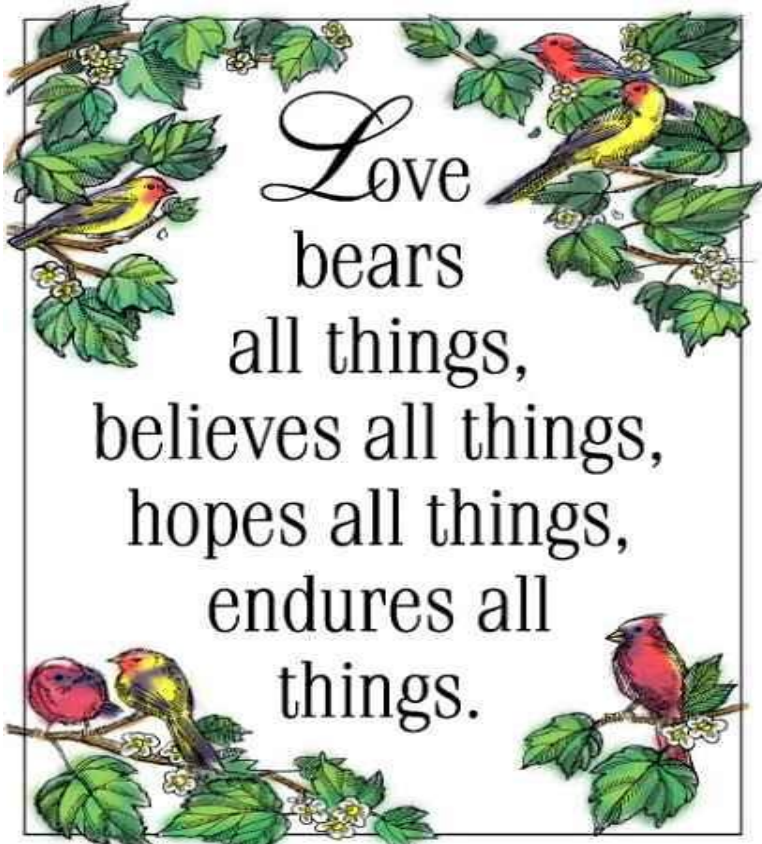




First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

August 2025



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Camp Story Fundraiser

Thank you so very much! We initially thought we would raise \$12,500 for Camp Story this summer, then we thought we could maybe get to \$20,000. When it was all said and done, you all contributed \$25,052 to Camp Story during our June and July fundraiser! Wow! God is good! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Vacation Bible School

FPC will be partnering with other churches in the Sheridan Ministerial Association to present "Camp Firelight" for this year's VBS. Join in at United Methodist Church on Tuesday, August 5—Friday, August 8 from 9:30 am to 12 pm. VBS is for kids ages 4 yrs to those entering 6th grade.

Call 672-9779 to register.

Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 24th at the morning worship service we will have our annual Blessing of the Backpacks.

Teachers, students, faculty, and anyone using a backpack (backpack, laptop bags, gym bags, diaper bags, purses) are invited to bring their bag for a blessing in preparation for the coming year!

Choir Retreat - August 17

Ready to get singing again? Curious about joining the choir? Stay after worship on August 17 for lunch and an afternoon of song as our FPC Choir gets going again for the 2025-2026 year!

Summer Movie Night

Friday, August 22 at 7 pm, First Presbyterian will host a Summer Movie Night to celebrate the end of summer.

Pizza and popcorn will be provided. This will be for ages K—5th grade. Bring a friend and a blanket as you'll be watching the movie under the stars!

Dear Ones,

The summer is wrapping up and that means we will be transitioning into a new school year and a new program year at First Presbyterian Church. In Scripture, transitions are ripe for transformation and growth. Resurrection is the first transition that comes to my mind. Jesus goes into the tomb a lifeless body comes out the risen Lord! In our baptism, we are reminded that we are transformed each day in this resurrected likeness, dying to our sin so that we might live in faithful love to Christ.

