



First Presbyterian  
Church of Sheridan

# The Good News

January 2021



## LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR ORDINATION OF NEW ELDERS

In the Presbyterian tradition, when we ordain new elders to serve on Session, we have anyone who has ever been ordained an elder lay hands on them as we pray.

In the spirit of this tradition and in this unique time, if you have been ordained an elder, please send or drop off a tracing of your hand to the church office by Wednesday, January 13th. We will connect these hands together so that we can “lay hands” on these new elders when they are ordained this month.

# worshipleader

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## Worship Leaders

Once again, we will be having Worship Leaders assisting with both of the Sunday morning worship services. You can sign up [here](#) on line or you can sign up on the clipboard by the TV in the church narthex.



Dear Ones,

The second Sunday in January is typically when we celebrate the baptism of Jesus Christ. It is a Sunday wholly dedicated to that scripture passage in whatever Gospel we are reading during that lectionary year (Mark, right now). I always enjoy that Sunday because I am reminded of my own baptism and all that the event entails as we read about Jesus. But an important part of our understanding of baptism in the Presbyterian tradition is that it is not only an individual event but also a communal one. Both the individual or the parents of the individual being baptized *and* the congregation make vows.

As we start a new year, it is a good time to remember the vows that we have made as congregants both to God and to each person that has been baptized in our church. These vows go like this:

*Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,  
promise to guide and nurture this child/person  
by word and deed,  
with love and prayer?*

To which you respond, “**I do.**” We then continue:

*Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ  
and to be faithful members of his church?*

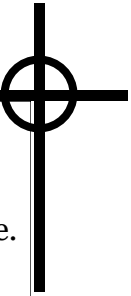
To this you have responded, “**I will.**”

The beauty of Christ’s baptism is that God claims Jesus Christ as his beloved even in his earthly dwelling. So it is that God also claims us right here and right now also as beloved. Further, in the baptismal vows above, we claim our love and our nurture for one another in this event. Take time this week and try to remember any baptism you have been present at and at which you have made these vows. Take a moment to lift those persons in prayer, and if possible, to offer them encouragement as they seek to know and follow Jesus Christ. The gift of God’s love is not only God’s love for us but our sharing that love with one another.

Shalom,

*Pastor Karl*





We usually put a star on the top of our Christmas tree, this year we didn't because the tree was too big. The star was a gift that Brenden bought for me from a store at his school when he was in second grade. Every year when I get the star out, the flood of memory is associated with washing over me. Then we wrap the tree with lights and add ordainments. Once it is all decorated, my favorite thing to do at night is sitting with only the Christmas tree lights on in a dark room. The glow of the lights radiates out and gives the room a soft glow. I will sit in my chair with a cup of tea and think. It ranges from; reflections on the past day's events, coming up, kids' activities, to-do list, and where my mind wanders.

At that time, I am at peace. With the help of the Christmas star and trailing lights, I count my blessings. It gives me a pause to take in the beauty that is in front of me. But eventually, the tree has to come down, and everything is stored away. The star goes away for another year, and the string of lights are wrapped up and packed away. The glow of the star fades, and the memory of the tree stays a little while longer.

The past year has been a trying one. It defiantly did not go as I had envisioned and planned, but it wasn't all bad. I got to spend more time with the kids. We played more games, did more baking, and laughed. It seemed like I could see Eli and Ottis growing before my eyes. Would I have had these opportunities with them? I may have, but would I have cherished them as much because "life" got in the way? These are examples of the thoughts that ran through my head as I looked at the Christmas tree.

The moments of playing cribbage with Eli, making cookies with Ottis, snuggling with Izzi, and watching TV with Craig are the little lights on my string of Christmas lights, flowing from the bright Christmas star, God's love. These sparks of love and sharing are what will anchor us in the chaos of the world around us. The love we share and the Heavenly Host will be the light in the darkness. When we are lost, we need to reach out to those little lights that help lead us up the string to the brightest one of all.

