



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

January 2019

**Annual Congregational Meeting
January 27th
After the 10 am worship service.**

There will be a pot luck lunch as well, so please bring something to share!



The Fellowship Committee would like to extend our Gratitude and Love to the First Presbyterian Women’s Circles for the many years of service providing amazing treats and coffee for our congregation as we have “Fellowshipped” during Coffee Hour. You have provided a warm, welcoming and nourishing space for both Newcomers and Members alike.

Starting in January 2019, the Fellowship Committee invites all church members to participate in Coffee Hour by hosting a Sunday. Signup sheets will be posted in the Fellowship hall. Hosting can be done by individuals, couples, families, committees, Circles ...anyone can do it! A member of the Fellowship Committee will help set up and clean up every Sunday. You can do it yourself or enlist your friends. Cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, your favorite recipes are all welcome.

See Jeri Joy or Kathy Lundberg for more info.



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Howdy Everyone.

Welcome to 2019!!

The start of each new year gives us the opportunity to look backwards on what has been as well as to look forward to what we prayerfully desire to have develop. This year is no exception. Let me share my thoughts.

Looking Back

In the midst of 2018 being a stable year (financially, worship attendance, programs, etc.) we certainly have seen the stage set for the transition that awaits as we move into God's future. Let me recount a couple of major steps.

First was the selection of a Mission Study Team. What great work this team did as they helped FPC look inward at who we are and what we value as well as look outward to the changes and needs within the greater Sheridan community. Rev. Dr. Steve Shive, of our General Presbyterian and Miriam Nance as chair led the charge. Thank You.

The results of the Mission Study Team were presented to and unanimously approved by the congregation at a special meeting on July 1. It included our new Mission Statement that First Presbyterian Church exists to

***Glorify God,
Follow Jesus Christ, and
Be His light in the world.***

This defining statement is being used to shape how we worship, organize our work as a congregation, and focus our search for a new pastor.

The second major event of this past year also took place on July 1. After approving the Mission Study, the congregation elected a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Doug Moore and Carla White are co-chair of this excellent team.

As the PNC began its work, it took the information from the mission study and put it into proper form to complete our pastoral position entry into our denomination's Leadership Connect program. This is a specialize process that will aid pastors searching for a new ministry opportunity to be matched with the strengths and needs of our congregation. The PNC will begin receiving resumes' early in the new year.

Keep the PNC in your prayers.

Looking Ahead

As the Lord leads, this year FPC will have the opportunity to call a new pastor. This pastor will not be like Bob Palmer (70s to early 80s) or Ted Tromble (Mid-80s to mid-90s) or Doug Melius (1998 to 2017) or like any of the associates or interims. This new pastor will be their own person, called by God, empowered by the Spirit to use their unique gifts to nourish, lead, and guide this church into the future God has for it. So, it should be.

In this light we need to acknowledge the truth of this old saying, "I don't know what the future holds but I know who holds the future." For me, this statement ought to remind us as to where our priorities should fall. Let me share some thoughts.

First, our focus needs to be on the ONE who holds the future. It is a human tendency to place our trust in a human leader. Often, we think our chosen leader will in some way be our institutional savior. I am reminded of the urge of the Children of Israel to want a king just like everyone else (1 Samuel 8). But, the first command of the ten is to have no other God's before the one true God, and as Christians we are told that the first and greatest commandment is to "love God with all you are" (Matt. 22:34-40). In the midst of experiencing what the future holds we need to stay focused on the only ONE that holds the future.

Second, there is no perfect pastor as there are no perfect parishioners. The longer we work and worship together, the more evident will become our spiritual flaws and personal shortcomings. In the midst of those realities we are still called to "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you" (Eph. 5:32). What is needed as we move into the future is a clear vision of why our Lord has this congregation in Sheridan, Wyoming so we can be a team of disciples committed to living and fulfilling that purpose.

Finally, each one of us needs to continue our life-long work of developing our spiritual core. Over the months of this Winter (if it ever gets here) and Spring we are going to be studying Christian character as presented in Romans 12. I believe this is how God wants us to behave inside the church as well as in the greater community. I believe this is how those who are non-Christians will evaluate us. This Sermon focus will deepen our understanding and challenge our behavior.

May the Lord richly bless each of you as we grow in faith, deepen our love of our Lord, and our walk with each other.

