



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

February 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY



**Ash Wednesday Service
February 26 at 6:30 pm**

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Camp Story

Camp Story is gearing up for our Summer Camp 2020 season. Currently we are hiring counselors, a camp cook and looking for volunteers to help with our larger camps: Day Camp and Starters.

This summer we will host 6 youth camps from June 8th until July 22nd with a few breaks in between!

You can find our camp brochure as well as registration forms at the Information Center. Please **bring your camp registration form** and \$50 deposit to **Alicia Ford at the church office before April 15th to receive \$25 off!!**

As usual, FPC Sheridan will pay for a portion of your child's registration cost!

If you are interested in volunteering in some way please contact Alicia Ford at alicia.campstory@gmail.com or 307.763.0919 right away.

The earlier the better!

Thanks for all your support and love for the ministry that continues to happen at Camp Story with our youth.



Dear Ones,

In the month of February, I will be teaching a New Members class from 9 AM – 10 AM each Sunday morning. This class is open to all who are interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church and the Reformed tradition as well as to those who would just like a refresher. If you know someone who would be interested in this class, please help spread the word! But aside from an advertisement for the class, I want to share with you today about one of the pieces we'll visit about during those class conversations: **the Great Ends of the Church.**

The Great Ends of the Church come from the opening chapter of our church's *Book of Order* (one of our governing documents) and state foundational goals for our church life. In essence, these six Great Ends are like a mission statement for our denomination and have been for over 100 years! These Great Ends of the Church are:

- the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
- the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
- the maintenance of divine worship
- the preservation of the truth
- the promotion of social righteousness
- the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world

These six aims direct our life together and are foundational to who we are as the church and what we are called to do. Sometimes it is good to be reminded of such. It is good to remember that as Presbyterians we are rooted in sharing the gospel, creating and participating in a sacred community, worshiping together, seeking moral integrity, promoting social justice, and displaying God's reign to and in our world. The Great Ends outline our calling as the church and our reason for being. They shape our mission. Let us strive for them so that we, in ourselves, might exhibit our great end – to do all to the glory of God.

Joyfully,

Pastor Karl



Relationships- is a twelve letter word. The one word can morph to something grand and life changing, or it can become a lesson to build upon. Each contact that you make with a person has the potential to become a relationship. There are so many different types of relationships. There are friendship, partnerships, social media, work, family, romantic, support, and spiritual relationships. Each type can hold so much meaning and power.

I have a friend. We have been friends since high school. We are close. We use to talk, email or text every-day. But as we got older, life got crazy. I moved. We had kids. The communication became less frequent. The time and effort that we put in the early stages set the ground work for what our relationship is today. We know that no matter how long it is between text/phone calls, we are still there for each other. Her father was recently diagnosed with a terminal disease. We hadn't talked in a couple months, but I was the first one that she told. She knew I would be there for her. I would listen, cry, be mad with her. I was there as she talked about the devastating news for the first time. This relationship started because I asked her a questions our sophomore year of high school. That small little thing changed our lives.

Over the years, I have been in contact with thousands of people. Some of those people I became situational friends with. You know the ones that you talk to in class, work, the library, or the gym. They are not people that you would seek out to ask advise or share life altering news with, but you still have a causal relationship with. I am sure you all can think of a person that you have a memory about but you have no idea what they are doing today. They are "right now" friends. They have a purpose. They help make a weight class more enjoyable, or a long work day a little more fun.

It's through connections and relationships that we learn. Our first relationships are with parents, siblings, and families. They teach us how to trust, behave, to be human. Through interaction with kids of similar ages is how kids learn to be kids. These relationships also teach us that not everyone agrees or get along. Family relationships also teach us about forgiving and that we will not always get along and that is okay. We can still disagree but love each other. Or in some cases that it is okay to walk away.

Thinking back on my church experiences, the churches that I loved attending were because of the relationships that the walls held. It wasn't because of some great pastor, phenomenal music, or comfy seats, those were nice bonuses, but not what kept us coming back. When the kids were excited to go see their friends, the ones they only see on Sunday, it is easier. It is heartwarming to see the blossoming friendships, and not just with those their own age.

