



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

The Good News

May 2020



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Fellowship Calls for Talent:

First Annual FPC Talent Show YouTube Event

All FPC Members with even a hint of Talent, are invited to submit a 4 minute Video featuring your amazing (and not so amazing) Talent.

Poetry Readings, Musical Voice or Instruments, Dance, Dramatic Readings, Magic Acts, Stand Up Comedy, Karaoke, Juggling, Rappers, Mime, Oratory

The Sky's the Limit!

- Use your Phone or Laptop to capture your talent and email to Pastor Karl at: fpc.karl@actaccess.net.
- Submissions are due by May 8th. Remember to keep under 4 minutes with 5 seconds before and after to allow for editing.

All entries will be edited into a feature YouTube video for us to share. Dig out your tap shoes and tune up your Ukulele and let's have fun!

Movie Premier May 15th at 7pm by YouTube

Call Jason at (307)751-4929, Kathy at (406)580-5809, or Pastor Karl at (307)672-1717 for questions or technical help.



Dear Ones,

We continue to find ourselves in and to seek to move forward through an unprecedented time. Your Session and I are working diligently to consider all the logistics of bringing our congregation back together safely as different phases of gathering together are rolled out by the local health departments, the CDC, and the state. At this stage, we have decided to continue suspending in-person gatherings at the church through May 19. The Session will again deliberate at that time with new information that comes out. But the way forward will not be a simple matter of following a timetable or responding solely to data. It will require faithful discernment and appropriate gauging of what exactly is safe for the church. We are different than businesses. We are different from any other gathering. We will have to be flexible in whatever we decide.

As we faithfully discern what lies ahead, I would ask that the congregation bear with the staff and the Session as we seek to make decisions that keep in mind the health of the congregation and the community. I would also like to express my gratitude. You all are a wonderful congregation to minister alongside! The thank you notes and words of encouragement that continue to come in keep me and the staff upbeat each day! I am further inspired by your participation in online worship, the Zoom Bible studies, and the virtual fellowship events we are offering. With all the gratitude I can muster, I offer my thanks to you for your continued faithfulness.

Lastly, I want to remind you that we do not know what lies ahead. Only God does. But the next year or more of our lives is likely to be shaped by COVID-19. We will face more than just one decision on how and when to gather. We may face moments where, if we push the envelope too far, we undo the gains from the measures we have already taken. We will face other moments where our desires to gather in-person might be so great we will be tempted to gather in ways that force vulnerable members of the congregation to choose between safety and participation in congregational life. There is much to consider in this moment. As such, my request for you is simply this. Please pray. Pray for one another. Pray for our healthcare workers. Pray for our local businesses. Pray for your church staff. Pray for your Session. God alone knows what is ahead. But God is with us each and every day. As a reminder of such, I offer you the Lutheran Prayer for Good Courage:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go forward with good courage, knowing not where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace to you all,

Pastor Karl



Wow, what a crazy and mixed up time we are living in right now. It has been an interesting time at our house, trying to balance school, homework, work and still being a family. We have been working on the pause. In the pause, we can refocus and breathe. Breathing has been so hard for me lately. It seems like we have slowed down in some ways but picked up in others. The pause is also good when you are feeling overwhelmed.

We have all been overwhelmed and need to be reminded that in that pause is when we will hear Him and He will give us strength.

My creative muscle has been working and flexing in ways to continue bringing Sunday school and Youth Group to the children and youth of the church. Sunday school has continued in a weekly newsletter to parents with a link to watch a video of the scripture or a song to sing; an activity, a game or craft to do; and a little something for the parents.

Youth Group has been meeting via Zoom. I think we have all been getting pretty good with Zoom at this point. I still think that the kids maybe a little better than me, but they also have been on it more than I have. It has been great getting to "see" them every week and check in. We have been discussing how we can still stay connected to each other, the church, and our faith.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) update - The past several years we have participated in the VBS with United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, St. Peter's Episcopal, and First Christian Church. At the time of writing this article, I have not heard anything on the status of VBS for this year. Once I hear something, I will let everyone know.

Camp Story is expected to make an announcement Wednesday, May 6, in regards to the 2020 camping season. Please watch Facebook, campstory.org and your email for announcements and updates.

2020 Mission to Waco Texas has been canceled. With COVID-19 and the uncertainty, it was in the best interest to cancel. I am looking into local mission opportunities for both the high and junior high students.

Until next time, stay safe, healthy and remember to find the still in the chaos.

Peace,



NEEDING ASSISTANCE?

FPC Mission Committee has put together a list of local resources to support those in our midst who may be needing help at this time.

1. Salvation Army:

Address: 150 S. Tschirgi Street, Sheridan
Phone: 307 627 2444.

