



First Presbyterian  
Church of Sheridan

# The Good News

April 2022



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## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday, April 10th

Worship at 8 am and 10:30 am with our traditional palm branches and music from the Bell Choir.

PW will have pie by the slice available from 9 - 10:30 am and again from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm this day.

### Maundy Thursday, April 14th

Worship service at 7 pm will be “in the round” and will feature a tolling of the bell with chanted music. There will be communion by intinction.

### Good Friday, April 15th

First Presbyterian Church sanctuary will be open all day for private prayer.

There will be an Ecumenical service at 12 pm at First Christian Church, 102 S. Connor St.

### Easter Sunday, April 17th

Easter Sunrise service will be held at 6 am on the patio by the Fellowship Hall with fellowship time to follow.

Easter worship will be held at our regular time of 8 am and 10:30 am services.

From 9 am - 10:30 am the men's group will be serving Easter breakfast.

Sunday school, choir, Senior Survival, and Youth Group will NOT be meeting on Easter Sunday.

*If you would like to bring in an Easter lily for Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one, please drop them off at the church by Wednesday, April 13th.*

Dear Ones,

The passion of Jesus Christ is known to us in the week of his (ironically) celebratory ride into Jerusalem, his final dinner with his disciples, his betrayal, death, and resurrection. It is a week that is certainly "holy" for we encounter God in the depths of the human experience in these events. This year, Holy Week is April 10 - 17, and we will worship at the following times:

- April 10 - Palm Sunday services (8 AM & 10:30 AM)
- April 14 - Maundy Thursday service w/ Communion (7 PM)
- April 15 - Ecumenical Good Friday service (12 PM @ First Christian Church)
- April 17 - Easter Sunrise service (6 AM on Fellowship Hall patio)
- April 17 - Easter services (8 AM & 10:30 AM)

I would encourage you to take part in each service as you are able for it is in all the events of Holy Week that we most deeply encounter the crucified and resurrected Christ. In addition to the services, the sanctuary will be open and set up for individual prayer from 8 AM - 12 PM on the morning of Good Friday. We will also enjoy an Easter breakfast provided by the men of the church between services on Easter. If you are helping with this event, please show up at 7:30 AM. If you plan to eat, come anytime between 9 and 10:30. There will be plenty for all!

With the practical pieces aside, I want to touch for a moment on a particularly fascinating piece of what it is God takes on in the events of Holy Week: *suffering*. *I visited the other day with some of the other pastors in town and we wondered about Jesus' suffering. How necessary is his suffering in death? Could a Jesus who died of old age served the same purposes?*

In short, yes, it is necessary. Jesus' suffering is instrumental to what God accomplished. But there is a tension in trying to answer a question around the nature of the cross and resurrection because there is a mystery to all of these events. They mean many things given the far-reaching implications of God's love poured out. We might note that for Christ to suffer is to share more than life and even more than death with humanity. To suffer is to enter the deepest part of the human experience in order to walk with us in every shadowy valley. This suffering is poured out in humiliation upon the cross as Jesus is betrayed, spat upon, and murdered even at the hands of those who were religious. In the resurrection, Jesus suffers love for our sake. That is, he pushes through what is sick and ugly, sinful and broken, all on our behalf, going beyond these things in order to accept them and heal them. He suffers the love of one who is bound by it. For Jesus, there is no other way but love for us. But all we can do is note observations of his suffering, explore it, and be in awe of it. We cannot define it perfectly because we do not know God perfectly. But God knows us! And God pours out Jesus Christ for us! The gifts of Holy Week tell this remarkable story even in their mystery for we cannot fully grasp God's amazing grace. But we can thank God for the indescribable love that will not let us go!

*Pastor Karl*



Every March and April, I get the gardening itch. I want to get my hands dirty. I want to start the seeds for my flowers and vegetables. The yard calls my name to come out and rake, seed, and make it look pretty. I want to do everything to make my yard beautiful and my garden bountiful. I pull from my experience growing up and helping my grandmother with her garden. I remember her starting her seeds in an old sheet pan with clear plastic wrap over the top to create a mini greenhouse. My paternal grandmother told me to plant potatoes on Good Friday because the soil needs to be cool still for the potatoes to sprout. I remember my maternal grandfather, the farmer, saying, "Ho, Ho, my girl, you need to make sure you rotate your crops to keep the soil good." Their tidbits of information still echo through my ears this time of year.

