



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

June 2024

To God *be the* GLORY



Great Things He Hath Done!

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Hands, Heart, Soul Camp

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Camp begins Thursday, June 20th with the evening meal and concludes Sunday morning with the 11 am worship. Sunday worship will be our annual Camp Story worship service. You do not need to attend camp in order to attend worship.

There will be a potluck following worship.

Register for the camp at www.campstory.org!



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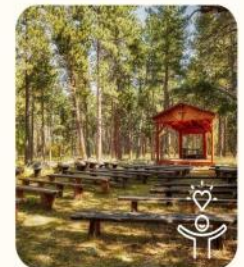
Families welcomed!

Children are welcome to join us and will have their own projects, activities, and cabins. Please note that children will be staying in their own cabins with Camp Story staff.

Registration and Cost

Dates June 20-23
The cost for attending the camp is \$100/person for those who are 12 years and older, \$50 for children who are 11 years and younger, or \$300 for families. You can register for the camp on our website at campstory.org.

www.campstory.org



**REGISTER
TODAY!**

WWW.CAMPSTORY.ORG

Dear Ones,

Stop me if you've heard this one (which means stop me because I've told it before), but it goes like this. How come we never talk about the miracle of Jesus having twelve close friends in his 30s?

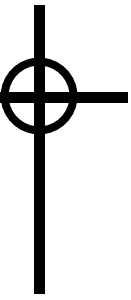
As life progresses, we get inundated with family and work responsibilities and it becomes more and more difficult to make time for friends. Then, you move or friends that you have move away and you try to break into another circle but find people often guard their social networks for fear of opening them and changing or breaking them. But friendship is important. In the Gospel of John, Jesus talks about himself as a friend to us. We need friends that can not only hold us when we grieve and hold us accountable when we are not our best.

As children, most of our time is spent building relationships. Whether we are in the classroom or playing sports or playing in general or in Sunday school or at camp in the summer, we have lots of opportunities to meet and make friends. But why should this stop when we enter the work force? It doesn't have to and that is part of the reason we are having an adult camp this summer at Camp Story called Hands, Heart, and Soul from June 20 - 23. During these days, we will do a *little work at camp to be in mission together (a couple of hours a day for those who can participate) and then spend our time in study together of the psalms with Pastor Doug, and afternoons hiking or visiting or just soaking in nature on the beautiful deck next to the creek. What a ripe opportunity to make new friends, tend to old relationships, and grow together spiritually! You can stay at camp during those days or come for the day each day. Either way, I sure hope you'll consider joining and check the Camp Story webpage for registration information sooner than later so we can get a good headcount for the delicious meals Ramona will be making us. The weekend will end with our annual Camp Story worship service and potluck (which you do not have to come to the camp to attend). Please let me know if you have any questions!*

Your friend,

Pastor Karl





Man, May is a busy month! We celebrated our confirmands, Christian educators, and high school seniors. These celebrations always make me reflect on the past years.

Those confirmands! They were lively, full of energy and passion, and always up for a laugh. Back when we started, some needed a little time to come out of their shell, and others were ready from the get-go. They were my test group. They embraced new aspects of confirmation, the main one being mentors. I love how the mentors stepped in and were so willing and excited to participate in confirmation with their mentees. Each relationship was unique and exciting to watch develop, but all of them were guided by the Holy Spirit and wrapped in God's love.

I must brag that I did not cry during the confirmation presentation or the high school seniors. It wasn't because I wasn't so very proud of either group. I want to think I am just getting more practice at it, but I am sure it was all luck. I am very proud of our graduating seniors, too. The group we had are great humans that will leave a positive impact on our world. Looking at their faces, I remember little things: the laughs and inside jokes that were created at their confirmation retreat, the eagerness of who was going to be able to hand out the bulletin on LOGOS Sunday, Christmas program nervousness, or just the general fun that was had when we got together. Watching them bloom into the people the Creator made them to be has been a blessing for us to watch.

In all of these celebrations, we also celebrated the souls who had stepped into the role of teacher. These individuals are outstanding. Whether it was Sunday school, LOGOS, or The Bridge, they shared their wisdom with the youth. I am sure that they also shared many other things: laughs, lows, and snacks. The leaders answered the call to help guide and nurture the flames of faith. I know I appreciate everything that they did! Research shows that every child should have at least five faithful people to show, nurture, guide, and love them. Thank you, teachers, for being a part of the five.

Even if you were not a teacher to the confirmands, high school seniors, or a study, you are still a huge part of faith development. Greeting one another on a Sunday morning is essential, too. You are telling them they matter and that you see them. It doesn't need to be a big to do about them being there. It is the little things that make a difference. Good morning. I'm glad to see you. I'm happy you're here. Leave a lasting impression. From the youngest person to the high schooler, they like that.

