

April 2018



The Mission and Outreach Committee is trying to identify the need for people, young or old, who need a ride to church services on Sunday. Please contact the church and give them your name if you are interested.

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HOLY SPIRIT

All Church Study (ACS) will begin on the week of April 8. Sign up sheets for each study group is in the Narthex. Copies of the 1st study will be available on Sunday April 1. You have the choice of a hard copy or get it sent to your email address as a PDF file. Please let Sue know which you prefer. This worked out great last time and saved a bunch of paper and toner and wear and tear on the copier!!



**Road ditch and all church
clean up!**

April 14. Sign up at the info. center.
 Questions, contact Dave Engels.

Howdy Everyone.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!!

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 1 John 1:1-4

I have lived for six decades plus (strange how my inner clock says I'm only 25). During my years we have fought three wars and one "conflict" (ongoing); we have gone through times of civil unrest; we have seen 13 presidents come and go; we have witnessed the rise and impact of the telecommunication industry; we have seen the computerization of much within the world; we can see, almost instantaneously, events happening a world away; we have seen the empowerment of groups that have long been silenced; we have been witness to the tensions of the modern family; we have seen the increase of violence within our culture; we have seen the destruction of lives by illicit drug use and the list could go on. The events within our world have shaped our lives.

As I reflect on the words above from 1 John I realize they were written near the end of John's life, shortly before the end of the first century CE. It had been a little over six decades since he had experienced the resurrection of our Lord. Christianity was no longer the new deal, it was now a much larger faith with some estimating it to number around one million (quite a leap from the 12 disciples).

Think about what else had happened during this period. During his lifetime he had seen the destruction of his native homeland; he had been exiled for his religious faith; ten of his closest companions had died terrible deaths; Christians had been blamed for Nero's destructive fire in Rome. Those early Christians knew that to become a member of this group often meant martyrdom. Those ancient realities could go on and on. Those realities could have shaped his and their lives.

But, In the midst of these human realities John "declared" truths about a fellowship that would help those early Christians rise above the pain of their day. There was one who promised eternal life and then, after being crucified, rose to a new life confirming the promise he had made. They saw him. They spoke with him. They touched him. They were transformed by him. They were empowered by the same Spirit that had empowered him (that is why we must study and come to know the person of Holy Spirit).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ, not the other realities of history, was the defining event that shaped John's life and the lives of those earliest Christians.

John and his fellow disciples declared this life changing relationship to the people of their day. I am sure they declared this life transforming message in both word and deed. John had no greater joy than to invite people to become part of the "fellows-in-the-same-ship" group. He didn't do it only one day of the year, but every day during the year. Easter became the description of his life. He was one of Jesus' "Resurrection People."

The same is true for us. People all around us long to hear the good news that their past is forgiven and through belief in the resurrected Lord their future has been secured. Because of the power of the Lord Jesus we are set free to live differently in the present. We too are resurrection people. Thanks be to God.

Celebrating Easter with you,





Happy Spring, or at least the calendar said it is Spring. It is a beautiful world in which we live in. It is our responsibility to be good stewards of the Earth and its inhabitants. Here at First Presbyterian Church, we are doing pretty good. We recycle, road ditch clean up, donate monthly to the salvation army, and many other things. We are truly blessed where we live.

I want to thank everyone for their help this year with the Logos program: Jean Morgan and Hannah Shannon with table decorations (which were fabulous!); to Kim Kozel and Tracey Burke working with the k-5 kiddos, Jim Blaha, Lorrie Ledgerwood, and Loren Ruttinger working with the middle/high school kids; our fabulous cook teams: Cheryl Heizer, Peggy Blaha, Mitzi Knapp, Janis DeVore, Tina Anderson, Mike Stoll, Judi Palm, Brooke Holstedt, Sandy Browne, Michael Browne, Cheryl Kelsey, Mary Otteson, Teresa Williams (she cooked and she did the books!); to Jim Lyon who also played a double role as dinner dean and assistant director. I would also like to thank everyone who prayed for this mission of our church. It was a great year!

I am excited to report, we had 24 campers take advantage of the camping scholarships through the church! That number doubled from last year. It is exciting to see the numbers go up. It is a testament to the mission of Camp Story and our church. One of the many blessings of my job is getting to watch the kids get excited about camp and then hear all the stories they have to share when they get back. The smiles on their faces and their excitement to share what they have learned is infectious.

