



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

May 2019



Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

Brenden Clem

Isaac Grimes

Jacob St.Pierre

Carter Wells

Bailee Wilson

Congratulations to Jack Rogers who is graduating from Montana State University!

Darcie Lyon

Senior Sunday will be on May 19. Coffee hour treats will be served by the graduates after the 10

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Greetings Everyone....

...and I trust you are having a wonderful Spring. I love the green of the valley, seeing the newborn critters and the early buds on the trees. Flowers? Saw my first daffodils as I drove around yesterday, and I know more flowers are coming. Faith.

May is going to be a very full month of new things at First Presbyterian Church.

This Sunday, **May 5**, we will be celebrating the **Confirmation** of 8 of our young people. CJ has done a wonderful job meeting with them on a regular basis, doing follow-up meetings for those with too many conflicts, helping them explore and deepen in their faith, and sharing a lot of love (and food) with them in the process. This Sunday we will hear their statements of faith. As with most of us, these statements will be the beginning words not the ending words of what they believe. Over the course of time these statements will be shaped and molded by life, by study, and by experiences with the Lord. *We need to continue holding our young people in prayer.*

On **May 19**, we will be celebrating with several of our young people another step in their spiritual growth, **graduation** from High School. I see this event as a "Birthing" event. These young adults will be birthed from their home and families into a great big world which they will be able to experience and explore. The genetics they have received from family and faith will go with them. They will interact with those life roots each and every day. Sometimes they will rebel from them. At other times they will incorporate them. Most often they will synthesize them into the unique human being God is shaping them to be. *We need to continue to hold our young people in prayer.*

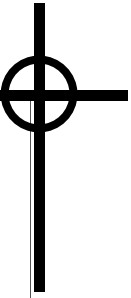
As some of you know, I just returned from my 50th high school reunion. It was the first time I had seen my classmates in 50 years...my first reunion. I was privileged to see the truth of the birthing event I just described. Only God knew what each of these women and men would experience as they grew from the womb of faith, family, and school. What a joy to celebrate the presence and faithfulness of God in many of their lives.

In the midst of these two "Rights of Passage," FPC will also be having a 'Rights of Passage.' Sometime in the next few weeks your Pastor Nominating Committee will be ready to report and present to the congregation. As a new pastor begins ministry in this part of the Body of Christ, a birthing of something new will begin. As with our young people, only God knows what will be built upon the foundation of faith that exists here. As with our young people, only God knows the events that are to come to which this body will be called upon to respond. Those Spirit driven responses will shape this church for generations to come. Even as we say good-bye and thank you to those who have faithfully served, we will say hello to new people who will step up to lead into God's future. *We need to continue to hold this church, its leaders, and its ministry and mission in prayer.*

I intentionally skipped **May 12, Mother's Day**. I wanted to conclude with these thoughts. Traditionally, mothers are the nurturers of children as they grow from conception to birth, birth through infancy, infancy through the early years and then adolescence, and then into adulthood. Most often they succeed even though we acknowledge that 'we all fall short of the glory of God.' Moms, thank you for being a tool that the Spirit of God uses to shape us. Thank you for not only being the vessel through whom our human DNA is passed, but also a vessel through whom our spiritual DNA is passed. *We honor and celebrate you for who you are and all you have done.*

One final thought. I believe it was Martin Luther who said, "If God is our Father, then the Church is our Mother." So Church, so FPC, continue to allow the Spirit of God to work in you to nurture our Confirmands, our Graduates, and a new pastor and family. Pass on the DNA of God so everyone will know who and whose we are. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Praying in the future with you,
Pastor Paul



May is finally here. Even though there is a still snow on the ground. It was a month that I was excited for, but also dread. It is the month that we welcome the confirmation youth into the church, but also the month that we celebrate the high school graduates. This year, it is more emotional when you have one of your own to send. Man is May a double whammy for me, a confirmand and a graduate!

