First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan

The Good News

March 2021



We invite everyone to watch **Inside Out** the week of March 14th and join us for a virtual discussion on Sunday, March 21st at 4pm. This discussion will be led by Lisa Schrott, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Congregational Life at First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island. (Bio below) *

Inside Out is a family friendly Pixar movie released in 2015. Much of the movie takes place in the head of an 11-year old girl named Riley, with five emotions – Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust – embodied by characters who help Riley navigate her world. The film has some deep things to say about the nature of our emotions and has moved viewers young and old to look inside their own minds.

Lisa will help lead us through the "teachable" moments in the film and guide the discussion of our emotional lives using her education and experience in the field of Neuroscience.

Inside Out is on Disney+ and can be rented on many streaming services for \$2.99-\$4.99. If you need help finding the movie, you can contact Kim Wells sheridankkw@gmail.com.

The Fellowship Committee will prepare "movie night goodie bags" and have them available to pickup at the church the week of March 14th.

Please enjoy the movie and join us for what promises to be a good discussion/conversation. To register for the discussion on Sunday, March 21st at 4 PM, click here.

*Lisa is the Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Congregational Life at First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island. She received her Master's of Divinity at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA in 2016 with Honor's in Practical Theology. Her Honor's Project was entitled: Neuroscience Informed Pastoral Care for Disorders of Aqing. Lisa graduated from Lafayette College in Easton PA, with a degree in Biology. Following college she earned an M.S. and Ph.D. in Biobehavioral Science (Neuroscience). Lisa is a second career minister, having been an Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology, and Neuroscience at Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, LA. Lisa is married to Brian McWilliams. They met while they were both living in Connecticut and they have traversed the country for their respective careers, living in Colorado, Minnesota, Louisiana, Georgia and now South Carolina.



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><>FROM PASTOR KARL<><

Dear Ones,

This month, we will hit one year since COVID upended much of what we know. I've been thinking a lot about what we have learned and what this year has revealed for us as a congregation and as individuals. I've wondered, too, what this year has taught us about our faith for the year has presented new ways to live into the life of discipleship.

To say "the life of discipleship" is the same as saying our trying to follow in the way of Jesus Christ. We name Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection as that which healed the sick, uplifted the broken, tended to the poor, restored the marginalized, and ultimately, secured salvation for the whole of humankind. These are the images of the Gospels. To strive to be a disciple of Christ is to strive to incorporate these ways of being into our lives and to cultivate within ourselves a sense of empathy with and for others. Jesus never met someone he did not empathize with even when he called them to accountability. In many ways, this past year has hit us in the face with opportunities to exercise and cultivate empathy and has, therefore, been an opportunity to grow in discipleship.

One way we grew as a congregation and many of you individually was through your outpouring of support for those who have met financial hardship. In a year of financial turmoil, we dug down and gave generously. We started the Little Free Pantry to meet the increase in food insecurity in Sheridan County and continue to support that in incredible ways. We increased our monetary support of Lunch Together. We helped with more utility and rent bills than we typically do in a year as we fielded more requests and tried to meet them. We didn't bat at an eye at making the necessary technology upgrades to begin streaming worship and holding online Bible studies so that we could care spiritually for all no matter the circumstance. These things show a strong sense of empathy.

As continue forward in the time COVID, we are fortunate that numbers are waning, but opportunities to show empathy and growth in discipleship will continue to present themselves. As much as we would hope, this is not going away in the blink of an eye. That means there are still burdens being carried by many. Healthcare workers push themselves through long days all while having altered many of the ways they know to care for people. Our teachers and students continue through the school year even in the midst of the changes they have made. Our hospitality and service industry workers put themselves at a higher risk of contracting COVID each day than most do. Part of empathy is sharing that burden and making sure that our actions further the decline of COVID and do not put others at higher risk.

Let us continue to care for others deeply even when it is inconvenient for empathy is never self-serving. And let the compassion that has been stirred in us continue to grow even as and so that COVID declines and so that the lessons of this time might be carried forward, showing us new ways to care for others and carry one other's burdens in the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church and in the extension of that which is our own lives and actions.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Karl

Pastor Karl

I think I have reflected the past two weeks on the past year, from March to March, then I did from January to January. This month will mark a year that our world changed. A lot has changed in that time. I find myself remembering to take a mask when I leave the house more often than I remember to take my purse. I have had more time to spend with my family at home than we have had in previous years. It has been a year in learning to be more creative, new skills, and more flexible.

Have you heard to become an expert; you need to put in 10,000 hours of practice? That works out to about 4 hours per day, five days for 9.5 years of intense practice/study. That is pretty intense! To learn new skills, researchers say it takes about 20 hours of exposure and practice.

