



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

May 2021



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Mission Committee

Just Coffee is once again available in the church lobby for purchase each Sunday.

Mission committee will actually meet at the church in person and will do so for our May meeting. We are all excited about that.

Exciting announcement! We will be having a complete **Compassion Service on June 27th**. You may remember that we were unable to sponsor a full service dedicated to Compassion due to the pandemic last year.

This service will include packets of actual children who are needing sponsors and an amazing Compassion speaker who is from Kenya who was sponsored by a gentleman in the US with life changing results. Look for Kennedy-Krezi bio in June's newsletter. Kennedy currently resides in Greeley, Colorado and is a much sought after speaker. We feel very fortunate to have him booked.

Our church has sponsored this Christ centered mission for many years and over 60 members are or have been sponsors. Compassion International is an organization founded in 1952 and with a mission to release children from poverty in Jesus name and do it through local churches. Currently there are 8000 church centered Compassion centers throughout 25 countries and almost two million children are being sponsored. Headquarters are located in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The monthly cost of sponsorship is \$38. and for this they receive food assistance, clean water, medical care, education, clothing when needed and spiritual guidance. During the pandemic when the children could not attend the church sponsored centers, the Compassion workers visited the children's home to assess the family needs and provide the things needed to continue to thrive.

When you sponsor a child you are able write to them and they to you. Their letters are translated for you. It is always a joyful day when you open your email and have a letter from the child you sponsor and see pictures of them as they grow.

If you are curious to learn more about Compassion International it is a "Google" away.

You can also learn more about Kennedy-Krezi via the internet and he also can be seen on YouTube.

So.....Mark your calendars for June 27th as Compassion International Sunday.

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Dear Ones,

This past week in worship we talked about the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch from Acts 8. In this story, Philip is driven to a wilderness road by the Spirit but given no direction as to what he should do once he gets there. So, he arrives, and he pays attention for the Spirit's working.

Paying attention is key in the life of discipleship. We live in a world where we are bombarded every moment with updates from friends on our Facebook page, Instagram account, or whatever form of social media you might use. If not glued to our phone, tablet, or computer, we often divert our eyes to the television screen. Our capacity to pay attention to something that is deeper than the most recent post popping up, by most accounts, is dwindling. We have more trouble staying focused than ever before.

The inability to pay attention poses a threat to our making progress in the way of following Jesus. Imagine Philip sitting by the side of that wilderness road glued to his iPhone instead of who might come across his path. The eunuch's chariot might have ridden right by! But Philip's default position was to pay attention to how the Spirit was working in the place where he had been led. One of the greatest challenges facing the church and its members in a post-Christian culture is making our default position like Philip's – one that has eyes open to God's ongoing activity in the world.

As the summer approaches, there is much that will draw our attention elsewhere. We will go camping. We will go on vacations. Sports camps will come calling. For me, personally, the rivers will clear up soon enough, and they will beckon my fly line. While summer is a time to relax – a sabbath of sorts for many of us – it is not a time to quit paying attention for God does not quit working in the world in this time. Rather, the summer presents an opportunity to work on this critical skill of discipleship. Here are some of my suggestions for growing our capacity to pay attention this summer:

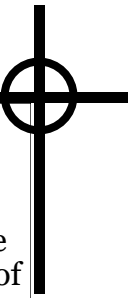
1. Worship every week. If you're camping over the weekend or away from town for another reason, enjoy that moment! When you return, get on the church's YouTube page and engage in Sunday's worship (even if it's Wednesday or later). Virtual worship is not always ideal, but worship is too important to leave out of our lives even for one week because it orients us toward God and God's agency in the world.
2. Practice gratitude. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, give thanks to God for creating such possibilities. Doing so helps you recognize the Spirit's presence in that place.
3. Even if you do #1 and #2 individually, remember that on the wilderness road Philip met someone else. We engage the Spirit's leading together. We are not the church on our own. Be both astonished and relieved by that reminder!

