



First Presbyterian  
Church of Sheridan

# The Good News

March 2022



## Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes will be held at 6:30 pm Wednesday, March 2nd.

## Lenten Study

The Lenten study this year is working through the book “Learning to Walk in the Dark” by Barbara Brown Taylor.

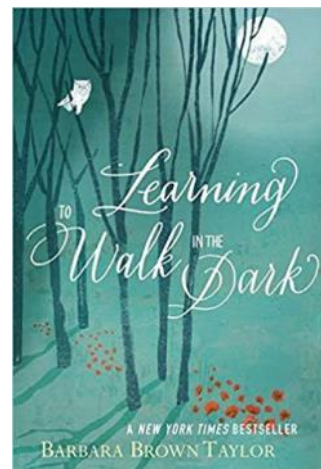
We will be using this book for the study groups that meet on Wednesday at 6 pm, Thursday 7 am group and for adult Sunday School on Sundays at 9 am.

All groups will begin the study the week of March 6th.

We still have a few books available in the church office. Cost of the book is \$15.00

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**Come Join Us!**

Dear Ones,

The season of Lent is upon us and so it is we begin our journey to the cross and the empty tomb afresh again this year. The word "Lent" can be traced to an Old English word "lencten" which is where we derive our word "lengthen." It refers to the lengthening of days and the season of spring. As such, Lent is a time of growth and renewal. From death and dormancy, life springs forth. This is God's way.

This year, I want to encourage you to see the season of Lent as a true journey or path that leads toward Easter. In this journey, we walk with Jesus through his temptation just as he walks with us through ours and shapes our responses and grows our faith. We will walk with Jesus to Jerusalem where we lay down our palms and profess him to be the Messiah. We will walk with Jesus to the upper room and the sharing of the Last Supper, and he will walk with us there, pulling out a chair, and welcoming us to "remember" him as we feast. We will walk with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane and he will walk with us, bidding us not to fall asleep but to stay awake and to pray. We will walk with Jesus to the plaza before Pontius Pilate and hear the crowd jeer him, and Jesus will walk with us as we face the accusations against us but meet God's mercy rather than taunts.

This season is a journey through the rich story of redemption that God has invited us into. All of what we do and where we go in Scripture and worship in these forty days calls for our attention to the ways Jesus Christ is humble before us and calls us to humility before God and one another. Tomorrow night, we will mark ourselves with ashes and remember that we are dust. We begin this journey in meekness and we seek such because the wonder and awe of the empty tomb can be lost on us when we are too proud or too in our own heads or too wrapped up in the world.

Lastly, we seek to humble ourselves and to set ourselves aside by making this journey because the heart's deepest desire is unity with our Creator. Our deepest longings, our true being, and our most exuberant joys are found, paradoxically, in Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

Join the journey this year beginning Ash Wednesday and culminating Easter Sunday. Walk with Jesus through all the parts of the season for God's divine mercy is known in the meekness, temptation, suffering, despair, dying, and living that Jesus Christ does for us. Every part of this season displays God's love and invites us into God's story. And should we surrender ourselves to that love and enter into that story via this Lenten journey, death will not hold us either.

In the love of Christ,

*Pastor Karl*



I love March! I am trying to decide if it is my favorite month or just love them all for different reasons. In March is when I get the itch for Spring. I want to go out and play in the dirt, plant seeds, redo my yard, plant my garden, trim trees, and just get everything going. My project wish list gets longer every year. When I show Craig our list, he just shakes his head and tells me, "We'll see," and walks away. Several items will get done on the list, and some won't. They may not get done because they were too ambitious, the cost wasn't in the budget, we ran out of time, or we may have lost interest in the project. Pondering on my Spring To-Do List how I can get it all done led me to reflect on how the cycle of excitement and distraction can mirror faith.

