



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

October 2022



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The Bridge

The Bridge is our mid-week gathering for all ages. We gather on Thursday evening at 5:30 pm for dinner. The evening continues with programming from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

The adults will be studying the previous Sunday's lectionary passages and taking a quick look at the ones for the upcoming Sunday. The youth will enjoy a combination of study, play, and worship skills.

You can click [here](#) to sign up for any of the upcoming gatherings. Menus will be posted once the volunteers have shared that information with the office.

Join us for part or all of the evening events.

New Member Class

There is a new member class scheduled for October 16th from 12 - 3pm in the Fellowship Hall. This class will help you explore and answer questions you may have about becoming a member.

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP with Pastor Karl.

Nature Hike and Sack Lunch at the Brinton

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite you to join them Saturday, October 22nd for a nature hike and sack lunch at the Brinton.

The hike is the 3 mile Lollipop trail walk starting at 10 am. Participants can turn back at anytime during the walk.

Bring a sack lunch with you!

Dear Ones,

I want to start by thanking all of you who pitched in to help in hosting the Presbytery of Wyoming meeting September 23-24. You exercised great hospitality, and I heard many comments expressing gratitude for such great and thoughtful care of those who gathered.

Each time the Presbytery of Wyoming gathers, Friday tends to be an educational time together. A guest speaker is invited in by the elected moderator for the year. This year's moderator, Mark Owens who is a ruling elder from Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian in Casper, invited Rev. Dr. David Gambrell from the denomination's Office of Theology and Worship to visit with us about music. Dr. Gambrell walked us through the use of our hymns in our corporate life and worship together as well as our individual lives and devotional times. It was a powerful reminder of the gift of music and of hymns, in particular. So much of what we believe and how we understand God is shaped in our lives by music. Hymnals, he noted, are "theological documents." That is, they shape our faith as much as almost anything else even if we do not realize it.

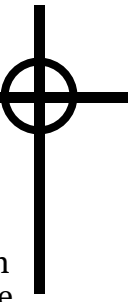
If I asked our congregation what our favorite hymn was, I think I would get back two answers with equal results. This is, of course, a guess, but I feel confident that "Here I Am, Lord" and "Holy, Holy, Holy" would be the top vote getters. I want to talk about the second of those two for just a moment because it might be my favorite, and it is "fun" one to sing (as Dave Youngren reminded us this past week in worship after we had done so).

Perhaps "Holy, Holy, Holy" is so fun and so moving because it links us through time and space in a unique way. The hymn is based on Revelation 4:2-11 but that scripture passage is, itself, based on Isaiah 6:1-5. Thus, when we sing this hymn, we are joining our voices with both a future vision of God's reign and the voices that sang Hebrew songs in the synagogues, Greek songs in the early house churches, and Latin songs as the church developed in later centuries. As Carl Daw notes, "when we sing this hymn, we are not initiating praise but joining a song that has been going on from before time and forever." Wow! That is powerful. When we sing in worship, we lift our voices with those from past, present, and future, all of us proclaiming the angelic "holy, holy, holy."

As the rest of the hymnals arrive in time (about 30 have arrived so far), we will begin using the new Glory to God hymnal in November on Reign of Christ Sunday. This new hymnal is unique in that it holds about 300 more hymns than our blue hymnal. As the committee who assembled the hymnal did so, they took the best of the blue hymnal and kept those favorites, added other favorites that the blue hymnal did not have, and then added a number of newer hymns that will be, as we learn them, terrific additions to our corporate song and personal devotional life. There is a great power in song and in singing together. The hymnal gives us the opportunity to grow in the gift in new ways. If you have not yet dedicated one in memory or honor of someone, I would encourage you to get in touch with the church office to do so. We are also placing new Bibles in the sanctuary so that we are uniform with the translation that is read each week and to give the pews a complete refresher. Bibles may also be given in memory or honor of someone.

