



The Good News

April 2024



Adult Sunday School

Make sure to join the upcoming adult Sunday school class! From April 14 - May 19, Pastor Karl will lead our 9 AM class in a study of the four Gospels where we will look at the sort of communities each was written to and for, the time each was written in, and compare and contrast all that overlaps across the four stories and that which is unique in each one.

PW Spring Mission Event

PW is hosting their spring mission event on Saturday, April 27th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Colleen Ferris will be doing a presentation called

“Little House on the Prairie” .

Lunch/Program tickets are \$25.

Seating is limited to 48 so get your tickets as soon as possible.

Please join in and celebrate this FUNdraiser to benefit missions while making memories and learning something about the past.

Trivia Night

First Presbyterians Annual Trivia Night has been scheduled for April 28th at 6 pm. Gather your team together and brush up on your trivia! Then, come and challenge your friends!

Compassion Sunday

Sunday, April 28th is Compassion Sunday. We'd ask that church families who are still supporting a child through Compassion to send in updates and current pictures from their child/children to the church office.

Pictures and stories of these children will be highlighted on that Sunday in April.

Last Free Tax Prep

The last free tax prep with Tracy Landeis and Wendy Faldowski will be Thursday, April 11th.

Call Wendy, Wyoming Free Tax Service Coordinator at 307-710-1022 to schedule an appointment.

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Dear Ones,

I've taken the stereotypical pastor's week off after Easter this year. It's the first time I have ever done this. As you read this, I am enjoying the sun in Arizona.

As we planned this trip, Kendra and I were going through our minds to build a list of folks we knew when we lived down here with whom we would wish to reconnect. Such remembering sent me down a rabbit hole of recall. I pulled out one of my old journals and read through my entries from 2012 and 2013 when I worked in Tucson at Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona. One in particular caught my attention:

I expected to see a house when we pulled up to the address listed on the cut sheet. Instead, we met a woman standing behind the torn screen door of an RV directing us to park on the south side of her camper. We parked as instructed, jumped out, and were met with a hearty, "Good morning!" Though I never enjoyed working on mobile homes or campers, especially, since the parts are just a bit more flimsy and fragile than normal, the woman's joyous demeanor overcame whatever reservations about the job had stacked up in my mind.

We discussed the repair with her. She described just what the cut sheet noted: her water pressure was low and her water bill was high. A quick peek underneath confirmed the obvious water leak, though, "waterfall" might have been a better term. It did not look like the surrounding desert underneath her home, but we laid down the tarp we had and some cardboard left over from a water heater install and got to work. Fortunately for my partner and I, the RV had no wheels, and the blocks it rested on raised it higher than normal so we could crawl under easily.

The repair did not take long. We were able to patch PEX into her existing line where there was the leak and square that away. We caught a second and previously-less-pronounced-but-then-much-more-pronounced leak when we checked the system and did the same repair a second time. After that, we turned on her shower and watched a smile spread across her face. "You two are geniuses!" she exclaimed with laughter.

We finished up the reporting paperwork as the woman continued to thank us and then loaded up all of our tools and supplies and folded up the tarp. Jobs with easy fixes that make a big difference in someone's life are rare. Yet, they sure are especially satisfying when they happen, and you need those sorts of wins to keep persisting day-by-day. But the best part of the whole experience was that as we drove away, the woman watched from behind her torn screen door just as she did when we drove up, and she shouted to us, "Remember! Jesus loves you and so do I!"

Memory is an important piece of our faith when it builds us up to continue the good work of sharing Jesus's love. At the Last Supper, Jesus directed us to undertake that act in remembrance. In Paul's letters, he is often delighted and encouraged when he remembers the communities to which he writes. When I look back at my journals and remember how God has been at work so often, I am strengthened to go forward in the day ahead knowing that God will continue to be at work. Lastly, whenever we gather for worship, we remember God's faithfulness with our hymns, liturgy, and reading of Scripture and ground ourselves and our efforts together in that faithfulness. Memory is so important to what we do. As such, "Remember! Jesus loves you and so do I!"

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Karl



It has almost been a year since Prakash, Eli, and I loaded up in our car, which we affectionately named Snowball, and headed to Kansas City for a week of service. It was a week full of growth, new experiences, adventures, laughter, and faith-building. During the week, we teamed up with other churches around the United States to support local mission agencies.

