

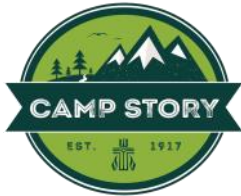


First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

March 2019

**Registration is NOW
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We have camps for Pre-K
- 12th grade in June and
July!

Our Early Bird Discount of \$25 off goes
until April 15th so be sure to register
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discount this year, if you bring a friend to
camp who has never been before you get
an additional \$25 off!

Go to www.CampStory.org for more
information!

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Communion Preparation

Tracey shares a poem by Slats Toole

...and when I have lost sight of YOU
the one place I know I can find You is here.

At the table.

...and I

I am perennially a child here
taking bites that are too big for me to handle

sneaking second helpings

crawling underneath the Table

and wrapping myself around its legs

or starring up at its under belly

or see it

to see You

in a new way

to see the parts of the Table

that others don't think about

maybe,

if we are the stewards

I am here to be the steward of the Underside of the
Table.

That mischievous little kid who says,

“come here! Look at this! You won't believe it!”

as we all crowd together.

As You join us and laugh with us and share a feast
with us.

Share your love of Christ and worship. Sign up to
prepare for Communion.

Even if you have not done it before—we will help
you out and show you what's at the table. Leave
your name and number and we will give you a call.

Tracey Burke and Denise Mueller

Greetings Everyone.

Lent is a season of preparation. It begins with Ash Wednesday (March 6 this year) concluding on Easter Sunday, 40 days excluding Sundays. This 40 day period is a reminder of the journey of the Children of Israel from their captivity in Egypt to the Promised Land. It is also reflective of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness where he was tempted by the devil. Both images are instructive for me as what we should do spiritually during this period of time as we prepare for the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

The Exodus. Originally, the children of Jacob had made their way to Egypt as a way to survive the severe famine that had captured the land of Palestine. Joseph, the son who had been sold into captivity and risen to a position of power, had responded to their need and welcomed them into his adopted homeland. Their lives were spared and became blessed (Genesis 37, 39-50). They stayed in Egypt for over 400 years.

But, what had been a blessing became a bondage. After an extended period, a new king came into power over Egypt who forgot his history and the role the Israelites had played. He became frightened and chose to make slaves out of the Israelites (Exodus 1:8ff). For upwards of two centuries the captivity of the Israelites grew. The Exodus was their journey of moving from bondage to blessing once again.

If we have areas of bondage in our lives, Lent can be a time where we intentionally address those areas and begin to move toward the blessings God desires for his children. Often this growth can be accompanied by giving up that which is destructive (for instance, a bad habit such as too much candy, or smoking, or swearing, etc.). It can also be aided by taking on and building a new, constructive habit to replace the old (time reading God's word, prayer, meditation, etc.). The goal remains the same: move from bondage to blessing.

Maybe this is why the temptation of Jesus is such a great example for the Season of Lent. I know of no bad habits that Jesus had to replace with something good, but, he did practice the constructive spiritual discipline of fasting during his 40 days in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13). During these 40 days he also seems to have learned the spiritual discipline of prayer. Often we think of prayer as talking with God. But prayer is also learning to listen for God and then to God. The text simply says, he was "led by the Spirit in the wilderness" (4:1). For me, implicit to being led is learning to listen to the Spirit's voice and develop obedience of the heart. It was during this spiritual development that he grew in strength and focus so that when the time of greatest vulnerability came, he was able to remain true to the will of the Father. This skill stayed with him throughout his ministry and all the way through Gethsemane.

So, how about you? On the one hand, what bondage might you be called to let go of this Lenten Season? On the other hand, what spiritual discipline are you called upon to develop?

Take some time and ask God what God would have you do. Write it down. Put it in your Bible or some other place where you will remember to look at it regularly. Take your calendar and make an appointment with you and God to do the work he has called you to do. Make this time of Lent a time for you to grow spiritually, closer to your Lord, better prepared to serve.

Walking with you,
through Lent to the cross,
from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the open tomb.

Pastor Paul



Welcome to the month that everyone is Irish! While I was looking for ideas for the Christian Education board I came across a poem comparing the Trinity to the shamrock. I thought it was fitting for this months newsletter thought.

Just like the leaves on each shamrock I see,
There are three parts to the Holy Trinity.
First is God the Father
Then Jesus His only Son,
And the Holy Spirit as One.

I have not ever heard the poem before, but I had heard of the comparison of the Holy Spirit and the shamrock. The first recorded use of the shamrock to explain the Trinity was credited to Saint Patrick. He used it in his mission work in Ireland. Which makes sense because the clover is all over Ireland.

If the three leaf clover symbolizes the Trinity, what does the four leaf clover mean? I have been thinking about this for the past couple of days. The belief, at the time, was the four leaf clover will warn off evil and bring good luck.