If you haven't heard yet, the week of April 8th we will be starting another all-church study. We will be learning about Holy Spirit. It will be a 6-week study. There are several different options available to fit your schedule and location. It isn't too late to sign up! If you would like your study emailed to you, please let Sue know. It is an another Paul Hayden creation, so it should be exciting!

Junior High Youth Group will continue to meet every Sunday from 4:30-5:30. It is a wonderful opportunity for the youth to get together and explore their faith, ask questions, and serve the Lord through their missions. There is growth, laughs, and wonderful fellowship. Junior High Youth Group is open to all youth grades 6th-8th grade. Friends are encouraged to tag along.

It is with a heavy heart, I have to announce that I will be rescheduling the 30 Hour Famine. There were too many conflicts for that weekend. Thank you to all that signed up to volunteer, I appreciate you!

If you were unable to make the Triennium meeting, but are still interested in attending please let me know. We will be having planning meetings throughout the coming months. I know that it is still 15 months away, but it will be here before you know it! Keep an eye out for some wondering opportunity to support the kids.



Some photos from the all church meeting on March 25th.

Thank you Steve Shive for your help.



Mission and Outreach would like your help. To offset the cost of the JUST coffee served for Coffee Fellowship on Sunday Mornings we are inviting individuals or families to sponsor a bag each week for \$10.

There will be a black board in the Fellowship Hall that will announce who is sponsoring the coffee for fellowship that Sunday. If you would like to be a sponsor, there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Along with the sign up sheet will be an envelope for you to put your \$10 in.

As a reminder JUST coffee is available for you to purchase each Sunday in the Narthex or in the Fellowship Hall. Let's keep drinking JUST coffee to support this great Mission in Mexico!

Any questions can be directed to Peggy at 763-2404.

Thank You all for your support!!



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

Worship Leaders: Izabel Clem, Shelley Barrett, Peggy Blaha, Kim Wells, Gloria Dierking, Scott Hollingsworth

Communion Servers: Jeri Joy, Linda Johnson, Tracey Burke, Brooke Holstedt, Paul & Terri Hayden, Brandon Fitzpatrick, Brenden Clem, Izabel Clem, Aiden Milne and Katie Turpin.

Altar Guild: Carol Maloy, Diane Peterson, Jane Gallagher, Jerilea Phillips

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Elwyn Maloy, Rick Semino, Chris Smith, Jim Blaha, Loren Ruttinger, CJ Clem

Sugarland Worship Leaders: Jan Leupold, Paul Hayden

Head Ushers: Tina Anderson, Tod Windsor

Greeters: LOGOS, Jeff & Denise Mueller, Tod & Marjorie Windsor, Doug & Kathy Beagle

Girls School Worship: Worship Team

Communion Preparation: Communion Guild

Coffee Fellowship: PW Circles/ Fellowship/Session

Meal Deliveries– Scott Davis, Mary Ludeman, Dorothea Doerr, Gary & Rhea Dixon

Session Members and Committees

Budget & Finance

Beth Bailey, Carol Davis, Tod Windsor

Clerk of Session

Carla White

Communication & Tech

Ted Knapp, Tod Windsor

Christian Education

Janis DeVore, Judy Garber

Fellowship

Kim Kozel, Jeri Joy, Kathy Lundberg

Membership & Evangelism

Tina Anderson, Jean Morgan

Mission & Outreach

Peggy Blaha, Doug Beagle

Personnel

Teresa Williams, Jim Lyon

Properties

Doug Moore, Dave Motsick, Gareth Dixon

Worship

Loren Ruttinger, Linnet McGoodwin

Keep them in your prayers

Jack Elliott, Margie & Art Elkins, Jim Litle, Dede Shrum, Karen Townsend, Pat Gallagher, Wilma Browne, Darlene McNair, Dorothea Doerr, Pat Foshier, Esther McKenzie

Pastor Paul Hayden's email address:

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Let's keep current!!

If you have changed your:

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Mailing address

Email

Let us know!! :)

fpc@actaccess.net/ 672-1717

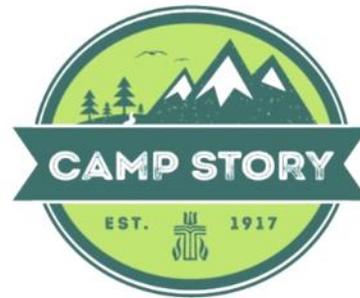


Pastor Paul is brave enough to try our LT meal!
Mike, Jan and Scott help serve Lunch on a snowy day.

Join us when we serve again
April 9 – 12.

