

News From The Pews

News of the First Presbyterian Church

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UPCOMING WORSHIP/EVENTS

The single worship service will continue to be held at 9:30 am through Sunday, September 4th.

August 7, 2011 – Communion Sunday

Worship Theme: "Mixed Blessings"

Scriptures: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; Romans 10: 5-17;
Matthew 14: 22-33

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August 14, 2011

Worship Theme: "Bible Mysteries"

Scriptures: Genesis 45: 1-15; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15: 10-28

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August 21, 2011

Worship Theme: "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Scriptures: Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10; Romans 12: 1-8;
Matthew 16: 13-20

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August 28, 2011

Worship Theme: "Disturbing Grace"

Scriptures: Exodus 16: 2-15; Matthew 20: 1-16

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September 4, 2011

Worship Theme: "Trust"

Scriptures: Exodus 12: 1-14; Romans 13: 8-14
Matthew 18: 15-20

Rev. Diana Hartman

Fall Schedule begins September 11th

September 11th: The fall schedule of two worship services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. begins!

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*Annual Church Picnic
When: Sunday, August 21st
Where: Holiday Park
Time: 11:00 a.m. (after church)*

*Bring a dish to share.
Games and fun provided!*



It has been a summer of wonderful activities for our children and youth.

In June we had an exciting week of vacation church school led by our Children's Ministry Director, Ashley Stratton, and supported by many volunteers. Over 40 children attended classes and activities where they learned more about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It was fun to watch the children make new friendships and mature in that week.

Also in June, seven youth and two adults, including myself, traveled to the southeastern most border of Tennessee for a grand mission trip led by our youth director, Heather Dixon. We stayed at a Christian Camp which was half in Tennessee and half in North Carolina. It had been a homestead settled in 1776. We spent one day working and playing with children and youth at a recreation center in Fannin County, Georgia which was only a few miles away. It was a joy to meet these youth and their leaders. The second day, we were led by a National Forest Ranger and built a 15 ½ foot long, 3 feet wide bridge from scratch across a creek in the Cherokee National Forest in TN. The third day, we made lunch for and visited with 30 special need adults in Murphy, NC. We also visited their place of work, Industrial Opportunities, Inc. in Andrews, North Carolina. On the fourth day, we white river rafted down the Ocoee River in TN and went tubing down the Taccoa River in GA. They are both the same river, but change names at the GA/TN state lines. We also visited Copper Hill, TN which is divided by a blue line marking the TN/GA borders and where the rivers change names. We took some great pictures of all these activities. It took a couple of weeks for my older body to recover. Many thanks to the congregation for your generous support! It was rewarding to be with and watch our youth bond, grow deeper in their faith, mature, and learn of other cultures. To me, there are some really dedicated unsung heroes of faith, government and business working with children, youth and adults in that part of our country. These are the people who should make our news headlines! Church Camps: We had several of our youth attend our presbytery camps and they loved it. Two youth from the community were sponsored by our deacons. Thank you!

In July, our Associate Pastor, Diana Hartman, who is recovering from hip surgery, and I led a one day class on Caring and Sharing-how to visit with members-with five of our membership. She and I have also been working on small groups and adult Sunday school classes. I will get my dibs in early for a 12 week small group on Prophecy in the Bible that will begin in November and an adult Sunday school class that begins on September 18 based on a book: Enough, Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity by Rev. Adam Hamilton. More information will be coming out on all these classes, soon.

Thank you to John Lane, Ray Hamburg, Paul Hartman and Jim Symmonds for trimming our church trees and cleaning up debris from the hail storm.

Pledges and giving: If you are behind and can catch up, this will be a huge help to our church's ministry in Christ's name.

I will be on vacation August 30 -September 13.

Christ's Peace, and a safe August, Bob Garrard.

Best Wishes to the Newlyweds



Kate Moore and Leon Goepfert were married in our church on June 10, 2011.

Joshua and Andrea Haack, married in Virginia on June 21, 2011.

