

# 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 4<sup>th</sup>.*

### **September 4, 2011 – Communion Sunday**

Worship Theme: "Fighting Jesus Style"  
Scriptures: Romans 13: 8-14, Matthew 18: 15-20  
Rev. Diana Hartman

### **September 11, 2011 – Begin Fall Worship Schedule**

Worship Theme: "Stop Keeping Score"  
Scriptures: Romans 14: 1-12, Matthew 18: 21-35  
Rev. Diana Hartman

### **September 18, 2011**

Worship Theme: "A Good Surrender"  
Scriptures: Exodus 3: 1-15, Romans 12: 9-21, Matthew 16: 21-28  
Rev. Bob Garrard

### **September 25, 2011**

Worship Theme: "The Desires of Our Hearts"  
Scriptures: Exodus 20: 1-20, Philippians 3: 4b-14, Matthew 21: 33-46  
Rev. Bob Garrard

### **LOOKING AHEAD: October 2, 2011**

#### **World Communion / Peace Making Sunday**

We will have a guest speaker. Jen Smyers, Associate Director for Immigration and Refugee Policy for Church World Services in Washington, D.C., will be giving the sermon.

*On pages 3 & 4, check out the small group ministries that are starting. Plan now to join us!*

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*Begins Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
7:45 a.m. Nursery open  
8:00am and 10:30am Worship Svcs  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School - All Ages*



I think we need to change this season from “Fall” to “Soaring” at our church because we have so many activities and programs that are about to take off!

On September 11, we go back to two services and Sunday School for all ages. We will offer two different classes for adults. Please see the article on these classes.

I will be teaching an adult Sunday morning class that begins on September 18 in the stage room on our faith and our money titled, Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity. This is based on a book by Rev. Adam Hamilton.

Our sermon and worship themes in late September through October will follow the same themes. Also on September 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a “Remembrance, Healing, and Hope” gathering starting at 2:45 PM at the Capitol. This is a community service remembering the terrible tragedies that occurred when terrorists took over three jet liners ten years ago.

As part of the commemoration of September 11, 2001, during the week of September 12-16, then the 19-20, our chapel will be open from 11:30-1:30 p.m. for the community to come in and pray. We will have suggested prayers by the chapel to guide those who come.

In other areas of Christian Education and New Life, we are very excited about the 10 small groups that will be getting started in September and throughout the fall. Rev. Diana Hartman and a team of church members have worked very hard to recruit and educate leaders who will be offering us many great choices to help us grow in our faith. Be sure to read the article on them in the newsletter.

Our youth will add Sunday school to their already busy schedule of activities. See Heather’s article.

Our children’s ministries will get rolling again with Bible based Sunday school classes. See Ashley’s article.

Our Mother’s of Preschoolers (MOPs) will get a good start with two meetings in the month.

Our Mariners will have a variety of meetings of Life Boats.

Our Prairie Schooners will have their first Noon meeting as a lunch bunch.

Our Presbyterian Women will resume their circle meetings where they will study the Beatitudes.

Presbytery will be held in Laramie on September 16-17

On September 18 we will have a congregational meeting after the second service to elect elders, deacons and a congregation nominating committee.

On September 25, after the second service we will honor Cliff Hubbard, our Sunday and substitute custodian of 26 plus years. Cliff’s last Sunday of work with us will be September 4. Willie Banks will be our new Sunday custodian.

In September, our Missions ministry, along with other ministries will take us on a journey toward Peace Making Sunday on October 2. Please read the article this Ministry has placed in the Newsletter.

I am sure I have left something out, so please read the whole newsletter and check the church calendar, so you do not miss any of the adventures our congregation has to offer in this season of “Soaring.”

I will be on vacation, August 29-September 13 and will be back in the office on the 14<sup>th</sup>. See you then!

