praying for an abundance of blessings in the years to come for your church. We love you all so much and we look forward to visiting again!

Please keep Jeremiah and Katana in your prayers!



*For their service to the church during the month of September the Worship Committee would like to thank these faithful servants...*

**Worship Leaders:** Karen Schreffler, Dave Engels, Marion Reed, Nancy Elliott, Shelley Barrett, Darcie Lyon, Kim Kozel, Susan Smith

**Communion Servers:** Carla White, Janis DeVore, Beth Bailey, Loren Ruttinger, Karen Fosher, Brooke Holstedt.

**Flower Guild:** Carol Maloy, Diane Peterson, Jane Gallagher, Jerilea Phillips

**Audio/Visual Systems Operators:** Elwyn Maloy, Rick Semino, Chris Smith, Jim Blaha, Loren Ruttinger

**Sugarland Worship Leaders:** Jan Leupold, Paul Hayden

**Head Ushers:** Judy Garber, Janis DeVore

**Greeters:** Tod & Marjorie Windsor, Jeff & Denise Mueller, Keith & Linda Luegge

**Girls School Worship:** No service this month

**Communion Preparation:** Jim Lyon & Mitzi Knapp

**Coffee Fellowship:** PW Circles/ Fellowship/Session

**Meal Deliveries**– Georgia & Larry Mueller, Marion & Annette Reed, Denise Mueller, Jerilea Phillips, Carla White, Ron Patterson

**Session Members and Committees**

**Budget & Finance**

Beth Bailey, Carol Davis, Tod Windsor

**Clerk of Session**

Carla White

**Communication & Tech**

Ted Knapp, Tod Windsor

**Christian Education**

Janis DeVore, Judy Garber

**Fellowship**

Kim Kozel, Jeri Joy, Kathy Lundberg

**Membership & Evangelism**

Tina Anderson, Jean Morgan

**Mission & Outreach**

Peggy Blaha, Doug Beagle

**Personnel**

Teresa Williams, Jim Lyon

**Properties**

Doug Moore, Dave Motsick, Gareth Dixon

**Worship**

Loren Ruttinger, Linnet McGoodwin

**Keep them in your prayers**

Jack Elliott, Margie & Art Elkins, Jim Litle, Dede Shrum, Karen Townsend, Wilma Browne, Darlene McNair, Esther McKenzie, Kathleen Shafer, Margaret Litle, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr

Pastor Paul Hayden's email address:

fpc.paul@actaccess.net

**Let's keep current!!**

If you have changed your:

Phone

Mailing address

Email

Let us know!! :)

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Youth attending Triennium 2019 will be selling these multi-purpose mesh bags on Sunday Oct. 7. They will be sold for \$25 ea. All proceeds will go to the trip to Triennium.

They are sturdy vinyl mesh and colorful heavy fabric. Great for anything you need to tote around!



## DEACON'S FUND

Did you know that First Presbyterian has a Deacon's Fund? Yes it does!

The Deacon's Fund is designed to help those in need within our church as well as in the community. Primarily the fund is used to buy a small amount of food for those in need (\$25 at Albertson's) or gasoline for a vehicle (driver's license and insurance card required at the suggestion of Sheridan police). Additionally, within our congregation we have helped cover heating costs during winter and other incidental costs that have arisen in the course of life including some pharmaceutical bills.

So, how much money does this amount to? Our budget is \$1800.00. We do not help with such costs as insurance or rent which could take a major portion of the whole annual amount. We also help people find the Volunteers of America which has the resource to help with overnight lodging and some other major items. It should also be noted that the churches work together so some of those who appear in need do not take advantage of compassionate folks who desire to help.

## STEWARDSHIP

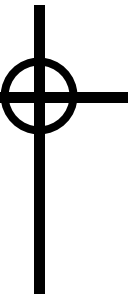
Most often when we talk about Stewardship we are talking about money and, at this time of year, everyone is gearing up for the year-end-giving season. We are no different. Here are some things we need to be thinking about as a congregation:

1. Giving to the church is first and foremost giving to the Lord. It is returning a portion of our resources with which God has blessed us so God's work through us can bless others. (Deuteronomy 8:11-18; Malachi 3:8-10).
2. Giving to the work of the Lord should be joy-filled (2 Corinthians 9:6,7). Giving to the work of the Lord through FPC is ONE WAY to say, "Thank You, Lord, for your wonderful blessing to us. Use this pledge to bless another!"
3. We have special needs during this season in the life of the church.
  - A) The pastoral search process
  - B) Bringing a new pastor and family to Sheridan
  - C) Building our Rainy-Day funds
  - D) Meeting our ongoing budget commitments

Prayerfully consider a special year-end gift and your pledge for 2019. Be looking for your pledge card in November. Fill it out, return it and continue to pray for God to guide us in the Ministry and Mission we have been given.



