



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

July 2019



**For the month of July, the office
will be open from 8 am-noon**

Monday-Friday.

**Emergency contact after office
hours: Doug Moore– 674-8966**

Office closures:

July 4th

July 12th– Rodeo

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**Thank you to the following folks who will
be filling the pulpit in July.**

7th- Beth Kelsey grew up on a farm in eastern South Dakota. After graduating from San Francisco Theological Seminary, she was the second woman ordained as a teaching elder in the South Dakota Presbytery. For 15 years she served churches in South Dakota, North Dakota, Australia and Kansas. In 1990 she earned a doctorate in Educational Psychology and Counseling. For 22 years she worked as a mental health therapist. She was frequently a supply pastor for two local Presbyterian parishes. After her husband's death, Beth moved to Sheridan to be close to her sister and her niece and family.

14th- Bob Miller served as Pastor of the Union Congregational church for 16 years. This was followed by 4 years in Helena Mt at the Plymouth Congregational Church. He ended his career by serving 10 years at the First Congregational Church in Sheridan. He fills his retirement with physical activities and singing in First Presbyterian Church Chancelor Choir.

21st- Gary Kopsa has been a resident of Sheridan since 1968. For 36 years he was superintendent of Wyoming Girl's School. He is currently a part time Chaplin for women and men in residential treatment centers.

28th- The youth that attended Triennium 2019, will be leading worship and sharing their experience at Triennium.
Carly Motsick, Joslyn Williams, Izabel Clem, Aiden Milne, Nathan Fitzpatrick, Jack McMahan, Carter Steidley, Katie Turpin, Sam Bisso.

Greetings Everyone in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I was in Friday Harbor, Washington, a few people from the congregation had become involved with a renewal ministry for lay people called, Koinonia.

Koinonia is a Greek word that occurs 20 times in the Bible. Koinonia's primary meaning is "fellowship, sharing in common, communion." The first occurrence of koinonia is [Acts 2:42](#), "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to ***the fellowship***, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Christian fellowship is a key aspect of the Christian life. Believers in Christ are to come together in love, faith, and encouragement. That is the essence of Koinonia.

"Got Questions"

This lay-renewal ministry began in the Roman Catholic Church with a program called *Cursio*. The United Methodists formed an offshoot called *Road to Emmaus*. The Presbyterian *Koinonia* followed suit. All three programs were built around the general theme of strengthening the whole family of God and empowering that family to use their gifts in Christian ministry and mission. The ministry took place on a weekend retreat and the results were life transforming.

After a weekend of sharing and prayer, singing and reflecting, confessing and forgiving, receiving holy communion and healing, a final worship service was held. The theme of that service was simple: "The Best is Yet to Come." The message developed around that theme was simple as well, "God is not finished with you yet." The short form of the theology was, "Until Jesus returns at the close of this age, the work of God's Kingdom, the advancement of God's Kingdom, the inviting others to enter God's Kingdom is not done. God has called you to participate in God's Kingdom work!"

When I interviewed with the Personnel Committee at First Presbyterian, Jon Botten said, "We don't feel that God is done with us yet. We are looking for someone to help us discern where God is leading us next." The Best is Yet to Come!

That simple lesson I learned many years ago through "Koinonia" I believe to be absolutely true to this day... with one caveat. God's people must buy in. Until Jesus comes again, God, in God's sovereign will has chosen to not usurp the work of God's people. From Abraham and Sarah to Moses and Miriam, from Gideon and Deborah, through Joseph and Mary, God has chosen to do the work of the Kingdom in and through those committed to God's purposes.

I believe this is what Jesus was teaching his disciples when he taught them Disciple's Prayer. Remember he said to pray like this:

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

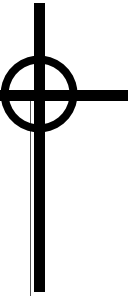
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Jesus was training his disciples then and his disciples today to be people committed to the advancement of the Kingdom. This IS how God is doing the work. The Best is Yet to Come.

Are their dangers long the way to this incredible work? Absolutely. Believe it or not, we are entering into one of them. No, I'm not talking about the arrival of Karl and Kendra. Karl's heart is to present, live, and advance God's Kingdom. He will do it in a unique way and with the unique vision God has given him. I personally wouldn't want it any other way.

