



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

July 2022



Sunday Worship Outdoors for the 8 am Service

Starting Sunday, July 3rd we will be gathering outside for our 8 am worship service.

Bring an umbrella for sun shade and a comfy chair!

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FPC
SUMMER
OFFERINGS

July 24
Bubbles, Sprinklers, &
Dillys
Whitney Fountain
2-4 pm

August 13
Pool Party
Kendrick Pool
10 am -12 pm

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Dear Ones,

As you have likely picked up, I enjoy the church calendar. I like the progression through the seasons of Advent and Lent. Pentecost is a wonderful celebration that helps us be reminded of the power of the Spirit upon which the church was founded. Remembering Christ's own baptism each year helps us embrace our own calling in baptism. In short, the church year functions in a beautiful way to keep us in the story of God again and again because this is the great story of humankind made, redeemed, and sustained by our Triune God.

The longest season of the church calendar is called "Ordinary Time." It is the time that stretches from Pentecost until Advent. We sit in the beginning of Ordinary Time right now. There is, however, nothing ordinary about it. During this stretch of the church calendar, we are immersed in the stories of Jesus' life: the healings, the controversies, the meals, and the miracles. These stories, in turn, tell us of and call us to discipleship. We see how Jesus walked this earth so that we might do the same. But in following the church calendar, we see all of this after having first celebrated the incarnation and Christ's coming to us at Advent/Christmas (the beginning of the church year), the death and resurrection of Christ during Lent/Easter, and then the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The seasons are shaped in this way so that we might see that we come to the work of discipleship with Christ already beside us (Advent/Christmas), having already redeemed us (Lent/Easter), and having already given us the Spirit with which to strengthen us in this journey (Pentecost).

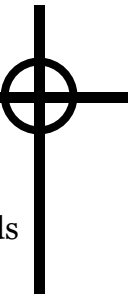
What amazing news this is! There is nothing we have to earn before God to be worthy of walking in the way of Jesus Christ. There is nothing to prove. We have already been prepared to do so in every single way!

We hear of this great love and our own preparation to follow many times in the Assurance of Grace during worship as Paul's words from Romans are repeated, "God demonstrates love for us like this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." There is truly nothing more we need. All that we are and all that we can be is wrapped up in God's great love for us already given in Jesus Christ.

As we read the stories of Jesus' life through this season of Ordinary Time, I hope that you hear them knowing that God has prepared you already to follow in this way. God has called you and goes with you. God has equipped you already even when it is unbeknownst. Most of all, though, God's love is already there for you. It is there to help you grow. And that brings us around to the church calendar again for the color of Ordinary Time is green.

Yours in the Master Gardener,

Pastor Karl



When my older minions were little, they would watch the cartoon "Dora the Explorer" all the time. The show follows Dora and her friends on adventures and teaches the viewer basic Spanish vocabulary. You have Dora's best friend Boots, the monkey, and her trusty backpack that carries all kinds of useful items and Map - the one to show you how to get to the final destination. Then you have the antagonist, Swiper the fox. You had to shout, "Swiper, no swiping," three times to stop him from taking things that didn't belong to him.

Brenden, Izabel, and Eli LOVED Dora. They would always ask to watch it. I think the older two even had Dora-themed birthday parties. Izabel had bedding, curtains, toys, and clothing with Dora on them. I think we watched every episode like 50 million times. Well, maybe not that many, but it should feel like it.

In one episode, Benny the Bull, Dora's friend, is in a hot air balloon with a hole. Benny is calling out, "Sticky tape! I need sticky tape!". Dora and the crew armed with Map follow Benny to encourage him to hang on and rush to get him his sticky tape.

Benny and his hot air balloon adventure remind me of a faith journey. You are just floating along, enjoying life and pop, and you go all topsy-turvy. You feel like you are alone, and you call out. As Benny calls out "sticky tape," you are calling out "sticky faith!" so you don't feel like you are lost in the process.

Benny isn't alone on this adventure, and neither are you. You have the church just as Benny has Dora and Boots following and supporting him. So when we don't know where the Spirit will lead, you have the church to call out to and hold you up until you find your way.

