



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

September 2025

God makes everything
beautiful
in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11
Happy Fall!

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Welcome Back Celebration

This Sunday, September 7 we are kicking off our 2025—2026 program year. Sunday school (all ages) starts at 9 am; worship w/communion is at 10 am; and a BBQ/potluck will follow at 11 am. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be a bouncy house and lawn games to enjoy following lunch.

Perishables for the Little Free Pantry

FPC will be hosting a one day perishable food pickup to supplement the Little Free Pantry on Monday, September 8 from 8—10 am and 4—6 pm. Folks are welcome to come by the church and receive perishable items such as eggs, dairy products, and produce.

Where will this food come from? All of you! Please bring a perishable item such as a dozen eggs, a gallon of milk, or produce from your garden to worship this first Sunday, September 7 as part of your offering and part of our care for our community.

Camp Story Fall Work Day

Join us for Fall Workdays at Camp Story, September 12—13! Come lend a hand on projects like tree removal and cleanup; sealing the lodge deck and bridge; light remodeling project; winterizing selected cabins; and other small projects around camp.

Please RSVP to CJ at 307-763-0919 or email her at director@campstory.org so she can plan teams and prepare supplies.

Thank you for helping keep camp safe, beautiful, and welcoming!

The Bridge

Our midweek program, the Bridge will be starting up once again with our first gathering on Wednesday, September 17th. Plan to join us for our meal at 5:30 pm with study at 6:15 pm for the adults and activities for the youth.

There is a signup sheet by the Fellowship Hall for the creation of “cook teams” to prepare the meals on Wednesday nights.

Dear Ones,

We have a terrific Sunday planned for this coming week, September 7! We are going to start Sunday school classes for all ages back up, see the choir back up in the loft for their season, and share a barbeque lunch after worship. It is a great Sunday to jump back in if you have been away for a bit and also a great opportunity to invite a friend to join us in worship. Later in the month, we will start our mid-week program (The Bridge) back up with dinner together on Wednesday nights and some presentations and fellowship for the initial weeks. We've also got a pumpkin patch outing, work at Camp Story to share, and studies starting back up. Check your calendars because there are lots of chances to connect with one another in fellowship and to grow in our spiritual journeys.

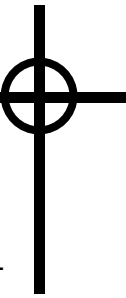
On September 29, there will be a slight shift as I begin a two month sabbatical. I am incredibly grateful to the Session and all of you for this opportunity. Our sabbatical policy for the pastor states that a month of sabbatical is earned for every two years of service at the church and that, when taken, the duration must be a minimum of 6 weeks and a maximum of 3 months. This structure helps to foster and encourage a long relationship between the pastor and the church and provide the pastor with an opportunity to focus on rest, spiritual rejuvenation, and professional growth. I will be using the sabbatical to rest with Kendra and Harper in Minnesota for the first two weeks. We will stay in a cabin in the northern part of the state, enjoy the fall colors, and focus on family time. After that, we will return home, and I will use the days to focus on my spiritual rejuvenation through music as that has long been vital to my soul's well-being. I am hopeful that I will write some music during that time that will be useful for our congregation and others if they wish, but productivity is not the goal of sabbath, only rest. Continuing the theme of music, Kendra and I plan to use the last week of the sabbatical to go to New York City and watch some musicals and see some classical concerts.

During sabbaticals, pastors are out of communication with the congregation in order to give proper attention to the rest, growth, and rejuvenation. You have a note from the Sabbatical Support Committee about the role they will play in my absence. They are making good preparations for guiding the congregation through those two months and ensuring that they are smooth. We have also worked to establish a theme that carries through worship in which elders from amongst you will do the preaching and sharing about God's faithfulness. I have been talking with them about their sermons and know that I will probably be binging those on YouTube when I return. There are some powerful messages taking shape! Finally, to give all of you a little more direction, we will have an 8-week Bible study offered at various times through the week in a small group format for you to join. I encourage you to commit to one of the small groups for those eight weeks, do some learning together, and watch how the small group model helps transform our relationships and strengthen us as a church!

