



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

September 2020

September Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 6th

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship with Communion

Sunday, September 13th

8:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 AM Outdoor Worship

Sunday, September 20th

8:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 AM Outdoor Worship

Sunday, September 27th

8:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 AM Outdoor Worship

The 9:30 AM service will be livestreamed and recorded for later playback for those more comfortable worshipping at home.

The 11:00 AM service will be held outside while weather allows.

There will not be Sunday School classes or Fellowship Hour and the nursery will not be open.

Those wishing to donate flowers for the sanctuary for worship services may sign up by clicking on this [link](#).



***F**or EVERYTHING
there is a SEASON,
and a time for every
matter
under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

INSIDE:

Pastor Karl.....	2
Notes from CJ.....	3
Camp Story.....	4
Worship.....	5
PW.....	6-7
Mission.....	8
Youth.....	9
Military.....	10
Calendar.....	11

First Presbyterian Church • 2121 Colonial Drive • Sheridan, WY 82801

• 307-672-1717 • fpc@actaccess.net

Dear Ones,

Years ago, I had the opportunity to visit the Isle of Iona off the western coast of Scotland. The Christian tradition dates back nearly 1500 years on this tiny island and many persons make pilgrimage here to share in time at the Iona Abbey. Rev. George MacLeod, who helped with the restoration of the abbey and the formation of the Iona Community in the 1930s, referred to the island as a “thin place”, a place where there is but tissue between the material and the spiritual.

In many ways, this is no surprise, because the Christian tradition on Iona has long been guided by and influenced by the Celtic Christian tradition in which there is no distinction between religion and daily life. Celtic Christians perceive the divine in every person, in each animal, in every plant, and in every event of the day before them. As such, faith permeates every aspect of existence and every place is a thin place.

We can take a wonderful lesson from such a place and tradition. Our faith is meant to be out in the open not only shaping our interactions with one another and with creation but sanctifying every aspect of existence. One author describes how the prayers of the Celtic tradition do this in saying they are prayers “for everyone who wants to live their faith every minute of every day of every week of every year.” In this time, I offer you one of those traditional Celtic prayers that you might live your faith in the very moment and time before you:

*My body is as tense as a cat's
As it stalks its pray.
Lord, relax my body.*

*My thoughts swirl like willow branches
Caught in autumn winds.
Lord, still my thoughts.*

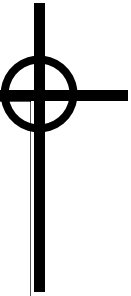
*My soul is as heavy as peat
Freshly dug from the bog.
Lord, lighten my soul.*

*My heart is as dark as soil
Sodden with the winter rains.
Lord, brighten my heart.*

traditional prayer taken from Celtic Prayers by Robert Van de Weyer

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Karl



Well hello September! I love this time of year. The weather is turning cooler. The colors of the leaves go from green to red, yellow, orange then brown. The garden harvest is in full swing - squash, pumpkins, potatoes, onions, etc. Pumpkin spice everything is back. Sweaters, sweatshirts, and flannels are back in the wardrobe rotation.

This Fall looks totally different than last year. School is different, church is different. Our purpose has not changed. We have been commissioned to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We have been commanded to love the Lord our God with our whole hearts, minds, and bodies. Our desire to know and love Christ hasn't changed, just the new way of learning and sharing His Word.

I have been sending out a weekly email to parents with discussion questions about the passage from the previous Sunday's sermon to talk over with their children. This will continue this Fall expanding to different stories or scriptures in the Bible for families to discuss and talk over. It will also contain little tidbits in it for parents. The focus of the email is to get the families talking and sharing their faith. We are on this journey together. If you have not been receiving the weekly email, or missed it on Facebook, please contact the office to get on the mailing list.

Logos will be starting in October. This semester of "LOGOS" will be *LOGOS Lite - Home Edition*. There will still be the four components of Logos, but with little modifications. The biggest and most obvious change will be Logos will take place in your home. Don't worry! You won't be left to figure everything out on your own. Once a week, starting the first week in October, you will get an email that will give you an outline and directions for the coming week's Logos. The email will contain the nightly theme, suggested menu, recipes, grace idea, table topic/discussion questions, Scripture, mini lesson on the Scripture, spiritual practice/worship skill to do, and a game/activity/craft. There will not be any Zoom/YouTube for you to worry about attending as all will be done around the table during dinner. Pictures sent back to me would be fabulous! If you are interested, please let the church office know and we will add you to the email list.

Youth group will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 16 from 7-8 pm in the youth room. We will be following the rules that Session has set with worship. To attend youth group, masks will be required and social distancing practices will be in place.

The Presbytery of Wyoming will be hosting a monthly state wide youth group via Zoom for youth 6th through 12th grade. We will meet the last Sunday of the month from 2-3 pm. This is a great way to connect with the youth from across the state. More information will be coming in the next couple of weeks. Please watch your emails and the weekly update for more information.