I had a thought, does the four leaf clover represent our faith just as much as the three leaf clover?

Think about it. When we enter into our relationship with the Lord, it isn't just Jesus, God, or Holy Spirit. I enter into the relationship with the whole Trinity. Why don't we think of ourselves as the fourth leaf? We invite Jesus, and in connection the Trinity, into our lives. We are transformed. We have this opportunity to grow in our love and understanding of someone who loves us unconditionally. God knows all the hairs on our head and has plans for us. He will forgive us for all the crazy stuff that we do. We are transformed into something far greater than when we are alone.

The other thing that I have noticed over my life, is that you hardly ever find a clover by itself. For clovers to be healthy and vibrant, they needs a group. A little clover reproduction lesson. The clover can grow from a seed, the little white flower turns to seed, or it can shoot off a strong root of another plant. But just like a clover, to grow strong we have to live in a community of believers. We need to grow our roots deep, so that we can go out into the world to spread the love of the Lord. We have church, Bible study, missions, camp, and fellowship to come together and nourish each other.

When you walk past a field, lawn, or grouping of clover do you still look for the lucky four leaf clover? Do you ever think that when God looks down on us, He sees a field of four leaf clovers and He stops to look for the three leaf clovers? Does He ponder on who He can send to make a four leaf clover?

~Let the Shamrock serve as a reminder to thee: of God's perfect presence in His Holy Trinity.~
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John, Su, Beth, Doug, Pastor Paul, Denise, Kathy and Supervisor Jan enjoy a quiet moment before the action started at Lunch Together in January.

February 2019 marks the 25th Anniversary of Lunch Together in our community.

FPC serves at Lunch Together again March 11 – 14. Sign ups will occur the two Sundays before, or you can call and let us know. Men's Day is March 12.

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

Lenten All Church Study

The sign up table is set up in the church narthex for the church-wide Lenten study written by Pastor Paul Hayden. The study, "From Membership to Discipleship: from the Club to the Cross" will begin the week of March 11th and last for five weeks. So far, four study groups have been formed: Terri and Paul Hayden will host a Monday evening study, CJ and Craig Clem will lead a Wednesday evening group designed for young couples, the Thursday 5:30 soup and study group will be organized by Shelley Cundiff, and the Sunday morning 11:30 class will focus on this study. If you are interested in forming another group, contact Pastor Paul or CJ.

CALLING ALL PRESBYTERIANS

TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR: A (Attics), B (Basements), C (Closets)

FOR THE SPRING RUMMAGE SALE organized by the Presbyterian Women

(All proceeds to go to local missions)

APRIL 11, 8:00 to 12:00 SET UP

(Bring in your clean, gently used items at this time)

(Please no tv's, computers, or large furniture)

APRIL 12, 8:00 TO 12:00 SALE

APRIL 13, 8:00 TO 12:00 SALE

APRIL 13, 12:00 CLEAN UP

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE INFORMATION CENTER IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP



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

Worship Leaders: Jan Windsor, Shelley Barrett, Peggy Blaha, Loren Ruttinger, Joyce Groneberg, Heidi Smith, Teresa Williams

Communion Servers: Laurie Paronto, Dick Warren, Helen Campbell, Brett Burtis , Annette & Marion Reed

Flower Guild: Carol Maloy, Jane Gallagher, Jerilea Phillips, Myrna Saunders

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

Sugarland Worship Leaders: Paul Hayden, Jan Leupold

Head Ushers: Doug Moore, Tod Windsor

Greeters: Pat & Jane Gallagher, Diane Peterson, Mary Hutton, Tod & Marjorie Windsor, Doug & Kathy Beagle

Communion Preparation: Denise Mueller

Coffee Fellowship: PW Circles/ Fellowship/Session

Meal Deliveries— Tina Anderson, Denise Mueller, Jan Leupold, Mitzi Knapp, Jerilea Phillips, Jody Roberts, Annette & Marion Reed.

Coffee Sponsors: Judi Palm, Todd & Jerilea Phillips, Lynda Mayer.

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Keep them in your prayers

Jack Elliott, Margie Elkins, Jim Litle & Margaret Litle, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr, Larry Mueller, Jim Arzy, Una Cole, Harvey Johnson

Pastor Paul Hayden's email address:

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Let's keep current!!

