

NEWS from the PEWS

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FROM THE



Pastor

Upcoming Exciting Events

As we enter the summer months, there are some exciting events in ministry on the calendar.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is always an energetic and fun week at First Presbyterian Church. This year, VBS will be from June 19-22, and the theme is "Babylon, Daniel's Courage in Captivity." Daniel was a Israelite living in Babylon during the exile. One of the most well-known events in the book of Daniel was when the King punished Daniel by throwing him into a lion's den. Daniel was being punished for praying to God in disobedience to the King's decree. But Daniel had courage because of his faith in God. The God that had rescued the Israelites from Egypt would rescue him from the lion's den. When Daniel survived his night in the lion's den, he had this conversation with the King. The King said, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?" and Daniel replied, "O King, my God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him." Our kids will face many challenges to their faith in the world and Daniel is a great model of faith and courage.

You can do two things to help with Vacation Bible School, pray and volunteer. I ask all of you to keep the staff, volunteers, and kids in prayer during VBS. Pray that they hear and receive the word of God during the week. Keep the staff and volunteers in prayer for energy and guidance as they minister to the children in Christ's name. If you can volunteer sometime between now and then to help prepare for VBS, or to be here during VBS, please contact Ashley Braisted.

A second exciting event is the dedication of the Therese A. Jenkins statue. Many thanks to Larry Barttelbort and the team that spearheaded raising the funds for the statue. The whole statue was paid for by donations without any money from the church. Great Job! The dedication will be on Sunday, June 25, at 11:15 am right after the 2nd service.

Finally, the third exciting event we are having is our annual Sunday Worship in the Park on Sunday July 9. Every year, we gather at Lions Park in the Kiwanis

House for worship followed by a lunch provided by the Deacons. We have only one service that day at 10 am. This is a more casual service with all the elements of our regular service. 1st Five will be leading us in music, the children will have their time with Miss Ashley, and we will worship and give praise to God. Immediately following worship, the Deacons provide a fried chicken lunch with sides and desserts. Fun for the whole family.

A second finally, for the July 30 worship, to celebrate Cheyenne Frontier Days, we are having worship dressed in western wear. Get out your best Frontier Days apparel, cowboy hats included, and join us for worship. Leave your spurs at the door please.

It is going to be a great Summer as we worship and fellowship together.

Pastor Bob

Vacation Bible School

This VBS is something
worth roaring about!

Join us in Babylon, where we'll explore what life was like for Daniel and his friends, captives in a strange land. You'll craft cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Daniel, and eat some interesting food. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Location: First Presbyterian Church

The adventure will last: June 19-22, 2023

Celebration begins at: 9:00am

The day's adventure ends at: 12:30pm with Lunch

For more information, call: Ashley- 638-3345

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Babylon
Daniel's Courage in Captivity

This event is FREE! Register now
online at:
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First Presbyterian is Recognized



Sr. Pastor Bob Thomson accepts the LeClerc Jones award from Richard Johnson, Council President of the City of Cheyenne. The award was presented on May 6 at First Presbyterian Church.

The local Historic Preservation Board and the City of Cheyenne presented the LeClerc Jones award for historic preservation to our church on Saturday, May 6.

The Historic Preservation Board recognized the work the church did during the renovation to preserve the looks of the original building while adding to the building in a way that complimented the original structure. Using limestone from the original quarry in Indiana, some of the design elements of the original building were also incorporated into the new addition stonework. In making the selection, the Historic Preservation Board looks for exceptional historic preservation efforts through restoration and or maintenance of the structure.

The church worked with The Design Studio, Inc., on the project and is pleased with the design of the new addition. Architect Amber Conwell, working with the Capital Building Committee, used input from the congregation on a design that compliments the existing building. The new façade and entrance does that well. The church is honored to receive the LeClerc Jones award honoring its efforts during the renovation project.



A reception followed the presentation, and tours were given of the church renovation.

Extended Communion Table

Donations for June will be collected on Sunday, June 4th, and will go to Family Promise. They need diapers (any size), baby wipes, and liquid laundry detergent.

