



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

July 2020



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Gathering for Worship

Sunday July 12th, 11:00 AM

Weather permitting, this will be our first opportunity for in-person worship. We encourage you to bring your own lawn chair but we will have metal folding chairs set up for gathering in the north parking lot. If you have mobility issues, you may park on the north lot otherwise we would ask that you park in the southwest lot. Masks will be recommended but not required and there will be extra masks available as well as water bottles. If it is a warm morning, please bring an umbrella with you.

You can still watch and participate in the online worship service each and every Sunday by clicking on this [link](#).

At this time, we are planning for September 13 as our first Sunday to gather in the sanctuary for morning worship. This would normally be the Sunday we would return to two services following our summer schedule. The Session will continue to discern over the next two months if this timing is right to gather in the sanctuary and the circumstances under which to do so.

1 Thessalonians 5:11, *"Continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already."*

Dear Ones,

I am amazed that it is now the beginning of July. Half of 2020 is behind us and what a half it has been! For over three months we have shared virtual worship, Christian education, and fellowship. The staff has met via Zoom for our weekly meetings. The Session has met via Zoom (no small feat for 21 persons). A small audio/video team along with Miriam, Ryan, a liturgist, and myself have recorded services each week. It has been frustrating at times to learn a new normal, but by the grace of God we have gone forth, we have persisted, and we have adapted! That is a faithful achievement in and of itself and proof of God's steadfast love! It is also an achievement upon which I would like to reflect.

Over the past three months a few things stand out. **Our congregation has been generous.** Even in this time of economic uncertainty, your giving has kept us near our budget monthly income. Where we have fallen short, the PPP Loan that the Session applied for and received has helped to bridge that gap. Thank you all for your continued giving and please persist in this as we continue seeking ways to move forward and expand our mission and ministries. We do not wish to take a step back and your generosity is key in allowing us to move forward.

Education ministries have expanded in this time. We have added numerous Bible studies and faith-based conversation groups. Our new Wednesday night study has already read through the books of 1 Peter and James. Our Thursday morning group is looking at a book about the psalms and has more participants than it has in some time. Our conversation groups about racial justice have more than 40 participants total. Christian education is thriving at our church and we're doing all of this in the summer when we would normally break from such classes! I am encouraged by your eagerness to learn together and tackle tough issues. Further, I want to encourage you to be a part of one or more of these groups. They are a wonderful way to connect and to grow in faith together.

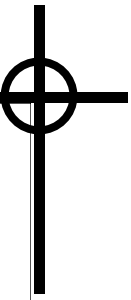
We have improved our virtual worship presence. Thanks to the diligent and faithful work of Chris Smith and Ted Knapp, we have an online presence with worship. In a short time the two of them have taken us to new heights by allowing anyone around the world to worship with us via YouTube. We have grown our reach through this, are exposed to many more people in the community, and are able to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in new ways!

We have responded to needs in the community. Our Mission Committee has done great work continuing to give people in need access to food. We have increased the amount of food bags that have gone out from the church *and* added a free pantry by the office doors. This pantry allows anyone who comes by to take what they need no questions asked and to do so at any time. A special thanks to Jason Szewc for building this for us! The Mission Committee has also allocated needed funds to the Lunch Together program, the Hub, the Food Group, and efforts by the Wyoming Interfaith Network to combat COVID-19 on the Wind River Reservation. They have been busy!

There are so many things to give thanks to God for in this time! There are other examples of such in our congregation, too. I apologize if I missed one! But know that your faithfulness and our congregation's endurance has been amazing! Thank you all!

In Christ,

Pastor Karl



Here we are in July. Wait, we are in July right? I didn't miss it somewhere did I? :)

I am excited to announce that we will be partnering with Trinity Lutheran, First United Methodist, and First Christian churches to offer vacation Bible school this summer!! Yahoo! It will not be the same as it has been in the past, as in person, but it will still be fun filled and action packed! Compassion Camp will highlight 5 different stories in the Bible that focus on compassion and love. Each day there will be a Bible story, crafts to do at home, yoga/stretching activities, and songs to sing! All this will be brought to you in the comfort of your own home! No need to worry about transporting kids back and forth, all of this will be available to you on a private YouTube channel. Each day will have a premier of that day's VBS episode for 5 days. After the premier, the videos will be available until the end of August. If you would like to register for Compassion Camp please call the church office at 672-1717. Please let us know by July 10. There will be a packet for you to pick up the week of July 20. Included in the packet will be the daily theme's coloring sheet, craft directions and materials. Please keep in mind even though you are asked to sign up and pre-register, the event is open to all youth of the community, so please share this information with anyone you think would enjoy this experience. It is going to be epic! So make sure to sign up!

