



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

April 2019

Registration is NOW OPEN for Summer Camp 2019 a Camp Story!



We have camps for Pre-K - 12th grade in June and July!

Our Early Bird Discount of \$25 off goes until April 15th so be sure to register BEFORE that date! We also have a new discount this year, if you bring a friend to camp who has never been before you get an additional \$25 off!

Go to www.CampStory.org for more information!



Have your registration and 1/2 the camping fees to CJ by April 7th.

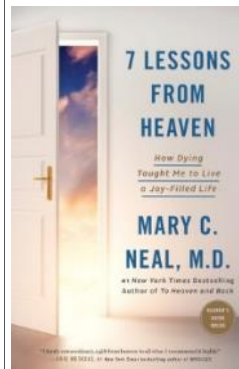
You are invited to attend the Wyoming Presbyterian Women's

SPRING GATHERING 2019

Held in Sheridan, Wyoming
8am-Friday, May 3rd till Noon-Saturday May 4th

**First Presbyterian Church
2121 Colonial Drive
Sheridan, WY**

Featuring: New York Times Bestseller,
Dr. Mary C. Neal
Speaking on Saturday May 4th
at 8:30am



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Greetings Everyone:

It's April!! IT IS SPRING!! Well, at least for the moment. Today, the temperature is supposed to be in the mid to high 60s. But, tomorrow, oh tomorrow, the weather people tell me we will have 6+ inches of wet and heavy snow. But, in two or three days it will all be gone. Such is the journey of early Spring. Of course, these early days of Spring also lead to Spring Fever. I love what Mark Twain, that backslidden Presbyterian, said about this time of year.

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"

Ah, Mr. Twain, I disagree. I do know what I want. I want leaves coming onto the trees, hillsides turning green, the first signs of growth from the bulbs I planted, the chirping of the birds, the newborn calves and the little bunnies. I want the longer and warmer days....the melting of the snow...I want Easter.

Yes, I want Easter. It is coming late this year, later than normal. The date is determined not on the solar calendar. The lunar calendar was the one the ancient Jews used to measure their year. As a result, it is that calendar that determines the day of Passover, the day of Jesus' death and thereby his resurrection. As a result, every year is different. This year it is late.

Regardless, I want Easter. Just as in the world of nature that surrounds us, we see the signs of movement from the grave of Winter into the new life of Spring, so I want the reminder that the grave of burial is not the last word about who we are...about who I am.

I want Easter. But Easter is not just about my selfish desire to live for all eternity with the Lord I love. I am glad I have the hope of the "Sweet by and by." I also want Easter because it changes me in the here and now. I want Easter for what it does in me today.

This certainly is what happened in those earliest of Christians. Easter and then the coming of Holy Spirit changed the course of history. It is said those early Christians "turned the world upside down." But what was it that changed the world? Great theological statements about the importance and meaning of the resurrection? No (even though they were and are important)! It was the courage with which those early Christians lived their faith because of their confidence in the promise of eternal life.

One example of such Easter confidence comes from *Theodoret of Cyrus (Cyrrhus in Syria), as recorded in The Ecclesiastical History, Book V, Chapter XXVI: Of Honorius the Emperor and Telemachus the monk.*

"Honorius, who inherited the empire of Europe, put a stop to the gladiatorial combats which had long been held at Rome. The occasion of his doing so arose from the following circumstance. A certain man of the name of Telemachus had embraced the ascetic life. He had set out from the East and for this reason had repaired to Rome. There, when the abominable spectacle was being exhibited, he went himself into the stadium, and stepping down into the arena, endeavored to stop the men who were wielding their weapons against one another. The spectators of the slaughter were indignant and inspired by the triad fury of the demon who delights in those bloody deeds, stoned the peace-maker to death.

When the admirable emperor was informed of this, he numbered Telemachus in the number of victorious martyrs, and put an end to that impious spectacle."

Telemachus not only had embraced the ascetic (contemplative) life, he also had become fully convinced of his eternal destiny. Because he knew where he was going, he chose to live out the truth of heaven in his present day (Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven). My hope for us this Easter would be that we make that same journey. My hope would be that we are so convinced of our eternal destiny that we would have no fear of living the reality of the resurrection in our attitudes, decisions, and actions today.

Wanting Easter with You,
Pastor Paul




Each spring, our faith is renewed that winter is over. New life will grow from the dirt. We plant that seed, water, feed, and tend it with hope that it will grow and bear fruit. Hope. It is a little word. Four little letters that can add up to something big. Hope can have many different faces. It can have the face of a new parent. They are filled with hope and dreams for this new life. Hope for the future world. Hope that they are going to be a good parent. Hope that they will raise a child to be a kind and caring adult. Hope on the face of the graduate. Hope for their future. Hope for the future that was far off but is now here. Hope of a new couple meeting for the first time. Hope for the future that they may see in each others eyes. Hope can be the face of a loved one at the end of their life. The hope that those they leave behind will be okay. Hope for support and love that will be given, when they are gone. Hope.

