

# News From The Pews

News of the First Presbyterian Church

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP/EVENTS

### **June 5, 2011 – Communion Sunday**

Worship Theme: “Jesus Provides for Us”  
Scriptures: Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11;  
John 17: 1-11  
Rev. Diana Hartman

### **June 12, 2011 – Pentecost**

Worship Theme: “The Holy Spirit Arrives”  
Scriptures: John 7: 37-39; Acts 2: 1-21;  
1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13  
Rev. Bob Garrard

### **June 19, 2011 – Trinity Sunday**

Worship Theme: “God’s Gracious Invitation”  
Scriptures: Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 4a; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13;  
Matthew 28: 16-20  
Rev. Diana Hartman

### **June 26, 2011**

Worship Theme: “What God Taught Us”  
Scriptures: Psalm 8; Luke 10: 1-9; 1 Timothy 4: 11-16  
The youth who went on the mission trip will lead this service.

### **July 3, 2011 – Communion Sunday**

Worship Theme: “Love Stories of the Bible”  
Scriptures: Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67;  
Song of Solomon 2: 8-13; Romans 7: 15-25a  
Rev. Bob Garrard

### **July 10, 2011**

Worship Theme: “Gotta Have It”  
Scriptures: Genesis 25: 19-34; Romans 8: 1-11;  
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23  
Rev. Bob Garrard

### **July 17, 2011**

Worship Theme: God’s Abundant Mercy”  
Scriptures: Genesis 28: 10-19a; Romans 8: 12-25;  
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43  
Rev. Bob Garrard

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### **July 24, 2011**

Worship Theme: “Hidden Treasure Found”  
Scriptures: Psalm 128; Romans 8: 26-39;  
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52  
Rev. Bob Garrard

### **July 31, 2011**

Worship Theme: “The Miraculous Power of God’s Love”  
Scriptures: Genesis 32: 22-31, Romans 9: 1-5;  
Matthew 14: 13-21  
Rev. Diana Hartman



Sunday Mornings at 9:30 A.M.



As the 2011 summer schedule begins we look back to September of 2010 to see that we have again had some exciting programs that have nurtured and educated children, youth and adults in their faith.

Our children's Sunday school program and Children's Church educated our children in the Bible as they followed the lectionary scriptures, made many fun crafts and sang songs of our faith.

Our youth had Bible studies that opened up discussions on their lives, watched films that helped them seek Christian themes in the mediums of our culture, played fun games and had retreats that bonded them to one another and some came to confirmation classes to prepare to join the church.

Our adults had Sunday school classes that covered our Book of Confessions, The Trinity, How the New Testament was written and chosen and explored the issue of Immigration from a Christian perspective.

Our Presbyterian Women had a wonderful study of the Book of Revelation.

Our MOPS, Mothers of Pre-Schoolers, had a very successful year in reaching out to the community to support and educate moms in child rearing from a Christian perspective.

Norm Soden and Tom Muhlbach ventured into Nicaragua with Living Waters to help fix wells and make new friends.

Lots more has gone on, but these are some of the highlights of our church programs.

**This summer:** our children's ministry is leading a five-day Vacation Church School "Back Stage With the Bible." It is also an outreach to the community.

Some of our youth are going on a mission trip to Tennessee to learn how another part of our country lives and to share Christ's love with new people in word and deed. They will share some of their experiences of what God taught them on June 26.

Please do not forget that we look forward to seeing you in worship where we all are nurtured in our faith in God in Jesus Christ.

This summer we will also continue to work towards establishing small groups on a variety of subjects or issues. We hope this will also be a community outreach.

To keep this momentum of Christian activities and programs going we need your continued participation, your gifts of time, talents and treasures to be generously shared through the summer.

I will be gone June 18-24 with the youth mission trip. I look forward to the humidity and bugs of the Appalachian forests and most of all to the time I get to spend with our youth, including my granddaughter, Maya.

Peace,  
Bob Garrard



## Celebration

Diana Hartman

*And Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3)*

Hannah is my nearly two year old granddaughter. She lives in Tulsa, OK with her parents Emily and Chris. They are members of the John Knox Presbyterian Church. On Mother's Day, Emily asked Hannah if she would like to go to church. Hannah threw her hands up in the air and with a great big smile and joyful enthusiasm yelled, "Yes, go to church mommy!! Yeah, yeah, yeah go to church!!" Hannah was absolutely thrilled to be going to church and enjoyed every moment of the time she was there. She sat with her parents through the first part of the service (i.e. she swayed and bounced to the music), ran forward for *Children's Time*, skipped and hopped to the nursery and danced back into worship during the singing of the final hymn. Hannah celebrated worship with all the gusto a two year old could manage. She marked Sunday with exuberant celebration.

