



First Presbyterian Holy Week Schedule

With social distancing brought about by Covid-19, our Holy Week schedule will be as follows:

Thursday, April 2—Please call the church office or email fpc@actaccess.net if you would like palms to use in your Palm Sunday in-home worship. Palms will be delivered to your doorstep Friday afternoon.

Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 5th—10:30 am First Presbyterian Church will be broadcasting our service on radio station 1410 AM KWYO or 106.9 FM KWYO.

Join us for online worship anytime during the day by clicking on the link on our website <https://sheridanfpc.church> or on our Facebook page for the video version of the service.

Maundy Thursday, April 9th—First Presbyterian Church will be sending out an in-home liturgy via email to use for Maundy Thursday worship. For those who receive a hard copy of the newsletter, we will mail a hard copy of the liturgy to you.

Easter Sunday, April 12th—6:15 AM Drive-up (outdoor movie style) Sunrise Service in the church parking lot.

10:30 am First Presbyterian Church Easter Service will be broadcast via radio on 1410 AM KWYO or 106.9 FM KWYO

Anytime Sunday, you may also go to the church's website and click on the link to participate in the recorded Easter Sunday Service.

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Dear Ones,

It's an unprecedented time in which we live. We are confined to our homes. Locked in. Isolated. Quarantined. **Behind closed doors.** It is in the interest of the safety and health of ourselves and others, but that does not mean we do not feel alone, distant, and drifting. The end does not even seem close. Our Session made the difficult but wise decision this week to suspend in-person gatherings at the church even further into the future. The church will stay closed to any gatherings through at least April 30 at this point. This means we will not worship together in person on Easter Sunday, a reality that has been sinking in for a couple of weeks, but is now definitive.

But in this moment, I am reminded of Jesus' post-resurrection appearance to the disciples in John 20.

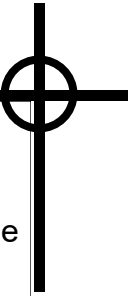
*"It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples **were behind closed doors** because they were afraid of the authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you."*

The disciples were confined to their home. Locked in. Isolated. They had not yet seen the risen Christ and believed themselves to be alone, distant, and drifting. Perhaps this sounds familiar. But Christ came to them. They were not expecting him or perhaps the doors would not have been closed, even locked depending on your translation of the passage, but he appeared and wished upon them peace. Then he showed them his wounds making it apparent that Christ had triumphed over death. He had triumphed over all that threatened. He had triumphed over all which caused fear. And in his triumph, he brought to them peace.

The wounds that Christ reveals remind us that God is with us even in the midst of that which endangers us. The peace that Christ wishes reminds us that God fulfills all promises. I pray that Christ comes to you behind closed doors this Easter. I pray that we are reminded that even though we are not together, Christ comes to us, Christ is with us, Christ upholds God's promises to us. Easter may feel different because we will not be together in person, but the promise of resurrection still lives. The hope of eternal life and of God's peace is not dependent upon our gathering together (whether it be in person or virtually). That hope is only dependent upon Christ who lived, who died, and who rose for each one of us. For each one of you. A closed door does not change that, and it never will.

Peace be with you this Easter and always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Karl". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.



We are experiencing interesting times in our lives right now. We have to engage in social distancing, thinking more outside ourselves, weighing through information coming at us at unbelievable speed. We have shown how flexible we can be and how quickly we can adapt to our changing world. We have rallied and have embraced, maybe rather reluctantly, a new form of worship. The message is the same; the delivery is just from God's house to you in yours.

House. The definition of house according to Webster is 1. A building that serves as living quarters for one or a few families; 2. A shelter of refuge. Or some may see a house as a place they are currently stuck in and can't leave. We have a house of worship in the building located at 2121 Colonial Dr., Sheridan, Wyoming. A structure that we come to gather in to worship God and share in Christian fellowship. We have a beautiful place. When you leave this place, where do you go? Do you go home or do you go to a house? I know when we leave we go home.

