



First Presbyterian  
Church of Sheridan

# The Good News

February 2022



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## Lenten Study

### Come Join Us!

The Lenten study this year will be studying the book "Learning to Walk in the Dark" by Barbara Brown Taylor.

We will be using this book for the study groups that meet on Wednesday at 6 pm, Thursday 7 am group and for adult Sunday School on Sundays at 9 am. All groups will begin the study March 6th.

Please let the church office know by Wednesday, February 16th if you want a book so we can be sure we have enough books for everyone. Cost of the book is \$15.00

## Per Capita Contributions

Per capita contributions are required of churches by our higher councils (Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly). These contributions connect us to the wider work of the church by supporting the denomination's efforts at domestic and international levels. Last year, our per capita dues totaled \$12,819.30. We had members give \$4,073.65 in per capita contributions additional to their tithes and offerings. That meant the remainder was paid from the general budget. One of the easiest ways to increase your giving and for us to help out the budget is to make your per capita contribution of \$45 in addition to your annual giving. We have budgeted this year for members to contribute \$3000 toward our per capita expenses. Every bit we are over this helps an incredible amount! Thank you for your generosity and consideration of per capita support!

Dear Ones,

Last month, Harper Jo and I had the pleasure of visiting Mary Holstedt in her apartment at Elmcroft. It was a joyous moment in which our oldest member and our most newly baptized were able to meet for the first time. I've been reflecting on this visit often since and have been giving thanks to God for the multi-generational nature of the church and the enduring aspects of God's love that welcome young and old alike. In short, I'm thankful for the tie that binds.

*Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.* – Verse 1 of “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” by John Fawcett (1782)

I love to reflect on the idea that the Church is a gift to us. Our friendship with one another, the binding of hearts in Jesus Christ, and the opportunity to share life together in deep and meaningful ways that faith allows are something given by God above. As the hymn notes, to share this gift with one another (“*fellowship of kindred minds*”) is to glimpse the Kin-dom of God (“*is like to that above*”). Was it anything but a glimpse of this when Mary and Harper Jo – almost 100 years apart in age – met with an already obvious connection to one another in Jesus Christ? Where else but in God can we find that?

*We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.* (Verse 3)

As the hymn continues, we are reminded that to be bound together in Christ means something. Our binding changes us. It makes us compassionate and attentive to one another. It lifts our eyes from our own feet to the faces of those walking the road alongside us. These faces are all ages and from all places but bound together by God's love and therefore called to love one another. What a gift to be together as such. To be created not just for God but for one another. And what a joy to have moments that remind us of this that call us to gratitude for that gift and to service for one another.

Thank you all for walking the road together. Thank you for loving one another even when its difficult. Thank you for serving one another. Thank you for helping to make the gift of the Church known to the world so that it is not hoarded but a place all can be invited to discover the tie that binds.

With the tie that binds,

Pastor Karl





Awe February, the month that has been dubbed the month of love. The title came about thanks to St. Valentine. Have you ever gone down the rabbit hole of the history behind Valentine's Day? Hello Hsitory.com, down the rabbit hole I went. It was exciting and educational!

The man himself, St. Valentine, was a martyr for the church. But, did you know that there is a question around who the true Valentine was? The Catholic Church recognizes three St. Valentines. Two of the saints have very similar deaths close together. One legend claims the holiday was named after the Valentine who defied Emperor Claudius II. Emperor Claudius believed that unmarried men made better soldiers, marriages were outlawed. Valentine married young couple, and as his punishment, he was beheaded. The other claim to the holiday fame is a story about another martyr named Saint Valentine of Terni. Emperor Claudius II also beheaded this Valentine. His crime, he helped Christians escape imprisonment where they were being tortured and killed. It is also rumored that he wrote the first "valentine" letter to one of his guard's daughter.

