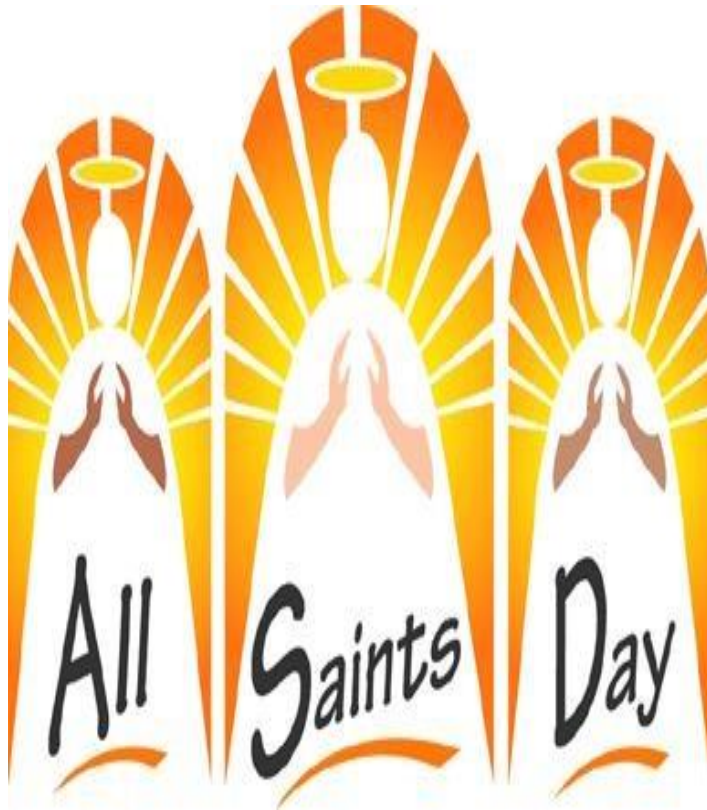




First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

November 2020



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All Saints Day

This coming Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Day, a day in the church year when we celebrate the great cloud of witnesses that has gone before us and helped to shape who we are both as individuals and as the Church.

As we did last year during worship service, we will once again read a list of names of the saints in our lives we have lost in the past year.

October Card Challenge

What a grateful response to our October card challenge! Hope it's been fun reconnecting through cards and notes.

We will finish October with over 300 cards sent. Way to go!

As we go into November let's continue to challenge ourselves to keep sending cards, maybe sharing with others a Thanksgiving tradition or just a simple "hi" how are you! It's not quite how we would like to "Fellowship", but it is a way to let each other know we care♥.

Remember there are FPC stamped postcards at the church that you are welcome to use.

Fellowship Committee

Out of Office

Pastor Karl will be out of the office November 8—13th. Reverend Bob Miller will be providing emergency pastoral care during this time. Please call the church office if you are needing assistance and we will contact Rev. Miller.

FROM PASTOR KARL—

Dear Ones,

This year the end of November brings with it the Advent season. Advent is a time of anticipation when we prepare ourselves for the arrival of the Messiah at Christmas. But, in many ways, Advent is symbolic of our lives. Christ has come and yet we are always preparing for the arrival of our Messiah. Christ's arrival in our lives is not just as a one-time event but occurs each day and in each moment. God is incarnate again and again in each day in the love we experience, the peace we are given, and the encouragement we know. Thus, Advent is a terrific season for us to learn new ways of preparing to meet Jesus Christ in our lives each and every day.

In our preparation this year, I want to encourage you to join me in a daily Advent devotional that has been published by *A Sanctified Art*. The devotional is meant to be done each day in your home, on your own time and is interactive with prayers, coloring, and prompts for reflection that are all based on the lectionary passages for the season. In this way, it will coincide with worship through the season. The devotional will offer us many ways to prepare ourselves not only to meet Christ at Christmas but in each and every day. Copies of the devotional will be available in the office beginning November 18. The first day of Advent (and of the devotional) is November 29. Again, I hope you will join me in letting this devotional guide us through the season as we seek to prepare the way of the Lord not only into the world but into our very own hearts each and every day.

Yours in Christ,



FROM CJ—

We have spent most of 2020 in new experiences and discomfort. Many of the incidents were not of our choosing, but hey, what can you do? I am not pretty familiar with ZOOM. I am trying to think if I even knew what ZOOM was before February. Again it seems like a lifetime ago.

We have made it to November. I have seen memes say we have entered the final quarter of 2020; what will the grand finale be? I think it will see us focusing on what we can be thankful for this year. November is the month to focus on giving thanks. This year it may be challenging to move past all the negative things that have taken up the past seven months. In school, I think about the 5th grade I learned a catching little tune. In the song, there is a line that goes "accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative, and don't mess with mister in-between". I have found myself singing it a lot lately. It is so easy to get wrapped up in the drama, negativity in the world around us, but it takes work to find the bright side. It is easier to find the positive and God in your life when you are actively looking for it.

