



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

August 2021

*Jesus Is The
Sunshine
Of My Soul*



Worship at Camp Story August 15th 11:00 AM

Sunday Worship with communion on August 15th will be held at **Camp Story at 11:00 am.**

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a potluck immediately following worship that morning.

Moorcroft is responsible for bringing desserts; Gillette will be responsible for paper products and drinks; and Sheridan members will be responsible for main/side dishes (anything that is NOT a dessert).

If anybody wants to help with set up or clean up, contact Kim Wells.

All help will be gladly accepted!

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Dear Ones,

While studying at UW, one of my childhood friends and I met every Friday in the basement of the Student Union to have lunch together. We would go to a restaurant called The Gardens, and we would order bread bowls (the Friday special). With busy schedules and largely different social circles, this was a special time for the two of us to connect each week and continue a long-standing and special friendship.

When we ordered those bread bowls, one of us always paid for both lunches. We typically alternated weeks doing this but did not keep a schedule. Sometimes I'd pay two weeks in a row. Sometimes he would. This was largely insignificant. The point of paying for both lunches, no matter who did it, was to signify our commitment to one another during that lunch hour. We were invested in one another. We didn't pay for lunch because the other person had the week before. We paid for lunch out of a desire to care for one another. It was not something transactional. It was relational.

One of the challenges facing disciples is to see the world and to behave in ways that are not transactional but relational. This is the witness of God throughout the Bible. God is faithful even when people are not because that is at the heart of who God is. God is relational not transactional. Similarly, faith is not a transaction. Faith is a relationship. We do not follow Jesus because we wish for God's love. Rather, we follow Jesus because God *already* loves us, and we have come to see that following Jesus is our way of living into this love, letting that love transform us, and giving our thanks for it.

One of the ways this relational nature reframes our thinking as disciples is our relationship to the church. We must change our thinking from wondering what it is the church can do for us to realizing that *we are the church reaching out to others*. This might sound like JFK's famous quote, "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country," but it is quite different. *You are the church*. You do not do something *for* the church. You do something *as* the church. When we understand that we are the church then we realize that the church does not exist in our lives in a transactional way. It does not exist to serve us in exchange for our worship attendance or our giving or our program participation. Instead, the church exists because you, Christ's disciples, gather. You are the church existing as this congregation because you have chosen to be in relationship with Jesus and one another. I don't know about you, but that is a powerful gift that God gives to us. It is a powerful way to make our way through this life together.

Now, adopting a relational rather than transactional style of living and following is risky. It's even dangerous. We open ourselves to getting burned or used when we live relationally because we put a lot of trust in grace and hope. We allow things to be outside of our control. But Jesus also put a lot of trust in grace and hope and the world was changed because of it even when such living brought him to hang on a cross. Looking at this example, perhaps we are to see that this relational nature is the best way for the church to make meaningful change in people's lives. And even when we feel we are being used or taken advantage of God is at work just as God was at work when this way led Jesus to the cross.

In the name of the relational God who loves us no matter what,

Pastor Karl



I don't know about you, but there are some days when I am on the internet looking for something and getting distracted. I go down a rabbit hole of finding useless information. Did you know, August 4 is National Night Out and August 7 is National Beer Day? August 15 is National Honey Bee Day, and the week of August 1 is National Clown Week? This information is what I learn when I get distracted. But, I did find something that made me stop. August is Happiness Happens Month.

Happiness Happens Month made me curious and then led me down a rabbit hole. It started as a single day by the group called the Secret Society of Happy People. (How cool is that name!) They dedicated one day a year to finding happiness around them and spreading it to others. Then, in 2000, they expanded it to the whole month of August.

The Secret Society of Happy People believes in the philosophy that happiness is a choice. Therefore, if you look for the happiness around you, you will find it. They also think that when you are happy, then those around you will feel it. Therefore, it is a lifelong pursuit to find and share happiness. Oprah Winfrey stated once that when she learned to be happy good things started happening to her.

If looking for and sharing happiness makes you happy, that led me to think about blessings and God's sightings. When we focus on the love and the gifts we are given, we find them all around us. We see the beauty of the sunset because we will stop to focus on it. We will see the joys of the child experiencing the wonder of an ant on the ground. Feeling God's presence fills us with love, and then it flows out to others.

There is something extra special about seeing children experience God, His Word, and love that is happiness and blessings. You can bask in the joy when watching Time with the Children, hearing their voices in the church, participating in a child's developing passion for our Creator, and praying over them. So, as we gear up for the church's program year and the school year, please keep the youth, family, and teachers in your prayers. Instead of Happiness Happens Month, we could participate in Bountiful Blessings Month.