Again, my thanks to all of you for your care and commitment to FPC. I am looking forward to and needing some time for rest and rejuvenation, but I will be excited to come back because it is a joy to serve with all of you.

Peace,

Pastor Karl



Hello First Presbyterian Families,

We are so excited that school is back in session!

Our first K-5th grade event was a huge success! We had 3 of our own children and 9 new excited faces join us to watch “Toy Story”, enjoy popcorn and pizza, and have a wonderful discussion about what good friendship looks like. (No pushing friends out of windows, Woody!)

Mark your calendars, our next Family Fellowship event will be held at the Koltiska Pumpkin Patch on the 21st of September!!!

This week, many of our kids started their very first year at a new school. Manny is off to Kindergarten. Ottis, Daren, and Decker have started Middle School. Rachael, Gus, Anna, and Harrison are all off to High School, and Alivia, Prakash, Mickey, and River are finishing their last year of High School! We are incredibly proud of all of you and how you represent the hands of God in our community!

****Reminders.****

*All high schoolers are invited to meet on the third Monday morning at Java Moon on Main Street (not the station) for treats on us! Our next meet-up is September 15th at 6:45 AM. Let’s gather and connect over the highs and lows of High School.

*Bridge begins September 17th! Families, please join us for dinner from 5:30—6:15 pm, followed by game night for kids of all ages, from preschool through high school. We can’t wait to fellowship with you!

Please feel free to stop by my office or give me a call if you need anything.

****September Office Hours****

Monday 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am—12:30 pm



Presbyterian Women are Moving into Fall

Women in the congregation are greatly encouraged to participate in prayer, study, fellowship, and mission support as PW begins the Fall schedule of activities.

Mark your calendars: PW monthly activities will resume on Wednesday, 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 given by Ryan Koltiska from The Hub. Ryan will report of the funding changes that have impacted the services provided to our community's seniors.

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. Circle 1 has chosen to study the Book of Ephesians. Circles 1, 2 and 3 meet on the third Wednesday morning of each month starting in September. Circle 4 meets for a Monday evening supper TBA.

For further Circle information contact:

Circle 1, Linnet McGoodwin

Circle 2, Gloria Dierking, Nancy Elliott

Circle 3, Cheryl Kelsey, Marigene Vogt

Circle 4, evening Circle, Tori Milne

PW 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.

To end the summer PW Circles jointly met for fellowship and lunch at The Brinton on Thursday, August 14 at 11:30 with 20 women in attendance.

There were 27 women in attendance at the annual **Camp Story Women's Retreat** August 15-17. The study was the book Getting to the Heart of Friendships by Amy Baker. Rev. Kellie Thomson, Stated Clerk of Presbytery of Wyoming was the worship leader. An afternoon fieldtrip was guided by Gary Joy who shared his years of study of Fort Phil Kearney and surrounding battles. The Women's Retreat offering was \$900 donation to Camp Story.

Thank you for continuing to prayerfully respond to the request for PW's annual **Bake Less Bake Sale**. This 'no mess in the kitchen and no calories on the scale' funding toward PW missions has received generous support.

Thank you to the congregation for the support of the **Christmas in July Sale** which ended with sales of \$851 to be added to missions funding.

Recent Past recipients of PW Sheridan mission funding were Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange, Camp Story Scholarships, The Hub-Seniors in Need, First Presbyterian Kitchen needs, Lagniappe and Uprising. With In-Kind support given to Food Group and Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lame Deer. Disbursement of 2025 mission funds are currently being determined.

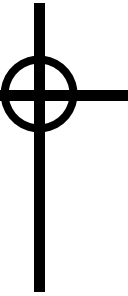
The Food Group continues packing bags on the second Wednesday of each month starting September 10 at 10:00 a.m. Men and women of the congregation are encouraged to help with this project. Call Nancy Elliott or Kathy Beagle for further information.

With appreciation and gratitude,

Nancy Cook and Sherry Laughton

PW Co-Moderators

See pictures on the following page.



FPC in Action!



Gary Joy led the field trip to Fort Phil Kearney for the Women's Retreat.



Rev. Kellie Thomson was the worship leader at the Women's Retreat.



2025 Camp Story Women's Retreat!



PW Circles gathered for an end of summer luncheon at the Brinton.



