



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

August 2020

Outdoor Worship Service

Join us in person on Sunday mornings in August at 9:00 AM in the north parking lot of the church.

This Sunday, August 9th you will have an opportunity to share and trade some of your garden's bounty if you'd like. We're planning to do a "garden swap" at the 9 am worship service. There will be a table set up to take produce or leave produce as you wish.

Masks are strongly recommended and we'll practice social distancing at outdoor worship.

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 still 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 few weeks if this timing is right to gather in the sanctuary and the circumstances under which to do so.



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Dear Ones,

For many months, our Session meetings have been dominated by conversations concerning how we move forward in this time with worship and other congregational offerings. I am thankful to the Session for their continued persistence in this. In one of those conversations, I offered to the Session a reflection on what worship is in light of our Reformed and Presbyterian heritages. As worship continues to feel a bit disrupted, I want us all to remember what worship is and why we do it.

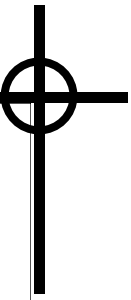
In the Reformed tradition, we worship to offer gratitude to our God for the grace that has been given to us. **Ultimately, worship is about God alone and not about ourselves.** God is so generous, however, that worship has a real benefit for us. In offering our praise, we ground ourselves in the practice of gratitude. In seeking to follow the way of Jesus Christ, we ground ourselves in God. In worshiping alongside one another, we ground ourselves in the wider community that is our church family. In these ways, worship changes us. It moves us beyond ourselves and into a joyful way of living and being.

Worship also shifts us into God's ways and is, itself, participation in God's ways instead of the world's. When we offer our gifts in worship through music or through dance or in any of many other ways we offer these to God and not to others for acclamation. Where in the world would we be told that acclamation is not to be sought for ourselves or that we should offer anything without a return? When we pass the plate and collect the offering, we freely give of ourselves. Of our money. When does the world ever tell us that is a way to get ahead? When we listen to the Word read in Scripture and then proclaimed, we freely admit we wish to engage with an alternative way of life that is God's and not the world's. Even in our listening, we express humility and that we have something to learn. When we pass the peace, we express an earnest wish for a deep well-being for one another. In all these ways, the act of worship is a counter-ritual to rituals of greed, selfishness, pride and violence that permeate the world around us. As said, worship is about God and our grateful response to what God has given. God just happens to be so generous that we continue to receive from God even when we are giving thanks to God.

Many things define what worship is. But worship is focused on God. Jesus even reminds us, "Worship the Lord your God and serve only him" (Luke 4:8). As we continue toward whatever the future might bring for us, let us remember that the most important part of worship and what truly defines it is its orientation. So long as we are oriented toward God, much of what we do can and will be worship even if it looks different from what we're used to seeing.

Go forth and be worshipful in all that you do,

Pastor Karl



Greetings everyone!

I pray that you have had a wonderful July. It is a weird time in our lives that the temperature says it is summer, but the normal summer activities haven't been there. The sense of normal is a comfort but growth comes out of discomfort. I pray that during this time you have grown in some way.

Normally right now I would be gearing up for Sunday school and Logos kick off. We would be knee deep in planning meetings and in the call process for Sunday school and Logos volunteers. With the uncertainty of the world, this process is going a little slower. But rest assured I am cooking something up for these programs. There will be opportunities for children and youth Christian development this fall, but like everything else it might not look the same.

It is important to continue to pray for those who are making the decisions about the future of just not the government but for the teachers and children. Information changes rapidly due to the continuous testing and research. We need to remember that we are fully human and are not perfect. We need to speak with grace and mercy when discussing people's personal choices about how they want to proceed. We need to be extra diligent when it comes to the future of your children. We may not agree with every decision made but we should speak with kind and gentle words to each other and work in appropriate ways to get through these times.

As we move forward, please watch for updates and planning times for fall programing. If you would like to be part of the process for Christian Education, please let Shelley or Curt know and if you feel called to be involved in Logos, please let me know.

If you have a moment, pop over to the church's Facebook page and check out Planting the Mustard Seed 101! It is a weekly resource that I have been sending out to the parents during this time. It is a fun little resource.

Peace to you!
Blessings,

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

Worship Leaders: Mitzi Knapp, Tracey Burke, Prakash Landis, Jan Leupold

Musicians: Zach Thurow, Arianna Thurow, 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 and Lunch Together: Denise Mueller, Jeri Joy, Becky Motsick, Brian Bainter, Doug and Kathy Beagle, Pastor Karl, Kurt Smith, Kim Wells, Beth Bailey, Tina Anderson, and Doug Moore for serving through the COVID period.



**Keep them in your
prayers**

Session Members and Committees

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Carol Davis, Scott Davis

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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.”

PW ladies!

We hope that this time finds you catching up on projects, spending quality time with your families, taking care of each other and spending time in prayer. It has been such a strange year, nothing has gone as planned, yet so many things seem like they’re getting done!

It’s kind of like a Christmas present early, getting to reflect and ponder and pray. And the “present” part of it is getting closer to the God of the universe, who created us “on purpose” and keeps close to us while we navigate this pandemic and all that it means. Our hearts remain “hopeful” for a vaccine and keeping our families close and healthy.

