



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

April 2021



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Maundy Thursday, April 1

There is a written liturgy for Maundy Thursday in-home worship. The liturgy is to be used at the table as you sit down for your evening meal. The “Agape Meal” is a Christian meal that reminds us of the many meals Jesus shared with his disciples and others during his ministry.

Call the church office if you are missing the liturgy that was emailed or you can stop by the church and pick up a printed copy of the liturgy.

Good Friday, April 2

The virtual ecumenical Good Friday service will be shown in the sanctuary at 12:00 pm on Friday. We will send out the link for the service if your preference is home viewing.

Easter Sunday Schedule

Easter Sunrise Service w/communion (outside) at 6:45 am.

Easter Worship w/communion (in the sanctuary) at 8:00 am

Easter Worship w/communion (in the sanctuary) at 10:30 am

The 10:30 worship will be live-streamed.

If you wish to bring an Easter **lily** for the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, you may bring them to the church office this week.

Fellowship Committee invites you all to “Hunt” for an egg on Easter Sunday.

All ages are encouraged to find an egg!!

The eggs will be hidden all over FPC property late Saturday night/early Easter Sunday morning and will be loaded with something special!

Please find an egg and enjoy.

Rejoice! Easter Blessings to you all.

Dear Ones,

Holy Week is upon us, and we move through this time following the journey of Jesus Christ as a culmination to the Lenten season. It can be easy to think of this week as bookended by celebration: Palm Sunday on one end with its triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the empty tomb on the other with its promise of resurrection. But in between we find the betrayal of Maundy Thursday alongside God's outpouring of generosity in the Last Supper. We journey to the cross on Good Friday only to find Jesus ask forgiveness for those who have nailed him to that tree. But there is yet another day often overlooked: Holy Saturday.

We rarely spend much time on Saturday thinking about the significance of the day which lies between Christ's death and resurrection. Holy Saturday is a day of ambiguity, and we do not dwell well in the unknown. It is a time of waiting, and we live in a society that can receive anything it wants in two days from Amazon. It is a moment in which God might not be found, and we understand God to always be present with us. Holy Saturday is contrary to much of what we have learned and live. But so too is the sacrifice of the cross and the resurrection of Easter morning when we truly consider them.

Because of its contrariness, I want to encourage you to recognize Holy Saturday this year because it is a day that mirrors where we are as a society. As we move through what is hopefully the tail end of this Covid business, we move through a time of ambiguity and waiting, a Holy Saturday, of a sort. We are unsure how to behave in certain spaces. Should we wear a mask or should we not? Am I in the next phase eligible for the vaccination or not? How do we proceed?

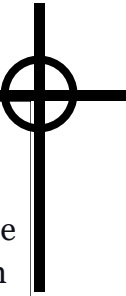
Ambiguity, the unease of waiting, and the question of how to proceed were all likely before those first followers of Jesus on that first Holy Saturday. Their teacher had gone to the grave unexpectedly. What more did this way of Christ hold? They had no idea of the resurrection to come so they must have surely wondered what they should cling to and what they should release. Was it all for not or is there yet fruit to bear?

Though we do not like darkness, it always provides us with ample space to take stock. That is the reason for Lent and Holy Saturday is the perfect summation of the season. Who are we? What is worth holding onto even when we cannot see or feel Jesus Christ? Is this faith tradition worth it when we see it will lead to the grave? Unlike the first followers of Christ, we know that the light will dispel the darkness. Resurrection *will* come. But the darkness has to be navigated. God's love can be sought and held even when it feels like it has released us. Easter *will* come. We will move beyond this time of waiting. But sometimes we dwell in uncertainty. Holy Saturday invites us to ask ourselves: what will hold onto when waiting and uncertainty are our reality?

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Karl". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Pastor Karl



I am a child of the '90s. I watched Thursday night's "Must Watch TV." I am a fan of friends and probably would have gotten the "Rachel" haircut if I didn't have my curly hair. I also enjoyed "Caroline in the City". The show was about a cartoonist in New York City that starred Lea Thompson. In between "Friends" and "Caroline in the City" shows was "Seinfeld". So, I was stuck watching "Seinfeld".