Bob Garrard

The church will honor Cliff Hubbard on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, after the second service! Cliff has been our faithful Sunday and substitute custodian for just over 26 years. At the young age of 85, he has decided to “hang up the vacuum cleaner,” so to speak. Cliff is a great guy and has been a wonderful blessing to us in all these years. Come and say thanks to Cliff whose last work Sunday is September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## SMALL GROUPS, BIG OUTCOMES

By Diana Hartman

**SMALL GROUPS ARE HERE!!!** For most churches today, small groups have become the centerpiece of spiritual growth and we hope that this will be the case here at First Presbyterian Church. Below you will find the descriptions for the first ten small groups that will begin gathering in September. Each group may have up to twelve members. Each leader has spent eight hours in training as well as additional time planning and preparing for your participation. They have committed to leading their group for one year. All of our groups are open to members and nonmembers. So, if you have friends who are interested in joining a group, feel free to invite them. We are looking forward to the sense of community that these groups will bring and the way that they will allow believers to connect with other believers, and encourage intimacy and mentorship within the congregation. Our groups are designed to focus on both horizontal relationship (personal), and vertical relationship (spiritual). To enroll in a group you may call the church office (638-3345), sign up on the registrations sheets in the church parlor, or contact the group leader. If you are looking for a way to connect to others in the church, grow your spiritual life, or if you are simply interested in the subject being offered, our small group ministry is the place for you!



### 1. **Prophecy in the Bible** led by Bob Garrard (firstpresrlg@qwestoffice.net)

We will spend 12 weeks in studying and discovering what prophecy means in the Bible. The first six weeks will be examining prophecy that leads to the birth of Jesus. The second six weeks after Christmas and New Years we will examine what prophecy in the Bible teaches us about the return of Jesus and the end of the world.

First and third Tuesday nights: November 1, 15; Dec. 6, 20; Jan 3, 17; Feb.7, 21; March 6, 20; April 3, 17; 7– 9 pm in the church library.

### 2. **Caring and Sharing** led by Libby Barnett (libbybarnett@bresnan.net)

We will call upon church members to listen to and “be with them” offering a genuine caring presence, as we share the love of God Christian to Christian. Members of this small group will commit to participating in the Stephen’s Ministry orientation course.

Our first meeting was on August 25 at noon until 2:30 p.m. in the stage room.

### 3. **The Weavings of Our Lives** led by Diana Hartman (firstpresap@qwestoffice.net)

We will explore how the stories in the Bible and our stories are woven together. We will learn to express our lives and stories through the art of weaving. Whether you are a weaver, or are interested in weaving or simply want to explore stories of faith you will enjoy this small group opportunity.

First and Third Tuesday Nights from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at 5508 Hamilton Ave (fully accessible) beginning September 20, 2011.

### 4. **Walk, Pray, Love** led by Phyllis O'Connor (pylloconn@msn.com)

We will spend our time with a walk, short meditation, and fellowship once a month on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM. We will meet at the home of Phyllis O'Connor at 710 Mylar Park Drive. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 28 at 9 AM.

**5. God's Grace** led by Jeromey Howard (jah.45@yahoo.com)

We will be studying the view of God and his saving grace as brought from the Reformation. We will be using *Putting Amazing Back into Grace* by Michael Horton as our guide.

The first meeting will be in the First Presbyterian Church stage room on Saturday, September 10, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**6. Holy Land Witnesses** led by Curt Barnett (curtisbarnett@bresnan.net)

The Biblical Holy Land is filled with physical evidence that witnesses to the events we read about in both the Old and New Testament texts—evidence which a person can see and touch, if one is so fortunate to travel to that ancient land. This small group will explore some of these witnesses together by means of a half hour DVD lecture each time we meet. The lecture will be delivered by Professor Jodi Magness of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. We will meet in the church library for approximately one hour on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 11:00 a.m.

The first meeting will be Thursday September 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the church library.

**7. Cooking for Christ** led by Shan and Chris Anderson

We will engage in Fellowship and Prayer as we prepare a meal to enjoy together and enough extra to take to a needy family. We will meet on the first Tuesday of the month beginning in October.

The first meeting will be held at the Anderson's home at 2235 Sioux Drive at 6:00 p.m. on October 4, 2011.

**8. Christ in Work** led by Jory Kaufman (jory.kaufman@bresnan.net)

We will be reading scripture and discussing how we apply it in our daily lives. We will be meeting on the third Wednesday of each month beginning in September. Depending on the number of people, we will meet in homes or another place such as church.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the church library.

