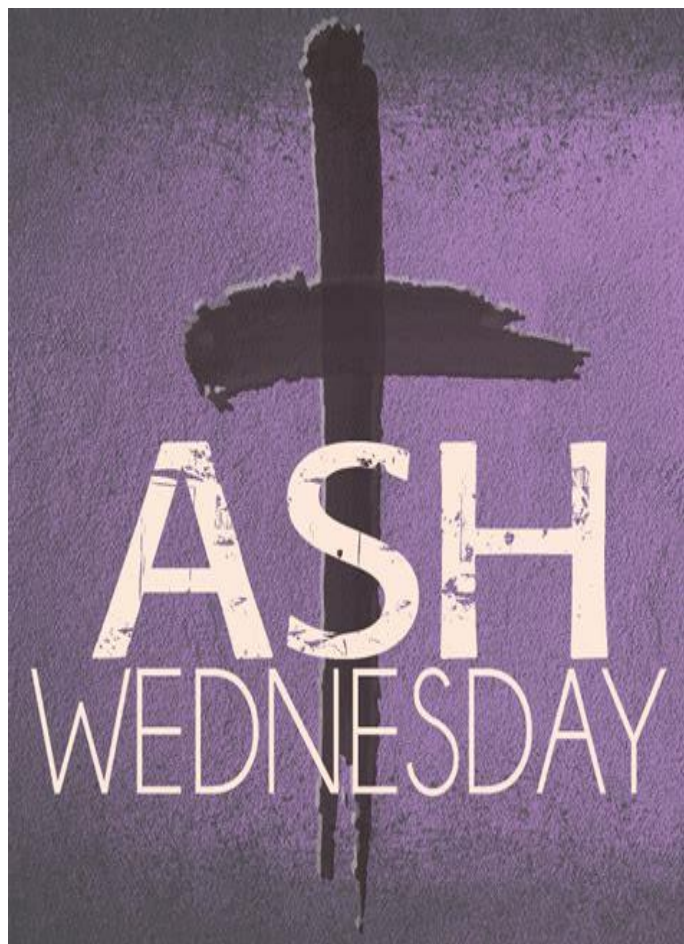




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Church of Sheridan

The Good News

February 2021



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Camp Story

Preparations are being made for Summer Camp 2021! We are absolutely thrilled and excited to see you all back at Camp Story to experience **God's love and grace surrounded by His wondrous creation.**

Camp Brochures are located at the information center in the Narthex or you can register online at www.CampStory.org. There are camps for all ages and if you **register before April 1st** you will **receive an extra \$25 OFF!** As usual, FPC Sheridan will pay for a portion of your child's registration cost! Don't wait and register **TO-DAY!**

We are still looking to hire a dedicated hard working Camp Cook who loves to make delicious homemade food, loves kids and loves JESUS! IF you know of anyone who might be a perfect fit, please contact Alicia Ford at 763-0919 or alicia.campstory@gmail.com. If you feel called to volunteer in any capacity, you can contact Alicia for more information and how you can best serve.

We are so ever grateful for the donations, volunteers, prayers and support this congregation has shown Camp Story over the many years. You are all a blessing!!!



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Dear Ones,

I

I am

I am giving

I am giving you

I am giving you me

*I am giving you me, God.**

So goes a beautiful piece of liturgy from the Iona Community in Scotland. Each line is spoken first by a worship leader and then by the congregation in response. With its growing nature and repetition this liturgy shows the path of discipleship. We grow and we grow and we grow. We give more and we give more and we give more of ourselves to God. And sometimes, too, we give less as if we regress a line because the path of discipleship, like life, is not linear.

I am sharing this liturgy with you because it encapsulates well what we are striving to do during the season of Lent: give ourselves to God. Lent is, originally, a season of penitence. It is a time of inward reflection. As we dig deeper within ourselves, we make space in which we can see God where we have not before, and we strive to give those spaces fully to God to inhabit.

In worship this Lenten season, we will be undertaking the ancient practice of “burying the Alleluia.” This practice is originally from traditions with a more set liturgy than our own and features the removal of the word “Alleluia” from that liturgy. We will, as you have in the past with Pastor Doug, forego the Assurance of Grace during the Lenten season. In this way, we will “bury the Alleluia.”

