

November 2018

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

(The Gift That Will Keep on Giving)

2018

This year the Angel Tree is taking on a new look and we are excited to tell you about it! After much discussion and prayerful consideration, the Mission committee decided to do something a little different with the Angel Tree Project.

First, we want to give a little background on why we considered changing this project. For many years, we have worked with local schools which have provided us with names of needy families in our community. Each year we put forth a lot of effort to get the names, ages, and wish lists from children in these families. It has come to our attention that many of these families actually get gifts from multiple organizations at Christmas. So with that in mind, we decided to put our heads together with the counselor at Coffeen Elementary School and see if we could do something different that would still benefit children.

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Fellowship events coming up!



Craft Day Nov. 10th from 1-3 pm– at the church

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



Pancake Feed for Triennium– Nov. 23, from 6:30 am-9:30 am.



Tree cutting & pot luck, Nov. 24 (details on pg. 4)



Sanctuary Decorating– Nov. 25th after church

Tree Lighting event, Nov. 25th. At 6 pm, we will light the outside tree and have cookies and hot chocolate.

Greetings Everyone.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite national celebrations. For those who take advantage of it, it is a pause within the busy-ness of life to look at the many blessings we have received. For some it is a time to gather with family and give thanks. For others it is a time to gather with extended family and celebrate. Even in the midst of the food prepared and consumed, the football games that for many are part of the tradition, to pause and give thanks is central to the day. I trust that it will be so for you.

Thanksgiving should also to be a central part of our spiritual practice. The Book of Psalms is filled with admonitions to and examples of giving thanks. The phrase, "Give thanks," is used 24 times in our New Revised Standard Version. One of those occasions, the first verse of Psalm 104, a history Psalm, begins

***Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
his love endures forever.***

The Psalmist then reminds then of the many things God has done to get them to where they are. We are reminded in Psalm 69:30-31 of a general theme of the Old Testament that God desires an attitude of thanksgiving above liturgical forms of worship.

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. This will please the LORD more than an ox, more than a bull with its horns and hoofs.

In the Gospels, one of the stories of Jesus that jumps out on this topic is the healing of the 10 lepers (Luke 17:11-18) of which only one came back and said, "Thank you." The discipline of thanksgiving receives its ultimate highlight for me in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 where St. Paul says:

¹⁶ Be joyful always; ¹⁷ pray continually; ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Sometimes it is hard to determine the will of God (even though in the Lord's Prayer we regularly pray for that "will to come on earth as it is in heaven"). Here it is plain and simple...GIVE THANKS.

Most of our time of thanksgiving focuses on the blessings in the present because of the activity of the past. So we should. Thanksgiving reminds us that our prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread," has been answered many times over. Even for those who have very little within our own community, the prayer for "daily bread" is answered (thank you Lunch Together ministry, Sheridan Food Group, and all those who volunteer to help answer this prayer.).

I believe there is another part of our spiritual practice that should be included in thanksgiving, giving thanks for that which is yet to be. What do I mean? Very often our times of prayer focus on our petitions and supplications, i.e., things we are seeking from the Lord. Very often God has already given us a promise(s) in relation to the very thing for which we are asking. For instance, First Presbyterian is praying for its Pastor Nominating Committee and the candidate they will present to the church. Are you familiar with the promise of Jeremiah 3:15? Here it is:

***I will give you pastors (shepherds) according to mine heart,
which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.***

My assessment of FPC is that this is exactly what this church desires. So, in the midst of our times of prayer why don't we start giving thanks for what God has already promised us?!! Does the PNC need wisdom in this search process? Absolutely! I pray you are praying this for them. But, why not also claim God's promise? Look at this promise from James 1:5:

***If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault,
and it will be given to him.***

Thanksgiving. Giving thanks for what has been...what is...and what shall be. May the Lord fill us to overflowing with all three this year.

With Gratitude for all of you,





When you think of November, what do you think of? Month before Christmas? Bazaar/Craft Fair season? Thanksgiving? Birthday? (I have 2 in my house the same day) Usually we say Thanksgiving. A whole day to give thanks. Who do we give thanks to? God? But shouldn't we be giving thanks everyday? Are we only thanking Him for the bountiful feast on Thanksgiving Day? Shouldn't we be giving thanks to God for all things? The good, the bad, and the not right nows? It is easy to get wrapped up thanking God for the big, wonderful things that he does, but what about the little things? Or those things that make you upset? When I am feeling frustrated, I take a deep breath and thank God for showing me that I care. Or after dealing with a high emotional situation thank Him for the strength to get through it. I know that I have sent up several prayers of thanksgiving for patience for not strangling my teenagers. But remember Him in the big and the small things in life and thank Him for it all.