CHURCH WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The church is pleased to welcome new members John and Patricia "Patty" Holmes, who live in Hillsdale. Before moving to Wyoming seven years ago, the Holmes family lived in South Dakota. John works as a mechanic and Patty is an Emergency Room nurse. They indicate that the church's Christian Education program is what attracted them to our church. We warmly welcome you!

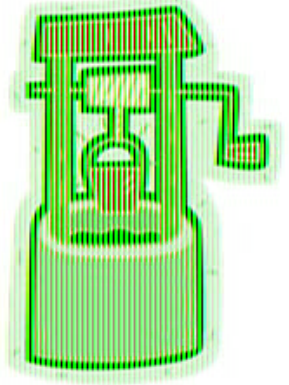
We also welcome Cole and Beth Kelly, who mention our spiritual attitude, ministers and sanctuary as things which attracted them to First Presbyterian Church. Cole and Beth have lived in Cheyenne for five years, and Cole is with the National Guard. He has previously served in Bulgaria and Kuwait. Beth is the full-time mother of two young girls, Maddie Jo and Nora, and the Kelly's are expecting a baby boy in November. Both Cole and Kelly are UW graduates, with degrees in history. Beth's favorite hobby is reading and Cole enjoys woodworking. Before moving to Cheyenne, the Kelly's lived in Arizona. He attended high school in Greybull and she attended high school in Cody. Welcome, Cole and Beth! In addition to welcoming Cole and Beth Kelly as new members on July 17, the church was blessed to witness the baptism of their two daughters that same day.

The church was also pleased to receive Thom Garris who joined by letter of transfer from Everett, Washington. Thom was born in Davison, North Carolina and moved to Cheyenne when he and our own Naomi Allen decided to marry. Congratulations to the happy couple, and welcome to Cheyenne and First Presbyterian, Thom!

Three Ways to Help with Our Next Living Water Mission Trip:

1. Pray for a successful trip
2. Help fund the trip
3. Go on the trip

Did you know that unclean water causes more deaths in the world than war and all other forms of violence combined? Here in Cheyenne, we are blessed with an environment which is relatively clean and healthy, but in 2010, 1.4 million children died from diarrhea caused by unclean water and poor sanitation (World Health Organization). This is an appalling statistic, but those of us right here at First Presbyterian Church have the power to bring clean water to many people who need it right now. To do your part, just select one or more ways to help from the list above!



As you read in the June/July newsletter, Mission Ministry is working with our Living Water International veterans, Norm Soden and Tom Muhlback, to organize another well or pump repair mission trip for late this year or early 2012. We know we need to start fundraising now because we will need to have a \$1,000 deposit for each person going on the trip, due 90 days before departure. The remaining \$1,500 per person going on the trip will be due two weeks before the trip. This money not only covers expenses but also helps buy the equipment and tools needed to do the pump repair work.

It looks now like we may have the opportunity to go on a pump repair trip to Haiti from December 3 to 10 this year. We are hoping that two people would like to go along with Norm and Tom, so anyone interested in going on this or another trip needs to contact Norm, Tom, or Mission Ministry right away. If we are fortunate enough to have four people go on this year's trip, we will need to send \$4,000 to Living Water International 90 days before departure (by September 1 for the December trip) and then raise \$6,000 more before the actual trip.

If you would be willing to help with this mission work of saving lives by donating money beyond your yearly pledge amount, Mission Ministry would be very grateful! Just write "Living Water Mission Trip" in the memo line on your check or put cash in an offering envelope and write "Living Water Mission Trip" on the front of the envelope. Any donations will be deposited to the Living Water line item of our budget and be used specifically to help our church volunteers bring clean water to those in need!

Mission Ministry hopes you will join us in our enthusiasm about this opportunity to help reduce deaths from unclean water! If you and every other person reading this article will choose one or more items from the to-do list which serves as the title of this article, we can make a real difference in this great world of ours!



Congratulations

Joan and Tom Mulhern wish to share their joyful news! On June 19th, they welcomed their first great-grandson, Aiden Anthony Mulhern. Aiden arrived at 7:56 a.m. weighing in at 6 lbs 15 ozs and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are their grandson, Ethan, and his wife, Bethany. Their words, "He is simply adorable and looks just like Ethan did at birth. We all are overjoyed, and feeling pretty old at the same time."



