

February 2018

**Happy Winter!!!**

We are in full swing for the New Year with church activities!! **“But Luke tells us these early Christians also devoted themselves to fellowship. They just didn’t have fellowship; they devoted themselves to it. This means that fellowship was a priority and one of the objectives for gathering together. They made fellowship a priority.”**

So the mission of our Fellowship Committee is to promote congregational fellowship. To fulfill our mission, we work with other committees and church groups to facilitate fellowship opportunities. The goal is to bring people together through a variety of activities and events in order to strengthen our relationship with our savior Jesus Christ and with each other, and to have fun while accomplishing this!

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**January** - The Chili Cook off was a success! We enjoyed the Bar J Wranglers Saturday, Jan 27. Dinner beforehand was great at Frackleton’s and The Pony. Sunday we were blessed to have the Bar J Wranglers join us in church!!! It was also time for our annual congregational meeting after church with a potluck following!!! This was a wonderful time to visit, get to know one another and share a good meal.

**February** – PIGGS (Presbyterians in Gourmet Gatherings) will begin. This is a time to reconnect with old friends and start new friendships. Also in February we will look forward to a night out at the Paint Post. More information will follow for this event.

**March** - On March 23 we will be blessed to learn some folk dances, taught by Pam Moore. She has been teaching people these dances for over 25 years!! This will be fun, come even if you think you have two left feet, because she can make them work together!! Then we will be preparing our hearts for Easter!!!

If you’re interested in becoming a part of a group devoted to fellowship, please contact Kim Kozel, Fellowship Committee Chairman or Jeri Joy, Elder.

Helloooooo, First Presbyterians!

What a wonderful day we experienced yesterday (1/28) with the visit of the Bar J Wranglers to our time of worship, our potluck dinner, and the Congregational meeting. The Spirit of the Lord was present as we worshipped God and received the reports of the Session and conducted the business of the church. One of the central principles of our Reformed Faith is that the Spirit directs the church through the voice of the people. We saw that happen yesterday!

*The Session.* What a wonderful group of folks have been called by God through the voice of the people to lead and serve this church. As I listened to their reports (if you were unable to attend you can get a packet of all the reports in the church office) I was reminded of the incredible commitment they have made to FPC and the tremendous amount of work they have accomplished. They deserve our thanks, especially those who have served their term and are now taking a well-deserved break.

I also want to give a special shout out to the Fellowship Committee which I forgot to do at the meeting. They have organized many opportunities for the people of the church to gather so we might get to know one another better. Yesterday, they set up the tables, organized the potluck, cleaned the dishes, and did it quietly and gracefully. How representative they are to the character of this congregation. Thank you.

The leaders of the church also need your prayers. Yesterday we elected 11 Elders to join the 10 who are returning. 21 men and women committed to seeking and implementing God's will for the congregation. Hallelujah. Keep them in your prayers.

*The Mission Team.* Additionally, the congregation elected a team of 7 to conduct a mission study which will begin the process of leading us into the future. Many of you are familiar with the passage from Proverbs 29:18

***Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.  
(King James Version)***

The New International Version translates the Hebrew in this fashion:

***Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.***

I like the distinction between the two. Lots of people and businesses create a vision statement that gives direction. If we don't have something to harness that direction (vision), something that restrains us from getting off our true course, fulfilling our true purpose, it is easy to find ourselves and/or our business perishing in one way or another.

Vision is important for us in the church as well. However, different from many other areas of life, our vision comes not just from self-analysis and insightful planning but from divine revelation. It is as Proverb says, if we don't have God's direction for why we exist and what we are called to do, we risk perishing as this part of God's family. As I mentioned above, Presbyterians believe God 'reveals his will' as God's people prayerfully talk about what God has laid on their hearts. For the mission study process to be successful we need your participation. Therefore:

We all need to be in prayer for those who will be leading the mission study process.

We all need to be in prayer asking God to reveal to us what is next.

We all need to be involved (**youth, young adults, families**, please take note that this "ALL" includes you!) in sharing our hopes and dreams, the vision God has laid on our hearts, so we can discern God's direction and define how God would move us into his future.

The year ahead is going to be exciting as we look to see all God has instore for this part of his family. Thanks be to God!





Wow!! We have such a wonderful congregation! The Chili Cook-off raised around \$500 for the youth's mission activities. Thank you to all those who participated in the cook off! Big congratulations to Stevie Baxter who made the youth group chili that won first prize, the golden crown! Honorable mention goes out to Rhea Dixon, Presbyterian Women, and Mitzi and Ted Knapp, Christian Education! It was a close one again this year. If you want to participate in next year's cook off you have a year to fine tune your recipes.