Now, you might be asking, “Why? How does all of this go together?” One way to think about the Assurance of Grace or any “Alleluia” in a liturgy is as a celebration of the ways God has given of God-self to us. During Lent, we look at the other side of the relationship; we look at how we give of ourselves to God. By “burying the Alleluia” we create a deeper space for such reflection.

I am looking forward to the ways in which we will grow this Lenten season and observe and give of ourselves to God. Of course, we will always remember that we can only give of ourselves to God because God has so lovingly given of the divine self to us in the life, the death, and the resurrection Jesus Christ. And since it is not yet Lent, let us proclaim together in celebration of that gift: “Alleluia!”

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Karl

**Liturgy from Stages on the Way: Resources for Lent, Holy Week & Easter by Iona Community Wild Goose Worship Group, © 2000, Wild Goose Resource Group.*



February is the month of love because of one little day out of 28. Why do we have to show our love for others, or those most important in our lives, just one day? If anything, the past year has taught us that life is uncertain and you never know what will happen next. Jesus tells us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. In Matthew 5:44, Jesus also tells us to love our enemies. I don't recall, nor could I find when I googled it, that you only do this one day a year or one month. So why is the focus just one day out of the year?

I have tried to teach my children to show love and compassion for others. I make a point to tell them, even those who seem grumpy, that we may not see the struggles that they have going on. We need to treat everyone with respect and love. The gestures do not need to be grand and flowery but sincere and kind.

With the events of the past month, it has been a plethora of examples of how we should pray and show compassion for others. Regardless of which side you agree with, when you lose sight of love and compassion life does not have the same zest. I find myself less understanding, quick to pass judgment, and my tolerance for people is not where it should be. I do not love my enemy, my neighbor, or myself at times.

How can we focus on Jesus' commandment to love our neighbor and pray for our enemy when we are immersed in segregation? How can we turn our anger, frustrations, and division into respect, understanding, and cooperation? It will take hard work, determination, tough conversations, and putting the teachings of God and Jesus into action.

I tell my older children and their friends that they have younger eyes watching them and learning. They need to be examples of how to act, how to love, and how to respond. We need to remember to be examples of loving our neighbors, praying, and loving our enemies. We are commissioned to be God's examples on Earth.

I feel here at First Presbyterian Church Sheridan we are a great example. We have the Little Free Pantry and the Cafe Gusto coffee. We support several other local charities such as Foster Parent Exchange, the Food Group, and Lunch Together. Another great opportunity that we have here is LOGOS. It is a fabulous opportunity to engage with several generations to talk about faith and how to love one another.

Love is to be shared, not with just those who are in your inner circle, but especially with those outside it. Sharing the love needs to be taught and modeled. How are you modeling it?

Another fabulous way that we show love is the support of opportunities for the youth. Typically, we have the annual chili cookoff each year and a silent auction. With the world's current situation, we will not be having the chili cookoff but we will have the silent auction! The details of the silent auction will be sent out at a later date. I am accepting donations for items for the auction. If you have an item(s) you would like to donate, please contact me and we can make arrangements.

The proceeds from the auction will go towards camping scholarships and youth mission activities.



The Fellowship Committee wants to invite you to join us for the first

FPC Virtual Trivia Night

at 7 PM on February 19!

Teams can have up to four screens join and will be split during the event into "breakout rooms" on Zoom so that you can discuss your answers with your teammates!

Register for the event by clicking [here](#).

More details to follow in the Weekly Update but know that your team doesn't have to be just church members or in Sheridan. Invite others to play and share that registration link with them!

Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Let's keep current!!

If you have changed your:

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Mailing Address

Email

Please let us know.

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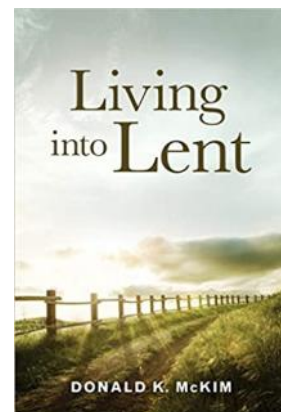
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The Lenten Study books, "Living Into Lent", are in at the church office. We have extra books so even if you did not reserve a copy for yourself, you are still able to pick one up.

Cost of the book is \$10.