Jesus came to earth to save man. He had a purpose and goal. He lived with people. He ate with them, laughed with them, and cried with him. Do you think at the end, he had hope that we would be okay? That “we” learned from him? Did he hope that he taught us the ways of the Father, how to act, how to treat those who are different from us. He came to us full of hope that we will take his teachings and spread to the corners of the Earth. Jesus was hopeful the parables he told would take root and grow in our hearts.

With his last breathe did he send out hope to us? Did he hope that we would hold on to the belief that we can everlasting life with God the Father. Hope that through his Grace that we can have a relationship with God.

I believe that his hope didn't end on the cross with him. It is alive in all who believe. It is hope that we pass from generation to generation. With each breathe we are filled with God's love, mercies and hope, for ourselves and others. With each exhale, we breathe it out to others.

I tell my children that my hope for them is that they find something they are passionate about and go. If they see something happening that bothers them, then do something about it. You don't like how something made you feel, change it. Don't like how someone is treating another, say something? The change may not be done over night, or the next day, or even next year, but everything you do makes a difference somewhere. This is where your hope comes in. It is the little changes you see that gives you the hope. Hope that eventually the little things you are doing will snowball. It is like the story of the starfish. The man walking down the beach. He comes across a starfish and throws it back. He continues down the beach stopping and throwing every one he comes across back. To each starfish he is their hope. In life you are the person on the beach and a starfish. When you come to a situation, ask yourself am I the beach walker or the starfish.







Presbyterian Men show up in force for Lunch Together in March. Supervisor Doug Moore is flanked by Rick, Jim, Brooke, John, Scott, Chad, Chance, Kurt, and Don. Thank you, guys, what an awesome crew. What generous hearts.

FPC serves at LT again May 6 – 9, 2019 New volunteers always welcome. Men's Day is Tuesday May 7.

Blessings,

Tina Anderson 307-751-4810

Jan Leupold

Doug Moore

Mitzi Knapp

Mary Ludemann

Janis Devore

Su Rappleeye

CALLING ALL PRESBYTERIANS

TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR: A (Attics), B (Basements), C (Closets)

FOR THE SPRING RUMMAGE SALE organized by the Presbyterian Women

(All proceeds to go to local missions)

APRIL 11, 8:00 to 12:00 SET UP

(Bring in your clean, gently used items at this time)

(Please no tv's, computers, or large furniture)

APRIL 12, 8:00 TO 12:00 SALE

APRIL 13, 8:00 TO 12:00 SALE

APRIL 13, 12:00 CLEAN UP

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE INFORMATION CENTER IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP



More clean up!!

It is time for the Road ditch and church clean up. Sign up at the info. center!

The date is set for April 27

Dave Engels is the mover and shaker of this project so if you have questions you can contact him.



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

Worship Leaders: Marion Reed, Shelley Barrett, Karen Schreffler, Dave Engels, Nancy Elliott, Alicia Ford, Susan Smith

Communion Servers: Terri Hayden, Jim Blaha, Judy Garber, Nancy Elliott, Doug & Kathy Beagle

Flower Guild: Carol Maloy, Jane Gallagher, Jerilea Phillips, Myrna Saunders

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

Sugarland Worship Leaders: Paul Hayden, Jan Leupold

Head Ushers: Carol Davis, Tina Anderson

Greeters: Lois Trujillo, Steve Kennedy, Jim & Dianna Perry, Carla White, Ron Patterson

Communion Preparation: Denise Mueller

Coffee Fellowship: PW Circles/ Fellowship/Session

Meal Deliveries: Denise Mueller, Tina Anderson, Marion & Annette Reed, Carla White, Ron Patterson

Coffee Sponsors: Beagles, Joe Kunka, Linnet McGoodwin, Carla White

Session Members and Committees

Budget & Finance

Beth Bailey, Carol Davis, Kim Wells

Clerk of Session

Susan Smith

Communication & Tech

Tod Windsor, Chris Smith

Christian Education

Judy Garber, Shelley Barrett

Fellowship

Jeri Joy, Kathy Lundberg

Membership & Evangelism

Tina Anderson, Jean Morgan

Mission & Outreach

Doug Beagle, Jerilea Phillips

Personnel

Teresa Williams, Jim Lyon, Beth Lenz

Properties

Doug Moore, Howie Fitzpatrick, Brett Burtis

Worship

Linnet McGoodwin, Cheryl Kelsey

Keep them in your prayers

Jack Elliott, Margie Elkins, Jim Litle & Margaret Litle, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr, Larry Mueller, Jim Arzy,

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!! :)

fpc@actaccess.net/ 672-1717



Online Giving

On-Line Giving is Here!