The holiday evolved over the years. The love, cards, and candy part of Valentine's Day came later. Many scholars believe that a 1375 poem, "Parliament of Fowls" by English poet Geoffrey Chaucer, morphed the holiday to love. A line in the poem states on St. Valentine's Day, the bird will pick its mate. People took that line and went wild. This idea of choosing a mate inspired Richard Cadbury. I am sure you all know the Cadbury name. Richard Cadbury lived during the 19th century and introduced the box of chocolate to the world and marketed it as a Valentine's Day gift. With that, the holiday became commercialized. It is now the second-largest card giving/sending holiday in the world.

Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor. However, I am pretty confident that Jesus did not have Valentine's Day in mind when he gave that instruction. Yes, Jesus healed, cast out demons, turned water into wine, and brought the dead back to life. These were big attention grabbers, but he also did the little things. He listened, solved problems, cried with those who were mourning, and he taught us. When I talk to my kids, I tell them that love is grand, but the little things make up the feeling. Love is all-encompassing and covers so many emotions. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 tells us that all that loves are; patience, kindness, isn't jealous, doesn't brag, or rude. It doesn't say anything about grace but doesn't grace cover many of those things? Grace is freely given without strings and is unconditional love. It is through grace that you can forgive. Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, which granted is a little more thought and effort. Maybe instead of showing love in February, we should practice grace.

The month of February can be the month of grace. Spread grace like glitter. Throw it in the air, and it will spread and stick. Have you ever tried to clean up glitter? That is what we need to do with grace. Reach out to someone you haven't talked to in a while and catch up. On your next shopping excursion, grab a couple of items for the Little Free Pantry.

When you are spreading the grace, don't forget yourself. We cannot give to others if we do not show the same. So it is okay to take time for yourself. Take a bubble bath, double win, go out with a friend and grab lunch, or plan a special day with someone special. We need to be the change we want to see in the world. Be that person to inspire compassion, love, and grace. Share, spread the sparkle and glitter of mercy.

February 12 from 5-8 pm is Parent's Night Out. Here is an opportunity to bring your fifth grade and younger child to the church for an evening of food, games, and fun! Please use the SignUp Genius link to register by Wednesday, February 9. If you have any questions, please let me know.

I am looking forward to this time to hang out with the young disciples of the church. :)



## Happy Valentine's Day from Presbyterian Women!

Let's send a Valentine or give a call to a sister in Christ! Be aware that you might have so much fun you'll do more than one!

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will BE NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. God, our Captain had cleared us for take-off. Destination – GREATNESS! Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY and new BEGINNINGS! Stay blessed and welcome to 2022!!! Let us rejoice! Author unknown – but it is a fun way to look at our journey of a new year!

We were blessed to be able to meet January 5<sup>th</sup>. We had a lovely lunch of soup and sandwiches on a very cold day. Thank you to our lunch committee once more! We learned about balance from Kaleb, a Physical Therapist and Megan, an Athletic Trainer. They work at Sheridan Physical Therapy. They even gave us a chance to try a few exercises with them. The number of times you can get up and sit down from a chair is an indication of our fitness. Another indicator of fitness is our hand strength which is gained by actual lifting things and moving in our daily lives. We had a Memorial Service to remember Pat Mathis and Ruth Osborn. We wanted to give kudos to Circle II who delivered throws, at Christmas, to those not able to get out. Good job being the hands and feet of Christ!

We meet the first Wednesday of each month at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Circles meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.

Our March program will be about Pioneer Women in our area. The presenter will be Carrie Edinger. In April Kathy Lundberg will present a program. We will see what the Lord allows and more will be revealed!

I was listening to Pastor Karl's sermon this past Sunday and he was talking about gifts. God gives us gifts and talents. Pastor Karl asks us if our gifts are unwrapped. Are they sitting on a shelf or in the closet? Are we hiding our light under a bushel? Let's unwrap our gifts and use them for the Glory of God. Let's let our light shine by using our gifts! Take a baby step in faith. Step out of your comfort zone. Listen to the nudgings of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Karl asked what part of the body we are. Are you a leg or a nose? The body doesn't work well without all of it's parts working together as God designed. We have a common family. When we believe in Jesus as our Savior, we are welcomed into His family with other believers, having the same heavenly Father. This familial bond transcends that of even earthly families, because the family of faith is eternal. For us as believers not to love one another would be not only sad but contradictory: "Whoever loves God must also love his brother." 1John 4:21

And since God is a God of reconciliation, we need to follow His example and be people of reconciliation. Forgiving people as God forgives us. God forgives us and he forgets our sins. "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:12

Look for God in nature. And, He also speaks to us is through His Word. Hide His Word in your hearts this Valentines Day! Then it will be there for the Holy Spirit to bring it to mind when needed. "Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I entrust my life." Psalm 143:8 We are going to close with a piece from an unknown author.