I have the trusty gardening book that I pull out every year. It has tips and hints for each month or so many weeks from the last frost date to help get my garden ready for the next growing season. My handy dandy notebook is where I keep my garden layout from year to year to make sure I am rotating my crops.

I am always collecting new ideas for landscaping and tricks for my garden. You should see my Pinterest boards. Craig shudders when I say, "Hey look what I found for the yard (or garden) on Pinterest," because he knows I have something for him to do.

As gardeners, we can always find someone to talk with, share ideas, and mentor, but it is more challenging to talk about faith. I can remember going to church with both of my grandparents. Sitting next to them in church, one was Presbyterian and the other Methodist, singing hymns. But I cannot remember either one of them talking to me about their faith or religious beliefs—the same for my parents. My parents helped with spelling words, making sure we read—the Book It program was the best and did homework. We talked about the world around us, and as my brother and I got older, the topics expanded and became more complex. Unless we had specific religious questions, I don't remember any teaching from them besides making sure we went to Sunday school, church, youth group, and reading the Chronicles of Narnia.

Parents and grandparents are the number one faith influencers in a child's life. That thought can be daunting. Where do you start? Maybe your early faith exposure wasn't that in-depth, or you came to the faith later in life. You are not alone. One of the many blessings we are given is the church. We are here to love and support parents and children. We all have a point we need to start at. On Sunday, April 24, following the 10:30 service, the CE Committee, Pastor Karl, and I are hosting a round table session. We want to hear your vision, successes, needs, and struggles in sharing and talking about faith. Childcare will be available during our meeting.

I came across this quote while reading the other day, "Christians who shape the spiritual lives of children are shaping the spiritual landscape of the future." We are. It isn't just the parent's responsibility. Fuller Youth Institute, based out of Fuller Seminary, found that a child who has at least five nonfamily members involved in their faith development has a stronger faith than those who have fewer.

Just like planning and caring for my garden and yard doesn't just happen in the Spring. Christian development is a year-round effort. Take the next couple of months to pray and consider where you can be a faith influence in the life of the families and children of the church. There are many different areas in which you can be involved, and it isn't just teaching. I would invite conversations to explore your place as a landscaper.



## HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!

We are so excited to see the weather changing!

We want to make sure everyone knows we are having PIE!

### **Palm Sunday Pie for PW Mission**

We will have pie available by the slice from 9 to 10:30 and from 11:30 to 12:30ish.  
(At the end we may have leftover pie for sale.)

Pray about what the Lord wants you to donate to help us with our PW Missions. Start dreaming about what kind of pie you will pick. (If you have a favorite put a little bug in a PW pie maker's ear.) Karl said his favorite pie is PEACH. I know I haven't met too many pies that I didn't like. Pecan, apple, berry, blueberry, sour cream raisin, pumpkin, strawberry rhubarb – yum, I am starting to drool!

We decided not to have an ABC Sale this spring so this is another way to raise money for PW Missions. Pray we can have the ABC sale in the fall .

PW Mission Pledge supports PW Mission in the Presbyterian Church USA.

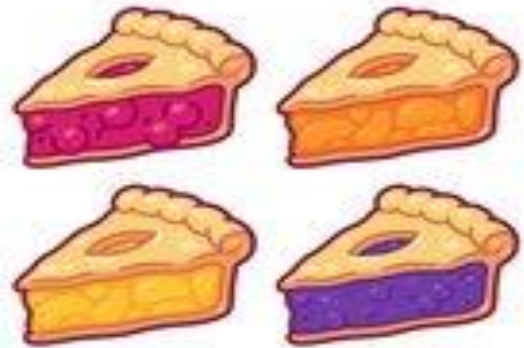
Local PW Mission supports different local missions annually. Some groups supported in the past are:

*Camp Story Scholarship, Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange, Food Group, Sheridan Health Center, Compass Center for Families, Life Link, Marion Daycare and there are others I am sure that I might have missed.*

We had a lovely luncheon on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks again to the luncheon committee! Our speaker, Carrie Edinger from the Sheridan Community Land Trust, told us about three women who persevered and helped build the Clearmont area. A school teacher, a mercantile owner and a doctor. The title of the presentation was, "Women Who Influenced Southeastern Sheridan County."