Church camps are a great example of how this theory in action. While at camp, children are in an environment to have fun and explore their faith. While at church camp, youth spend roughly 4 to 7 hours per day, depending on age, in faith development. That gives approximately 20-35 hours that children received of faith development per camp.

Our church has always encouraged and supported this experience. Christian Education Committee has money available for children to attend camp. There are scholarships available, up to 50% off of the cost of early-bird registration. To take advantage of this fantastic opportunity, please contact me.

To support this excellent opportunity for the children, the silent auction to help raise money for scholarships and the youth mission activities is happening this month!! Thanks to the generosity of our church, we have exceptional items up for auction! We have items from beautiful handmade baby blankets, to lap blankets and table runners, to a birdhouse and a fly rod. A Facebook event has been set up to view all items up for auction online. Bids will be accepted in-person and via email (cj@sheridanfpc.church) from February 28 through March 14. Winners will be contacted the week of March 15.



A Camp Story basket of all your favorite Camp Story items...hat, wall plaque, and t-shirt.



Sample Auction Items



Handcrafted Split Cane Bamboo Fly Rod with Octagonal Tube Carrying Case

This 7'6" fly rod is a hexagonal rod.

The rod is a 4 weight - two piece

Also includes a "fly" hitch insert.

rod with 2 tips.

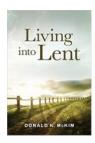
Starting bid is \$1,250.

Lenten Study

CE committee invites you to join the discussion groups which will meeting two more times during the month of March.

The group is meeting in-person in the sanctuary and via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

Next discussion dates are Sunday, March 14th and Sunday, March 28th at 9:00 am.



Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday Worship March 28th

8:00 and 10:30 am

If you'd like palms for in-home worship, you can pick palms up from the church office or let us know and we'll deliver to you. Palms should be available the week of March 22.

Maundy Thursday April 1st

In-home service only!

We will be sending out a service outline for you to share with your family at home.

Good Friday April 2nd

Ecumenical service time to be determined.

Easter Sunday April 4th

6:45 AM Sunrise Service8:00 am Easter Service10:30 am Easter Service

The 10:30 service will be live streamed.

If you wish to bring an Easter lily for the sanctuary, please have them to the church office the week of March 29th.



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

Sign Up to Assist on Sundays

To sign up as a Worship Leader, go to this <u>link</u>.

To sign up as an Usher, go to this link.

To sign up to bring Easter lilies for Easter Sunday, go to this <u>link.</u>

We're also looking for individuals willing to learn how to run slides on Sunday morning. Contact CJ if interested!

If you have changed your:

Let's keep

Phone

Mailing Address

Email

Please let us know.

Juanita@sheridanfpc.church 672-1717

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Tod Windsor
- 3 Steve Kennedy
- 4 Jacob Grimes, Becky Motsick
- 7 Brett Burtis
- 9 Shawn Luedtke
- 12 Louann Hamstreet, Denise Mueller, Dick Warren
- 15 Richard Rexroat
- 16 Tim Lenz
- 17 Jade Kane
- 19 Alivia Denzin, Ron Patterson
- 20 Prakash Landis
- 22 Dusty Ledgerwood, Ashlee Quarterman
- 23 Joyce Meling
- 24 Bethany Hunter
- 25 Susan Rappleye-Jackson, Galen Tipton, Colton Williams
- 26 Kathy Lundberg
- 27 Cheryl Heizer
- 28 Jack Roberts
- 30 Rachel Kawulok, Cole Steidley, Mary Jo Stresky
- 31 Zachary Luedtke



Youth Happenings!

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

Confirmation Class meets at 12:30 pm each Sunday.

Don't forget the **Youth Silent Auction** going on March 1st to March 15th. The auction helps raise funds for camp scholarships and youth mission activities.

Check out our Facebook page to view all the items up for bidding or stop by the narthex to view the items and make a bid.



Happy Anniversary! March

- 6 Sandy & Marilyn Michelena
 - 6 Doug & Ruth Osborn
 - 14 Mike & Teresa Williams
- 19 Robert & Jeannette Ruttinger
 - 29 Jonathan & Rene Botten
 - 30 Thorman & Jo Sholey



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?



Some notes from Miriam

2021 marks my 40th year of playing music at First Presbyterian Church! Ryan Landis and I did the math and agreed that I must have been 5 when I started. Ha!

I arrived in Sheridan in December of 1980 and came to First Presbyterian Church sometime in the spring of 1981. As we were leaving after a service, I visited with one of the nurses I knew from my new job at Sheridan Memorial Hospital. When she discovered that I began playing the organ at my previous church in New Sharon, Iowa when I was 15 and had played for weddings at other churches, she yelled, "Hey everybody, I just found us another organist!" I was horrified and wished I had said nothing. That was the beginning. I had been identified.