Food pantry available five days a week. Hours: 10 am till noon. - 1pm- 3pm

No information required just show up. If necessary, can also qualify for once a month grocery allotment from government by application.

Other assistance needed can go to facility or call above number. (Gas, lodging, clothing, spiritual guidance.)

2. Food Bank.

Address: 2560 N. Main, Sheridan
Phone: 674 1509

Food pantry hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 10 am till 4 pm.

No information required

Gas vouchers available at above hours and days of the week. Available upon presentation of valid drivers license, current vehicle registration and proof of insurance.

3. Community Connections

Address: 31 E. Whitney, Sheridan
Phone during closure: 752 4960
Office currently closed due to virus but can be contacted by phone

4. Hub (Home Delivered Meals)

Address: 211 Smith Street, Sheridan
Phone: 307 461 7134

Phone number for Home delivered meals request: 307 672 6079 Requires registration.

Meals delivered 7 days a week

Individuals must be 60 or older

Under that age must be referred by health care provider
Requires registration and process can take a few days due to virus

COVID 19 quarantines requests honored first.

No custom designed meals during crises

Cost: \$8.00 non registered

\$5.00 registered

No charge requires detailed application and income litmus but available age still 60 or older.

5. Free Health Clinic (offices with Community Connections)

Address: 31 E. Whitney, Sheridan
Phone: 307 674 6995

Open Office hours closed due to virus but will answer phone requests and make referrals.

Have staffed extra volunteers to manage phone calls.

Recommendation: if sick can call and make an appointment or make referral.

6. Sheridan County Public Health

Address: 297 S. Main, Sheridan

Phone: 307 672 5169. Nurse manager: Debra Haaretz

Open office hours not available during virus isolating but can schedule individual appointments and make referrals.

7. Lunch together

Address: 100 W. Works, Sheridan (North side of First Congregational Church)

No requirements

Lunch prepared by Hub and distributed by volunteers Monday through Friday

Time: 12 noon. First come first serve. Have been serving around 30 meals daily.

8. VOA

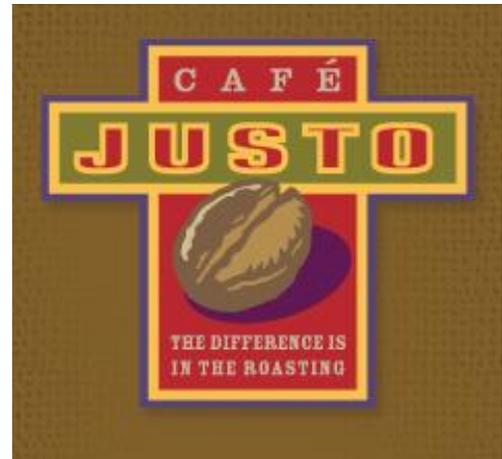
Phone: 672 0475. Exit 247, choose option 3

Services can request: Rent, utilities and shelter requests

Serves only Sheridan County Residents

9. Sheridan Chamber of Commerce Foundation Employee Relief Fund

Apply at www.sheridanwyoingchamber.org. Applicants must be 18 years old, be a resident of Sheridan County, experienced a hardship due to Covid-19, and be recently employed by a business in Sheridan County. Approved applicants are eligible for \$250 and may apply every 30 days.



Order Just Coffee Online

Running low on coffee? You can order Just Coffee online at www.Justcoffee.org. Just go to their home page and scroll down to the Buy Coffee button. There are 2 Just Coffee sellers out there so make sure you see their logo. Let's continue to support this important mission and make our home stays enjoyable at the same time, because a good cup of coffee is one of life's little pleasures.

Thank You!



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

Worship Leaders: Tina Anderson, Peggy Blaha, Ryan Landis

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

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Rick Semino, Chris Smith, Ted Knapp

Elmcroft Worship Leaders: Pastor Karl & Jan Leupold

Coffee Sponsors: Thank you to all who have been purchasing coffee during this month.

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



Highway Cleanup

Despite the activities curtailment resulting from COVID-19, five FPC families nonetheless performed the semi-annual cleanup of US87 between the two Little Goose Creek bridges on Saturday, April 18th. Those participating included Dave, Becky and Carly Motsick, Scott Davis and Mary Ludemann, Gary and Jeri Joy, Dick and Sandy Birkholz, and Dave and Catherine Engels. True to form, they all practiced social distancing while cleaning up the highway.