We will meet April 6<sup>th</sup> at noon in the fellowship hall. All women are welcome! Invite a friend! The luncheon committee is Kathy Beagle, chair, Karen Schreffler and Cheryl Kelsey. The program will be by Kathy Lundberg.

We hope to see you there for food, fun and fellowship.  
Helen and Rhea



### **Pie by the Slice on Palm Sunday!**

#### **Lunch Together**

First Presbyterian Church is serving Lunch Together from Monday, April 4th - Thursday, April 7th.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Denise Mueller.

We are still needing volunteers to help!





## 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).



## Camp Story Work Weekend

Camp Story's Annual Work Weekend will begin Friday, May 20th at 3pm and end on Sunday the 22nd at 3pm.

There are many projects that need to get done around camp before we can open for our summer season! Raking, cleaning, painting, and hauling wood are just a few projects on the long list! We also have some projects that are more involved construction wise.

If you know of someone who has a skill or is knowledgeable in construction, invite them too! You must RSVP so we can plan on food.

There is a sign up sheet at the information center or you can sign up online at [www.CampStory.org](http://www.CampStory.org). You may come and go as you please and do not have to be present for the entire weekend.

Work Weekend is always a fun time of fellowship and good old fashioned hard work! For any further questions, contact Alicia Ford at 307-763-0919 or [alicia.campstory@gmail.com](mailto:alicia.campstory@gmail.com).



**Camp Story pictures from last year's cleanup!**

## Food with Family

There are only two more Wednesdays of Food with Family. Be sure to sign up for Wednesday, April 6th and Wednesday, April 13th.

Sign up sheets and menus are on the board in the narthex and also available [here](#) on SignUp Genius.

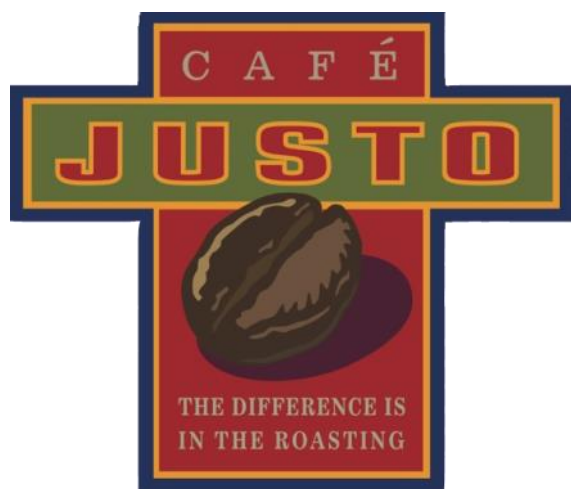
If you miss the signups, call the church office by noon on Monday prior to the Wednesday meal and we will add you to the reservations.

## Compassion Sunday

Mission Committee has announced the next Compassion Sunday will be June 12th.

We would like to know who in our church sponsors a child so we can make sure to have the picture board ready for that Sunday.

Please contact Jan Leupold at 751-8720 with a call or a text if you are a sponsor.



**Be a Sunday morning coffee sponsor for Fellowship Time. There is a signup sheet in the narthex!**

## 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.*



## Graduating Seniors!

High school seniors will be recognized on Senior Sunday, May 15th during the 10:30 am worship service.

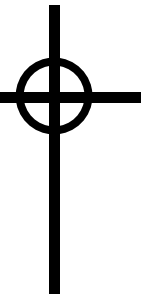
Those graduating high school seniors will also be serving cake during the 10 am Fellowship Time that day.

High school seniors, be sure to return your form and pictures we requested to the church office by Friday, April 15th.