Soon I was introduced to the organist, a young woman named Alice. I think her last name might have been "Long". Alice showed me a few things on the organ and asked if I would feel comfortable subbing for her sometime. I hesitantly agreed.

The first Sunday that I played was well attended and terrifying for me. I remember shaking and making some mistakes but getting through it. I had rehearsed with the choir during the week, but they had forgotten to tell me that they also rehearsed on Sunday mornings before church. I arrived to play that Sunday and was confronted by choir members, wondering why I had failed to show up. I had no idea what they were talking about and was shaken by this greeting. I considered bolting for the door but resisted. After that service I received gratitude and encouragement from many people.

I subbed a few times for church, played for a memorial service and then a wedding and gained a little confidence. When Raz Sarkissian directed the choir, his wife, Stacey also played the organ. The next organist was Mary (Apple) Fletcher. I covered for her a few times as well. Reverend Ted Tromble's wife Caroline began to play occasionally, and became the organist when Mary left. I subbed for Caroline until she and Ted moved to Wisconsin.

Becky Yarlott became the next organist.

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I had my nursing job at Sheridan Memorial, some occasional part time jobs, and was single parenting my daughters Lesley and Vanessa, but I played each December for Becky, as that was when she took her vacations. I was asked by a Worship Committee member if I might assume the organist job if it became available and I told them that I did not think I could manage it with everything else. Becky left a few months later, and I was again asked if I would consider taking the job. I remember answering "OK, I'll give it a try". I had a strong sense at that moment that I was being directed to the role and I remember that strange feeling of "knowing" that I probably couldn't do it but saying "Yes."

When pastors Doug Melius and Brian Johnson were working together at First Presbyterian, I was visiting with them one day while feeling overwhelmed with all my jobs and responsibilities. They cautiously asked me if I thought I needed to step down. I said, "No, this is the job where I KNOW I belong!" They both smiled and breathed a sigh of relief.

During the past few years, I have been blessed by the church membership's willingness, through memorial gifts and other funding, to provide for new chimes for the organ and a rebuild in 2010 with new configuration of stops (different sound options) and ranks (sections of pipes). Morel and Associates from Denver maintained the instrument for many years and have since retired. We have recently contracted with Roman Uskovits of Rocky Mountain Organ services in Pueblo, CO for continued care of the organ. The instrument was purchased in April 1911, so is 110 this year! I have learned that it was originally powered by a water wheel that was in the basement of the old church downtown. Electrical power was added in the 1950's.

My husband Tom and I thank you for encouraging and supporting me throughout the years and through the uncharted territory of worship during a pandemic. I love our team led by Pastor Karl and the way we all work together. I look forward to the next 40 years....um, ...well, (we're back to the math issue). I will leave math to my mom (Carol Davis) and to Pastor Karl.

Blessings, Miriam Nance Church Musician For their service to the church during the month of February, the Worship Committee would like to thank these faithful servants...

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis

Worship Leaders: Ryan Landis

Flower Guild: 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



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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, and Leonard Hurst.

Thank You Miriam!

Celebrating 40 years as First Presbyterian's church musician!





Greetings Presbyterians from your Presbyterian Women.

Names of God:

This month we will examine the name **El Shaddai**, God Almighty, the All Sufficient One. He is with us and all around us, encircling us in golden rays of Light. He always beholds us face to face. Not one of our thoughts escapes His notice. Because He is infinite, He is able to love us as if we and He were the only ones in the universe.

Walk with Him in intimate love-steps, but do not lose sight of His Majesty. He desires to be our closest friend, yet He is also our Sovereign Lord. He created our brains with the capacity to know Him as friend and Lord simultaneously.

The human mind is the pinnacle of His Creation, but so few use it for its primary purpose – knowing Him. He communicates continually through His Spirit, His Word, and His Creation. Only humans are capable of receiving Him and responding to His Presence. *We* are indeed *fearfully* and *wonderfully* made!

Psalm 34:4-7; 2 Peter 1:16-17; John 17:3; Psalm 139:14. Take a few moments to respond to God's call to be His friend.

Our March Featured Presbyterian Woman



Sharon Browne

Sharon Browne

March's featured Presbyterian Woman is Sharon Browne. Sharon was born and raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She went to college at the University of Wyoming and when it was time for her to find a student teaching position, she asked for Sheridan, Wyoming!