With all the excitement of the church this month it reminds me a of a lighthouse. Lighthouses were designed to mark dangerous coastlines to help sailors find their way to safety. The lighthouse is like the church. The church is the beacon in the dark. In the old lighthouses, the light was caused by a fire lit from within and the light goes out. The light of the lighthouse is like the confirmands. They are lighting and embracing their inner light. They are working on brightening the light. Over next several years their light will continue to shine and gain strength as they embrace their faith. The graduating seniors are like the light that radiates out of the lighthouse. They have reached the point where they are full of the light and they are ready to go out into the world to shine. They will light the way for others, who may need help. With light, they will go out and will have the light within so that they may never find a dark corner. The body of the church, family of believers, are the ones that start at the ground and build them up to the point where they are the light at the top of the lighthouse and send their light into the world. We are here to rekindle our light and theirs. As we celebrate these milestones with the youth of our church, we are the rock foundation of their lighthouse. May your light also be rekindled through them.

I have an opportunity for you to be a spark in another lighthouse. This is the second year that we will be partnering with the Methodist, Episcopal, and First Christian churches for vacation Bible school. It will run June 3 through the 7th from 9 am to 12. VBS will be at the Methodist church. The theme is "To Mars and Beyond!" VBS is open for any child 3 years old to 5th grade. We are looking for volunteers and youth. In the next few weeks watch the bulletin for volunteer interest and areas of need. New this year will be offering early online registration. The link will be sent out though the weekly update when registration opens.

Thank you to all those who have supported Sunday school and Logos this past year. Your time and dedication was appreciated and the relationship that you built with the youth of our church is something that will last. They felt the love you have for them and for God. Again thank you.

A huge shout out to all the volunteers who helped with the college spaghetti feed. It was a great beginning in building the connection between Sheridan College and First Presbyterian. Couple of the youth who came asked if we would be doing more next year.





Beth Bailey, Mike Stoll, Janet Burtis and Judi Palm pull together a delicious lunch for Lunch Together on a cold day.

FPC serves LT again May 6 – 9. Men’s Day will be Tuesday May 7. Hope you can join us as we serve the Lord through this important mission. Newcomers always welcome.

Blessings,

- Tina Anderson 307-751-4810
- Jan Leupold
- Doug Moore
- Mitzi Knapp
- Mary Ludemann
- Janis Devore
- Su Rappleye

RECENT EVENTS:

April 21 - There were 3 Easter Services with Brunch in between.

April 27 - Walk on new trail with Archeologist Cody Newton at Ft. Phil Kearney.

DISCUSS POTENTIAL SPRING/SUMMER FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Frisbee golf at VA.

Flower Walk at Birkholz cabin with potluck afterwards.

Cooking classes at Cottonwood Kitchen.

Paint Post. Golf.

Hiking in mountains and on trails around Sheridan.

Bicycle ride on trails in Sheridan.

Motorcycle ride.

Ft. Phil Kearney Coordinating with Board to set time for Star Gazing and flower walks on new walking path.

IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK TO START A FIRE!!!!

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 have questions about what is entailed with the Fellowship committee, please contact Jeri Joy, Fellowship Committee Chairman or Kathy Lundberg.





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

Worship Leaders: Dave Engels, Joyce Groneberg, Scott Hollingsworth, Elizabeth Windsor, Peggy Blaha, Gloria Dierking, Tracey Burke

Communion Servers: Mike & Teresa Williams, Dave & Becky Motsick, Scott Davis, Mary Ludemann, Doug & Kathy Beagle, Chris & Susan Smith, Marilyn Michelena, Tracey Burke, Linnet McGoodwin.

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: Chris Smith, Jean Morgan, Brett Burtis

Greeters: Harvey & Linda Johnson, Pat & Jane Gallagher, Jack & Nancy Elliott, Susan Smith, Helen Campbell

Communion Preparation: Jeff & Denise Mueller, Tracey Burke, Alicia Ford

Coffee Fellowship: PW Circles/ Fellowship/Session

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

Coffee Sponsors: Mike Stoll, Tina Anderson, Gronbergs, Tracey Burke

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, Beth Lenz

Properties

Doug Moore, Howie Fitzpatrick, Brett Burtis

Worship

Linnet McGoodwin, Cheryl Kelsey

Keep them in your prayers

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

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

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!!

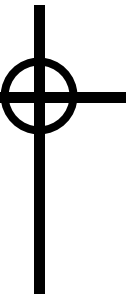
The **Personnel** committee is looking for volunteers to be on the committee. Contact Teresa Williams.

Fellowship & CE are also looking for additional members!

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.