What metamorphosis does a house go through to become a home? You can drive through any neighborhood and see tons of houses but what makes one your home? Is it a structural design? Change of carpet and seating options? Or is it the feeling you get when you think of it? Is it the love, stories, lessons learned, experiences shared with those who you are close with that makes a house a home? Peoples answers varied. An answer I got said that is where their people (and pets) are. One person described it like you can drive through a neighborhood full of houses, but only one will be your home. The experiences inside the house will define it as a home.

For me a home is a feeling. It's the warm and fuzzy feelings that you get when you think about its people, memories made, experiences and lessons taught that make a place a home. It is also the place where you can be yourself without fear of judgment. It is your space. There is the saying that home is where the heart is. The heart can move around, so your home can move.

People call the church God's house. It is a structure where we come to gather. We can gather anywhere to be at God's house. But what can we do to make God a home? He lives in us. We need to create a home for Him to dwell. We are his home. We are filled with love. We create safe spaces for others.

As we move forward with online formatting, I will be working on providing resources for the youth and their Christian Education. I am still working on all the details, but please make sure that the church has your current email address.

Youth Group will be moving towards Zoom meetings on Wednesday nights at 6:30. If you have a youth in grades 6th through 12th grade, please watch your emails for the Zoom invitation.

It will be an adventure moving forward, but what in life isn't an adventure. Embrace it and share His love all around. Just not germs :)

The last time the youth group and I met, we were talking about how we can find ourselves in scripture. I read to the youth the lyrics of "Home" by Philip Philips telling them it was a message to them from God. So, I will also tell you. Listen to the lyrics and "make this place your home".

Message from Camp Story

At this time, plans are still being made for summer camp to hold our 6 youth camps at Camp Story from June 8th through July 22nd.

Please bring camp registrations and your \$50 deposit to Alicia Ford at the church office before April 15th to receive \$25 discount for early registration.

Camp scholarships are available. See CJ by April 10th if you'd like more information on scholarships.



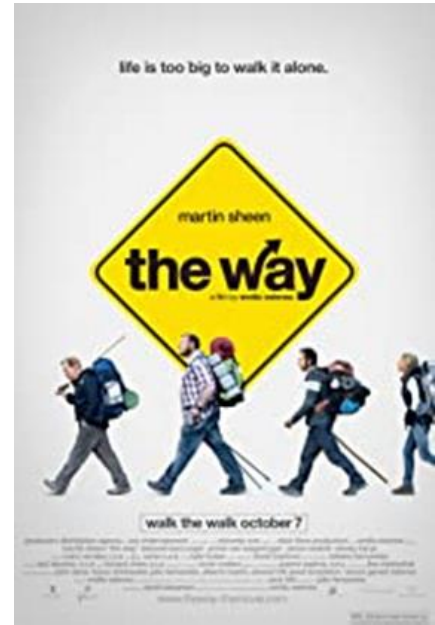
CONTINUE IN OUR GIVING

This is our time to continue our ministry in a full and vibrant manner. We will continue to support our partners in mission and our staff will continue to minister. You can give your offering online via the following link:

<https://sheridanfpc.church/give/>

or by mailing a check to:

First Presbyterian Church, 2121 Colonial Dr., Sheridan, WY 82801.



The First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Committee Invites you to "Attend" an evening "In" with a

Zoom Screen Share Night

to watch the movie, "The Way"

See page 7 of the newsletter for details!

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.

Pastor Karl's email:

fpc.karl@actaccess.net



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

Worship Leaders: Heidi Smith, Katie Turpin, Tracy Landeis, Kathy Lundberg, Shelley Cundiff, Kim Wells

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: Tod Windsor, Chris Smith

Greeters: Jon & Rene Botten, Jim & Margaret Litle, Jeff & Denise Mueller

Communion Prep and Servers:: Kurt & Heidi Smith, Tina Anderson, Denise Mueller

Coffee Sponsors: Doug & Kathy Beagle, Jim & Peggy Blaha, Scott Davis & Mary Ludemann, Jan Leupold

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

Session Members and Committees

Budget & Finance

Carol Davis, Scott Davis

Clerk of Session

Susan Smith

Christian Education

Shelley Barrett, Kurt Smith

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, John Jackson

Tech

Tod Windsor, Chris Smith



Let's keep current!!

