



Today's Spotlight
is on

Mina Holm



Mina Grace Holm was named Mina for her paternal grandmother and Grace for her maternal grandmother. This summer's edition of *Cody Country Legends*, one of the free magazines available at every shop and restaurant in the Big Horn Basin, features the Hogg family on pages 44-47. And today Spotlight is featuring our very own Hogg, Mina Grace Hogg Holm related to, but not to be confused with, the Mina Hogg pictured in the article).

As *Cody Country Legends* (a publication of the *Cody Enterprise*) informs us, the Scottish word *Hogg* "refers to sheep", not savage, oversize piggies. And it's from Scotland that Mina's grandmother came in 1910, bringing her Scottish idea of afternoon Tea and her coveted recipe for shortbread.

Eventually Mina's grandparents settled on a farm in Meeteetsee, where Mina spent much of her childhood. She remembers especially afternoon Teas — not a common meal in Wyoming — at which she had to endure Grandma Hogg's homemade Scottish shortbread. Too sweet, by Mina-the-younger's estimation; however, one does not refuse a grandmother's signature dish.

But Mina's childhood was not all about observing proper Tea Time and conjuring ways to disappear cookies. She spent hours riding horses and swimming in the Greybull River. And today she continues her love of swimming, although not in a river, at the Rec Center several days a week.

Clytie Williams, Carol Cherry's mother, was Mina's first best mentor. Mina lived with Clytie for a couple of summers, and it was her influence that brought Mina to First Presbyterian. The second strategic mentor in Mina's life was Gerye Bell, a woman who lived next door when Mina was a young wife with small children. Gerye started a neighborhood Bible study for stay-at-home moms. "It was really a lot like the MOPS program we have now at FPC," she says. Mina sees FPC's MOPS program as one of the most important missions of our church; she works tirelessly in the program, both in childcare and in mentoring mothers.