Good News at FPC !

Bentley Malone attended the Texas Tech Meats Judging Camp in June and achieved 7th Overall High Individual Intermediate.

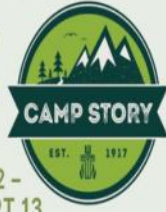
He also participated in the County Fair where he was Reserve Overall Intermediate Showman (out of all the exhibitors in his age group). Several of his animals took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places as well.



Emily & Brenden Clem welcomed little Preslee Blaire into the world on July 31st. Preslee weighed in at 6# 10 oz and was 19" long. Proud grandparents are CJ & Craig Clem and great grandmother is Cheryl Kelsey.



**VOLUNTEER
NEEDED**



FRIDAY, SEPT 12 -
SATURDAY, SEPT 13



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- 🔧 Sealing the lodge deck and bridge
- 🏠 Light remodeling projects
- ❄️ Winterizing selected cabins
- 🔪 Other small projects around camp

DETAILS

- 📅 Friday, Sept 12 - Saturday, Sept 13
- 🕒 Come for a few hours, a full day, or the whole weekend — all help is appreciated! Work will begin at 9 am each day.

HOW TO JOIN US

- (307)763-0919 text or email
- director@campstory.org
- RSVP appreciated but not required by 9/7

- 🍽️ Meals and plenty of coffee will be provided
- 🏠 Overnight stays are available if you'd like to spend the night at camp!
- 🧤 Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and a willing spirit!

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**Be on a cook team for
Wednesday Night Bridge meals!**

The signup sheet is posted on the Fellowship Committee bulletin board by the fellowship hall.



**From the Sabbatical Support Committee
by Tracey Burke**

The Sabbatical Support Committee has met with Karl as a way forward to offer support, guidance, and continuity, for the church and community while Karl is away on a well-deserved, refreshing Sabbatical. Those on the committee are Rob Milne, Jean Morgan, Shelley Cundiff, Gary Joy, and Tracey Burke. These folks are available if you have questions.

Sabbaticals are a gift. It shows the congregation knows how much time energy and love the minister puts into the work. It inspires gratitude in the pastor and codifies in practice a theology of rest that we have in scripture from the earliest chapters of Genesis.

During this time, the committee will work closely together to ensure a seamless transition and consistent support for all ongoing church activities. Communication will remain open and regular, providing both reassurance and clarity for any concerns that may arise. The intention is to foster stability and maintain the vibrant spirit of our congregation in Karl's absence.

God rested, so humans have the opportunity and even responsibility to do so as well.

Church members can develop leadership skills during the pastor's sabbatical, using the opportunity to participate in teaching, preaching, and worship leadership. It is also a time to grow as a congregation with opportunities in bible study, fellowship, and The Bridge.

You may not notice much of a difference on Sundays except Karl will not be there. There are 8 members of the church (elders) offering sermons, liturgists, prayers are provided by the committee and our musicians playing, singing God's songs. Pastoral Care, who needs visiting while Karl is away, will be available as well as office hours, staff meetings. Juanita will have her usual office hours. Details will follow.



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

Musicians: Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Mary Apple, Doug Moore

Worship Leaders: Kathy Beagle, Livie Martin, Troy Siddle, Becky Motsick, Griffin Boostrom

Time for Young Disciples: Tori Milne, Chantelle Boostrom, Pastor Karl, Rev. Bob Miller, Sarah Haile

Ushers: Marilyn Michelena, Sandy Browne, Nancy Cook, Jean Morgen, Nancy Elliott, Joyce Groneberg, Jane Gallagher, Ron & Bobbie Spahn, Gary & Sherry Laughton, Mitzi Knapp, Rhea Cooksey-Dixon

Communion Prep: Denise Mueller

Communion Servers: John Jackson, Becky & Dave Motsick, Tracey Burke

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Ted Knapp, Craig Clem, Ryan Landis, Doug Moore

Coffee Sponsors: Mission Committee



More FPC Good News!

Daren Bainter's duck Goldie was the champion duck at the fair. Daren's other duck, Jet, received 3rd in Intermediate Poultry showmanship.