Again, pay attention. Pay attention to what God is doing all over place for if we wish to engage in what God is doing, we have to first see it. And if we make such looking out our default position, everything else will fall into place.

“Seek first the kingdom of God and everything else will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Karl



About a week ago, my mom and Ottis planted several pumpkin seeds. They took a Starbucks cup filled it with dirt. Ottis was responsible for making sure that they were watered and in the sun. He was all worried that they weren't going to grow. He was checking them like every day the first couple of days, and then the excitement wore off, and he forgot about them. Then this morning, as we were in the living room by the shelf they were placed on, I looked, and there was a sprout. The sprout was about 1 inch tall. He was so excited that it grew! He then started looking close that the other cup to see if there were any other sprouts that he could see. He was disappointed that there wasn't any in the other cup. I told him that just like people, seeds grow at their rate. He accepted the answer and said he would remember to check on them tomorrow. With a six-year-old attention span, he may forget again, but that is where his siblings and parents will step in to help.

Ottis' pumpkin seed and our conversation made me think about our faith. That over the years, the seeds are planted. It is always exciting when you see a sprout of faith. The joy and excitement are there. The enthusiasm to continue to care and nurture it is foremost in your mind. But with time, it might wane. Something shinier might come along and distract you. That is when the support of siblings in Christ comes along to help take care of it. They may water it for you, pray for you, nurturing it for you, calling and reaching to you. Just like Ottis may not see us helping him care for his little pumpkin, we may not know who the ones are that were taking care of us. Either way, we all will eventually see the results.

This month we celebrate the hard work, determination, support, and love of high school and college graduates. These individuals will be celebrating a milestone. We lift them in prayer as they move on to the next phase of their life. Just as sprouts get new leaves, branches and become stronger, these bright individuals do too. Congratulations, and may God bless you on your next adventure.

For the past six months, I have had the honor of leading the confirmation class. I always love doing confirmation for many different reasons. One, I love watching the youth come in a little hesitant and not knowing precisely what to expect. I would like to think it is the class and not me :) Two, the growth and ownership that I see in the students over our time together is just heartwarming. I could keep gushing, but I won't. Welcome to Avery VonKrosigk, River Osborne, Prakash Landis, Ruby Szewc, and Alivia Denzin. May God bless you as you continue to grow in your faith.

Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, texts, and meals! It sure makes a girl feel loved. I am so blessed to be a part of just a loving church family.





**Congratulations to
all our graduates!**

Reese Osborne



High school senior Reese is the son of Erin and Kenny Osborne and has been an advanced Math and Science student. Reese has also been Student of the Month, 2020 All-State football player, 4 time All-State wrestler, 2 time State Wrestling Champion, and NHSCA High School National All-American. Reese enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, mountains, dirt biking, and being with friends and family.

Reese has offers and scholarships to wrestle in college but at this time is unsure where he will commit. He plans to pursue a business degree.

Andrew White



Carla White's grandson Andrew will graduate from the University of Wyoming in May with a Bachelor of Science and double majors in molecular biology and physiology. Andrew consistently made the President's Honor Roll during his years at UW. Andrew's future plan is to apply to the University of Wyoming WWAMI Medical School program affiliated with the University of Washington. He will work at Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie during the summer.

Isaac Grimes

Isaac is the son of Beth and Tim Lenz and Jeff and Lusi Grimes. Isaac is graduating from Sheridan College with an Associates of Fine Arts in Music and a Certificate in Music Technology.

Isaac received the Whitney Award for Outstanding Performer. He has also been recognized for music composition and a current composition of his was featured at Sheridan College's Jazz Concert in April.

Isaac will continue his studies in music at either Colorado State University or Chadron State College in Nebraska.



Ally Baxter



Ally is the daughter of Mandy & Dave Baxter and has been an honor student throughout high school. She has played the violin kindergarten through her senior year, participated in Orchestra, swimming, track, soccer and volleyball through Jr. high and high school.