It's a party, a pool party! Saturday, July 31, from 10 am-noon at Kendrick Pool. Kick back and enjoy some fellowship and fun. The only requirement to attend is that you want to have fun! So pack your towel and sunscreen, and we will see you Saturday!

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting Creative Arts Vacation Bible School. The whole community will be invited to participate in this unique ecumenical collaboration. We will be focusing on the different ways we can praise God through voice, music, body, art, and words. The event is geared for youth kindergarten through fifth grade. Registration forms are available in the information center, or email CJ to get a digital copy.

There is just something special about blowing bubbles. I love watching them grow, pop off, and float away. The way the light reflects and makes the bubbles shine. So on Wednesday, August 18, from 6-7 pm, you are invited to participate in Bubbles and Dillys at Whitney Commons fountains. We'll gather to blow bubbles, share in laughter and enjoy a dilly bar. Please RSVP on [Sign Up Genius](#) or the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Sunday, August 29, we will be offering backpack blessings. You are invited to bring your bag to worship that Sunday. Even if you are not a student or teacher, you are welcome to bring your backpack. Mine will be up there. You can never have enough blessings.

Have a wonderful month!



Blessings to all of you at First Presbyterian Church!

Presbyterian Women are starting to plan for Fall activities and below are a few of them!

Wednesday, August 4 from 5 - 7 pm PW will have a Picnic at the Church. Music will be provided by Jan Perkins. Bring your dinner, a beverage, and a chair. No business meeting is planned, just time for fellowship

The new 2021-2022 Horizons Bible Study books are in! Your moderators will get them to you at the first meeting of the year in September. Here are a few excerpts from the New Study called "What My Grandmothers Taught Me." Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus. Main idea – Family stories shape our sense of identity. Matthew begins his Gospel with a list of Jesus' ancestors. In this list we find the names of some rather unusual women – Jesus' grandmothers. Why are these women on this list and what does their inclusion have to say about the coming Messiah? What might Matthew be teaching us through their stories? We are being invited into the family stories that helped shape Jesus and that, therefore, shape us too. The women who are mentioned in Jesus' family tree, in particular, have back stories that are exactly the kind of story you can imagine hearing while sitting spellbound as a grandmother reminisces about her early life. I look forward to "sitting spellbound" with all of you, as their stories tell of the coming Messiah and what that means to us. Won't you join us?

Names of God:

This month we'll focus on the name Jehovah Shalom. "The Lord is Peace." This term was first used in the Old Testament by Gideon, when the angel of the Lord appeared to him at Ophrah in Judges, Chapter 6.

*In the days of Gideon, the children of Israel were living in a constant state of fear and trepidation. The Midianites, a once defeated enemy, had re-emerged from the East and begun plundering Israel with an overwhelming mob-like force. Gideon was not immune from the surge of anxiety and wave of uncertainty that had swept the nation. Sound familiar? We have many things today to be fearful of. But as in the Old Testament, when the Israelites kept their eyes on the Lord, obeyed His commands, and held on to His promises, they found **PEACE** in His presence. As it is written in Isaiah, "You will keep in perfect **peace** him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You." Isaiah 26:3. The relevance of Jehovah Shalom today.....Hebrews 13:8 says that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." And John 16:33 states "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have **peace**. In the world you have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world!"*

***Peace** is the antithesis of fear. It provides perspective, encourages hope, builds confidence, inspires courage and affirms trust in the power of God. We cannot control the uncertainties of life, but in the presence of Jehovah Shalom, we can find hope, joy, strength, and **peace** to face each day.*
*** According to Dr. Tony Evans article.*

PW ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our PW Annual Meeting will be held in Encampment on Friday, September 17 and Saturday, September 18, 2021. The theme for our meeting will be "The Matthew 25 Initiative". "LOVE IS THE ONLY FORCE CAPABLE OF TRANSFORMING AN ENEMY INTO A FRIEND. Our guest speaker will be Renee Meyers who works for the Presbyterian Mission Agency from the Matthew 25 Initiative .

More information will follow in regards to cost, lodging and travel.

Presbyterian Women will begin again in September with our first “hospitable” gathering being on the 1st at 12:00 p.m. As we get closer we will communicate the details for these monthly events.

There are 3 Circle groups and each meets at a different time at the church. Circle 1 meets at 9:30-11. Circle 2 meets at 10-11:30. Circle 3 meets at 11:30-1:00. Each Circle is filled with beautiful women, who love the Lord and want to build relationships with each other while getting to know Him better!