If you have changed your:

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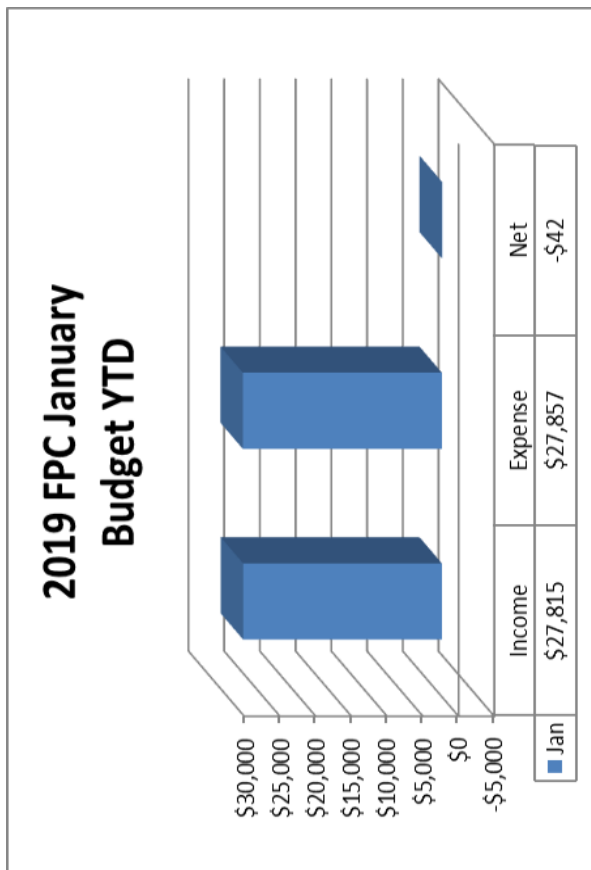
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On-Line Giving is Here!

Are you looking for an easier method of giving to First Presbyterian Church? Is writing a check every week a hassle? Are you out of town during Sunday worship? Would you like to simplify your life? Look no further than the **“Give Online”** tab at the top of our web site: **sheridanfpc.church**. You can **safely** and **easily** give to First Presbyterian Church by using a credit or debit card. You can even arrange to have a weekly or monthly gift made automatically! Your gift is paid directly to First Presbyterian Church, Sheridan. Consider signing up to give online today!



LOGOS is back in full swing. We started back January 13th. We are meeting again the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 3:00-5:45 with the schedule as follows:

3:00 to 3:45: Recreation
 3:45 to 4:30: Bible Time
 4:30 to 5:15: Worship
 5:15 to 5:45: Family Time (Dinner)

The theme for this 7 week session is “I Am...”:

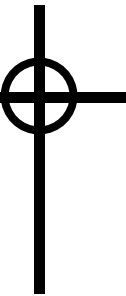
January 13th: Bread of Life
 January 27th: Light of the World
 February 10th: The Gate
 February 24th: The Good Shepard
 March 19th: The Resurrection and The Life
 March 31st: The Way, The Truth, and The Life
 April 14th: The True Vine

We have had around 10 youth each Sunday. If you have children or grandchildren, or you yourself, who would like to come experience the fun we have at LOGOS, all are welcome! Thank you to all who have taken time out of their busy schedules to help out with LOGOS! If you feel called to volunteer in any way, please contact:

Co-Chairs: Jim Lyon: (307) 763-2033
 Teresa Williams: (307) 751-8731

On March 6 the **Ash Wednesday service** will be at **5:30 pm**. Please notice the change in time. Be sure to attend this emotion provoking service.

Other dates to keep in mind are Maundy Thursday on April 14– 7 pm, and Easter on April 21 with 3 services. Sunrise, 8 and 10 am.



Greetings First Presbyterian Women!

Save The Date Announcement:

Our PW 2019 Spring Gathering, May 3rd & 4th to be held in Sheridan, is taking shape and looks like it is going to be amazing! Dr. Mary Neal, author of “7 Lessons from Heaven” will be our featured speaker on Saturday, May 4th at 8:30am. Husbands and friends are invited to attend at no charge.

Our “Hands on Mission Project” will be the Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange as we put together Diaper Bags for Foster babies. Steve Shive, our General Presbyterian will be sharing on the state of Syria and Lebanon and Gail Heimback from Synod of the Rockies will present on the “Synod Justice and Peace: Substance Use Disorder” project. There will be Singing, Celebrating, Communion, Ice Cream Social, and Torrington will be entertaining us with a skit from Horizons. A visit to the Trails End Museum by Trolley is also scheduled.

Hope this all sounds as fun and exciting to you as it has to the CT Committee that put this together! On a side note: this particular weekend in May, Sheridan will be hosting the Soccer Tournament which means lodging availability and costs will be at a premium. In order to help defray costs for our sisters from around the state we are shouting out to our fellowship to offer their guest rooms for this event. If you are interested in helping please contact Louise Semino (307)672-7262 or email:

louiseseмино@yahoo.com.

Mark your Calendars and Plan to attend!

Yours in Christ,

Kathy Lundberg, PW Moderator

Our next Presbyterian Women brunch and meeting will be March 6. Our program will be Crystal Merriam speaking about the Legacy Pregnancy Center. The Baby Bottle Fundraiser at FPC begins in early March. All women of the church are invited.