Ally's interests include music; painting & drawing; animal and plant sciences; nature lover; playing with her sister and chilling with her friends; and loving her 2 dogs Brookie and Baxter.

Immediate plans are to enter the workforce and attend college within the next 1-2 years.

Colton Williams

Colton Williams, son of Mike & Teresa Williams, graduated April 17th from Rocky Mountain College with a BS in History & Political Science. Colton received the Outstanding Student Award for the History & Political Science Department.

Colton plans to continue his education attending Law School at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.



Sandy Fitzpatrick



Carter Wells

Carter is the son of Kim Wells and Jeff and Lisa Wells. Carter graduated from Sheridan College with an associate degree in business.

Sandy graduated from Sheridan College with her RN degree. Sandy is looking forward to working in the mental health department at the VA in Sheridan.



May all our graduates walk safely along the pathway of their dreams!



**Greetings Presbyterians from your
Presbyterian Women.**

***Our May Featured Presbyterian
Woman***

Nancy Cook



Nancy was born and raised in Sheridan, Wyoming. Except for a short amount of time away from First Presbyterian Church to worship with the Quakers, Nancy has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1943. She was baptized by Rev. McClure at the old church on Main Street.

Nancy met her husband Larry in Sheridan at a friend's wedding. They were married in the old Presbyterian Church on Main Street in 1962. Larry worked for Holly Sugar for 35 years and later worked for Ritz Sporting Goods. Nancy's work history is Office Manager at Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center for 20 years.

She was a mom and a homemaker while their children were small. They stayed in Sheridan and raised their family here. All 3 of their children were baptized in the First Presbyterian church. Their son is an engineer for WYDOT and lives in Laramie. Their daughter owns a tax company and lives in Billings.

Their youngest son, Daniel, died 6 years ago. Nancy has 6 adult grandchildren who live in Montana & Wyoming. She has 9 great grandchildren who range in age from 3 to 13 and they also live in either Wyoming or Montana.

Nancy has been very active within the church. She was the church secretary during the time they transitioned from the old church on Main Street to the current location. She said it was an interesting time.

While they were transitioning between locations, they worshipped in the Congregational Church, so she was busy coordinating all of that! Nancy's positions have also included; first female Moderator of the Presbytery of Wyoming as well as the Stated Clerk for them. She also held the position of Commissioner (a representative of the Presbytery) for the General Assembly. Locally, for the First Presbyterian Church, Nancy was PW Moderator and has participated in Circles 1 and 2 over the years.

Nancy said that PW taught her how to work together and says she learned to be a more caring Christian. Her advice for PW moving forward is to be flexible, and change with the times; i.e., navigating zoom calls and electronic gadgets, but **DON'T FORGET OUR ROOTS!!!!** She says Presbyterian Women bring caring and support, not only to each other, but to the congregation as a whole.

Names of God:

This month we will examine the name Jehovah Mekoddishkem .



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Jehovah Mekoddishkem or

M'Kaddesh **means** the Lord who sanctifies. In Leviticus 20:7-8, the Lord makes it clear that He alone has the ability to cleanse, sanctify and make us holy.

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

Romans 6:6 *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.*

1 Corinthians 6:11 *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

2 Thessalonians 2:13 *But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

Hebrews 10:10 *By this will, we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Presbyterian Women will meet as a group May 5, 2021 at First Presbyterian Church. COVID protocol will be in place.

We are recommending bringing a sack lunch. Please watch your weekly updates for more information, or call Jeri Joy 752-4553 or Rhea Cooksey-Dixon at 683-2362.

SAVE THE DATE: June 11-13. "The Simplest Way to CHANGE the World" Biblical Hospitality as a Way of Life is the theme and there are some FUN things planned!!! Deadline for registration May 20, 2021.