Without all of you, and your generous donations of goods and time, Deacons would be unable to serve our community. We are very grateful.



Rob and Diane Coleman, Ed Marcus, Lois Phillips, Jim and Linda Woodard serve meals at Comea House.



We cooked and served a Mexican meal at Comea Shelter on May 9. Thanks to all who volunteered. We will do this again on the 11th of July. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall two Sundays prior.

Our Extended Table item's for July will go to Comea Shelter. They need boxes of cereal, chicken and beef broth (cartons), and large cans of coffee.

*Belinda Smith
Deacons Local Mission Chairperson*



"The Holy Land Revealed" is a DVD series by Jodi Magness, who taught the recent Adult Sunday School Class DVD program. She covers history and architecture of the Holy Land from the time the Israelites first entered Canaan to the Muslims taking over Jerusalem. Now on the shelves is the series the class just finished, "Jesus and His Jewish Influences," also by Jodi Magness.

"Traveling Light," by Max Lucado, uses the lines of the 23rd Psalm to show the reader how to remove such burdens as grief, guilt, worry, anger, loneliness, fear, and doubt so we can travel through life "lighter." "Traveling light means trusting God with the burdens you were never intended to bear." It allows us to better serve others and preserve relationships with others and with God without negative impacts.



Therese Alberta Parkinson Jenkins

Therese Alberta Parkinson was born in 1853 in Madison, Wisconsin. In 1877, she came to Cheyenne to marry James F. Jenkins on December 20. He was employed as Chief Clerk of the Commissary Dept. at Camp Carlin and unable to return to Wisconsin due to Indian uprisings. In those days it would have taken two weeks to go to Wisconsin and return.

Cheyenne was known as "Hell on Wheels" due to the lawlessness, the number of saloons and dance halls (which outnumbered the businesses). She became interested in civic welfare, education, and social environment for the women and children and became an ardent worker for Woman's Suffrage.

Wyoming Territory had given Women the right to vote on December 10, 1869, by the first session of the Wyoming Territorial Legislature. Women were given the right to hold public office and to sit on juries in this act. This is what truly gave Wyoming the right to claim, "The Equality State."

She helped organize and fund a reading room and helped organize the Relief Society. She became a member of the First Presbyterian Church in 1880.

In September of 1889 the Constitutional Convention was called to adopt a constitution under the Enabling Act. Rumor was that Congress would not accept Wyoming's constitution with the Women's Vote and Hold Office in it causing women to lose this right. On the morning of September 25th, there was a resolution introduced to take that clause out of the drafted constitution. Knowing how much both James and Therese were interested in suffrage, a delegate from Laramie let James know so he could go home and let Therese know. James hitched up the horse and buggy and she went around Cheyenne letting all women know and telling them to get down to the meeting and use their influence to not let that happen. The man who had introduced the resolution withdrew it as he didn't want to face the wrath of all those women. Therese didn't go to the meeting as she had gone into labor and went home to deliver a baby girl whom she named Agnes Wyoming Jenkins.

Because of her work to save Woman's Suffrage for

the State of Wyoming, she was asked to give the keynote address the following July at the big celebration. In order to be heard for the four-block area surrounding the capitol where the celebration was held, she had practiced by going to the outskirts of town with her husband and baby. He would proceed to move further and further away from where she was - giving her signals as to when she could be heard and understood so that her enunciation and everything was correct.

Her address was copied in innumerable Woman Suffrage papers and in Temperance magazines and was even translated into many foreign languages. She had a copy printed in the French language in one of the French newspapers of the day.



PW's Luncheon in May

A Presbyterian Woman's luncheon was held at noon on May 5. All women were invited. Rebecca Circle hosted and provided lovely flowers as decorations. Each table had packets of wildflower seeds native to Wyoming for each woman to take home and plant.

Comea catered the food which was displayed very nicely and was tasty. The cost was minimal as Comea is very happy with what our church does for them. This was their way of saying, "Thank You." There were 42 women present. Kay Barnes offered the devotions.

