



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

May 2025



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New Worship Schedule

Session passed a motion from the Worship Committee to have one service on Sunday mornings to begin on May 25th.

The new Sunday morning schedule will have worship at 10 am followed by Fellowship Time at 11 am.

Fall brings us Sunday school for everyone which starts at 9 am. Pastor Karl promises to have the coffee on!

It is our prayer that one service will bring our entire congregation together to worship and praise God with singing and communal prayer with our talented staff & musicians.

Senior Sunday

On Sunday, May 11 we will recognize our graduating seniors during the 10:30 am worship service. Please join us for a reception during fellowship time that morning at 10 am to congratulate our graduates.

Music Appreciation Sunday

Music Appreciation Sunday is May 18th. We will honor and recognize all our wonderful musicians who add so much to our worship services. Join us for a reception for these individuals during our fellowship time that Sunday.

May Bible Study

Thursday morning 7 am Bible study begins on Thursday, May 8th. We will be reading "The Undertaking" by Thomas Lynch. Books are \$15.

We have a few books left, so please consider joining us for this study.

FPC Annual Talent Show

Be sure to get your entries in for our annual Talent Show on Friday, May 9th at 7 pm. Click [here](#) to enter your "acts" on our sign up at SignUp Genius.

Let us know if you're needing specific equipment or have other needs.



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Dear Ones,

Each year I gather with a group of pastors to study, laugh, and rest together. I am up early this morning. No one else in the house is awake. I am sipping on my coffee and looking down from high on a mountain outside Frisco, Colorado at a couple of inches of fresh snow blanketing the ground.

Mountains hold a mysterious power. I know many of you are well aware of this. They literally lift us up, but they also raise our spirits and give us new perspectives on all that is around us and that which is within us. They make us pause because they demand that we slow down in order to truly take in all of the beauty that they hold. It is no wonder that mountains are the sites of so many events in our Holy Scriptures. Moses receives the Law upon a mountain. Jesus offers the Sermon on the Mount upon one. The psalmist wonders when looking at the hills, "Where does my help come from?" and then boldly declares, "My help comes from the LORD." Mountains are symbols of God's power and majesty. They are holy.

Yet, while sitting on this mountain, I am dearly missing cozying up with Harper Jo in the big blue chair in her room and reading a *Magic Treehouse* book together. *That chair has become just as holy as a mountain in my life. A Wendell Berry line comes to mind at that reflection. He notes, "There are no unsacred places; there are only sacred places and desecrated places."*

Beloved, the holy is everywhere around you. As God created the world and the undiscovered cosmos well beyond us, God has created in a way that is good and holy. God has touched everything and everything that God touches is sacred, be that the mountain or the big blue chair; the stream to cast your fly upon or the place to gather and catch up with friends; the family room or the hospital room; those places which we embrace easily and even those which are a bit more difficult. The holy is all around us.

Now, we could take a good amount of time to parse out the second part of the quote. We tend to miss the holy much of the time and in doing so we sometimes go so far as to desecrate it. But I'm not going to parse that out any further. As I sit on this mountain and watch the snow, it is enough for today to embrace what is front of me. I will miss reading and drawing and singing with my family today, but I can still love that the trees are white, the mountains are nourished, and the fact that I am sustained in a particular way in this place. That is holy and I am going to walk in the holy this day.

Yours in the Holy One and on this holy journey together,

Pastor Karl



May updates for Presbyterian Women (PW).

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.

REMINDER: The PW May Luncheon will be a Special Event hosted by the Methodist Women. Women of the Presbyterian Church are invited by the Methodist Women to be guests for a combined May luncheon event on **WEDNESDAY MAY 7 at noon**. The program will be 'Flowers of the Bible'. If you haven't already given your reservation to a Circle leader and would like to attend, please call Nancy Cook ASAP.

Circles meet in May at their regular times for Circle fellowship and study. June, July and August we recess until September. Stay tuned for special summer events.

PW's Ongoing Mission Project-The Food Group: PW volunteers meet at 10:00 on the second Wednesday of each month during the school year at 1141 Crook St (former Habitat for Humanity building). We pack approximately 80 bags that go to Coffeen School. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to join in this monthly mission. We are thankful for the men who join us. For questions contact Nancy Elliott or Kathy Beagle.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE NEW AND RETURNING VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED WITH THE APRIL BAG PACKING. We hope to see you again May 14 at 10:00 and then again in the Fall when school resumes. There may be special packing opportunities during the summer months.