First Presbyterian you are wonderful group of people. Thanks to you, the bags that the youth were selling sold out! You are fabulous. A huge shout out to the "bag lady" for all your time and effort that you put into making the bags.

Now, here is a listing of our November activities.

First up, LOGOS is going great and will be meeting on the 11th and the 25th. What a GREAT fall we have had! Thanks to all our leaders for your ministry.

Then the next weekend, November 16-18 is the High School Retreat in Casper. High schoolers 9th-12th grade from across the state will be gathering to share fellowship, fun, and hopefully challenge them to look at their faith. We will be exploring media and faith. We will be looking at how our faith plays out in the media. Does our faith look the same behind a screen and keyboard as it does in the real life? We will look at ways to evaluate movies and other forms of media. We will also explore apps available. It will be a great time. The cost is \$25 all youth 9th-12th grade are welcome to attend. Registration paperwork is available in the office.

Do you like pancakes? Well, do I have a deal for you! Team Triennium will be hosting a pancake feed Friday, November 23 from 6:30-9:30 am. We will be offering pancakes, sausages, and muffins. There will also be gluten free options. So, mark you calendars and tell your friends. Here is a great way to fill your bellies, get out of the house, meet the youth going to Triennium, and support the youth. See you on the 23rd from 6:30-9:30.

Confirmation is in full swing! There are 8 youth going through Confirmation. They are a great group of youth and have a heart for God. We started their confirmation journey with a retreat at Camp Story. We all had a blast and had an interesting conversation about how they see our church. Please keep them in your prayers for the next 6 months as they explore their faith, personal beliefs, and where they will fit in the life of church.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the initials "CJ".



Judy Palm, Karen Fosher, Kathy and Doug Beagle, serve up Taco Soup at Lunch Together. Lunch Together is a great opportunity for all of us to take His light out into our community. We serve again for three days during Thanksgiving week, **Monday November 19, Tuesday November 20 (Men's Day), and Wednesday November 21, 2018.** If you have family in town, bring them along! An attitude of gratitude is all they need.

Many thanks to our loving and generous congregation from your LT Wranglers:

Tina Anderson (751-4810)

Jan Leupold

Mary Ludemann

Doug Moore

Mitzi Knapp

Janis Devore



Poinsettia memorials.

It is early, yes. Just wanted to get you thinking about this.

The forms for poinsettia memorials will be due on Dec. 17th.

You can email Sue (fpc@actaccess.net) with your information or fill out a form and turn it in.

Christmas Tree cutting and potluck. Nov. 24th.

Dick and Sandy Birkholz will host the potluck at their cabin up the mountain past Arrowhead Lodge, across from the bowl. They will provide, soup, chili and bread. Please bring a side dish to share. Food will be available starting at noon! A sign-up sheet will be at the information center for those planning to attend.

Remember to purchase your tree permit!! Meet at the church at 9 am if you want to caravan up. Trees will be cut just below the cabin.

Saturday, November 10 From 1-3 PM

Christmas Ball Ornament Wreath

Making Workshop

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Sat. Nov. 10 is a heavy craft fair day in Sheridan so go out in the morning and **get inspired!** Then in the afternoon come to the church to make your own Ball Wreath!

What to bring:

1. A wreath form: 14" or smaller- can be metal, foam, or grapevine as it will be covered.
(Ace, Walmart, Dollar Tree)
2. A glue gun- we have plenty of glue sticks that were donated.
3. Wide ribbon to make a hanger

We have lots of colorful and multi sized balls to use (thanks to the Hub on Smith's Warehouse sale) but if you have a certain color you want to use bring your own ball ornaments.

Signup Sheet at the information center.



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

Worship Leaders: Kim Wells, Rex Arney, Dave Engels, Peggy Blaha.

Communion Servers: Mike & Teresa Williams, Jim & Peggy Blaha, Mary Ludemann, Scott Davis, Laurie Graves, Don Groneberg.