We are going to try having the ski retreat again. March 12-15, 2021 are the dates for the Presbytery Ski Retreat. It will be a great time to get together and have some fun! More details are in the works, but I wanted to get the dates on your calendar.

Blessings!





CAMP STORY

“Let the Beauty of Nature remind you of the Goodness of God.”

In a time where we are so divided and there is so much uncertainty, we should find the time to turn to nature. There you will find calm in the world of chaos and peace amidst the almighty Creator. When I am at Camp Story or in the Big-horns, I always find a sense of peace and goodness. The intricate details in the leaves or the design of a flower remind me that there is a God who loves us and created such a wonderful world. As a society we should all take the time to escape the troubles of this world and immerse ourselves into the nature that has been created for us. There we will find our soul.

Camp Story started the summer with much uncertainty. We canceled all our camps and most of the rentals which meant our income would be little to none. With a lot of prayer, hope, and many generous thoughtful donors we have raised enough money to barely cover our operations for 2020.

We plan to continue fundraising in order to build a safety net for the future. Recently a donor offered to match \$10,000 if we are initially able to raise \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000. If you are so inclined to donate, please send a check to Camp Story, 2121 Colonial Dr. or you can donate online at www.CampStory.org/donate. We are extremely grateful for the many folks who love Camp Story and support our mission.

Due to cancelling most of our summer events we have had a lot of time for projects. Dick and Elwyn have been selflessly working many of hours on capital improvement. They have completed the West cabin (now we have two brand new beautiful cabins), replaced the old shower in Ryland, replaced the showers in the men's side of the bathhouse while adding new flooring, and almost completed a new floor in the dish room in the Gibson Lodge. We plan to seal the blue pine walls inside the cabins with help from our wonderful volunteers.

We always welcome new volunteers to help with the various projects around camp. You can email Alicia at alicia.campstory@gmail.com or call her at 307.763.0919.

Grateful,
Alicia Ford



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

Worship Leaders: Izzi Clem, Becky Motsick

Musicians: Louise Semino, 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**

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 and Vickie Martin.

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



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.”

Greetings Presbyterian Ladies!

As in the recent past, we have taken a little time to ask a couple of questions from women who have been involved with PW for some time. This month **Nancy Elliott** has agreed to share her heart with us.



Nancy & Jack

Nancy and her husband Jack and their children have been involved with First Presbyterian Church for 40 years. Nancy didn’t become involved with Presbyterian Women until she retired from teaching, 16 years ago.

When Nancy was able to get involved, she held positions of secretary for several years and was co-moderator with several other women over PW. During her time involved, she has always felt the support from the women of this group. She loves the Circles and the Bible Studies. The idea she likes most about being a part of PW has been the socialization and though there have been times of differing opinions, she feels that the women still supported each other and were able to come together to “Glorify God.” She played a huge part of the restructuring of the ABC sale and has always enjoyed working with the women who have helped with this big event.

As Moderator, one of Nancy’s favorite times recalled was the Easter Bonnet contest. Lots of women wore different hats and a festive time was had by all. Nancy loves the idea of a “theme of the month” for the brunches and lunches and as a life-long learner is always interested in hearing the programs and learning more about the community we live in. Her proudest moment came when she was given the honor of Lifetime Membership. Something for the rest of us can aspire to!!!

As we gaze at the past and look to the future, Nancy’s advice to all women, now and incoming, is to be open to new ideas and be flexible. Nancy says she has always felt every woman is a PW woman, if they attend First Presbyterian Church.

PW Brown Bag Lunch and Meeting Wednesday, September 2

Our first PW meeting “together”, yet social distancing will be September 2 from Noon to 2 pm, and will be held outside at church on the patio. We are suggesting each person bring their own brown bag lunch. Bottled water will be available. Alicia Ford will be giving us a short program on the donations from PW to Camp Story, what that looks like and how much it means.

Brown Bag Lunch continued on next page.....



PW Brown Bag Lunch continued....

There will also be a short meeting following our program. I know there are many of us who are looking forward to “seeing” each other!!! We look forward, while still keeping our eyes on Jesus. The author and finisher of our faith.

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 contact Jeri Joy, Moderator; Rhea Cooksey-Dixon, Co-Moderator; Gloria Dierking, Secretary; or Hannah Shannon, Treasurer.

NEEDED!

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



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

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.

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.