We are entering the season of Lent. I have reflected, prayed, and pondered what I will be doing for Lent this year. During my reflection time, I thought about what I did last year, what went well, what I could have done better, and why I am not doing it now. The purpose of Lent is to bring us closer to Jesus as we walk to the cross. Is the goal of the Lenten practice to bring us closer in our relationship with Jesus? Is it a time for us to do everything on my Spring To-Do List? Cultivate the soil of our hearts to plant the seed of Jesus' love? To trim the tree of the faith that is already there, so it can grow and produce fruit? Lent is a time to jump-start an area where our faith might be a little stuck? To do this, does it have to be a sacrifice? I don't know. It is something personal. Your Lenten promise is a way to clear away the weeds that may have grown on your heart get the soil ready for the incredible love story that is happening right now. The promise may fall on fertile soil, take root, blossom, and grow into something more stunning than you ever imagine and carry with you throughout the year.

I am not too sad to see February in the rearview mirror this year. Between being sick, for what seemed like FOREVER and the Triennium announcement, it was a hard month.

For those who may not know, The Office of Presbyterian Youth Triennium announced in late February that they would be canceling Triennium 2022. It was not a decision that they made lightly. After meeting with their COVID Medical Advisory Committee, they made the difficult decision to cancel. They wanted to ensure the safety of the participants and their home churches and communities. But, holding the event, they couldn't guarantee there wouldn't be clusters.

I know this leaves many disappointed. Triennium holds many opportunities for the youth to experience, grow, live out their faith and build connections with fellow believers from across the state of Wyoming and the nation. I am currently exploring opportunities to provide these experiences for our youth and young adults with that goal in mind. Keep an eye on your email and weekly update for information about a chance this summer in the coming weeks.

With the cancellation of Triennium, ROCCS Committee has established a one-time scholarship for the summer of 2022. The scholarship is available to current Wyoming 8th-12th graders wishing to go to a church camp. ROCCS scholarship will pay up to half of a single church camp registration fee. Please contact me at [cj@sheridanfpc.church](mailto:cj@sheridanfpc.church) with "scholarship request" in the subject line to request the scholarship form and more information. The ROCCS scholarship can be combined with the Sheridan FPC camping scholarship for children who have finished 8th grade through graduating seniors.

Speaking of camp and scholarships, do not forget to register for Camp Story by April 1 and save \$25. In addition, any child attending any camp can take advantage of the Sheridan First Presbyterian Church scholarship. This scholarship will pay for half of camper registration. Camp Story is an excellent opportunity for children to get outdoors and experience God's love in his creation.

ROCCS' (Recreation, Outreach, Camping, Conference, Service a committee of the Presbytery) Family Ski Day is planned for Sunday, March 20, at Snowy Range. The details are still being worked out with Snowy Range. If your family or child wants to participate, please let me know. I will get the information to you when it becomes available. As always, friends are welcome!

Can you believe that we will be wrapping up LOGOS for the semester on Wednesday, March 23? As always, it has been an adventure full of fun, laughter, and growth! Thank you to all who helped make LOGOS a success; Victoria Milne, Michael Browne, Jean Morgen, Lorrie Ledgerwood, Tracey Burke, Kim Kozel, Izabel Clem, Pastor Karl, and the Fellowship Committee.

Until next month!

Peace and happy growing,



## Happy March from Presbyterian Women!

After a cold day we can say thank you Lord and we are one day closer to Spring!

I'm praying that you all stayed warm and well. If you had to go out, I hope you were able to endure the cold with warm clothes and not have to be out for long periods of time.

Sometimes we have a trial or testing and we ask why is this happening. The Lord tells us in our owners manual that we **will** have trials. We find our peace in Him.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation (*affliction*), but take courage; I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NASB

I've shared this with some of you before, but I thought I would share it again because it is powerful:

1. **PRESENCE** – God may not change our difficult circumstances, but He will be with us. He will draw us close to His side through the presence of His Spirit to encourage, comfort, and console. He will ease our pain and grief through the fellowship of His people. He will even later use that experience to comfort others. Praise be to the God of all comfort! (2 Cor. 1:3-7)