Dorothy C. Bass describes the Christian practice of keeping Sabbath as "a gift from God. It offers welcome, not condemnation, losing its power if it is imposed on the unwilling or grasped self-righteously by those whose circumstances make it easy for them to keep Sabbath. Receiving *this* day, after all, means joining in the song of creation, which renews our love for the earth and our gratitude for the blessings God grants through it. Receiving *this* day, means joining in a worldwide song of liberation, a song whose vibrations cut through our own forms of bondage and awaken us to the need of all people for freedom and justice. Receiving *this* day means singing *Alleluia* and being renewed in faith, hope, and love. It is the eighth day, and the future God has promised is breaking in. No other days can be the same, after this one." (*Receiving The Day*, p. 77)

How enthusiastic are you about coming to church to worship God on Sunday mornings? Is your reaction one of uninhibited joy? Do you look forward to Sunday morning worship? We all know that church attendance falls off during the summer months. We may be away on vacation or spending the weekend out of town. I hope as you look forward to those wonderful, renewing activities of summer, you will also take time to receive Sunday as an opportunity to give thanks to God with joy. Consider attending a church where ever you have traveled. If you are camping, in a cabin, or at the lake, you might try designing an informal family worship. If you are in Cheyenne, we look forward to seeing you at First Presbyterian.

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118: 24)*

### Hope Monument

Have you been inspired or received personal growth by experiencing the Hope Monument in our church courtyard? The bronze monument of Jesus, the baby, and mother has been a wonderful addition to our church grounds. The artist, Beverly Paddleford, is seeking stories of hope and inspiration related to the monument. Beverly is the co-owner of Eagle Bronze, Inc. in Lander. You can send your stories directly to Beverly at: A Place of Hope, PO Box 1629, Lander, WY 82520

Message from Mission Ministry:

## Your generosity is making a difference!



**OGHS results:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering! We have an amazing total of \$4,086.84 to send to PC (USA), which will use it to help in areas like the tornado-ravaged South and other places recovering from natural disasters. When our OGHS speaker, Dr. Jonathan Partee, gave the sermon titled "Who Is My Neighbor?" on March 27, he talked about our Christian obligation to help those in need, wherever they are. We will be doing just that with this donation!

**Future offerings for the South?** As we move through the summer, Bob and Diana will stay in touch with PC (USA) as well as Presbyterian churches in the South, where tornados have caused great damage and flooding is a very real threat. As we find out how recovery efforts are progressing, we will know whether a special offering would be helpful. Whatever the case, we will keep you updated through the newsletter and/or bulletin announcements.

**Interested in going on or supporting another Living Water well repair trip?** Norm Soden and Tom Muhlbach made a big difference in the lives of many villages in Nicaragua and had an unforgettable experience when they went on their Living Water International well repair mission trip at the end of January! Mission Ministry would like to facilitate another trip during the first part of 2012, so we need to start planning now. Norm and Tom would like to go again, and they hope others will be interested in joining them. Men can help with well repair, a physically demanding job, and women can attend a special training class before the mission trip itself and then help with hygiene instruction for the villagers. For more information, just go to the Living Water International website at [www.water.cc](http://www.water.cc).



For anyone interested in going, advanced planning is critical because of the need for a passport, several required immunizations, and in the case of hygiene instructors, an additional earlier trip to training. Just let Norm or Tom know if you're interested in going on the next trip or contact Mission Ministry. Also, if you want to support these trips, consider donating to the Living Waters line item in our church budget. It costs approximately \$2,500 for each person going on the trip, so fundraising is also an important part of our planning!



**THANK YOU!**  
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Thank you for your thoughts and prayers at the time of Dennis' father's death. You are a wonderful church family.

Dennis Saville and family

# Women of First Presbyterian Church

Submitted by Kay Barnes

## **New Bible Study for September**

From September 2011 through May of 2012 Presbyterian Women will study "Confessing the Beatitudes", the next Horizon's Bible study, by Margaret Aymer. If you would like a copy and have not already ordered through a circle, please contact Jeanne Bellamy, 633-7776. Cost of the book is \$8.75 [checks should be made out to Presbyterian Women]. Watch newsletters and bulletins later this summer for meeting times. You are most welcome to join us.

## **Stitch-by-Stitch Workshops and Chrismon Groups**

Workshops will be held on the third Saturday every month through the summer and fall. Come join us as we make blankets, quilts and afghans for distribution to children/women in our community and to Alzheimer patients around the country. No particular skills needed! The Chrismon groups will be meeting at the same time to work on stitching and beading.