The church is a strong support system to call on. It isn't the four walls that make up the church but the people in it. When someone calls out for "sticky tape," many people answer the call. It isn't in the cry for help but also in joyous celebration. Sharing birthdays, graduations, engagements, births, new jobs, and all the little things that build the relationships. Through these relationships, we know when we call out, our support system will be following us. We have faith that in every situation, God will send us a Dora and Boots to see us through and the Bible as our Map.

The love of the Trinity flows through us all. It assists in the sticky together of Their love and the love for one another. It's that stickiness that binds us all together. The stickiness that we share can start with the littlest among the church and spread to the more seasoned. It happens in the big events but also in the little ones, like sitting around after worship eating goodies, teaching Sunday school, or participating in a fellowship event. Make an effort to get sticky. You won't regret it!



Good News at FPC



Meet Colfax Edward Thurow, son of Mike and Amber Thurow and little brother to Telkin and Paddock. Colfax is the seventh grandchild of Greg and Beth Thurow!

CJ and Craig Clem are excited to announce the engagement of their son, Brenden to Emily Kelly. A September 2023 wedding is planned.



First Presbyterian's choir director, Ryan Landis is joining the team at The Hub as the new Director of Operations beginning in July.



Mia & Joe Shifrar are happy to share news of their grandson's arrival. Grayson Alan Cole was born on 6.17.22 weighing in at 8# 8 oz. and 21 1/2 inches long.



The Ukrainian Breakfast Fund-raiser was a success! Over \$3500 was raised and will be matched by the Mission Committee. Not only was there good food and beautiful Ukrainian eggs, the kids had fun getting removable tattoos.



FPC in Action!



Habitat for Humanity Build Day



Work Weekend at Camp Story





Happy July from Presbyterian Women! Happy Summer!

We'll see what the Lord allows and more will be revealed.

Our Purpose

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.

All women of the church are PW Women. You are welcome to visit PW meetings, gatherings and Circles to see what it is like – you are always invited! Pray about it and see what the Lord reveals to you. We are in recess for the summer and will begin meeting again at noon on September 7th. We will be having an **Old Fashioned Hymn Sing**. If you have an old hymn favorite, tell Louise Semino as she has graciously said she would play the piano. If you need help finding the title – just ask Louise or me, Rhea Cooksey-Dixon, and we will try to look it up. Let's give her plenty of time to practice! So, contact her soon with your favorite hymn! We are really looking forward to this!

The Circles (small groups) gather on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Circle 1 gathers at 10:00 am in the Parlor

Circle 2 gathers at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Circle 3 gathers at 11:30 am at a place to be announced

The PW Horizons Bible Study for 2022-23 is *Celebrating Sabbath* by Carol Bechtel.

Thank you to Sherry for writing the newsletter article last month. She did a wonderful job!

A big thank you for all the women and men who helped in anyway this past month by doing their jobs as being a part of the body of Christ!

Sixteen women gathered for the Annual Women's Retreat at Camp Story. Women came from Cody, Cheyenne, Dayton, Laramie, Sheridan, Story, Torrington and Utah. We were blessed to spend the time from Friday afternoon until Sunday around 11 a.m. worshiping God, growing in our faith and growing in new friendships and old friendships with our sisters in Christ. We had seven sessions of Bible study on the book of Ruth. We had some great time for personal and corporate prayer. It was a lot of fun with skits, games and activities! Have you ever played Bananagram or Rummikub? Our thanks to God for Camp Story! Thanks and prayers for Alicia and the many people that keep Camp Story running! Thanks also to CJ and Izzi for helping with the cooking for PW at Camp Story! We ate well! Janet Ruleaux led our singing and what a beautiful sound it was! The PWP Moderator, Carolyn McBurney, chose Campus Ministry as her special project this year. Our special offering went toward Campus Ministry. Yep, you guessed it – it blessed the socks right off of my feet!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS TRIENNIAL GATHERING

July 15-17, 2022, Heber City, Utah. Contact Jeri Joy for more information. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with women from Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado and part of Nebraska.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FALL PWP GATHERING

This will be in Cody on September 16-17, 2022. Let's plan to car pool and show our support for the mission of women in Wyoming.