**9. Holy Rollers** led by Deb Child (debiechild@yahoo.com)

Ever wonder how Deb makes those delicious cinnamon rolls. This is your opportunity to learn how it's done. We will engage in Word-Share-Prayer and learn the techniques of how to prepare some wonderful recipes.

The first meeting will be on Thursday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the church library.

**10. The James Brothers** led by Chris Cooper (coopwyo@yahoo.com)

The book of James explains the idea of service to others through work. Verses 1:22 and 2:14 are examples of this. The author also talks about how "brothers" are supposed to look out for each other and help each other stay on the right track (5:19 - 20). We will meet once a month at a local restaurant for breakfast to discuss a chapter or two out of a book like "Quiet Strength, Men's Bible Study" by Tony Dungy. After the discussion, we will divvy out the work request cards that have been filled out by the congregation. These cards will be available at the church. The types of jobs we are able to do are winterizing air conditioners, fixing broken chairs, raking leaves, etc.

The first meeting will be on September 18 after the second worship service in the library.



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- Our youth group is secretly very good workers. They worked very hard and cleaned up my front yard on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. I wish to thank them with all my heart. It was such a big help to my husband and me. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Donna and Bob Goss

## **GOOD NEWS! OUR MISSION TEAM IS GOING TO HONDURAS!**

It has been a real inspiration to see how our congregation has supported Living Waters ministry! We were behind Norm Soden and Tom Muhlbach when they went on the pump repair trip last year. Now we have confirmed a date for February 4-11, 2012, for a well drilling trip to Honduras, and we have six people signed up. Kevin Boyce, Holly Garrard, Joe Kub, Marilyn Ham, Tom Muhlbach, and Norm Soden are all planning on going – and a seventh person will probably be adding his name to the list as well! This is cause for great celebration in our congregation!



The men and women from our church will join with members of other congregations to make up a team of eight well drillers and four health and hygiene instructors. While the men are drilling the well, the women will be teaching villagers how to use good hygiene and well safety practices so that, when the well is complete, they will have clean water and know how to use it to improve their health. If Living Water International's outstanding record of improving health in communities which have new wells is any indication, our mission workers will be heroes to the villagers!

Mission Ministry will continue to work on raising the approximately \$2,250 per person needed for this trip. In the meantime, we thank everyone in the congregation who contributed during this summer's fundraising campaign! The Living Waters Fund is up to almost \$1,900! We will certainly appreciate any further contributions you can make but also want you to know that each person going to Honduras will be contributing to the cost of the trip and will pay for any necessary immunizations. We also hope for opportunities to solicit donations in the community at large. God willing, and with the support of many donors, the First Presbyterian Church of Cheyenne will be part of a big effort to bring God's blessings to a village in Honduras that right now does not have a way to get clean water!

# **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

## Women of First Presbyterian Church

Submitted by Kay Barnes

On Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will gather for our fall meeting. We begin at 12 noon in the Chapel for devotions followed by a salad luncheon. Susan Parkins, from the Laramie County Library System, will be sharing information about some of the special programs the library has to offer. For example, she is in charge of the bookmobile and handles services to those who are homebound. This is a chance to learn more about your county library and the many resources they have available to help you. Rebecca Circle will be hostesses for the meeting. All women of the church are invited to attend; reservations are not needed. Need more information? Contact Kay Barnes (778-7445).

Don't forget Stitch-by-Stitch Workshops on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Next workshop will be September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. We still have lots of quilts to be sewn if you are interested in helping. Our thanks to those who have already agreed to help! On Saturdays most of the work we do requires cutting and tying - no special skills needed. Come join us to help and enjoy the fellowship. For more information contact Ann Lembke (634-4677).



We are still looking for helpers to stitch Chrismons or ornaments with minister's names. Contact Kay Barnes for more information.

Set aside the date of Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, for the Fall District Meeting. It will be held in Laramie from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Watch the bulletins for more information.

### Circle Meetings



Our circles begin a new Bible study on the Beatitudes at their September meetings. Sarah Circle meets the 2nd Thursday night of each month at 7 p.m., Ruth Circle meets the 3rd Friday at 1 p.m. and Rebecca Circle meets on the 4th Monday at 1 p.m. All these meetings, held from September through May, meet in the church library. All women in the church are welcome and encouraged to join one of these groups.