Walking with you,

Pastor Paul



Thank you again to all those who have supported the youth in their raffle Triennium fundraising. The love and support we get from the congregation is astounding! The winners of the raffle are as follows; Adien Milne- Cedar Chest Jeri Joy - Memory Box, Botton Family - cutting board, Bonita Ashby - cutting board, Johnson Family - coasters, Janet Vossler - candle holders, Michael Lansing - Yardzee, and Helen Campbell - Yardzee. The youth raised over \$1,400! Thank you to the Motsick family for crafting all the raffle items.

I talk about Triennium and how it can shape the youth's faith, but what is the background of Triennium? Triennium is gathering of Presbyterian youth that happens every 3rd summer. This opportunity is open to youth going in to 9th grade through graduated senior. Triennium takes place at Purdue University in West Layette, Indiana on July 16-20, 2019. The theme for this Triennium is "Here's my Heart."

The first Triennium was held in 1980. The driving purpose behind the conception of Triennium has three parts;

- To enable Presbyterian youth in North America to address the prophetic and crucial dilemmas of our world and embark on a journey toward global unity.
- To enable Presbyterian youth to rediscover their Christian and Presbyterian roots, to nourish personal faith, and to develop leadership through worship, theological reflection, study and devotion.
- To enable Presbyterian youth to participate in setting the directions for the youth ministry programming of their own Presbyterian denomination.

Triennium has expanded to reached over 5,000 youth participates from all over the world bringing them together to worship and interact. Past participants claim that it was a spiritual opportunity that they never regretted.

There is something amazing about being surrounded by over 5,000 people worshipping, singing, and taking communion together as one in Christ.

The Wyoming delegate will gather the day before in Denver for a night of fun, games, and relationship building. Then the next day will travel as a group. The friendships formed at Triennium continue well after they come home.

The next Fundraising event that the youth have coming up is the Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction on January 20 following the 10 am service. This has become an annual event with delicious chilies. The proceeds collected at the Cook-Off and Silent Auction will benefit the youth going to Triennium and the Camp Scholarships we offer through the church. If you have items that you would like to donate for the Silent Auction, please let me know and we can make arrangements to collect the items.

2018 was an exciting year with many different opportunities for the youth of First Presbyterian Church. I cannot wait to see what He has planned for them in 2019.

Happy New Year!!



Margaret Gibson
(March 23, 1954 – May 29, 2014)

As we begin a New Year, and reflect on past years, Lunch Together Volunteers would like to remember Margaret Gibson. Margaret's beautiful and generous life ended too soon for her family and friends when she lost her battle with ALS. We remember a very well-dressed Margaret hurrying over from First Federal and jumping right into the messy business of feeding lots of hungry people. Her life reminds us that the time to serve the Lord is now, not when we have a day off from work, not when we are retired, not when we have raised our children, the time is now. Thank you, Lord, for blessing us with this courageous woman.

FPC serves at LT again January 14 – 17, 2019.
Please join us.

Blessings,

Tina Anderson 751-4810

Jan Leupold

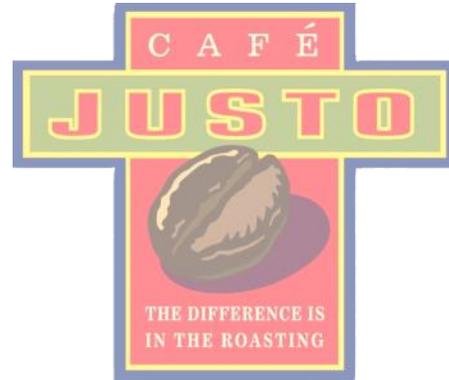
Doug Moore

Mary Ludemann

Mitzi Knapp

Su Rappleye

Janis Devore



Gift certificates are available. Contact Peggy Blaha or Doug Beagle.

Thank you to all who have been coffee sponsors in 2018. It has been a great year!!

There is a new sheet for 2019 at the information center, some dates already spoken for!!!

The Angel Tree Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped make the Angel Tree Project a success. I



had the privilege to deliver the books to one of the schools just before Christmas break. The children gathered around the box wanting to touch the books and examine the titles. One little girl clapped her hands and said to her teacher, "That's the book you have been reading to us. Now we can read it on our own." The smiles and excitement about receiving new books were as the commercial says, "priceless."