Love in Christ, Helen and Rhea

## When God Answers

The man whispered, "God, speak to me," and a meadowlark sang.

....But the man did not hear.

So the man YELLED "God speak to me," and the thunder rolled across the sky.

....but the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God let me see you."

And a star shined brightly.

....but the man did not see.

And the man SHOUTED, "God show me a miracle."  
And a life was born.

....but the man did not notice.

So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me, God, and let me know you are here."

.....Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

If you have any questions pertaining to Presbyterian Women, feel free to contact Rhea Cooksey-Dixon at 307-683-2362 or email [garrhedix@gmail.com](mailto:garrhedix@gmail.com).

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

**Circle 3** will start meeting at the Ramada this month, Wednesday, February 16 at 11:30 am. They will continue meeting there the third Wednesday of each month through the month of May.



## Meals for Carol!

Are you able to make a meal in the next couple of weeks for Carol Maloy and her son as Carol recovers from surgery?

If so, click on this [link](#) and select a day that works best with your schedule.

If you have questions, please contact Mitzi Knapp.





## LUNCH TOGETHER



### Passing of the Soup Ladle

To

Denise Mueller

You have probably seen Denise Mueller in high gear lately getting FPC ready for Lunch Together. Denise has graciously agreed to take on the LT Coordinator Position for our church going forward.

After 8 years in the position, I am stepping back, but I have to say it's been a great 8 years because FPC is a very giving church. Every 8 weeks this church gives everything - casseroles, salads, cookies, time, sweat, dollars and joy to this essential community program.

I hope you are as excited as I am about Denise guiding our efforts. The world has been through a rough couple of years with COVID but the Sheridan Lunch Together program never missed serving a meal through it all. God has blessed us in so many ways, and the blessings have been passed along through your love.

Keep it coming and join me in welcoming Denise.

Tina Anderson

## Little Free Pantry

The Little Free Pantry has seen a lot of use during these winter months. We're in short supply of several items so if you can bring in any of the following, it would be greatly appreciated.

Canned fruits/vegetables

Soup/Cup of Soup

Ramen noodles

Macaroni and cheese in cups (just add water)

Instant mashed potatoes

Cereal/Oatmeal packets

Cereal bars/Granola bars

Snack crackers

Tuna

Canned Chicken

Canned Hash

Small Juices

### Looking for individuals to help Scott Hollingsworth's sister.

We are looking for volunteers to help Scott Hollingsworth's sister clean out his apartment on Wednesday, February 16 at 10 AM. We will need vehicles to help deliver items to various thrift stores and able bodies to pack boxes. Scott's sister is coming in from California to undertake this work and this is a great opportunity for us to rise up as Scott's church family and surround his family with Christ's love and comfort in this difficult time. Please contact the church office if you are able to help!



## 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](mailto:Alicia.campstory@gmail.com).

You can register online at [www.CampStory.org](http://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** at 9 am.

**LOGOS** meets each Wednesday, at 3:30 and 6 pm.

**Senior Survival** will meet Sunday, February 20th at 11:30 am.

**Youth Group** meets each Sunday at 4 pm.



## Parent's Night Out

FPC is hosting a Parent's Night Out on Saturday, February 12th.

Bring kids 5th grade and younger to the church for an evening of food, games, and fun from 5 pm to 8 pm.

This will give you parents an opportunity to have some adult time knowing that your munchkins are in a safe and loving environment.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

Click on this [link](#) to signup and have us save a spot for your kids!