One of the things I remember about "Seinfeld" was the "soup Nazi." If you are not familiar with "Seinfeld" and the "Soup Nazi." The "Soup Nazi" works in a deli that serves soup. He is very strict, and it is very choreographed in what you need to do to get your soup. George goes in, follows the routine, and gets his soup. Before he walks out of the store, he opens his bag and questions why he did not get bread. Jerry is telling him not to question it and go. George pushes it, and the "Soup Nazi" shouts, "No soup for you," and takes back the soup from George and makes him leave. Jerry shakes his head and moves along. George then becomes so focused on getting soup that he returns, and while he waits to get in, he practices on how he is going to act. Elaine meets George while he is waiting for his second chance on his soup. Elaine is going on and on inline about something while George is practicing. She asks him why he is practicing, and he explains it and scoffs with his response. George gets up to the counter gets his order and his bread. He leaves. Elaine does not follow the protocol, and she is all over the counter and eventually gets banned for a year. (If you want to watch the clip of the combination of the "Soup Nazi" scene, [click here](#) or go to Youtube and search Seinfeld Soup Nazi)

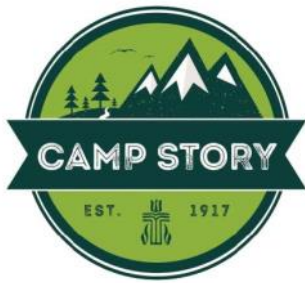
How many times in your lives have we done this dance? We are trucking along; then we start to think that we know what is best we order, pray, and then we question what we get, our answer. We ignore the gentle nudging or reminders, and we go rogue. Distracted and not listening to the voice and fall short. God's mercy allows us to come back to try again. Even when we act like Elaine and go all off course, God will never ban us from His soup bar. He will greet us with open arms.

A simple two-letter word can ultimately bring us to our knees. After being denied, George became obsessed with getting the soup. The soup was a little thing, but no one can completely change your life. How many times have you prayed for something, and the answer that you go was no. What did you do with that, no? Did you act like George and practice or changed your behavior to get the yes that you wanted/needed?

Seven years ago, my family received a no to a prayer that changed our lives. There was anger, frustration, and questioning manifesting in many ways. Looking back, they were not the most delicate moments. Our faith stepped up, and we accepted the answer. No is what led us to Sheridan. Our first night in town was Good Friday. Easter morning found us outside the Kendrick Mansion, watching the sun come up celebrating the resurrection with strangers. At the time, the symbolism was lost on us, but Craig, Brenden, Izabel, Eli, and I started a new life. I think it has turned out pretty great so far.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the silent auction! The youth and I are very blessed to have your support. The silent auction raised about \$1,500 for camping scholarships and mission activities.

Blessing to you!



Camp Story Registration

Camp brochures for Camp Story registration are located at the information center in the narthex or you can register online at www.CampStory.org.

The camps are for all ages and if you **register before April 1st**, you will **receive an extra \$25 off**. First Presbyterian Church Sheridan will pay for one-half of the registration fee for families associated with FPC.

Come to Camp Story to experience **God's love and grace surrounded by His wondrous creation.**

Contact Alicia For at 763-0919 or email her at Alicia.campstory@gmail.com if you have further question.

Let's keep current!!

If you have changed your:

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Email

Please let us know.

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

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis

Worship Leaders: Nancy Elliott, Kim Wells, Mary Ludemann, Scott Davis

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

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Ted Knapp, CJ Clem, Ryan Landis, Craig Clem, Rachel Mathews

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



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 Szewc, 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



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, Leonard Hurst, Howie Fitzpatrick, and Linnet McGoodwin.

The office will be open during these hours.