I have an activity, or if you want to look at it as a challenge, for you. This month, I want you to make a paper chain of all the God sightings, blessings, or positive things in your life. It is a visual presentation of counting our blessings. When you are purposeful and intentional with your thoughts and focus, you can find good through the bad. Make at least one loop a day and write something positive about the day. Your blessings might be as simple as you woke up, or it could be the smile and laughter of someone you love. What you write on your link is up to you. It only has to be positive and uplifting. We all know that some days are better than others, so if you have an extra special day, add two or three.

The psalmist said that my cup is so full it spills over. Let's fill our favorite cup and spill it!



Mission and Outreach Committee

Mission and Outreach Committee met in October to finish distributing funds from the 2020 budget to various local and global groups. The following groups have received funding from our church Mission and Outreach Committee: Legacy PRC, Habitat for Humanity, Living Waters, People's Assistance Food Bank, Vision Beyond Borders, K-Life, Compassion, Advocacy and Resource Center, Casa/ Compass Group, Free Clinic, Presbyterian Giving, Sheridan Foster Exchange, and Lunch Together. It is because of your generous giving that the committee was able to distribute these funds.

In addition, the committee will meet next month to discuss the distribution of special funds. We are focusing our donations on organizations serving people affected by COVID or COVID response, locally, nationally, and internationally. The committee will also be considering donating additional monies for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at the November meeting.

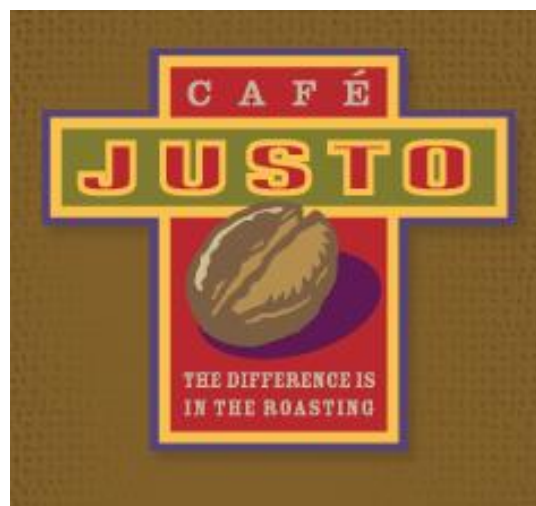
Equally important, the food kiosk outside the church is being used by those in need. Watch for updates on needed items for the kiosk. You are still welcome to contribute monetarily to buy needed items.

I will leave you with this verse of encouragement for difficult times.

"Be still and know that I am with you."
Psalm 46:10

Nancy Elliott,

Mission and Outreach 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.



Little Free Pantry

Meet Our Newly Elected Elders

At the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 18, the following members were elected as elders for the 2021–2023 Session.

Kim Kozel



Kim has been a member of FPC of Sheridan since 2014. She served a three-year term on Session from 2016 – 2018 and was on the Fellowship Committee. She has helped with LOGOS and was on the Pastor Nominating Committee in 2019. Kim works as a Nursing Assistant at the VA Medical Center. Her father lives in Minnesota and her mother, Betty Alden, was a beloved member of our church until she went to be with her Lord and Savior in 2013. Kim enjoys golfing, reading, traveling, rowing and swimming anywhere there is a warm beach or lake. She said what she loves most about Sheridan is her church family! She said “We are blessed to have such a wonderful and loving church body! I also love the beautiful surroundings here in Sheridan and new friends I have made since returning to Sheridan in 2012.”

Gloria Dierking



Gloria became a member of FPC of Sheridan in 2014. She has been moderator of PW Circle II, secretary of PW, and currently serves as secretary of Wyoming Presbytery PW. She is retired but had worked as a secretary/word processor for a civil engineering company. Gloria is recently widowed, has two daughters and two granddaughters. She enjoys reading fiction, quilting, and needlework. When asked what she loves most about Sheridan she said “the people.”

Craig Clem



Craig has been a member of FPC of Sheridan since 2014. He has been on the technology committee and has helped with LOGOS and various Christian Ed activities. Craig has been a cable installer for 21 years. He currently works for Spectrum/Charter focusing on businesses in the Sheridan and Buffalo areas. Craig is married to CJ (FPC's Coordinator of Family & Youth Programs). They have four children: Brenden, Izabel, Eli, and Ottis. Craig enjoys hunting, fishing, playing cribbage, and spending time with his family. What he loves most about Sheridan is being close to the mountains.