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following college graduates:
 Dr. Lori Mainwaring, Doctor of Philosophy,
 from Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences
 in New York City, Thesis: "The Role of Mitogenic Sonic Hedgehog
 and Insulin-Like Growth Factor Signaling in the Developing Cerebellum."
 Someday we will have Lori explain this to us.

Scott Payne: Graduated from Regis University in Denver with a
 Bachelors in Health and Exercise Science.

If you know of other college graduates,
 please let us know. 638-3345.



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■ Vacation Bible School - Backstage With The Bible

I would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who helped with the production of VBS this year. Margie George, Linda Stratton, Becky Tish, Stephanie Prescott, Jessica Sanchez, Morgan Mason, Hunter Dilly, Niki Stratton, Emily Lamm, Jazmene Lane, and all of the church staff. These volunteers helped in having a successful VBS, and I could not have done it without all the help! We had a wonderful turnout this year with an average of 34 children daily! We are all looking forward to a bigger and better VBS next year. Thank you again, Ashley Braisted, Children's Ministry Director

- We would like to thank the congregation for their prayers for Ken and LeAnn Smith (our son and his wife) and their infant daughter, Lana (our first grandchild). Lana was born on December 7, 2010, three months premature, weighing 1 lb. 2 oz. In her first month of life, she had 9 operations. Lana went home from the natal intensive care unit (NICU) at Oschner Medical Center in New Orleans on June 9, 2011. While she still has medical problems, she now weighs 7 lb. 4 oz. She laughs and smiles and coos. Her NICU doctors call her a miracle and she is definitely ours. While most of you saw the names on the prayer list, we want you to know that the power of prayer does work. We thank you and we are grateful.

Bruce and Darlene Smith

- Dear Congregation and Church,
Thank you so much for everything so my sister and I could go to church camp and to those who donated towards the supplies we needed for camp. It means so much to us. You are all amazing and that you all care and understand. We really love that!
Thanks again, Jazmene and Justice Lane

- Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,
Thank you for the lovely bouquet which has brought joy into my heart at the same time I thoroughly enjoyed my visit with the Deaconess who delivered it to my apartment. We had an enjoyable and stimulating conversation which made my day!
Lovingly, Jean Pierce

- Dear Presbyterian Church Members:

Thank you for all your prayers and concerns during Vicki Meuli's recent hospitalization for back surgery and during her convalescence. She is still receiving physical and occupational therapy. Your thoughts, prayers, cards, and flowers were very instrumental in her recovery. We certainly appreciated our Presbyterian ministers for their visits and words of comfort. We also want to thank the Friendship Mariners for their help in supplying us with evening meals while Vicki is recuperating at home.

We are so fortunate to have such a supportive and concerned Christian congregation. Thank you again for sharing your prayers and good thoughts with us.

Sincerely, Vicki and Larry Meuli

- Dear Church Family,
Thank you for selecting me to receive the General College Scholarship. The scholarship will greatly help me this upcoming school year! Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Bonnie Saville

- Dear First Presbyterian Church,
I just wanted to say a quick thank you for the college scholarship. Since I am transferring to the University of Wyoming this year, it will be greatly helpful. Thank you!

Sincerely, Brianna Kilpatrick



Women of First Presbyterian Church

Submitted by Kay Barnes

HELP NEEDED!

●**QUILT KITS:** The Presbyterian Women's closet has a large number of quilt kits that need to be sewn before we can tie and donate them. These only require sewing around the outside of the layers, turning inside out and finishing with some top stitching. If you would be willing to sew one of these, please check with Kay Barnes (778-7445) or Belinda Smith (421-4896). We also have some which require 6" blocks to be sewn together first. Let us know if you are interested in sewing one of these instead. Your help would be much appreciated.

●**STITCH-BY-STITCH:** Our next Stitch-by-Stitch will be Saturday, August 20th from 10 a.m. to noon. Tying fleece blankets and quilts does **not** require any previous sewing skills and can be easily learned. We hope you will join us to help finish these items so they are ready to be donated to various groups - Safehouse, Linus Project, Alzheimer's Drug Test Group and COMEA Shelter. For information call Ann Lembke (634-4677) or Kay Barnes.