### Annual Wyoming Presbyterian Women's Retreat

The annual Wyoming Presbyterian Women's Retreat was held August 12-14 at Skyline Camp, in Encampment, Wyoming. What a wonderfully refreshing, uplifting, and fun two and a half days it was! A big thanks to Diana Hartman, Heather Dixon, and Belinda Smith who led us in worship, study and song, and to Ashley Braisted who helped all the ladies create beautiful "stained glass" plates and candle holders. Twenty women from across the state attended, including those listed above, and Jeanne Bellamy, Myrtle Forney and myself. We studied, prayed, laughed, walked, ate, ate, ate, sang, studied and talked, talked, talked, walked through the woods, hiked the prayer trail, and even made s'mores! Some of my favorite memories are of the ladies from Cody in our bunkhouse, telling crazy stories so hard it was difficult settling down to actually sleep!



We encourage and WANT you in our church to attend these uplifting Presbyterian Women events. As one participant said to me, "All PW women NEED to surround ourselves with strong, faithful, loving women. What better place to do that than at a PW event?" Please mark your calendars and plan to attend at least one of the following events. You will be so glad you did. And talk to any of the participants I've listed above. Any one of them will

share the fun and meaning they experienced this past weekend.

Fall District Gathering: Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, in Laramie. This will be a joint gathering of Districts 2 and 3. PWs invited are Cheyenne, Torrington, Guernsey, Lingle, Laramie and Platte Valley. (One day event.)

Spring Gathering (statewide): April 20-21, 2012 in Lingle. Theme: PW Connects, Cares and Challenges." Two day event.

PW Churchwide Gathering (all across the US and world): July 18-22, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. Registration info will be available in September/October Horizons Magazine, online at <http://www.pcusa.org/events/9255/2012-churchwide-gathering-presbyterian-women/> and at Fall Wyoming PW district gatherings. (Five day event)

Annual Wyoming PW Retreat: August 10-12, 2012 at Camp Story in Story, Wyoming. (Two and a half day event)

Melinda Brazzale



## PEACEMAKING OFFERING: PROMOTING PEACE AND HELPING THOSE IN NEED

-Mission Ministry

September 11 will mark not only the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, but, in a touch of irony, will also be the kick-off date for the annual PC(USA) Peacemaking Offering campaign, which will end October 2. The theme this year is "A harvest of justice is sown in peace," and the highlight will be a very special sermon focusing on what the Christian faith says about immigration, given by Jen Smyers of Church World Services in Washington, D. C.

As in the past, a quarter of the money collected during the Peacemaking Offering will stay with our church to help people in need pay their utility bills. The remainder will be sent to Presbyterian Church headquarters in Pittsburgh. There it will go toward helping with projects such as campaigning against illegal gun sales, bringing together children of different subcultures to promote greater community peace and understanding, and campaigning to prevent children from being conscripted to military service, a practice still legal in sixty countries.

In addition to asking for a direct financial contribution, Mission Ministry has asked any church group interested in participating to sponsor a collection which relates to children in need, and we hope every member will contribute to one of these collections. Plan on seeing requests for things like art and craft supplies, school supplies, and other items needed by children either here in Cheyenne or in other areas. We will use posters, our website, and bulletin announcements to let you know what each group is collecting.

Mission Ministry invites you to join us in demonstrating the old axiom that by working together, we can make a difference in the lives of others!



Submitted by Peggy Williams

**HYSTERICAL  
HISTORICAL  
ARCHIVES**

This is a prayer printed in the bulletin for the World Wide Communion Service on October 6, 1946:

“Our Father, we thank thee for this sacred moment when, with multitudes of fellow believers throughout the world, we draw near to this holy table. Knowing that Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, we would keep the feast, not with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

We come in penitence, remembering that whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup unworthily shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. Create within us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation.

Enlarge our understanding of the wideness of this fellowship about thy table which binds together all Christendom throughout the world and throughout all the generations—all apostles and saints and martyrs - all races and colors and creeds - the eternal company of those redeemed by thine everlasting mercy.

