



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

March 2020



Dr. Ryan Landis



We are pleased to announced that Dr. Ryan Landis has been hired as our new Choir Director! Ryan is no stranger to the Christian tradition or to church song. His extensive background includes a decade of mission work in Malaysia, time spent singing in a large church choir as section leader at First Presbyterian church in Tuscaloosa, and more than three years as Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Mississippi. Ryan holds a DMA in Vocal Performance from the University of Alabama. He also works as the Whitney Center for the Arts Concert Hall and Performing Arts Coordinator.

Ryan, Rachel, and their son, Prakash, moved to Sheridan this past summer and have been worshipping with our congregation since that time. We are incredibly excited to welcome to welcome Ryan into this new position!



We are also incredibly grateful for **Pam Moore** and her dedicated leadership as interim director to ensure a smooth transition for us all!

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Dear Ones,

In our congregation's mission statement we note that we strive to "follow Jesus Christ." Ahead of us lies the season of Lent. The Lenten journey is a time when we focus on what it means to be a disciple, or "follower," of Jesus Christ. In worship each Sunday within this season, we read through and contemplate the events in Jesus' life that led to his crucifixion and resurrection. In looking at Christ, we are also given the gift of reflection upon our own lives, ministries, and journeys with Jesus. We are guided into new understandings of ourselves through spiritual practices, stillness, and intentional introspection. Lent is a pivotal season in the development of ourselves as individuals and as a Christian community.

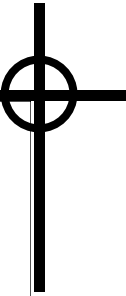
Traditionally, Lent is the forty days (excluding Sundays) from Ash Wednesday until Easter. In celebrating it each and every year, we are drawn back into the life of Christ and the culminating events of the Holy Week in order to focus on what it means for us to be the people of such a Savior. In the early church, this was a time when people who were new to the faith were instructed in the ways of the tradition in order to prepare themselves for baptism. Today, we still strive to use it as a time to prepare ourselves to follow Jesus Christ.

This season, take the time that you need to reflect upon the person of Jesus Christ and upon yourself. Seek new understandings. The practice of giving things up for Lent was originally a practice for doing just that. In giving something up for one day, the person was reminded that Jesus gave up his life for us. The practice was intentional in reflecting upon Christ and upon one's self.

Perhaps you will not give something up this Lent. Perhaps you will. Either is fine. But use the season to still yourself. To reflect. To take time to discover Jesus. To take time to discover yourself. The season of Lent is a gift to move us toward new understandings. It is a gift that reminds us that God is still calling to us to "follow Jesus Christ" and that we can experience the joys of living in Christ and Christ living in us.

With gratitude for each of you,

Pastor Karl



I struggle every month writing my newsletter article. I don't know why, but every month I wait until the very last (sometimes even longer) to write my article. I think it might be because I am my grandmother's granddaughter and would rather gab with you than write. I love the interactions, the smiles, the back and forth, the sharing of your past, now, and what's coming. I love sharing the ups and downs too. Knowing what I can do to help and to pray for. It is hard to build relationships with you when it is one sided print.

I have been reading "The Godbearing Life: the Art of Soul Tending for Youth Ministry". There is an exercise in the book that asks the reader to think back to the one person, besides their parents, that during their teenage years influenced them the most and why. The next request was to replace that person's name with Jesus. I want to take a minute to do this. Is it something that would make sense with Jesus substituted for the name? Is it something that Jesus would do for you?

Think back to that time in your life and picture that person. I am sure you can picture their face; mine had a smile on her face. How did that person make you feel? What did they do that was so great? Do those memories and feelings make sense if you were in the presence of Jesus? Was that person an example of how you want to be remembered? The person you have in your mind is an example of incarnate ministry. You can have more than one person in your mind too, over the course of a lifetime.