Starting Thursday, July 9 at 10 am, I will be hosting a youth book study on the youth version of Bryan Stevenson's Just Mercy. Due to some of the mature topics covered in the book, this book study is open to anyone aged 11 years and up. It is an opportunity for the youth to gather and discuss the book along with the message and feelings that are tied to the book.

Youth group continues to meet. The meeting dates for July are Wednesday, July 1 and 15th for youth grades 6-12th. Our meeting time is 3-5 and we meet on the north side of the building outside the office door. High school will meet Tuesday, July 7 and Junior High will meet Tuesday, July 21. They both will meet from 3-4. Please watch your email and weekly updates of other events.

Camp Story may not be having summer camps and rentals this summer, there is still plenty to be done around camp. Some of the projects are: seal all the blue stain paneling in the cabins, chapel and lodge; install white panels in women's side of outhouse; cut down dead trees and cut up for firewood; trim dead limbs from large pine trees; clean up brush and downed trees below bridge by Buswell; clean up dead trees and brush above Ryland; place and stretch barless wire; clean and seal decks on Lodge and Ryland; remove the Hawthorne bushes; rake the pine needles; straighten the rocks along paths and regravels; power wash chapel; paint and power wash Buswell and Ferren and seal; power wash bathhouse and west storage and seal; tear down east storage; fill ditch left from water line and power line to new cabins; finish fire pit; and remove marked rocks. Grab a group of friends and/or family and make a day up at camp. There is something special about being at camp. If there isn't something on the list that doesn't spark your interest, give Alicia (307-763-0919) a call as I am sure she has something for you! If you aren't feeling handy, you can help by sharing this information.

Looking forward, only God knows what the future holds and we have to exercise our abilities to be still and listen for His guidance. Please keep the youth programs in your prayers as we discern how He wants us to move forward with programing this fall. We will be mindful of ever evolving situations around us. If you feel called to participate in this ministry of the church, please contact the office or myself to be added to the Christian Education committee's communications or the Logos.

Blessings to all!

New Study of Ecclesiastes

Beginning Wednesday, July 8th, the Wednesday night Bible Study group is starting a new study of the book of Ecclesiastes.

This would be a **great time to join** the group if you've not been able to attend prior studies.

Call the church office at 672-1717 if you would like to sign up for this group.

Deadline to register for VBS Compassion Camp is Friday, July 10th. See page 7 of this newsletter for further VBS details.



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 June, the Worship Committee would like to thank these faithful servants...

Worship Leaders: Karen Schreffler, Jeri Joy, Beth Lenz, Rev. Beth Kelsey

Musicians: Prakash Landis, Kathy Lundberg, Teresa Williams, John Lundberg, Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis

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, and Jean Morgen.

Let's keep current!!

If you have changed your:

Phone

Mailing address

Email

Please let us know.

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Presbyterian Women (PW)

Greetings First Presbyterian Church!
Blessings from Presbyterian Women!!

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.”**

Comments from PW members about what PW means to them:

“I love the ladies and the fellowship.”

“My mother was in Circle 5 for many years, it means a lot to me to belong to the same organization.”

“The friendships I’ve made through PW are close to my heart!”

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.

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.



Reminder from PW



No Fuss, No Muss, Bakeless Bake Sale

**No Meetings! - No Phone Calls! -
No Clean-up!**

No sugar, no salt, no chocolate chips, no hot ovens.

*Just a desire to help
support our local missions.*

Call the church office if you did not receive your postcard in the mail.



Welcome to Compassion Camp::

Be Loved. Be Kind. Be You.

July 27th—31st

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be participating in an At-Home/Virtual VBS program where kids and families explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. While this At-Home/Virtual VBS is geared toward both preschool-aged children and K-5th graders, it is extremely flexible, adaptable, and fun for the entire family, older siblings included.

Call the church office by Friday, July 10 to register. Materials can be picked up at the church office the week of July 20th.

Nothing we do will replicate last summer's VBS so we need to give thanks for the past, and welcome a fresh vision. At-home VBS creates new challenges and also opportunities. The only way to discover those is to approach it with an open mind and heart.