In January, I spoke with the high schoolers, and we discussed their highlights of 2023. Both Eli and Prakash listed the mission trip as one of their highs. Hearing what this week meant to both of these young men was heartwarming. I asked them if they would be willing to share a brief reflection on what they are feeling now that we are ten months out from the adventure.

Prakash

In 2023, I was fortunate enough to go on the Kansas City mission trip with CJ and Eli. It was a really fun experience to spend the week with them and strengthen our bonds. It also helped me learn more about myself and how to use my gifts to help others.

It was gratifying spending my time helping the people of Kansas City and seeing how people in the community do their best to help those around them. Even though I may not get to see the effect I had, I'm glad I had one. It was also fun getting to meet kids from other countries. It was cool to see how we all were there with a common goal, but we each came from different beliefs and backgrounds. It was a really fun experience, and I can't wait for the trip this year.

Eli

Last summer, I went on a mission trip with Prakash and Cj. We went to Kansas City. The first night we were there, someone from the town hall came and told us the history of Kansas City. The next morning, we split up into our groups and headed off to our first place to help. We headed to a community garden to help two people work the gardens. We started outside working in the garden. I was shoveling dirt into a wheel barrel for them to put it where they were starting to make a new bed for plants. When we were done with that, we went inside and ate lunch. We then helped them get ready for a class to teach people how to make jarred food. When we were done, we went back to where we had been staying. The next day, we went back to the garden to help some more. We again started outside. But this time, we helped them weed one of the garden beds and helped them pick berries. Then we went inside and ate again. When we were done eating, we helped them make some jelly.

The next day, we went to a thrift shop and helped them do some stuff. I helped in one of the side buildings. I started folding bags so they weren't taking up so much space. When I was done, I helped clean the back of the shop. Then, that night, we went to one of the shopping districts of Kansas City and did a scavenger hunt. The next day, we went to a different garden and helped them. I started by shoveling manure into a pile for them to use in the future. We then started cleaning out a bed so they could plant more plants. Then, that night, we went to a sculpture park and looked at different sculptures. We also had a BBQ that night.

I'm so glad I was able to go on this trip because I had a blast helping the community of Kansas City. I learned a lot from this experience. It was heartwarming to see all the groups of people who volunteer to help missions in Kansas City. I realized that everyone has their own skills that they can use to help people. I also learned that it doesn't take a lot of work to help. The simplest things can help everyone.

Looking back, the highlight of this adventure, besides the service opportunities, was watching the youth step out of their comfort zone and grow. They grew in confidence, expanding their understanding of what it means to serve and the conversations we had. Watching Eli and Prakash move into this more extensive group and initiate conversations. Working alongside people, they have never met and sharing an experience while talking about their faith and what life is like for both of them. I reflect, digging into the dirt and getting my hands dirty to help prepare a garden. Tilling the soil, preparing it for whatever came next. It had me reflecting on how it was a metaphor for what I do. I am cultivating the soil and planting the seeds of these young people I interact with, teach, share, and laugh with. I may not be around to watch the fruit of this devotion grow and blossom, but I got my hands dirty and tended it with care and love.

I am gearing up for another mission trip with the youth to Benton Harbor, MI, this summer. I am excited to see the participants' adventures, connections, and growth. There is still room if you know of a current eighth grader through high school who would like to go with us. Or, if you want to come and experience a mission trip with the youth, we could make it happen.



Happy Spring 2024!

It is so nice to see the flowers growing and to hear the birds singing.

Theme for 2024: Store 24 Bible verses in your heart in 2024.

I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.
Philippians 4:11-12

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 – don't let that stop you – you are always welcome!

The Circles (small groups) gather on the 3rd Wednesday of the month during the school year September through May.

- 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 (bring your own lunch)

The PW luncheon is Wednesday, May 1st at noon. Looking forward to fun and fellowship! We may spill out onto the lawn if the weather allows.

Pray about helping and/or attending a "Little House on the Prairie Luncheon" Saturday April 27th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. We will be hosting this FUNdraiser to benefit missions while making memories and learning something about the past. Colleen Ferris will talk about the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Seating is limited to 48 so look for tickets to go on sale soon. The cost is \$25.00

Pray about attending the Camp Story Women's Retreat May 31st – June 2nd. We will be doing the "One Thousand Gifts" study by Ann Voss Kamp. A dare to LIVE FULLY right where you are.

