

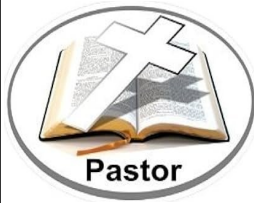
NEWS from the PEWS

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Looking Good at 100!!

Imagine the excitement as doors opened on First Presbyterian Church's brand-new building! It was March 22, 1925, and the church's new edifice at the corner of 22nd Street and Carey Avenue was publicly dedicated for the worship to the glory of God. Dedication ceremonies included an organ recital and a choir program under the direction of James F. Seiler. Dr. Robert T. Caldwell was the Senior Pastor at the time, and the total cost for our building was \$215,000.

Prior to our current location, the congregation worshipped on the corner of Ferguson and 18th Street. Later, Ferguson was renamed Carey Avenue. The first church building, known as Krebs Memorial Presbyterian Church, was constructed with a generous donation from the Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church of New York City. Their financial support came as a memorial to a beloved former pastor, Dr. John M Krebs. The Krebs Memorial Presbyterian Church building was dedicated on July 17, 1870.

Then on January 6, 1884, a new church building, The Red Brick Church, was dedicated on the same corner, now Carey Ave. and 18th Street. The sanctuary's seating capacity was 350 but instead of pews the congregation sat in Haverly opera chairs - upholstered in red velvet with adjustable springs seats, foot rests, book racks, and hat rests. You can see these chairs at the back of our current sanctuary. The cost for the red brick church was \$17,500 and served the congregation for 41 years until the construction of our current building. The last worship service in the Red Brick Church was held on February 1, 1925.

Pictures of these former churches are by the ramp to our sanctuary and in the Southwest corner entrance of our building at the end of the long hallway.

One of the most notable features of our current Sanctuary is the stained-glass windows. The oldest stained-glass windows are located on the North Gable wall high above the balcony. The chancel window at the front of our sanctuary was dedicated on April 7, 1946. The Clerestory Windows, located on each side of the sanctuary above the trim, depict 12 angels and were dedicated on November 30, 1947, and June 12, 1949. The Loggia Windows are on the west side of the

sanctuary at eye level and were dedicated on Aug. 10, 1969. The newest stained-glass windows in our sanctuary are in the balcony and the four back rooms. These were dedicated in 2003 and 2004. The stained glass in the South Tower, the Carey Side Foyer, and the West Tower were dedicated in 1953, 1957, and 1968 respectively. The Parlor window depicting Jesus welcoming little children was dedicated on May 21, 2006. Dr. Eric and Maida Wedell compiled a Stained-Glass Windows information book that is available in the church office to preserve their history and the significance of the symbols.

On March 23, we will be celebrating our building's 100th anniversary. As part of that worship, a newly commissioned Choir Anthem will be performed for the first time honoring Dr. Eric Wedell. The music is titled, "O God of Grace," composed by Mr. Eric Unruh, and has parts for the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Children's Choir. We look forward to its performance as we celebrate our building's anniversary.

Our church building provides a wonderful space for First Presbyterian Church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Take some time to tour the building, marvel at its beauty, and consider the many ways it is used to give glory to God.

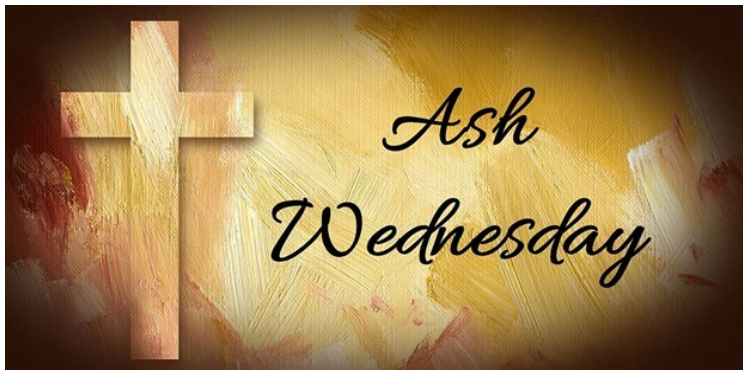
Pastor Bob



March 23 ~ 2-5 pm

It's That Time Again!