Kari McMeans, director of the Food Group, was the guest speaker for the March PW Luncheon gathering.

Kari shared that the Food Group services approximately 45% of the children in Sheridan County. This involves delivering weekly weekend food bags to each elementary school. Food pantries are also found at the junior high, high school and throughout our community including here at First Presbyterian. Food Group is privately funded and depends on the generosity of donors in our community.

Free Wheelchair Mission: The April 2 PW Luncheon program was presented by Rhea Cooksey-Dixon on Free Wheelchair Mission Project which began with one man's recognition that mobility in many underdeveloped countries was crucial to provide quality life. Those first wheelchairs were made using bicycle tires that allowed movement on rough terrain. Worldwide, it is estimated that 80 million people are in need of wheelchairs.

The **PW Mission boards** in the Fellowship Hall have further information regarding PW missions.

Four Sheridan PW members, Rhea Cooksey-Dixon, Jeri Joy, Sherry Laughton and Marigene Vogt will be attending **2025 Presbyterian Women of Wyoming (PWP) Annual Meeting: April 25-26, 2025, Torrington, WY**. The theme is **Presbyterian Women: Past, Present and Future** presented by Brenda Beliel, the Rocky Mountain Synod Representative on the PW board.

Mark your Calendars for the Annual Camp Story Women's Retreat August 15-17: We are meeting in August this year, a change from the traditional early June date. Hope to see you there.

2025 PW yearbooks are still available to anyone who has yet to receive one. They are available in the office or from any PW leader.

Sherry Laughton & Nancy Cook
Co-Moderators



Margaret Litle and Sharon Browne in Spring fashion at the April 2nd PW Luncheon!

FPC in Action!



Easter Breakfast served by the men of FPC!

Behind the scenes preparation for Holy Week.



**Come and join the fun with Teach committee!
Call the office or call Craig!**



Moving the pews into a circle for Maundy Thursday



Pastor Karl welcoming new members Ellie Martin and David Mullinax.

Good News at FPC !

Erica Bainter



I will be earning my Masters in History Education through American College of Education with a planned completion date of June 22. I am currently in my 15th year of teaching public school. I taught High School World Geography and Economics for 11 years before my move to WY. I am currently in my 4th year of teaching Social Studies at Big Horn Middle School. I received my Bachelor of Arts from California State University, Sacramento with a major in History and a minor in Humanities. I'm a proud wife (Brian), and mother to an athletic 6th grade boy (Daren) and have 2 dogs, 12 chickens, 1 duck and 2 poults (young turkeys—still waiting to see if they are jakes or jennies)! Hobbies and interests include reading, soccer, fiddling around, travel, sewing, puzzling, camping, fishing and hiking. I plan to stay in education as long as it stays fulfilling and rewarding. With my new degree, I hope to get my finances in order and plan to take a trip with family to Universal Studios, Florida to finally see the Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

Earning Advanced Degrees

Congratulations Erica, Becky, and Reese!

I will graduate in August with my second M.Ed. degree in Teaching English Learners from the American College of Education in Illinois. I started this degree in May 2024 because I felt there was a need: I needed to know more. Working with newcomer English language learners (ELLs) has been a very eye-opening and rewarding experience for me. I wanted to make sure I was providing the correct instruction to help my students be successful in learning to speak and read the English language while still recognizing and valuing their native languages and cultures.

This degree will help me not only teach and support our ELLs, but the strategies and methodology are also research based and considered best practice for all students, especially the at-risk population of readers that I work with at the junior high. I'm proof that we really are lifelong learners.

Reese Osborne

Reese is the son of Kenny & Erin Osborne and is a 2025 graduate of Wartburg College with a Business Administration degree. He's made the Dean's list multiple times, was Academic All American for the wrestling team, and named Outstanding Senior Business Management student. His hobbies include nutrition, working out, reading, journaling, growth group and youth group at Riverwood Church. His future plans include working on his Masters in Leadership and also wrestling for a 5th year at Wartburg.