Finding the focus and the reflection time throughout the year is always a struggle for me, but I take comfort that I am not the only one. God put us in a community of believers to lift one another when we stumble. To direct our focus back to the bright shining Christmas star when the events surrounding us threaten to consume us. God sends us the little lights to remind us that love is what matters, and no one else loves us as much as God.





### Card of Thanks

To All of you who were praying for me....

Thank you so much for continued prayer support this last year. I was having terrible double vision and it could not be corrected with glasses, even prism lenses. I had surgery in January 2020. Thank you Linnet for driving me to Denver for my surgery. I was not sure it was going to work but after many months of struggling, lots of eye exercises and lots and lots of prayers....both yours and mine, my vision is pretty stable. I have normal, single vision most of the time. I am so thankful to have progressed so far! Thank you ALL for your prayers and Blessings to you all for this Christmas season and the upcoming year.

Karen S. Fosher

### Let's keep current!!

If you have changed your:

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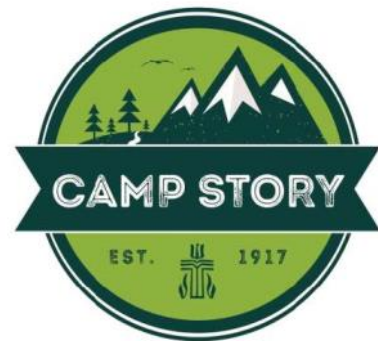
Email

Please let us know.

fpc@actaccess.net 672-1717

## Registration is Open!

Summer Camp 2021  
at Camp Story



Register online at  
[www.CampStory.org](http://www.CampStory.org) or pick up a registration form at the church office.  
The Early Bird Discount of \$25 OFF  
ends April 1st, 2021.





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

**Musicians:** Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Louise Semino, FPC Choir, Handbell Quartet, Christmas Day special music

**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, Craig Clem

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

**Meal Deliveries and Lunch Together:** Denise Mueller, Jan Leupold, Mary Ludemann, Kim Wells, Beth Bailey, Janis DeVore, Tina Anderson, Doug & Kathy Beagle, Doug Moore, and Brian Bainter



**Keep them in your  
prayers**

## **Session Members and Committees**

### **Budget & Finance**

Scott Davis, Tod Windsor

### **Clerk of Session**

Susan Smith

### **Christian Education**

Shelley Barrett, Kurt Smith, Amy Turpin

### **Fellowship**

Jason Szwec, Kim Wells

### **Membership & Evangelism**

Nancy Cook, Mitzi Knapp

### **Mission & Outreach**

Jerilea Phillips, Loren Ruttinger, Craig Clem

### **Personnel**

Teresa Williams, Beth Lenz

### **Properties**

Doug Moore, Howie Fitzpatrick

### **Worship**

Kim Kozel, John Jackson, Beth Thurow

### **Tech**

Chris Smith, Gloria Dierking

Jack Elliott, Margie Elkins, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr, Roy Davis, Julie Bugher, Jerry and Myrna Saunders, Sig Palm, Carla White, Jean Morgen, and Leonard Hurst

## **Lunch Together**

First Presbyterian Church will be serving at Lunch Together January 11 - 15. If anyone is willing and able to serve prepared meals outside, in warm clothes and masks, please contact Tina Anderson at 751-4810.

A big thank you to the Mission Committee that directs funds to help pay for the packaged meals, along with the individual donations of members.

This feeding mission is a great way to usher in all our hopes for 2021!

Thank You!

Tina Anderson





## Greetings Presbyterians from your Presbyterian Women.

Our theme for 2020 was....."One eye on the past, one eye on the future and 2020 vision to see God in all we do." We can look with one eye on the past year of 2020 and remember this:

It started out as a "normal year", where we had lots of freedom in our lives. Then March hit, and brought with it the "pandemic". Suddenly, our freedoms ceased. We had to cancel church. We had to wear a mask. Only one person in a family could go to the store. We couldn't go to or have any parties or get together. All of our "plans" were cancelled...with no end in sight of when we could be together again. And we had to rethink the way we just live!! Remember the rest of the theme??? **One eye on the future and eyes to see God in all we do?** While we can only really live TODAY, we can look to God for our answers. In our down time, we've had to figure out the best way to be safe and yet try to do the "normal" things we like to do. We were drawn closer to the God of the Universe, the infinite, yet personal God, who created each of us on purpose!!! Psalm 139:13-16 talks of how God knew us before we were born and all the days of our lives are ordained before one of them comes to be!!!