When I was in 7th grade we moved to Mitchell, SD. From the time I got there through high school, I was a part of my church's youth group. We were a group that may not have hung out together but when one of us needed something we were always there for each other. We were comfortable in sharing some personal experiences with the group. I felt that I was in a safe place that everyone cared about me. I believe that it was the experiences of going away from our home and comfort zone that helped us come together to be a tight group and grow in our faith.

This summer current eight graders through graduating seniors will have a chance to grow and build relationships while experiencing things outside their comfort zone. I am working with YouthWorks.com in planning a mission trip to Waco, TX this summer. We will be partnering with local missions to support their work during the summer months when they are low on volunteers. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, February 2 at 9:45 am for those who are interested in participating and their parents. It is an excellent opportunity to explore how we can serve outside ourselves while working on our relationships with each other.



Message from Mission Committee

As part of efforts to discern a path forward for the mission work of First Presbyterian Church, the Mission Committee read the book *Neighborhood Church, Transforming your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission* by Krin Van Tatenhove & Rob Mueller. A practice encouraged in *Neighborhood Church* is asset-based community development where the gifts of individuals and organizations are highlighted and amplified within a community. This approach to community development helps cultivate connections within communities, mobilizing the capacities of everyone involved to produce change from within.

The Mission Committee embarked on an asset mapping exercise during its January 2020 committee meeting. During this exercise each member of the committee identified three assets of First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, three personal assets, and three institutional or organizational assets in the Sheridan community.

With all identified assets shared and displayed in front of the group, the committee spent time interpreting, discussing and reflecting on the results of the mapping activity. During this time of reflection and discussion, reference was made to the Mission Study conducted in 2018 through which four community needs were identified: an aging population in Sheridan County, disengaged parents, unaffordable childcare and college students in need of support.

Holding the mapped assets and community needs together helped the committee to start discerning how our church could best utilize our gifts to build upon the mission work of the church and further serve needs of the community. No conclusions were drawn during the exercise, but meaningful discussion arose. Some ideas discussed include but are not limited to: opening a

daycare to utilize unused space within the church, especially the upstairs classrooms; starting a college ministry; collaborating with other churches to meet needs on a larger scale. The committee ended the exercise once discussion slowed and agreed to spend time in prayer and to continue letting ideas percolate.

Over the next few months, the committee will continue on this path of discernment, listening for God's call on the mission work of the church.

Chili Cook-Off Winner!

Jason Szewc

&

Fellowship Committee



Thank you for your support of the youth's fundraiser!! The Chili Cook-Off made \$358 and the Silent Auction was approximately \$1800!

Your generous donations will support the youth from our church to go to camp and mission trips this summer!





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

Worship Leaders: Tracy Landeis, Linnet McGoodwin, Heidi Smith, Katie Turpin, Brian Luedke, Susan Smith, Blaine Holwell, Alicia Ford

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: Pastor Karl & Jan Leupold

Head Ushers: Doug Moore, Brett Burtis, Howie Fitzpatrick, Chris Smith, Cheryl Kelsey

Greeters: Gary & Jeri Joy, Bobbie & Ron Spahn, Gary & Sherry Laughton, Jim & Diane Perry

Communion Prep and Servers: Kurt & Heidi Smith, Jason Szewc, Mitzi Knapp, Brooke Holstedt, Nancy Elliott, Jim & Peggy Blaha, Denise Mueller

Coffee Sponsors: Scott Davis, Mary Ludemann, Roger & Shelley Barrett

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

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Doug Moore, Howie Fitzpatrick

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Cheryl Kelsey, Kim Wells

Keep them in your prayers

Jack Elliott, Margie Elkins, Jim & Margaret Litle, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr, Gloria Stresky, Roy Davis, Jeanette Trohkimoinen, Annette Reed, Marion Sept, Julie Bugher, Louise Semino, Karen Fosher

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Presbyterian Women (PW)

Greetings First Presbyterian Church!
Blessings from Presbyterian Women!!

We have adopted a new theme for this 2020 year. ***“One eye on the Past, One eye on the Future and 20/20 Vision to see God in ALL we do.”***

It is our intention to honor women who preceded us and made the path for us to **Glorify God, Follow Jesus Christ and be His Light in the World!!!** The path looks like this; **Glorifying God** by being faithful, loving, busy about His work, kind, sensitive, patient, working together in one accord and with one purpose. We are **Following Jesus Christ** by showing His love, sharing with each other, setting an example of His behavior and continuing to grow in His Word. We are **being His Light in the World**, by having integrity, praying for each other and fellowshiping together during our brunches, lunches and Circles.