Three ladies were present to give short briefs of what their organizations do. Lisa Teague spoke about Comea Shelter and Nicole Casey spoke about Safe House. Julie Anthony was the main speaker. She is the Victims Advocate for the Cheyenne Police department. She gave a very informative speech on what is needed to help women, men, and children in need and where they can seek help. Kay Barnes presented the by-laws, and as there were no questions, the vote passed for approval.

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

A big thank you goes out to the women who donated three big tubs of items for Safehouse at the Presbyterian Women's Luncheon in May! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Many of their clients and children come away from a violent situation with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The big blue bin in the narthex of the church is available year-round for donations of items such as personal hygiene products--shampoo, deodorant, body wash; feminine hygiene products; nail clippers; combs and brushes; twin bed linens, towels, and dryer sheets. At Christmas, we will have a separate gathering of slippers, jewelry, scarves, candles, decorations, and other items the children can give their mothers as a gift. Safehouse is always grateful for your help.

New Members

Church Welcomes More New Members

The church is delighted to receive nine people as new members during the 10 am service on June 4. They include Cassandra Raybuck, Anne Kuipers, Mary Anne Purtzer, William ("Bill") and Ruth Westerfield, Adam and Karlynn Quist, and Paul and Krystal Massey.

Cassandra Raybuck and her husband Philip moved to Cheyenne almost three years ago from Colorado, where she formerly ran Ronald McDonald House. Cassandra, a cradle Presbyterian, quickly became active in our church after meeting Melinda Brazzale. In addition to church activities, Cassandra enjoys fishing, reading and visiting their two grown sons and their families in California and Texas, her native state.

Anne Kuipers moved to Cheyenne from Wisconsin about two years ago to accept a position as librarian at the State Library. Introduced to our church through family friend Phyllis O'Connor, Anne is an active member of Adult Sunday School and cites our church's minister, friendly congregation, and spiritual attitude as reasons for deciding to become a member.

Mary Anne Purtzer, born in Scottsbluff, NE, has lived in Cheyenne and Laramie off and on since 1990. Now a retired RN, she has served as a Public Health Nurse and as the Associate Dean of the UW School of Nursing. She is married to Terry Halley and has three grown children and many grandchildren. She joins us by transfer from United Presbyterian Church in Laramie.

Bill and Ruth Westerfield come to us from Highlands Presbyterian. Bill has lived most of his life in Cheyenne, except when serving in the Navy where he was a Seabee. He is retired from the State of Wyoming, where he held various positions with State Parks and other agencies. Born in Rawlins, Ruth has also lived most of her life in Cheyenne and formerly worked for Laramie County. The Waterfield's have three sons and four grandchildren. Both list our minister as a reason for joining.

Karlynn and Adam Quist have lived in Cheyenne for eight years. Karlynn was born in Gillette and Adam in Sheridan; they have two young children, Lola and Ledoux, and list our friendly congregation and children's activities among their reasons for joining. Karlynn is a financial advisor and Adam is a construction project manager. Both enjoy fly fishing and other outdoor activities.

Paul and Krystal Massey, both physicians, have lived in Cheyenne for three years, having previously lived in Boston, MA. They have two young daughters, Eva and Becky. Our minister, spiritual attitude, and friendly congregation are listed among their reasons for joining First Presbyterian Cheyenne.



Day of Giving Thank You to Everyone Who Helped

As you probably know, Day of Giving started at First Presbyterian. Since the first official Day of Giving in 2006, our congregation has stood solidly behind its efforts to bring all parts of our community together to help our neighbors struggling to provide life's necessities for their families or dealing with illness and disability. The Day of Giving Board sends a huge thank you to every single one of you who contributed to this year's effort.