Kurt Smith



Kurt has been attending FPC of Sheridan since 2017 becoming a member in 2018. He is currently serving a one-year term on Session and is on the Christian Education Committee. Kurt is owner/employee at Sheridan Commercial Company. He is married to Heidi and has several family members in the Sheridan area. He likes to go camping and do home and yard projects. Kurt says what he loves most about Sheridan is the small town, the people, and that we have four seasons!

Beth Thurow



Beth and her husband, Greg, have been members of FPC of Sheridan about 20 years, transferring from FPC of Boulder, CO. Her church work includes Christian Ed, Vacation Bible School, LOGOS, Girl's School ministry, church office temp, retirement celebration for Pastor Doug, Camp Story clean up, serving three years as Clerk of Session, serving as an elder, and CRE/CPM/Committee on Vocations/Exam Reader. Beth is an artist and a homemaker. She and Greg have three children and 6 grandchildren. She likes walking, gardening, reading, and YouTube rabbit trails! What she loves most about Sheridan is "sunrise and morning coffee on the deck with Greg!"

Amy Turpin



Amy has been a member of FPC of Sheridan since 2010. She is on Christian Ed Committee and was on the Pastor Nominating Committee. She has been a Registered Nurse for 23 years, currently working as nursing faculty at Sheridan College. Amy and her husband, Ron, have two girls, Katie and Maggie. Amy's mom, Diane, also attends FPC. Amy likes running, hiking, and photography. When asked what she likes most about Sheridan, she said "Family lifestyle, great community, outdoor activities, and no commute!"

Tod Windsor



Tod has been a member of FPC of Sheridan since 2011 when they moved back to Sheridan. Prior to that, they were members of FPC of Granville, OH. He has served on several committees including Personnel, Budget & Finance, Technology, and Interim Pastor Search Committee. Tod and his wife, Jan, opened Jimmy John's in Sheridan and Gillette and later sold those businesses. He currently works in Marketing and Database Management at The Brinton Museum in Big Horn. Tod and Jan have two children, Haven and Andrew. Tod likes to ride motorcycles, fly fish, read and shoot (hoping his lab puppy turns into a hunting dog!). When asked what he likes most about Sheridan, he said "I grew up here, so it feels like home. I love the natural surroundings, wildlife, and scenery."

Presbyterian Women (PW)

Greetings First Presbyterian Church! November Blessings from Presbyterian Women!!

We as Presbyterian Women would like to send a resounding THANK YOU to our State Moderator, Kathy Lundberg, for the time she spent putting together our PW Annual Fall meeting which was held virtually! It was so great to see everyone, We are very grateful that this avenue of communication is available. Kathy is patient, kind, and has a very sweet heart and light for us Presbyterian Women!

Wow, November already. This past year seems like a blur! Our culture says November is the month to talk about being grateful. I believe this year has taught us to be grateful no matter what month it is. There is so much happening locally and around the world. As fear of the unknown is running **rampant** everywhere, we, as Christians, who have a relationship with the Living God, can say, "Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble." Psalms 119:165 (NIV). Pray for each other. Pray for our church home. Pray for kindness to become **rampant**! Please pick up the phone and call one of your PW sisters or someone in the church to let them know they're being thought about. PW is all about being there for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our "**One eye on the Past**" featured woman this month is **Gloria Stresky**.

Gloria Joyce (Wittwer) Stresky was born May 5, 1924, to Swiss parents, Gottlieb and Minnae (Minnie), in Monticello, Wisconsin. After graduating from Albany High School in 1942, she attended the Groves-Barnhart Secretarial School in Madison, from which she was assigned a coveted position as assistant to the director of the War Production Board in Washington D.C. until the end of World War II.

Gloria Stresky



A fun tidbit: During this pre-computerized age when most documents were written or coded manually, files for the The Manhattan Project [aka: the atom bomb] were passed from person-to-person, then tucked inside a large vault, the combination to which was written in the back of Gloria's stenotype book. One can only imagine the implications if the code had fallen into the wrong hands!

After the end of the war, Gloria transferred to the State Department where she worked until the birth of her daughter, Patricia, in 1947.

Prior to moving to D.C. from Wisconsin, she met James Werner Stresky (who was stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago) at a Methodist dance for soldiers.

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After corresponding while he served as Radioman First Class aboard the USS Shea in the Pacific Theater, they married on January 31, 1946, and lived in D.C. until the fall of 1951 when fate changed the course of their lives.

Hearing about a rare opportunity for a court reporter in Wyoming, Jim flew to Sheridan, interviewed with the judges (who'd never seen a stenotype before), then immediately flew back to D.C. to tell Gloria he'd been hired on the spot.

