



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

January 2022



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Adult Sunday School Begins Sunday January 9th

Adult Sunday School will start on January 9 with a three week study focused on:

Presbyterian Worship - Why We Do What We Do & Say

What We Say: Some of us grew up in the Presbyterian tradition and others of us have come to the tradition later in life. But all of us have questions about worship. In this class, we will explore the different aspects of Presbyterian worship, their origins, and their relevance. If you've ever wondered why we have a Call to Worship each week or why the communion table cloth and banners on the walls change colors through the year then this class is for you!

Come Join Us!

Adult Sunday School will then continue on January 30 and into the following Sundays in February with:

Lies My Preacher Told Me: Using Dr. Brent Strawn's book *Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament*, this class will dive into some of the misconceptions and myths of the Old Testament like, "the God of the Old Testament is a violent and vengeful God." While wrestling with its difficult questions, this course hopes to show that the Old Testament is still relevant for modern Christians. Books are provided for this course for no cost.

Be sure to mark you calendars for the **Annual Congregational Meeting** to be held immediately following the 10:30 am worship on Sunday, January 23rd.

Dear Ones,

Happy New Year! Of course, as I've noted before and also noted in the Pastor's Corner this last week, it is just the new year on our Gregorian calendar. The start of the new year on the Church's calendar begins with Advent (by Church, I mean the universal church, not our local congregation's fiscal year).

Regardless of calendar, it is a good time to take stock. A good time to be reminded of what is going on in the life of the church that can aid in your own spiritual formation and grow us together as a community of believers reaching into the wider community of which we are a part.

Sunday school for all ages kicks back off on January 9 at 9 AM. We have a K-4 class, junior high class, and adult class. The adult class will offer the following this coming "semester":

Presbyterian Worship: Why We Do What We Do and Say What We Say (January 9 – 23)

Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament (Jan 30 – Feb 28)

Learning to Walk in the Dark (Advent Study Group meeting March 6 – April 10)

Poverty in the 21st Century & Our Own Backyard (April 24 – May 15)

LOGOS kicks back off this week at 3:30 PM for our K-5 group and 6:30 PM for the Jr/Sr High. We resume Wednesday dinners this week from 5-6 PM. This is an amazing time for us to connect with one another midweek. Wednesday night Bible study will also resume this week at 6 PM. That study will pick up with Daniel and after finishing that book will begin looking each week at the text(s) for the upcoming Sunday.

We have two Thursday morning studies. The 7 AM study is looking at the book of Acts and resumes on the 13th. The 10 AM is led by Jeri Joy and you can contact her for more information about it. Our PW groups also continue in fellowship and study together on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

It is also important that we engage in allowing the work of the head to inform the work of our hearts. That is to say that the spiritual formation that happens in our studies should guide our hands and feet forward in the work of Christ in our world. Our church continues to engage with Lunch Together and the Food Group. We need hands and hearts open to service with these opportunities. We fill the Little Free Pantry outside the church office multiple times each week and watch as that food goes to those in need.

Service also happens at the church. If you'd like to be engaged in worship as a reader or usher you can visit with John Jackson. Our various committees are deeply committed to the work of the church, carrying out so much of our mission and ministry behind the scenes and with little fanfare. Each is looking for people who desire to serve and these committees are also fertile grounds for growth in understanding our church and in supporting Christ's work in the world. Our youth, too, need support from those who feel called to teach and walk alongside them in Sunday school and LOGOS.

I am thankful for the ways we continue to learn, to serve, to worship, and to grow together. We have dealt with nearly two years of adapting and that time of adaptation does not yet look to be over. But we have persevered. I am thankful to all of you for doing that. I am thankful for your support of our congregation and for your engagement in Sheridan together. As we come into this new year and our programming starts up again, I encourage you to not only continue in your engagement but to seize the opportunities we have to try new ways to grow spiritually and to serve those whom Christ loves.

Peace,

Pastor Karl



Happy New Year! I am not one to make resolutions. I always felt terrible when I got overwhelmed and quit. I got to the point where I started to tell myself I didn't have to make significant changes; I could start with little steps and work up. I will pick one thing a month to focus on, usually start off small and work up as the month goes on. I read an article recently about creating a new habit, and they agreed with me! It is nice to have someone else confirm what you say :)

The article was a part of a TED's series about "How to Be a Better Human." The focus was about starting exercising, but the theme could apply to any changes you want to make in your life. The author states that if you're going to create a new habit, it is okay to start doing what you think is pointless or insignificant, then work your way up.