*Ash
Wednesday*

March 5 ~ 7 pm
In Person and Livestream
Childcare is Available



PW Annual Meeting

All women are invited to the annual meeting for Presbyterian Women of the Wyoming Presbytery. The event will take place in Torrington at the First Wyoming Presbyterian Church from Friday afternoon, April 25 to Saturday noon, April 26. The topic will be "Presbyterian Women -- Past, Present and Future" and a presentation will be made by Brenda Beliel, the Rocky Mountain Synod Representative for PW international. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn for the event. The registration fee and meal costs are just \$40, due April 1. Contact Melinda Brazzale for more details at 307-256-0506.



"Lent is the Christian's and Christian church's annual checkup. God's light shines into the dark corners of our heart." This quote is from "*This Side of Easter*," by J. Michael Ripski. In this Lenten Bible study for individuals or groups, Ripski uses familiar people from the Bible such as Mary and Martha, Peter, the Samaritan woman, and others to point to some of those dark places that we need to discover. He helps us to work to change the attitudes and habits that cause the darkness, so we are able to bring the light of Easter into our lives. After each chapter, there are questions that can help the reader dig deeper into the text and scriptures.

Our Church Building is 100-Years-Old!



We Will Celebrate
with Cake During
Both Fellowships
on March 23



Sponsor a Cup

The Deacons do a great job of serving us fellowship treats each week and a big part of that is the coffee. They have committed to serving Fair Trade Coffee from our partners in Mexico. This keeps the farmers on their land and pays them a living wage. You are a part of that mission work, and it is appreciated. And it helps the Deacons if we sponsor a Fellowship time with a \$10 donation to help buy the coffee they serve. It makes their funds for fellowship go just a bit farther. There is an envelope and a sign-up sheet on the big white bulletin board. Drop in a \$10 bill, it's greatly appreciated. It makes your coffee taste even better.



Friendship Mariners

Goodness' Cakes Charity Auction is
Set for April 2 at 6 PM

The Friendship Mariners group has selected Safehouse Services as the recipient for its targeted fundraiser this year.

Friendship Mariners will host **For Goodness' Cakes**, a live auction of homemade desserts and baked goods, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, in the church Fellowship Hall.

Safehouse Services is a not-for-profit organization that operates a shelter, facilitates support groups and advocacy programs, assists with protection order filings, and provides 24-hour crisis care and safety planning. It advocates for healthy and supportive relationships and for living situations free of violence and fear.

Each Lifeboat will be asked to prepare and donate special homemade desserts and baked goods for the live auction. For \$5 a person, pizza and salad will be served for dinner. Your lifeboat chiefs will be in touch to verify your dessert or baked goods.

Not a member of Friendship Mariners? You're welcome to join us for dinner and the auction. We also welcome your donation of a dessert or baked item.

Not a dessert maker or baker? We welcome donations that evening or write a check to the church with Safehouse on the memo line.

We really need your help to feature incredible homemade desserts and baked goods.

Watch for a Flocknote and church bulletin inserts for details as we get closer to the auction date.

Questions about the For Goodness' Cakes charity auction? Please call Becky Dougherty (307) 630-4099 or Bruce Heimback (307) 331-0930.

DEACONS

Leading through Serving.



Extended Table donations will be collected Sunday, March 2 and will go to the Salvation Army. They place the food in food boxes for families. Protein items such as dried beans are always needed.

We will be cooking and serving dinner at Comea Shelter on March 11th. We will need 2-3 people to cook at 1:30 pm and 5-6 people to serve at 5:30 pm. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall starting on March 2nd.