Other events happening this fall:
September - **Pie social** – get a slice of pie for a donation to PW. Exact date of this event will be forthcoming.

October – **ABC sale** – save all your Attic, Basement and Closet items.

November and December meetings are to be determined.

If you have any questions pertaining to Presbyterian Women, feel free to contact Jeri Joy, Co-Moderator at 307-752-4553 or email redheadgolferpw@gmail.com or Rhea Cooksey-Dixon at 307-683-2362 or email garrhedix@gmail.com.

The office will be open during these hours.

8-noon- Monday– Friday

Please call 672-1717 to leave a message.

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Like us on Facebook!

Church web site

Sheridanfpc.church

Thursday Morning 9:00 am Bible Study

The 9:00 am Thursday morning Bible Study group will start meeting once again on Thursday, August 19 in the church parlor.

The group will be studying the book “In the Grip of Grace” by Max Lucado. This will be a 6 week session with a 20 -25 minute video by Max Lucado and then 40 minutes of discussion.

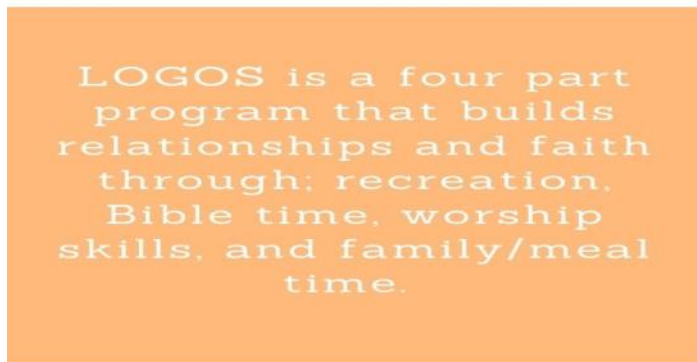
Books are available for purchase through faithgateway.com. Contact Jeri Joy if you don't have access to an online purchase of the book.

The study guide is \$9.00 and the book is \$16.00. The book is not necessarily needed for the study.

The following is a synopsis of the book:

Can anything separate us from the love Christ has for us? This is what we want to know. Does God really love us forever? Not just on Easter Sunday when our shoes are shined and our hair is fixed. We want to know (deep within, don't we really want to know?), how does God feel about me when I'm a jerk. When I snap at anything that moves; when my thoughts are gutter-level; when my tongue is sharp enough to slice a rock. How does he feel about me then? That's the question. Can I drift too far? Wait too long? Slip too much? Did I out-sin the love of God? The answer is found in one of life's sweetest words -- GRACE.....God is still holy. Sin is still sin. And we are redeemed.





ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

and ANYONE WHO KNOWS ONE!

One Sunday a month, starting September 19, you are invited to come to hang out at church and learn all the secrets about being an adult. Well, not all the unknown, but we will go over hints, skills, and life hacks to help with the next chapter of your story.

Do you know how to change a tire or check your oil? What do you need to have to rent an apartment or make a doctor's appointment? How to find a church? What role will your faith play? How do you know what comes next? These are some of the questions that we will chew on.

Mark your calendar for September 19 from 11:30-1:30 pm as we start on an adventure towards adulthood together! Please RSVP to CJ by Wednesday, September 15, which will help with food plans. Keep an eye on your mailboxes for more information.



Youth Happenings!