Go forth with the saints to adore Thee,

Pastor Karl



Growing up, I loved Halloween. It was a party day at school, so we didn't have to do "boring" school work all day. We could walk around the neighborhood and get candy. Of course, you knew which house to go to and which ones to avoid. Then you would come home and sort out the candies into piles. I had like four different piles. First, I would not share or trade a pile that was all mine. Then a good pile that I would be open to trading with my brother for the good candy. Next the pile that if we ran out of candy for the door, I would be okay sacrificing, and the last pile was the candies my dad could have, aka the gross stuff. There was a good chance the candy in that pile would still be there the next Halloween.

In one neighborhood we lived in, they gave out little popcorn pouches, not a bag of popped popcorn, but a pouch with everything you need to make popcorn. It had a section that had the oil, another for the popcorn seeds, and then another with the salt. It was all sealed nicely in their little area. No mixing until you are ready to pop. It was some good stuff. The only thing that could make it better was if it was white popcorn and not yellow.

With each ingredient in its compartment, it wasn't anything. It was just this fun little pouch to smooth and play with, or you could call it a prehistoric fidget spinner. So who would have thought adding a little heat to some semi-solid oil, mixing with popcorn seeds, and adding some seasoned salt would make a great treat?

I am just going to throw it out there that I love popcorn. In case you haven't gathered that yet. I prefer my popcorn with butter, but I am okay if it has olive oil or something else. What popcorn has to have is salt. That is a non-negotiable for me. I can't do it. The Mrs. Dash or whatever salt substitute is out there. It just doesn't cut the mustard. If it doesn't have the salt, then I am not eating it. It will be a sad day if there ever comes a time that I can not eat salt.

We, the church, are like the popcorn pouches I received on Halloween. We each have a role to play. We stay in our little areas, whether we are those who attend Presbyterian women, Sunday school, or one of the various Bible studies that we offer, but when there is someone in need, we get together and we support that person.

We are commissioned to go out and be the salt and light of the earth, but what does that mean? It means you have to be the extra flavoring on someone's popcorn. It means that you need to create fertile spaces.

We have a great group of youth in this church. They can be more significant than life, full of beautiful ideas and visions on how to improve the world, starting with the world here in Sheridan. These young hearts need the salt cultivated in their faith to take root. So please take a minute, or join them at The Bridge to listen and talk to them, lead a Sunday school or a Bridge activity. If speaking to youth might seem a little out of your comfort zone, sit next to them and smile. I have found that some of them are like wild animals. If you don't make eye contact and sit next to them and mumble something, they will come to you when they are ready. Just knowing that you are there is enough.

Go out into the world around you and be the salt. Go out with the knowledge you can be the salt to help those grow in their faith or the salt that is there after the trial.

Good News at FPC

Avery Quarterman

Congratulations Avery! Avery took 1st place at tennis regionals; took 2nd at the state meet; and was named All Conference and All State!



Aiden Milne is interning at First Presbyterian Church. As an intern, he is learning the ins and outs of the church and learning about church leadership. He will be helping out on various Sundays in different roles.



Nursery Update

We continue with progress on the nursery update. Stop in and check it out.



FPC in Action!

Mid-Week Gathering on Thursdays

THE BRIDGE



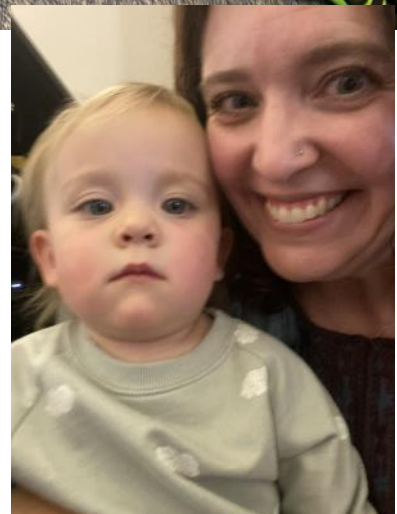
Everyone enjoys good food at
The Bridge gatherings!



This week, the youth
had a yoga session as
part of their time
together on Thursday



We learn from one another at
The Bridge activities.



**The Bridge is for all ages. Food,
fellowship, play, and study time!**



Happy Fall from Presbyterian Women!