The Little Free Food Pantry is a huge success because of your generosity. Protein items such as peanut butter, small cans of meat, such as tuna, are depleted quickly. Individually wrapped cookies and crackers are always popular.

The Deacons could not serve our communities needs without your generous donations. Thank you! Feel free to contact me with any questions at 307-421-4896 or by email at belajean2@gmail.com.

Belinda Smith, Deacons Local Mission Chairperson

Gifts Of Women



Please join us for the Gifts of Women worship service on March 16. Women of the church will participate in worship through song, prayer, and readings. Rev. Karen Ohlson will be our guest pastor.

Sewing Help Needed

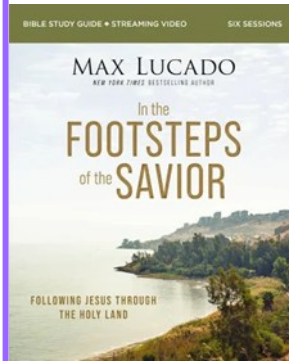
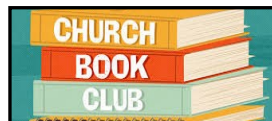
The Stitch-by-Stitch group needs a few folks to do some simple sewing at home. Our quilt kits involve sewing three layers of fabric around 3½ sides of the square, trimming, turning inside out and top stitching. That's all there is to it! If you are more adventurous, we have kits with 6" blocks to be sewn together for the top before following the above instructions. We also have pillowcase dress kits involving bias tape for ties. If you are interested in any of these projects, please contact Kay Barnes, 307-630-0875 or kaybarnes322@gmail.com. We would be grateful for your help.



Meets Thursday

March 20

In the Church Library at 4:00 pm



Lenten Bible Study

Tuesday 7 pm

March 11, 18, 25,
April 1, 8, & 15

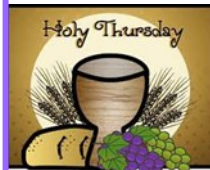
6-Week Video & Discussion

Cost: \$12



Palm Sunday ~ April 13

Worship at 8 & 10 AM
(10 am livestream)



Maundy Thursday ~ April 17

Worship service at 7 pm (Livestream)
Communion will be served



Good Friday ~ April 18

A quiet service at Noon remembering Jesus' death on the cross. (No livestream)



Easter ~ April 20

Worship at 10 AM only
Easter Flower Cross

5th Sunday Fellowship

Fellowship is set for March 30th with a time to sing together. We will gather after worship and fellowship to enjoy singing our favorite hymns, time together in



fellowship with the songs that hold a special place in our hearts and in our faith journey. Join us after the regular fellowship to take a few extra minutes to have some fun and time with your church family. See you March 30th for Fifth Sunday Fellowship.

Two Examples of How Our Church Helps in Time of Great Need

-Mission Ministry

One of the most interesting things about Mission Ministry’s monthly meetings is that discussions focus on how best to help those in need beyond Laramie County. We are often moved by the variety of opportunities to reach out to ‘the least of these.’ Two recent donations serve as examples of the kinds of work your donations help facilitate.

First, we know that the North Denver Mosque is helping refugees from Afghanistan. Since we are not able to support these refugees in our area, we have donated \$3,000 this year to help new refugees with rent, transportation, utilities, and other expenses. Assimilating into American culture comes with a steep learning curve, and we want to do what we can to help. If you would like to make a personal donation to the current refugees, mail your check to Metropolitan Denver North Islamic Center, Attn: Ayesha Ansari, 11141 North Irma Drive, Northglenn, CO 80233.

A second opportunity to make a huge difference to a population in great need came when we received a grant request from the Buffalo Youth Nation Project requesting \$15,000 for food after the Project had their food budget cut by 32%. Mission Ministry was happy to recommend the funding of this grant and very grateful the Grant Committee also endorsed it. We hope this will bring an adequate food supply to the Buffalo Youth Nation, which helps one of the most at-risk populations in our state!