Each month through the end of the year we will feature a short story about one of the women whom we feel has made a difference in our lives, congregation and Presbyterian Women. This month’s featured story is about a woman many of us know and love:

Mary Holstedt



Mary married Bob Holstedt in 1942. Right after they married, Bob was shipped off and trained to be a pilot. Once Bob was trained he left for overseas, while Mary continued her education working towards a degree in Liberal Arts.

While Bob was overseas his plane was shot down, but he was able to land but someone had to help get him out because his leg was injured. After Bob returned home from Europe, they moved to Sheridan where years later the man who pulled him to safety found him in Sheridan and they reunited.

Bob and Mary had 4 children - John, Brooke, Marianne, and Craig.

Mary has been involved with Presbyterian Women for years, serving as Moderator during 1974 and 1998. She was also in charge of devotions for numerous years for Circle 3 meetings. Something she took upon herself and accomplished while attending First Presbyterian Church was to secure a list of new church attendees from the church office and send them each a welcome card or note.

Some of her favorite memories with Presbyterian Women activities were dinners, the bazaars and she loved helping people. Presbyterian Women impacted Mary’s life in many ways. She says she loved meeting new people, learning to love them, respecting them and learning a lot about God’s mission for us here on earth.

Her words of wisdom to us: meet more people, stay healthy and walk beside others who want to do God’s work.

Mary is currently living at Elmcroft (formerly Sugarland), in room 309. She loves company and looks forward to our visits!

Important PW DATES TO REMEMBER

February 5, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be our very own Pam Moore, who will share with us about the 5 Love Languages. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship, camaraderie, and growing our hearts together as we are about God's mission.

February 19, 2020: Wednesday Circle Meetings and Bible Study.

Circle 1: 10:00 am in the **Parlor**

Circle 2: 9:30 am in the **Fellowship Hall**

Circle 3: 11:30 am at First Presbyterian Church **Fellowship Hall**. This is a change from the Holiday Inn.

June 5-7, 2020 Camp Story PW Women's Retreat

October 9-11, 2020 Annual PW Gathering, Torrington, WY

August 5-8, 2021 Churchwide Gathering, St. Louis, Missouri. It's been said, if you save \$60.00 a month every month from now until August 2021, you'll have enough to attend this LIFE-CHANGING event.



If you have **ANY** questions about Presbyterian Women or regarding your involvement in Presbyterian Women, please contact Jeri Joy, Moderator; Rhea Cooksey-Dixon, Co-Moderator; Gloria Dierking, Secretary; or Hannah Shannon, Treasurer.

We look forward to having **ALL** women (as they are able) to join us at our events. Our next brunch event is:



Fellowship News

Mission: To promote closer relationships between our church family and a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Your Fellowship Committee for 2020: Kathy Lundberg, Mitzi Knapp, Mia Shifrar, and Jason Szewc met

with great enthusiasm in January to plan FUN ideas for the upcoming year. The ideas ranged from Movie Night to Board Game Night, Cross Country Skiing to Folk Dancing Classes. We are excited and energized to bring us all together in Fellowship. F.E.A.S.T (Friends Eating and Sharing Together) will start up in February please see the info and sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Tickets for the Peking Acrobats sold out quickly but we anticipate more fun in the future at the WYO Theater with discounted tickets for FPC members. Let us know if you have any ideas for FUN with Fellowship and we will make it happen!

Save the Dates of Note:

February 15th Cross Country Skiing at Sibley Lake with Pastor Karl

February 16th F.E.A.S.T Groups Notified

March 6th Folk Dancing with Pam Moore 6-7:30pm

March 20th Movie Night "The Way" featuring Martin Sheen

"The Way is a powerful and inspirational story about family, friends, and the challenges we face while navigating this ever changing and complicated world. Martin Sheen plays Tom, an irascible American doctor who comes to St.

