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SMALL GROUPS ARE BEGINNING TO GATHER

The weather is warm and we want to share together in socially-distant and safe fellowship! For those who would be comfortable, we have opportunities to gather in small groups at the church for **Picnic with the Pastor!** As we wish to keep numbers low, please sign up [here](#). We would ask that you just sign up for only one gathering in the next two weeks so that all who would like to come will have the opportunity. When you come, please bring a chair and your lunch and gather on the south side of the church outside the fellowship hall. I hope to see you then!

Pastor Karl

Youth Group has established a summer schedule of small group meetings as well. See the calendar on page 11 for dates they will be coming together.

Watch the Weekly Update for notices of other groups coming together this month.

Dear Ones,

In the chorus of "Still Trying," Nathaniel Rateliff screams the lyrics "I don't know" repeatedly. If you listen to the song, please excuse the expletives, but it encapsulates the feelings of many of us right now. What can we make of this time, if anything? I don't know. What can we speak to a moment like this? I don't know. Where do we go from here? I don't know. It already felt as if there were too few words to say in the midst of a global pandemic, and now we are faced with the realities of racial injustices that have long been at the core of our American society. This is not a unique time. It is an earth-shattering and important one.

Since I don't know what to say in a moment like this, and I don't know if it is even my moment to say something, perhaps it is time to listen and to learn. The reality of our society and the structures that grant power within this society are that they were built by a white majority over centuries. Unfortunately, the truth of humanity is that we typically set things up to benefit ourselves. The structures of our society benefit white persons at the expense of persons of color and long have. Consider slavery. Consider voting rights infringements. Consider the taking back of treaties with Native Americans. White voices have long been louder and more privileged than voices of color because our structures were set up to give unequal power to those white voices.

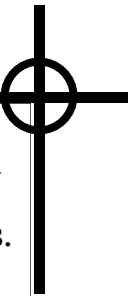
It is important for each of us who are white, in order to begin to understand the pain of persons of color, to see that we ourselves, if even passively, have benefited from these structures. This was apparent to me when I visited the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta. There was a lunch counter sit-in simulator. I climbed up onto the stool at the counter, put on a pair of headphones, and listened to the same racial slurs and the taunts that were hurled at those demonstrators in the early 60s who sought nothing more than an equal spot at the table. The stool I sat on shook so as to simulate those kicking it. I closed my eyes, but tears still came down my cheeks. This was so far from anything that would ever be a reality in my life.

I don't know what to say right now. I don't know the depth of pain that racial injustice has instilled in the lives of persons of color either. But I do know this. If there is to be change, there has to be understanding, and within myself seems a pretty darn good place to start. In seeking that understanding, we will begin weekly book studies and conversations on Sundays at 9 AM and Fridays at 10 AM. These will begin on June 26 and 28 and continue through the summer reading the book *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. It will be a small but necessary step in helping us to understand the pain and injustice that are foreign to those of us who are white. All of us need to do this work, myself included, and are compelled to because of our faith. In Corinthians, Paul reminds us we are given the "ministry of reconciliation." Reconciliation cannot happen without understanding and without change. It cannot happen if those who have been granted unequal power do not silence their own voices in order to listen. I pray that you will join me in this difficult but faithful work. I pray that you will see this is the work of justice to which we are called as those who follow the one who gave of himself for the sake of all, especially the oppressed.

If you would like to participate in this study, please let us know by June 12 so that we can order books and have numbers for each group. My email is fpc.karl@actaccess.net. You can also call the church office at 672-1717. Books will be \$10. The study is most likely to be via Zoom but please do not let the platform discourage you from the important work that we must undertake. Further, if this platform is a barrier for you, let us know, and we will help to remove that barrier so that all may participate.

Peace to you all this day,

Pastor Karl



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Cara Ann Semino
Doctor of Optometry



Cara is a 2020 graduate of Southern California College of Optometry at Marshal B. Ketchum University, Fullerton CA.

She will stay in Southern California as she has been accepted in a Residency Program with Indian Health Service.

Cara's parents are Rick & Louise Semino.