Becky Motsick



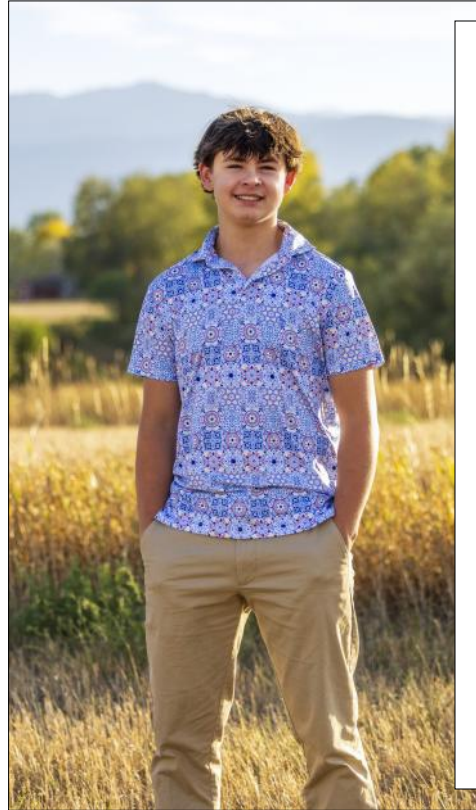
2025 High School Graduates



Lucy Brock

Lucy is the daughter of Claire Gerber & David Brock. Lucy has been a National Merit Scholar finalist; a member of National Honor Society, Bob Womack Award recipient for the best unit in the state of Wyoming, 2024.

Her hobbies and interests include tennis, band (where she plays flute), musical/technical theater, traveling, reading. She will attend Carleton College in Northfield, MN where she will study psychology.



Zach Thurow

Zach is the son of John & Arianna Thurow. Zach has been a participant in All-State Orchestra playing violin. He's also been on academic honor roll all of his high school years. His hobbies and interests include fishing, hockey, lacrosse, and politics. Zach plans on attending George Mason University in Virginia.

**Congratulations
Lucy, Zach, and
Eli!**

Eli Clem

Eli is the son of Criag & CJ Clem. Eli's hobbies and interests include golf, fishing, and cars. Eli plans to attend Sheridan college for 2 years then transfer to North Dakota State for a criminal justice degree to become a state trooper.





Camp Story is getting ready for another incredible summer—and we need your help! Join us for **TLC Weekend on May 16–17** to help clean, organize, and prepare camp for the upcoming season. Whether you can lend a hand for a few hours or the whole weekend, your help makes a big difference! Overnight lodging is available. Meals will be provided. Families, youth groups, and individuals are all welcome! Let us know you're coming by emailing director@campstory.org or by RSVPing at campstory.org. Thank you for being part of the Camp Story community!



Adult's Night Out

Delicious food, good fellowship, and laughter topped off our April Adult's Night Out.



May 9th at 7 pm, First Presbyterian Church. The link to sign up is found on the first page of the newsletter.

Memorial Day Holiday

The church office will be closed Monday, May 26th for the holiday.



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

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Mary Apple, FPC Choir, FPC Bells, Loren Ruttinger, Anna Rugh, Ethan Milne, Tyler Milne, Doug Moore, Dave Youngren

Worship Leaders: Tina Anderson, John Jackson, Rachel Mathews-Landis, Shelley Cundiff, Steve Kitto

Time for Young Disciples: Brian Bainter, Pastor Karl, Nancy Elliott

Ushers: Rob & Tori Milne, Frank & Lisa Rugh, Tyler Milne, Ethan Milne, Rachael Milne

Communion Prep: Denise Mueller

Communion Servers: Jean Morgen, Doug Moore, Gary Laughton, Tori Milne

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Ted Knapp, Craig Clem

Coffee Sponsors: Mike Stoll & Tina Anderson, Mission Committee, Pastor Karl & Kendra Heimback



Keep them in your prayers



Ongoing Prayers: Karen Townsend, Kathleen Shafer, and Robert & Jeannette Ruttinger.

Prayers for Peace & Healing: Howie Fitzpatrick, Jae Satterlee, Bob Miller, Pat Gallagher, Rebecca White (Carla White's daughter-in-law), Jim Wilhelm, Margie Elkins, Arlene Herrboldt, Barb Finch, Pat Harden's sister, Elizabeth Wilner, and David Mullinax.

Prayers for Mission Partners: First Presbyterian Church of Cheyenne and the Food Group.

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

Thank You!