8-noon- Monday– Friday

Please call 672-1717 to leave a message.

office@sheridanfpc.church

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Church web site

Sheridanfpc.church



**Greetings Presbyterians from your
Presbyterian Women.**

***Our April Featured Presbyterian
Woman***

Linda Luegge



Linda was born and raised in Winnebago, Minnesota. After high school, she went to college. When she returned from college she remembers running into Keith Luegge while she was running an errand for her dad. They began to date and decided to get married in 1968.

In 1969, they moved to Sheridan, as both her and her husband started working for the VA. Keith was a Med Tech for the VA and Linda was a Contract Specialist.

When Keith and Linda were growing up, they both attended church. Linda attended a First Baptist and Keith attended a Lutheran church. When they moved to Sheridan, however, they found common ground and family at the First Presbyterian Church.

Together they had 2 boys, Mark and Brian. When Mark was 17, he was working his summer job and had an accident that took his life. Linda says that the church wrapped their arms of love around them and helped their family through the tragedy. They had 2 services for Mark, one here and one back in Minnesota.

After Linda retired in 2000, they became more involved in the First Presbyterian community. Linda was ordained as an elder; served on the worship committee; was trained as a Stephen Minister; and was PW Moderator for a time. Additionally, she spent some time teaching Senior High Sunday School. Linda says being involved in the Circle meetings (she's been involved in Circle 1 for a long time) has allowed her to know the Lord better and get closer to Him. The luncheons and brunches and working together with other Presbyterian Women to get the events set up, really made her feel "at home".

Every woman who has shared their life stories with us and the church community, all have one thing in common. Being involved with Presbyterian Women has helped create ***lifelong*** relationships, allowing each woman to ***love and be loved***, and develop a ***deep respect*** for other women. Linda said it always made her proud to be a part of such a group.

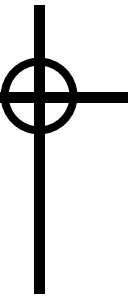
Linda's advice for the future of PW would be to be active and to invite new ladies from the church. Draw them into the Circle of Women called PW and maybe get them involved, perhaps a little at a time, so they too can feel like they've come home.



Names of God:

This month we will examine the name Jehovah Rapha, our Healer. **Jehovah-Rapha** has the power to heal you: physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. His Son, Jesus came as a healer. Jehovah-Rapha is one such name found in the Old Testament and means "The God who heals" in Hebrew.

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God first revealed Himself as Jehovah-Rapha to the Israelites after their exodus out of Egypt. After three days of wandering in the Desert of Shur, the Israelites were in desperate need of water. They discovered a river, however the waters were unfit to drink. As a reflection of the quality of the water and their emotional disposition, the Israelites named the river Mahra (bitter).

God divinely cleansed the waters by instructing Moses to throw a piece of wood into the water, thereby making it drinkable.

Following this miracle, God declared Himself as Jehovah Rapha to His people by proclaiming, "If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you." ([Exodus 15:26](#))

Here are places you can go to read about it.....

- Sickness and infirmity ([Psalm 41:3](#))
- Healing from mental affliction ([Jonah 2:5-7](#))
- Spiritual fatigue ([Psalm 23:3](#))
- Emotional suffering ([Psalm 147:3](#))
- Anxiety or worry ([John 14:27](#))

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.

All High School and College Graduating Seniors!

We would like to recognize all graduating seniors in our May newsletter.

Please have your information and a picture turned in to the church office by Friday, April 23rd so we can recognize your accomplishments.



Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 12th.

Mission Committee

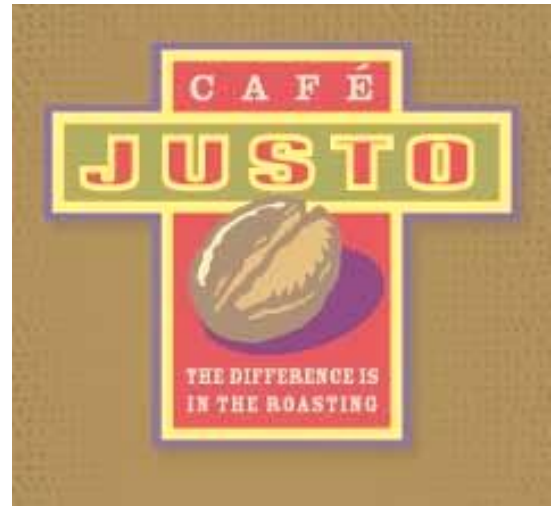
This month's Mission and Outreach article is focusing on our mission work with Frontera de Cristo on our southern border. Frontera Cristo is our Cafe Justo coffee mission project. I thought the history of this mission would be of interest to all of you.