(Men's day will be Tuesday April 10.)

- Blessings,
Tina Anderson 751-4810
Jan Leupold
Mary Ludemann
Mitzi Knapp
Doug Moore
Janis Devore



A challenge!! For every \$20 donated to Camp Story by individual Presbyterian women, the state of Wyoming PW will match that donation. You can give your donation to Kathy Beagle. Make you check to PW and in the memo put Camp Story. The deadline is Spring Gathering 2018!

The website is coming along nicely! Check it out!

sheridanfpc.church



We are also fine tuning the directory in order to look at printing a new one soon! Get your updates to us!!



A. B. C. Rummage Sale

Attic Basement Closet cleanout

April 25, 8-noon set up

April 26, 8-1 sale day

April 27, 8-11 bag sale

Presbyterian Women need help from the congregation to gather donations for the Spring rummage sale. We accept **clean and gently used** items such as but not limited to:

- clothing shoes purses
- books toys
- linens (not bed pillows) house décor
- kitchen items

We **cannot** accept:

- large appliances furniture televisions
- computers mattresses

Usable items may be delivered to the church Thursday, April 26, 8-11 am

Proceeds from this sale help support PW mission projects such as:

- Lifelink Marion Day Care
- Child Care Development Center
- Advocacy Resource Center
- Compass Group Lunch Together
- VOA Homless Shelter HUB
- on Smith Health Clinic
- Food Group Salvation Army

Sign up sheets are in the information center for those who can help

April 25, 26 or 27. Men of muscle can use help during set up (Thurs 8-noon) and clean up (Sat 11:00).

A special thank you goes to Doug Moore and Melissa Hubert who represented the Food Group at the March PW brunch and meeting. It was an opportunity to learn about the program that provides food for Sheridan students in need of food during non school days. A dozen women packed bags that were delivered to schools that afternoon.

The program for the **April 4, PW 10:00** brunch and meeting in the fellowship hall will be given by the Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange. **All are invited to attend.**

All Women Invited!

Join us for the 2018 Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Union Presbyterian Church,

Powell, Wyoming

April 13 at 8:30am to

April 14 at noon

Registrations are due on April 4.

More info: contact Melinda

Brazzale, 307-256-0506,





Information and sign-up center!

This is the place to sign up for volunteer opportunities, event RSVP's, find informational material and much more!

This area is directly behind the Compassion board & across from the name tag board, in the Narthex. (front entrance of the church)

If you have never been a worship leader or volunteered to help with setting up Communion, there are people to help! Just call the church office 672-1717 and we will connect you with the right person.

Flowers for Sunday: if you would like to provide flowers or use the bouquets already made up in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or an anniversary, it is up to you! You can choose a Sunday at the Info. Center on the Flower sign up.

Happy Spring!

Camp Story kicked off spring with our Spring into Camp Craft Fair. Our church was full of springy decor, incredible crafts, and lots of bodies flowing through to see the excitement! I want to thank everyone who helped set up, clean up, and work the craft fair. Also, I want to thank all those self-less giving members of our congregation and the PW ladies who donated money towards the scholarship fund for Camp Story. We raised about \$1,300 from this event!!!! I feel so blessed to be part of such a generous and caring church family.

So far, we have 30 camp registrations in and I know many more are on the way!!

I can't wait to get up to Camp Story to clean and prepare for summer camp 2018!! Our camp clean up week will be held May 19-24, so keep that on the calendar!!

Thanks again for all the support, love, and generosity towards camp. It truly is such a blessing to be a part of and follow the Lord's work.

Warmly,

Alicia Ford



Miscellany

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Aaron Gray
- 2- Dorothea Doerr, Gary Laughton
- 5- John Lundberg
- 8- Miriam Nance
- 10- Gary Joy
- 11- Marisa Williams
- 13- Ann Aksamit, Nathan Fitzpatrick
- 14- Thayer Shafer
- 16- Kim Jacobsen, Gwen Roberts
- 17- Natalie Schreffler, Bryce Williams
- 18- Janet Hamstreet, Ryker Zunig
- 19- Georgia Mueller
- 20- Dorothy Shrum
- 22- Andrew Windsor
- 23- Kathleen Shafer
- 24- Linda Johnson, Michael Shifrar
- 26- Henry Szwec
- 27- Jasper Tilden
- 28- Mike Stoll
- 29- Haven Windsor
- 30- Gene Bard, Margie Elkins, Rick Landeis

Happy Anniversary!