...how wonderfully exciting that this holy God doesn't leave us struggling in our own strength, trying to achieve a state of holiness that's impossible to attain. No! He is "YHWH-M'Kaddesh", "The God Who Makes Holy". What we cannot do on our own, He is willing to do in us...!

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.



I want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. It was a mighty powerful petition that got me back to Sheridan in such a short time. I should still be in Billings at a rehab facility. Thank you for the wonderful petition. I am grateful for the superior meals we have had during this time of recuperation. Sharon Brown has been a dear and driven me to Billings for more tests and meeting with the doctors. I truly feel blessed by my church family.

Thank You,
Linnet

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

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Arianna Thurow

Worship Leaders: Izabel Clem, Aiden Milne

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, Jerilea Phillips, 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

Ongoing 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, and Leonard Hurst.

Prayers for Healing: Howie Fitzpatrick, and Linnet McGoodwin.

Prayers of Gratitude: Thankfulness for confirmands, new members of FPC, baptisms, and graduating seniors.

The office will be open during these hours.

8-noon- Monday– Friday

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Maiya Browne, Kerek Ford, Linnet McGoodwin
3- Elizabeth Windsor
5 - Jeri Joy
7 - Carrie Douglas, Mary Otteson
8 - Lorrie Ledgerwood, Karol Meineke,
Grace Von Krosigk
11 - Jeff Mueller
12 - Jason Browne, Carole Hansen
13 - Tracey Burke, Jean Morgen
14 - Londyn Bergstrom
15 - Stephanie Baxter
16 - Beth Bailey, Jadyn DeTavernier, River Osborne
17 - Nancy Jenny
20 - Darlene McNair, Reese Osborne
21 - Sandy Fitzpatrick
22 - Joyce Groneberg, Jim Perry, Diane Peterson
23 - Jeremy Grimes
24 - Janis DeVore
25 - Margaret Litle, Marion Sept
28 - Bill Porter
30 - Larry Gold
31 - Sarah Beagle, Fielding Phillips



Happy Anniversary!

May

6 - Tod & Jan Windsor
11 - Chad & Amber Quarterman
18 - Doug & Kathy Beagle
19 - David & Becky Motsick
29 - Tim & Beth Lenz



Youth Happenings!

Confirmation Sunday is May 9th. Being confirmed that day are Avery Von Krosigk, River Osborne, Prakash Landis, Ruby Szewc, and Alivia Denzin. May God bless you as you continue to grow in your faith.

Youth Group will meet at 6:30 Thursday nights through the month of May. Last meeting day will be Thursday, May 27th.

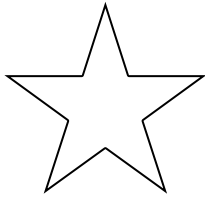
Watch for future emails and calendars for upcoming **summer youth activities** at FPC.

2nd Annual FPC Virtual Talent Show

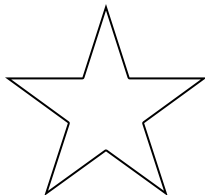
Don't forget to tune in to YouTube at 7:00 pm on Friday May 14 to watch First Presbyterian's 2nd Annual virtual Talent Show.

It's going to be a fun evening hosted by the Fellowship Committee!





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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.

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship Service w/ Communion 11:30 am Choir 12:30 pm Confirmation	3	4	5 11:30 am PW Lunch Together 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	6 7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom 11:00 am Properties 6:30 pm Youth Group	7 6:30 pm Tech Committee	8
9 8:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Choir Confirmation Sunday	10	11 11:30 am Personnel 4:00 pm Worship 5:00 pm Budget/ Finance 6:30 pm Mission	12 10:00 am Membership 12:00 pm CE 5:30 pm Fellowship 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	13 7 :00 am Bible Study via Zoom 6:30 pm Youth Group	14 Juanita out of office 7:00 pm 2nd Annual FPC Talent	15
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Congratulations Graduating Seniors!