The Silent Auction is still in the process of closing out and the winners collecting their prizes, but I am astonished with the wonderful support you give the kids. Not just in the bids but the generous donations. Like I was saying in at the meeting, the numbers of Sunday School are discouraging, but youth are here and they are growing in their faith through Logos, Youth Group and Camp Story. Logos we have several youth that attend that are not associated with the church, but come with their friends. With the Silent Auction we can again send youth to camp. The last two years we have sent 14, I would like to send more this year and with the awesome new camps that should not be a problem.

On the tail of the Silent Auction, the 2018 camping season brochure is out! There are several exciting new camps for the youth, adults, and there is even a family camp! There is something for everyone! Something new this year, a body, mind, and soul retreat. You can go to [campstory.org](http://campstory.org) and check out all the camping opportunities. If you have any camping questions, please contact Alicia. Any youth who would like to go to camp and would like the 1/3 scholarship please have your registration and your 1/3 portion payment to the church by March 25.

February 4th will be the Souper Bowl! The youth will be around collecting donation on who you think will be winning the Super Bowl. You will have a choice between the New England Patriots, Philadelphia Eagles, or the commercials. This year the money collected will be donated to the Lunch Together program.

Ash Wednesday is this month, February 14th to be exact. The Logos program would like to invite you to join us for dinner at 6:00 on that Wednesday. If you plan on join us, please RSVP to me by Tuesday, February 13th, we would like to make sure we have enough food.

Again thank you for all you do to support the youth of First Presbyterian Church!

### Online Directory:

Go to **Instant Church Directory** and log on the **Membership box** at the top. If you don't know the password, call or email the church office. Once you are in, download the directory to your desktop. You will need to update that download every couple of months as we make changes.

You can download the app for instant church directory onto your mobile device. Directions for this are below. You need to have your email on your profile in the directory in order for this to work. If you do not have it on there, email the church office and we can get it on there for you. This action updates when we do.

The online church directory is now live and located on the church website  
[www.sheridanfpc.church](http://www.sheridanfpc.church)

The directory can be accessed by clicking on the link **Online Church Photo Directory**. Depending on the browser you use, you may be prompted to click on Open or Download next. Click Open. Next, you will be prompted to insert the password which is **call or email the office to get password**. Be sure to include the question mark in the password. The directory is viewed in a pdf. format. If you want to make the pages larger, you can do so by clicking at the top of each page where indicated to resize.

If you have provided an e-mail, you can access by mobile device by downloading the **Instant Church Directory** app. It is available for Apple devices at the App Store on your device. It is available for Android devices on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) by searching for **Instant Church Directory app**.

This is what the icon looks like at both sites:



Once you have downloaded the app, follow directions for its usage. You will need to input your e-mail, and then send for a password which will be sent to you by e-mail. If it does not work, simply send for a new password and try again.



Mission and outreach would like your help. To offset the cost of the JUST coffee served for Coffee Fellowship on Sunday

Mornings we thought we would have volunteers sponsor a bag each week for \$10.

There will be a black board in the Fellowship Hall that will announce who, is sponsoring the coffee for fellowship that Sunday. If you would like to do that there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Along with the signup sheet will be an envelope for you to put your \$10 in.

As a reminder JUST coffee is available for you to purchase each Sunday in the Narthex or in the Fellowship Hall. Let's keep drinking JUST coffee to support this great Mission in Mexico!

Any questions can be directed to Peggy at 763-2404.

Thank You all for your support!!



