

# NEWS from the PEWS

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## Welcome Back Sunday

As we enter August, we realize that unfortunately, the end of summer is approaching. We are in an easier, more relaxed, schedule while also gearing up for the Fall. We realize that September will be here before you know it, and school will be back in session. (My apologies to the students, teachers, and staff for this reminder.)

Welcome Back Sunday is on Sept. 10. We are kicking off our fall program ministries with a single worship service at 10 am followed by a free lunch and fun and games for the whole family. If you haven't worshipped in person with us for a while, we hope you will join us on Welcome Back Sunday. Our ministries kick back into full swing with the chancel choir singing, Children's Sunday School at 10:00, and Adult Education at 9:45, followed by fellowship. As the church, the body of Christ, gathers for worship, the Spirit of God is present among us in common fellowship. I look forward to seeing everyone on Welcome Back Sunday.

Christian Education (CE) is preparing for Children's Sunday School to begin on Sept. 10. This is one of our most important ministries as we teach our children and youth about the love of God in Jesus Christ. I invite all of you to head upstairs to the CE area to witness this wonderful ministry. CE is such an important ministry, it requires a lot of volunteers. There are many ways you can help both 'with kids' and 'behind the scenes.' Consider volunteering for CE by contacting Ashley Braisted, our Children and Youth Ministries Director.

Our Music Ministry helps lead us in our vital expression of praise and worship. We have wonderful leadership and participation in our musical groups; the Chancel Choir, 1<sup>st</sup> Five, the Bell Choirs, and the children's choir and bell choir. The chancel and bell choirs practice regularly. If you would like to participate in the choirs, please join them. You will be warmly welcomed. If you have children, we hope they will be part of our weekly children's choir practice on Wednesday afternoons. Our expressions of praise and love to God through music are a blessing to worship. P.S., we also have the best organist/pianist in Cheyenne in Eleanor Lane.

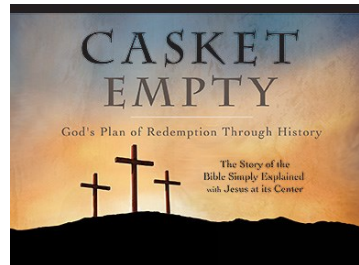
Finally, we also have several small groups and educational opportunities that will begin anew in September. If you would like to be part of a Bible Study

or small group, please contact the church office. The Adult Education class is a weekly study at 9:45 on Sundays, and everyone is invited to join. This year, I will lead an evening Bible Study again, the second part of the class on Casket Empty: God's Redemption Story Through Jesus. Even if you didn't participate in the first set of classes, you can still join this Fall. Look for more information on Casket Empty in the bulletin.

August will be a time to prepare for our Fall ministry. Worship, Fellowship, Music, Christian Education, small groups, Mission, and Deacons. We welcome everyone back to First Presbyterian Church.

I will be on vacation for the first couple of weeks in August, but the church is in great hands. Two wonderful guest pastors will be filling the pulpit, and if you have any pastoral needs, do not hesitate to contact the church office.

*Blessings*  
Pastor Bob



## Fall Bible Study

**Tuesday evenings:**

**Oct 3-Nov. 7, 7 PM**

**Casket Empty - The Tomb is Empty.** A comprehensive overview of the New Testament, discovering God's Plan of Redemption through History. This will be a Bible Study completed in a series of classes covering 14 weeks. The first class begins on Oct. 3. Sign-up and purchase of the Study Material will be available on the Greeters Table beginning Aug. 20.

## God's Redemption Story Through Jesus

Three 6-week Bible Study Series  
telling God's redeeming work.

In-person or online. Focus will be on the Old Testament.

*All sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.*

<u>Session 1</u>	<u>Session 2</u>	<u>Session 3</u>
<b>October</b>	<b>January 2024</b>	<b>April 2024</b>
4, 10, 17, & 24	9, 16, 23, & 30	16, 23, & 30
<b>November</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>May</b>
7	6	7

## Church Welcomes New Members Hall and Reynolds



The church has been blessed to receive several new members this summer, most recently Michael Hall and John Reynolds. Coincidentally, both are educators, quite musical, and now semi-retired.

Michael Hall was formally received by the Congregation on July 3. He was raised on a cattle ranch near Sterling, CO, and decided to move to Cheyenne four years ago from Loveland. His hobbies include drag racing and vocal music. During his 40-year career in education, he served as a teacher, coach, principal, and administrator. His retirement job is doing security work at night for Microsoft.

John Reynolds was born in upstate New York, educated in Massachusetts, and lived in Woodland, CA, before moving to Cheyenne about 18 months ago. He is presently working as a math and English tutor and, in his spare time, enjoys outdoor pursuits, playing folk guitar and violin, and playing video games. He moved to Cheyenne to be closer to his son's family.

