

News From The Pews

News of the First Presbyterian Church

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UPCOMING WORSHIP/EVENTS

September 6, 2009 – Communion Sunday

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: "Faith at Work"

Scriptures: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23;

James 2: 1-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7: 24-37

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September 13, 2009 - Fall Schedule Begins

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: "Who Do You Say Jesus Is?"

Scriptures: Proverbs 1: 20-33; James 3: 1-12;

Mark 8: 27-38

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September 20, 2009

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: "Who is The Greatest?"

Scriptures: Proverbs 31: 10-31;

James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7a-8; Mark 9: 30-37

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September 27, 2009

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: "By Whose Authority?"

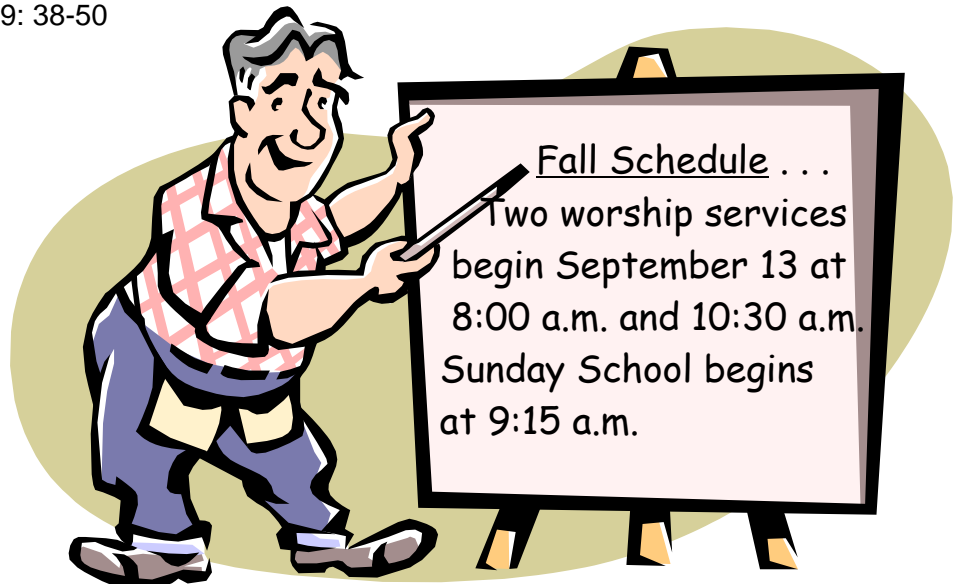
Scriptures: Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29;

Psalms 19: 7-14; James 5: 13-20; Mark 9: 38-50

Rev. Roger Rapp

It's Happening Right Here!

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FROM THE The fall schedule begins on **September 13** with two services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We pray we will see you back in church, Sunday school and in the other activities offered!

Pastor We give thanks to God for Liz Rich's ministry with us as our part-time youth director. Liz's last Sunday with us as youth director was August 30th. We encourage thank you cards and gifts be sent to her home address: Liz Rich, 4117 Van Buren Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001. Liz is also getting married on September 5th to Ben Schrieber, who is with the Security Police in the Air Force. Eventually, they will move to Japan. Again, Liz, thank you for being such a lifesaver with our youth program and for being such a positive presence on the staff!

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee continues to work on expressing precisely whom we seek and what we are about as a church in the forms to be filled out before we begin the search. We are only allowed 1500 characters including spaces and periods to answer the questions asked of us. The clergy who seek positions are held to the same limits. It makes both parties think hard and be more exact in expressing who they are and what they seek. Once the committee has completed the forms, our session must approve them and then they are sent to the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery for approval. After this process, they are sent to the great matching computer at the General Assembly in Louisville, KY. Once we are on that computer, the APNC can read the forms of any pastor seeking a position and they can read ours. My best guess is that the search will not begin in earnest until January. This is okay because we must make sure of our financial situation at that time. We have \$101,736.46 set aside for a future associate's compensation.

New Full-Time Youth Director Hired. Lee Stover will begin on September 1 as our new full-time youth director. Lee is a Presbyterian from Fountain, CO. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs. He graduated from the same Presbyterian University Liz Rich, did, Whitworth in Spokane, WA. Lee's degree is a Bachelor of Arts in Theology. Lee is very personable, quick with the wit, well steeped in Presbyterian theology and well organized. We are blessed to have him on board. As of July 31, we had \$38,292.16 set aside for the youth director's compensation. Many thanks go to Stephanie Prescott for being the chair of the search committee, to Lorie Andrews, Jen Andrews, Deanna Dyekman, Jessica Sanchez, Ken Vines, and Matt Woodard for their many hours of prayer, research, and interviews. We are grateful for Liz Rich's and Steve Prescott's supplemental help and feedback.