**Be sure and sign up for PIGGs  
( Presbyterians In Gourmet Gatherings!)**



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

**Worship Leaders:** Shelley Barrett, Susan Smith, Marion Reed, Peggy Blaha, Terri Hayden

**Communion Servers:** Beth Bailey, Janis DeVore, Jeri Joy, Becky Motsick, Dennis & Karen Schreffler.

**Altar Guild:** Carol Maloy, Diane Peterson, Jane Gallagher, Jerilea Phillips, Joyce Groneberg

**Audio/Visual Systems Operators:** Elwyn Maloy, Rick Semino, Chris Smith, John Lundberg, Jim Blaha, Ron Stanker

**Sugarland Worship Leaders:** Jan Leupold, Loren Ruttinger

**Head Ushers:** Jon Botten, Loren Ruttinger

**Greeters:** Ted & Mitzi Knapp, Don & Joyce Groneberg, McMahan Family, Jerry & Myrna Saunders

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

**Communion Preparation:** Communion Guild

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

**Meal Deliveries–** Youth, Marion & Annette Reed, Carla White, Ron Patterson, Jan Leupold, Kim Kozel

**Coffee Sponsors–** Beagle, Bailey, Ludemann/Davis

**Session Members and Committees**

**Budget & Finance**

Beth Bailey, Carol Davis

**Clerk of Session**

Carla White

**Communication & Tech**

Ted Knapp, Tod Windsor

**Christian Education**

Janis DeVore,

**Fellowship**

Kim Kozel, Jeri Joy

**Membership & Evangelism**

Tina Anderson, Jean Morgan

**Mission & Outreach**

Peggy Blaha, Doug Beagle

**Personnel**

Teresa Williams, Jim Lyon

**Properties**

Doug Moore, Dave Motsick

**Worship**

Loren Ruttinger, Kathy Lundberg, Linnet McGoodwin

**Keep them in your prayers**

Jack Elliott, Margie & Art Elkins, Jim Litle, Dede Shrum, Karen Townsend, Pat Gallagher, Wilma Browne, Darlene McNair, Billie May Means, Charlie

Pastor Paul Hayden's email address:

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**Let's keep current!!**

If you have changed your:

Phone

Mailing address

Email

Let us know!! :)

fpc@actaccess.net/ 672-1717



Beth Bailey hustles over to Lunch Together to spend her lunch hour serving others. A special thanks to all our working church members who find time in their busy day for this vital program.

FPC serves at LT together again  
**Feb. 5 – 8.** Men’s Day will be Tuesday Feb. 6, 2018. You can sign up at church Sunday Jan 28 or Feb 4 in the Narthex, or give one of us a call.

Blessings,

- Tina Anderson 751-4810
- Jan Leupold
- Mary Ludemann
- Doug Moore



**A challenge!!** For every \$20 donated to Camp Story by individual Presbyterian women, the state of Wyoming PW will match that donation. You can give your donation to Kathy Beagle. Make you check to PW and in the memo put Camp Story. The deadline is Spring Gathering 2018!

**Another way to give is through Amazon Smiles, when you place an order through Amazon.**

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January 31 , the Powder River Pizza, [803 North Main](#), will sponsor a special day for the Life Link program of Sheridan County. They will offer this all day, lunch and dinner, with the benefit supporting Lifelink.

Life Link is a non profit agency that provides the medical alert buttons that enable emergency help calls to be made to a central receiving line. Should the call require medical service or merely a call to the neighbor listed as their personal responder, help calls are all responded to for whatever the need might be.

Please support us this day because , “ We care and could save a life.”

Further information about Life Link of Sheridan County can be found at [307-751-9348](#)



The next PW meeting is February 7 with brunch at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church and guests are welcome to attend.

The program will be a presentation by Kathy Lundberg of the recent Presbyterian Women's Global Exchange which she attended.

### Ready! Set! Register!

Online registration for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women is now open!



The Mission Pledge is PW's annual fund that makes possible every mission, program and resource of PW, including the Churchwide Gathering. **Give now** to support Presbyterian Women's witness in the world

Here are a few details!

Searching for a registration book to consider your Gathering programming options?

**Download a copy** or **order one** (or five!).

Turn to page 23 for the registration form to help guide you through your options or to complete and return for mail-in registration.

**Full registration is \$425.**

Rooms at the Galt House, where all programming will take place (except for optional tours), start at \$144 per night for up to four people. Room reservations are separate from Gathering registration. Reserve your hotel **online** or by calling 800/The-Galt ([800/843-4258](tel:8008434258)).

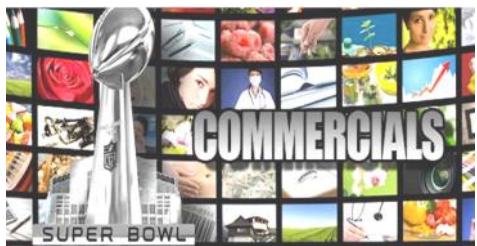
Early registration incentives include a special-edition Gathering pin (register by May 1); the first 800 registrants receive a copy of *Bound Together in Love: The Creation of Presbyterian Women, 1978-1988*.

Don't forget to **reserve your personal advertisement** (express thanks, celebrate 30 years of PW!, extend invitations, etc.) for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering program book.

Support your PW ministry by participating in the **silent auction**. Proceeds benefit the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund, that makes PW at all levels possible!

Contact Gathering registrar Theresa Underwood for registration questions— email [pwcwg2018@aol.com](mailto:pwcwg2018@aol.com) or call [540/520-2610](tel:5405202610); calls will be answered or returned after 5 pm est.

For general PW or Churchwide Gathering information, call 844/PWPCUSA ([844/797-2872](tel:8447972872)), ext. 8015.



Who are you cheering for Feb. 4th?

Place your donations in the box of you favorite team or the commercials. All proceeds will go to Lunch Together!

### **Help Wanted!**

Personnel Committee is looking for members.

If you would be interested please contact Teresa Williams or Jim Lyon.