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

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

Sugarland Worship Leaders: Jan Leupold, Paul Hayden

Head Ushers: Jeri Joy, Jean Morgan

Greeters: Jim & Dianna Perry, Jim & Phyllis Wilhelm, Fitzpatrick family, Hannah Shannon, Carolyn Griffith

Girls School Worship: No service this month

Communion Preparation: Jim Lyon & Mitzi Knapp

Coffee Fellowship: PW Circles/ Fellowship/Session

Meal Deliveries— Georgia & Larry Mueller, Marion & Annette Reed, Paul & Terri Hayden, Carla White, Ron Patterson

Session Members and Committees

Budget & Finance

Beth Bailey, Carol Davis, Tod Windsor

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Carla White

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Peggy Blaha, Doug Beagle

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Teresa Williams, Jim Lyon

Properties

Doug Moore, Dave Motsick, Gareth Dixon

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Loren Ruttinger, Linnet McGoodwin

Keep them in your prayers

Jack Elliott, Margie & Art Elkins, Jim Litle & Margaret Litle, Dede Shrum, Karen Townsend, Wilma Browne, Darlene McNair, Esther McKenzie, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr, Kim Love, Larry Mueller

Pastor Paul Hayden's email address:

fpc.paul@actaccess.net

Let's keep current!!

If you have changed your:

Phone

Mailing address

Email

Let us know!! :)

fpc@actaccess.net/ 672-1717

Online Giving

First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan will soon offer an online giving option on the website <http://sheridanfpc.church/>.

The online giving program is offered through the Presbyterian Foundation (the Foundation). As this program is implemented, the Business and Finance Committee want to inform you of how the process of online giving will operate.

There will be an online giving icon on the website that will be selected to activate a transaction. A 2% processing fee will be charged with each transaction. The funds will be collected by the Foundation and then transferred to First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan. Because the initial funds are received by the Foundation, the annual giving report will come from the Foundation, not First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan. However, the Foundation will provide a monthly itemized giving report to First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan and all giving will be tracked.

The online giving will provide an alternate option for tithing to First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan. This will also add convenience for visitors and memorial giving for people who may not attend First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan on a regular basis.

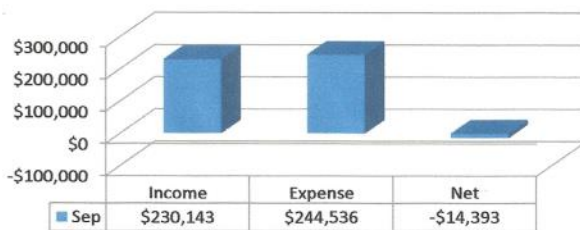
Please let Dennis Heizer know if you want giving envelopes. If you have gotten them in the past and no longer want to get them, **please** let him know. This way we can order what we need and not have as many left over each year.

Thank you for helping us be good stewards of our resources!

2018 FPC Budget Excluding Gold Sale



2018 FPC Budget YTD September Excluding Gold Sale

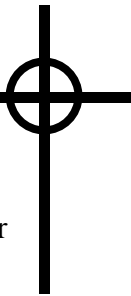


Giving statement changes

With much discussion the Budget, Finance and Stewardship committee has decided to only send out giving statements once per year after the first of the year to include year end contributions.

If you find that you need information on your giving you can contact Dennis Heizer and he can help you with any information you may need.

This change will help in cutting costs.



ABC SALE

Thank you to the 45 volunteers, women and men, who worked all or part of the 3 days of the ABC Sale. Again, the church was full of donated items to sell. What a blessing to have an abundance that allows for this biannual sale! Thank you to the congregation for clearing Attics, Basements and Closets to help provide funding for local PW missions. Thank God for the customers who came to shop and share with us. The net received was approximately \$1800.

Thank you to the men who helped unload, load, clean up and deliver. Your support is invaluable. Thank you to the Clem Family and Lisa who set up and then put things back in order for Sunday morning.

Many non profits benefited from actual items donated. Foster Parent Exchange, VA Veteran’s Clothing Room, Vision Beyond Borders, Veteran’s Advocate, Second Blessings Thrift Store, the Animal Shelter, Methodist Church, First Christian Church, St. Peter’s Red Door, Lunch Together and The Hub on Smith received items on Saturday from the abundant donations. Congregation members visited about and gleaned from unsold books during fellowship on Sunday. It is apparent that God has used our leftovers to his Glory.