New Member Classes will be offered October 4, 11 and 18 from 2-4 p.m.

Confirmation Classes for youth 9th grade – 12th grade will begin Sunday, October 4, 2009 through January 31, 2010, during the Sunday school time.

See you back in worship!

Peace,
Bob Garrard



First, a word of thanks to Rev. Bob Garrard, and the members of the Presbytery and First Presbyterian Church for this opportunity to serve you. My wife Mary and I have appreciated your warm welcome to us!

We have lived in Cheyenne for almost 12 years, when I served as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church from December, 1997 until my retirement in September, 2008. Little did I know at that time that in May, 2009 I would be serving with the Presbyterians! It's been a delight to meet many of you and to work with your wonderful staff!

As you know, my main role is to assist in pastoral ministry, primarily to support Rev. Garrard with home and hospital visitations, worship, resource to Deacons, and teaching a class in Adult Education. My first venture with the latter will be a book discussion group on the popular new novel, "The Shack."

I have allotted my time (19 hours a week) as follows:

- Sunday morning worship, fellowship, and education
- Office hours: 9-noon on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
- Parish calling two afternoons a week.
- Weekly staff meetings
- Session, Deacons, fellowship groups

Of course, after 41 years in ministry, many times schedules do not go "as planned," but this seems the best way to structure my time for now.

Thanks again for your gracious welcome! It's been a wonderful new chapter in my life and ministry.

Roger Rapp

From Our Session – Communion Policy Beginning September 2009

Beginning September 6th, 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.

Congratulations to College Graduate, Steffan Stuckey
Steffan graduated from the University of Nebraska
with a B.S. in Finance with a Minor in Accounting.
Steffan is the son of Kathleen Fanter.

From Your Finance Ministry

Dear Fellow Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

Your Finance Ministry is keeping you up to date on the financial condition of the church.

This is our report as of July 31, 2009.

This is the money we anticipated coming into the church to date:	\$312,999.96
This is the amount of money we received:	<u>\$282,663.85</u>
This is the resulting income deficit:	(\$ 30,336.11)

When we begin fall programs in September with Sunday School, Youth Groups and MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers), and have a full-time youth director on board, expenses will go up.

We thank you for the generous support you have given so far. As you can see, we need even more of your financial help to sustain our ministry of "Bringing People Together in Christ's Love."

Sincerely in Christ,
Your Finance Ministry
Brenda Wilson, Chair
Deb Sanchez
Clint Jessen



**FINANCE
UPDATE**

♪♪ Notes & Church News ♪♪

MUSIC GROUPS BEGIN NEW FALL SCHEDULE

Wednesday rehearsal times for the music groups will change slightly this fall. The Handbell Ensemble will rehearse in the sanctuary from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. followed by the Handbell Choir from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir will practice from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. downstairs in the choir room. All these groups will begin rehearsals Wednesday, September 9th, and begin participating in the Sunday services on September 13th.

The Chancel Choir generally sings at the early service the second Sunday of each month and at the late service on other Sundays. For more information, or if you would be interested in singing with us, please contact Becky Tish, 637-4626.

The Handbell Choir usually plays once a month, mostly at the early service, with one late service participation each quarter. The ability to read music is helpful but not necessary - we can teach you what you need to know. If you would like to ring with us or need more information, please contact Kay Barnes, 778-7445.

There are also a number of times during the year set aside for special music so if you would like to sing or play an instrument, let Becky Tish know and she will help you schedule the date.

We look forward to seeing you at rehearsals!!

CHILDREN'S MUSIC TIME

Beginning Sunday, September 13, I will play the piano each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. up in the Children's Wing during the assembly/worship time for the children prior to their Sunday School classes. A variety of hymns and sacred songs in various styles will be learned, several of which may be sung by the children (along with the congregation) in worship. It is hoped that this will encourage singing and participation in congregational worship services within a less time-consuming and "threatening" framework! As a former child myself, I would vote for that.