**ATTENTION:** Circle 3 is now meeting at the Country Kitchen (NO LONGER AT HOLIDAY INN) in the back meeting room at Noon of the third Wednesday of each month. All women of the church are invited to join Circles on the third Wednesday. We are studying 'God's Promise, I Am With You'.



**Presbyterian Women**

The BOOK SALE this year will be located in the Library. Look for new sales locations in the various classrooms. The Parlor will be home of the Boutique, items of like new or of special interest will be priced a bit more.

We welcome your and your neighbors' donations of clean items in good repair. Clothing is a good seller and serves a need in our community. We are limited with our ability to recycle or dump items that should be trashed. Because of limited space we are unable to accept donations of large furniture pieces or appliances larger than microwaves. No large or box style TVs or non-working electronics.

Please bring your items to the West entrance on Thursday between 8 and noon.

Help is greatly appreciated for set up, sales help and clean up days. Men are needed to help move boxes and do heavy lifting during set up and clean up times, especially. On Saturday after the sale, anyone with a pickup is welcome to come and help haul away unsold items.

Please join us in this time of fellowship as we work to provide funds that help support local missions in our community. There are sign up sheets in the information center in the narthex. Check out where you could lend a hand.

It takes many hands to undertake this task twice a year. Thank you in advance for your contributions and willingness to help with the ABC Sale.

Further information:  
Sherry Laughton 360-936-7531  
Sharon Browne 307-674-8278



**ABC= Attic, Basement, Closet  
Sale!!**

**Oct. 19 from 8-noon**

**Oct. 20 from 8-11 am** (Sale \$2 Bag Clothing, 1/2 Price for other items)

**Set up will be on the 17th from  
8-noon. Help is always  
welcome!**

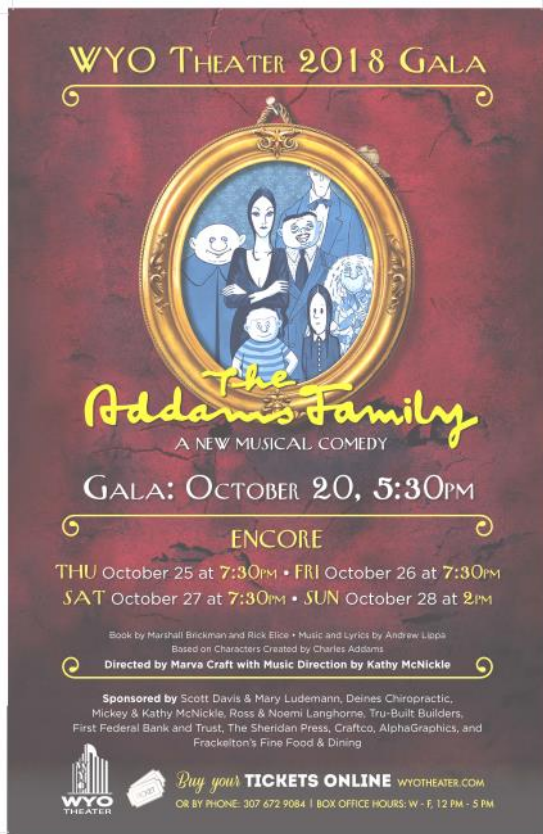
**Items GREAT to donate:**

Clean, gently used clothing, jewelry, household items, knick knacks, clean usable linens, books



**The next PW Brunch Meeting is October 3 at 10:00.** All women of the church are invited to attend and to invite a friend.

The program will focus on the Compass Center for Families presented by Susan Carr.



## October 27th

Fellowship is gathering a group to attend the Encore performance of the Addams Family.

Please sign up to attend the dinner before at Frackleton's or the Pony. 5:30 pm.

Forms are at the information center.



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Let me close with this story from an article I read in a periodical called, Church fuel. It was about the power and importance of inviting and welcoming.

*I had a conversation recently with someone that had been attending our church for about a month. I asked them, as I often do others, how they began attending our church. Their response had a profound impact on me. They told me that a friend of theirs who had been attending for some time had consistently invited them, but this person said they found excuse after excuse not to come.*

*After a particularly hard season in their life, they finally decided it was time to come to check out this church their friend had told them had changed their life. She wanted to see if it could have that same impact on her.*

*One month later, she told me that it was all true. She just "came to see" and has not left. In fact, she told me that the church was helping her heal a great wound in life. I love those stories.*

*The key to this story was how her friend consistently invited her to come to church with her. In God's providence, He used her friend and the simple, but powerful habit of inviting.*

May God bless us and touch lives as we take the step to invite someone to church.