Daniel Cifuentes and Carmina Sanchez were instrumental in developing Cafe Justo. Daniel Cifuentes was a former coffee farmer who was displaced in the 1990's by the drop in coffee prices. He was the founding member and director who developed the vision of Cafe Justo so other farmers would not be driven from their land. As a teenager Carmina Sanchez began roasting the coffee by hand. Today Carmina processes all orders and manages all the exportation and shipping of coffee.

Did you know that the coffee produced by Cafe Justo is USDA certified organic? It is always freshly roasted a few days before it is shipped to us. Have you noticed that when you buy a bag of Cafe Justo it is a full pound and not the twelve ounces that leading brands designate as a pound? Mission and Outreach continues to sell the coffee each Sunday. Prices are just ten dollars for any bag. You will find the coffee in the freezer located in the supply room off Westminster Hall, so please continue to support this vital mission project.

I will conclude this article with a verse from Mark 12:31 "The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Nancy Elliott, Mission and Outreach

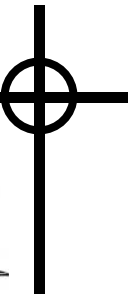


Order Just Coffee Online

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!





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Aaron Gray
- 2 - Dorothea Doerr, Gary Laughton
- 3 - Barb Townsend
- 4 - John Lundberg, Arianna Thurow
- 8 - Miriam Nance
- 9 - Brody Bard
- 10 - Gary Joy, Rob Milne, Kurt Smith
- 11 - Marisa Zuniga
- 13 - Nathan Fitzpatrick
- 14 - Thayer Shafer
- 16 - Kim Jacobson, Gwen Roberts
- 17 - Natalie Schreffler, Bryce Williams
- 18 - Janet Hamstreet, Ryker Zuniga
- 19 - Georgia Mueller
- 22 - Andrew Windsor
- 23 - Kathleen Shafer
- 24 - Linda Johnson, Michael Shifrar
- 26 - Brandon Forister, Riley Gallagher, Henry Szewc
- 27 - Jasper Tilden
- 28 - Mike Stoll
- 29 - Haven Windsor
- 30 - Gene Bard, Margie Elkins, Rick Landeis



Youth Happenings!

Youth Group will meet every Thursday at 6:30 PM in the month of April **EXCEPT** for Thursday, April 8th. Youth Group will not meet that day. Youth Group gathers in the youth room and masks are required.

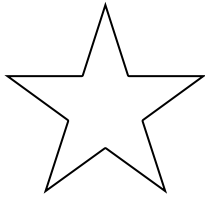
Confirmation Class will not be meeting on **Sunday, April 4th and Sunday, April 11th.** Confirmation will resume at 12:30 pm on Sunday, April 18th.

CJ will be out of the office From April 6th to the 21st.

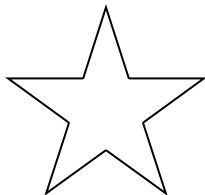
Thank You!

Wow! I am always amazed by the support of this congregation. Even with the craziness of life, the silent auction raised roughly \$1,500 for camping scholarships and youth mission actives. Thank you to everyone you donated and participated! With your support, the youth of our church have the opportunity to grow and experience God's love.





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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)
- 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)

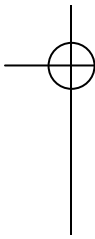
Marines

- 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.

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 am Bible Study via Zoom Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Youth Group	2 12:00 pm Ecumenical Service Good Friday	3
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