



## FELLOWSHIP

We are *Fellows in the Same Ship*. Plainly put.....we couldn't do Fellowship events without each other! That's why we plan so many FUN activities. We try things we think everyone would like to try and the main reason of getting together is to form life-long relationships. God wants us to have fun!!!



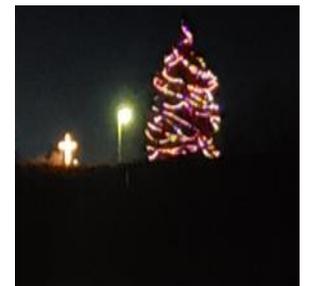
Our church partnered with the LDS Church for a Trunk or Treat and Chili Cook-off event October 30.

### Future Fellowship

#### Outings



In the planning stages are a fall hike, and a night at the paint post. The new session for F.E.A.S.T. will begin in January and go through June, 2020. There may be a community singing event in early 2020. There will be game nights, movie nights, cribbage tournaments, bingo and another Folk dance event November 8, 2019.



**The fellowship committee welcomes any ideas for getting together and creating life-long friendships!!**

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Dear Ones,

The year is going quickly. No doubt about that. And while it may seem that I'm speeding things up by writing about Advent, which starts December 1, I'm going to write about Advent. It's not too far off and though it is a season of preparation, we need to do some preparing for the season of preparing. Here's why: Advent is the beginning of the church year (also known as the liturgical year or Christian year). That means we run about a month ahead of the cultural New Year.

The cultural New Year is frequently accompanied by our New Year's resolutions. In the past, I have resolved to work out more, eat better, and read more. There are countless Excel spreadsheets on my computer documenting my progress, but I'm not sure any of them document progress beyond January 21. Three weeks seems to be the duration of how long I can keep up the illusion that I can craft myself into perfection.

I do not mean to discourage New Year's resolutions. It's beneficial to seek to be a better version of ourselves, and the resolutions that stick are clearly important for our well-being. However, those of us who seek discipleship in following Jesus must recognize that there is a difference between the cultural New Year and the resolutions that come with it and the Christian new year and a call from God. As hard as we may try, God's full blessing will elude us at the YMCA. Some of it might be found there, sure, but we are called, in Advent, to prepare. We do this by listening. We do this by waiting. We do this by worshiping, studying, and having fellowship together. In Advent, we are given the gift of time in advance to discern what it is that God is laying upon our hearts. We are given the gift of time to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.

The notion of preparing for Jesus' coming should be a frightening one, even more so than going to the gym. Here's why. In the Gospels, Jesus' coming is almost always followed by the call of the first disciples. Granted, a few years happen in between the nativity story and that call, but calling accompanies Jesus' incarnation. For the first disciples, call meant leaving nearly everything behind, be it family or wallet or children or vocation. For Abraham and Sarah, call meant leaving their homeland behind for an unknown destination. For Moses, it meant leaving the riches of the palace for a place among the enslaved people and then leaving behind the anonymity of the wilderness to return to that people. In short, discipleship is disorienting. It requires letting go of something we hold dear. At the same time, it is something that helps us to grow and gives to us God's blessing. Abraham and Sarah received children though they had been barren for decades. The disciples witnessed firsthand Jesus' teaching and healing and feeding and then were invited to do the same. Moses liberated the people and watched as God guided them through the wilderness to the edge of the promised land.

As the start of the Christian new year approaches, let us recognize that we are given time in Advent to listen and to wait. We are given the opportunity to align ourselves with God's time and not the world's time. We are given the opportunity to hear, anticipate, and answer the call upon our lives so that, come January 1, we are ready to be salt and light for a wandering world – a world that needs something more than just resolutions – a world that needs the love and grace that comes to us at Christmas.

Be blessed and be a blessing,

*Pastor Karl*



The weekend of October 18th I had the opportunity to attend a conference in Jackson Hole on the book Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church. The book is based on a 4 year nation wide study headed by Fuller Youth Institute, FYI. The study focused on churches that had a large number of engaged youth and young adults. The study included all religions, church locations, and congregation sizes. It was full of powerful statistics, insights, and thought provoking information.

Some of the thoughts and information that I took away:

- There is no major Christian religion that is growing.
- We need to recalibrate our thinking, worship service, and programming to meet today's society. Many of the church's are doing an 1980's style worship and '90-00's youth ministry.
- Growing young is about changing the church culture.
- It is not a programmatic issue .
- It is the responsibility of the church as whole and just not two or three people.