Dennis Johnson, Organist

NOW IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Love is a Decision, by Gary Smalley, includes ten principles which can be used to improve your personal life, your marriage and your career. The book is based on his film series of the same name. The information will help you see others and yourself in a new light, relate to others non-verbally and develop loving and lasting relationships. [646.7 Sma]

In Ordering Your Private World, Gordon MacDonald helps you see how to bring order in your inner lives. Disorder brings anxiety and little growth but studying the Scriptures, and the experiences and writings of saints and sages, you can learn how to get rid of this disorder and result in tremendous personal development and lead to more effective Christian witness. Some of the topics include motivation, use of time, wisdom and knowledge, and spiritual strength. [248.3 Mac]

Gary Inrig, in A Call to Excellence, discusses excellence from God's point of view - which differs greatly from the idea of success in the secular world around us. He shows how excellence is shaping character and giving every part of your life new significance. Inrig uses the biblical concept of excellence to help make excellence possible in your character and your conduct. [248.4 Inr]

PRESBYTERY OF WYOMING WORKSHOP

The Presbytery of Wyoming presents The Rev. Doug Baker, Ministry of Peacemaking and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland, World Mission Challenge '09 Workshop "Handling Conflict in the Church" for Presbytery Clergy and Lay Leaders on September 30, 2009, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills, 4600 S. Poplar, Casper, Wyoming. Lunch is provided. RSVP: Presbytery Office by September 19. Contact Alayne at 1-800-896-1196, 307-472-4717 or email presbytery@wyoming.com.

SERVICE of INSTALLATION

You are invited to join the members and friends of France Memorial Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Wyoming at the Service of Installation for their new pastor, The Reverend Kenneth H. Perreault, Jr. The service will be at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27, 2009, at 1506 Nevada Street, Rawlins, Wyoming. Dinner following. RSVP by September 15, 2009 (rrhood@bresnan.net or 307-328-1743).

RADIO BROADCAST

You can hear our radio broadcast of the worship service on KRAE 1480AM at 8:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. The services are on a week delay.

Congratulations to Andrew and Breanna (Lutz) Dube on the birth of their son, Samuel Jacob Dube. Samuel was born at 3:10 a.m. on August 11, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs 12 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Greg and Cathi Lutz.



Women of First Presbyterian Church

Submitted by Naomi Allen

Many plans have been made for the fall and into the winter season for the women of our church. The new Bible study for the circles is entitled *Joshua*.

On September 11, 2009, Norm Soden will be presenting the program called "Living Waters." This presentation will be held in the church parlor at 1:00 p.m. Quiet hour begins at 12 noon followed by a salad potluck. We hope to see a number of you at this meeting for information and fellowship. The District Meeting of Presbyterian Women will be held at our church in Cheyenne on Saturday, September 26th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration. Also, a Christmas Brunch for December is being planned with the theme of "Christmas Around the World." Stitch by Stitch projects are scheduled to begin September 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the church parlor. We have tons of yarn and fleece for our projects, so there will be plenty of work and help for all who chose to come and join us in the mission projects.

We are reminded by our moderator, Kay Barnes, that we still need to collect more money for mattresses to outfit our camps. Hopefully, each circle can find a way to raise money for this important project.

Please don't just sit and wonder how to gain new friends and smiles, join one of our monthly circle meetings. We smile a lot and learn so much about our Christian faith. If you can't make it to all the meetings our ladies will continue to befriend you and make you feel wanted and needed. Hope to see you at one of our circle meetings or at our September meeting.



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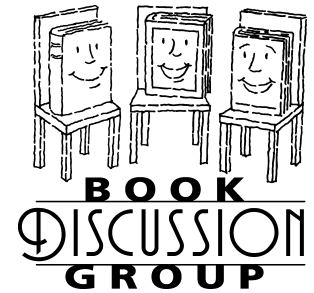
- Presbyterian Women are happy to announce to the congregation that the gift cards that were contributed at the Triennium totaled \$67,000+, and our portion was \$575 of that amount. I'm sure we will put smiles on many faces of those who receive our help. Thanks to all our congregation once again.
- Dear Church Family,
Thank you to Rev. Bob Garrard and Rev. Roger Rapp for visits, prayers, and encouragement. The flowers from the August 16th and 24th worship services have been appreciated and enjoyed. I am grateful for all of you for thoughts and prayers.

Pam Mason

- Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,
Thank you for all the pastoral visits from Rev. Garrard, Rev. Rapp, and the deaconesses. They were greatly appreciated and brought much joy and comfort into my heart. The flowers from the altar brought a ray of sunshine at the hospital and at Life Care. A special thank you to all who signed the care letter – it meant so much to me.
In God's Love, Jean Pierce
- Many thanks to Ruth and Bob Hale for presenting the church with a framed copy of a piece of art designed by their daughter, Carol Lee Hale Stevens. This artwork contains the Pledge of Allegiance, the Pledge to the Bible, and the Pledge to the Christian flag. The original and much larger version was presented to Skyline Camp many years ago. Please go up to the Archives meeting room to view this work which is hanging on the east wall.
Archives Committee

Coming soon . . .