I have heard people say that they want to read the Bible, journal, pray, fill in the blank, more, but they don't have time. I get it! Start with 3/5 minutes a day and work your way up. I know of people who will spend 30 minutes or more at a time on Facebook, Pinterest, or whatever. Take 5 minutes before you jump on your social media account to do the habit you want to start. Then before you know it, your time will increase, and you won't even think about it.

LOGOS will start again on Wednesday, January 5. We will follow the same schedule as last semester. Kindergarten through fifth grade begins at 3:30 and will finish up with mealtime at 5:30. Sixth through twelfth grade starts at 6 pm with dinner and concludes at 8 pm. Mealtime will be continued to be catered by Binos! Please get in touch with me by Monday morning if your child plans to attend to ensure that we will have plenty of food. Also, if any child needs a ride to or from LOGOS, please let me know, and we can make arrangements. Just a reminder that payment for the Winter/Spring semester is due.

Sunday school and Youth Group will start the Winter session on Sunday, **January 9**. For kindergarten through eighth grade, Sunday school will meet in the sanctuary at 9 am. Youth Group will meet that night from 4-5 pm.

Yahoo! The Chili Cook-off is back!! It took a one-year hiatus. Sunday, **January 16**, following the 10:30 service. For your donation, you can sample all the delicious chilies. Then, once you have tested them all, you can vote for your favorite and have a bowl full! Your donation will support local youth attending Triennium 2022.

Anyone is welcome to enter a chili in the cook-off. The requirement, one crockpot full of chili. It can be; vegan, chicken, beef, white, green, beanless, or whatever tickles your fancy. Please let me know **by January 13** if you would like to enter.

This year's silent auction will start on Sunday, January 16, and conclude Sunday, January 23, following the Congregational meeting. Money raised will go towards Triennium and camping scholarships. If you have a craft, talent, or service that you would like to donate to the silent auction, please get in touch with me by **January 13**.

Parents of children fifth grade and younger have I got something for you! Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 12. I will be organizing a Parent's Night Out from 5-8 pm. You are invited to sign up your child(ren) to spend an evening in a loving and caring environment with fun, laughs, and food! To sign up, please get in touch with me.



Happy New Year to all!

Our theme for this year seems to be: "We'll see what the Lord allows and more will be revealed." We can plan all we want, but God is in control. So, please pray that we can continue to meet in person for fun, food and fellowship this year.

Our purpose statement is as follows:

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit we commit ourselves:

- To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study
- To support the mission of the church worldwide
- To work for justice and peace, and
- To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the Promise of God's kingdom.

We are planning to have your lunch committees start up again on January 5th for the PW Luncheon at noon. Our program will be Sheridan Physical Therapy talking about balance.

December we met for a pizza party. We also had salad, punch, and birthday cake in honor of Jesus. We installed new officers for 2022. They are: Helen Campbell, Co-Moderator, Rhea Cooksey-Dixon, Co-Moderator, Gloria Dierking, Secretary, and Su Rappleye, Treasurer. A big thank you to Jeri Joy and Hannah Shannon for their service! Circle I Moderator is Margaret Litle, Circle II Moderator is Gloria Dierking with Vice Moderator Nancy Elliott and Circle III Moderator is Sherry Laughton and Vice Moderator is Bobbie Spahn. Thank you to all who serve in leadership rolls for PW. We had a white elephant gift exchange which was fun!

A reminder to update your information for the Yearbooks. You can contact Gloria by phone 655-8139 or email gloriaj411@yahoo.com.

Thanks to everyone for helping us have the best information for printing the booklets. Thanks to Gloria for her administrative gifts! If you can't reach Gloria you can contact me and I will forward the information to Gloria.

Looking forward to seeing you all in February! We will have our PW Luncheon at noon on February 2nd. Groundhog Day! Our program that day will be presented by Rachel Landis. Remember we are all Presbyterian Women and we welcome visitors to lunch as well. The price of the luncheon is \$5.00. Come check out what we are doing.

If you have any questions pertaining to Presbyterian Women, feel free to contact Rhea Cooksey-Dixon, Co-Moderator at 307-683-2362 or email garrhedix@gmail.com or Helen Campbell, Co-Moderator at 307-673-1710 or email at helenlytlec@bresnan.net.

The date is set for the PW Camp Story Retreat. It is June 17-19. Put it on your calendars and pray! We'll see what the Lord allows and more shall be revealed!