The theme that kept repeating was it isn't about who has the best youth group, or worship service, but it was about who kept the mission and the life of the church Jesus centered. They talked about how the youth felt connected to the church, the people, the missions of the church, and how they felt that they had a voice and were heard.

The top 5 influencing facts FYI identified as why youth and young adults are Number one they move away. The discussion of how we are a more mobile society than we have been in the pass. The number two reason is they feel like they are being judged. The older generations of the church are passing judgement. They don't take the time to get to know the youth as a person. Stereotypes get in the way of relationships. Through the judging, or the feeling of being judged, then they see the church filled with hypocrites. Youth are watching and examining how the church responses to the social issues. Is the church responding in accordance to scripture and Jesus' teaching? Are we loving our neighbor? The third reason, they feel disconnected from the congregation. They do not have any meaningful connections to the church or its members. They want to be apart of the workings of the church. The fourth reason, they don't agree with the church on social issues. The church comes out against or support of social issues they don't agree with they leave. I believe that reason number 3 and 4 are related. If they are disconnected and don't agree with the view of the church why stay? The last reason is work. In today's society, work isn't just Monday through Friday. Many of today's youth and young adults are working odd hours and shifts. They can't attend church on Sunday mornings. Their schedules don't allow them to come to the traditional Sunday morning worship times.

The youth and adults, are struggling with questions, as who am I, where do I belong, and do I matter to? They turn to the church for answers and they are left hanging. They don't see any direction from the church. How does the church help answer this questions. Why stay somewhere that they are not getting the questions and needs meet?

A major take away for me was just BE with the youth. Don't judge. Don't have an agenda. Don't assume you know what it is like to be there age. We may have been their chronological age, but we have never been their age. They have different life experiences, life influences (social media), domestic and international events that shape their lives, For example, when we were at Triennium, one of the youth came up to me and asked, if there was a mass shooting where would be the closest, safest exit?

Then they proceeded to explain to my why Triennium would make a good target for a shooting. I would have NEVER thought of that, and certainly not at 14 years old. They want us to journey with them, to listen. Most of the time they are not looking for answers they want to know that you are there. That you hear and see them. They are asking to be listened to and not judge. They want to hear tell me more. Through these relationships, organically developed, meet the needs of the youth.

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Brain said to really grow young, the church needs to make a conscious effort to put the youth first in all thoughts, planning, and life of the church. We as a church need to ask, how will this impact the youth? Where are the youth showing up on our calendar? How are we activity engaging the youth? What message are we sending? It isn't about changing the church or youth ministry, it is about changing the culture of the church.

As First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan how are we meeting the needs or helping the youth address their questions? We need to take an honest look at yourselves, the church and our missions to see if we are really meeting the needs. We need to build a new imagination, an imagination that grows and expands outside our normal thinking. Through that imagination things will blossom and grow.

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**Thank you church office volunteers!**

We want to give a special thank you to volunteers who filled in at the office front desk during the month of October.

- Mia Shifrar
- Lisa Lunbeck
- Tracey Burke
- Karen Schreffler
- Nicki Arney
- Nancy Elliott
- Jeannette Ruttinger
- Jeri Joy



**Bamboo Fly Rod Raffle**

Congratulations to Dee Davis!!

She won the fly rod. WOW!!! Thank you First Presbyterian Church and community! The Christian Education Committee raised \$1,870 for camping scholarships!

We are really blessed.

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**Mark Your Calendar**

**The Christmas Cantata called *Sing a Song of Christmas* is schedule for December 15 at the 10:30 am service.**

**Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this Musical Celebration of the Christmas Story.**





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

**Worship Leaders:** Karen Schreffler, Carol Maloy, Jan Leupold, Gloria Dierking, Shelley Barrett, Marilyn Michelena

**Communion Servers:** Mike Stoll, Kim Love, Helen Campbell, Brett Burtis, Karen Fosher, Karen Schreffler, Chris Smith and Susan Smith

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

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

**Elmcroft Worship Leaders:** Pastor Karl & Jan Leupold

**Head Ushers:** Jean Morgen, Jeri Joy

**Greeters:** Jeff & Denise Mueller, Jeanette Ruttinger, Dorothea Doerr, Georgia Mueller

**Communion Preparation:** Lorrie Ledgerwood, Jerilea Phillips, Pat & Jane Gallagher, Tracey Burke

**Coffee Fellowship:** Dianna Perry , Miriam Nance, Rene Botten

**Meal Deliveries:** Marion & Annette Reed, Carla White, Ron Patterson, Tina Anderson , Denise Mueller, Jerilea Phillips, Jody Roberts