To all our Lunch Together volunteers.
Our next serving time is June 16th—19th.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 2—Linnet McGoodwin, Maiya Browne
 May 3—Elizabeth Windsor
 May 5—Anna Tarver, Jeri Joy
 May 6—Mandy Baxter
 May 7—Mary Otteson
 May 8—Lorrie Ledgerwood, Grace Von Krosigk
 May 11—Jeff Mueller
 May 12—Carole Hansen
 May 13—Jean Morgen, Tracey Burke
 May 14—Londyn Bergstrom
 May 15—Stevie Baxter
 May 16—Beth Bailey, River Osborne
 May 17—Nancy Jenny
 May 20—Elliot Haile, Reese Osborne
 May 21—Sandy Fitzpatrick
 May 22—Joyce Groneberg, Diane Peterson,
 Jim Perry
 May 24—Janis DeVore
 May 25—Marion Sept, Margaret Litle
 May 26—Judi Palm



Happy Anniversary! May

May 6—Tod & Jan Windsor
 May 11—Janis DeVore & Clif Cook
 May 18—Doug & Kathy Beagle
 May 19—Dave & Becky Motsick
 May 28—Ryan Landis & Rachel Mathews-Landis
 May 29—Tim & Beth Lenz
 May 31—Keith & Linda Luegge

2025 Financial Summary Through March

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	97,500.03	95,096.46
Expenses	103,023.24	96,785.90
Profit/(Loss)	(5,523.21)	(1,687.44)

Large donations received at the beginning of the year are divided evenly and recorded in the remaining months so that revenue is not skewed at the beginning of the year.

Per Capita

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenue	875.01	3,190.00	2,314.99
Expense	3,384.00	3,384.00	-
Profit/(Loss)	(2,508.99)	(194.00)	2,314.99

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

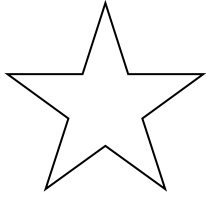
The monthly Session meeting for April was held on Tuesday the 15th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

News of Interest –

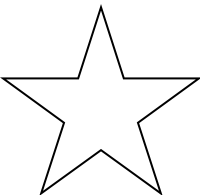
- Session has approved an Anti-Racism Policy for FPC.
- Talent Show is scheduled for May 9. Share your talent with your church family!
- Tech Committee is looking for people to help with the Sunday service by using the remote control to advance the slides on the big screen. If you are interested, talk to Ted Knapp or Craig Clem.
- Session approved going to one service permanently on May 25. Sunday School at 9AM, Worship at 10AM and Fellowship at 11AM.
- Work will be starting soon on the FPC Community Garden. Would you like to help?

Gary Joy, Clerk of Session

Time is short and People are precious!



Prayer for our Military



Space Force

Ryan Laughton (Son of Gary & Sherry Laughton)

Air Force

Sydney Negrete (Granddaughter-in-law of Carol Maloy)

Megan Price (Granddaughter of Karen Fosher)

Rory Montgomery (Great Nephew of Harvey & Linda Johnson)

Bridger Ammann (Grandson of Joyce and Gary Meling)

Maria Heller (Granddaughter of Carol Maloy)

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 Hall (Grandson of Carol Maloy)

Navy

Samual Martin, (Grandson of David & Helen Campbell)

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.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10 am Bible Study <div>Karl Out of Office</div>	2 	3
4 8 am & 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Tech Com. 11:45 am Choir 6 pm AA	5 5:30 pm Working Women Circle 4	6 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	7 12 pm PW Luncheon 6 pm AA 6:30 pm Bells	8 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study <div>Rod Out of Office</div>	9 Office Closed Juanita Out of Office 7 PM Talent Show	10
11 Senior Sunday 8 & 10:30 am Worship 9 am Sunday School (all ages) 10 am Fellowship 11:45 am Choir 6 pm AA	12 Juanita Out of Office	13 9 am Properties 12 pm Personnel 4 pm Worship 4:45 pm CE 5:15 pm Fellowship 5:45 pm Mission 6:30 pm Budget/ Finance	14 10:30 am Congregational Care Committee 6 pm AA 6:30 pm Bells	15 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study	16 <div>TLC Weekend at Camp Story</div>	17
18 Music Appreciation 8 & 10:30 am Worship 9 am Sunday School (all ages) 10 am Fellowship 11:45 am S3 6 pm AA	19 6:45 am M3 6 pm AA District Mtg.	20 6 pm Session	21 10 am Circle 1 & 2 12 pm Circle 3 6 pm AA	22 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study	23 	24
25 New Worship Schedule 10 am Worship 11 am Fellowship Time 6 pm AA	26 Memorial Day Office Closed 	27 	28 6 pm AA	29 	30 	31



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