Both list our choir and friendly congregation among other reasons for deciding to join our church. Welcome, Michael and John!

## Extended Communion Table

Our Extended Table donations will go to St. Joseph on the 6th of August, Communion Sunday. They need dried beans, canned vegetables, and canned meats such as tuna.



Bill Briggs, in *"Faith Through Works,"* talks about the necessity of mission work in the church to not only spread God's love but to give church members a way to make their faith active, not passive. He discusses reasons many mission projects fail – one is that the members themselves don't have interests in projects designed by clergy or church officers. The solution one New Hampshire church found was to set up core groups according to actual interests of the members. These groups determined needs in the community and abroad, and decided what they felt might be offered to solve the problems. He covers how the groups proceeded. Some of their seven projects were aiding refugees, working with the poor in Guatemala, helping the homeless, and working to help remove the loneliness of elderly folks in isolation at home, in assisted living or nursing homes.

This is not a new book, but the material is still relevant today.

If you are studying a passage in the New Testament, a good choice for commentary help is N. T. Wright's series, *"The Bible for Everyone."* Wright includes the scripture verses, and, using examples, helps the reader learn what the passage meant when written and what it should mean today. His series is on the shelves next to the library door to the hallway. Note that he has more than one volume for some books and others are grouped by the writer or the location.



Thank you to all who cooked and served at Comea in July. The staff and residents were very grateful. We will cook and serve dinner again on Tuesday, 12 September. Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall two Sundays prior.

*Belinda Smith*

*Deacons Local Mission Chairperson*



**Our July Comea Helpers.** Sharon Novick helped cook. People left to right who served: Carol Russell, Karen Wilson (Comea cook), John Hayes, Ruth and Bill Westerfield, Diane and Rob Coleman, and Ed Marcus.



## To My Dear Church Family:

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your many get well wishes following my ankle replacement surgery. I am so grateful for all the prayers, calls, cards, texts, emails, flowers, meals, and visits! Your love and support have meant the world to me during my recovery. My ankle is healing well and I'm feeling better every day!

*Blessings, Barb Lutz*

A huge thank you goes out to all Deacons and families who helped to provide an enjoyable experience as part of the Worship in the Park event. In the true spirit of service, Deacons worked together to ensure 136 folks enjoyed food and fellowship. What a blessing to all!



## PW's Certificate of Recognition

Kay was presented the Presbyterian Women's Certificate of Recognition for her work at the church for Presbyterian Women and the church as a whole. A donation was made to the PW Leadership Fund in honor



*Kay Barnes was awarded a Presbyterian Women's Certificate of Recognition at the May 5 luncheon.*

of Kay and her work. Kay has been a PW moderator, Circle leader and Bible study leader, organizing many knitting and sewing projects as well as collections of gift items and donations for PW causes, such as Safe House. She has also been a long time office volunteer, church and music librarian, a member of the choir and bell choir, as well as serving as an accompanist and providing special music. She has also led and continues to lead small groups. We thank Kay for all she has done and for living out her faith through her efforts. Congratulations, Kay!

## Eagle Scout Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 2

1-4 p.m.

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Cheyenne

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GIVE BLOOD

*Please provide relief for the emergency need for blood. Visit [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org) if you'd like to schedule an appointment.*



## Presbyterian Women

### Summer Brunch

Saturday, August 12

9:30 - 11:30 am

*All Women Invited!*

A summer brunch, hosted by Presbyterian Women, will be held at Melinda Brazzale's home. The address is 616 Shaun Avenue. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Come enjoy our colorful backyard, relax and enjoy fellowship with other women. Please RSVP so we can have enough seats.

[Mbrazzale@gmail.com](mailto:Mbrazzale@gmail.com) or 307-256-0506

*Please join us for*

## WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

SEPT. 10

*All Are Welcome*

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

11:30 a.m.

Lunch

Served in the Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Children's Activities

**(bounce house, games, treats and more!)**

Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us!