"The Shack"
Adult Education Book Discussion Group
Submitted by Rev. Roger Rapp



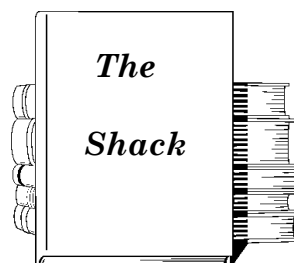
"The Shack" is a very popular work of fiction filled with theological themes and has caught the attention of many people around the world. The subject matter revolves around tragedy and transformation. Some of you may have already read it.

A few of the chapters are: "The Great Sadness", "God on the Dock", "A Festival of Friends", "Choices of the Heart".

We will begin our discussion in the library during the Sunday school time between services beginning September 13 and going through November 22. We will work our way through the book with guided discussion moderated by Rev. Rapp.

You are invited to pick up a copy in the Associate Pastor's office. Ten (10) copies have been ordered. If you have your own copy, that's fine. Let us know if you plan to join the discussion so we can plan accordingly. **There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor.**

This will be designed as a discussion/ response group, sharing insights with one another as we work our way through the book. Welcome to the conversation!





**HYSTERICAL
HISTORICAL
ARCHIVES**

Submitted by Peggy Williams

Here is some information on the legacy of John Calvin as the Reformed world celebrates the 500th anniversary of his birth.

After the deaths of Calvin and his successor, Beza, the Geneva city council gradually gained control over areas of life that were previously in the ecclesiastical domain. Increasing secularization was accompanied by the decline of the church. Even the Geneva *académie* was eclipsed by universities in Leiden and Heidelberg, which became the new strongholds of Calvin's ideas, first identified as "Calvinism" by Joachim Westphal in 1552.

Due to Calvin's missionary work in France, his program of reform eventually reached the French-speaking provinces of the Netherlands. Calvinism was adopted in the Palatinate under Frederick III, which led to the formulation of the Heidelberg Catechism in 1563. This and the Belgic Confession were adopted as confessional standards in the first synod of the Dutch Reformed Church in 1571. Leading divines, either Calvinist or those sympathetic to Calvinism, settled in England (Martin Bucer, Peter Martyr, and Jan Laski) and Scotland (John Knox). During the English Civil War, the Calvinistic Puritans produced the Westminster Confession, which became the confessional standard for Presbyterians in the English-speaking world.

Calvin did not live to see the foundation of his work grow into an international movement; but his death allowed his ideas to break out of their city of origin, to succeed far beyond their borders, and to establish their own distinct character.

This information came from Wikipedia on the Internet.

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 the Archives Committee or just helping with some of our projects, please contact any of the following members.

Paula Qualls	638-8805	Ralph DeWyke	632-8210
Mel Qualls	638-8805	Glen Oslund	638-8884
Frances Creech	638-3787	Peggy Williams	634-0147

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



Deacon's Beacons

Submitted by Jane Nelson

Give me your eyes to see others around me, to see their needs and their hurts. Fill my heart with your compassion for my neighbors, colleagues and others. Lord, may my location always be in the center of your will.
– Beth Moore

We beseech you, Master, to be our helper and protector. Save the afflicted among us; have mercy on the lowly; raise up the fallen; appear to the needy; heal the ungodly; restore the wanderers of the people; feed the hungry; ransom our prisoners; raise up the sick; comfort the faint hearted.
– Prayer of Clement of Rome (1st Century)

Plant a word of love heart deep in a person's life, nurture it with a smile and a prayer and watch what happens.
– Max Lucado

The Lord requires mercy. Here is a list of those who will be blessed by God's mercy through your prayers:

Stacy "Skoumal" Adams	Glen Flyr	Mary Jane Larson	Bertie Price
Meryl Adams	Adam George	Ann Lembke	J.O. Reed
Lil Barbour	Rev. George	Alice Mabie	Midge Reed
Richard Beauchamp	Joan Gray	Fortney/Mason Fam.	Doris Rogers
John Bishop	Dianne Grimm	Pam Mason	Patti Sandison
Betty Brown	Marydee Hartsook	Richard McCleery	Celia Schadel
Delbert Brown	Pat Hawk	Kevin McMIndes	Allan Schultz
Jay Brown	David Hettler	John Metzke	Jean Marie Seitz
R.J. Brown	Marv Hoflund	Hal Miller	Susan Sexton
Bonnie Carley	Karen Hruby	Kari Pace-Murdoch	Dorothy Wagner
Luz Chavarria	Marcy Jacobsen	Joe Norris	Bruce Whearty
Scott Coulson	Margret Jones	Linda Norris	Allen White
Robert Drummond	Roshni Joseph	Theoni Pappas	Margy Will
Pat Fairbanks	Jim Kleine	Sherry Popham	Roger Will
			B.J. Wise