It is not just Christ's transformation in the tomb that we read of in Scripture, however. The disciples are transformed daily after putting down their nets and following Jesus. The simple act of letting go is a transition that provides fertile ground for their growth. In the Old Testament, the transition from bondage in Egypt to liberation in God is exactly that which shapes the Hebrews as God's covenant people.

God works in transitions in ways we can never imagine!

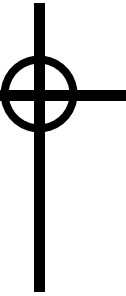
With that in mind, we have two transitions happening here at First Presbyterian Church. The first is the addition of Chantelle Boostrom as our Interim Family Ministry Coordinator. Chantelle will help us over the next year discern how we are called to minister to the younger disciples in our church and to their families. What is the model we need for staffing? Is this where we should be putting emphasis? Can we afford to keep this up after one year? These are questions of the transition time that God will be faithful in guiding us through so that we might grow as a congregation together.

Second, I am going on a sabbatical September 29 through November 29. Congregations can get nervous when pastors are away and think they need to hunker down and just weather that time. But sabbaticals can provide rich opportunities for congregational growth! I am quite excited about the sermon series we have planned during those two months. Each Sunday, someone different from the congregation will be preaching about God's faithfulness in the many ways it is known to us! This will be a powerful witness to God's steadfast love and give you all insights into one another. I would encourage not to miss a Sunday. They will be transformational for us!

Additionally, there will be an eight-week study of the New Testament offered during the time I am away. We will have designated leaders for times that you can sign up for. These small groups will study together at the same time each week using a guided curriculum that gives plenty of space for those who are new to studying the Bible and those who are seasoned at it. I would like us to form *at least 8 small groups of 8 - 10 people each. So think about committing yourself just for eight weeks because I do not think I can overestimate the transformation we will see and the growth that will happen in our congregation if a whole host of you undertake diving into the Scriptures together!*

Looking forward to seeing God's transforming power at work in you,

Pastor Karl



I Am So Excited to Serve!

Hello First Presbyterian Church!

My name is Chantelle Boostrom, and I am thrilled to serve as the Interim Family Ministry Coordinator for the 2025-2026 year here at FPC Sheridan.

I have over sixteen years of experience working with children, beginning with teaching at my home church, Goodnews of Riverside in Southern California. My passion for music, also led me to sing on my church's worship team for many years. I went on to study music at a community college, earning associate degrees in Commercial Music, Fine and Applied Art, Social Behavioral Studies, and Humanities. I then received by Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies from the University of California, Riverside.

After graduation, my husband Griffin and I welcomed our first child, Mia. When Mia was about six months old, I returned to teaching, starting my own "Mommy and Me" music classes. Mia and I also spearheaded a mommy & me preschool group that I helped organize for many years. I was blessed to be able to do the same for our son Manny, as a stay-at-home mom for 9 years! During this time, I also provided private music lessons for individual and group students aged 5-15. My love for teaching music continued when I accepted the position as the general education music teacher at Holy Name Catholic School here in Sheridan in 2024.

I am excited to bring my skills in education , management, organization, music, and fostering togetherness for families and children to First Presbyterian Church. Please fee free to stop by my office to say hello!

My office hours will be Mondays and Fridays from 8:15 am—3:00 pm.

Chantelle



PW monthly meetings are in recess for August but we continue to focus on 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.

Women in the congregation are always encouraged and invited to join us in prayer, study, fellowship, and mission support.

Thank you all who have responded to the request for PW's annual **Bakeless Bake Sale**. This 'no mess in the kitchen and no calories on the scale' way of funding PW missions has met generous support to date of \$1300. This is an open-ended ongoing request and we encourage continued prayerful consideration.

Thank you to the congregation for the donations to and support of the **Christmas in July Sale**. We had generous donations and faithful volunteers. Thank you to the volunteers and staff who graciously helped. The response from the community was positive for this new endeavor. We continue calculating the proceeds which are approaching \$800.