We pray for peace among the nations. Bless all those organizations and institutions everywhere now working for better understanding, social justice and righteousness among men, in order that enduring peace may come to our world.

We remember before thee the homeless and the hungry; the sick and the sorrowing; the destitute and the despairing. Use us for the relief of their sufferings.

Graciously be made known again to each of us in the breaking of bread; and grant that the hands which have been folded in prayer this day may be opened to deeds of compassion in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”



**PENNIES for**  
Stained Glass Windows

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



♪♪ Notes & Church News ♪♪

**From Our Session – Communion Policy**

The following communion policy approved by our session went into effect September 2009: Communion will be served in the Sanctuary and to the nursery workers the first Sunday of every month unless changed by the Session for special reasons or requests. Persons in the parlor or other areas outside of the Sanctuary will be asked to step into the Sanctuary during Communion time. For those persons with special needs, arrangements can be made in advance of the service.

**Hospital Volunteers Needed**

The Volunteer Organization at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center is looking for some friendly community members with big smiles and warm hearts to help with their new Tea Trolley on weekday afternoons from 2-4pm. Sales staff opportunities are available in their Gift Shop, The Pink Boutique, and other volunteer openings abound at the hospital. If interested, call Bev Catalano (633-7513) Monday through Friday.

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

Prairie Schooners New Time 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!



# Deacon's Beacons

Submitted by Belinda Smith

**Matthew 11:28** When you cross deep rivers, I will be with you, and you won't drown. When you walk through fire, you won't be burned or scorched by the flames. Some friends don't help, but a true friend is closer than your own family. But he replied, "My kindness is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak," So if Christ keeps giving me his power, I will gladly brag about how weak I am. If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest.

Be in prayer for:

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

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

*Psalm 30:5* Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Pray for: Angie Lane - Loss of Uncle

*Helen Steiner Rice:* Then nothing in life can defeat me  
For as long as this knowledge remains I can  
suffer whatever is happening  
For I know God will break all of the chains  
That are binding me tight  
in the darkness  
And trying to fill me with fear-  
For there is no night without dawning  
And I know  
that my morning is near.

### FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One belonged to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life, there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it:

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you the most you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then I carried you." ~Author Unknown~



## Welcome Back-to-Sunday School

We've been living the great annual "Back-to-School" experience for a couple of weeks now, but there's also ANOTHER great "Back-to-..." that occurs at this time each year. "Back-to-Sunday School"! For many of you this is no "Back-to-..." at all. You never miss a Sunday. But for many of us, this is kind of a "New Year" with hopeful resolutions for a shift back into "The Spiritual Lane." For some (children, youth, and adults) this might even be a FIRST like pre-school or kindergarten or first grade, a FIRST TIME to encounter the "good stuff" Sunday School has to offer. Whatever your situation...WELCOME Back-to- Sunday School!

On this subject, I often run across lists that try to help parents give their children the best experience possible in Sunday School. Here's a marvelous list that I believe will be quite helpful to you parents since you, of course, want your children get the most out of Sunday School.

1. Encourage your child to develop friendships at Sunday School. One of the strongest benefits the church provides your family is an extended "family" of both adult and childhood friends who support positive Christian values. Consistent attendance makes it easy for meaningful friendships to grow.
2. Be consistent in bringing your child to Sunday School so that he or she will benefit from the Biblical instruction. Children are surrounded by influences which are often in conflict with the real truth of life. Sunday School can be your child's most important hour every week! Perhaps better than any other, Sunday School is the place and time where the good values and understandings YOU want your kids to have are reinforced.
3. Cultivate friendships with your child's teachers. It's easier for you to approach two or three teachers than for them to personally contact the parents of all the children in their classes. They have busy lives and give so much! Your support helps teachers do an even better job! And besides, this gives you another important friendship as well.
4. Watch for and talk with your child about the take-home materials provided each week. Just a few minutes (!) of informal conversation at home can help tremendously to reinforce and apply the Bible Truths your child has studied. And we parents usually learn something from these as well!
5. Use the Bible in your home. Open the Bible in your home to the Bible story or Scripture reading from last week's Sunday School class. Copy key verses onto a folded index card and set it on your kitchen table or put it on the front of your refrigerator. NOTE: If you do not have a Bible, I promise you that ANY church in this community will GIVE you one if you simply ask! There are several newer translations that are wonderfully easy to read and understand.
6. Ask a few questions about the Bible Story to see what your child remembers and understands and talk about how the story illustrates familiar experiences at home or in the neighborhood. A good question is, "What is one way you can do what that story teaches us?"