The study is a daily devotional starting on Ash Wednesday. Discussion groups will come together periodically during Lent. Watch your Weekly Updates for instructions on joining those discussion groups.



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

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Arianna Thurow

Worship Leaders: Dave Engels, Mary Ludemann, 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, Craig Clem

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

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



**Keep them in your
prayers**

Jack Elliott, Margie Elkins, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr, Roy Davis, Julie Bugher, Jerry and Myrna Saunders, Sig Palm, Jean Morgen, Leonard Hurst and the family of Cody Wilson.

Session Members and Committees

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Scott Davis, Tod Windsor

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Personnel

Teresa Williams, Beth Lenz

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Doug Moore, Howie Fitzpatrick

Worship

Kim Kozel, John Jackson, Beth Thurow

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Chris Smith, Gloria Dierking

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



Greetings Presbyterians from your Presbyterian Women.

February is the month where the world's focus is on **love**. Hmmmm, wait, isn't that supposed to be every day of every month of every year? During this pandemic, we have all felt isolated, separated and lonely, yet God has been with us and has not forsaken us, because He **loves** us. Many have been contacted either by phone, or a note or by others praying for us, and all of these things have kept our hearts together. While this past year hasn't been great, one thing has remained steady and upright. ***The body of Christ, our home church.*** And this is one reason why.....Romans 12:4 says; "For just as each of us has one body with many members and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Some time ago, we did a study on our gifts and what that means in our lives and in the life of the body of Christ. During that study, our hearts were reminded of the **love** we feel for each other and our congregation. And this **LOVE** is our **HOPE!!!!**

Our February Featured Presbyterian Woman



Louann Hamstreet

Louann Hamstreet

Louann married Don Hamstreet in April of 1953. In total, they were married 60 years!!!! Together they had 3 children, Wendy, Carrie and Cory. They have 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. In 1962 Don started his own company in their garage and called it Top Typewriter. Louann kept the books and performed secretarial work for the business. When their business outgrew their garage, Don purchased and remodeled an old gas station, (now Annie Greenthumb), and moved the business there. After a time, they found a bigger building on Main Street, remodeled it and moved Top Typewriter there. In 1979, Don sold the business and it was renamed Top Office Products. Louann and Don participated in a group called the Wyoming Wayfarers with Bob and Leila Wilson and they went on many trips together! With the Wayfarers they traveled to Hawaii 3 times and went on a Caribbean Cruise. On their own, Don and Louann traveled to Alaska, New Zealand, Australia, a Panama Cruise and many road trips throughout the U.S., just to name a few.

Louann was raised in the Christian Science Church and was a soloist there for ten years, beginning in the 7th grade. She was invited to sing in the Presbyterian Choir in 1958. December 20, 1964, Louann and Don joined the First Presbyterian Church. Louann and the children were baptized that same day. Louann has served as an Elder, Choir Member and also served on the Worship, Bereavement and Finance committees. Leila Wilson, a very dear friend of hers, invited her to Presbyterian Women, where she eventually served in the capacity of the Treasurer (for 13 years) as well as Treasurer and Moderator for Circle 2. She also enjoyed being co-chairman of the rummage sale and the Farmer's Market. She was ordained in June, 2002 as a Stephen Minister. She also received an Honorary Life Membership from Presbyterian Women in March 2002. Louann was a very busy woman for the Lord and His church. In her spare time, Louann enjoyed going to their mountain cabin on the Red Grade side of the mountain. She has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi for fifty years and the chairperson of ten class reunions for the class of 1952.

Being involved in Presbyterian Women taught Louann true fellowship and friendship and she learned more about the Bible from the PW studies than she ever got growing up! Her advice to future PW would be that we could pick up where we left off before the Pandemic, only be stronger and more involved! Thank you Miss Louann for all you have contributed to our church and Presbyterian Women.

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Names of God:

This month we will examine the name **Jehovah Jireh**. “**The Lord, My Provider**”. When Abraham was going to sacrifice Isaac, the LORD provided the sheep for the sacrifice and Abraham called the place Jehovah Jireh, The LORD provides. Think of a time the Lord provided for you. Perhaps a phone call just when you needed it, money, a hug, a letter from a friend, a sense of God’s true peace, a healing, a song right when you need it or a feeling of well-being when all around the world is in chaos. Remember God called the Chaos into Light. He provided this Light to us because of His LOVE for us.