Pastor Paul



**Thank you** to the church family member that has answered the 'call' to bring Esther McKenzie to Church every Sunday. We will occasionally need subs so I may be giving a call out occasionally. Thanks be to God! Peggy



# Miscellany



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Jim Litle
- 3- Clark Izzard
- 5- Keith Luegge
- 9- John Trohkimoinen
- 13- Carter Steidley
- 14- Alexine Birkholz
- 17- Cory Hamstreet
- 18- Helen Campbell
- 23- Jack McMahan
- 25- Sandy Birkholz
- 28- Linda Luegge, Greg Thurow
- 31- Cheryl Kelsey

## Happy Anniversary!

- 3- Chuck & Jan Deaver
- 5- John & Jeanette Trohkimoinen
- 7- Cory & Janet Hamstreet
- 11- Jeff & Denise Mueller
- 13- Roy & Carol Davis
- 14- Chad & Ginny Rieger
- 15- Art & Margie Elkins
- Bryan & Shawn Luedtke
- 17- Kevin & Beth Bailey
- 18- Gary & Jeri Joy
- 19- Keith & Patty Brandt

*The website is up and running! Check it out!  
The first sermons are now online!!! Check  
out Pastor Paul's blog!*

[sheridanfpc.church](http://sheridanfpc.church)

*Directories are here! We are asking for a  
\$5 donation to help with the cost of  
printing. They are available in the church  
office.*

## **Our sympathies extend to the family and friends of Noni Paronto.**

She has entered the Church Triumphant.  
Her service was held Sept. 13.

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## **Change of address:**

Cathy Coggins-Allen: 905 Dunnuck #1

Scott Hollingsworth: 1100 Avoca Ct. Apt. 14

## **The office will be open during these hours.**

8-noon- Monday- Friday

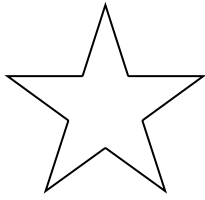
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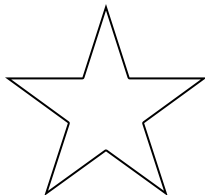
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## **Air Force**

**Jason Browne** (Son of Sandy Browne)

**Ryan Laughton** (Son of Gary & Sherry Laughton, Grandson of Joe Laughton)

**Howard (Ace) Shrum** (Grandson of Dorothy Shrum)

**Damon Sevier** (Son of Patty Usher)

**Jeff & Michelle Durand** (Cousins of Phyllis Wilhelm)

**Kai Grimmell** (Nephew of Gloria Stresky)

**Bryce Williams** (Son of Mike and Teresa Williams)

**Brennan & Sydney Negrete** ( Grandson & Granddaughter-in-law of Elwyn & Carol Maloy)

**Megan Price** (Granddaughter of Karen Fosher)

## **National Guard**

**Shawn Meline** (Son of Ted & Carolyn Meline)

**Allen Price** (Son-in-law of Karen Fosher)

**Carsie Mitchell** (Grandson of Jim & Dianne Perry)

## **Navy & Navy Reserves**

**William Ferries** (Son of Jane Buell)

## **Army & Army Reserves**

**Kyle Jennings**-(Grandson of Bernice Jennings)


**Ethan & Johnna Hall** ( Grandson & granddaughter –in-law of Elwyn & Carol Maloy)

## **Marines**

**Zachary Fitzpatrick**-(Son of Howie & Sandy Fitzpatrick)

If you would like to have your loved-one in the military listed on this page, or if you would like to have their address printed in the newsletter, or their picture on our picture board, please give the information to Sue in the office.

# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Presbytery @ Camp Story	
<b>7</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 10 am- Worship, Communion 11:30- Bible study Confirmation class retreat.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 4:30- Fellowship 5 pm-Mission 5:30- Budget, Personnel 6 pm- Worship 6:30 pm-Tech	<b>10</b> 11 am- Membership	<b>11</b> 6:30 am- Breakfast study 9:30 am- WS  7 pm- Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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**FAITH IN MEDIA**

**#MEFAITHDIA**

2018 SENIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT

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NOVEMBER 16-18, CASPER, WY  
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS PRESBYTERIAN

RSVP to CJ Clem: [cjclem@actaccess.net](mailto:cjclem@actaccess.net) or 307-672-1717