Bailey Bard

Health & Human Performance/Physical Education Degree
Rocky Mountain College

Bailey graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.80 gpa. She was a member of the indoor/outdoor track team all four years. During this time, she set 4 indoor



and 6 outdoor records. Bailey was also named Frontier Conference Athlete of the Week and earned academic all-conference multiple times. Bailey's future plans are to teach health and physical education hopefully in Wyoming.

Bailey's parents are Gene & Becky Bard.

Carley Motsick



Carley graduated from Big Horn High School where she participated in volleyball, indoor and outdoor track. She was recognized on the honor roll all 4 years and was a Sheridan County Sports Awards Nominee for indoor track.

Other hobbies and interests include athletics, artwork, photography, hiking and traveling.

Carley plans to attend Sheridan College to begin studies in health sciences with future plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Chiropractic Care.

Carley's parents are David and Becky Motsick.

Congratulations to Carly, Bailey, Cara, and all 2020 graduates!

We celebrate you! Your accomplishments are as individual as you are, but you all have something in common, you are a beloved child of God. May he bless you and keep you as you transition into the next phase of your lives. May he shine his face upon you and give you strength to overcome the obstacles, sight to see the path ahead, and love to surround you always.

Message from Camp Story

There are many ways that you can help Camp Story this summer. Due to the world wide pandemic we have had to cancel all of our rentals this summer which is our main source of income. We need to raise a substantial amount of money to keep the future bright for Summer Camp 2021. If you feel so inclined you can go to www.CampStory.org and click on Get Involved and then Donate. All donations are very much appreciated during this hard time.

Another way you can help with Camp Story is joining us in completing the renovation of camp. There are a list of projects that need to be completed by volunteers on our website at www.CampStory.org. All of the time we will provide social distancing and meals. Please contact Alicia at 307-763-0919 or email at alicia.campstory@gmail.com to coordinate days or times that volunteers may want to come to camp to help with projects.



“Study nature. Love nature. Stay close to nature. It will never fail you.”
Frank Lloyd Wright

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.

NEEDED!

The **Christian Education Committee** has openings for 2 committee members. Please consider volunteering and contact Shelley Barret .

Pastor Karl's email:

fpc.karl@actaccess.net

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.

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

Worship Leaders: Teresa Williams, Louise Semino, Doug Moore, FPC Youth, Nancy Elliott

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

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Ted Knapp, Rick Semino, Chris Smith

Coffee Sponsors: Thank you to all who have been purchasing coffee during the month.

Meal Deliveries: Denise Mueller, Jeri Joy, Doug and Kathy Beagle, Pastor Karl, Beth Bailey, Mary Ludemann and Scott Davis, and Doug Moore for serving through the COVID period.



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



Keep them in your prayers

Jack Elliott, Margie Elkins

Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair

Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt

Dorothea Doerr, Gloria Stresky, Roy Davis

Julie Bugher, Karen Fosher, Jerry Saunders

Sig Palm, Carla White, Jean Morgen

Gary & Sherry Laughton, Phyllis Reasoner

Karen & Dennis Schreffler

Let's keep current!!

If you have changed your:

Phone

Mailing address

Email

Please let us know.

fpc@actaccess.net 672-1717



Presbyterian Women (PW)

Greetings First Presbyterian Church!
Blessings from Presbyterian Women!!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 (NIV) – “There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to uproot. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build. A time to weep and a time to laugh. A time to mourn and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them. A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing. A time to search and a time to give up. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be silent and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.” Verse 14 – “I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear Him.

Dear ones, we hope this newsletter finds you all well, safe and healthy!!! We miss you all so much!! During these trying times we have had a lot of extra time to **ponder, reflect, remember, pray, spend time with the God of the Universe**, (who created you on purpose, for His good Glory and pleasure:) and **think of those special people in your life**, who mean so much! We're all ready to go back to “normal”, whatever that “normal” is for you. But I don't believe that is the “normal” God wants us to go back to. I believe He's given us this extra time to **recalibrate** our lives, in Him. To **ponder** His Word. To **reflect** on who we are in Christ. To **remember** and **pray** and while doing so, **spending time with God**. We should focus on our health, and what that means. And let's make sure we tell the people we love how we feel about them.