The danger I have seen rise to the surface in numerous transitions comes from the age old saying, "Nature abhors a vacuum." During the month of July I will have left and Karl will not have arrived. Who leads in this vacuum of leadership? To whom does a person, persons, or congregation turn if there are questions or conflicts? The Session has wisely discussed this issue and asked Doug Moore and Teresa Williams to be the first point of contact if questions or problems arise. I am grateful they have said yes, and I know they will help navigate FPC over the month of July.

And so, my First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming, friends, I believe with all my heart that Your Best is Yet to Come! Stay focused on God's Kingdom and the Spirit of God will lead the way. And, thank you again for all you have given Terri and me. Amen.



We are entering the final countdown to Triennium. It seems so long ago that we gathered to start the planning and informational meeting. Now we are just days away. The excitement is building, for me anyway. This experience is something that I have looked forward to since the last one ended. There is something moving watching over 5,000 youth and their chaperones come together to worship and glorify the Lord.

The theme for this Triennium is Here's My Heart. As I prepare for this adventure, I am reflecting on what does it mean to give my heart to God. When I was about 11, at church camp, I accepted Jesus into my heart as my Lord and savior. That night I asked him to enter my heart, to make me His. Through my life experiences and growth, I believe that it isn't just a onetime deal. We need to repeatedly ask God to have our hearts. To give Him our harden hearts, to soften. Tell Him, here is my heart, soften it towards the people that I might not agree with, or see eye to eye with, or that person who has "wronged" me. I need to ask him to use my heart to forgive, to feel for those who are in need. I need to say here is my heart make it more like yours. Fill it with love for my fellow humans regardless of race, religion, sex, nationality, or anyone who is different from me. I give my heart to him to fill with longing. Longing to learn more, a desire to walk closer with him. We should say, here is my heart fill it will Your will. Guide my heart to be a teacher. I am curious as to what my interpretation of the theme will be after Triennium.

Triennium starts Tuesday, July 16 and goes through Saturday, July 20. We will be traveling on Tuesday to meet up with youth and chaperones from across Wyoming, a total of 33. Each day there is a Scripture passage that builds upon the theme. The scripture passage challenging and expanding our thinking to think about how we are living our lives, giving God our hearts. I cannot wait to see how the youth are touched by this experience. There is also a spiritual care center that is open each day for the participants to explore different ways to pray and grow. For a full list of events and the daily schedule, it can be found on

<https://www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org>

Please keep us on your prayers.

The youth will be sharing their experience on Sunday, July 28 at the 9 am worship.





Lunch Together Board February 2019

Did you know that the Sheridan Lunch Together program is run by a Board of Volunteers that meet 4 times a year. The Board is responsible for raising money, buying food for the freezers and pantry, and managing all the organizations that participate. Pastor Doug Goodwin is currently the President, Rollie Hein is the Vice President, Roger Krout the Treasurer and Tina Anderson is the Secretary. Bob and Carol Zeurcher are in charge of purchasing most of the staples. Board Meetings are always open to the public, feel free to join us. The Board will meet again September 12, 2019 at 10:30 am at First Congregational Church.

FPC serves at Lunch Together July 1 – 3, 2019

- Blessings,
Tina Anderson -751-4810
Jan Leupold
Doug Moore
Mary Ludemann
Janis Devore
Mitzi Knapp
Su Rapple



Folk dancing! Come join us for another fun filled evening of dancing led by

Pam Moore.

July 26

6-7:30 pm





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

Worship Leaders: Susan Smith, Paul Hayden, Gloria Dierking, Tracey Burke, Gary Joy

Communion Servers: Beth Thurow, Brooke Holstedt, Kim Kozel, Jeri Joy, Dennis & Karen Schreffler

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

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

Elmcroft Worship Leaders: Lorrie Ledgerwood, Jan Leupold

Head Ushers: Kim Wells, Jerilea Phillips, Teresa Williams

Greeters: Dick & Sandy Birkholz, Marilyn Michelena, John Jackson, Sue Rappleye-Jackson, Gary & Jeri Joy, Amy, Maggie, Katie Turpin

Communion Preparation: Denise Mueller

Coffee Fellowship: Gronebergs, Laughtons, Ludemann-Davis, Session

Meal Deliveries: Tina Anderson, Jan Leupold, Sandy Birkholz, Denise Mueller, Jerilea Phillips, Jody Roberts, Carla White, Ron Patterson

Coffee Sponsors: Gary & Sherry Laughton, Jim & Peggy Blaha

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, Don Groneberg, Roy Davis, Cooper (Paul & Terri's nephew)

Let's keep current!!