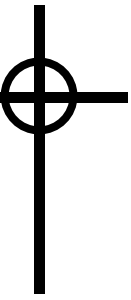
Pray about attending Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis, August 9 – 11. There are partial scholarships available from Sheridan PW as well as PW in the Presbytery. Registration opens March 1st. The theme of the gathering is "Do Everything in Love. 1 Cor. 16:14"

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



Camp Story

The Camp Story Commission will be selling Camp Story apparel and swag after the 10:30 am worship service on April 14, 28, and May 12. We have limited sizes left from past years so these will be sold at a discounted price! Make sure to pick something up to support the camp and so you have something to wear on May 26 when we hope everyone will wear Camp Story gear as we do a blessing of the camp and the counselors ahead of the summer season



FPC in Action!



Bridge activities ended with the last gathering during Holy Week. Here Harper Jo and Christina work on their craft project for the gathering.



Eighteen youth participated in many fun activities during the Youth Lock In.



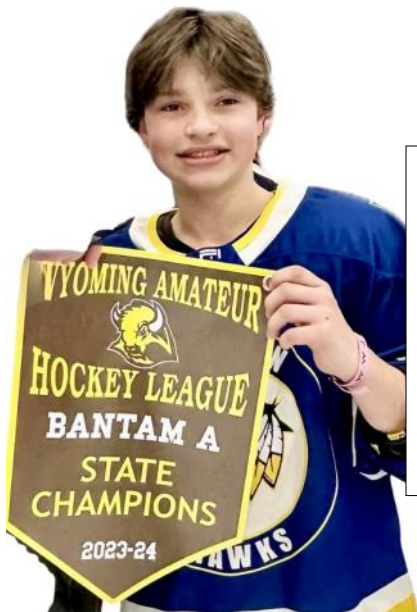
FPC's Children's Bell Choir shared both "Jesus Loves Me" and "This Little Light of Mine" at our Palm Sunday worship service.



Good News at FPC !



Beth Thurow was one of the artists chosen for the Governor's Capitol Art Exhibition in February. Her piece "Lyric of Lupine" was one of eight pieces selected for a purchase award. Purchase award pieces will be displayed in public offices of state agencies and elected officials. Congratulations Beth!



Parker Rieger was a member of the Sheridan Bantam A hockey team which won their championship game earning 1st place at state. Good Job Team!

We want to encourage you to check out the new exhibition at SAGE Community Arts titled "White Robe." This is a chronicle in art of Anglican priest Rev. John Roberts' service on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming from 1883 to 1949. The exhibition raises good questions about how we do cross-cultural work as Christians and how that was done well and not so well across the American West .

WHITE ROBE
The Story of Rev. John Roberts
BY CELEBRATED ARTIST | BRIAN WHELAN

ON VIEW | MAR. 12 - APR. 20, 2024
RECEPTION | THUR. MARCH 14 | 5:30PM - 7:30PM

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly Session meeting for March was held on Tuesday the 19th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

News of Interest --

- Session approved the following people as new members of FPC: Brian Bainter, Gwen Roberts, Julie Norris, Jaeger Stander, Jeff Hendrickson, and Troy and Edie Siddle.
- The Renovation Committee has met with three architectural firms and will be meeting with a fourth.
- The final soup/bread meal for the Bridge is Wednesday, the 27th.

Gary Joy, Clerk of Session

**Keep them in
your prayers**



Ongoing Prayers: Margie Elkins, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Jerry and Myrna Saunders, Robert & Jeannette Ruttinger, Roy & Carol Davis, and Bill Ferguson.

Prayers for Peace & Healing: Howie Fitzpatrick, Julie Bugher, Jae Satterlee, Diana Miller, Mary Hutton, Arlene Herrboldt, and Georgia Mueller.

Prayers for those Grieving: The family and friends of Dave Williams.

Prayers for Mission Partners: First Presbyterian (Burns) and the Food Group.

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

2024 Financial Summary Through February 2024

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenue	409,500.00	61,300.68	(348,199.32)
Expenses	409,500.00	54,676.04	(354,823.96)
Profit/(Loss)	-	6,624.64	6,624.64

The revenue amounts reflect a few large donations received early in the year that are divided evenly amongst the remaining months and added to those month's actual Tithes and Offerings.

Your contributions to the Church's Per Capita obligation, paid to the General Assembly, total \$315. The 2024 Per Capita assessment is \$12,776.40.