Camp Story is in need of male counselors for camp this summer!! Contact Alicia Ford—763-0919





May 2019 PW Newsletter

ABC RUMMAGE SALE WRAP UP

Thank you to all who donated to and who assisted with the ABC Spring Rummage Sale. We were blessed with an abundance of items to sell. There was a continuous stream of customers for which we are grateful. Approximately 40 men and women volunteers helped with the setup, sales, clean up and distribution over three days. **THANK YOU TO ALL IN THE CONGREGATION FOR SUPPORTING THE WORK AND MISSION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.**

The net proceed from this sale was \$1914.95, which will help support local missions. (Reminder: 2018 recipients were Lifelink, CASA, Advocacy and Resource Center, Lunch Together, Free Clinic, Food Group and Foster Parent Ex Change)

The items remaining were distributed among various non profits in the community: **The Food Group** – cloth bags, **Second Chance Cat Rescue** – Blankets, towels, **Habitat for Humanity ReStore** – building, office items, **Foster Parent ExChange** – Clothing, shoes, **Fulmer Library** – Books, **Veteran’s Administration Clothes Closet** – Clothing, shoes, **Heritage Towers & Sheridan Square** – Books, **Episcopal Church Red Door** – Clothing, **Green Boomerang** – Boutique items, **Secondhand Blessings Thrift Store** – all the remaining items.

Thanks be to God for the abundance and ability to make a difference in our community.

Mark your calendars for the ABC FALL RUMMAGE SALE which is scheduled for October 18-19.

Upcoming Events:

*May 1, Noon

PW Luncheon Meeting, Program presented by Bonnie Gregory, **ROOTED IN WYOMNG**

*May 3-4

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery, Spring Gathering, **FEATURED SPEAKER, Mary Neal**

*May 15

Circles 1 and 2 at 10:00 and 9:30 respectively at the church, Circle 3 Noon at Holiday Inn

*August 9-11

Presbyterian Women of the Synod, Triennial Gathering, Holiday Inn, Sheridan, WY

***“And yet she persisted”
Women of Great Faith,
Courage and Determination***

Registration forms in the Information Center, or contact:

Kathy Lundberg (406)580-5809

ALL WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ANY OF THE ABOVE EVENTS/MEETINGS.



Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Back row: Vivian Tarver, Maggie Turpin, Jenna Wilson, Avery Quarterman, Stevie Baxter

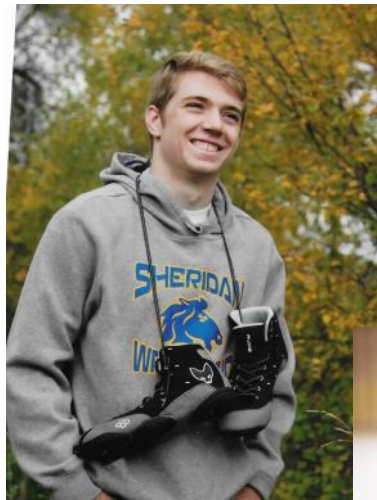
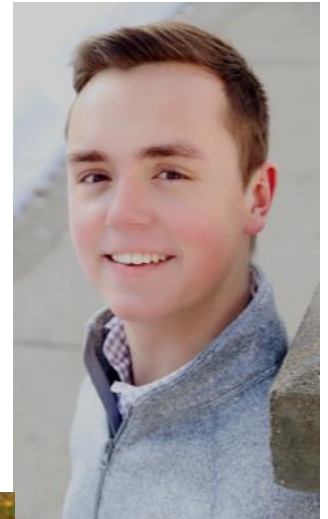
Front: Eli Clem, Zachary Thurow, Jesse Wilson

Zach and Vivian were also Baptized.



Jacob St.Pierre

Carter Wells



Brenden Clem

Isaac Grimes



Bailee Wilson

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Jean Swanson-Wilmesmeier
2- Maiya Browne, Kerek Ford, Linnet McGoodwin
3- Elizabeth Windsor
5- Jeri Joy, Gloria Stresky
7- Carrie Douglas, Mary Otteson
8- Lorrie Ledgerwood, Karol Meineke,
Grace VonKrosigk
10- Blaine Phillips
11- Jeff Mueller
12- Jason Browne, Carole Hansen
13- Tracey Burke
14- Terri Hayden
15- Stephanie Baxter
16- Beth Bailey, Jady DeTavernier, River Osborne
17- Nancy Jenny
20- Darlene McNair, Reese Osborne
21- Sandy Fitzpatrick
22- Joyce Groneberg, Jim Perry, Diane Peterson
23- Jeremy Grimes
24- Janis DeVore
25- Margaret Litle, Marion Sept, Amanda Tilden
28- Bill Porter
31- Sarah Beagle, Fielding Phillips

Happy Anniversary!