**Session Members and Committees**

**Budget & Finance**

Beth Bailey, Carol Davis, Kim Wells

**Clerk of Session**

Susan Smith

**Communication & Tech**

Tod Windsor, Chris Smith

**Christian Education**

Judy Garber, Shelley Barrett

**Fellowship**

Jeri Joy, Kathy Lundberg

**Membership & Evangelism**

Tina Anderson, Jean Morgan

**Mission & Outreach**

Doug Beagle, Jerilea Phillips

**Personnel**

Teresa Williams, Beth Lenz

**Properties**

Doug Moore, Howie Fitzpatrick, Brett Burtis

**Worship**

Linnet McGoodwin, Cheryl Kelsey

**Keep them in your prayers**

Jack Elliott, Margie Elkins, Jim & Margaret Litle, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr, Gloria Stresky, Roy Davis, Linnet McGoodwin, Jeanette Trohkimoinen, Annette Reed, Marion Sept

**Let's keep current!!**

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## Angel Tree Project



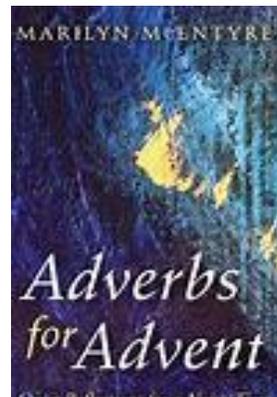
The Angel Tree will be up in the narthex on Sunday, November 17. The project is starting early this year due to a December 8 deadline for your gifts. Our Angel Tree recipients this year are the children we prepare food bags for on the second Wednesday of each month at the Food Group. We are asking that you take a hat or glove tag from the tree, register the tag, and purchase a unisex hat and pair of gloves. We ask that you soft wrap your gift, place the tag on the package, and place it under the tree by Sunday, December 8. Thank you for participating in the work of our Lord.

**Angel Tree Committee:** Nancy Elliott, Helen Campbell, Karen Fosher, & Jan Leupold

*Generosity*  
changes everything



Join us during Advent for small group studies! The book we're using is a collection of daily readings which will culminate with group discussion each week in someone's house or at the church. Sign-ups for groups will be in the office starting Nov 8 and books are already available for \$8. Come out and share some fellowship and study during the first three weeks of Advent!



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**Check out the information center !**

**Events happening!**

**Volunteering!**

**Newsletters, devotionals**

**WANTED!!**

The **Personnel** committee is looking for volunteers to be on the committee. Contact Teresa Williams.

**Fellowship & CE** are also looking for additional members!



## Fall ABC Rummage Sale Wrap Up

### Presbyterian Women (PW)

#### 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.

#### Important DATES TO REMEMBER:

**November 6,** 10:00 PW Brunch meeting in Fellowship Hall

**THANK OFFERING, PROGRAM- Brinton Museum**

**November 20,** Wednesday Circle Meetings and Bible Study\*

- Circle 1: 10:00 am in the Parlor**
- Circle 2: 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall**
- Circle 3: NOON at the Holiday Inn**

\*2019-2020 PW/Horizons Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

#### ACTIVITIES TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

**DECEMBER 4, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S LUCHEON IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL, INVITE A FRIEND, SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL SPECTRUM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

*All women in the congregation are invited.*

Thank you to all in the Congregation who participated in the biannual sale that supports PW missions. There was an abundance of donations again. We are blessed to be able to share our abundance in our community and with our neighbors. In kind donations were made to Foster Parent Exchange, The Children's Center, Green Boomerang, VOA, and Northern Cheyenne Thrift Store with books still to be distributed. Annually Sheridan PW pledges \$1000 for World Missions and \$2500 is dispersed to Local Missions at the end of the year. Proceeds this sale were over \$1700.

#### THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS HAPPEN

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#### **Blood Drive—December 5th 7:00 am to 10:15 am**

Want to be the ultimate good Samaritan? To give a gift and know that you are helping at least 3 people and their family and friends with no way for them to know who helped them? Donate blood!! There is a great need for blood here in Sheridan county. Our hospital needs about 150 units per day to meet the demands. According to Vitalant, they can only supply about 100 units per day. With that deficit, needed surgeries will be postponed or transferred to other facilities and doctors may have to prioritize who gets helped.

FPC is hosting this blood drive in the fellowship hall. Sign up times are available in the information center with appointments every 15 minutes.



Give the gift of life this Christmas, donate blood.