Thank you for your generosity. Nancy, Karen, & Helen



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

Worship Leaders: Jan Windsor, Dave Engels, Carol Maloy, Scott Hollingsworth, Shelley Barrett, Darcie Lyon, Marion Reed, Susan Smith

Communion Servers: Youth

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: Paul Hayden, Jan Leupold

Head Ushers: Tina Anderson, Mikes Stoll, Jean Morgan, Loren Ruttinger, Jim Lyon, Doug Moore

Greeters: Youth, Tod & Marjorie Windsor, Mike Stoll, Tina Anderson, Jean Morgan & family, Harvey & Linda Johnson

Communion Preparation: Denise Mueller

Coffee Fellowship: PW Circles/ Fellowship/Session

Meal Deliveries— Tina Anderson, Jerilea Phillips, Carla White, Ron Patterson, Sandy Birkholz, Denise Mueller

Coffee Sponsors: Carla White, Jan Leupold, Maloys, Blahas, Ludemann/Davis

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 & Margaret Litle, Dede Shrum, Karen Townsend, Wilma Browne, Darlene McNair, Esther McKenzie, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr, Larry Mueller

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!! :)

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Online Giving

First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan will soon offer an online giving option on the website <http://sheridanfpc.church/>.

The online giving program is offered through the Presbyterian Foundation (the Foundation). As this program is implemented, the Business and Finance Committee want to inform you of how the process of online giving will operate.

There will be an online giving icon on the website that can be selected to activate a transaction. A 2% processing fee will be charged with each transaction. The funds will be collected by the Foundation and then transferred to First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan. Because the initial funds are received by the Foundation, the annual giving report will come from the Foundation, not First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan. However, the Foundation will provide a monthly itemized giving report to First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan and all giving will be tracked.

The online giving will provide an alternate option for tithing to First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan. This will also add convenience for visitors and memorial giving for people who may not attend First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan on a regular basis.

Please let Dennis Heizer know if you want giving envelopes. If you have gotten them in the past and no longer want to get them, **please** let him know. This way we can order what we need and not have as many left over each year.

Thank you for helping us be good stewards of our resources!

Giving statement changes

With much discussion the Budget, Finance and Stewardship committee has decided to only send out giving statements once per year after the first of the year to include year end contributions.

If you find that you need information on your giving you can contact Dennis Heizer and he can help you with any information you may need.

This change will help in cutting costs.



Circle Two with goodies plates for our Homebound.



Happy New Year from Presbyterian Women.

Thank you Presbyterian Women (PW) for many years of service to the church by coordinating and providing refreshment at the Coffee Fellowship time on Sunday mornings after worship in the Fellowship Hall. There is change in the very near future regarding Coffee Fellowship. Starting the second Sunday in January the Fellowship Committee of Session will assume the coordination of the Coffee Fellowship ministry. For those wishing to continue to serve or provide refreshment for this ministry of the church, there is a signup poster in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you again to each of you for your faithful commitment to this important ministry.

The next PW meeting will be January 9, at 10:00. **NOTE: THIS IS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF JANUARY.** It will be a brunch meeting with the program being a presentation by Kathy Lundberg in her role as Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Wyoming. She will help us look to our future as PW. Other business will include: A Memorial Service held honoring PW members who have passed in 2018, an Honorary Life Membership pin will be presented to one woman chosen for 2018 and the 2019 officers will be installed. **ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND** this brunch and meeting.

Circles will meet on January 16 (third Wednesday). Notice this is the week following the PW brunch meeting.

Circle 1 meets at 10:00 in the Parlor, Mod., Jeanette Trohkimoinen, 307-672-2059

Circle 2 meets at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall, Moderator, Gloria Dierking 307-655-8139

Circle 3 meets NOON at 4B's on North Main, Moderator, Jeri Joy, 307-752-4553

We continue with the Horizon's study, *God's Promise, I Am With You.*

Please call if you have questions or interest in attending a circle.

Each year Sheridan PW sends funds representing each member to PW in the Presbytery of Wyoming and PW in the Synod of the Rocky Mountains whose purpose is:

To build community

To affirm the call to leadership

To raise issues and concerns

To channel information to/from PW in the Presbytery and the Church Wide Coordinating Team

The suggested yearly offering from each PW member is \$12 (if able); \$3 go to PWS and \$9 goes to PWP. See Kathy Beagle, treasurer, with your offering.

May the New Year be Blessed.

The Technology & Communications Committee has been working this past year on upgrading the technology infrastructure and enhancing the effectiveness of all types of church communications.

Areas of 2018 accomplishments are:

Technology

Upgrades to our internet speed and capacity.

Wired the entire church with CAT6 ethernet cable for expanded Wi-Fi coverage.