2. **POWER** – When we have no strength to go on, God has more than enough. Acknowledge your need to God and accept His strength. Allow Him to push out any pride and self-sufficiency and make room for the abundant flow of God's power. What we lack in our weakness, God will provide by His grace. (See 2 Cor. 12:7-10)

3. **PROVISION** – Even if God doesn't change our basic circumstances, He still meets our needs in the midst of them. Sometimes He makes physical provisions. Sometimes He protects us from additional difficulty. But all the time, He is our Helper and Provider. (See 2 Cor. 1:10-11)

God may not always save the job, heal the illness or calm the storm. But He will always give you an anchor of grace to hold you securely on the Solid Rock while the storm rages. May not remove difficulties, but give you all you need to keep going. See Romans 12:2,15.

God's will and ways are perfect! Praying 'Thy will be done Lord' places our trust in the author and perfecter of our faith. He's got the whole world in His hands.

Praising and thanking God for the lives of two of our sisters-in-Christ who joined the Church Triumphant: Pat Allen and Mary Holstedt.

Check us out on the first Wednesday of the month for PW Luncheons at noon in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$5.00. We have food, fun, fellowship and a program. Bring a friend. Let the lunch committee know if you are attending so the committee can plan enough food.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday we have small group meetings with Bible Study which we call Circles:

Circle I meets in the parlor at 10:00 a.m.

Circle II meets in the fellowship hall at 10 a.m.

Circle III meets at the Ramada Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn) at 11:30 a.m.

You are invited! I pray you attend! If you have any questions call the co-moderators: Helen at 673-1710 or Rhea at 683-2362.

Love in Christ,  
Helen and Rhea

### Just a reminder -

Circle 3 is meeting at the Ramada for their 11:30 am Wednesday Circle meetings.

They will continue meeting there the third Wednesday of each month through the month of May.



## Fellowship Gatherings!



### Virtual Trivial Pursuit is Back!

Friday, March 18th at 7 pm.

Get your teams together and prepare to be challenged by Pastor Karl's Trivia questions!!

Call the church office with your team's name and members (3-5 people - anywhere on the globe)

or

click [here](#) to sign up via SignUp Genius.

Once you've registered your team, you'll receive the link to join the event.



### Family Bingo

Join us for Fellowship Fun on Sunday,  
March 20th from 3 - 5 pm for bingo!

We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall to play bingo and we'll have popcorn, sodas, and prizes for all!



## Little Free Pantry

Here is a list of the most needed foods:

Milk - non refrigerated

Canned Meat - tuna, chicken, beef

Pre-Packaged Meals

Granola/cereal bars

Cereal - hot or cold

Pasta/Canned Pasta Sauce

Soups - Ramen, cans, or cups

Canned fruit & vegetables

Instant potatoes

Crackers

Juices

Pre-packaged snacks

Other items that are good to have in the pantry include deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, and soap.

Some items are seasonal so as we approach spring and hopefully warmer weather you might want to include sunscreen, bottled water, and Gatorade.

Thank you to Becky Motsick for continuing to stock the pantry and monitor items.

Also, thank you to our congregation for your continued support of the pantry. The pantry is well used and is a blessing to so many.

*"The one who is gracious to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will repay him for his good deed".*