**REMINDER—No Food with Family during the month of February. Watch for future announcements about our March schedule.**

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

**Musicians:** Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Elizabeth Windsor, FPC Choir Members, Pastor Karl

**Worship Leaders:** Jason Szewc, the Milne family, Scott Davis, Jeri Joy, Rachel Mathews-Landis

**Communion Assistants:** Dave and Becky Motsick, John Jackson, Kim Kozel, Ryan Landis

**Ushers:** Gary & Jeri Joy, Mike Browne, Loren Ruttinger

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

**Coffee Sponsors:** Ryan, Rachel & Prakash Landis, Pastor Karl and Kendra Heimback, Mike Stoll & Tina Anderson, Mary Ludemann & Scott Davis

**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, Roy Davis, Julie Bugher, Jerry & Myrna Saunders, Sig Palm, Leonard Hurst, Robert & Jeannette Ruttinger, Jae & Jennifer Satterlee, and Cathy Coggins-Allen.

**Prayers for Healing:** Howie Fitzpatrick, Dorthea Doerr, Nancy Elliot, Carol Maloy, Joe Shifrar, Brandie Cole.

**Prayers for Comfort:** Mary Holstedt and family.

**Prayers for our Mission Partners:** Our local CASA and The Hub.

If you have prayer concerns that you would like shared, please call the church office at 672-1717.

## **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





## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 2—Laurie Graves, Vivian Tarver  
February 3—Todd Browne  
February 8—Jay Bergstrom, Karen Townsend  
February 12—Gareth Dixon  
February 14—Brittany Brettin  
February 17—David Motsick  
February 22—Brad Steidley  
February 23—Erin Osborne  
February 24—Carolyn Griffith  
February 26—Jane Gallagher, Wyoma Sampson,  
Carter Wells  
February 27—Bob Koester, Lynn Porter,  
Heidi Smith  
February 28—Scott Davis



## Happy Anniversary! February

February 12—Mike Stoll & Tina Anderson

### **The church office is open during these hours.**

8 am - noon - Monday – Friday

Please call 672-1717 to leave a message.

[office@sheridanfpc.church](mailto:office@sheridanfpc.church)

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<https://Sheridanfpc.church>

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

## Sheridan High School Production of The Little Mermaid

Rob and Tori Milne invite you to join them Saturday, February 26th to enjoy Aiden and the rest of the cast in the high school production of **“The Little Mermaid”**.

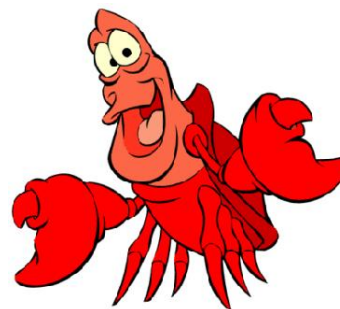
Contact Tori at 752-1999 with ticket requests.

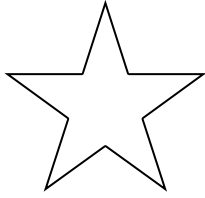


Presbytery of WY and ROCCS are planning a Family Ski Day at Snowy Range for Sunday, March 20th.

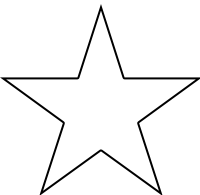
All ages are welcome to attend.

Contact CJ for details and to get signed up!





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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)

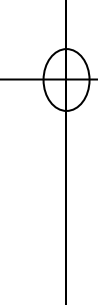
**Jacob Botten** (Son of Jon and Rene Botten, Grandson of Joan Botten)

**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.

# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> LOGOS * 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bells	<b>3</b> 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8 am Worship w/ Communion 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 11:30 am Choir 11:30 am Tech Comm 4 pm Youth Group	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 11:30 am Personnel 4 pm Worship Committee 5:30 Budget/Finance 5:15 pm Fellowship 5:45 pm Mission Committee	<b>9</b> 10:15 am Congregational Care Comm. 12 pm CE Comm. LOGOS * 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bells	<b>10</b> 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Parents Night Out 5–8 pm
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			* LOGOS 3:30 pm K- 5th 6:00 pm 6th - 12th			



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