Are you looking for an easier method of giving to First Presbyterian Church? Is writing a check every week a hassle? Are you out of town during Sunday worship? Would you like to simplify your life? Look no further than the **“Give Online”** tab at the top of our web site: **sheridanfpc.church**. You can **safely** and **easily** give to First Presbyterian Church by using a credit or debit card. You can even arrange to have a weekly or monthly gift made automatically! Your gift is paid directly to First Presbyterian Church, Sheridan. Consider signing up to give online today!

WANTED!!

The Personnel committee is looking for volunteers to be on the committee. Contact Teresa Williams.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues to meet regularly. We are now in the final stages of arranging neutral pulpit visits for our candidate finalists. This process will take us through the first few weeks of May with possible selection completed and presented to the congregation late May early June. We continue to ask for your support and prayers as we continue to listen and respond to Gods voice in this process.

LOGOS

LOGOS will be meeting two more times for the 2018-2019 school year. The themes are as follows:

March 31st: The Way, Truth, and Light

April 14th: The True Vine

I hope you have all had a relaxing Spring Break and are ready to come back fresh. Bring a friend! First timers are ALWAYS welcome!!!

The schedule is as follows:

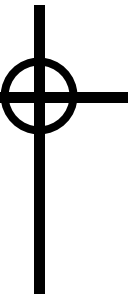
3:00-3:45: Recreation

3:45-4:30: Bible Time

4:30-5:15: Worship

5:15-6:00: Family Time (Dinner)

Teresa Williams Co-Chair (Always looking for more volunteers)



Our next Presbyterian Women brunch will be April 3. Our program will be a speaker from VOA. We will also have a birthday offering in lieu of devotions. All women of the church are invited.

Women's Circles will be meeting April 17.

Circle 1: 10:00 a.m. - Church Parlor

Circle 2: 9:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

Circle 3: 12:00 p.m. - Holiday Inn ?

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN A CIRCLE FOR BIBLE STUDIES AND FELLOWSHIP. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On May 3 and 4, the Sheridan PWs are hosting our state wide **Spring Gathering** here at First Presbyterian Church. Please see insert for cost and details.

Friday May 3 is our annual Business meeting, with 2 speaker, a trolley ride, a Communion Service and ice cream social.

On Saturday, May 4, our featured Speaker is Dr. Mary Neal who is the New York Times Bestseller author of two books: 7 Lessons from Heaven: How Dying Taught Me to Live a Joy Filled Life and To Heaven Back: A Doctor's Extraordinary Account of Her Death, Heaven, Angels and Life Again, A True Story. Dr. Mary Neal will speak on Saturday May 4 from 8:30-10:30 and this section is open to anyone interested –family, friends at no charge.

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Blessed to celebrate Bethany Hunter's 90!

“Holy Doughnut Day” donation box for the 1st Sunday of every month, will be placed in the Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship Coffee Hour Sign up

The available spots to sign up for can be found in the hallway by the Fellowship hall. No need to bring plates, cups or anything like that, Fellowship provides it all. You only need to bring goodies to eat! Note! It does not need to be fancy or take a lot of work, simple is good!!

Community Events:

April 6– The Clearmont Community church presents Going Beyond Live, Pricilla Shirer, simulcast.

The event starts at 8 am in the church auditorium and runs until about 3:30. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. For more information please contact, Nina Haynes 307-851-2428 or Rebecca Foster– 307-758-4615; 307-689-2038. Address of the church 1012 Water St. in Clearmont. Turn right at the school, then left just after the school.

Good Friday Ecumenical service:

April 19- Noon

First Christian Church, Sheridan.
102 S. Connor St.

Below is a description of fellowship for your thoughtful consideration. *“Fellowship is not just how we meet together around the Lord’s Table or in Worship or Prayer. Real fellowship is when you know the person standing next to you – you know **who** they are, you know **their identity**, and you live with them according to **who they are in Jesus**, because they are living with you according to how they see **you in Jesus** and that is the unity we are looking for.”*

These are events that were posted for being involved with and upcoming events as well.

March - Play at the Wyo Theater, Folk dancing, and bowling. Upcoming events to watch for in April - First ever Holy Donut Day!!! Donations for these donuts will be in Fellowship hall prior to the 7th of April. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Easter sunrise service with brunch after. Sign up sheets will be in information center. Fort Phil Kearney walk on newly created 4.2 mile path with Cody Newton, PhD Archaeologist, April 27. Part of walk is gentle, and you have the option of climbing up to Pilot's Knob..