God is always near you and with you. Leave Him not alone.
– Brother Lawrence

Call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you and you will honor me.
– Psalm50:15

Receive every day as a resurrection....as a new enjoyment of life. Let your joyful heart praise and magnify so good and glorious a Creator.
– William Law



Margie George – Loss of Aunt
Family of Colleen Osborn
Family of Joe Tuck

Christian Education Ministry

2009 - 2010 Sunday School

Submitted by Caroline Carver

⇒ **Sunday school begins September 13th**

⇒ **9:15am to 10:15am**

⇒ **Ages 3 through 6th Grade**

⇒ **Bible Based Program**

⇒ **New Music**

⇒ **New Bibles**

⇒ **New lectionary Curriculum**

⇒ **Great Teachers**

⇒ **Weekly Family Connection Newsletters**

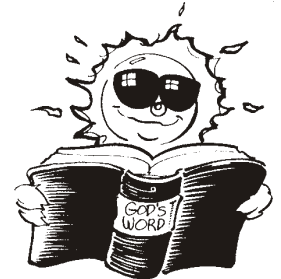
⇒ **D.O.V.E. Program**

DON'T MISS ALL THE FUN!!!

Starting September 13th, the nursery will be available for birth through age 4 children from 7:45am to 11:45am. For the safety and well being of our little one's, older children are not allowed in the nursery.

Sunday School - Why Bother?

The Barna Research Group conducted a study on the importance of reaching children with the gospel *before* their teen years. Among other findings the report claimed, ***“In most cases people’s spiritual beliefs are irrevocably formed when they are pre-teens.”*** According to Barna, ***“...a majority of Americans make a last determination about the personal significance of Christ’s death and resurrection by age 12.”***



Barna Research Group concludes that ***“...children are the single most important population group for the Church to focus upon.”***¹

¹ George Barna, *Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions*, Ventura: Gospel Light, 2003.

Children’s Ministry Bible Presentation

Bible presentation will be September 20th during the 8:30am service.

Watch for more details in the Sunday bulletins.

Parenting Dilemma 101

For anyone with school age children, we have all had this dilemma — the school district has an early release day, what do we with our kids for that half day? You could get a sitter, leave them home alone (yeek!!!), take the afternoon off or BRING THEM TO CHURCH!!! Yes you read that correctly.

For the third year, Children’s Ministry is offering a program for the early release days which are September 21, November 11, February 2 and April 22. We offer lunch, Bible activities, games, snacks, and homework time for kindergarten through sixth grade. As they get out of school, pick them up and bring them here. When you get off work (or by 5:30pm), pick them up. Sign-up is necessary. Watch for details in bulletins and newsletters or contact Caroline Carver at 638-3345 (church) or 632-6479 (home).

Reminder!

***My office hours are Monday and Tuesday from 8:30am to 2:30pm.
I am here most Sundays from September to May from 8:00am to 10:30am.***

***I may be reached at 638-3345 (church), 632-6479 (home),
firstprescmd@qwest.com or ccarver419@bresnan.net.***

Youth Update

As I am writing this update I find myself with mixed emotions. I am filled with sadness to see my time here come to an end but am excited for my future and the future of this position. I am grateful for my time and service in this church. It has been a delight to work with the youth and the congregation every step of the way. The youth committee did a wonderful job selecting candidates for this position and you will be pleased with the new youth director.

The month of September will bring many changes to the youth program. August 23, 2009 was the kick off for ICHTHUS. We went to the Colorado Rockies baseball game against the Giants then after the game stayed to listen to MercyMe perform. We had a great time!

Beginning September 13th, ICHTHUS will meet each Sunday from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Once the new youth director gets settled in, he may or may not change the time. Sunday School/Connections also starts on September 13, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. At this time, Mary Lou McMIndes is planning to teach Sunday school for the month of September.

I wish you all the very best as the church continues to grow and changes take place. May God be the guiding light through these times and always.



In Christ's loving grasp,
Liz Rich