These interactions make First Presbyterian Church Sheridan the great place it is. It is the encouragement, the relationships, and the acceptance of the wiggings. As I prepare to take five youths on a mission trip to Benton Harbor, MI, I know that some are a little nervous about doing things they have never done before, and some are excited about the adventure. Some may be a little apprehensive about not knowing what we are doing or what might happen; we know that we go with the love and support of our church. Without the foundation that you have provided, we would not be as excited to go. Hopefully, next month, I can write about the adventures we had and the memories we created.



Happy June 2024!

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

The Bible Study at the Retreat will be about being thankful in all things.

Psalm 40 says:

- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.
- 3 And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.
- 4 Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turned aside to lies.

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)

Thanks to all who cleaned and worked in any way to get Camp Story ready for the summer! Special thanks to Phyllis Wilhelm, Bobbie Spahn, Jeri Joy and Judi Palm who helped me clean the Chapel and the bath house. Praise God for the power to do the work! Praise God for Camp Story! It is a blessing to have that beautiful location to enjoy God's nature. Thanks to the Camp Story Commission!

The Women's Retreat is upon us. We are looking forward to a wonderful weekend.

Five Sheridan women are attending Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis, August 9 – 11. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this trip. 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
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2024 Schedule

CAMPS	AGE	DATES	PRICE	
			Before 4/15	After 4/15
Wild Faith	5th-8th Grade	June 9-14	\$300	\$325
You And Me Weekend	Pre-K-1st Grade	June 14-16	\$160	\$180
Starters Camp	2nd-4th Grade	June 16-19	\$190	\$215
Night Owl	9th-12th Grade	June 30-July 5	\$300	\$325
Day Camp	K-4th Grade	July 8-11	\$150	\$170
Starters Camp	2nd-4th Grade	July 14-17	\$190	\$215

REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS
Please note that prices for camp increase after April 15th

SIBLING DISCOUNT
\$20 off per sibling

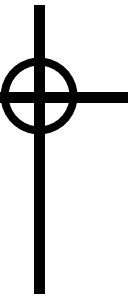
FRIEND DISCOUNT
Bring a friend who has never been to Camp Story and receive \$20 off

*Campers can either receive the sibling or the friend discount, but not both

*Scholarships are available for qualifying families

TO REGISTER FOR CAMP, GO TO CAMPSTORY.ORG

FPC Sheridan scholarships available. See CJ for more information.



FPC in Action!



Celebrating with our graduating seniors during fellowship time!



Lucy Brock shared her musical talents with us during Sunday morning worship.



Troy & James Siddle's Baptism



Anna Tarver's Baptism



Confirmands and new members joining the church.

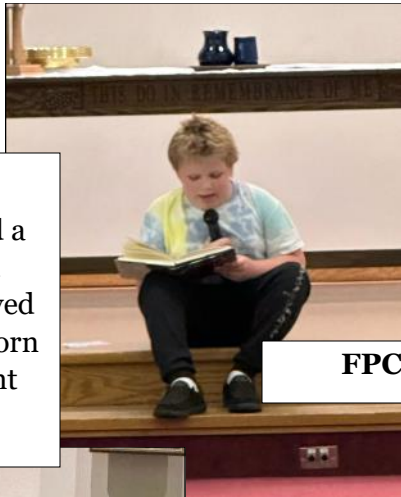
Good News at FPC !



Thursday morning Bible Study group helped Judi Palm celebrate her 80th birthday!



Sandy Browne became a great grandma with the arrival of 7lb. 4oz Mesa May Arizona. Mesa was born April 26th to Lexie & Ethan Arizona.



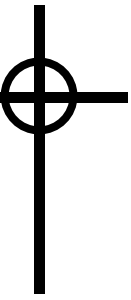
Ottis shared a poem and Prakash played his French horn at the Talent Show!

FPC 5th ANNUAL TALENT SHOW



Celebrating with our confirmands during fellowship time!





**Join us for Dinner with Presbyterian
Mission Co-Worker
Tuesday, June 25, 6 pm**



Rev. Dr. Elmarie Parker

It is our privilege and pleasure to host a dinner with Rev. Dr. Elmarie Parker at First Presbyterian in Sheridan. Rev. Parker will talk about her experiences as a Regional Liaison to Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, and Egypt. As the Presbyterian Church (USA) celebrates more than 186 years of involvement in the region. Rev. Parker has become part of a small but faithful Christian community trying to bring hope and healing to the Middle East.

Mission Committee is hosting the dinner, just show up in the fellowship hall at 6 pm, Tuesday June 25th. The evening promises to enrich us all. As part of the PCUSA's Middle East and Europe Office, Rev. Parker can also address how our denomination is working with partners in Ukraine and other places in Europe as well as Gaza and Israel.

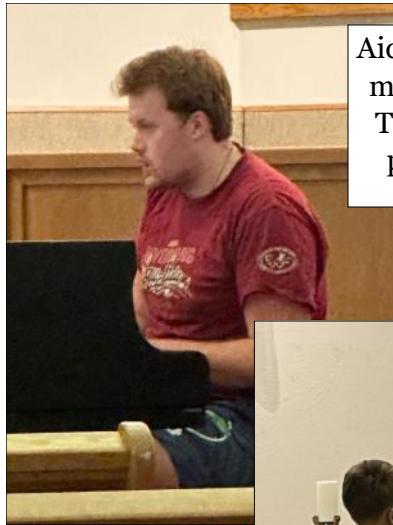
Save the Date!