Session Members and Committees

Budget & Finance

Carol Davis, Scott Davis

Clerk of Session

Susan Smith

Christian Education

Shelley Barrett, Kurt Smith

Fellowship

Kathy Lundberg, Mitzi Knapp, Jason Szewc

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Jean Morgan, Nancy Cook

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Doug Beagle, Jerilea Phillips, Loren Ruttinger

Personnel

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Properties

Doug Moore, Howie Fitzpatrick

Worship

Cheryl Kelsey, Kim Wells, John Jackson

Tech

Tod Windsor, Chris Smith

Keep them in your prayers

Jack Elliott, Margie Elkins, Jim Litle, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr, Gloria Stresky, Roy Davis, Julie Bugher, Karen Fosher, Jerry Saunders, Sig Palm, Carla White, Jean Morgen, and Linda Luegge & family on the passing of Linda's brother.

Let's keep current!!

If you have changed your:

Phone

Mailing address

Email

Please let us know.



Presbyterian Women (PW)

Greetings First Presbyterian Church!
Blessings from Presbyterian Women!!

Our current theme **“One eye on the Past, One eye on the Future and 20/20 Vision to see God in ALL we do.”** Our theme is having us look at things a little different right now. We have thought of and talked about making changes in our church, our PW and the world. And we have that opportunity to pray about that now.

Social distancing, unemployment, no fellowship activities, no Presbyterian Women events.....this won't last for long. But we are to be mindful of the threat of this virus, and lift our hearts and voices in prayer. Just because we are separated doesn't mean we aren't together in spirit. And the saying, “where two or more are gathered” holds true. Keep in touch with each other. Lift each other in prayer. Ask if help is needed. Be there to listen. Trust the Lord with all your heart. Lean not unto your OWN understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path, Proverbs 3:5-6.

You are loved. Your life has meaning and purpose. The Church has meaning and purpose. PW has meaning and purpose.

PW Purpose – “Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit we (PW) commit ourselves: (During Pandemic and all other times) To nurture our faith through prayer and 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.”

Stay well and healthy dear women and look forward with hope to when we are reunited together in the church!!!!

Important PW DATES TO REMEMBER

Please watch for further updates as we move through Covid-19 and updates of when we will resume regularly scheduled activities.

October 9-11, 2020 Annual PW Gathering, Torrington, WY

August 5-8, 2021 Church wide Gathering, St. Louis, Missouri. It's been said, if you save \$60.00 a month every month from now until August 2021, you'll have enough to attend this LIFE-CHANGING event.



If you have **ANY** questions about Presbyterian Women or regarding your involvement in Presbyterian Women, please contact Jeri Joy, Moderator; Rhea Cooksey-Dixon, Co-Moderator; Gloria Dierking, Secretary; or Hannah Shannon, Treasurer.

We look forward to having ALL women (as they are able) join us at our events.

*******UPDATE*******

Dear Sisters of the Wyoming Presbyterian Women, The Wyoming PW CT met last week to discuss our 2020 Spring Women's Gathering at Camp Story. Due to the present conditions brought to us by the Covid-19 pandemic and our concern for the health and well being of our group, we made the difficult decision to cancel this years Camp Story retreat.

The Committee decided to add a day to the scheduled Annual PW Meeting to be held in Torrington in October. By adding Thursday, October 8th to the weekend we would be able to create a "Retreat" that would allow us to Celebrate Hospitality.

"Biblical Hospitality as a Way of Life"

October 8th-11th, 2020

Featuring the Bible Study:

The Simplest Way to Change the World
by Willis and Clements



THE ADVENTURES OF FLAT JESUS

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS "THE ADVENTURES OF FLAT JESUS"

"Flat Jesus" was created on the basis of a children's book called Flat Stanley written by Jeff Brown. Great book! In the book, a boy named Stanley becomes flattened and is able to be mailed to different places having all kinds of exciting adventures.

We see the "Flat Jesus" project as a way to keep our church family connected during this time of social distancing.

Color "Flat Jesus" and take him with you as you travel around your house doing things in you normally do. Or you can create some scenes for Jesus too! Take pictures of him doing lots of different things: eating dinner with the family, watching a movie, having fun, hanging out with your siblings or whatever you are doing!

It will be an amazing adventure! It is a great way to remember that Jesus is always with us wherever we go and with whatever we do. And it just might start up a conversation with someone about what you are doing and why!

HOW TO CREATE YOUR VERY OWN "FLAT JESUS"

1. Print out the template (on heavy cardstock, if possible)
2. Decorate your "Flat Jesus." Be creative! If you want him laminated, let me know!
3. When you have taken photos of "Flat Jesus," you can upload your "Flat Jesus" picture by:

- Emailing it to cjclem@actaccess.net
- Or uploading your picture directly to our Facebook page (Click [HERE](#) Presbyterian Church of Sheridan)

It will be so exciting to see what our church family members are doing during this time. And remember,

Jesus is with you ALWAYS!