## The Food Group

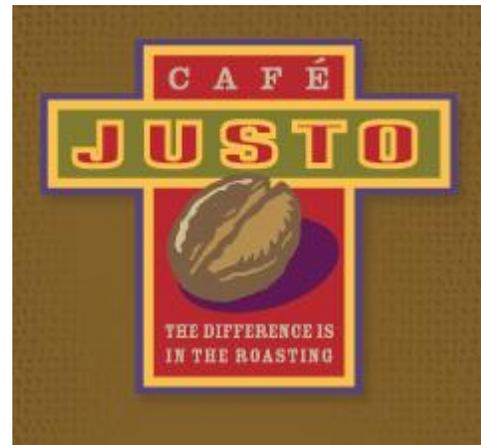
Are you looking for a rewarding mission project that only commits you to one day a month? On the second Wednesday of each month volunteers meet at the Food Group building 305 Broadway Street at 10 AM to fill bags with food that will help feed a child over the weekend. Then the food is transported to the school. If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile cause, contact Kathy Beagle or Nancy Elliott.



**We hope to see you**

**Wednesday, November 13 at 10 AM**

**at the Food Group Building at 305 Broadway  
next to Sheridan Commercial.**



**A reminder for the holidays!**

Mission Committee can special order coffee for you and we have gift certificates available.

**Pastor Karl's email:**

**[fpc.karl@actaccess.net](mailto:fpc.karl@actaccess.net)**



**Nursery Supervisor and Assistant**

Sunday mornings– 8:30-11:30

Contact the church office for more information  
and an application.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Harvey Johnson, Jerilea Phillips
- 2- Melissa Rieger
- 3- Louise Semino
- 4- Patty Brandt
- 6- Dennis Ledgerwood, Julie Bugher
- 7- Dennis Schreffler
- 9- Clancy Phillips
- 10- Tina Anderson, Doug Osborn
- 12- Nickie Arney
- 13- Jason Szewc, Maurine Badgett, Peggy Blaha
- 14- William Graves
- 15- Cheryl Madden
- 16- Jan Deaver, Kevin Bailey, Robin Smith
- 19- Jae Satterlee, Marion Reed
- 20- Cal Botten
- 21- Ruby Szewc
- 25- Craig Clem, Eli Clem, Todd Phillips
- 26- Sandy Browne, Patricia S Allen, Sig Palm
- 27- Carley Jo Motsick, Tod Windsor
- 29- Jack Elliott, Jim Douglas

### Happy Anniversary!



- 5- Bill & Phyllis Cunningham
- 9- Wally & Louise Palm
- 11- Miriam & Thomas Nance
- 13- Lorrie & Dennis Ledgerwood
- 22- Mike & Pauline Stadick
- 23- Gene & Becky Bard
- 25- Dick & Sandy Birkholz and , Jerry & Myrna Saunders
- 28- Dennis & Karen Schreffler

*Be sure and visit the church website!*

[sheridanfpc.church](http://sheridanfpc.church)



First Presbyterian  
Church of Sheridan

We have such a wonderful church family. I have received more meals which have been greatly appreciated. Phone calls, cards, and visits were wonderful. In addition I had help with my first and second showers. Wonderful foot massages and just so much caring from all of you.

Thank you so much,

**Linnet McGoodwin**



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

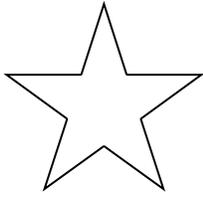
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## **Air Force**

**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)

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

## **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)

**Chance Quarterman** (Son of Chad & Amber Quarterman)

## **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 the office.

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 8 am– Worship/ Communion 9-10-Sunday School 10-10:30– Fellowship 10:30– Worship– Communion 3 pm– LOGOS	<b>4</b> 7 pm– Bells	<b>5</b> 12:30-pm CE Meeting	<b>6</b> 10:30 am– Membership Meeting  12:00 pm - PW Brunch  6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group	<b>7</b> 6:30 am- Breakfast study 9:45 am Bible Study  11:00 am Properties  7 pm– Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b> 8 am– Worship/ Communion 9-10-Sunday School 10-10:30– Fellowship 10:30– Worship 2:00-SCC Brass Concert 3 pm– LOGOS	<b>25</b> 7 pm– Bells	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7 pm --Choir  Juanita Out of the Office	<b>28</b> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> Church Office Closed	<b>29</b> Christmas Tree Cutting at the Birkholz's	<b>30</b>

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CAMP STORY'S 3RD ANNUAL  
**CHRISTMAS  
AT CAMP**

December 7th • 10 AM - 2 PM  
Camp Story  
11 Presbyterian Rd. Story, WY

This is a free family friendly event! Join us for chili and cinnamon rolls, crafts, carols, door prizes and more!