**Keep them in
your prayers**



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

Prayers for Peace & Healing: Howie Fitzpatrick, Jae Satterlee, Bob Miller, Mary Hutton, Jim Wilhelm, Margie Elkins, Barb Finch, Tod & Marjorie Windsor, Julie Norris, Erica Bainter, John Trohkimoinen, and Jennifer Satterlee.

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

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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- September 1—Jeanette Trohkimoinen
- September 4—Jill Cameron
- September 6—Rachael Milne, Larry Apple
- September 9—Kathy Beagle, Manny Boostrom
- September 12—Roger Barrett, Daren Bainter
- September 13—Mike Madden
- September 16—Mike Williams
- September 18—Dianna Perry
- September 19—Cannon Groshart, Carol Davis,
Reece Haile
- September 22—Tom Nance
- September 23—Marigene Vogt
- September 25—CJ Clem
- September 27—Jan Leupold, Sharon Browne
- September 29—Dave Engels, Carol Maloy,
Susan Mottram



Happy Anniversary! September

- September 1—David Brock & Claire Gerber
- September 4—Roger Barrett & Shelley Cundiff
- September 6—Troy & Edie Siddle
- September 22—Ken & Susan Mottram
- September 24—Robert & Katie Araas
- September 26—Gareth and Rhea Dixon,
Brian & Erica Bainter

Watch for upcoming information on the next Family Fellowship event on Sunday, September 21st. We're going to Koltiska's Pumpkin Patch!



Session Highlights

The monthly Session meeting for August was held on Tuesday the 26th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

News of Interest –

- Reverend Sandra Moon from the Presbyterian Foundation talked to Session about steward ship.
- The Properties Committee is buying a Maple tree to plant a tree in honor of Pat Gallagher. It will be planted on September 2.
- Thank you to Dave Youngren for all he does on the Properties Committee and for the church.
- John Trohkimoinen, Jeanette's son, is awaiting a heart transplant. If you would like to send a card, the address is John and Karen Trohkimoinen, 6377 E. Marley Ave., Prescott Valley, AZ 86314.

Gary Joy, Clerk of Session

*Success is not measured by our achievements,
but by the lives we bless.
--Bonnie Jensen*

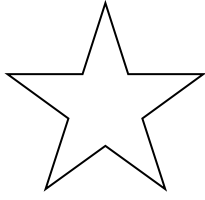
2025 Financial Summary Through July

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	227,500.00	214,344.64
Expenses	240,387.56	208,649.13
Profit/(Loss)	(12,887.56)	5,695.51

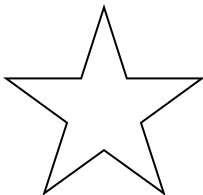
Large donations received at the beginning of the year are divided evenly and recorded in the remaining months so that revenue is not skewed at the beginning of the year.

Per Capita

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenue	2,041.69	3,620.00	1,578.31
Expense	7,896.00	7,896.00	-
Profit/(Loss)	(5,854.31)	(4,276.00)	1,578.31



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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

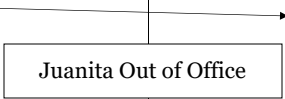
Ethan Hall (Grandson of Carol Maloy)

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.

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Holiday OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 12 pm PW Luncheon	4 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study	5	6
7 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship w/ Communion 12 pm "Welcome Back" Lunch & Yard Games 11:45 am Tech 6 pm AA	8 6 pm Working Women Circle 4	9 9 am Properties 12 pm Personnel 4 pm Worship 4:45 pm CE 5:15 pm Fellowship 5:45 pm Mission Committee 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	10 10:30 am Congregational Care Committee	11 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study	12	13
14 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am Bells 11 am Fellowship Time 6 pm AA	15 6:45 am M3 6 pm AA District Mtg	16 6:30 pm Budget/ Finance Committee	17 10 am Circle 1 & 2 12 pm Circle 3 5:30 pm The Bridge	18 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study	19	20
21 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am Fellowship Time 11 am Choir 1 pm Koltiska Pumpkin Patch 6 pm AA	22 Fall Begins	23  6:30 pm Cub Scouts	24 5:30 pm The Bridge 6 pm AA	25 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study 	26	27 1 pm—5 pm Session Retreat
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