●**CHRISMON STITCHING** - We have material, thread, patterns and beads available for those who wish to stitch at home. You may also come to any of the Stitch-by-Stitch meetings to get materials. For more info contact Kay Barnes.

●**MEMORY TREE ORNAMENTS:** We still have names of many past ministers of our church which need to be embroidered onto ornaments for the memory tree. If you are willing to help, please contact Kay Barnes for materials and the names.

IT'S NOT TOO SOON

The Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women from all over the globe will be held in Orlando, Florida July 18-22, 2012. Registration information will be in the September-October issue of Horizons magazine. If you are interested in attending or need more information please contact Melinda Brazzale (778-7009), Kay Barnes, or check the website for information:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pwgathering/about-gathering/>.



PEACEMAKING OFFERING:

AN INVITATION FOR GROUPS IN OUR CHURCH TO JOIN MISSION MINISTRY AND HELP CHILDREN!

The Peacemaking campaign this year will run from September 11 through October 2, when Jen Smyers from Church World Services in Washington, D. C., will be giving the sermon. Mission Ministry is hoping congregation members will want to make a financial contribution to the offering and choose one other way to help from the several which may be offered by various groups in our congregation.

This year's focus will be on peace for children, who need the basics of life and a stimulating environment in order to thrive. We will ask various church groups if they would like to select a way to help children and then encourage their group and other church members to contribute to project they choose. Here are possibilities:

- putting together Gifts of the Heart Kits for babies, for school children, or for cleaning up after disasters. We will send them to PC(USA), which distributes them to people in need all over the world. Go to <http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/pda/pdfs/giftofheartcontents.pdf> to see the possibilities.
- contributing diapers or other needed baby supplies to a selected agency in Cheyenne;
- contributing to the Friday Food Bag Program
- collecting and sending arts and crafts supplies to the children at Little Wound Elementary School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, the poorest reservation in the United States.

Watch for more details in the weeks to come! If everybody contributes a little to this effort, we will be able to do a lot to help God's children here in Cheyenne and beyond!



Submitted by Peggy Williams



**HYSTERICAL
HISTORICAL
ARCHIVES**

The following is from the bulletin of November 30, 1947, the service at which the Memorial Windows were dedicated:

“The beautiful art glass windows which we are today dedicating were designed and executed by the D’Ascenzo Studios of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This firm is one of the best known in the field of ecclesiastical art windows in America. Some of the most famous windows in this country have been made by this firm. We feel fortunate that we could secure the services of the D’Ascenzo Studios for this work. This is the same firm which designed and manufactured the large chancel window.

In order that everyone may better appreciate the beauty of these windows we give the following description. Angels are shown holding shields on which are inscribed emblems of Christ, there is a different emblem in each lancet. Beginning with the south window we have the House on the Rock, Matthew 7:24. Then the Cross and Alpha and Omega, representing the beginning and the end. The center window has the Star of David, enclosing the XP, which sign is taken from the first two letters in the Greek word for Christ. The other symbol in this window is the Serpent on the Tau Cross, which Moses lifted up in the wilderness. Jesus recognizes this incident as the type of His Crucifixion, John 3:14. The north window has the Breastplate of the High Priest, Hebrews 3:1 and 9:11 representing Christ as our Great High Priest. Then the Orb and Scepter and Crown, symbolic of Reward through Christ.

The Angels are shown standing on a portion of a globe, signifying the Earth, and the symbolism is Christ’s final dominion over all the earth. Clouds and Stars dominate the blue Heavens. A flame is shown touching the head of each Angel which is symbolic of the Holy Spirit.”

Don’t forget to put your pennies in the Pennies for Stained Glass jar toward the rear of the sanctuary. We aren’t able to empty the Penny Jar very often but when we do, we usually find \$100.00 or so. We need to continue saving our pennies as this fund goes toward any maintenance or cleaning needed on our beautiful windows. Try putting your age in pennies every year on your birthday.