Further information:
Sherry Laughton 360-936-7531
Sharon Browne 307-674-8278

THANK YOU TO CIRCLE ONE

Thank you to Circle One for helping to pull together the bread baking and fellowship for World Communion Sunday. There were 12 bread bakers. The breads were: Danish Havrebrod, Swedish Rye, Jewish Challah, Irish Soda Bread, German Stollen, Greek Olive Bread, Hawaiian Sweet Bread, Austrian Gugelhupf, Mexican Jalepeno Bread, Finish Viipuri, Syrian Bread, English Muffin Bread and French Croissants.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, November 7 at 10:00 am will be PW’s monthly brunch meeting. ALL WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME AND INVITED TO ATTEND. The Thank Offering will be received. The guest speaker will be Linda Robbins from Annie Green Thumbs sharing her experiences with The Pasadena Rose Parade. Also, mark December 5, at NOON for the annual PW luncheon with the SHS choir performance.

The Holidays are approaching quickly and the Mission and Outreach Committee would like to help you with your Christmas shopping. The Mission we support - JUST Coffee makes for a great gift in more then one way!! Not only the pleasure of drinking it but as we drink it remembering our farmers in Mexico that we are supporting! Each Sunday Coffee order sheets will be on the tables that we display coffee on. We would appreciate you filling out these forms as it will aide us in knowing how much and what kind of coffee to order. Payment upon ordering would be appreciated.

Thanks be to God for our Church family being so generous in supporting this Mission. And just a reminder you can be a sponsor for our coffee at Sunday Fellowship by signing up at the information center. Provided under the sign-up sheet is an envelope to put your \$10 in.

Angel Tree cont.

The counselor had some great ideas! Together, this is what we came up with:

Some new teachers at Coffeen desperately need library books in their classroom libraries, but with limited financial resources, it will take them a long time to build up those libraries. Those teachers have provided us with wish lists and we will make Angel Tree tags from those lists. What an awesome way to give a gift that will benefit many children for years to come!

Coffeen School children also have a need for clothing throughout the year. They need heavy winter gloves, hats, snow pants, and sweatpants. The counselor has given us a list of sizes for the clothing, so we will make Angel Tree tags for those items too. We won't know exactly what child will get a new pair of snow pants, but our hearts will be warm as we think about a child going out to play with new snow pants and warm gloves!

Our church has partnered with Coffeen Elementary for the past several years providing gifts through the Angel Tree Project. Although, the project looks a little different this year, we are delighted to be working with this school again on this new (and hopefully improved!) Angel Tree Project!

We are pleased to report that as a congregation we are supporting Coffeen School children year around. Through Mission Committee our church is donating to the Food Group which provides food bags to many children at Coffeen, and PW is helping fill Food Group bags for Coffeen children.

Arianna Thurow is also a new teacher in the Sheridan District and we will be adding her classroom wish list as well!

A big thank you to our congregation for your support of this project!

If you have any questions, please contact Helen Campbell, Nancy Elliott, or Jerilea Phillips.

Thank you from the Angel Tree Committee and the Mission Committee!!



Many Thanks from Camp Story

Camp Story is all closed up for the winter! We had incredible summer camps and a fruitful rental season for 2018. Many songs, laughs, smiles, and friendships were shared all in His name and in His outdoor sanctuary.

I want to extend my gratitude towards everyone who has donated their time, money, energy, and support. Camp Story and it's life changing ministry would not be possible without selfless folks like you!!

I want to give a HUGE shout out and thank you to Brooke Holstedt and Elwyn Maloy, who are constantly at camp working hard, long hours to improve the longevity of camp by building new buildings and working on whatever needs done!

Lastly, I want to whole heartedly thank Dick Birkholz for all he does for Camp Story. Dick has spent many days from sun up to sun down working hard on endless projects. Even after dark, he would still work where the lightbulbs allowed him to. His energy, dedication, passion, and love for camp is unlike any other and I can't thank him enough for what he has done. The next time you see Dick please thank him for all of his efforts.

Onward to Summer 2019! I know the Lord has BIG plans for us at Camp Story and can't wait to see what is next!

Gratefully,
Alicia Ford, Camp Director

Salvation Army Kettle Drive Team FPC!