April 15-Rick an Louise Semino

Change of address;

Ted & Carolyn Meline

612 Fort Clay

Evansville, WY 82636

307-752-2688

Our sympathies go out to

Wyoma Sampson

At the passing of her son.

Karen Fosher at the passing

of her mother.

Esther McKenzie

At the passing of her son.

Your church finances

Year to Date

Income: \$ 47,602.24

Expenses: \$ 29,820.65

Total: \$ 17,781.59

The office will be open during these hours.

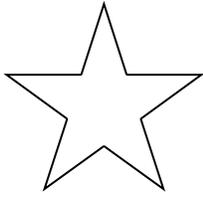
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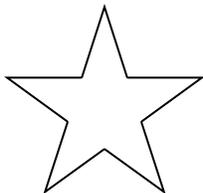
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Air Force

- Jason Browne** (Son of Sandy Browne)
- Ryan Laughton** (Grandson of Joe Laughton)
- Howard (Ace) Shrum** (Grandson of Dorothy Shrum)
- Brennan Negrete** (Grandson of Elwyn & Carol Maloy)
- Damon Sevier** (Son of Patty Usher)
- Jeff & Michelle Durand** (Cousins of Phyllis Wilhelm)
- Kai Grimmell** (Nephew of Gloria Stresky)
- Alicia Ferries** (Daughter in law of Jane Buell)
- Bryce Williams** (son of Mike and Teresa Williams)
- Brennan & Sydney Negrete** (Grandson & Granddaughter-in-law of Elwyn & Carol Maloy)
- Megan Price** (Granddaughter of Karen Fosher)

National Guard

- Shawn Meline** (Son of Ted & Carolyn Meline)
- Allen Price** (son-in-law of Karen Fosher)
- Carsie Mitchell** (Grandson of Jim & Dianne Perry)

Navy & Navy Reserves

- William Ferries** (Son of Jane Buell)

Army & Army Reserves

- Kyle Jennings**-(Grandson of Bernice Jennings)

Marines

- Zachary Fitzpatrick**-(Son of Howie & Sandy Fitzpatrick)

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 Sue in the office.

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 1 Easter Sunday 6:40 am-Sunrise Service Breakfast 8 am- Worship 10 am- Worship	2	3	4 10 am-PW Brunch	5 6:30 am- Breakfast study 9:30 am- AC women's study 11 am- Properties 7 pm- choir practice	6	7
8 9 am- SS- K-8 9 am- AC Study 10 am- Worship 11:30- Bible study 4:30- Jr. High youth	9 7 pm- /AC study Joy's home 7 pm- Bells <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Lunch together 9th-12th </div>	10 Committee meetings 10:30-Com/Tech 3 pm- CE 4:30- Fellowship 5 pm- Mission 5:30- Budget & Personnel 6 pm- Worship 6 pm- AC study Powder River Pizza	11 11 am- Membership	12 6:30 am- Breakfast study (AC study) 5:30 pm-AC study 7 pm- choir 7 pm- AC Study- Janice DeVore's	13 Committee reports due am <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> PW Spring gathering in Powell </div>	14 8 am-Road Ditch Clean up
15 8 am- Worship 9 am- SS- K-8 9 am- AC study 10 am- Worship 11:30- Bible study 1:30- Sugarland 	16 7 pm- /AC study Joy's home 7 pm- Bells	17 6 pm- AC study Powder River Pizza 7 pm- Session	18 9:30-noon- Circles	19 6:30 am- Breakfast study (AC study) 9:30 am- AC study 5:30 pm-AC study 7 pm- choir 7 pm- AC Study- Janice DeVore's	20 Cubs vs. Rockies	21
22 8 am- Worship 9 am- SS- K-8 9 am- AC study 10 am- Worship 11:30- Bible study 4:30- Jr. High Youth	23 7 pm- Bells 7 pm- /AC study Joy's home 	24 6 pm- AC study Powder River Pizza	25	26 6:30 am- Breakfast study (AC study) 9:30 am- AC study 5:30 pm-AC study 7 pm- choir 7 pm- AC Study- Janice DeVore's	27 8-1 pm ABC Sale Set up for sale 8-noon <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> 30 Hour Famine 6 pm </div>	28 8-11 am ABC Sale
29 8 am- Worship 9 am- SS- K-8 9 am- AC study 10 am- Worship 11:30- Bible study 4:30- Jr. High youth	30 6 pm- Stephen Ministry 7 pm- Bells 7 pm- /AC study Joy's home					

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