Pregnant with Mary Jo, who'd be born the following March, she asked, "Where's Wyoming?" while frantically packing for their new adventures. Shortly upon arriving in Sheridan, Jim and Gloria joined the First Presbyterian Church. Their son, Steve, would be born in 1956.

In addition to serving on the Session, the financial committee, Circle I, and as an elder, Gloria taught Sunday school at the old gothic church on South Main, then at the new church on Colonial Drive.

Decades of her family singing in the choir, Jim's "famous" bird whistle and booming bass voice as he narrated holiday stories, the children wearing angel wings in Christmas pageants, listening to the magnificent pipe organ melodies resonating throughout the church, and serving post-service coffee and cookies with her fellow Presbyterian Women, are just a few of the warm memories she carries in her heart.

Before her health prevented her from attending church services, Gloria was also a door greeter, and continued to work alongside the Circle I women on many projects.

To Gloria Stresky, being a Presbyterian Woman has meant fellowship, community, devotion, comradery and purpose. Now at 96 years old and as the matriarch of both sides of their families, her advice to Presbyterian Women is to be "Be loving and committed to God, your family and friends, for you never know when there will be another sunrise."

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.

Important PW DATES TO REMEMBER

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.



We look forward to having ALL women (as they are able) to join us at our events. Please watch your emails for updates on upcoming PW events.

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 levels. Please consider making this contribution in addition to your annual giving as a sign of your commitment to ministry both within our congregation

Pastor Karl's email:

fpc.karl@actaccess.net

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.

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

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis

Flower Guild: Carol Maloy, Georgia Mueller, Jerilea Phillips, Becky Motsick, Jane Gallagher

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Ted Knapp, Rick Semino, Chris Smith, CJ Clem, Ryan Landis

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, Dick and Sandy Birkholz, Jan Leupold, Jody Roberts, Jerilea Phillips, and Doug Moore for serving through the COVID period.



Session Members and Committees

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Carol Davis, Scott Davis

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Susan Smith

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Shelley Barrett, Kurt Smith

Fellowship

Kathy Lundberg, Mitzi Knapp, Jason Szewc

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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 Foshier, Jerry Saunders, Sig Palm, Carla White, and Jean Morgen.



Thank you for the kindness extended to Ted and I during his heart surgery. We are humbled and grateful for the cards, meals and prayers.

Ted and Mitzi Knapp

Let's keep current!!

If you have changed your:

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Mailing address

Email

Please let us know.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Harvey Johnson, Jerilea Phillips
- 2—Melissa Rieger
- 3—Louise Semino
- 4—Patty Brandt
- 6—Julie Bugher, Dennis Ledgerwood
- 7—Dennis Schreffler
- 9—Rhylee Cooper, Clancy Phillips, Matthew Schaffer
- 10—Doug Osborn, Tina Anderson
- 12—Nickie Arney
- 13—Peggy Blaha, Jason Szewc
- 14—William Graves
- 15—Cheryl Madden, Carolyn Thurow
- 16—Kevin Bailey, Jan Deaver, Robin Smith
- 19—Marion Reed, Jae Satterlee
- 20—Cal Botten
- 21—Mandy Phillips, Ruby Szewc
- 25—Craig Clem, Eli Clem, Todd Phillips
- 26—Sandy Browne
- 27—Carley Motsick, Tod Windsor
- 29—Jim Douglas, Jack Elliott

Happy Anniversary! November

- 5—Bill & Phyllis Cunningham
- 9—Wally & Louise Palm
- 11—Thomas & Miriam Nance
- 13—Dennis & Lorrie Ledgerwood
- 22—Mike & Pauline Stadick
- 23—Gene & Becky Bard
- 25—Dick & Sandy Birkholz
- 25—Jerry & Myrna Saunders
- 28—Dennis & Karen Schreffler



Youth Happenings!

CJ's Time With the Children is uploaded to First Presbyterian's YouTube channel every Friday.

Youth Group meets each Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the youth room. Masks are required. *Youth Group will not be meeting the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.*

Confirmation Class meets at 12:30 pm each Sunday. *Confirmation Class will not be meeting on Sunday, November 29th.*

LOGOS@Home 4 part (Worship, Bible Time, Rec, and Family Time) introduces, reinforces, or strengthens faith development. Fun for the whole family!

Statewide virtual youth group meets the last Sunday of every month from 2-3:00 pm via Zoom. This gathering is for youth from across the state of WY and is for anyone in 6th-12th grade.

The office will be open during these hours.

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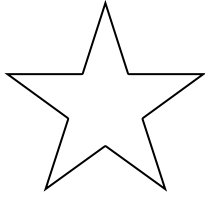
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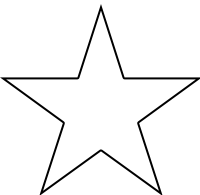
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Prayer for Military



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.

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