Looking ahead:

- See separate article on Wyoming Women's Retreat - August 12-14, Skyline
- 2012 Worldwide Gathering for Women - July 18-22 in Orlando, Florida. Theme is *River of Hope*.

Submitted by Peggy Williams



**HYSTERICAL  
HISTORICAL  
ARCHIVES**

This information was printed in a booklet titled "Tomorrow's Churchmen" which was prepared in the early 1950's to aid parents in discovering the progress

made by their children in regard to their Christian training and, also, to depict what our Church had to offer in the way of Christian education.

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## General Goals for Christian Education

1. A personal knowledge of and relationship with God.
2. An understanding and appreciation of the life and teachings of Jesus, leading one to accept Christ as Saviour, Friend, Companion, and Lord, and leading one into loyalty to Christ and His cause.
3. A progressive and continuous development of Christlike character.
4. Enthusiastic and intelligent participation in the building of a Christian community and world.
5. The ability and desire to participate in the life and work of the Church.

6. A Christian interpretation of life and the universe.
  7. A knowledge, understanding, and love of the Bible, and an intelligent appreciation of other records of Christian experience.
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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.

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

♪♪ Notes & Church News ♪♪

**Special Meeting of the Congregation**

Motion: That the Session call a special meeting of the Congregation for June 5, 2011 for the purpose of amending the by-laws of First Presbyterian Church by adding the following section:

Article IV, Section 4. Notice of Meeting and Quorum

Public notice of meetings of the Congregation shall be given on two successive Sundays. The meeting may be convened following the notice given on the second Sunday. The quorum of a meeting of the Congregation shall be one tenth of the active members.

**New Member Classes** – If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church we are offering new member classes on June 26, July 3, and July 17 from 10:45 a.m.-12 Noon in the church library. Child care will be provided. Please contact Bob Garrard 638-3345.

**Prairie Schooners New Time – Beginning September 22nd**

Change is Coming! For the past several years, Prairie Schooners held their 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month meetings at 6:00 p.m. Starting in September, Prairie Schooners will still meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month only at 12:00 Noon. This is a potluck lunch, open to couples and singles. Hope you will join us each month for great food, conversation, and often a program is planned.

• **College Graduate Recognition** – If you have someone in your family graduating from college, please provide us their name, degree and the college they are graduating from. (email: firstpresbyter5@qwestoffice.net or call 638-3345).



# Deacon's Beacons

Submitted by Belinda Smith

"Prayer is when you talk to God; meditation is when you listen to God." - Diana Robinson

"Every evening I turn my worries over to God. He's going to be up all night anyway." - Mary C. Crowley

"There are thoughts which are prayers. There are moments when, whatever the posture of the body, the soul is on its knees." - Victor Hugo

Be in prayer for:

Stacy "Skoumal" Adams	Adam George	Rev. Tom Kittleman	Aaron Rebout
Meryl Adams	Sue Gosnell	Jim Kleine	Midge Reed
Loretta Adsit	Bob Goss	Dr. Robert Lanier	Rev. Skip Reeves
Lil Barbour	Joan Gray	Mary Jane Larson	Douglas Rice
Richard Beauchamp	Karen Grover	Ronan Louis	Doris Rogers
Betty Brown	Rennie Grover	Bob McGuire	Dorothy Rundquist
Del Brown	Phyllis Gruber	Vicki Meuli	Patti Sandison
Jay Brown	Jim Hamil	Paul Murdoch	Lana, Leann Smith & Ken Smith
R.J. Brown	Emily Hartman	Jane Nelson	Rick Stratton
Bonnie Carley	Marydee Hartsook	Carla Nolen	Austin Strietmatter
Caroline Carver	Ruth Holmes	Kim Olson	Thyra Thomson
Eric Case	Bob and Karen Hruby	Glen Oslund	John Townsend
James Chaney	Michelle Ivester	Kari Pace-Murdoch	Javen Westby
Richard Chatfield	Marcy Jacobsen	Virgil Payne	Allen White
Scott Coulson	Jon Jacquot	Sherry Popham	Margy Will
Virginia Donaldson	Margret Jones	Bertie Price	Harry Williams
Robert Drummond	Roshni Joseph	Paula Qualls	B.J. Wise
Pat Fairbanks			

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

"God pours life into death and death into life without a drop being spilled." - Author Unknown

"Man, as long as he lives, is immortal. One minute before his death he shall be immortal. But one minute later, God wins." - Elie Wiesel

"We need not fear life, because God is the Ruler of all and we need not fear death, because He shares immortality with us." - Author Unknown

Pray for: Patty Butler - Loss of Husband, Dennis



**NEW LIFE MINISTRY**  
Koinonia—Sharing our Lives

Small groups are being formed to be a positive catalyst encouraging all members to build Christian relationships through prayer, study, fellowship and mission that will enrich spiritual depth, build a unified faith community and empower us to share the gospel with the world, as we grow in number and in Christ's love. These groups will form around various personal interests. Each group will have up to 12 people organized by a trained leader. There will be a small group leadership training session on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Stage Room at the church. Anyone interested in leading a small group is encouraged to attend.