7. During the week look for ways to connect a recent Bible verse or story to specific situations. For example, while watching TV, ask how a character's action compares with those of a person in a Bible story.

This is obviously just the tip of the iceberg! So many of you out there would have additional ones to add from your own experiences. Can't wait to see everyone! Welcome Back!

*Upcoming Events -*

September 1 - Teacher Training 6:00pm

September 11- Sunday School Starts 9:15am!!!!

September 18- Bible Presentation (1<sup>st</sup> graders) 10:30am service

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

## Youth Ministry

August was a great month for the youth!  
We kicked the month off with a lock-in at the church and did yard work for a very kind church member.  
We attended Faith Day at the Colorado Rockies and enjoyed the Casting Crowns concert following the game. The academic school year started and we enjoyed the Ice Cream Social to kick off the CE year.

Here is what is planned for Sept:

Sept. 5	No School to celebrate Labor Day
11	Sunday School Starts @ 9:30 (Westside of the balcony)
12-14	Heather is gone
17	The Big Day of Serving – full day of serving Cheyenne with other youth from all over the region

Youth Group (students grades 7 through 12) meets every Sunday at the church in the youth room from 6:30 to 8.

Separate Jr. High and Sr. High Book Studies will begin in September. Meeting times will be determined based upon school/athletic schedules.

~Heather

### New Adult Classes

**September 11<sup>th</sup>** – The Christian Education Ministry will offer an Adult Sunday School Class on the Old Testament at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning September 11th in the Church Library. Each class will consist of ½ hour DVD lecture followed by a discussion. The lecturer is Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University. This is a 24 lecture survey course in which we will learn about the history, background, theology and point of view of the books of the Hebrew Bible. Come join us to learn more about these essential scriptures. George Barnes will moderate the classroom discussions.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** – You are Invited to an Adult Sunday School Class on our Christian Faith and Finances. Based on the book *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*, and a DVD by Rev. Adam Hamilton. Led by Rev. Bob Garrard.

Time and Place: Sunday mornings from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in the downstairs stage room.

September 18 – **Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis**

*Assignment: Read Chapter 1 "When Dreams Become Nightmares"*

September 25 – **When Dreams Become Nightmares**

*Assignment: Read Chapter 2 for October 9th*

October 2 – *Mission Speaker in the Sanctuary*

October 9 – **Wisdom and Finance**

*Assignment: Read Chapter 3 "Cultivating Contentment"*

October 16 – **Cultivating Contentment**

*Assignment: Read Chapter 4 "Defined by Generosity"*

October 23 – **Defined by Generosity**

*Assignment: Read Epilogue – "Overcoming Fear"*

October 30 – **Overcoming Fear**

Be sure to bring a pen/pencil and a notebook!

### History of the New Testament Era

**October** – The **Christian Education Ministry** is pleased to announce a new adult class for October 2011. The title of the class is "**History of the New Testament**" and will be taught by Lynn Myrick, LCCC and UW instructor. The class will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on October 6, 13, 20, 27**. A sign-up sheet for the class is in the parlor. A textbook, *History of the New Testament* by F.F. Bruce will be available for purchase. We are very fortunate to have Lynn teach this class for us. He is an outstanding teacher and historian. You won't want to miss it. Appropriate for high school-adult. For more information, contact Holly Garrard or Diana Hartman. NOTE: This is not a Bible study class. It is a history class that provides a backdrop to the New Testament.



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

Thank you for your patience as we continue toward completion of the inventory and changing the labels on the books. It is a slow process but we are making progress!

Reminders:

- Books which have been purchased for use by the Small Group Leaders are on the left of the top shelf of "Newest Additions."
- Resources for the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study on the Beatitudes are on the left of the second shelf of "Newest Additions."