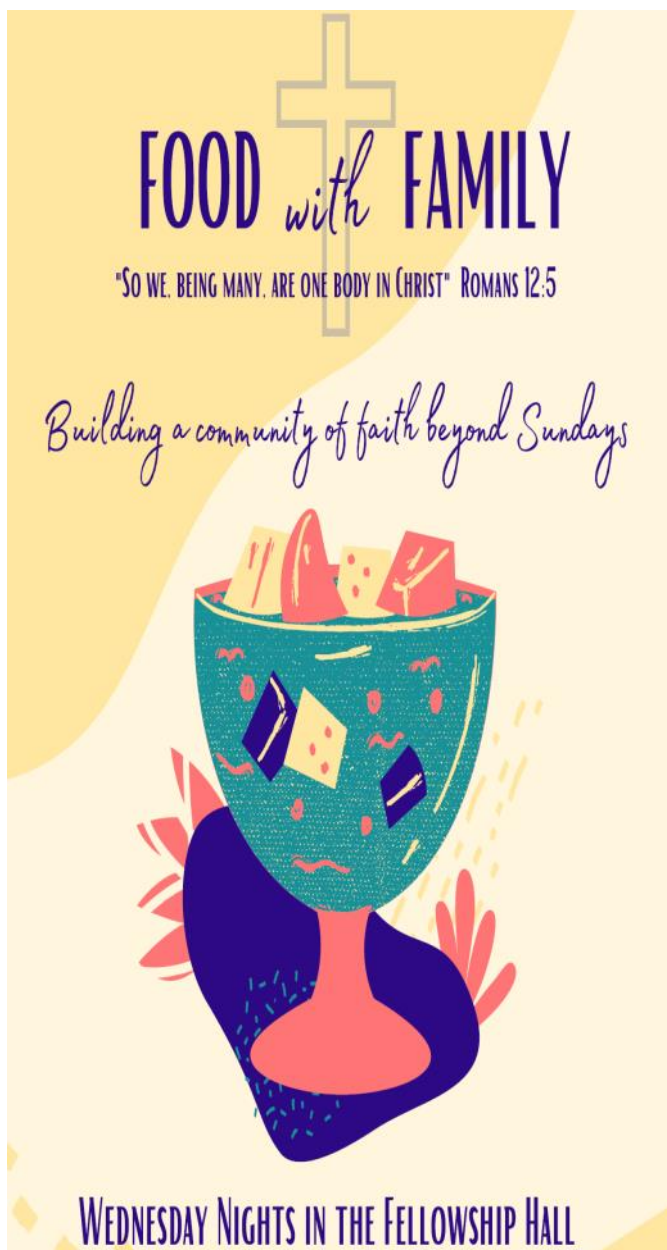
*-Proverbs 19:17*

## Food with Family

We are back to our regular schedule of 5 pm Wednesday evening Food with Family gatherings catered by Binos!

Be sure to sign up on the signup sheet in the narthex or by calling the church office by Monday at noon! You can also sign up by clicking [here](#) and signing up through SignUp Genius.

Menus are posted in both places.



## 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.*

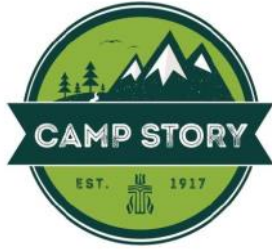


## Daylight Saving Time Begins!

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead for the change to daylight savings Sunday, March 13th.

## ROCCS Scholarship 8th- 12th grade

ROCCS has established a one-time scholarship for youth attending a Presbyterian church camp for the 2022 summer camp season. Please contact CJ at [cj@sheridanfpc.church](mailto:cj@sheridanfpc.church) to request the scholarship form and more information. The ROCCS scholarship can be combined with the Sheridan FPC camping scholarship for youth who have completed 8th grade through graduating seniors.



## Camp Story Needs Female Counselors

Camp Story is urgently looking for female counselors to join the team for Summer Camp 2022.

You must be at least 18 years of age, have a passion for working with kids, and a love for Jesus!

Applicants can apply online at [www.CampStory.org](http://www.CampStory.org) or send your resume to Alicia at [Alicia.campstory@gmail.com](mailto:Alicia.campstory@gmail.com).

## FPC Youth Schedule

**Sunday School** at 9 am.

**LOGOS** meets each Wednesday, at 3:30 for K-5th grade and 5:45 pm for grades 6th- 12th. LOGOS will meet for the last time on March 23rd.

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

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

March 20th is **Family Ski Day at Snowy Range**.

Make Today Amazing



## Preparing Ashes for Ash Wednesday Service

Members of FPC's LOGOS (Eli, Aiden, Izzi, Prakash) helped Pastor Karl prepare the ashes for FPC's Ash Wednesday Service.