Jean Pied de Port, France to collect the remains of his adult son (played by Emilio Estevez), killed in the Pyrenees in a storm while walking The Camino de Santiago, also known as The Way of Saint James. Rather than return home, Tom decides embark on the historical pilgrimage to honor his son's desire to finish the journey. What Tom doesn't plan on, is the profound impact the journey will have on him and his "California Bubble Life". Inexperienced as a trekker, Tom soon discovers that he will not be alone on this journey."



Red Cross Emergency Shelter Training Session Update

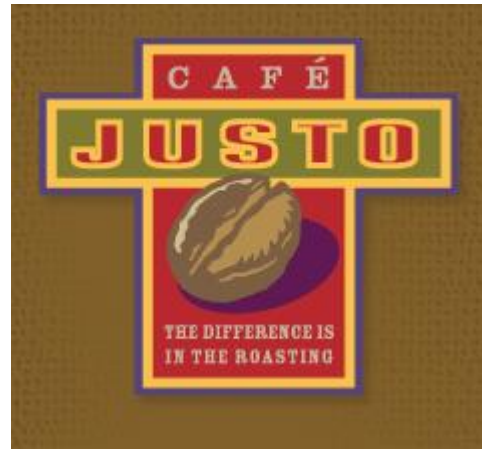
As a first step to use **First Presbyterian Church** as a **Red Cross Emergency Shelter**, *Shelter Fundamentals and Shelter Management training will be conducted Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.*

This training will provide the skills and information necessary for us to get the shelter up and running and assist in its operation. After the training, we'll have more information on what is required to support the shelter. We'll be identifying more specific roles, such as registration and food preparation and soliciting commitment to fill them.

Course information can be found on the new Mission Committee bulletin board just outside the Fellowship Hall along with a sign-up sheet. Sign up is not mandatory but so we can get an idea of how many are coming so we can get the right room set up. There will be people coming from Gillette and Buffalo to this training also.

Please consider attending the training and/or helping support the shelter operations.

Mission and Properties Committees



There is a new sign-up sheet to sponsor in 2020 at the information center.

Just a reminder, Mission Committee can special order coffee for you and we have gift certificates available.

Pastor Karl's email:

fpc.karl@actaccess.net



Choir Director

First Presbyterian Church is looking for a choir director! This part-time position is open to all who have a love of worship, music, and people! Job description is available at sheridanfpc.church. Please apply by filling out an application in the church office weekdays between 8 AM and 12 PM and dropping off a cover letter stating your interest and experience.

Nursery Supervisor and Assistant

Contact the church office for more information and an application if you are interested in working Sunday mornings 8:30-11:30 in the nursery.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Heather Sutherland
- 2—Laurie Graves
- 3—Todd Browne
- 6—Jacek Aksamit
- 8—Jay Bergstrom, Karen Townsend
- 9—Griffith Milner
- 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, Lynn Porter, Heidi Smith
- 28—Scott Davis

Happy Anniversary!

- 5— Ron & Bobbie Spahn
- 12—Mike Stoll & Tina Anderson
- 15—Richard & Effie Rexroat



2020 Per Capita: \$44.95 per member

Per capita contributions are required of churches by our higher councils (Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly) and connect us to the wider work of the church by supporting Presbyterian efforts at regional, national, and international levels. Please consider making this contribution in addition to your annual giving as a sign of your commitment to ministry both within our congregation and beyond.

Youth Happenings!

February 2nd—Souper Bowl Sunday. Vote for your favorite Super Bowl Team or commercials. Money raised will be given to the Food Bank.

February 2nd—Parent/Youth summer Mission Trip meeting at 9:45 am

March 13th-15th—Jr/Sr High Ski Retreat in Jackson Hole sponsored by the Presbytery of Wyoming’s ROCCS committee. Cost is \$25 plus ski rental fee. Deadline to register is **February 20th**.

On **February 21st**, there will be a junior high youth outing. Watch for future details.



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

The office will be open during these hours.

8-noon- Monday– Friday

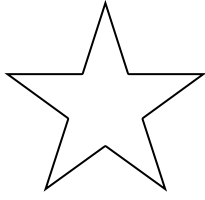
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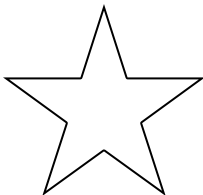
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Air Force

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 Fosher)

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 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)

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 the office.

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