PW will always be there. It’s foundation is very strong. Built on God’s truth it has withstood all kinds of changes. Just take time to remember this.....We use our voices for kindness, our ears for compassion, our hands for charity, our minds for truth and our hearts for love.

Emily Dickinson quote....”Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all”.

Blessings to all of you and your families. Keep praying!

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.

Worship Service at Camp Story

The Camp Story Commission has made the decision to not hold the traditional August joint Sunday worship service at Camp Story this year.



VBS COMPASSION CAMP

Did you have fun participating in Compassion Camp? Did you take some good pictures of your artwork, your family time, or yoga? If so, be sure to send pictures to CJ so she can share them with others.



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.

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee continues being active in its quest to help people in need in the community.

With that in mind, Jason Szewc built a food pantry that as a congregation we will fill with non perishable food items and toiletries. People in need will be able to access their food or toiletry needs by simply picking out items to fill their cupboards. This will especially be important if their needs are after normal church office hours. The picture included with this article shows a stocked pantry.

In other news the committee is still trying to plan a Compassion Sunday that will give members of the congregation an opportunity to sponsor a child in need. Watch for details on Compassion Sunday when we are able to gather together in the sanctuary once more.

Did you notice all the pictures that have accompanied this article? Several pictures depict two teams of four that participated on a Habitat for Humanity project build day on July 11. There will be another opportunity for you to participate in this worthwhile mission later this year.

Again it is our hope that you are staying safe and enjoying the summer splendor that is our Lords. I will leave you with this verse to ponder from Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Nancy Elliott, Mission Member



Habitat for Humanity Build Day

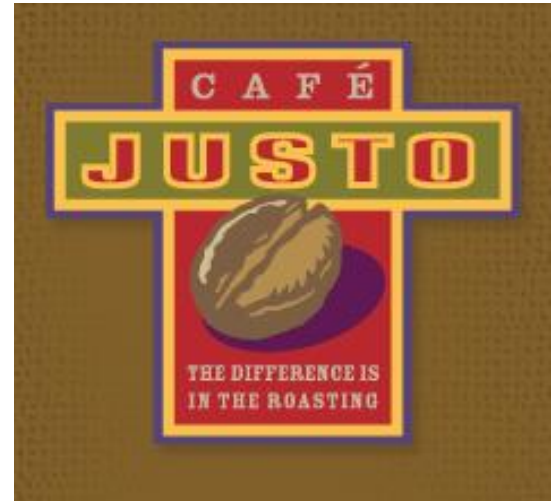


More pictures of Habitat Build Day on the next page!





Habitat for Humanity Build
Day



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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1—Rene Botten
August 2—Kendra Heimbeck, Dan Bockman
August 3—Pat Gallagher, Jeff Wells
August 6—Torrey Phillips, Madsen Phillips
August 8—Nolan Billings, Sam Brandt
August 9—Marjorie Windsor
August 11—John Jackson
August 12—Amanda Forister, Alexandria Baxter
August 13—Margaret Bergstrom, Parker Rieger,
Cameron Steidley
August 16—Sam Herring
August 18—Jim Blaha
August 20—Gloria Dierking
August 22—Becky Burtis
August 23—Kim Kozel, Pastor Karl Heimbeck,
Scott Hollingsworth
August 27—Baylor Bergstrom, Beth Thurow
August 28—Kyle Burtis, Thorman Sholey
August 29—Alex Burtis, Aiden Milne,
Joslyn Williamson
August 30—Mary Ludemann
August 31—Zach Thurow



Youth Happenings!

Youth Group will be wrapping up their summer gatherings with their last meeting on Wednesday, August 19 at 3 pm.

The youth are also finishing their book study on the youth edition of *Just Mercy*. Their last study day is Thursday, August 13.

Happy Anniversary!

August

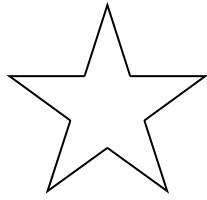
August 1—Roger & Sharon Porter,
Jae & Jennifer Satterlee
August 3—Bill & Linda Pruitt
August 9—Pastor Karl & Kendra Heimbeck
August 12—Gordon & Gloria Novakovich
August 15—Joe & Mia Shifrar
August 18—Chris & Christine Browne
August 21—Kenneth & Erin Osborne,
Jim & Darleen Douglas
August 24—Greg & Beth Thurow,
Gary & Joyce Meling
August 25—Ron & Bobbie Spahn
August 27—Brad & Jeni Steidley
August 29—Kim & Mary Kay Love
August 30—David & Helen Campbell

The office will be open during these hours.

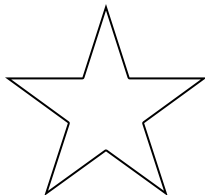
8-noon- Monday– Friday
Please call 672-1717 to leave a message.
fpc@actaccess.net
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Church web site
Sheridanfpc.church



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



Prayer for 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)

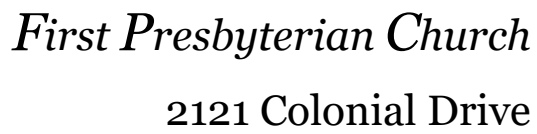
Marines

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.

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