Hope to see everyone there!!! :-)

Love In Christ,
Rhea

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We are looking forward to an eventful year together as Presbyterian Women, keeping in mind all of the protocols of COVID-19.





SESSION PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Councils of the church exist to help congregations and the church as a whole to be more faithful participants in the mission of Christ. These councils are called the Session, the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly.

Recently, FPC's Session worked to create a Purpose Statement & Responsibilities for each of the Session's committees.

Mission Committee Purpose Statement

The Mission Committee of FPC Sheridan guides the congregation in being the hands and feet of Jesus by providing opportunities for service and giving beyond our own church doors.

Communication & Technology Committee Purpose Statement

The committee's purpose is to advise and support all committees and Session on the use of technology, information systems, and other devices as needed.

Properties Committee Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Properties Committee of First Presbyterian Church (FPC) is to provide systems and programs to ensure the safe and proper use of the facilities and to provide for the performance of all necessary maintenance and repairs of the building and grounds.

Budget, Finance, and Stewardship Committee Purpose Statement

Monitor the financial health of First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, WY. Also promote opportunities for increased giving to the Presbyterian Church and missions worldwide.

Fellowship Committee Purpose Statement

To participate together by building relationships in a community of faith.

Worship Committee Purpose Statement

The Worship Committee works with the Pastor to design worship services that focus attention, eliminate distractions, and create a contemplative flow for the congregation. The committee is led by one or more Session elders and includes the Pastor, Musicians, Liturgical Subcommittee, and members of the congregation. Meetings are held regularly to discuss, evaluate, and coordinate the worship experience.

Christian Education Committee Purpose Statement

Create fertile spaces for Christian growth through lifelong learning for all ages.

Congregational Care Committee Purpose Statement

(previously called Membership & Evangelism Committee)

To support and monitor the congregation.

Personnel Committee Purpose Statement

The mission of the Personnel Committee of First Presbyterian Church (FPC) is to provide an orderly, focused, and considerate way for the Session to build a healthy work environment.



CHILI COOK-OFF

The Chili Cook-Off is BACK for Sunday, January 16 following the 10:30 am worship service.

Do you think you have a chili that is top notch? Enter it into the Cook-Off. The Triennium youth make it easy for you! You drop off the chili before service on Sunday and they take care of everything else!

Email CJ by January 13th to get on the chili list!



Worship service on Sunday, December 26th was a fun service with lots of singing, reading of Christmas stories and children's books. Here is CJ sharing "The Legend of the Poinsettia" as retold and illustrated by Tomie dePaola.

Silent Auction

The Chili Cook-Off is also the start of the Silent Auction. The auction raises money for camp scholarships and Triennium expenses.

If you have a craft, talent, or service that you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact CJ.

The deadline to submit items for the auction is Thursday, January 13th.

LUNCH TOGETHER



Men's Day at Lunch Together in December!

Helping out were Dick Warren, John Jackson, Gary Laughton, and Doug Moore.

2022 Per Capita: \$45.00 per member

If you have not paid your per capita this year and are able to do so, we would encourage you to make this additional gift for the new year.

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.

Are you interested in "ringing" in the New Year?

Please call Teresa Williams at 307-751-8731 if you're interested in ringing bells!





Registration is now open for Summer Camp 2022 at Camp Story!!

We have lots of fun things planned for this summer so be sure to get your camper signed up!!

Register before April 1st, 2022 and receive \$25 OFF registration fees. Our church will pay half of the cost for your camper to attend Camp Story. If you have any questions call Alicia Ford at 307-763-0919 or email at

Alicia.campstory@gmail.com.

You can register online at www.CampStory.org or there will be brochures and registration forms at the Information Center at church starting January 10th.



Come Join the Fun of Camp!

Youth Schedule

Sunday School resumes January 9th at 9 am.

LOGOS will begin again on Wednesday, January 5th.

Senior Survival will not meet on Sunday, January 16th as that is the day of the Chili Cook-Off.

Youth Group begins meeting again on Sunday, January 9th at 4 pm.



Chili Cook-off

JANUARY 16, 2022



The annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser is back! Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 16, for raffles, auctions, and some good old-fashioned chili competition.

Do you think you can beat Jason? Then, contact CJ to reserve your spot!