Enjoy your summer! We may try to do something in July. More will be revealed so stay tuned! God is always at work!

Love and blessings from your sisters in Christ, Helen and Rhea

First Presbyterian Church invites
you and your friends to:

Bubbles, Sprinklers, & Dilly Bars

Sunday, July 24, 2-4 pm

Whitney Fountains

RSVPs are appreciated



**It was a beautiful afternoon for
CE's Game Night/BBQ held on
Sunday, June 26.
Food, fun, family!**



**Fun at "Starter Camp" at
Camp Story included puppets
and dancing!**



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.

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

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Arianna Thurow

Worship Leaders: Kim Wells, Tina Anderson, Doug Moore, Eli Clem, Gary Joy, Teresa Williams, Jerilea Phillips

Ushers: Kim Wells, Craig Clem, Rachel Mathews-Landis, Gloria Dierking

Communion Prep: Kim Wells, Craig Clem, Rachel Mathews-Landis

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Ted Knapp, CJ Clem, Eli Clem, Gloria Dierking, Izzi Clem

Coffee Sponsors: Mike Stoll & Tina Anderson, Mission Committee

Meal Deliveries and Lunch Together: Janet Burris, Cheryl Madden, Tori & Rob Milne, CJ Clem, Nickie Arney, Marjorie and Tod Windsor, Marigene Vogt, Jackie McMahan, and Kim Wells provided food. Mitzi Knapp, Melissa & Parker Rieger, Joyce Groneberg, Teresa Williams, Doug Moore, Gary Laughton, Dick Warren, Scott Davis, Tina Anderson, Helen Campbell, Mary Ludemann, Janis DeVore, Beth Bailey, Jan Leupold, and Denise Mueller all volunteered.



LUNCH TOGETHER

FPC will be serving Lunch Together August 1st - 4th. Volunteers to serve or provide dishes are appreciated and can contact Denise Mueller at 828-712-9500.

Thank you to everyone who make this happen!



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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**Keep them in
your prayers.**



Ongoing Prayers: Margie Elkins, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Jerry & Myrna Saunders, Sig Palm, Leonard Hurst, Robert & Jeannette Ruttinger, Jae & Jennifer Satterlee, Cathy Coggins-Allen, Eva Dierking, and Jim Litle.

Prayers for Healing: Howie Fitzpatrick, Julie Bugher, Sandy Browne, Jack Elliott, Jim Wilhelm, Roy Davis, and Jan Deaver.

Prayers for those Grieving: The family of Marion Reed and Tim Lenz and family on the loss of Tim's brother, Rick.

Prayers for Camp Story: For campers/staff as they come and go this month.

Prayers for our Mission Partners: Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar (Mission Co-workers on US/Mexico border) and The Hub.

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2 - Sara VonKrosigk
 July 3 - Chad Quarterman
 July 4 - Nancy Elliott
 July 5 - Lucky Cameron
 July 6 - Rhea Dixon
 July 7 - Jon Botten
 July 8 - Phyllis Reasoner
 July 10 - Maggie Turpin
 July 11 - Jeannette Ruttinger
 July 12 - Jan Windsor
 July 14 - Sharon Smith
 July 15 - Tomomi Browne
 July 16 - Louise Palm
 July 17 - Annette Reed, Terry Wagner
 July 18 - Bobbie Spahn
 July 19 - Beth Lenz, Jackie McMahan
 July 20 - Joe Shifrar
 July 21 - Keith Brandt, Loren Ruttinger,
 Jennifer Satterlee
 July 22 - Chris Browne, Ottis Clem,
 July 24 - Gary Meling
 July 26 - Cathy Coggins-Allen