Our wonderful congregation is a key factor in Mission Ministry’s ability to help the Afghan refugees and the Buffalo Nation youth. Thanks to your support, it is a privilege to have moved these and other projects forward over the years! With your encouragement and continued help, Mission Ministry will have a future of outreach that follows Christ’s guidance to provide care for others.

Moorcroft Food Pantry Needs Help



Mission Ministry has been assisting the Moorcroft Food Pantry, which was started by the Moorcroft First Presbyterian Church. The Moorcroft area is the poorest in Wyoming.

We ask you to help in this effort by participating in the First Pres Grocery Card Program.

There is no cost to you for your donation. If you designate First Pres Church as your favored charity on your King Soopers account, a small percentage will be paid to First Pres Church for the Mission Ministry effort. Thank you for any help you can give.

Little Free Food Pantry

The Deacons are grateful for your commitment, support, and for the generosity shown to the mission of the Little Free Food Pantry. Please continue your gracious giving of small items, placing them in the collection baskets at both main entrances. Or you may make a financial donation with “Little Food Pantry” on the memo line. *The list (below) is also on our website.*

Little Free Food Pantry Items		
<i>Located at the corner of 22nd St. & Capitol</i>		
Travel Size:	Food:	Other Items:
Toothpaste/toothbrush/ mouthwash	Snack packs of tuna/ chicken crackers, peanut butter crackers	Toilet paper
Deodorant	Individual power bars/ candy bars/snack bars	Small notebooks
Shampoo/conditioner	Individual bags of chips	Feminine hygiene products
Band aids	Water bottles, juice boxes/ small juice cans	Chap stick
Hand-wipes	Peanut butter in small packets	Flashlight pens
Disposable razors		Batteries – AAA or AA
Lotion/hand cream		Ink pens
Soap/body wash		Envelopes
Hand sanitizer		

The Presbytery of Wyoming
and
**The Fort Laramie Community
 Presbyterian Church**
invite you to attend the
Closing Service of Dissolution
 Fort Laramie Community
 Presbyterian Church
 Sunday, March 30 ~ 3 pm
Reception to follow

Date	Day	Time	Event
Weekly Meetings:			
	<i>Mondays</i>	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts 116 (Activity Center) (not on 3/31)
	<i>Tuesdays</i>	9:30 am	Staff Meeting (Library)
	<i>Wednesdays</i>	5:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (not on 3/5)
		6:15 pm	Bells Rehearsals (not on 3/5)
	<i>Thursdays</i>	5:30 pm	APNC (Library)
	<i>Fridays</i>	Noon	Church Office Closes
<i>See specific date for any weekly updates:</i>			
WORSHIP	<i>Sundays</i>	8:00 am	Worship – Chapel / Fellowship
		9:00 am	Adult Sunday School (Library)
		9:30 am	Nursery (Upstairs)
		10:00 am	Worship – Sanctuary and Live Stream
		10:00 am	Sunday School (Upstairs)
		11:00 am	Fellowship
		11:15 am	-11:45 Children’s Choir & Chimes (Upstairs)
		2:00 pm	-4 Youth Group (2nd & 4th Sundays)
March 1	Saturday	10:00 am	Hearts & Hands (Fellowship Hall)
March 2	Sunday		<i>See Worship Schedule at the Beginning</i>
			<i>Guest Pastor: Dr. Rev. Steve Shive</i>
			<i>Special Music: 1st Five</i>
March 4	Tuesday	1:00 pm	Mission (Library)
March 5	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday
		5:30 pm	Mariners (Fellowship Hall)
March 8	Saturday	8:00 am	Men on a Mission (Fellowship Hall)
March 9	Sunday		<i>See Worship Schedule at the Beginning</i>
			Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 10	Monday	1:30 pm	Building & Grounds (Library)
		5:15 pm	Worship & Music (Fellowship Hall)
		5:30 pm	New Life (Library)
		5:30 pm	Christian Ed (Christian Ed)
March 11	Tuesday	4:30 pm	Personnel (Library)
		6:15 pm	Lent Soup & Study – Footsteps of the Savior (Fellowship Hall)
March 12	Wednesday	4:00 pm	Finance (Library)
March 13	Thursday	5:30 pm	Sarah Circle (Fellowship Hall)
March 15	Saturday	10:00 am	Stitch by Stitch (Fellowship Hall)
March 16	Sunday		<i>See Worship Schedule at the Beginning</i>
			Celebrating the Gifts of Women
			<i>Guest Pastor: Karen Ohlson</i>
			<i>Special Music: Women’s Choir and Women’s Bells</i>
			<i>Easter Lily Form is Available</i>
March 17	Monday		Newsletter Deadline
		10:00 am	Genealogy (Family Search Center)
		7:00 pm	Session (Fellowship Hall)
March 18	Tuesday	6:00 pm	-8 District Scout Masters (Activity Center)
		6:15 pm	Lent Soup & Study (Fellowship Hall)
March 19	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Boy Scouts O.A. (Stage Room)
March 20	Thursday	1:00 pm	Coloring and Caring (Library)