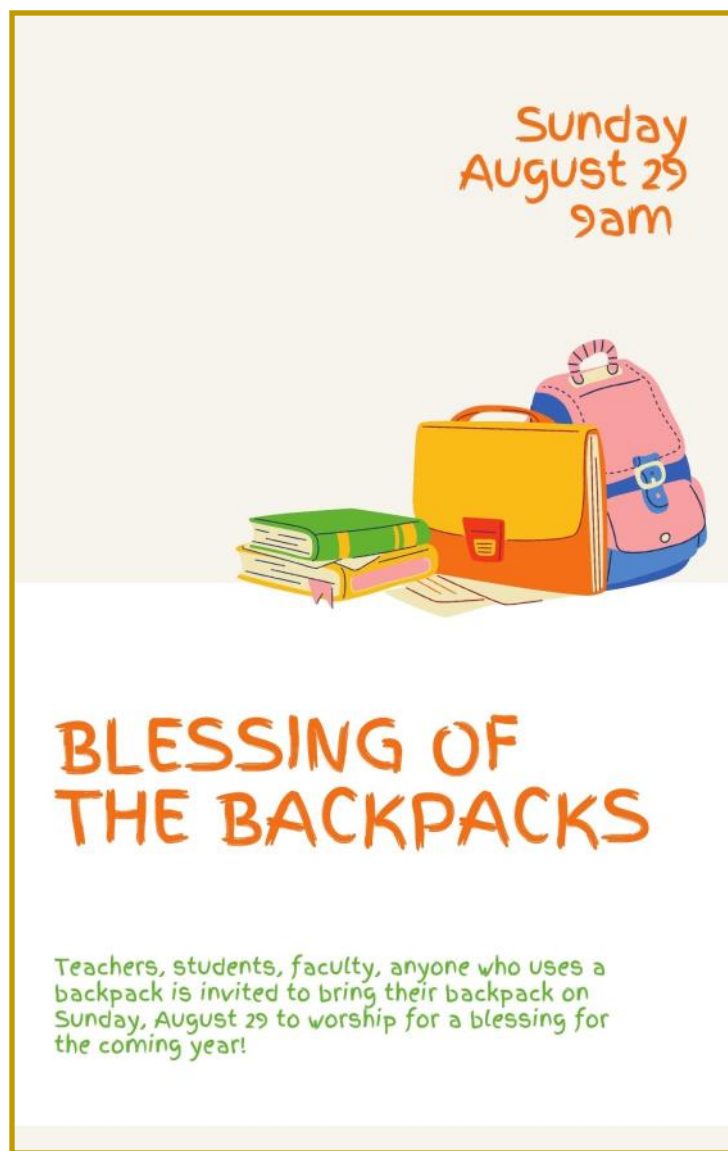
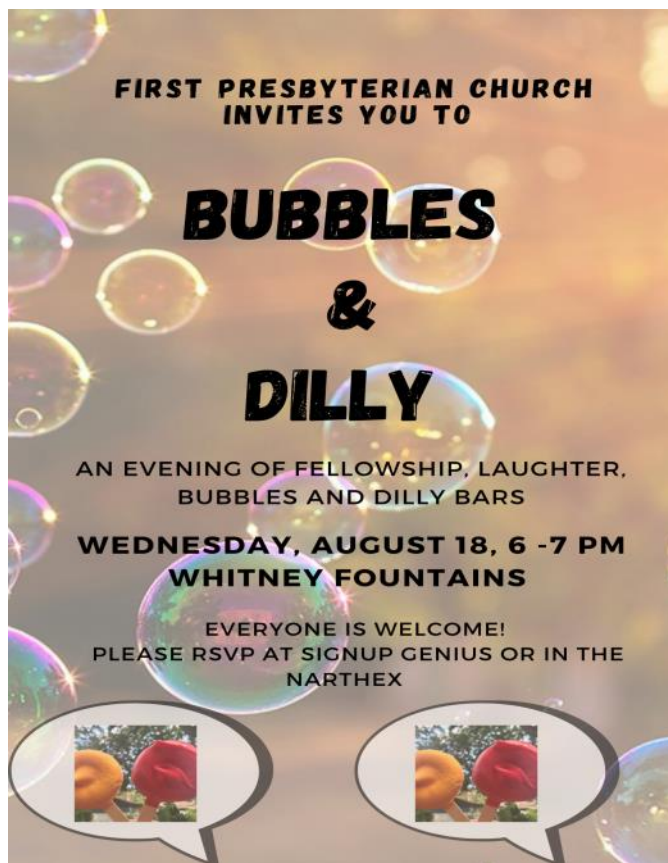
VBS, Tuesday - Thursday, August 3, 4, 5 at
FPC, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

Youth Group will meet Sunday, August 15 at
6:00 pm!

Bubbles & Dilly, Wednesday, August 18,
6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Blessing of Backpacks, Sunday, August 29
during the 9 am Worship.

Schools start up the week of August 23rd.



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

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Teresa Williams

Worship Leaders: Jackie McMahan, Doug Moore, Jason Szewc, Tina Anderson

Communion Servers: Lorrie Ledgerwood, Beth Thurow, Dave & Becky Motsick, Denise & Jeff Mueller

Ushers: Doug & Kathy Beagle, Pat & Jane Gallagher, Lorrie Ledgerwood, Kim Wells, Craig Clem

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

Coffee Sponsors: Mike Stoll & Tina Anderson, Rev. Karl & Kendra Heimbuck, Doug & Kathy Beagle

Meal Deliveries and Lunch Together: Jerilea Phillips, Denise Mueller, Sandy Birkholz, Jody Roberts, Tina Anderson, and FPC Youth (pictured to the right)



Session Members and Committees

Budget & Finance

Scott Davis, Tod Windsor

Clerk of Session

Susan Smith

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Shelley Barrett, Kurt Smith, Amy Turpin

Fellowship

Jason Szewc, Kim Wells

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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**

Ongoing Prayers: Jack Elliott, Margie Elkins, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr, Roy Davis, Jerry and Myrna Saunders, Sig Palm and Leonard Hurst.