This project also supports missions with in-kind support. A large donation of what was left from the sale will be taken to *Everything Beautiful Thrift Store* in Lame Deer, MT. They had requested such items previously and are excited to receive the donation. The items left in the Fellowship Hall will be taken to the *Methodist Thrift Store* to help fund local missions.

The time working together in fellowship and sharing with the community has provided unexpected blessings and undoubtedly some unknown. One young family who have hometown connection to Sheridan but who now live in New Mexico were particularly excited to take home a Christmas village which came with snow covered trees to remind them of Wyoming Christmases. A young boy was happy to score a Christmas tree for his family. One customer noticed the Red and Green Coffee Mission (Justo) sign and purchased a bag of coffee. God is good!

Reminder: PW Circles will meet for **Lunch at The Brinton on Thursday, August 14** at 11:30. We will meet at the church at 10:45 to carpool if needed. **Reservations are needed by August 6.** Contact (text) Sherry Laughton (360-936-7531).

There are 25 women signed up for the **Annual Camp Story Women's Retreat August 15-17**. The theme is "**Sisters in Christ are Sisters for Life.**" Please pray for these women from sister PW's as they worship and come together to encounter God in the Great Outdoors.

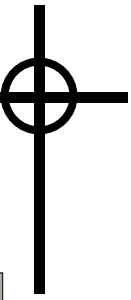
The Food Group continues packing bags on Tuesdays during the summer. Call Nancy Elliott or Kathy Beagle for further information.

Mark your calendars: PW monthly activities will resume on September 3 at noon with a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend in the congregation and join us for lunch and the program which will be announced.

The 2025-2026 Horizon Bible Study is Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ. Consider joining Circles 2, 3, or 4 if you would be interested in this study on the third Wednesday morning of each month starting in September. Circle 1 has chosen a book study.

With appreciation and gratitude,
Nancy Cook and Sherry Laughton
PW Co-Moderators





FPC in Action!



We welcome Chantelle Boostrom to FPC staff as our Interim Family Ministry Coordinator.



PW had a successful "Christmas in July" sale. Thanks to the setup crew....Nancy, Jean, Judi, Rhea, Jeri, Bobbie and Sherry. Thanks to all those who came to shop. You certainly had lots of choices to select from!



Youth attending Triennium in Kentucky were commissioned during the Sunday morning worship on July 20th. The group left July 26th and will return August 1st.

Good News at FPC !



Recently, Griffin, Chantelle and Mia performed at the Thursday Farmers & Artisan Market. You'll have another opportunity to hear Griffin and Chantelle as they have been invited to sing at the Vaudeville event at the WYO Theater Friday, August 15th at 7 pm.



Mavis Williams was blessed with a great grandchild. Little Necalli Javier Zuniga was born on July 18th at 7:52 am weighing in at 6 lb 3 oz. Proud parents are Armando & Marisa Zuniga.

Adrienne Hasiak, the 16 year old granddaughter of Ron and Bobbie Spahn, took 5th place in the 1500-meter free style with a time of 18.09.07 at the Western Zones Senior Long Course Championships on July 29th in Clovis, California. Adrienne, sister Sophia, and brother Robert swim for the Billings Aquatic Club and Billings West High School.





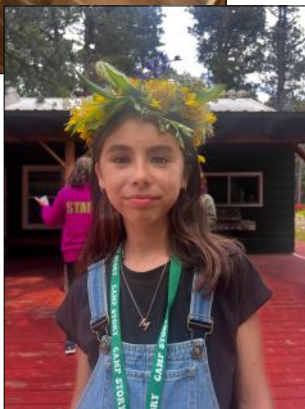
Making Christ known in the great outdoors!



FUN!



WORSHIP!



LAUGHTER!