FOOD TRUCK PARTY

VBS 2024 Aug 6-9

ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

Sponsored by: United Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, First Congregational Church, and First Christian Church



Aiden Milne shared his musical talents at the Talent Show playing piano and singing!



Manny & Mia did the taco dance for the Talent Show!

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

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Mary Apple, FPC Choir, Vivian Tarver, FPC Bell Choir, Erica Bainter, Erin Osborne, Doug Moore, Lucy Brock

Worship Leaders: Henry Szewc, Ethan Milne, Dave Youngren, Troy Siddle

Ushers: Dave & Catherine Engels, Frank Rugh, Prakash Landis, Izabel Clem, CJ Clem, Craig Clem, Shelley Cundiff, Bobbie Spahn, Tina Anderson, Jeri Joy, Jean Morgan, Mike Stoll, Harrison Scott, Mitzi Knapp, Nancy Cook, Tori Milne

Communion Prep: Denise Mueller

Communion Servers: Mike Stoll & Tina Anderson, Ruby Szewc, Rachel Mathews Landis, Prakash Landis, Craig Clem

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Ted Knapp, CJ Clem, Craig Clem, Eli Clem, Parker Rieger, Anna Tarver, Ryan Landis, Izzi Clem

Coffee Sponsors: Mike Stoll & Tina Anderson, Janet Burtis, Ryan, Rachel & Prakash Landis, Mission Committee

Thank You

Cheryl Madden wishes to thank Pastor Karl and her Church Family for their prayers, words of comfort, cards, kindness, and hugs in the loss of her sister, Janet Denker.
Thank you and God bless!



**Keep them in
your prayers**



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly Session meeting for May was held on Tuesday the 21st at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

News of Interest --

- Session approved the following couple as new members of FPC: Tom and Lynn Hahn.
- Mission Committee is looking to start a garden on the northeast side of the church to supplement our little food pantry with fresh food during the summer months. Church members are welcome to help donate supplies, work time, construction, etc. Please contact Tina Anderson if you have an interest.

Gary Joy, Clerk of Session

Ongoing Prayers: Margie Elkins, Karen Townsend, 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, Georgia Mueller, and Greg Thurow.

Prayers for Mission Partners: Union Presbyterian (Evanston) and the Food Group.

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1—Zooney Douglas

June 2—Jim Wilhelm

June 6—Dick Birkholz

June 12—James Siddle

June 14—Frank Rugh, Kenny Osborne

June 16—Becky Bard

June 18—Darleen Douglas, Claire Gerber

June 19—Jenni Steidley

June 22—Robert Ruttinger

June 26—Evan Groshart

June 28—Mitzi Knapp

June 30—Tracy Landeis



LUNCH TOGETHER

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who served and made food this week! We fed 135 meals this time to very appreciative folks.

Our next time to serve is July 15-18.

Denise Mueller



Happy Anniversary! June

June 1—Ted & Mitzi Knapp

June 5—Steve & Julie Kennedy

June 12—Todd & Jerilea Phillips
Craig & CJ Clem

June 19—Todd & Tomomi Browne
Loren & Bridgett Ruttinger

June 22—Jim & Phyllis Wilhelm
Jim & Dianna Perry

June 23—Scott Davis & Mary Ludemann

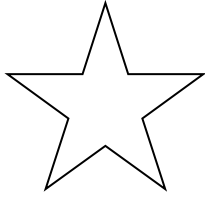
June 25—Howie & Sandy Fitzpatrick
Tod & Marjorie Windsor
Jim & Margaret Litle

June 26—William & Laurie Graves

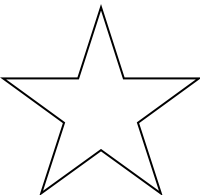


Thank you to our Camp Story clean-up crew! Bobbie Spahn and Phyllis Wilhelm were doing clean-up inside while David Hackert did clean-up outside.





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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.

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8 am & 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 10 am Fellowship 6 pm AA	3	4 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	5 6 pm AA	6 7 am Bible Study	7	8 Youth Leave for Mission Trip
9 8 am & 10:30 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 6 pm AA	10	Youth Mission Trip			14	15
6 pm AA		5:15 pm Fellowship Committee 5:45 pm Mission Committee	6 pm AA			
16 8 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Father's Day Youth Return from Mission Trip 6 pm AA	17 10 am M3	18 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	19 6 pm AA	20 7 am Bible Study	21 	22
				Hands, Heart, Soul Camp		
23 11 am Worship at Camp Story Potluck to follow 6 pm AA	24	25	26 6 pm AA	27	28	29
30 8 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 6 pm AA						

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