One group that is *currently being formed* is the Caring and Sharing Small Group, with Libby Barnett as leader. This group will call upon church members to listen to and "be with" them offering a genuine caring presence. This will be an opportunity to answer their questions, learn from and share the love of God on a Christian to Christian relational level. An orientation session will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. –3:30 p.m. for those interested in joining the Caring and Sharing Small Group. We expect this to be a very rewarding experience and one that will draw each of us closer to God and one another as we build friendship. We invite you to join us and look forward to hearing from you as we continue to follow God's calling.

Some additional Small Groups that will be forming in September are: A Technical Assistance Group, A Fitness Centered Group, Runners Group, Burning Issues Group, Family Night Group, Marriage Enrichment Group; Walk, Pray, Love Group, Home Repairs and Chores Group, A Bible Study Group and several others that will be described in our Small Group Ministry Brochure to be published in August. We will provide information about registration at that time.

Direct your questions or join a small group by contacting Paula Baldeshwiler, ph. 634-3749, Jean Marie Seitz, ph 638-8360 or Gwen Vines, ph 632-3004. Submitted by Paula Baldeshwiler, Chair NLM



**Congratulations!**

Proud parents, Jamie (Maas) and Chris Reid welcomed their son, Seth Dupree, on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:49 p.m. Seth weighed in at a healthy 7 lbs 6ozs, measuring 19 inches.



Brody James Kaufman was born on May 17, 2011. He weighed 7 lbs 15 ozs, and measured 20 inches long. Proud parents are Jory and Jennifer Kaufman and sisters, Madison and Haylee.





A huge THANK YOU to the Children's Church teachers for the 2010-11 year! Each teacher was terrific to work with, dependable, energetic and excellent at sharing God's message with our children. Lauri Lamm will be the new Children's Church coordinator for the coming year. Thank you Lauri! If you are interested in helping with Children's Church please let her know.

Shan Anderson, Lauri Lamm, Rachel Meeker, Stephanie Prescott, Sally Sato

## Children's Ministry

### Grow Kids' Faith this Summer



The warm, relaxing summer months are perfect for reconnecting as a family. They're also ideal for helping your children stay connected to God and boosting their faith in him.

For starters, participate in faith-building opportunities available in your community. These include vacation Bible school, church camp, outdoor worship, mission projects, and more. But, realize that faith growth can occur in unstructured, day-to-day settings, too. By talking to your children often about God—and your relationship with him—you model faith in action for young Christians.

Use these ideas as a springboard for summer faith growth:

- **Take it all in.** Admire God's handiwork as you travel and sight-see. Acknowledge and thank our Creator. Use simple object lessons; for example, draw a line of chalk in front of some ants and notice that most of them won't cross it. Then talk about what it means to follow and obey God.
- **Take out the "trash."** Together, clean up a park or street. Then discuss what God wants us to fill our minds and hearts with (see Philippians 4:8).
- **Take it outside.** For variety, conduct your family devotions outside in the shade. Use a book-club format to go through a book of the Bible or a children's Bible storybook. Encourage questions and have children put themselves in the people's shoes. Then apply the lessons to situations we face each day as we walk with God.

Children need guidance and encouragement to uphold Christian values during the summer. Christian activities can enhance kids' religious education and strengthen faith. Religious education efforts shouldn't end when summer begins. Have a wonderful **SUMMER!**

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



**June 6 - 10, 2011**  
**(see attached flyer)**



## NOW IN THE LIBRARY - submitted by the Library Committee

In That Man!, William and Nancie Carmichael discuss the biological, emotional, and mental differences that tend to exist between the sexes. They also cover the various ways cultural expectations affect each. Learning the different ways you and your spouse approach solving problems, how each thinks about work and the different focus you have in relationships can help your marriage stay calmer and more harmonious. [305.3 CAR.THA]