A special thank you to Louise Semino for playing the piano for our Old Time Hymn Sing. Many attended and seemed to enjoy it! We honored our butlers from the Mother's Day Tea in the spring.

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 Presbyterian 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. If you can only attend sporadically – that is not a problem.

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 noon in the Fellowship Hall

The Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study for 2022-2023 is "Celebrating Sabbath" by Carol Bechtel. In our fast paced lives, have we forgotten to rest, turn from seeking our own pleasure and Celebrate the Sabbath? Consider joining one of our Circle studies to find out more! Carol Bechtel (author of Study) has accepted an invitation to be the speaker at our June 2023 retreat at Camp Story!! Our National PW Moderator, Kathy Reeves, has also expressed interest in attending the retreat! We are so excited to have this to look forward to as we work through this Study!!!

ABC SALE DONATIONS FOR MISSION

PW Coordinating Team has decided that we won't be able to proceed with a sale because of lack of workers and time. The ABC Sale raises funds to support funding PW missions. Many of you have been collecting things from your attics, basements and closets to donate. So, we are going to keep with the mission idea and donate items to the "Everything Beautiful Thrift Store" in Lane Deer. Bring items to the church on Friday October 14th. We will sort items and then on Saturday, October 15th, a van from Everything Beautiful will come to collect the items.

(Please ONLY donate CLEAN, new and gently used items. If items really should be placed in the trash – please do so.)

The Everything Beautiful Thrift Store made these SPECIFIC REQUESTS (but not limited to) :

- Men's and boy's winter clothing and boots.
- Infant girl's winter clothing.
- New or nearly new ONLY underwear and socks of all sizes.
- Household items of all kinds. Dishes, small appliances, kitchen items, towels, sheets – anything to set up a household.
- New personal care items such as body wash, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, hairspray, toothpaste, toothbrushes. They have enough bar soap at this time.

There will be updates regarding collection of items for ABC missions in the weekly bulletin or you can call Rhea or Helen.

FALL PWP GATHERING

Women from Torrington, Cheyenne, Powell, Saratoga, Encampment, Sheridan and Cody gathered for our PW of Wyoming Presbytery Annual Meeting in Cody on September 16-17, 2022. We had 5 PW members attend from Sheridan. It was a blessing! We had a round table discussion to share ideas. There were many good ideas; so stay tuned! One idea is having an evening Circle to accommodate women who are still working. If you are interested contact Helen or Rhea. The food and decorations were wonderful! Monica Hall led our worship service which was a really special time. It was a very good sermon about being good stewards of what God has given us.

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It all belongs to God and he rewards those who are faithful stewards! The friendships and community are what it is all about – that's how God made us. In Christ, we are all members of the Body of Christ.

Please pray about our coming year. What is the Lord putting on your hearts? Pray about bringing someone to a luncheon or Circle meeting. Friendship and hospitality are great ways to share the joy that we have in Jesus. (see Nehemiah 8:10) God is always at work! What can you do to be His hands and feet? Will you reflect His heart and shine light into dark places? Are you available to be used by God?

Our October Meeting will be the 5th at noon. The speaker will be a Physical Therapist and the topic will be Women's Health.

The November program will be an overview of our Camp Story Retreat. The program was called "A Cozy Mountain Cottage." We will be having some cozy, comfort food to go with it. There might be a skit and some fun activities!

Love and blessings from your sisters in Christ,
Helen 673-1710 and Rhea 683-2362

3rd Grade Bible Presentation



Ottis Clem receives his Bible from
Pastor Karl!



Financial Summary for 2022 thru the end of August.