If you have changed your:

Phone

Mailing Address

Email

Please let us know.

fpc@actaccess.net 672-1717



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

Presbyterian Women (PW)

Greetings First Presbyterian Church!
Blessings from Presbyterian Women!!

While we are all “at home” for awhile, let’s get to know each other by reading the First Presbyterian Church Newsletter!!! As Co-Moderators, Rhea and I want to issue a challenge for each of the ladies in the church. Find the phone number for 3 women **each week** to call and check on and just visit for a little while. We are all going to need to hear from each other!

Presently we are called to “physical distancing,” though that doesn’t mean we aren’t together in spirit and we can use the means we have—the telephone. Think of how you feel when you’re a little down and all of a sudden your phone rings. On the other end is a friend, calling to say hi and visit with you for awhile. It is a “spirit lifter”. The key importance of a phone call is to let others know you are thinking of them and that we are all praying for each other during this “quiet” social time.

A great scripture we can pray is 2 Chronicles 7:14, which says, “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Our “One Eye on the Past” featured woman this month is :

Margaret Litle



Margaret & Jim

Margaret grew up on a farm across the river from her husband Jim. They have been married for 59 years this June! They have a daughter and son-in-law in town, Sandy and Howie Fitzpatrick. They have 4 grandsons. Grandson Kerek Ford is married to Alicia and they have 2 children, Hazel and Graeme. Their grandson Zach is in the Marines and stationed in California. Grandson Brandon is in the Air Force and is stationed in Germany. The youngest grandson Nathan is a sophomore at Sheridan High School.

Margaret was a Middle School/Junior High Math and Science teacher for 25 years and also taught electives such as crafts and English, as needed.

Margaret says she joined the church because someone invited her to a PW meeting. She and Jim have been in the Sheridan Presbyterian Church since 2003. Margaret and Jim have both served on various committees in the church. Margaret served as PW Moderator in 2008-2009, and also served on the membership committee and was trained as a Stephen Minister. Jim has served First Presbyterian Church on the Maintenance and Building committees.

I asked Margaret what PW has meant to her and her response was that PW is a sisterhood of believing women who take care of each other and have great camaraderie. She also called PW the “Worker Bees” within the church that help keep Church going. Her advice to PW for the future is to listen to your elders.

Important PW DATES TO REMEMBER

Please watch for further updates as we move through Covid-19 cancellations and updates of when we will resume regularly scheduled activities.

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) join us at our events.

Remember the April 1st Brunch has been cancelled.

Romans 15:13 – “May the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace, as you trust in Him, so that you may **overflow with Hope** by the Power of the Holy Spirit.”

Fellowship News

Join us on **Friday, April 3rd** at 6pm from the comfort of your couch (enjoying your own Popcorn), to watch the movie: **“The Way”** featuring Martin Sheen as we learn about Pilgrimage, loss, and renewal.

"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, who comes to St. Jean Pied de Port, France to collect the remains of his adult son, killed in the Pyrenees in a storm while walking the Camino de Santiago.

Join us and “Attend” an evening “In” with a

Zoom Screen Share Night

Learn about “Pilgrimage” during this time of Lent and hear firsthand experience of one who has traveled

“The Way”

After the movie at 8:15 pm you are invited to a Zoom Talk to hear Steve Shive, the General Presbyterian for the Presbytery of Wyoming, talk about his experience of traveling the Camino de Santiago and of his upcoming trip this summer with members of FPC.

“I have walked about 110 kms of the Camino in 2018 and have walked most of Saint Oswald's Way in England. Walking is a meaningful part of my spiritual life. Pilgrimage was a significant way for pilgrims to explore and grow in their relationship with God and increasingly it is becoming a significant spiritual practice today for thousands. Walking the Camino dates to the early AD centuries. People walk it for a number of reasons as you will experience in The Way”, Steve Shive.