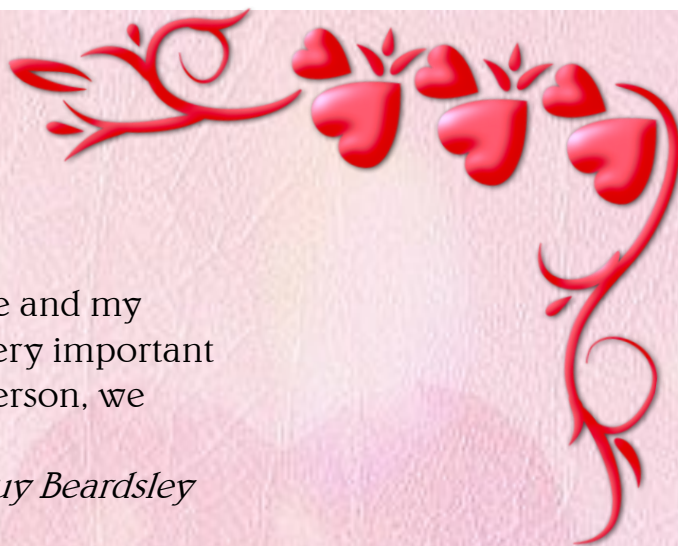
Your contributions took many forms: Maybe you contributed to the Super Bowl drive the youth held after church, dropped off food or underwear donations at church, mailed a check to Day of Giving, volunteered at the event itself, contributed to any of several pre-event collections . . . We appreciate every kind of support, and it all comes together to prove our motto, the Helen Keller quote, "Together we can do so much."

As of the deadline for this newsletter, we have the 10th Annual Youth Event and the 18th Annual Day of Giving in the books – barely. At this point, we know you and other generous donors joined our efforts and dropped off almost 13 tons of food and personal care items, 256 pounds of prescription medications, almost 1600 pounds of medical supplies, and over \$8200 in donations at the event itself, just to give a few examples. In reference to our new way to give – bringing out housewares and gently used furniture to help the Habitat for Humanity Fresh Start Program, we were amazed to receive 70 boxes of housewares and 15 pieces of furniture (with additional furniture dropped off that day at the ReStore). Clearly, the rainy, windy Wyoming weather did not dampen the generosity of donors who saw the huge need in our area and came out to give as they were able!

Here's a note for the future: Mark your calendar for the 11th Annual Youth Event and 19th Annual Day of Giving, 2024 version, on May 9 and 10!

Greta Morrow, Day of Giving Board

Thank You



Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for your support and prayers for me and my family on our loss of LaVonne. The church was very important to her. Although we could not be in with you in person, we were with you every Sunday on live stream.

Guy Beardsley



Dear Church Family,

There aren't enough words to express our gratitude for all of your compassion and prayers for us. You have lightened the burden of our sorrow for me and my family. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

In Christ's name, Laurell Fogg and Family

To My Beloved Church Family:

This is to thank all of you for the wonderful send-off that you gave me prior to my move to Minnesota. First Pres and its people were so very meaningful to me over the years, and I found your cards, notes, calls, get-togethers, and hugs to be touching to the nth degree. I miss you all!

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Once again your generosity is amazing.

WOW! Undie donation results:

Underwear 427 packages (2135 pairs), Socks 60 pairs, Undershirts 77, Men's depends 19, Leggings 1 pair, Bra 1.