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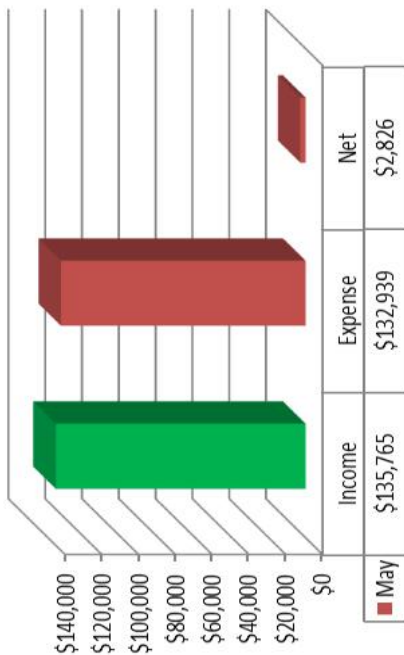
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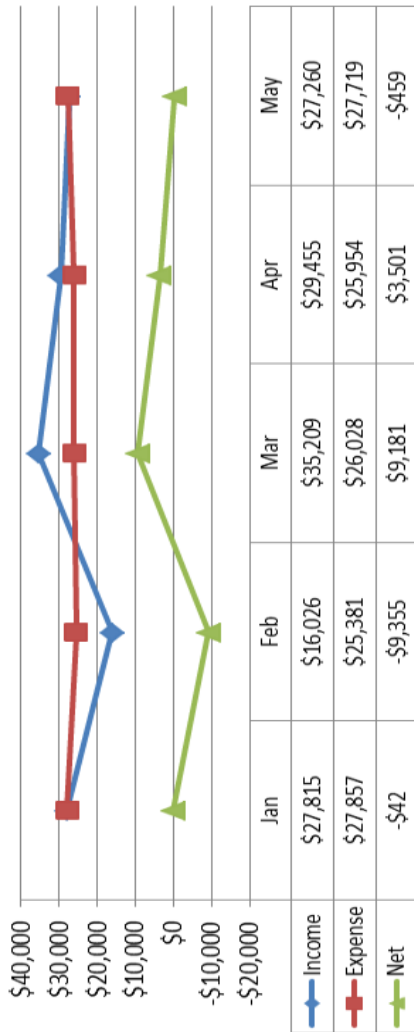
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**2019 FPC May
Budget YTD**



**2019 FPC
Monthly Budget**



**Check out the
information center !**

Events happening!

Volunteering!

Newsletters, devotionals.

**The go to place for all the
good stuff going on at FPC!!**

These Days Devotionals

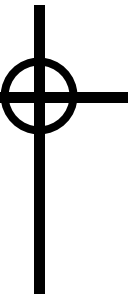
**As with many things the cost of
things keep rising. If you would
like to donate to the cost of the
devotionals, you can leave your
donation at the church office.
Please mark it so we know what
it is for.**

Thank you!

WANTED!!

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

Fellowship & CE are also looking
for additional members!



Greetings All,

Wow! When the skies are clear and incredibly blue, the clouds are magnificent. Then the storms blow through with the torrential rains and brilliant lightening followed by the crash of thunder, I am reminded of how small and insignificant I truly am. I then remember that I am a beloved child whose Father knows every hair on my head and despite my human frailties calls me his own.

Moist is not one of my favorite words but here we are in June with plenty of moisture! I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and busy with things you are passionate about or as Elizabeth Gilbert, NY Times #1 bestselling author, insists “loose the word Passion and consider using the word Curious”. I find this time in my life to be filled with the wonder of God and being curious about this world and how amazing it is. It has become too easy opening up my iPad first thing in the morning and finding myself being throttled by the chaos and fear that our news media bombards us with. It takes practice and discipline (another word I find challenging), to spend time in prayer and restfulness, remembering that God is always present and always guiding, if we ask and apparently even when we don't!

Spending time with so many wonderful Presbyterian Women last April at the Spring Gathering was one of the highlights of my year so far, (besides my Granddaughter walking at 10 months) and I am still reveling in the Sunlight of the Spirit given to us all during the Gathering. Thank you for your love, your generosity, and your willingness to share your lives with us all.