Please contact Dave Engels if you are interested, be watching for the sign up sheet at the information center. The date is not set, will be a Saturday between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Miscellany

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1– Harvey Johnson, Jerilea Phillips
- 2– Melissa Rieger
- 3– Louise Semino
- 4– Patty Brandt
- 6– Julie Bugher, Dennis Ledgerwood
- 7– Dennis Schreffler
- 8– Don Groneberg
- 10– Tina Anderson, Doug Osborn
- 12– Nickie Arney
- 13– Maurine Badget, Peggy Blaha, Jason Szewc
- 15– Cheryl Madden
- 16– Kevin Bailey, Jan Deaver, Robin Smith
- 19– Marion Reed, Jae Satterlee
- 20– Cal botten
- 21– Ruby Szewc
- 25– Craig Clem, Eli Clem, Tod Phyllips
- 26– Sandy Browne
- 27– Carley Jo Motsick, Tod Windsor
- 29– Jim Douglas, Jack Elliott

Happy Anniversary!

- 5– Bill & Phyllis Cunningham
- 11– Tom & Miriam Nance
- 13– Dennis & Lorrie Ledgerwood
- 23– Gene & Becky Bard
- 25– Dick & Sandy Birkholz
- Jerry & Myrna Saunders
- 28– Dennis & Karen Schreffler

*The website is up and running! Check it out!
The first sermons are now online!!! Check
out Pastor Paul's blog!*

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*Pastor Paul's sermons are also on the
website!*

*Printed Directories ! We are asking for a \$5
donation to help with the cost of printing.
They are available in the church office.*

*As always, if you have updates to add to the
directory, let the office know and we will get
that taken care of!!*

The office will be open during these hours.

8-noon- Monday– Friday

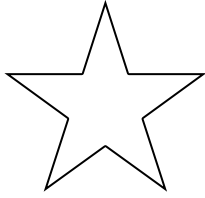
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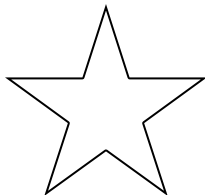
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Air Force

Jason Browne (Son of Sandy Browne)

Ryan Laughton (Son of Gary & Sherry Laughton, Grandson of Joe Laughton)

Howard (Ace) Shrum (Grandson of Dorothy Shrum)

Damon Sevier (Son of Patty Usher)

Jeff & Michelle Durand (Cousins of Phyllis Wilhelm)

Kai Grimmell (Nephew of Gloria Stresky)

Bryce Williams (Son of Mike and Teresa Williams)

Brennan & Sydney Negrete (Grandson & Granddaughter-in-law of Elwyn & Carol Maloy)

Megan Price (Granddaughter of Karen Foshier)

Captain Rory Montgomery (Great Nephew of Harvey & Linda Johnson)

National Guard

Allen Price (Son-in-law of Karen Foshier)

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)

Ethan & Johnna Hall (Grandson & granddaughter –in-law of Elwyn & Carol Maloy)

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.

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WS = Women's study SS= Sunday School SM=Stephen Ministry YG=Youth Group				1 10:30 am– Properties	2 8:30 am Membership	3
4 10 am– Worship, Communion 11:30– Bible study	5 7 pm– Bells	6	7 10 am– PW Brunch	8 6:30 am– Breakfast study 7 pm– Choir	9	10 1-3 pm-Crafting event
11 8 am– Worship 9 am– Sunday School 10 am– Worship 11:30– Bible study 1-3– Confirmation class 3 pm– LOGOS	12 7 pm– Bells	13 4:30– Fellowship 5 pm–Mission 5:30– Budget, Personnel 6 pm– Worship 6:30 pm-Tech	14	15 6:30 am– Breakfast study 7 pm– Choir	16	17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Sr. High Retreat, Casper </div>
18  8 am– Worship 9 am– Sunday School 10 am- Worship 11:30– Bible study 1:30– Brookdale/ Sugarland worship 4 pm– Youth Group	19 7 pm– Bells	20 7 pm– Session Men serve lunch	21 9:30, 10 & Noon– Circles 7 pm– Choir	22 Office closed 	23 Office Closed Pancake Feed 6:30-9:30 am	24 9 am- Tree cutting & Pot luck @ Birkholz cabin
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25 8 am– Worship 9 am– Sunday School 10 am– Worship 11:30– Bible study 1-3– Confirmation class 3 pm– LOGOS Sanctuary decorating after services 6 pm– Tree lighting	26 6 pm– Stephen Ministry 7 pm– Bells 	27	28	29	30	

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November

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2018 SENIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT

NOVEMBER 16-18, CASPER, WY
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS PRESBYTERIAN

RSVP to CJ Clem: cjclem@actaccess.net or 307-672-1717