Installed network rack to house ethernet network switch, uninterruptible power supply (UPS) and patch panel for network expansion.

Configured Guest Wi-Fi Services for fast member/guest internet connection.

Replaced the damaged analog soundboard mixer with a digital mixer.

Commissioned a TV Cart, Projector Cart and Library TV to increase mobile Audio/Visual (A/V) capability.

Decommissioned iPad driven sanctuary A/V system.

Install sanctuary computer and worship service management software (OpenLP) to provide increased reliability of A/V presentations.



Communications

Created a new logo to promote consistent branding and name identification for all forms of FPC communications. (Note the new logo on the front page of this newsletter)

Created a new FPC managed Website (sheridanfpc.church) for greater web presence and cost effective advertising for church events, etc.

Configured access to FPC website enhancements that include Notification Banners, access to audio of our Sunday Service Sermons, links to the Church Calendar, Church Directory, Monthly Newsletter, Facebook Site and Online Giving.

We look forward to continuing to improve all forms of Communications by using Technology to Glorify God, Follow Jesus Christ & Be His Light in the World. Feedback is always welcome.

Your Technology & Communications Committee



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Mike Stadick
- 3- Marilyn Michelena
- 5- Izabel Clem, Avery VonKrosigk
- 6- Janet Burtis
- 11- Rex Arney, Betty Leavitt, Chris Smith
- 13- Phyllis Wilhelm
- 14- Bailey Bard, Dani Reel
- 15- Alexandra Cameron, Doug Moore
- 16- Ted Knapp, Elwyn Maloy
- 21- Greta Johnson, Linda Pruitt
- 23- Hazel Ford, Rudy Osborne
- 24- Karen Fosher
- 26- Doug Melius
- 27- Howie Fitzpatrick
- 29- Brenden Clem, Mary Holstedt, Jerry Saunders
- 30- Teresa Williams
- 31- Karen Izzard, Pam Moore

Be sure and visit the church website! The first sermons are now online!!! Check out Pastor Paul's blog!

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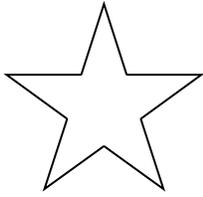


Karen Warren
 Entered the Church Triumphant
 on Dec. 11, 2018.
 Celebration of life will be held
 January 12 at 11 am
 First Presbyterian Church

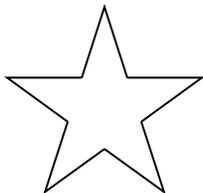
Happy Anniversary!

2- Jim & Peggy Blaha
 5- Galen & Lynn Tipton
 19- Jean & Brian Morgan

The office will be open during these hours.
 8-noon- Monday- Friday
 Please call ahead for office availability in the
 afternoon.
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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 Foshier)
- Captain Rory Montgomery** (Great Nephew of Harvey & Linda Johnson)

National Guard

- Allen Price** (Son-in-law of Karen Foshier)
- 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.

January 2019

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	<p>4 pm– Youth New Year party</p> 	<p>January 1 1 am– end of youth party Office closed</p>	2	3 10:30 am– Properties	4	5
<p>6 One Service 9 am– Sunday School all ages! 10 am– Worship, Communion 11:30– Bible study</p>	7	<p>8 2 pm– CE 4:30– Fellowship 5 pm–Mission 5:30– Budget, Personnel 6 pm– Worship 6:30 pm–Tech</p>	9 10 am– PW Luncheon	10 6:30 am– Breakfast study 1 pm– Membership 7 pm– Choir	11	12
<p>13 8 am– Worship 9 am– Sunday School 10 am– Worship 11:30– Bible study 1-3– Confirmation class 3 pm– LOGOS</p>	14	<p>15 7 pm– Session Men’s day at lunch</p>	16	<p>17 6:30 am– Breakfast study 7 pm– Choir</p>	18 Annual reports due!	19
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<p>20 8 am– Worship 9 am– Sunday School 10 am– Worship Chili Cook-off to follow 1:30– Brookdaleworship 4 pm– Youth Group</p> 	21	22	23 9:30, 10 & Noon– Circles	24 7 pm– Choir	25 6-8 pm– Folk Dancing	26 
<p>27 8 am– Worship 9 am– Bible study 10 am– Worship Annual meeting & pot luck 1-3– Confirmation class 3 pm– LOGOS</p>	28 6 pm– Stephen Ministers	29	30	31		

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