While here a friend of hers introduced her to a young man named Jerry Browne, who had just returned home from the Navy. After her student teaching position here, she had to finish half a year of college, but while gone, she and Jerry communicated regularly. They got engaged after just 9 weeks of getting to know each other! (Sounds like a Hallmark movie to me)

Jerry's family owned and operated the Norge laundry and Dry Cleaning in Sheridan. They married in June of 1971 at the First Baptist Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming. After their move to Sheridan, First Presbyterian Church became their church home.

Jerry worked for Sheridan Tent and Awning for 44 years and Sharon taught school for 38 years.

Together they had 2 children; the oldest was Jay, born in 1974. He attended the University of Wyoming and became a chemical engineer. When Jay was 24, he was diagnosed with cancer and passed away.

Their second son, Todd was born in 1979 and when he was older he joined the Navy, following in his father's footsteps. While in Japan, Todd met Tomomi and when they married, Jerry and Sharon attended the wedding which was held in Japan. Todd and Tomomi have 1 daughter named Maiya, who is now 2-1/2 years old and a delight to Grandma and family.

Sharon says they spent every weekend camping at first in tents and after a while purchasing a camper trailer and ATV's. They enjoyed the mountains and camping until 2015. They also spent 5 years in Arizona during the winter months.

Sharon says that Linda Johnson and Linda Luegge were two of her close friends in church and part of the reason she joined Presbyterian Women. She says PW has meant a lot to her as lifelong friendships were created.

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One of the many things Sharon enjoyed during Presbyterian events was the fellowship of other women. Women who always seemed to be there whenever a crisis evolved and help any way they could. She has loved the Bible studies and developed a love for the Bible because of these studies.

In her spare time, Sharon volunteers with many organizations; BPO Does (Elks), P.E.O. Chapter B, Sheridan Memorial Auxiliary and Red Hats, just to name a few. For First Presbyterian she's been an elder, a Stephen Minister, a Sunday school teacher and most recently a Co-Moderator for PW. Her thoughts for PW going forward are to figure out a way for women to be involved. It isn't just another group, it's a life-giving, women honoring, fellowship of sisters.

Jeri Joy, Co-Moderator

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.



Scott and Elmarie Parker

Mission Co-Workers

Meet Our Mission Co-Workers

Mission and Outreach will be introducing you to Mission Co-Workers in the next few months that receive financial support from our church. Our first Mission Co-Workers in this series are Scott and Elmarie Parker who are residing in Beirut, Lebanon. Let me introduce these hardworking Presbyterians to you individually.

Scott's biography states that Scott serves with the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) as writer in residence. "He uses written storytelling to communicate the experiences and views of the Middle East Church and peoples with Presbyterian constituents in the United States and MECC partners in both Europe and the United States." Scott works specifically with refugee children that have been traumatized by unrest and war in Iraq and Syria and now reside in Lebanon. He works through a program entitled "Strong Kids, Strong Emotions," a play-based program that helps to develop emotional and spiritual resiliency for refugee children now living in Beirut.

Elmarie's job title is the "regional liaison" to Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. Her work seeks to "deepen and strengthen the relational ties between her regional church and the church in the United States." After reading her biography, she has the difficult job of dealing with finding the commonalities for various religions in the region while representing the PC (USA).

As a husband and wife team, they deal with the fallout from displaced people where violence in countries like Syria and Iraq is a daily occurrence. Their work provides basic life needs such as food, water, clothing, fuel, rent and basic medications for the families that seek refuge in Beirut, Lebanon. Their work allows these refugee families to begin their lives again in an environment where their children can return to classrooms. They can once again live in a civil society built on principles of international law, human rights, and democracy.

Scott and Elmarie's mission work in Lebanon is summed up in Psalm 82:3, "Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and oppressed."

Watch for an article in the next few months on Mark and Miriam who are Mission Co-Workers with Frontera De Cristo.

Nancy Elliott, Mission & Outreach



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.





































March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 7:00 am Bible Study via Zoom	5	6
			No Wednesday night Bible Study this week	11:30 am Properties 6:30 pm Youth Group	6:30 PM Tech Committee	
8:00 am Worship Service w/ Communion 10:30 am Worship w/Communion 12:30 pm Confirmation	8	9 11:00 Personnel	10 10:00 am Membership 12:00 pm CE 4:00 pm Worship	7:00 am Bible Study via Zoom	12	13
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12:30 pm Confirmation		7:00 pm Session	7:00 pm Bible Study	6:30 pm Youth Group		
8:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm "Inside Out" movie discussion	Palms available for pickup this week for in-home Palm Sunday worship	23	DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	7:00 am Bible Study via Zoom	26	27
No Confirmation						
Palm Sunday 8:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am Worship No Confirmation	First day to bring Easter lilies to the church	30	31	Move your cloo ahead March 1	ng d!	

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