June/July 2023 Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event
See weekly meeting dates & times on back page of the newsletter. See below for weekly meeting updates.			
June 3	Saturday	10:00 am	Hearts and Hands (Fellowship Hall)
June 4	Sunday		See Worship Schedule on Back Page
		9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
			College Grad Recognition / New Members Joining
June 5	Monday	5:00 pm	Worship & Music (Library)
		6:00 pm	Christian Ed (Christian Education)
June 6	Tuesday	1:00 pm	Mission Ministry (Library)
June 10	Saturday	8:00 am	Men on a Mission (Fellowship Hall)
June 11	Sunday		See Worship Schedule / Special Music: Kay Barnes
June 12	Monday	1:30 pm	Building & Grounds (Library)
		5:30 pm	New Life (Library)
		5:30 pm	Moms2Mom (Christian Ed)
June 13	Tuesday	1:00 pm	Personnel (Library)
June 14	Wednesday	2:00 pm	Finance (Library)
June 15	Thursday		(July Newsletter is part of June's Newsletter)
June 17	Saturday	10:00 am	Stitch by Stitch (Fellowship Hall)
June 18	Sunday		See W. Schedule / Spc'l. Music: Eleanor Lane / Father's Day
June 19	Monday	9:00 am	-12:30 pm VBS
		7:00 pm	Session (Fellowship Hall)
June 20-22	Tues.-Thurs.	9:00 am	-12:30 pm VBS
June 25	Sunday		See Worship Schedule on Back Page
			Special Music: Children's Chimes and Choirs
		11:15 am	Dedication of the Therese A. Jenkins Statue
June 26	Monday	6:30 pm	Local Missions (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 pm	Deacons (Fellowship Hall)
June 28	Wednesday	9:30 am	Walk, Pray, Love (Library)
JULY			
July 1	Saturday	10:00 am	Hearts & Hands (Fellowship Hall)
July 2	Sunday		See Worship Schedule on Back Page
		9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
July 4	Tuesday		Office Closed – 4th of July
July 8	Saturday	8:00 am	Men on a Mission (Fellowship Hall)
July 9	Sunday		Worship In The Park-One Srvc. / Special Music: 1st Five
July 11	Tuesday		Cook & Serve at Comea
July 14	Friday		Deadline for August Newsletter
July 15	Saturday	10:00 am	Stitch by Stitch (Fellowship Hall)
July 16	Sunday		See Worship Schedule on Back Page
July 17	Monday	12:00 pm	Investment (Fellowship Hall)
July 23	Sunday		See Worship Schedule on Back Page
July 26	Wednesday		Office Closed at Noon for Cheyenne Frontier Days
July 30	Sunday		See Worship Schedule on Back Page
		11:15 am	5th Sunday—Ice Cream Social 



"It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his daughter shopping. "

-John Sinor

Happy Father's Day

A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.



Chancel Choir Rehearsal—1st Sunday of June, July, August, & September.

June 4—College Grads Recognized and Reception of New Members

June 19-22—VBS in Session! / July 9—Worship in the Park



*Prayers for the families of Randy Fetzer for the loss of his brother, Bob Fetzer;
Charlene Randolph for the loss of her son, Darrin Harris;
and Joyce Swanson for the loss of her son-in-law Eric Freeman.*

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

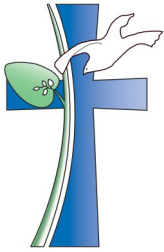
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Adam George
Melissa Gilespi
Lyle Ginter
Carmen Grubbs
Patricia Hamil
Tamiecka Hamm
Hart Family
Patricia Hawke
Geraldine Hayes
Sherry Hayes
Gail Heimback
Ray Hernandez
Jamie Herrera
**Marshall Jenkins
Jessica Jessen
Jim Keen
Debbie Lenhart

William Loftus
**Barb Lutz
Mary Lou McMIndes
Tom Milholland &
Children
Kathy Lee Montgomery
Tom Muhlback
Kari Murdoch
Stephanie Oakland
Kim Olson
Susan Payne
Dale & Aurthur Petersen
Diane Peterson
Catherine Pacheko
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Don Stang
Diana Stevens
Paula Stevens
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Dorothy Tyrell
Georgia Valdón
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Allen White
Lexie White
Brenda Williams
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Let us know when people are well and can be taken off our prayer list. Thank you!

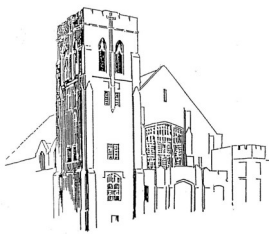


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Weekly Meetings

Monday 7/10 & 7/17

6:00 pm Boys Scouts #116 (Activity Center)

Tuesdays:

9:30 am Staff Mtg. (Library) (Will meet 7/3 and not 7/4)

Wednesdays:

5:15 pm Nominating Committee (Library)

Thursdays:

7:00 pm APNC (Assoc. Pastor Nom. Comit.) (Library)

Sunday Worship Services:

See date of worship in announcements for weekly updates

8:00 am Worship – Chapel / Fellowship (F. Hall)

9:30 am Nursery

10:00 am Worship – Sanctuary and Live Stream

10:30 am Children's Church (upstairs)

11:00 am Fellowship

TBD Youth Group



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