If you are interested in serving on this committee or just helping with some of our projects, please contact any member of the committee.

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| Paula Qualls | 638-8805 | Glen Oslund | 638-8884 |
| Mel Qualls | 638-8805 | Peggy Williams | 634-0147 |
| Ralph DeWyke | 632-8210 | | |

REMEMBER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM AS WE JOURNEY FORWARD MAKING OUR OWN HISTORY.

♪♪ Notes & Church News ♪♪

CHURCH PICNIC

When: Sunday, August 21st

Time: 11:00 a.m. (after church)

Where: Holliday Park

Bring a dish to share. Games and fun provided!

Youth: Save the Dates!

(These are the big events for the next 6 months)

Aug 5-6: Lock-In @ Church. Meet at 3pm dressed for yard work

Sept 17: Big Day of Serving—all day service project—Cheyenne (register by Sept 1)

Oct 22-23: 30 Hour Famine

Nov 18-20: Sr. High Fall Retreat in Casper

Dec 20-21: Christmas Lock-in

*Youth Group every Sunday at 6:30 in the youth room

*Jr. High Book Study, weekly on Wednesday nights at 6:30 (still in planning)

Prairie Schooners – Time Change Beginning September 22nd

Prairie Schooners New Name and Name. Change is positive, and can create growth. This is the prayerful wish of our entire group. Our Prairie Schooners lunch bunch will continue to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month in the church parlor, unless otherwise announced. We will begin our meal at 12 noon, followed by a short business meeting and often a program. It is a pot luck lunch open to **ALL** members of our church. Please join us for all or any part of this fellowship time together. If you are working or otherwise are unable to bring a dish, please join us anyway, this group KNOWS how to cook more than enough delicious food to share :-)) So join us for food, fellowship, friendship and fun!

LOOKING FOR WW*

*WILLING WORKERS

Tuesday, August 9, anytime 8:30a.m.-11:00am

Nursery Fall Cleaning

"Many hands make short work!"

Will YOU be a WW?

Ellen Kub - 634-7293, Kubwy@cs.com

Nadine Amen - 632-4173, joyfulamens@msn.com

Deacon's Beacons

Submitted by Belinda Smith

Those blessings are sweetest that are won with prayers and won with thanks. - Thomas Goodwin

The whole life of a Christian should be nothing but praises and thanks to God; we should neither eat nor sleep, but eat to God and sleep to God and work to God and talk to God, do all to His glory and praise. - Richard Sibbes

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness. - Martin Luther

Be in prayer for:

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| Stacy "Skoumal" Adams | Adam George | Jim Kleine | Aaron Rebout |
| Meryl Adams | Sue Gosnell | Dr. Robert Lanier | Midge Reed |
| Loretta Adsit | Bob Goss | Mary Jane Larson | Rev. Skip Reeves |
| Lil Barbour | Joan Gray | Karen Lemon | Douglas Rice |
| Richard Beauchamp | Karen Grover | Ronan Louis | Neva Rice |
| Rev. Kurt Borgaard | Rennie Grover | Bob McGuire | Doris Rogers |
| Betty Brown | Phyllis Gruber | Vicki Meuli | Dorothy Rundquist |
| Jay Brown | Jim Hamil | Jane Nelson | Barbara Spatz |
| R.J. Brown | Marydee Hartsook | Carla Nolen | Lana, Leann Smith & Ken Smith |
| Eric Case | Dr. Dan Hinkle | Alice Norfleet | Austin Strietmatter |
| James Chaney | Ruth Holmes | Kim Olson | John Townsend |
| Richard Chatfield | Michelle Ivester | Glen Oslund | Javen Westby |
| Scott Coulson | Marcy Jacobsen | Kari Pace-Murdoch | Allen White |
| Carrol DeWyke | Jon Jacquot | Virgil Payne | Margy Will |
| Virginia Donaldson | Dr. Ted Johnston | Sherry Popham | Carleen Williams |
| Robert Drummond | Margret Jones | Bertie Price | Harry Williams |
| Pat Fairbanks | Roshni Joseph | Paula Qualls | B.J. Wise |
| Irene Forwood | Rev. Tom Kittleman | Mary Alice Radford | |