I know what you are thinking. Whoa hold on! There is only one Incarnation! And you are right. I am not talking crazy or heresy, honest! Let's think about this. Incarnation was God becoming man—taking on flesh and blood. Jesus came to live with us. Teach us how to live, love, give, and have a relationship with the Father. How did those relationships transfer to others. He spoke with everyone. He healed the unclean. He had meals with "those" people. There isn't a person that Jesus did not take the time to interact with. He created a relationship that touched everyone He spoke to. He is the ultimate example of incarnate ministry. He sends the Holy Spirit to us to become the flesh and blood of the church so that we may continue His ministry. It is through building relationships with one another that we strengthen those outside our doors.

What would happen if we embraced incarnate ministry? What would happen if we developed those relationships? It does not have to just be the church. We can expand it outside our walls. An honest conversation, share your story and watch what happens next. Too nervous to strike up a conversation with a stranger, start with contact, a smile, or a head nod. Even the little things can turn into something bigger.

To have a strong incarnate ministry, you need to have a strong relationship with God. The Lenten season is a perfect time to strengthen that relationship. Many people give up something for Lent in the thought that it draws one closer to God. You don't have to give something up, you can add. Your Lenten practice needs to be between you and God. What can you do to strengthen it?

Message from Mission and Outreach Committee

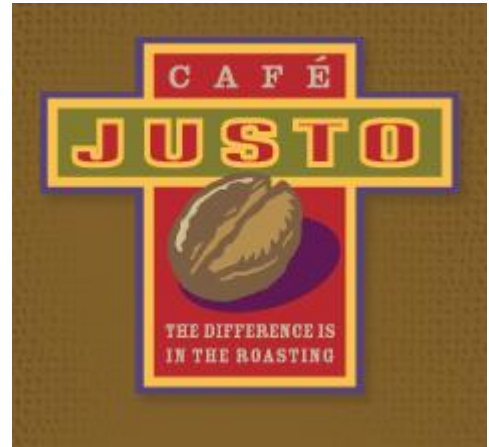
Your Mission and Outreach Committee has been busy with several projects. First, we hosted a workshop involving the Red Cross and how our church might become a disaster relief center or an evacuation center. The designation will be determined on a case by case basis by the church's response team and the Red Cross. Equally important, is our ongoing discussions with entities in the community.

Mission and Outreach did a mapping exercise that highlighted the strengths of our physical church plant, community strengths, as well as the talents we have in our church family. Members on the committee have been dialoging with entities in the community about the present and future challenges that face a growing population in Sheridan. We are attempting to see how our church might be involved in the solutions to these challenges. In addition, we continue our mission support locally and globally.

Your generous purchases of coffee support our mission with Cafe Justo coffee growers. On the local scene we have instituted food bags available in the church office, so no one goes hungry, whether it be someone traveling through town or members of our community who find themselves in need of food to tide them over until the next paycheck.

As you can see, these are just a few ways your Mission Committee is doing the Lord's work. In the coming months we will continue to share other ways this committee serves local and global missions. As scripture states Matthew 6:4 "Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you."

Nancy Elliott, Mission and Outreach



There is a new sign-up sheet in the information center to sponsor coffee in 2020!

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



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.



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

Worship Leaders: Eli Clem, Gloria Dierking, Bryan Luedtke, Peggy Blaha, Dave Engels, Jeri Joy, Marion Reed, Kerek 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: Cheryl Kelsey, Shelley Cundiff

Greeters: Jeff & Denise Mueller, Dave & Becky Motsick, Ted & Mitzi Knapp, Linda Johnson, Sharon Browne

Communion Prep and Servers: Jon Botten, Sandy Browne, Sharon Browne, Cheryl Heizer, Carol & Elwyn Maloy, Kurt & Heidi Smith

Coffee Sponsors: Jim & Peggy Blaha, Judi Palm, Mike Stoll & Tina Anderson

Meal Deliveries: Tina Anderson, Denise Mueller, Annette & Marion Reed, Dan Leupold, Sandy Birkholtz