Wednesday

August 23<sup>rd</sup>

## August 2023 Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event
<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>		
	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Staff Meeting (Library)</b>
	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>Nominating Committee (Library)</b>
	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>APNC (Library)</b>
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<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>Sundays</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Worship – Chapel / Fellowship</b>
		<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Nursery</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship – Sanctuary and Live Stream</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Children's Church</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>
		<b>TBD</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
August 1	Tuesday	9:30 am	Staff Meeting (Library)
		1:00 pm	Mission Ministry (Library)
August 2	Wednesday	1:00 pm	-4pm Boy Scout Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
August 5	Saturday	10:00 am	Hearts & Hands (Fellowship Hall)
August 6	Sunday		<i>See Worship Schedule Above</i>
			<i>Guest Pastor: Rev. Roger Rapp</i>
		9:00 am	<i>Summer Choir Rehearsal</i>
August 7	Monday	5:00 pm	Worship and Music (Library)
		5:30 pm	Christian Ed (Christian Ed)
August 8	Tuesday	9:30 am	Staff Meeting (Library)
		1:00 pm	Personnel (Library)
August 9	Wednesday	2:00 pm	Finance (Library)
August 12	Saturday	10:00 am	PW Brunch (Brazzale's)
August 13	Sunday		<i>See Worship Schedule Above</i>
			<i>Guest Pastor: Rev. Karen Ohlson / Special Music – 1<sup>st</sup> Five</i>
August 14	Monday	1:30 pm	Building & Grounds (Fellowship Hall)
		5:30 pm	New Life (Library)
August 15	Tuesday	8:00 am	-Noon Annual Staff Working Retreat (off-site)
August 16	Wednesday		<b><i>September Newsletter Deadline</i></b>
August 18	Friday	1:30 pm	Memorial Service for Margie Pepper
August 19	Saturday	10:00 am	Stitch by Stitch (Fellowship Hall)
August 20	Sunday		<i>See Worship Schedule Above</i>
August 21	Monday	7:00 pm	Session (Fellowship Hall)
August 22	Tuesday	9:30 am	Staff Meeting (Library)
		1:30 pm	PW Coordinating Team (Library)
August 23	Wednesday	9:30 am	Walk, Pray, Love (Library)
August 27	Sunday		<i>See Worship Schedule Above</i>
August 28	Monday	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts #116 (Activity Center)
		6:30 pm	Local Missions (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 pm	Deacons (Fellowship Hall)
August 29	Tuesday	9:30 am	Staff Meeting (Library)

## Officers by Class

### SESSION

**Class of 2023:** Jeanne Bellamy, New Life\*\*; Connie Davis, Worship & Music\*\*; Laurell Fogg, Mission\*\*; Margie George, Christian Education\*\*; Bruce Heimbuck, Finance\*\*; Ken Sherman, Personnel\*\*; Jim Symmonds, Building & Grounds.

**Class of 2024:** Renee Dilly, New Life; Jory Kaufman, Christian Education; Pete Kendrick, Building & Grounds\*\*; Tami Mason, Worship & Music; Larry Meuli, Personnel; Greta Morrow, Mission; Brenda Wilson, Finance.

**Class of 2025:** Kevin Boyce, Building & Grounds; Julie Cook, New Life; Marilyn Ham, Christian Ed; Al Hunter, Worship & Music; Meg Kylander, Finance; Dana Skoumal, Mission.

**Clerk of Session** – Bert Trimble

### DEACONS

**Class of 2023:** Gail Heimbuck, Compassion, Moderator; Nina Magnuson, Local Mission; Tom Muhlbach, Fellowship, Church Nominating; Belinda Smith, Local Mission\*\*.

**Class of 2024:** Walt George, Compassion, Treasurer; Lisa Herbel, Fellowship; Sharon Novick, Compassion, Secretary; Charlene Randolph, Fellowship\*\*; Timi Saville, Local Mission, Marion Yoder, Compassion\*\*.

**Class of 2025:** Julie Anthony, Compassion, Nominating Committee; Joe Dougherty, Local Mission, Vice-Moderator; Ed Markus, Fellowship; Tom McKee, Local Mission; Rosemary Novario, Local Mission; Carol Russell, Fellowship; Linda Woodard, Fellowship\*\*

\*\*Chairperson



*Prayers for the family of Margie Pepper who recently passed.*

Meryl Adams  
Nadine Amen  
James Anderson  
Guy Beardsley  
Gail Blackwell  
Dr. Richard Brown  
Minnie Bunley  
Chuck Burke  
Rose Burrows  
Olivia Campbell  
Rachel Campbell  
Debbie Confortini  
Gina Courtade  
Karen Denniston  
Donna DiNino  
Robert Drummond

Jerry & Cindy Foote  
Kevin Gallagher  
Adam George  
Melissa Giles  
Lyle Ginter  
Carmen Grubbs  
Patricia Hamil  
Tamiecta Hamm  
Hart Family  
Patricia Hawke  
Geraldine Hayes  
Sherry Hayes  
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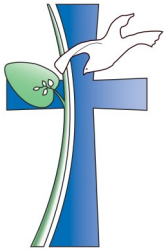
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Tom Milholland &  
Children  
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Tom Muhlbach  
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Dale & Aurthur Petersen  
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Amanda Pierce  
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Paula Qualls  
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Don Skoumal  
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Jeannie Smith  
Karen Smith  
Marilyn St. John  
Don Stang  
Diana Stevens  
Paula Stevens  
Carol Ann Strader  
Mary Tolle  
Larry Twidwell  
Dorothy Tyrell  
Georgia Valdon  
Kim Waier  
Javen Westby  
Lexie White  
Brenda Williams  
Jennifer Wulf



*Let us know when people are well and can be taken off our prayer list. Thank you!*





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