- 6- Kurt & Heidi Smith
Tod & Jan Windsor
11- Chad & Amber Quarterman
19- Dave & Becky Motsick
27- Renny & Tracey Burke
29- Tim & Beth Lenz
31- Keith & Linda Luegge

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

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Our sympathies extend to family and friends of Larry Alden who passed away on April 27.

Change of address for Robin Smith

1688 Hwy 345

Ranchester, WY 82839



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

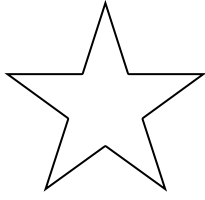
Please call ahead for office availability in the afternoon.

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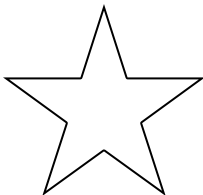
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Air Force

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

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)
- Jacob Botten** (Son of Jon and Rene Botten)
- Chance Quarterman** (Son of Chad & Amber Quarterman)

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.

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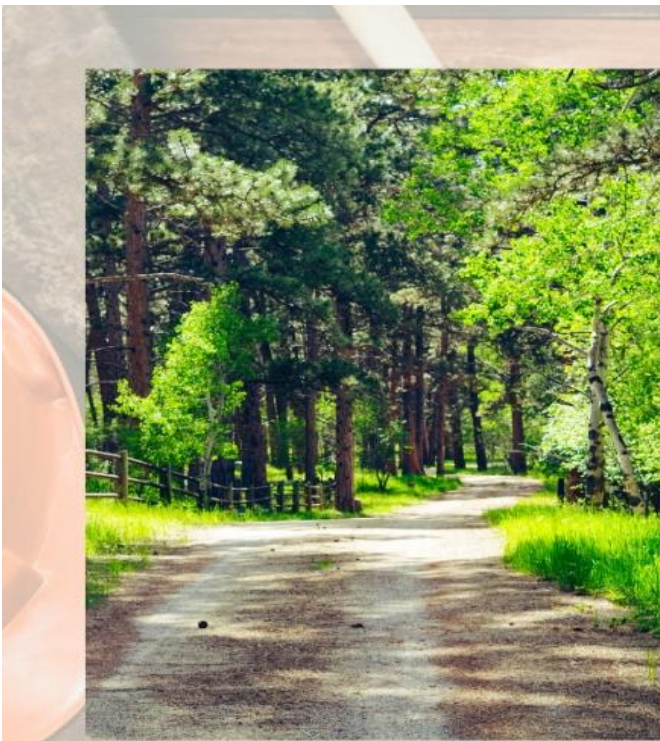
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 10 am-PW Brunch	2 11 am- Properties	3	4	
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">PW Spring Gathering</div>				
5 One Service 10 am- Worship Communion, Confirmation	6 7 pm- Bells 4:30 pm- Spaghetti feed for Sheridan College	7 Paul out of office	8 10:30 am- Membership Circle 3 Noon Holiday Inn	9 7 pm- Choir CJ out of office	10	11	
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12 8 am- Worship 10 am- Worship, Music Appreciation 11:30-Bible study	13 7 pm- Bells	14 11:30- Personnel 12:30 pm- CE 4 pm- Worship 4:30 pm- Fellowship 5:15 pm- Mission 5:30-BF&S, Tech	15 9:30, 10 & Noon - Circles 7 pm- Choir	16 CJ out of the office	17 Folk Dancing 6-7:30 pm	18 Camp Clean up Today- 21st.	
19  8 am- Worship 10 am- Worship, Senior Sunday 1:30-Elmcroft worship	20 6 pm- Stephen Ministers	21 7 pm- Session	22	23 	24 Paul gone through May 30	25	
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26 8 am- Worship 9 am- Bible study 10 am- Worship 11:30 am- Bible Study	27 Office closed	28	29	30	31		

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www.CampStory.org



May 18-21
11 Presbyterian Rd. Story, WY

CAMP STORY WORK DAYS

Please RSVP to
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