Prayers for Healing: Howie Fitzpatrick, Julie Bugher, Louann Hamstreet, Bethany Hunter and Rene Andersen (Kim Well's brother).

Prayers for those Grieving: Rev. Curtis Barnett family, Sharon Porter's family on the loss of her brother (Mike Moore) and Bob & Marilyn Koester on the loss of her brother (Mike Enzi).

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Rene Botten
- 2 - Kendra Heimback
- 3 - Pat Gallagher, Jeff Wells
- 6 - Madsen Phillips, Torrey Phillips
- 9 - Marjorie Windsor
- 11 - John Jackson
- 12 - Alexandria Baxter, Amanda Forister
- 13 - Maggie Bergstrom, Parker Rieger,
Cameron Steidley
- 16 - Sam Herring
- 18 - Jim Blaha
- 20 - Gloria Dierking
- 22 - Becky Burtis
- 23 - Karl Heimback, Scott Hollingsworth,
Kim Kozel
- 27 - Baylor Bergstrom, Beth Thurow
- 28 - Kyle Burtis, Thorman Sholey
- 29 - Alex Burtis, Joslyn Williamson, Aiden Milne
- 30 - Mary Ludemann
- 31 - Zach Thurow

JUST COFFEE SALES CONTINUE IN THE NARTHEX EACH SUNDAY!

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.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

With August upon us, we are looking forward to a vibrant time in our church to praise God and worship joyfully in our sanctuary with the new baptismal font and banners on its perimeter.

Help your congregation be guided by our Mission Statement and continue to provide a safe and inspiring space for meaningful worship by signing up to be a worship leader. A time for training leaders is slated for this Fall. All members are eligible to serve in this important role.

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex information center and you can also sign up online [here](#).

See you in church!

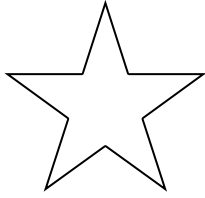
John Jackson, Chair
FPC Worship Committee

Happy Anniversary!

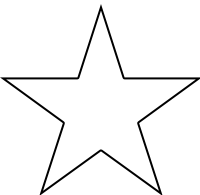
August



- 1** - Roger & Sharon Porter,
Jae & Jennifer Satterlee
- 3** - Bill & Linda Pruitt
- 12** - Gordon & Gloria Novakovich
- 15** - Joe & Mia Shifrar
- 18** - Chris & Christine Browne
- 21** - Kenny & Erin Osborne,
Jim & Darleen Douglas
- 24** - Gary & Joyce Meling,
Greg & Beth Thurow
- 25** - Ron & Bobbie Spahn
- 27** - Brad & Jeni Steidley
- 29** - Terry & Janice Wagner,
Kim & Mary Kay Love
- 30** - David & Helen Campbell



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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)

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.

AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Worship Service w/ Communion 10:00 am Fellowship Time	2	3 <div> <div>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1:00 - 4:30 pm</div> </div>	4 5:00 pm PW Picnic At the Church 6:30 pm Tech	5 11:00 am Properties Committee	6	7
8 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Fellowship Time	9	10 11:30 am Personnel 4:00 pm Worship 5:30 Budget/ Finance 6:30 pm Mission	11 10:00 am Membership 12:00 pm CE 5:30 pm Fellowship	12	13	14
15 11:00 am Worship Service w/ communion at Camp Story Potluck to follow 6:00 pm Youth Group	16	17	18 6:00 pm Bubbles & Dilly	19 9:00 am Bible Study	20 <div> <div>DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles</div> </div>	21
22 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Fellowship Time 10:30 am SS and LOGOS teacher training	23	24 7:00 pm Session	25	26 9:00 am Bible Study	27	28
29 9:00 am Worship Service w/Blessing of Backpacks 10:00 am Fellowship Time	30	31				

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FUNDRAISER

LET'S HELP HOWIE!

**AUGUST 13
5:00 PM
BLACK TOOTH
BREWERY**



**PIG ROAST
SILENT AUCTION**

**LIVE MUSIC
7-11PM**

**RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN:**

Weatherby Vanguard rifle w/ Vortex scope
Green Mountain pellet grill/smoker
Barnett Whitetail Hunter SLR crossbow package
Drawing will be held on Aug 13th

HOWIE FITZPATRICK