COMPASSION.....



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**JOIN US FOR
COMPASSION CAMP!**

Mission Committee

The Mission committee continues to contribute to the community effort to help those in need during the COVID 19 crisis. To that end, the committee has given the Food Group a thousand dollar donation. Equally important, we donated five hundred dollars to The Hub. We felt these two entities needed our help to continue their work in the community. We are still providing food bags for those in need that stop at the church.

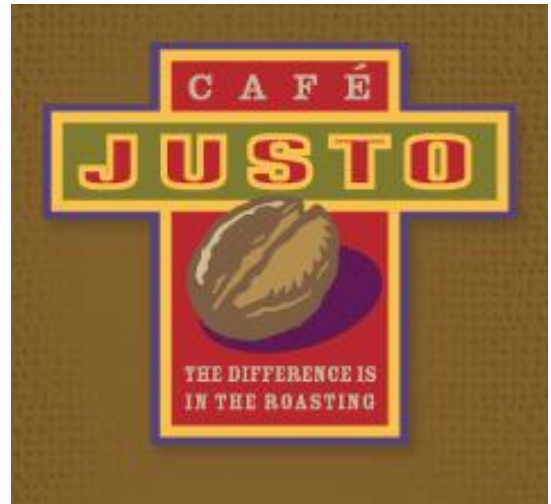
On the global scene, we have made a thousand dollar donation to Frontera de Cristo, the coffee mission we sponsor. Frontera de Cristo is building a hospitality center to accommodate refugees who have been delayed entry into the United States because of COVID 19.

On the home front, we are teaming up with the Food Group to build a mini food pantry outside our church. The pantry will be built by the FPC and stocked with non perishable items. The Food Group will provide guidelines as to what food items should be placed in the pantry by our church family.

In other news, Kendra Heimbuck and Doug Beagle will soon have a sign up for a Habitat for Humanity build day. Members of the congregation will be invited to share their talents with this worthwhile community project.

It is our hope that all of you are staying safe and enjoying each summer day the Lord has made. I will leave you with this Bible verse to ponder from Proverbs 11:25 "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

Nancy Elliott, Mission Committee Member



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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2—Sara VonKrosigk
3—Chad Quarterman
4—Nancy Elliott
5—Lucky Cameron
6—Rhea Dixon, Ron Stanker
7—Jon Botten
8—Phyllis Reasoner
10—Maggie Turpin
11—Jeannette Ruttinger
12—Jan Windsor
14—Sharon Smith
15—Tomomi Browne
16—Louise Palm
17—Annette Reed
18—Bobbie Spahn
19—Jackie McMahan, Beth Lenz
20—Hannah Bunes, Joe Shifrar
21—Loren Ruttinger, Jennifer Satterlee, Keith Brandt
22—Chris Browne, Ottis Clem, Patrick McDowell
23—Ryan Mauck
24—Gary Meling, Jilla Mace
25—Carrie Steinhorst
26—Cathy Coggins-Allen, Sarah Forister, Izak Aksamit

The office will be open during these hours.

8-noon- Monday– Friday

Please call 672-1717 to leave a message.

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Church web site

Sheridanfpc.church

Happy Anniversary!

July



4—Harvey & Linda Johnson
5—Jay and Maggie Bergstrom
7—Doug & Pam Moore
12—Brett & Becky Burtis
13—Pat & Jane Gallagher
15—Rex & Nickie Arney
18—Marion & Annette Reed
28—Kerek & Alicia Ford

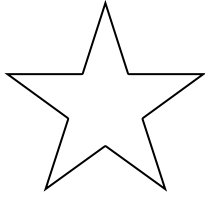
Youth Happenings!

Youth Group will continue to meet through July with regular meetings and outdoor activities.

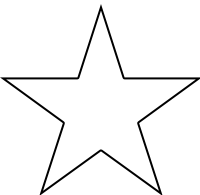
The youth are having a separate book study on the youth edition of *Just Mercy*. Call or text CJ if you have questions or need details on any of the youth activity.



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



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




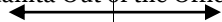

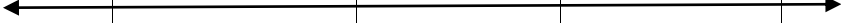
Ethan & Johnna Hall (Grandson & granddaughter-in-law of Elwyn & Carol Maloy)
Jacob Botten (Son of Jon and Rene Botten, Grandson of Joan Botten)
Chance Quarterman (Son of Chad & Amber Quarterman)

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.

July 2020

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