There are so many “firsts” during this pandemic, with cancelled events clear through the end of the summer. Cheyenne Frontier

days has run 124 years without being cancelled. Our very own rodeo's 90th celebration has been cancelled. PW events clear through the summer have been cancelled. And they have been cancelled to “protect” people's health and well-being. So we will be looking at a “new normal” in the upcoming months. May our hearts reach for the one who created us and the world. May we remember that His love for us was so deep, He gave His only son for our salvation because it's all about Him.

PW Purpose – “Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit we (PW) commit ourselves: (During Pandemic and all other times) To nurture our faith through prayer and Study. To support the mission of the church worldwide. To work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the Promise of God's Kingdom.”

Stay well and healthy dear women and look forward with hope to when we are reunited together in the church!!!!



Important PW DATES TO REMEMBER

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 don't hesitate to 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. Watch your church calendar for upcoming events once this is all over!!!!

LUNCH TOGETHER

Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... Matthew 25:34-35.

Once again, our local mission of feeding through Lunch Together gives us opportunities to serve all the members of God's family. **FPC will serve June 1 – 5.** Again we will be serving 'meals to go' outside in the parking lot to protect everyone participating. Who knows – we might be back inside **when we serve again July 27-31.** A big thank you to Denise Mueller, Jeri Joy, Doug and Kathy Beagle, Pastor Karl, Beth Bailey, Mary Ludemann and Scott Davis, and Doug Moore for serving through the COVID period.

Killy's Smoke House donated Tuesday Lunches for 4 weeks to Lunch Together in April and now Frackeltons is donating lunches each Tuesday. A HUGE THANK YOU TO THESE GIVING BUSINESSES that also happen to serve terrific food.

HUB Home Meal Delivery

HUB meals are also still going out to Route #10 with FPC drivers on Thursdays each week. Thank you to Sandy and Dick Birkholz, Jerilea Phillips, Jody Roberts, Jan Leupold, and Denise Mueller for getting food safely delivered to seniors in our community.

FOOD GROUP

Also, FPC members will continue this summer in assisting The Food Group in feeding school age kids. If you want to donate or know how you might help this awesome organization, call 763-0850 or check out their website at food-groupwy.org

Tina Anderson

And a few photo blasts from your **Lunch Together Past:**



Mission Committee

Your mission committee has literally been zooming through items that benefit our church and community.

For example, we have supported the community by giving out food bags as people request them, and donating money to assist in the hardships caused by the COVID 19 crisis. We have donated funds to the Salvation Army, Lunch Together, and the Wyoming Interfaith Network, which supports COVID relief efforts on the Wind River Reservation. We are still exploring ways we can help in the community wide relief, as we deal with the COVID 19 crisis currently and in the future.

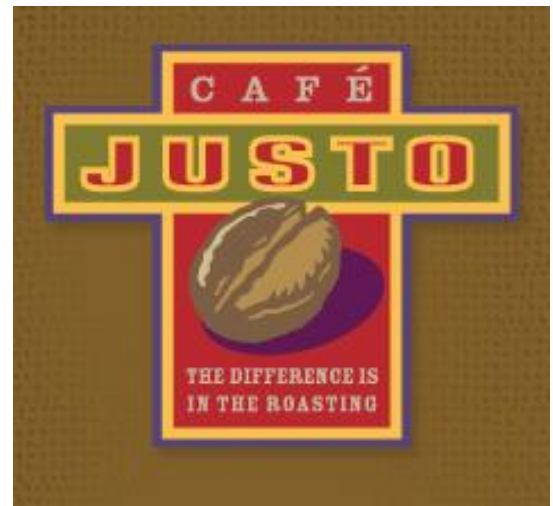
Equally important, the committee is still shoring up the plans for our Red Cross Shelter Plan. Our church family may be called upon to help with the implementation of this plan, if and when, we are called upon to use it.