Session Members and Committees

Budget & Finance

Carol Davis, Scott Davis, Tod Windsor

Clerk of Session

Susan Smith

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Tod Windsor, Chris Smith

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Fellowship

Kathy Lundberg, Mitzi Knapp, Jason Szewc

Membership & Evangelism

Jean Morgan, Nancy Cook

Mission & Outreach

Doug Beagle, Jerilea Phillips, Loren Ruttinger

Personnel

Teresa Williams, Beth Lenz, Doug Moore, Nancy Cook

Properties

Doug Moore, Howie Fitzpatrick

Worship

Cheryl Kelsey, Kim Wells

Keep them in your prayers

Jack Elliott, Margie Elkins, Jim Litle, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr, Gloria Stresky, Roy Davis, Julie Bugher, Louise Semino, Karen Fosher, Sig Palm

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Presbyterian Women (PW)

Greetings First Presbyterian Church!
Blessings from Presbyterian Women!!

Our new theme for this 2020 year is **“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!!!** March 8 is “Celebrate the Gifts of Women” day. In 2019, on this day, women were honored who exhibited grace that knows no boundaries. Presbyterian Women all over the world celebrate this day and honor those women. We are blessed in our congregation to know many women who have exhibited this type of grace, that knows no boundaries. In honor of this day, find a woman and thank her for her service to mankind and maybe **even give her a hug!** Proverbs 3:18 – “She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.”

This month’s featured story is about **Mary Virginia Hutton.**



Mary Hutton

Mary was born and raised in Sheridan on a ranch her family owned. She was married to Malcolm Burns Hutton for 63 years. Together they raised 4 boys. Mary joined the church in 1958 and later left for a move to Denver to take care of her son. When she moved back in 2008 she started attending PW. She says she loved the women and their gatherings. The impact that PW had on Mary was the love she received from the women of the church and the Pastor.

Every 5 weeks or so Mary, Annette Reed and Marion Sept would make a meal to take to the “Free Clinic”. Mary’s part was homemade rolls to go with a casserole and a salad. Annette would pick them up from Mary and said she had a hard time not eating them on the way to the Clinic.

Mary’s advice to us for the future of PW is to go and be involved with them. She always felt like she was a part of a family! Also one important item Mary says is to “Pray for each other”. Very wise advice!!!!

If you have **ANY** questions about Presbyterian Women, please don’t hesitate to contact Jeri Joy, Co-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.

Also, for those wishing to receive a copy of the PW Directory, please ask one of the women involved in PW or look in the Narthex in the cupboards, there are extra copies there.



Important PW DATES TO REMEMBER

PW Brunch March 4, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will feature Judy and Jerry Prescott and they will share on their Ministry, **“Supporting the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation.”** Perhaps we will find something we can do to help this ministry.

March 18, 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. In March, we will be bringing our lunch. (This is still a change from the Holiday Inn).

Upcoming Events

Watch for details of **April’s PW brunch!**

Don’t forget to clean out your **Attics, Basements and Closets**, our bi-annual sale is coming up April 2-4!

Also our May 6th PW Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will be called....**PW After Hours!** Please invite a woman from the church, who might not be able to attend our daytime brunch meetings and feel free to invite a **new** friend!! There will be a Shop Till you Drop sale on shoes, purses, accessories and books at this May event.

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 Churchwide Gathering event.



Fellowship News for March

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

Congratulations to Jason Szewc of the Fellowship Committee for winning the Chilli Cook Off! Mighty Tasty! Hope all who attended the Peking Acrobats enjoyed the amazing and incredible troupe. At one point I saw many jaws extended in disbelief. The FEAST Participants have been notified of their “feasting groups” so the FEAST is on! March promises to bring fun opportunities for Fellowship with Pam Moore’s Folk Dancing Night on March 6th. And announcing: MOVIE NIGHT featuring “The Way”, produced by Emilio Estevez starring his father Martin Sheen. Popcorn will be provided by our new Popcorn Machine donated by Jim and Peggy Blaha along with drinks. This will be held on the large screen and free of charge to all. Invite your friends to this inspiring movie experience.

Save the Dates of Note:

March 1st Holey Donut Sunday

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

March 20th Movie Night 7pm “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.”