The theme for the upcoming new year is....."Jesus is the One in 2021." Each month we will continue to highlight a Presbyterian Woman and also examine some of the names of God.



**Important dates to remember:**  
**August 5-8, 2021. Churchwide Gathering,**  
**St. Louis, Missouri.**

## Our Featured Presbyterian Woman

### Marion Sept



To start our brand new year we are featuring Marion Sept. Marion McKenzie Sept was married to Robert Sept, for 43 years. Between them they had 3 children, Roberta, Virginia and Jack. Robert Sept was a Ranch Manager near Ashland, Montana.

For 18 years while living near Ashland, Marion worked as a supervisor of the mailing department at St Labre Indian School. After Robert and she moved to Sheridan, she visited one church and didn't feel welcomed. A friend invited her to attend First Presbyterian Church with her and there she felt like she was home! Since becoming a member of FPC, she was "shepherded" by Ted Tromble, Doug Melius, Paul Hayden and now Karl Heim-buck. She became involved with PW and joined Circle 4 which was active for about a year. She then joined with Circle 3 and has attended that circle ever since.

Marion served in several positions in the church; as an elder, she served on the Membership Committee, she also served on the Flower Guild, taking care of the flowers in the sanctuary along with keeping the candles trimmed for the services. Pastor Doug would say he never had to worry whether the candles were trimmed and ready! For 25 or so years, Marion helped on the benevolent committee with Linda Johnson and Louann Hamstreet.

She was a Moderator for Circle 3 for 10 years.

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While moderating Circle 3 she took her little group to the reservation on a field trip to see the school where she worked and also the museum there. Marion says PW and First Presbyterian Church have meant everything to her. The companionship, fellowship and friendships developed over the years are an inspiration to her. Everyone did their part to make sure each event was made special!

Marion's advice to future Presbyterian Women would be to get involved. Be a part of the experience to learn all the aspects of Presbyterian Women and all they do for the church, the community and the world.

### **Names of God:**

This month we will examine the name **Jehovah Raah (Rah)**. **"The Lord My Shepherd"**. Did you know....sheep are mentioned in the Bible more than **500** times, and more than any other animal? A shepherd is someone who watches over, looks after or guides somebody. John 10:27 says, "my sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me".

**Something to do.....**If you get a chance read the entire chapter of John 10:1-42.

Watch for an email in regards to our first PW meeting of the new year.

**CARRY ON, FELLOW WOOLIES.**

Jeri Joy, Co-Moderator

### **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**

Sheridanfpc.church

**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.

### **2021 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.*

### **Free Office Equipment**

Anyone in need of a Toshiba Satellite 12" laptop with a portable HP Office Jet 150 Mobile All-in-One Printer? The printer has an extra package of ink with it.

Please call the church office if you are interested.

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## Mission Committee

Mission and Outreach met in December to finalize donations. A \$1,500 donation by our church to Habitat for Humanity will be matched by Thrivent Financial, who have contributed up to \$85,000 for the 2021 build campaign. We are stepping out as a leader in Habitat for Humanity in next year's building efforts. As the construction season begins and volunteers can once again work on homes, Mission will be soliciting for helpers in building projects.

Second, because of the generosity of our church family, Mission was able to write a check from the Angel Fund for \$1,500 to the Christmas Wish Campaign. Three hundred dollars was also donated to Tongue River Schools for student disposable masks.