Email: kathleenlundberg@gmail.com to RSVP (required) by April 2nd and you will receive an invite link to Zoom to connect to both the Movie and the Zoom Talk with Steve Shive.

Join us as we seek to be creative during this Socially Distant challenging time. We come together in Fellowship in new and fun ways!

The recommended reading for folks who might want advanced engagement with the topic is "Fumbling: A Pilgrimage Tale of Love, Grief, and Spiritual Renewal on the Camino de Santiago". The Kindle edition is just \$4.99.

Lunch Together

Feeding Our Friends

In case you're wondering, FPC is still feeding those who need a meal. We know that feeding people is one of the things this church does best, but we have all had to change the way we do it for the safety of everyone. Updates to two of our great feeding programs are as follows:

Delivering HUB Meals to Seniors on Thursdays

Meals will be delivered by healthy individuals or family members sharing the same household

Volunteers glove up to deliver food and love but minimize time on each porch.

We ask that our more vulnerable volunteers stay home and stay safe

April volunteers have been selected.

Lunch Together at First Congregational Church (FCC)

FPC serves April 6 -10

LT is now purchasing hot meals from the HUB to distribute from the parking lot of FCC.

Only two volunteers required. Volunteers will glove up and maintain proper distance.

We ask that our more vulnerable volunteers stay home and stay safe.

We serve again June 8 – 12.

God bless,

Tina Anderson 751-4810

The office will be open during these hours.

8-noon- Monday– Friday

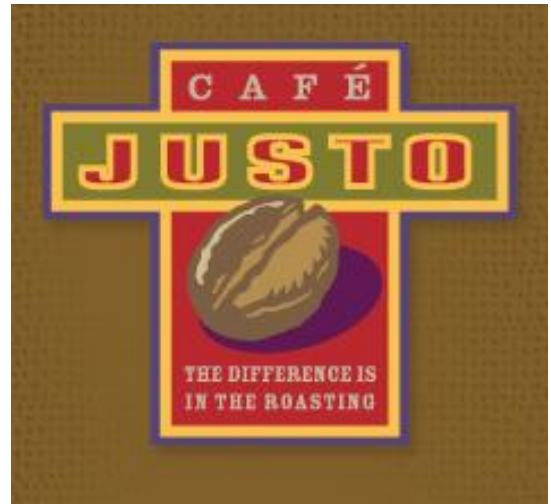
Please call 672-1717 to leave a message.

fpc@actaccess.net

Like us on Facebook!

Church web site

Sheridanfpc.church



Order Just Coffee Online

Running low on coffee? You can order Just Coffee online at www.Justcoffee.org. Just go to their home page and scroll down to the Buy Coffee button. There are 2 Just Coffee sellers out there so make sure you see their logo. Let's continue to support this important mission and make our home stays enjoyable at the same time, because a good cup of coffee is one of life's little pleasures.

Mission Committee is meeting on April 4 to consider additional ways to serve and help during this crisis. Watch for updates in the Weekly Updates or via your email.

Thank You!



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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Happy Anniversary!

April

- 1—Rick & Tracy Landeis
- 11—Chris & Susan Smith
- 15—Rick & Louise Semino
- 23—Gary & Sherry Laughton

Keep 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 Foshier, Jerry Saunders, Sig Palm, Carla White, Jean Morgen

Youth Happenings!

During this time of social distancing, First Presbyterian Youth Group is continuing weekly gatherings using Zoom, a video conferencing platform.

Youth and their families will also be given daily activities for each week to continue to engage youth in their spiritual growth.



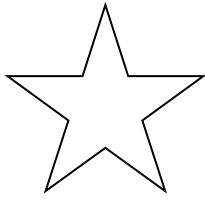
Graduating High School

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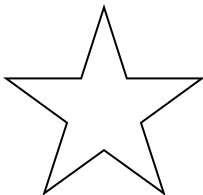
College Seniors!

Parents, please let the church office know of your senior's graduation date. We'd like this information by May 3rd. Pictures of your senior will be appreciated.





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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.

April 2020

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