Women’s Circles will be meeting March 20:

Circle 1: 10:00 a.m. - Church Parlor

Circle 2: 9:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hall

Circle 3: 12:00 p.m. – 4 Bees (old Country Kitchen)

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN A CIRCLE FOR BIBLE STUDIES AND FELLOWSHIP. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!!!





Congratulations to Tomomi and Maiya Browne on their Baptism held February 10.

Hilltop Ringer News

Three members of the Hilltop Ringers- Louise Semino, Teresa Williams and Gloria Dierking - were able join 20 other Ringers from around the area during the Super Bell Saturday in Sundance, Wyoming on February 2. Super Bell Saturday is an annual event held in many locations nationwide on the Saturday before the Super Bowl.

This is a "Read and Ring" gathering where about 12-15 handbell songs are reviewed and played once or twice. In this event, you play with a much larger choir, you learn to site read music very quickly and you review and learn new 'ringing techniques'. We has a great time meeting other ringers and learned a few " new Tricks".

Fellowship News!

Coffee Hour: Thanks and Heartfelt Gratitude go out to our Congregation for joining in Fellowship Hour! The treats have been delicious and the fellowship divine. All are welcomed to participate in this great opportunity to share in this weekly event. The signup sheets are on the wall between the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Committee has just designated the First Sunday of every month starting on April 1st as "Holey Donut Sunday" starting on April 1st. Please note a "donation can" will be set out to help defray the costs. Please contact Jeri Joy or Kathy Lundberg if you have any questions about Coffee Hour. We will be available to help set up or clean up.

The Gastronomic Celebration of "F.E.A.S.T" starts up this month. Friends Eating and Sharing Together! Look for emails with your group contact and leader information. Fellowshiping with food is always a great idea!!



Dig out your Dancing Clogs for International Folk Dancing with Pam Moore here in the Fellowship hall at First Presbyterian Church. Bring a friend, sibling, child, spouse, (no pets)! Irish dancing will be featured this Month on Friday, March 15th, 6-7:30pm.

The Fellowship Committee is looking for Fun, Energetic, Creative, and Playful folks who believe "the family who plays together stays together" contact Jeri Joy (307) 752-4553, Committee Chair.

The Personnel Committee is also looking for new members to join the m. You can contact : Teresa Williams (307) 751-8731, Jim Lyon (307) 763-2033 or Beth Lenz (307) 461-0818

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2– Tod Windsor
- 3– Steve Kennedy
- 4– Jacob Grimes, Becky Motsick, Larry Mueller
- 7–Brett Burtis
- 9– Shawn Luedtke
- 12– Louann Hamstreet, Denise Mueller, Dick Warren
- 15– Richard Rexroat
- 16– Tim Lenz
- 17–Jade Kane
- 19– Alivia Denzin, Ron Patterson
- 22– Dusty Ledgerwood, Ashlee Quarterman
- 23– Joyce Meling
- 24– Bethany Hunter
- 25– Galen Tipton, Colton Williams
- 26– Kathy Lundberg
- 28– Jack Roberts
- 29– Chuck Deaver, Effie Rextoat
- 30– Cole Steidley, Mary Jo Stresky
- 31– Zachary Luedtke



Happy Anniversary!

- 6– Sandy & Marilyn Michelena
- 14– Mike & Teresa Williams
- 19– Robert & Jeanette Ruttinger
- 28– Clark & Karen Izzard
- 29– Jon & Rene Botten
- 30– Thorman & Jo Sholey

Be sure and visit the church website! The first sermons are now online!!! Check out Pastor Paul's blog!

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Our sympathies extend to family and friends of Art Elkins who entered the Church Triumphant on Feb. 20. His service will be held on April 15.



Bring non-perishable food items to church on the **3rd Sunday** of each month and help FPC support your local Salvation Army.

Per Capita for 2019 is: \$44.27

The office will be open during these hours.

8-noon- Monday– Friday

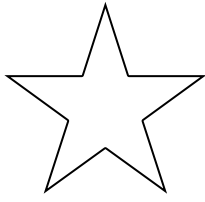
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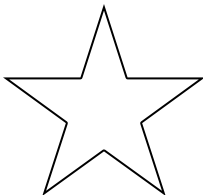
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Prayer for our Military



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)

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 Fosher)

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

National Guard

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)

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


Jacob Botten (Son of Jon and Rene Botten)

Marines

Zachary & Brandon Fitzpatrick-(Sons 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.

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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This is a paid, part-time position, 15 hours (average) per week. The position is accountable to the Presbytery Council with a cooperative relationship with the General Presbyter.

A cover letter and resume are requested by April 15, 2019 to Melinda Brazzale, Moderator, Wyoming Presbytery Council, 616 Shaun Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82009, 307-256-0506, or to mlbrazzale@gmail.com

Questions can be directed to Melinda Brazzale or Steve Shive, General Presbyter steveashive@gmail.com or 307-262-9454.