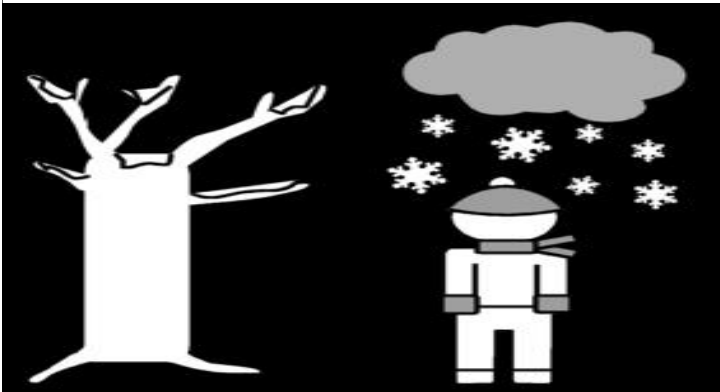
Looking Ahead:

April 12th Easter Sunday Sunrise Breakfast

May 16th “Into The Woods” musical by Sondheim at the WYO Theater

Youth Happenings!

March 13th-15th—Jr/Sr High Ski Retreat in Jackson Hole sponsored by the Presbytery of Wyoming's ROCCS committee.



Come and join us at **Camp Story Summer Camp!** Registration continues to be open. See CJ if you'd like information about camp scholarships. The deadline to apply for scholarships is April 10th.

Fun in the Snow!



The last day for **LOGOS** to meet this year will be Sunday, March 22nd. Our roots have grown deeper and our branches have grown wider through our time together this year. We look forward to gathering once again in the fall.



Cultural Night at LOGOS!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Tod Windsor
3—Steve Kennedy
4—Jacob Grimes, Becky Motsick
7—Brett Burtis
9—Shawn Luedtke
12—Louann Hamstreet, Denise Mueller, Richard Warren
15—Richard Rexroat
16—Tim Lenz
17—Jade Kane
19—Alivia Denzin, Ron Patterson
22—Dusty Ledgerwood, Ashlee Quarterman
23—Joyce Meling
24—Bethany Hunter
25—Susan Rappleye-Jackson, Galen Tipton, Colton Williams
26—Kathy Lundberg
27—Cheryl Heizer
28—Jack Roberts
30—Rachel Kawulok, Cole Steidley, Mary Jo Stresky
31—Zachary Luedtke



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.



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



Happy Anniversary!

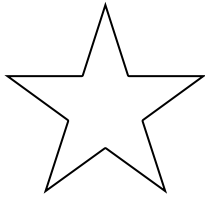
- 6—Sandy & Marilyn Michelena
6—Doug & Ruth Osborn
14—Mike & Teresa Williams
19—Robert & Jeannette Ruttinger
28—Clark & Karen Izzard
29—Jonathan & Rene Botten
30—Thorman & Jo Sholey

The office will be open during these hours.

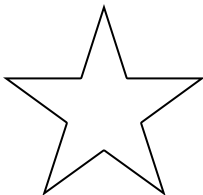
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Air Force

- Jason Browne** (Son of Sandy and Rick Browne)
- Ryan Laughton** (Son of Gary & Sherry Laughton, Grandson of Joe Laughton)
- Howard (Ace) Shrum** (Grandson of Dorothy Shrum)
- 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, Grandson of Joan 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.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 am Worship/ Communion 9:00 —10:00 am Youth & Adult Sunday School 10—10:30 Fellowship 10:30 am Worship/ Communion 11:45 am Lenten Study * **	2 7:00 pm Bell Choir	3 Karl Out of Office 11:30 am CE Committee	4 Karl Out of Office 10:00 am PW Brunch 6:30—8:00 pm Youth Group 7:30—8:30 pm AA	5 6:30 am Breakfast Study 9:45 am Bible Study 11:00 am Properties 7:00 pm Choir	6 6:00—7:30 pm Folk Dance	7
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COME JOIN US AT CAMP STORY THIS SUMMER!