If you have a spark (even a tiny one) of interest in seeing what our devoted group involves, you are welcome to join us the second (2nd) Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend and have questions, please contact Jeri Joy, Fellowship Committee Chairman or Kathy

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Aaron Gray
- 2- Dorothea Doerr, Gary Laughton
- 3- Barb Townsend
- 4- John Lundberg, Arianna Thurow
- 5- Paul Hayden
- 8- Miriam Nance
- 9- Brody Bard
- 10- Gary Joy
- 11- Marisa Williams
- 13- Nathan Fitzpatrick
- 14- Thayer Shafer
- 16- Kim Jacobsen, Gwen Roberts
- 17- Natalie Schreffler, Bryce Williams
- 18- Janet Hamstreet, Ryker Zuniga
- 19- Georgia Mueller
- 22- Andrew Windsor
- 23- Kathleen Shafer, Linda Johnson, Michael Shifrar
- 26- Riley Gallagher, Henry Szewc
- 27- Jasper Tilden
- 28- Mike Stoll
- 29- Haven Windsor
- 30- Gene Bard, Margie Elkins, Rick Landeis



Happy Anniversary!

- 4- Rick & Tracy Landeis
- 11- Chris & Susan Smith
- 15- Rick & Louise Semino
- 23- Gary & Sherri Laughton

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

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Memorial service for Art Elkins will be held on April 15th at 11 am.



Bring non-perishable food items to church on the **3rd Sunday** of each month and help FPC support your local Salvation Army.

Per Capita for 2019 is: \$44.27

The office will be open during these hours.

8-noon- Monday- Friday

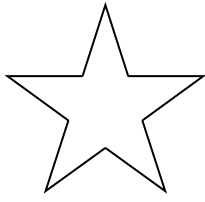
Please call ahead for office availability in the afternoon.

fpc@actaccess.net

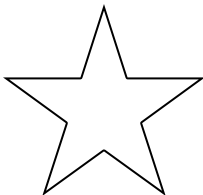
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Church web site

Sheridanfpc.church



Prayer for our Military



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)

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)

Captain Rory Montgomery (Great Nephew of Harvey & Linda Johnson)

National Guard

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)

Jacob Botten (Son of Jon and Rene Botten)

Marines

Zachary & Brandon Fitzpatrick-(Sons 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.

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 pm– Bells 7 pm– Lenten Study-Hayden’s	2	3 10 am-PW Brunch 10:30 am-Membership	4 11 am– Properties 5:30 pm– Soup & Lenten Study	5	6
7 One Service 9 am– Sunday School all ages! 10 am– Worship 11:30– Lenten Study	8 7 pm– Bells 7 pm– Lenten Study-Hayden’s	9 12:30 pm– CE 4:30 pm– Fellowship 5:15 pm– Mission 11:30– Personnel, 4 pm– Worship 5:30-BF&S, Tech	10	11 6:30 am– Breakfast study 9:45- WS 5:30 pm– Soup & Lenten Study 7 pm– Choir	12	13 Set your clocks ahead!
14 Palm Sunday 8 am– Worship 9 am– Sunday School, last one! 10 am– Worship 11:30–Bible study 1-3– Confirmation class 3 pm– LOGOS	15 7 pm– Bells	16 7 pm– Session	17 7 pm– Choir	18 6:30 am– Breakfast study 7 pm– Maundy Thursday service	19 Good Friday Noon service at First Christian Church.	20
21 Easter 6:15 am-Sunrise 8 am– Worship, Communion 10 am- Worship, Communion 1:30-Elmcroft worship 	22 7 pm– Bells 6 pm– Stephen Ministers <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Paul & Sue out through 29th</div>	23 	24 9:30, 10 & Noon– Circles	25 6:30 am– Breakfast study 9:45– WS 7 pm– Choir	26	27 8 am– Highway clean up
28 8 am– Worship 9 am– Bible study 10 am– Worship 11:30 am– Bible Study 1-3– Confirmation class 3 pm– LOGOS	29 7 pm– Bells	30				

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Return Service Requested

Mailing label goes here



Come join us for Informative Workshops, Speakers, Communion, and a Celebration of Spring Renewal.

Family members and friends are invited to hear Dr. Neal speak on Saturday, May 4th at 8:30am at no charge.

As this is a very busy weekend in Sheridan (think Soccer), we highly recommend you make your Hotel/Room reservations well in advance.

Registration, Friday meals, and materials: \$45.00

Saturday Sack Lunch: \$5.00

Trolley and Kendrick Museum Tour: \$10.00

Hospitality Guest Rooms will be available. Call Louise Semino (307)672-7262 for availability. Or email: Louisesemino@yahoo.com

For additional information call: Kathy Lundberg (406)580-5809 or email: Kathleenlundberg@gmail.com.

Reservation forms available at the information center. Also see the attachment with the newsletter.