For those who missed the Adult Sunday School series on The Trinity led by Rev. Diana Hartman, the DVD and the study book for The Trinity: God's Love Overflowing is now available on the Newest Additions" shelf. [231 OFF.TRI]

When I Relax I Feel Guilty, by Tim Hansel, can help you redefine what work and leisure really are. Hansel shows how false ideas about these lead to busyness and guilt. He gives ideas on how to cut down on busyness, have a more restful existence and how to practice leisure without the guilt. [294.54 HAN.WHE]



### MOPS News –

We have ended our second year of MOPS! We started May with our Spring Tea. 1st 5 - Deanna, Melinda, Ernie, Kevin and Eleanor - shared their time and talent with our moms. Thank you! Everyone had a terrific time! Our last meeting for the year was a celebration! Each mom brought a dish for the year-end potluck, we played a 'favorite thing' game and the children sang to the moms. An excellent way to end before our summer break. This ministry has been so rewarding on many levels; between our FPC families, reaching out to other families in Cheyenne, introducing our youth to other youth from various churches and high schools as they work in the MOPPETS program, the opportunity to nurture and grow children from our church and the community in their relationship with Jesus and introducing FPC MOPS to the business community.

The MOPS leadership team deserves a big thank you for stepping in at the last minute to start our second year; Deanna Dyekman, Sara Howe, Jen Kaufman, Jennifer Davis and Stephanie Prescott. Thank you for working so well together to serve mothers of preschoolers in our church and Cheyenne!

Excellent news for MOPS! We applied to the Kiwanis Foundation for a \$2000 grant. MOPS was one of six non-profits awarded the grant out of 25 applicants. The money is to be used for the MOPPET program's, childcare and food. What an affirmation to our ministry! If you are a Kiwanis member - thank you. If you know a Kiwanis member please let him/her know how grateful we are for the award!

We want to give a special acknowledgment to Jessica Sanchez and Jen Andrews for their commitment and dedication to MOPS for the last two years. You will both be terribly missed when you head off to college. We wish you all of God's blessings as you begin this new chapter in your lives!



CELEBRATE FAMILIES

# Youth Ministry

Summer is finally here! School is out and everyone's schedule is changing, hopefully with more family time. The youth will be busy this summer with all of our various activities.

Here's a look at the plans for June and July:

- June    3 – Last Day of School  
           6-10 VBS – Help out Ashley and spend some time teaching our children about God  
           15 – Miniature Golf (details to come)  
           19 – Father's Day, No Youth Group - spoil your dad!  
           19 – 24 Youth Mission Trip to Tennessee  
           29 – Let's go see Cars 2 (details to come)
- July     4 – Celebrate your freedoms in America!  
           6 – Picnic in the park (details to come)  
           14 – Movie Night @ Heather's, starting at 7pm  
           20 – Harry Potter 7 part 2 (details to come)

Sometime during July we will go to an assisted living residence and play bingo or other games

Youth Group will continue to meet every Sunday at the church from 6:30 to 8. We will not be doing a specific book study this summer, but we will be having more social events than usual.

~Heather





## Plan Now to Attend Wyoming Presbyterian Women's Retreat at Skyline

Friday, August 12 through Sunday, August 14, is the annual women's retreat at Camp Skyline for all women in the Presbyterian Church. Our church is hosting this year and Rev. Diana Hartman, Melinda Brazzale, and Deanna Dyekman met recently to start plans. The theme this year is "Heart Spa," based on the Bible study of the same name produced by Group Publishing.

If you're age 12 through 102, please think about attending this. Picture yourself in the mountains, surrounded by the flickering light caused by aspen leaves blowing in the breeze. Birds are chirping, the sound from the stream gurgles nearby, and wildflowers abound. You'll join women from all over the state, throughout the weekend. Rest, Rejoice, Renew, and Refreshment will be explored. You'll have these days away from the hustle and bustle, and you'll be making new friends and exploring God's world. We'll be sleeping on brand new mattresses in the cabins that have been provided by Presbyterian Women. Though the accommodations are fairly rustic, there is running water and showers available! The camp is a 2-hour drive from Cheyenne and we can carpool.

We're considering having a component for girls on Saturday, if there is enough interest.

Great food, fellowship and God's love will be the order of the weekend. For more information, contact Rev. Diana Hartman or Melinda Brazzale, by calling the church office at 638-3345, or by e-mailing [mlbrazzale@gmail.com](mailto:mlbrazzale@gmail.com)

The cost for the entire weekend is just \$90; Checks can be made to Presbyterian Women, and mailed to Kathy Surratt, 2950 West B Street, Torrington, WY 82240. (*Registration Form – Next Page*)