Feeding our Friends

Feed my lambs... tend my sheep... feed my sheep.
John 21:15-17

FPC continues to feed where there is a need. In addition to Hub meal delivery, and Lunch Together, various members of the church are delivering food boxes to school age kids throughout the community.

Delivering HUB Meals to Seniors on Thursdays

Meals will be delivered by healthy individuals or family members sharing the same household

Volunteers must wear masks and gloves up to deliver food and love but minimize time on each porch.

We ask that our more vulnerable volunteers stay home and stay safe

If you are interested and able to help in May or June, please call Tina.

Lunch Together at First Congregational Church (FCC)

FPC serves again June 1 - 5

LT is currently purchasing hot meals from the HUB to distribute from the parking lot of FCC

Only two volunteers required. Volunteers will wear gloves and masks and maintain proper distance. It is not known at this time when we will return to serving inside.

We ask that our more vulnerable volunteers stay home and stay safe.

We will be asking for volunteers later in May, when we know more about how we will serve our patrons in June.

Food Group food delivery

Food Group is a grass roots effort to help feed hungry kids in Sheridan County. If you are interested and healthy you can email thefoodgroupwy.programs@gmail.com or call Keri McMeans at 307-763-0850 or check out their website foodgroup.org for more information about how to donate your time or resources.

God bless,

Tina Anderson 751-4810



Denise Mueller getting ready to safely hand out meals at Lunch Together in April.

Pastor Karl's email:

fpc.karl@actaccess.net

CONTINUE IN OUR GIVING

This is our time to continue our ministry in a full and vibrant manner. We will continue to support our partners in mission and our staff will continue to minister. You can give your offering online via the following link

<https://sheridanfpc.church/give/>

or mail a check to

First Presbyterian Church, 2121 Colonial Dr.,
Sheridan, WY 82801.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Maiya Browne, Kerek Ford, Linnet McGoodwin
3—Elizabeth Windsor
5—Jeri Joy, Gloria Stresky
7—Carrie Douglas, Mary Otteson
8—Lorrie Ledgerwood, Karol Meineke,
Grace VonKrosigk
10—Blaine Phillips
11—Jeff Mueller
12—Jason Browne, Carole Hansen
13—Tracey Burke
14—Zachary Will
15—Stephanie Baxter
16—Beth Bailey, Jady DeTavernier, River Osborne
17—Nancy Jenny
20—Darlene McNair, Reese Osborne
21—Sandy Fitzpatrick
22—Joyce Groneberg, Jim Perry, Diane Peterson
23—Jeremy Grimes
24—Janis DeVore
25—Margaret Litle, Marion Sept, Amanda Tilden
28—Bill Porter
30—Larry Gold
31—Sarah Beagle, Fielding Phillips

Happy Anniversary!

May

- 6—Tod & Jan Windsor
11—Chard & Amber Quarterman
18— Doug & Kathy Beagle
19—David & Becky Motsick
29—Tim & Beth Lenz



Youth Happenings!

During this time of social distancing, First Presbyterian Youth Group are continuing their weekly gatherings using Zoom, a video conferencing platform.

Youth and their families will also be given daily activities for each week to continue to engage youth in their spiritual growth.

Their gathering via Zoom gives them the opportunity to share their “happenings” from the week!



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

The office will be open during these hours.

8-noon- Monday– Friday

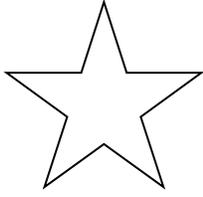
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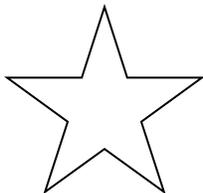
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Air Force

- Jason Browne** (Son of Sandy and Rick Browne)
Ryan Laughton (Son of Gary & Sherry Laughton, Grandson of Joe Laughton)
Howard (Ace) Shrum (Grandson of Dorothy Shrum)
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)
Brandon Fitzpatrick (Son of Howie & Sandy Fitzpatrick)

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

- Ethan & Johnna Hall** (Grandson & granddaughter-in-law of Elwyn & Carol Maloy)
Jacob Botten (Son of Jon and Rene Botten, Grandson of Joan 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.

May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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No in-person gatherings at the church through the month of May due to Covid-19.						
3 9:00 am Sunday School via Zoom Online Worship with communion sheridanfpc.church	4	5	6 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom 7:30–8:30 pm Virtual Youth Group	7 6:30 am Bible Study via Zoom	8 Deadline to submit talent video	9
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Return Service Requested

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Congratulations to our graduating Seniors!