This coming August brings another opportunity for us to Gather with the Presbyterian Women Synod to experience an event that could inspire, challenge and bring us closer to understanding God's will for us as women in the church. Some of the highlights include:

The USAME participants, Jeri Joy and Gail Heimbeck will share on their 2019 USA Mission Experience to Finger Lakes Region, New York entitled “Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women”.

Dakota and Tanner Kohlfield will provide a workshop on the “Border Ministry”.
Rev. Rhonda K. Kruse, Mission Engagement Advisor—Midwest, Presbyterian Mission, our Mission co-worker will present on Women's Issues.

Creativity Celebrations, Singing, and various Courageous Women presentations.

A trip to the Brinton Museum by Trolley for lunch and fine art.

I pray that you all consider participating in this great event filled with education about women in the world who have made a difference. In all: an amazing opportunity to gather together and rejoice in this life we have been given!

I look forward to seeing you at the Sheridan Holiday Inn in August and until then,

“May the Lord Bless you and Keep you, May the Lord place his countenance upon you and give You Peace, May He shine his light on you...”

Blessings,

Kathy Lundberg, PW Moderator



Thank you to the Pastor Nominating Committee for all of your hard work in finding First Presbyterian Church.

The committee members: L-R.

Doug Moore, Carol Maloy, Carla White, Kim Kozel, Rex Arney, Jim Blaha, Amy Turpin, Jeri Joy, Marion Reed.

We welcome come August our new Solo Pastor Karl Heimback and his wife Kendra.



The Tech committee will hold sound training on the 2nd Sunday of July, following the church service. Kerek Ford will instruct on "EQ" or how to set the equalization for a given sound source.

This is open to all who have an interest in improving the church audio

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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Chad Quarterman
- 4- Nancy Elliott
- 5- Lucky Cameron
- 6- Rhea Dixon
- 7- Jon Botten
- 8- Phyllis Reasoner
- 10- Maggie Turpin
- 11- Jeannette Ruttinger
- 12- Jan Windsor
- 14- Sharon Smith
- 15- Tomomi Browne
- 17- Annette Reed
- 18- Bobbie Spahn
- 19- Beth Lenz, Jackie McMahan
- 20- Joe Shifrar
- 21- Keith Brandt, Loren Ruttinger, Jennifer Satterlee
- 22- Chris Browne, Ottis Clem
- 26- Cathy Coggins-Allen

Happy Anniversary!



- 4- Harvey & Linda Johnson
- 5- Jay & Maggie Bergstrom
- 7- Doug & Pam Moore
- 12- Brett & Becky Burtis
- 13- Pat & Jane Gallagher
- 15- Rex & Nickie Arney
- 16- David & Catherine Engels
- 18- Marion & Annette Reed
- 27- Paul & Terri Hayden
- 28- Kerek & Alicia Ford

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

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Please keep the youth and their chaperones as they travel to Triennium as well as their time there and the journey back home.



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

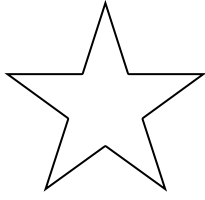
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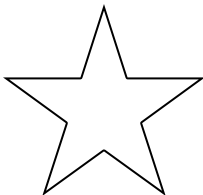
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Air Force

- 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.

July 2019

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	← Lunch Together →					
7 9 am– Worship Communion, 10:30– Bible Study	8	9	10 5:30– LOGOS meeting	11	12 Office closed 	13
14 9 am– Worship 11:30–Bible study	15 Youth to Triennium Return on 21st	16	17	18	19 Sue out of office	20
21  9 am– Worship 10:30 am– Bible Study 1:30-Elmcroft worship	22 Sue out of office	23	24 5:30– LOGOS meeting	25 9:45 am– Women’s study @ Perkins 	26 Folk Dance 6-7:30 pm	27
28 9 am– Worship 10:30 am– Bible Study	29	30	31 5:30– LOGOS meeting			

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Return Service Requested

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From Rev. Lynn Williamson, of Shepherd of the Hills Church on Casper.

Urgent Need on the Pine Ridge Reservation:

Many families have been washed out in more flooding on the Reservation. Violet Robinson requests donations of a full/queen box springs, blankets, sheets, towels, diapers, and cooking utensils. Ron and Karen Dutton, John Trohkimoinen, and Mark Campbell will be loading these donations at 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 2 and taking them to Pine Ridge on Wednesday, July 3. Cash donations are also appreciated. For more information, call the church office (307)-235-3536