All graduates including college, trade school, and advanced degrees will be recognized in FPC's May newsletter along with the high school graduates.

If you have a post secondary graduate in your family, please notify the office with a picture, degree, honors, and future plans that we can share in the newsletter.





## FPC Camp Scholarships

For youth looking to attend camp this summer, there are Christian Education Camp Scholarships available from First Presbyterian Church.

Contact CJ with the camp you've selected and she will help you work through the scholarship process.



## Parent Meeting

Families with children ages birth to fifth grade are invited to join the CE Committee, Pastor Karl, and CJ for a round table session on Sunday, April 24th following the 10:30 am worship service.

The group will be meeting in the youth room located downstairs by the office. We want to hear your vision, successes, needs, and struggles in sharing and talking about faith with your children.

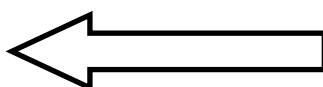
Childcare will be available during the meeting.

I am a  
**CHILD**  
of God.  
I Know it. I Live it. I Share it.

## 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.



**Youth learning about camp !**

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

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

**Worship Leaders:** Kim Wells, Loren Ruttinger, Tina Anderson, Scott Davis

**Ushers:** Shelley Cundiff, Becky Motsick, Amy Turpin

**Communion Prep:** Gary & Jeri Joy, Shelley Cundiff, Rachel Landis

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

**Coffee Sponsors:** Ryan, Rachel & Prakash Landis, 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



**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 & Jeannette Ruttinger, Jae & Jennifer Satterlee, Cathy Coggins-Allen, and Eva Dierking.

**Prayers for Healing:** Howie Fitzpatrick, Nancy Elliot, Julie Bugher, Sandy Browne, Jack Elliot, Ron Patterson, and Gary Dixon.

**Prayers for our Mission Partners:** Scott & Elmarie Parker and our local Food Group.

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



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1 - Aaron Gray  
April 2 - Gary Laughton  
April 3 - Barb Townsend  
April 4 - John Lundberg, Arianna Thurow  
April 8 - Miriam Nance  
April 9 - Brody Bard  
April 10 - Gary Joy, Rob Milne, Kurt Smith  
April 11 - Marisa Zuniga  
April 13 - Ann Aksamit, Nathan Fitzpatrick,  
Dave Williams  
April 14 - Thayer Shafer  
April 16 - Kim Jacobsen, Gwen Roberts  
April 17 - Natalie Schreffler, Bryce Williams  
April 18 - Janet Hamstreet, Ryker Zuniga  
April 19 - Georgia Mueller  
April 22 - Andrew Windsor  
April 23 - Kathleen Shafer  
April 24 - Linda Johnson, Michael Shifrar  
April 26 - Brandon Forister, Riley Gallagher,  
Henry Szewc  
April 27 - Jasper Tilden  
April 28 - Mike Stoll  
April 29 - Haven Windsor  
April 30 - Gene Bard, Margie Elkins,  
Rick Landeis



## Happy Anniversary! April

April 1 - Rick & Tracy Landeis  
April 15 - Rick & Louise Semino  
April 23 - Craig & Marigene Vogt

### 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)

**Like us on Facebook!**

<https://Sheridanfpc.church>

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

## Highway Cleanup!

It's that time of year for FPC volunteers to clean our two-mile section of highway.

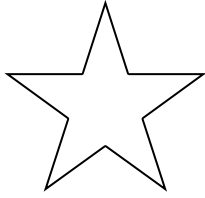
Meet Saturday, April 23rd at 8 am at the Big Horn Y to help with the cleanup.

Trash bags and reflective orange safety vests will be provided.

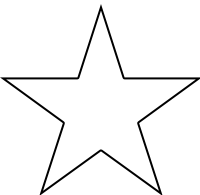
The filled bags will be left along the side of the road and collected by Highway Department crews.

**Did you know?** WY Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean Fling is in its 27th year and the program has nearly 900 groups participating statewide.





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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)

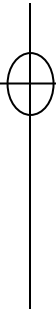
**Jacek Aksamit** (Grandson of Mary & Larry Apple)

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.

# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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