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, Mary Apple, FPC Choir, Children's Bell Choir, Tyler Milne, Ethan Milne, Doug Moore, Prakash Landis

Worship Leaders: Harrison Scott, Tori Milne, Tyler Milne, Kim Wells, Rachael Milne

Ushers: Dave & Catherine Engels, Frank Rugh, Erica & Brian Bainter, Marigene Vogt, Eli Clem, Dave & Becky Motsick, Tori & Rob Milne, Kim Wells, Mary Ludemann, Howie & Sandy Fitzpatrick, Scott Davis, Kim Wells, Mike Stoll & Tina Anderson, Denise & Jeff Mueller

Communion Prep: Su Rappleye and Denise Mueller

Communion Servers: Cheryl Kelsey, Larry Apple, Howie & Sandy Fitzpatrick, Kim Wells, Erica Bainter

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

Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up

Saturday, April 6th starting at 8 am.

Call Dave Engels at 307-751-2009

if you can help.



Hands, Heart, Soul Camp is a camp focusing on adults coming together to use their hands in service, our hearts in worship and study with Pastor Karl and Pastor Doug Melius, and renewing our souls in fellowship together around the fire, on the porch, and in sharing meals. Camp begins Thursday, June 20th with a shared evening meal. Our time together will culminate in a worship service on Sunday morning. Children are welcome and will have their own projects, activities, and cabins. The cost is \$100/ person 12 years and older, \$50 for 11 and younger. The family maximum is \$300.

You can register at campstory.org.

FPC Youth served at Lunch Together!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2— Gary Laughton
April 3— Barb Townsend, Ty Malone
April 4— John Lundberg, Bentley Malone,
Arianna Thurow
April 7— Isaac Rugh
April 8— Miriam Nance
April 10— Rob Milne, Kurt Smith, Gary Joy
April 11— Marisa Zuniga
April 13— Nathan Fitzpatrick
April 14— Thayer Shafer
April 17— Bryce Williams
April 18— Janet Hamstreet
April 18— Ryker Zuniga
April 19— Georgia Mueller
April 23— Kathleen Shafer
April 24— Linda Johnson
April 26— Henry Szewc
April 28— Mike Stoll
April 30— Gene Bard, Rick Landeis,
Margie Elkins

Graduates

Do you have a family member graduating this spring? If so, please share the information and picture with the church office as we'll recognize all graduates in the May newsletter.

The church office is open during these hours.

8 am - noon - Monday – Friday

Please call 672-1717 to leave a message.

office@sheridanfpc.church

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All worship services can be viewed on

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Happy Anniversary! April

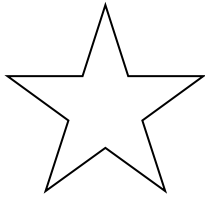
April 1—Rick & Tracy Landeis
April 15—Rick & Louise Semino
April 23—Craig & Marigene Vogt

Paint Post Party

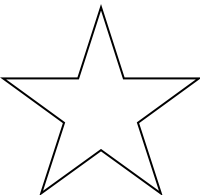
Sunday, April 14, 2-4 pm

Join the herd for the Family Fellowship at the Paint Post on Sunday, April 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. You don't have to be Georgia O'Keeffe to paint this fun highland cow. Hoof it to sign up before April 11 and pay \$20 per person to the church. Reserve your spot with CJ (cj@sheridanfpc.church) or [click here](#).





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Space Force

Ryan Laughton (Son of Gary & Sherry Laughton)

Air Force

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)

Bridger Ammann (Grandson of Joyce and Gary Meling)

National Guard

Allen Price (Son-in-law of Karen Fosher)

Carsie Mitchell (Grandson of Jim & Dianne Perry)

Henry Johannesen (Grandson of Judi Palm)


Army & Army Reserves

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

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 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 12 pm PW Luncheon	4 10 am Bible Study	5	6 8 am Highway Clean Up
		Pastor Karl Out of Office				
		6:30 pm Cub Scouts				
7 8 am & 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship 11:45 am Choir 11:45 am Tech Comm. 4 pm Confirmation	8	9 12 pm Personnel 4 pm Worship 5:15 pm Fellowship 5:30 pm Budget 5:45 pm Mission	10 10:00 am Cong. Care Committee 6:30 pm Bells	11 7 am Bible Study 9 am—5 pm Tax Prep 10 am Bible Study	12	13
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