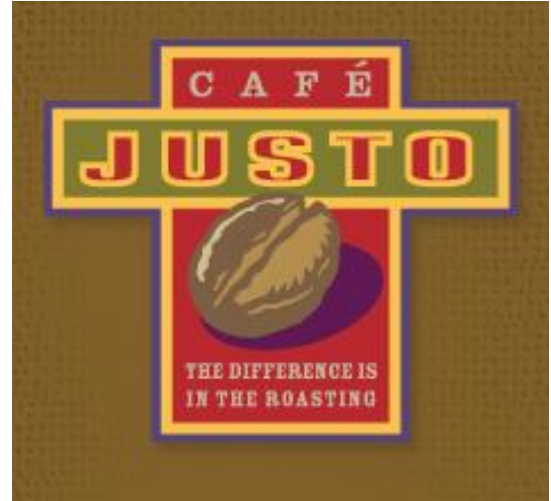
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance was our final donation. A donation of \$1,500 will be used to help deter costs of restoring the lives of individuals who are hit by natural disasters such as weather events and fires.

In conclusion, if you know of an organization or individuals that are particularly affected by the Covid response, please bring it to the attention of this committee. There are funds available to address the needs of individuals and organizations. Please help us help others. We know there are needs within our community but sometimes we are not aware of them.

As we begin a new year, let us ponder these words from Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Nancy Elliott

Mission Committee



## Order Just Coffee Online

Running low on coffee? You can order Just Coffee online at [www.Justcoffee.org](http://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!



## LITTLE FREE PANTRY





## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Agnes Hall, Marilyn Michelena  
5 - Izabel Clem, Avery VonKrosigk  
6 - Janet Burtis  
8 - Victoria Milne  
9 - Zachary Gray  
11 - Rex Arney, Betty Leavitt, Chris Smith  
13 - Phyllis Wilhelm  
14 - Bailey Bard  
15 - Alexandra Cameron, Doug Moore, Paxton Zuniga  
16 - Ted Knapp, Elwyn Maloy  
18 - Bruce Williams  
21 - Greta Johnson, Linda Pruitt  
23 - Hazel Ford, Rudy Osborne  
24 - Karen Fosher  
27 - Howie Fitzpatrick  
29 - Brenden Clem, Mary Holstedt, Jerry Saunders  
30 - Teresa Williams  
31 - Karen Izzard, Pam Moore



## Youth Happenings!

**CJ's Time With the Children** is on First Presbyterian's YouTube channel every Friday.

**Youth Group** meets Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the youth room. Masks are required.

**Confirmation Class** meets at 12:30 pm each Sunday.

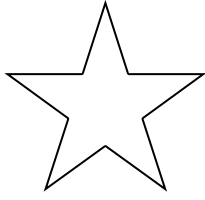
**LOGOS@Home information** is emailed each week. LOGOS introduces, reinforces, and strengthens faith development.  
Fun for the whole family!

## Happy Anniversary! January

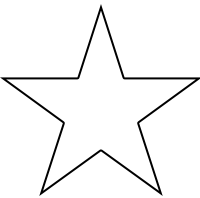
2 - Jim & Peggy Blaha  
5 - Lynn & Galen Tipton  
19 - Brian & Jean Morgen  
25 - Dennis & Cheryl Heizer







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## **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.



# January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:00 am Worship Service w/ Communion 10:30 am Worship w/Communion 12:30 pm No confirmation this day	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  7:00 pm Youth Group  7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	<b>7</b> 7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom  11:30 am Properties	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:00 am Worship Service  10:30 am Worship  12:30 pm Confirmation	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 4:00 pm Fellowship 5:00 pm Mission  6:00 pm Budget & Finance	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Membership 12:00 pm CE 4:00 pm Worship  Lunch Together  7:00 Youth Group 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	<b>14</b> 7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:00 am Worship Service  10:30 am Worship  12:30 pm Confirmation	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>   7:00 pm Session	<b>20</b> 9:30 am Circle 2 10:00 am Circle 1 11:30 Circle 3  7:00 Youth Group 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	<b>21</b> 7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom	<b>22</b> Annual Reports Due!  	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:00 am Worship Service  10:30 am Worship  12:30 pm Confirmation	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  7 PM Youth Group  7 PM Bible Study via Zoom	<b>28</b> 7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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