### **Camp Story Registration!!**

Early bird deadline is March 25th. Have your registration form and 1;2 of your camping fees to CJ on or before the 25th.

Forms can be found at the info. center or online at [campstory.org](http://campstory.org). Questions contact Alicia or CJ.



**Congratulations! Stevie Baxter  
On your win at the chili cook-off!**



# Miscellany



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2- Laurie Graves  
3- Todd Browne  
6- Jacek Aksamit  
8- Karen Townsend  
9- Griff Milner  
11- Wilma Browne  
12- Gareth Dixon  
14- Brittany Brettin  
17- David Motsick  
20- Maxine DeTavernier  
22- Brad Steidley  
23- Erin Osborne  
24- Carolyn Griffith  
25- Joe Laughton  
26- Jane Gallagher, Wyoma Sampson, Carter Wells  
27- Bob Koester, Heidi Smith  
28- Scott Davis

### Happy Anniversary!

7- Lloyd & Karol Meineke  
12- Mike Stoll, Tina Anderson  
15- Richard & Effie Rextoat

### Your Church Finances

#### YTD

Income: \$ 338,128.53

Expenses: \$ 343,074.10

Total: -\$ -4,945.57

On 1/3/2018, the Budget and Finance Committee approved the sale of the 12.202 ounces of gold that had been gifted to the First Presbyterian Church in 2016. The net amount of the sale was \$15,469 and will be reported as income for 2018. This income will help cover the 2017 deficit of \$4,945 and will assist with future expenses.

### New website!

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

It is a work in progress.

Thank you Ted Knapp and Pastor Paul for getting it put together

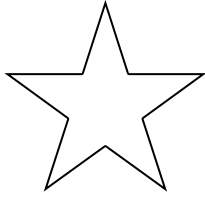
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8-noon- 1-4; Monday- Friday

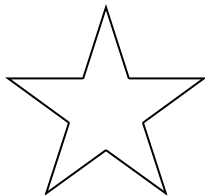
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### Like us on Facebook!

We are working on rebuilding the web page.  
Will let you know when it is up and running!!!



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## **Air Force**

- Jason Browne** (Son of Sandy Browne)
- Ryan Laughton** (Grandson of Joe Laughton)
- Howard (Ace) Shrum** (Grandson/Dorothy Shrum)
- Brennan Negrete** (Grandson of Elwyn & Carol Maloy)
- Damon Sevier** (Son of Patty Usher)
- Jeff & Michelle Durand** (Cousin of Phyllis Wilhelm)
- Kai Grimmell** (Nephew of Gloria Stresky)
- Alicia Ferries** (Daughter in law of Jane Buell)
- 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)
- 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)

## **Marines**

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

If you would like to have your loved-one in the military list 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.

# February 2018

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				6:30 am– Breakfast study 9:30 am– Women’s study		
				Paul out until the 8th.		
<b>4</b> 10 am– Worship Communion Souper Bowl Sunday fundraiser 11:30– Bible study 4:30– Jr. High youth	<b>5</b> 7 pm– Bells	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 am–PW Brunch 3:30– LOGOS	<b>8</b> 6:30 am– Breakfast study 9:30 am– Women’s study  7 pm– choir practice	<b>9</b> Session reports due in the am.	<b>10</b>
			← Lunch Together →			
<b>11</b> 8 am– Worship 10 am– Worship Ordination of Elders 11:30– Bible study 4:30– Jr. High youth 6 pm– Sr. High youth  	<b>12</b> 7 pm– Bells	<b>13</b> Committee meetings	<b>14</b> <b>Ash</b> <b>Wednesday</b> 3:30– LOGOS 6 pm– Dinner w/ LOGOS 7 pm– Ash Wed. Service	<b>15</b> 6:30 am– Breakfast study 9:30 am– Women’s study 5:30 pm– soup and Lenten Study 7 pm– choir practice	<b>16</b> Committee reports due am	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> 8 am– Worship 10 am– Worship 11:30– Bible study 1:30– Sugarland 4:30– Jr. High Youth	<b>19</b> 7 pm– Bells	<b>20</b> 7 pm– Session	<b>21</b> 9:30–noon– Circles  3:30– LOGOS	<b>22</b> 6:30 am– Breakfast study 9:30 am– Women’s study 5:30 pm– soup and Lenten Study  7 pm– choir	<b>23</b>  	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 8 am– Worship 10 am– Worship 11:30– Bible study 4:30– Jr. High youth 6 pm– Sr. High youth	<b>26</b> 6 pm– Stephen Ministry 7 pm– Bells	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 3:30– LOGOS			

*First Presbyterian Church*

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Once again we will have baby bottles to fill with monetary donations for the Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Bottles will be put out on Feb. 11th. They will be due back by March 4th.

Thank you for your generosity!