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

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Mary Apple, Doug Moore, Erin Osborne, Loren Ruttinger

Worship Leaders: Dave Engels, Gary Joy, Kim Wells, John Jackson

Time for Young Disciples: Tori Milne, Kim Wells, Loren Ruttinger, Chantelle Boostrom

Ushers: Jan Leupold, Rob Milne, Rachel Mathews-Landis, Laurie Paronto, Kathy Beagle, Kendra & Harper Jo Heimbuck

Communion Prep: Denise Mueller

Communion Servers: Tori & Rob Milne, Scott Davis & Mary Ludemann

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Ted Knapp, Craig Clem, Ryan Landis, Rob Milne

Coffee Sponsors: Mission Committee, Karl & Kendra Heimbuck, Janet Burtis



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**Keep them in
your prayers**



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

Prayers for Peace & Healing: Howie Fitzpatrick, Jae Satterlee, Bob Miller, Mary Hutton, Rebecca White (Carla White's daughter-in-law), Jim Wilhelm, Margie Elkins, Barb Finch, Tod & Marjorie Windsor, Julie Norris, David Hackert and Erica Bainter.

Prayers for Mission Partners: First Presbyterian Church (Moorcroft) and CASA.

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1—Rene Botten
 August 2—Kendra Heimbeck, Collette Glock
 August 9—Marjorie Windsor
 August 11—John Jackson, Gus Nield
 August 12—Alexandria Baxter
 August 13—Maggie Bergstrom, Parker Rieger,
 Amy Wilson,
 August 15—Jack Hamel
 August 20—Gloria Dierking, Michael Browne
 August 22—Becky Burtis
 August 23—Dave Youngren, Melissa Price,
 Pastor Karl Heimbeck
 August 25—Lucy Brock
 August 27—Baylor Bergstrom, Beth Thurow
 August 29—Aiden Milne
 August 30—Mary Ludemann
 August 31—Zach Thurow



Happy Anniversary! August

August 1—Roger & Sharon Porter,
 Jae & Jennifer Satterlee
 August 3—Larry & Mary Apple
 August 9—Pastor Karl & Kendra Heimbeck
 August 18—Chris & Christina Browne
 August 20—Jack & Cindy Hamel
 August 21—Kenny & Erin Osborne,
 Jim & Darleen Douglas
 August 23—Gary & Sherry Laughton
 August 25—Ron & Bobbie Spahn
 August 29—Terry & Janice Wagner
 August 30—David & Helen Campbell

**Reminder: Session August Meeting is
 Tuesday, August 26th at 6 pm!**

Session Highlights

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

News of Interest –

- Fellowship Committee is looking at creating a mug wall in the Fellowship Hall for the coffee drinkers.
- The Properties Committee will use money from the Pat Gallagher Memorial Fund to plant a tree in his honor.
- Chantelle Boostrom has accepted the job of Interim Family Ministry Coordinator.
- Troy Siddle has finished the fencing for the FPC Community Garden. He also donated a planter.

Gary Joy, Clerk of Session

*May your day be full of the good stuff, the really good stuff--
 blessings that make your heart happy...memories that bring you joy...
 and the contentment from God that refreshes your soul.*

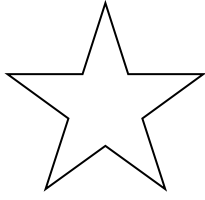
2025 Financial Summary Through June

| | <u>Budgeted</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Revenue | 195,000.06 | 184,592.18 |
| Expenses | 206,046.48 | 178,612.08 |
| Profit/(Loss) | (11,046.42) | 5,980.10 |

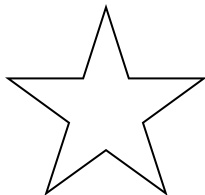
Large donations received at the beginning of the year are divided evenly and recorded in the remaining months so that revenue is not skewed at the beginning of the year.

Per Capita

| | <u>Budgeted</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Revenue | 1,750.02 | 3,425.00 | 1,674.98 |
| Expense | 6,768.00 | 6,768.00 | - |
| Profit/(Loss) | (5,017.98) | (3,343.00) | 1,674.98 |



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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.

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