When creating ashes, you need to be sure you don't set the smoke alarm off!

*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, Elizabeth Windsor, FPC Choir Members

**Worship Leaders:** LOGOS, Kim Wells, John Jackson, Gary Joy, Aiden Milne

**Ushers:** Amy Turpin, Kim Wells, Dave & Catherine Engels, Jerilea Phillips

**Communion Prep:** Denise Mueller, Su Rappleye-Jackson

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

**Coffee Sponsors:** Ryan, Rachel & Prakash Landis, Mission Committee, Brian & Jean Morgen

**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



**Keep them in  
your prayers**



**Ongoing Prayers:** Margie Elkins, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Roy Davis, Julie Bugher, Jerry & Myrna Saunders, Sig Palm, Leonard Hurst, Robert & Jeanette Ruttinger, Jae & Jennifer Satterlee, Cathy Coggins-Allen, and Eva Dierking.

**Prayers for Healing:** Howie Fitzpatrick, Nancy Elliot, Carol Maloy, Julie Bugher, Shawn Luedtke, Sandy Browne, and Jack Elliot.

**Prayers for Comfort:** Jean Wilmesmeier

**Prayers for those Grieving:** The family of Patricia Allen and the family of Mary Holstedt

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

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

### **Reminder for Elders!**

Elder training is scheduled for 12 - 3 pm on  
Sunday, March 13th

### **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**

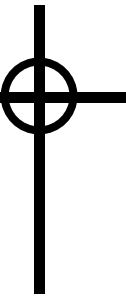
Doug Moore, Dave Youngren

#### **Worship**

Kim Kozel, John Jackson, Beth Thurow

#### **Tech**

Gloria Dierking, Craig Clem



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- March 2 - Harper Heimbeck, Tod Windsor
- March 3 - Steve Kennedy
- March 4 - Jacob Grimes, Becky Motsick
- March 7 - Brett Burtis
- March 09 - Shawn Luedtke
- March 12 - Louann Hamstreet, Denise Mueller, Dick Warren
- March 16 - Tim Lenz
- March 17 - Jade Kane
- March 19 - Ron Patterson, Craig Vogt
- March 20 - Prakash Landis
- March 22 - Dusty Ledgerwood
- March 23 - Joyce Meling
- March 24 - Bethany Hunter
- March 25 - Su Rappleye-Jackson, Galen Tipton, Colton Williams
- March 26 - Kathy Lundberg
- March 27 - Cheryl Heizer
- March 30 - Cole Steidley, Mary Jo Stresky
- March 31 - Zachary Luedtke

## Thank You!

We wish to give special thanks to those who helped Scott Hollingsworth's sister clean out Scott's apartment.

This was a great time for us to rise up as Scott's church family and surround his family with Christ's love and comfort in this difficult time.

Thank you Dorothy Johnson, Sherry & Gary Laughton, Rod Fuller, Tori Milne, Gary & Jeri Joy!

### 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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## Happy Anniversary! March

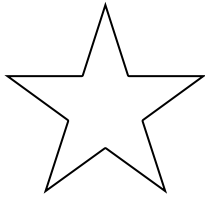
- March 6 - Sandy & Marilyn Michelena
- March 14 - Mike & Teresa Williams
- March 19 - Robert & Jeannette Ruttinger
- March 29 - Jon & Rene Botten
- March 30 - Thorman & Jo Sholey



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 on pricing and to get signed up!



## 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

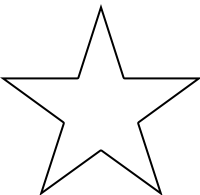
**William Ferries** (Son of Jane Buell)

## 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)



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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 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 12 pm PW Luncheon LOGOS * 5 pm Food with Family 6 pm Bells 6:30 Ash Wednesday service	<b>3</b> 10 am Bible Study  11 am Properties Committee	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  11 am Mary Holstedt Funeral
<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 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 * 5 pm Food with Family 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bells	<b>10</b> 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study  Juanita Out of Office	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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