March 2025 Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event
March 20 cont'd.	Thursday	4:00 pm	Church Book Club (Library)
March 21	Friday	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle (Library)
March 23	Sunday		See Worship Schedule at the Beginning
			100-year Building Celebration
			Special Music: All Choirs and Bells
		2:00 pm	-5 New Member Class
March 24	Monday	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle (Library)
		6:30 pm	Local Missions (Library)
		7:00 pm	Deacons (Parlor)
March 25	Tuesday	1:30 pm	PW Coordinating Team (Library)
		6:15 pm	Lent Soup & Study (Fellowship Hall)
March 26	Wednesday	9:30 am	Walk, Pray, Love (Library)
March 30	Sunday		See Worship Schedule at the Beginning
			Special Music: 1 st Five
			5th Sunday Fellowship



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Thank you for supporting Day Of Giving! With your generous donations we are able to give so much back to our community!



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Elie, Skye, Beckett, and Brant.



Rosley, Lola, Gavin, LeDoux, Asher, and Rett.

**Schedule for
5th Sunday Fellowships**



March 29
August 31
November 30

Activities are not finalized.



**Lily Recognition
Program**

The request form for the Lily Memorial & Honors Recognition Program will be available

March 16

Scout Sunday



Scout Sunday was held February 23. Our thanks go out to the scouts from Troop 116 and 43 who did a wonderful job in leading the 10 a.m. worship service. First Pres sponsors Scouts Troop 116 and they meet in our church weekly. Both troops provided delicious cakes for the fellowship during February 23.



Monday
March 17

📍 Walk † Pray ❤️ Love

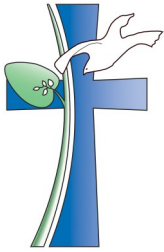
Join us for a short walk, in or outdoors, depending on the weather, and enjoy nature, exercise, and conversation. A time for devotions and fellowship will be held. Light snacks follow the walk. We meet at the church Library at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday each month, except during July and December. For additional information please contact Phyllis O'Connor at 630-3997.



About 1/2 of the people who contact us have been sick or in the hospital and have lost pay and possibly their job. Here are three ways people can get assistance with their utilities if they qualify. **Energy Share of Wyoming** provides a one-time expenditure of up to \$500 per household. **LIEAP** is a federally-funded program that helps people pay their heating bills during the winter months. **Local Cheyenne churches** may be able to help. People find them by contacting 211 or Community Action, and by calling local churches, which typically help only once per year.



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| Jackie Aube | Carol Moench |
| Paula Baldeshwiler | Dave Moench |
| Guy Beardsley | Carol Montgomery |
| Peggy Bjerke | Tom Muhlback |
| Clarice Brown | Joan Mulhern |
| Rose Burrows | Kim Olson |
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| Austin Cassel | Judy Phillips |
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