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

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Arianna Thurow, Elizabeth Windsor, FPC Choir Members, Doug Moore, Jim Perry

Worship Leaders: Katie Turpin, FPC Youth, Mitzi Knapp, Tina Anderson & Mike Stoll, Rachel Mathews-Landis

Lighting of Advent Candle: Denise Mueller, Tina Anderson & Mike Stoll, the Turpin family, John Jackson & Su Rappleye-Jackson, the Browne family, Pat & Jane Gallagher, Ted & Mitzi Knapp, Scott Hollingsworth, Kim Kozel, Greg & Beth Thurow, Rex & Nickie Arney

Ushers: Mitzi Knapp, Loren Ruttinger, Howie Fitzpatrick, Kim Kozel, Tod Windsor, Kim Wells, Craig Clem

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Ted Knapp, CJ Clem, Prakash Landis, Eli Clem, Ryan Landis, Izzi Clem

Coffee Sponsors: Janis DeVore, Pastor Karl & Kendra Heimbuck, Tina Anderson & Mike Stoll, Mission Committee

Meal Deliveries and Lunch Together: Denise Mueller, Mary Ludemann, Jan Leupold, Doug Moore, Beth Bailey, Janis Devore, Karen Fosher, Jerilea Phillips, Jody Roberts, Sandy Birkholz, Tina Anderson, Izzi Clem.



**Keep them in
your prayers**



Ongoing Prayers: Jack Elliott, Margie Elkins, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Roy Davis, Julie Bugher, Jerry and Myrna Saunders, Sig Palm, Leonard Hurst, Robert & Jeanette Ruttinger, and Cathy Coggins-Allen.

Prayers for Peace & Healing: Howie Fitzpatrick, Hannah Shannon, and Dorothea Doerr.

Prayers for Mission Partners: Pam who serves in the Middle East.

Session Members and Committees

Budget & Finance

Scott Davis, Tod Windsor

Clerk of Session

Gary Joy

Christian Education

Kurt Smith, Amy Turpin

Fellowship

Jason Szewc, Kim Wells

Congregational Care

Nancy Cook, Mitzi Knapp, Bobbie Spahn

Mission & Outreach

Tina Anderson, Rachel Mathews-Landis

Personnel

Shelley Cundiff, Loren Ruttinger

Properties

Doug Moore, Dave Youngren

Worship

Kim Kozel, John Jackson, Beth Thurow

Tech

Gloria Dierking, Craig Clem

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 1 - Jack Wagner
January 2 - Mike Stadick
January 3 - Agnes Hall, Marilyn Michelena
January 5 - Izzi Clem, Avery VonKrosigk
January 6 - Janet Burtis
January 8 - Tori Milne
January 9 - Zachary Gray, Paxton Zuniga
January 11 - Rex Arney, Betty Leavitt
January 12 - Mavis Williams
January 13 - Phyllis Wilhelm
January 14 - Bailey Bard
January 15 - Alex Cameron, Doug Moore
January 16 - Ted Knapp
January 18 - Bruce Williams
January 21 - Greta Johnson, Linda Pruitt
January 23 - Hazel Ford, Rudy Osborne
January 24 - Karen Foshier
January 27 - Howie Fitzpatrick
January 29 - Brenden Clem, Mary Holstedt,
Jerry Saunders
January 30 - Teresa Williams
January 31 - Pam Moore



Happy Anniversary! January

January 2 - Jim & Peggy Blaha
January 19 - Brian & Jean Morgen
January 25 - Dennis & Cheryl Heizer



The church office is open during these hours.

8 am - noon - Monday – Friday

Please call 672-1717 to leave a message.

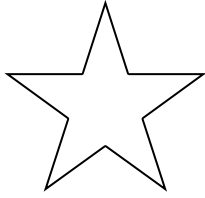
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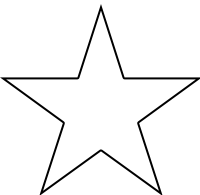
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All worship services can be viewed on First Presbyterian Church's YouTube Channel.

Christmas worship on December 26 was a fun Sunday when members were encouraged to come casual (even in your pajamas if you wanted) and to share a special time together with good treats and gifts for everyone. Our organist, Miriam and husband Tom were dressed for the morning.



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Space Force

Ryan Laughton (Son of Gary & Sherry Laughton)

Air Force

Jason Browne (Son of Sandy and Rick Browne)

Bryce Williams (Son of Mike and Teresa Williams)

Brennan & Sydney Negrete (Grandson & Granddaughter-in-law of 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 Carol Maloy)

Jacob Botten (Son of Jon and Rene Botten, Grandson of Joan Botten)

Jacek Aksamit (Grandson of Mary & Larry Apple)

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.

JANUARY 2022

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