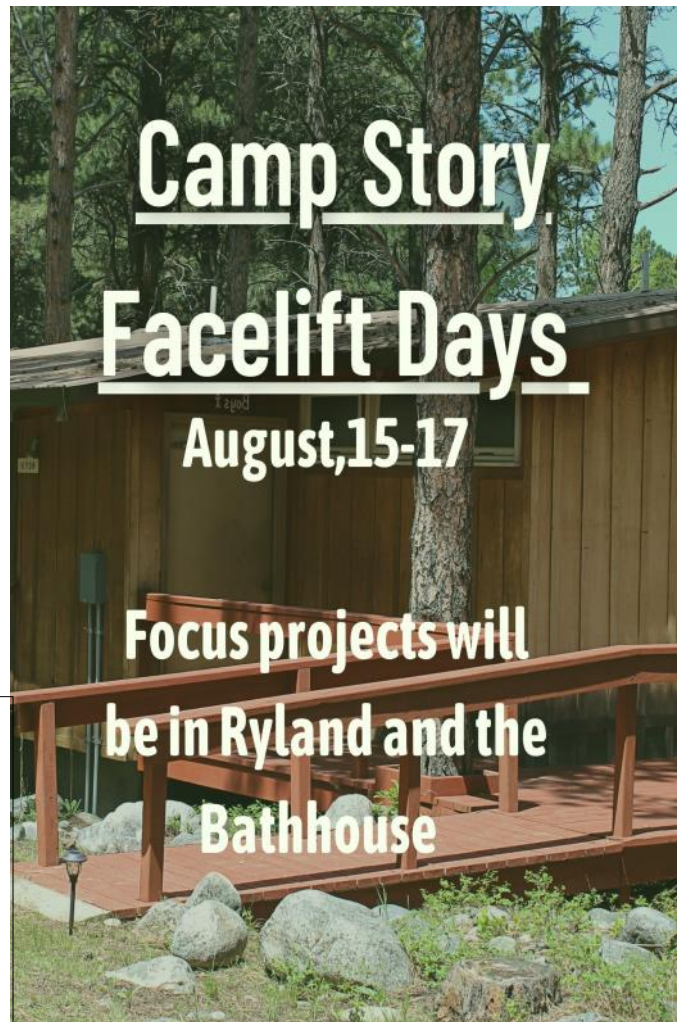
Grab your tool belt, hammer, saw, and join other Camp Story lovers for Facelift Days August 15-17.

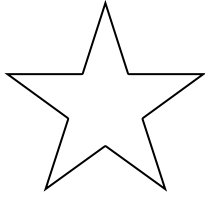
The focus buildings are: the bathroom and deck on the Ryland cabin; and the bathhouse toilets, showers, flooring, o my! Stay tuned! If you have questions please contact Alicia (director@campstory.org) or CJ (cj@sheridanfpc.church).



**Happy
 Anniversary!
 July**

July 4 - Harvey & Linda Johnson
 July 5 - Jay & Maggie Bergstrom
 July 7 - Doug & Pam Moore
 July 12 - Brett & Becky Burtis
 July 13 - Pat & Jane Gallagher
 July 15 - Rex & Nickie Arney
 July 28 - Kerek & Alicia Ford





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 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)

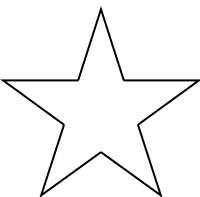
Army & Army Reserves

Ethan & Johnna Hall (Grandson & granddaughter-in-law of Carol Maloy)

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

Jacek Aksamit (Grandson of Mary & Larry Apple)

Henry Johannesen (Grandson of Sig and Judi Palm)



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.

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8 am Worship w/ Communion 9 am Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship w/ Communion	4 4th of July OFFICE CLOSED 	5	6	7	8	9
10 8 am Worship 9 am Fellowship 10:30 Worship	11	12 11 am Properties 12 pm Personnel 4 pm Worship 5:30 pm Budget 5:45 pm Mission 6 pm Tech <div>  CJ to ROCCS </div>	13 10 am Congregational Care Comm.	14	15	16
17 8 am Worship 9 am Fellowship 9 am Summer Book Study with Karl 10:30 am Worship <div>  </div>	18	19 7 pm Session CJ Out of Office	20	21	22 	23
24 8 am Worship 9 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 2 - 4 pm Bubbles, Sprinkles & Dilly Bars at Whitney Commons	25	26	27	28	29	30 11 am Jean Swanson's Memorial Service
31 8 am Worship 9 am Fellowship 10:30 Worship Youth leave for Zephyr						

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