Jeri Joy, Co-Moderator



Plans are being made to conduct our usual **Youth Silent Auction** but with a twist this year as it will be a virtual auction. Donated items will be accepted through February 21st.

The auction will run March 1st-15th. Items will be set up in the fellowship hall for viewing and bidding.

Money raised will go to camp scholarships and youth mission activities.

Call CJ if you have questions.

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 at 672-1717 if you are interested.



Mission Committee

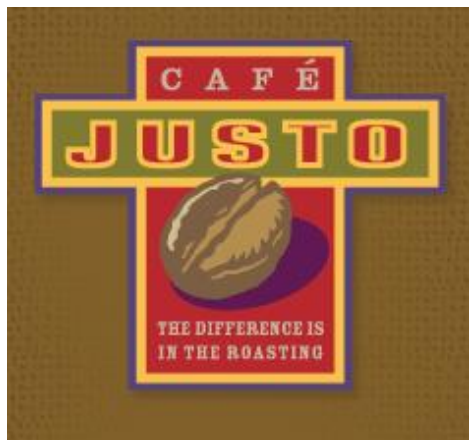
With any new year comes new leadership and the Mission and Outreach has a new chair, Loren Ruttinger. Jerilea Phillips has remained as the co-chair of this committee.

The January meeting highlighted the different entities that our church was able to help in mission giving. I hope you will take the time to read Loren's annual report.

In other news if you aren't getting the weekly newsletter, the food kiosk outside of our church needs to be replenished with items such as powdered milk, cereal, and juice. We are so grateful that our church family is able to help those in need in our community. Becky and Dave Motsick continue to monitor the supplies needed in our food pantry.

I will leave you with this passage from Ecclesiastes 2 :10 "My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor."

Nancy Elliott, Mission and Outreach



Just Coffee

Coffee can be picked up from the freezer at the church or ordered online at www.Justcoffee.org.

Thank you for your support of this wonderful mission.

Little Free Pantry Update

The pantry has seen a lot of use this past month. Here is a list of current items that we could use:

Cereals—both hot & cold

Granola Bars

Juice

Boxes of milk that don't have to be refrigerated until opened

Bread

Tortillas

Peanut butter

Applesauce

Rice-a-Roni or Noodleroni

Butter and/or Margarine

Coffee

Tea Bags for hot tea

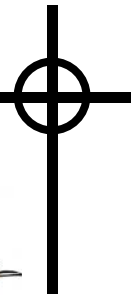
Men's Socks

Women's Socks

Small Plastic picnic sized salt/pepper



Little Free Pantry



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1—Heather Sutherland
2—Laurie Graves, Vivian Tarver
3—Todd Browne
6—Jacek Aksamit
8—Jay Bergstrom, Karen Townsend
9—Griffith Milner
12—Gareth Dixon
14—Brittany Brettin
17—Dave Motsick
20—Maxine DeTavernier
22—Brad Steidley
23—Erin Osborne
24—Carolyn Griffith
26—Jane Gallagher, Wyoma Sampson, Carter Wells
27—Bob Koester, Lynn Porter, Heidi Smith
28—Scott Davis



Youth Happenings!

POW Youth Group is meeting February 14 at 2:30 pm. This statewide gathering is for 6th—12th graders. Contact CJ for the link for the virtual meeting.

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

Youth Group meets Thursday at 6:30 PM in the youth room. Masks are required.

Confirmation Class meets at 12:30 pm each Sunday.

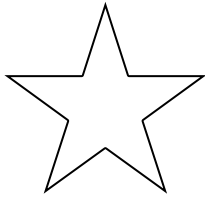
LOGOS@Home information is emailed each week. LOGOS introduces, reinforces, and strengthens faith development. Fun for the whole family!



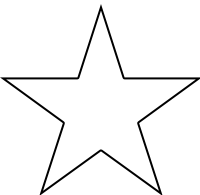
Looking for a Used Small Refrigerator

Does anyone have a small refrigerator (height of 32" or less) that they would like to donate to the church office?





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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 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)

George Johannesen (Grandson of Sig and Judi Palm)

Bendix Johannesen (Grandson of Sig and Judi Palm)

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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