In other news, you may have noticed and even participated in the Mission Co-Workers CE Zoom conferences the past few Sundays. We have hosted Mark & Miriam Adams, our mission co-workers that coordinate the Frontera de Cristo. The second week we hosted Doug & Elaine Baker, retired PC(USA) mission co-workers who served in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The third week, we hosted Scott Parker and his wife, Elmarie, who serve as PC(USA) mission co-workers in Lebanon.

Finally, stay tuned for Compassion Sunday details. Compassion Sunday is rescheduled for September 13.

I will leave you with this Bible verse to ponder from Galatians, 6:2 "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Nancy Elliott



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 stay enjoyable at the same time, because a good cup of coffee is one of life's little pleasures.

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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2—Gloria Novakovich, Jim Wilhelm
 5—Mason Bunes
 6—Dick Birkholz, Jeffery Brettin, Cheri Dollison, Isaac Grimes
 7—Katie Turpin
 11—Jessica Kane, Bill Pruitt
 14—Mike Fricke, Kenneth Osborne, Lauren Roberts, Amy Turpin
 16—Becky Bard
 17—Erick Kawulok
 18—Darleen Douglas, Jesse Melius
 19—Jeni Steidley
 21—Dennis Heizer
 22—Robert Ruttinger
 23—Ruth Osborn, Cynthia Smith
 24—Alicia Ford, Pauline Stadick
 28—Mitzi Knapp
 29—Mark Juneke
 30—Tracy Landeis

Happy Anniversary! June



1—Ted & Mitzi Knapp
 3—Elwyn & Carol Maloy
 5—Steve & Julie Kennedy
 12—Craig & CJ Clem, Todd & Jerilea Phillips
 19—Todd & Tomomi Browne
 22—Jim & Dianna Perry, Jim & Phyllis Wilhelm
 23—Scott Davis & Mary Ludemann
 25—Jim & Margaret Litle, Howie & Sandy Fitzpatrick, Tod & Marjorie Windsor
 26—William & Laurie Graves

Youth Happenings!

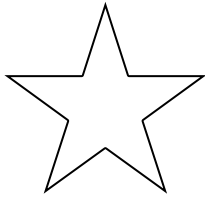
Youth Group will be meeting in person starting in June. Parents, watch your emails for a detailed schedule of where, how, when, and the Covid-19 safety guidelines that will be followed during these summer activities. Call or text CJ if you have questions.



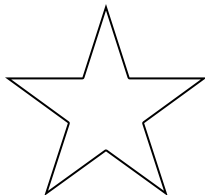
Bring non-perishable food items to church on the **3rd Sunday** of each month and help FPC support your local Salvation Army.

The office will be open during these hours.

8-noon- Monday– Friday
 Please call 672-1717 to leave a message.
fpc@actaccess.net
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Prayer for our Military



Air Force

Jason Browne (Son of Sandy and Rick Browne)
Ryan Laughton (Son of Gary & Sherry 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 Fosher)
Captain Rory Montgomery (Great Nephew of Harvey & Linda Johnson)
Brandon Fitzpatrick (Son of Howie & Sandy Fitzpatrick, Grandson of Jim & Margaret Litle)

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



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, Grandson of Jim & Margaret Litle)

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.

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 11:00 am Properties	5 12:00—1:00 pm Picnic with the Pastor	6
	<div>←</div> <div>FPC Hosts Lunch Together</div> <div>→</div>			7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom		
7 Worship Service online at sheridanfpc.church	8	9 12:00—1:00 pm Picnic with the Pastor 3—4:00 pm HS Youth Group	10 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	11 7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom	12	13
14 Worship Service online at sheridanfpc.church	15	16 10 am—12:00 noon Mask Relief (limit of 10) Youth Group	17 3—5:00 pm Youth Group (all) 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	18 7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom	19	20
21  Worship Service online at sheridanfpc.church	22	23 3—4:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group	24 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	25  7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom 6:00 pm Youth Group Activity	26	27
28 Worship Service online at sheridanfpc.church	29	30				

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