~ If anyone listed on the above list needs to be removed, please let the church office know. ~

Eternity has no gray hairs. Flowers fade, the heart withers, man grows old and dies, the world lies down in the sepulchre of ages; but Time writes no wrinkles on the brow of Eternity. - Bishop Heber

'Tis the divinity that stirs within us; 'Tis heaven itself, that points out an hereafter, And intimates eternity to man. - Joseph Addison

Pray for:

Family of Stan Brosius
Deb Sanchez - Loss of Father





Children's Ministry

Is Sunday School a real big issue?

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

Is Sunday School a real big issue? Or possibly, has it been something that we have become better off without. Whenever change is essential, we should absolutely not fight modification, because change is that vehicle that takes all of us in to greater things. On the other hand, we're able to remember the ancient proverb "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". Were there genuine reasons for Sunday School? Or possibly, was it merely an adorable plan for kids that's no more essential, nowadays? Sunday School classes for the kids produce communication and interaction together with other kids, connection together with older role models, along with the background for a connection with God.

While participating in Sunday School, kids are able to maintain time interacting with alternative small children in a very Godly location. Indeed, they may be in the position to connect with additional kids at schools, within their local communities, or perhaps at the playground. However, in the small group of Sunday School, kids are in a position to get this exact same discussion when getting directed in Scriptural concepts. They will be able to see how similar youngsters are attempting to live their own lives, based on the plan of God. And, this motivates the students to make an attempt to live their life for God, likewise.

The actual Sunday School teacher makes use of Sunday School instruction for children to show solid Scriptural guidelines to children. They will draw from many Biblical key points to steer the relationships relating to the students within their course. Then, they're also in a position to tap into those Spiritual key points as they quite simply illustrate how they adhere to those rules in their own personal lives, and in some cases as they show the struggles they have in their lives.

Sunday School instructions for children supply things for all those pupils that don't get provided through alternative means. Although it may not be the instructions by themselves, nonetheless the connections which can be constructed throughout those lessons are something which helps to shape a youngster's life for years.

Upcoming Events –

August 25 - Sunday School Kick Off (6:30pm-7:30pm)

September 1 - Teacher Training 6:00pm

September 11 - Sunday School Starts

September 18 - Bible Presentation (1st graders)

With God's Grace,
Ashley Braisted
Children's Ministry Director



NOW IN THE LIBRARY - submitted by the Library Committee

We are presently conducting an inventory of the library materials to find out which items might be missing or need repair. We are also replacing many of the labels on cards, pockets and the outsides of the books so they are more permanent and can be more easily read. If you have a book checked out, please return it as soon as you have finished it so we can add it to the inventory and make any changes necessary to the labels. Thank you.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Mission Trip was amazing! The youth were very blessed and blessed others in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia. Hopefully, you were able to attend the worship service on Sunday 6/26 to hear stories from the mission trip, if not, please ask a youth to tell you more about the trip. This summer has brought many other adventures for the youth including mini golf, movies, Skyline Camp, and a picnic in the preschool Sunday School Room.

Here's a look at the plans for August:

Aug 5-6 – Lock-in at the church. Come at 3 dressed for yard work.

9 or 10 – TBA Bingo at Aspen Wind Assisted Living Community

12-14 – Women's Retreat @ Skyline (Jr High and High School girls are invited)

21 – Faith Day at the Rockies leave @ 10am return 9pm \$20 (no Youth Group)

22-24 – Heather is gone

23 – First day of School

25 – CE Ice Cream Social 6:30 at the church

31 – Deadline to register for The Big Day of Serving Sept 17th (\$15)

Youth Group will continue to meet every Sunday at the church from 6:30 to 8. We are not doing a specific book study this summer but we are having social events that change days and times to accommodate summer schedules.

Sunday School kicks off on Sunday, Sept 11th for all ages. Grades 7 through 12 will be meeting in the youth room, westside of the balcony. Book studies will begin in September also.

~Heather