Giving:

Actual Giving: \$227,755
Budgeted Giving: \$251,239
Difference: - \$23,484

Expenses:

Actual Expenses: \$223,393
Budgeted Expenses: \$249,410
Difference: - \$26,017

Net:

Actual Giving: \$227,755
Actual Expenses: \$223,393
Difference: \$4,362

These numbers reflect that a few large contributions received in January are divided by 12 and that amount is added to each months actual giving

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

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Mary Apple, FPC Choir Members

Worship Leaders: Dave Youngren, Ryan Landis, Kim Wells, Beth Thurow

Ushers: Doug Moore, Pat & Jane Gallagher, Gloria Dierking, Kim Wells

Communion Prep: Su Rappleye, Denise Mueller

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Ted Knapp, CJ Clem, Eli Clem, Craig Clem

Coffee Sponsors: Janis DeVore, Harper Jo Heimback, Jan Leupold, Mission Committee



LUNCH TOGETHER

Don't forget FPC is serving
Lunch Together this first week of October,
Monday, October 3rd through Thursday,
October 6th.

Volunteers to serve or provide dishes are
appreciated and may contact
Denise Mueller at 828-712-9500
if you are able to help.

The church office is open during these hours.

8 am - noon - Monday – Friday
Please call 672-1717 to leave a message.
office@sheridanfpc.church

Like us on Facebook!

<https://Sheridanfpc.church>

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

Special thanks to all those
who helped with the nursery update.

Keep them in
your prayers.



Ongoing Prayers: Margie Elkins, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Jerry & Myrna Saunders, Sig Palm, Leonard Hurst, Robert Ruttinger, Cathy Coggins-Allen, and Annette Reed.

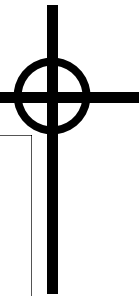
Prayers for Healing: Howie Fitzpatrick, Julie Bughner, Sandy Browne, Jae Satterlee, Jeannette Ruttinger, Bob Koester, Diana Miller, Dick Birkholz, and Jim Lyon.

Prayers for our Mission Partners: Highlands United Church, Cheyenne and Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Bighorns.

Prayers for those Grieving: The family of Patty Brandt.

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





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1 - Julie Kennedy, Greyden Nield,
Gabe Thurow

October 2 - Jim Litle

October 5 - Keith Luegge

October 6 - Becki Youngren

October 10 - Ethan Milne

October 13 - Emmi Johnson,
Carter Steidley, Tyler Wells

October 14 - Sharon Porter

October 16 - Ryli Malone, Jill Martin

October 17 - Cory Hamstreet, Tyler Milne

October 18 - Helen Campbell

October 19 - Cara Semino

October 22 - Logan Groshart

October 23 - Jack McMahan

October 24 - Emily Beagle, Decker Nield,
Isaac Gray

October 26 - Sandy Birkholz

October 28 - Linda Luegge, Greg Thurow

October 31 - Cheryl Kelsey



Happy Anniversary!

October 7 - Cory & Janet Hamstreet

October 11 - Jeff & Denise Mueller

October 13 - Roy & Carol Davis

October 14 - Kurt & Heidi Smith

October 15 - Bryan & Shawn Luedtke

October 17 - Kevin & Beth Bailey

October 18 - Gary & Jeri Joy

October 31 - Dave & Mavis Williams

Youth Happenings

Youth Group has started their once a month meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 4 to 5 pm.

This is an opportunity for the youth to explore their faith through unique activities and projects.



Saturday, October 15th FPC members will be out cleaning our designated section of highway.

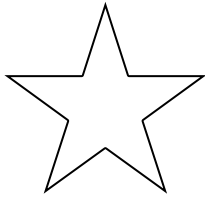
Please contact Dave Engels if you are able to help that day.

Cleanup starts at 8 am.

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.



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)

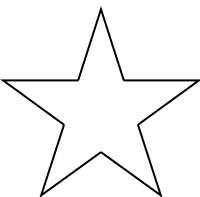
Army & Army Reserves

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)

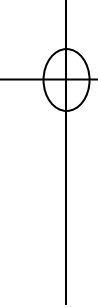
Henry Johannesen (Grandson of Sig and Judi Palm)



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.

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8 am - 10 am Annual Church Cleanup Day
2 8 am & 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 9 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship 11:30 am Choir	3	4 <div>Lunch Together</div>	5 12 pm PW Luncheon	6 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study 4:30 pm CE Committee	7	8 9 am - 3 pm Session Retreat
		6:30 pm Bell Choir		5:30 pm The Bridge		
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