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

Mission Committee

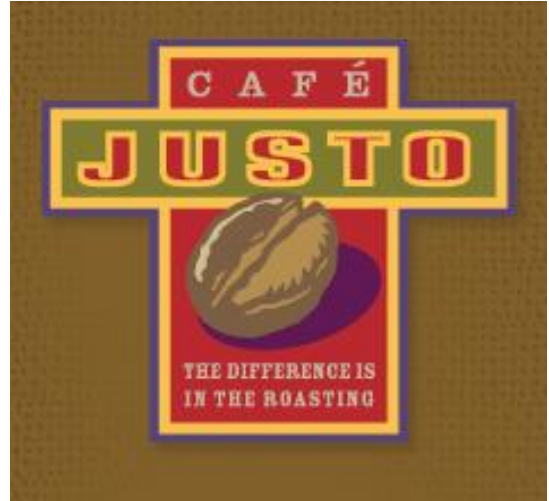
Mission Committee continues the work of our Lord by helping those in need. Have you had an opportunity to see the Food Kiosk by the office door? It has been stocked with non perishable foods and toiletries. You have two ways to contribute to this worthwhile mission by sending money or a check to buy goods for the kiosk. You may also purchase the goods listed in the weekly church newsletter. Becky Motsick has volunteered to monitor and stock the kiosk for the church. Mission Committee shouts out a big thank you to Becky.

In other news Larry Storo, Jr. has supplied the church with meal coupons from McDonald's. It is this kind of generosity that reminds us of the kindness shown by organizations and businesses in the Sheridan community.

Also, Jan Leupold is working on an article about Compassion for the October newsletter. If you have been thinking about sponsoring a Compassion child, look for that article in the October newsletter.

I would like to leave you with this Bible verse from 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Nancy Elliott, Mission Committee



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!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1—Gabe Thurow, John Thurow
4—Jill Cameron
5—Jack Steinhorst
8—Bryan Luedtke
9—Kathy Beagle, Chance Quarterman
10—Brandon Fitzpatrick
12—Roger Barrett
13—Susan Smith, Mike Madden
14—Billie Joe Shifrar
16—Jenna Wilson, Jesse Wilson, Mike Williams
18—Dianna Perry
19—Jacob St. Pierre, Barbara Brettin, Carol Davis, Amber Quarterman
22—Nancy Stanker, Thomas Nance
24—Lynn Tipton
25—CJ Clem
27—Sharon Browne, Jan Leupold
29—Trey Porter, Dave Engels, Carol Maloy
30—Mark Heuerman, Katie Araas

Confirmation Class

There will be an informational meeting for youth and their families who are interested in confirmation. The meeting will be held Sunday, September 20 following the last morning's service. Weather permitting we will meet on the back patio off the fellowship hall. If the weather doesn't want to cooperate, we will meet inside. If we are inside, masks will be required. If you have any questions, please let CJ know.



Happy Anniversary! September

4—Roger and Shelley Barrett
5—John & Kathy Lundberg
26—Gareth & Rhea Dixon

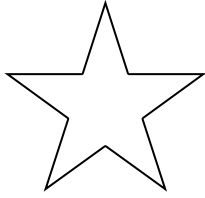


Youth Happenings!

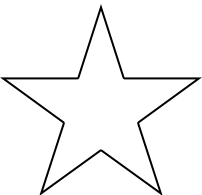
The Presbytery of Wyoming & ROCCS Committee (the committee that puts on all the retreats!) will be hosting a statewide virtual youth group the last Sunday of every month from 2-3 via Zoom. It will be a great way to gather with youth from across the state to have fun, grow in your faith, and make connections! This will be for anyone in 6th-12th grade. If you are interested in participating please let CJ know by Tuesday, September 22.

Youth Group begins meeting Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM in the youth room.
Masks will be required.

Starting in October, LOGOS will be doing LOGOS Lite—Home Edition. Please contact the church office so we can get you on the email list. More information will be forth coming.



**P
r
a
y
e
r
o
f
o
u
r
M
i
l
i
t
a
r
y**



Air Force

Jason Browne (Son of Sandy and Rick Browne)

Ryan Laughton (Son of Gary & Sherry Laughton)

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, Grandson of Jim & Margaret Litle)

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

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.

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 11:30 am PW Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	3 7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom 11:00 am Properties Committee	4	5
6 9:00 am Outdoor Worship Service w/ Communion Worship Service online at sheridanfpc.church	7 Church Office Closed 	8 3:00 pm Worship 4:00 pm Fellowship 5:00 pm Mission 6:00 pm Budget & Finance		10 7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom	11	12
13 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Outdoor Worship Service Worship Service online at sheridanfpc.church	14	15 7:00 pm Session	16 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	17 7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom	18	19
20 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Outdoor Worship Service *Confirmation meeting following the last Worship Service Worship Service online at sheridanfpc.church	21	22	23 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	24 7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom	25 	26
27 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Outdoor Worship Service 2:00 pm Presbytery of WY Youth Group Worship Service online at sheridanfpc.church	28	29	30 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom			

First Presbyterian Church
2121 Colonial Drive

Return Service Requested

Mailing label goes here

