

CHUCK WAGON MEALS NEEDED

We are in need of restocking the chuck wagon meals in the freezer. If you are able to provide a meal please label it and place it in the small freezer for the Deacons to deliver. Labels and markers are located in the top left drawer of the serving counter. Thank you for helping!

CHOIR TIME CHANGE

For this choir season (September 2018-May 2019), the choir will meet on Sunday mornings in the choir room at 8:30 a. m., learn the anthem for that Sunday's worship, and then proceed upstairs and share our message in music offering. This time change is to allow those in choir to attend the year-long Bible study being presented from 11:00-noon each Sunday after worship. Hopefully this 1/2 hour earlier than usual will not prevent anyone from sharing their time and talent as we worship each Sunday morning.

“Sing”cerely, Jonene

ADULT BIBLE STUDY STARTING SEPTEMBER 9

If you have never participated in adult Sunday School before, now is the time to start. Beginning September 9th, I will be leading a year-long class on reading and understanding the Bible. Whether you are a novice, or an old hand at Bible study, this class will help you to recognize and understand the many different types of literature in the Bible. It will help you to appreciate how the larger themes of the Bible relate to each other...and quite simply...it will help you to understand things that you may have previously thought to be outdated or too complex. Each class will have an easily understood 30-minute video lecture from one of the most notable Biblical scholars of our day, and a discussion period.

I know this is a lot to ask, but I would genuinely like to see 100% participation from our members for this class. I have never asked this of any of you before, but I am that convinced that each of you, and our congregation will grow significantly if we commit to this. Please visit with me about this if you have any questions.

~ Pat Montgomery

SAVE THE DATE September 28-30

CONGREGATIONAL WIDE CAMP RETREAT

Where: Buffalo Bill State Park - Trout Creek Group Campsite for RVs & Campers **9 electric hookups already reserved.** For non-campers call River Bend Cabins for reservations: 307-899-2719, 602-510-2402 (www.riverbendcabinscody.com)

We will have a variety of activities including fishing, hiking, scavenger hunt, Bible study, campfire and picnic. More details to come.

Bring: Lawn chairs, hiking clothes/shoes, snacks, flashlights, fishing equipment (if you fish!) and picnic supplies.

SERMONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

A friendly reminder that almost all past and present sermons are available to listen to on the church's website, along with bulletins. It's a great way to share the meaning-filled messages of Sunday worship with friends and family from afar, or to relisten to a message that touched your heart. The website is www.codyfirstpresbyterian.org.

Welcome Visitors!

We are glad that you are here this morning. Please sign and pass the attendance pad at the end of the pew. We would especially appreciate having your name, address, and phone number, because we would like to have a chance to thank you for being with us. We invite you to join us for coffee after the service.

Worshipping with children: While children are always welcome in worship, we are happy to offer a nursery, staffed by trained and loving caregivers. The nursery is located in the east wing of the church, about halfway down the hall. Please speak with an usher if you would like assistance finding the nursery.

Listening Devices: If you need an assisted listening device, please ask one of the ushers and they will be happy to help you.

2018 ELDERS

Building & Grounds	Curt Scott (19)
Stewardship, Budget & Personnel	Ole Sondeno (18) Peggy Farman (19)
Clerk of Session	Cathy Aardema
Worship	Jonene Geile (20) Debbie Montgomery (20)
Congregational Life and Education	Jack Atkins (18) Patty Brus (19) Connie Fisher (20) Mary Phillips (20) Vieune Revolinski (18)
Evangelism and Mission	Sarah Thomas (18) Roy Holm (19)

2018 BOARD OF DEACONS

Amy Eckert (18), Moderator	Judy Bates (19)
Hugh Currah (18)	Karen Snyder (20)
Mary McDonald (18)	Chris Beers (20)
Ginny Donnelly (19)	Jan Bensink (20)
Quincy Sondeno (19)	

First Presbyterian Church, Cody Wyoming

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 am

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MATURING IN CHRIST
come grow with us

First Presbyterian Church, Cody Wyoming

August 19, 2018
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Please print your name on the attendance pad
and pass it down your row.

Please turn off cell phones

PRELUDE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Hymnal #288)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather before God, people of the covenant.
Listen for God's Word, O faithful ones.

God has summoned us to this place.

We believe God will speak to us here.

Come to honor God and give thanks.

Seek to learn and follow in God's way.

We come as willing and obedient servants.

Let your steadfast love, O God be upon us.

God calls us as workers for justice.

God sends us out as advocates for the dispossessed.

We are here to be equipped for ministry.

We expect to be empowered for our service.

“Ancient Words” (Praise Book #5)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, God, we confess that we have shaped our own standards and values rather than seeking to know your will. We turn from faith in you and rebel against the agenda of your realm. Our hearts focus on the things we can accumulate more than on your mission in which we can share. Lead us, O God, into acts of compassion, that our attitudes may be reshaped and a right relationship with you restored. Amen

GLORIA PATRI GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579)
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.*

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE “Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Knowledge”

“In an Age of Twisted Values” (Hymn - On Screen Only)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READER: Judith Spargur
USHERS: Phil and Peggy Farman
MUSIC ACCOMPANIST: Tim Schoessler
WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonene Geile and Wendy Corr
Guest Speaker: Kathy Reed

PROVERBS

Many people think that what’s written in the Bible has mostly to do with getting people into heaven – getting right with God, saving their eternal souls. It does have to do with that, of course, but not mostly. It is equally concerned with living on this earth – living well, living in robust sanity. In our Scriptures, heaven is not the primary concern, to which earth is a tagalong afterthought. “On earth *as* it is in heaven” is Jesus’ prayer.

“Wisdom” is the biblical term for this on-earth-as-it-is-in-heaven everyday living. Wisdom is the art of living skillfully in whatever actual conditions we find ourselves. It has virtually nothing to do with information as such, with knowledge as such. A college degree is no certification of wisdom – nor is it primarily concerned with keeping us out of moral mud puddles, although it does have a profound moral effect upon us.

Wisdom has to do with becoming skillful in honoring our parents and raising our children, handling our money and conducting our sexual lives, going to work and exercising leadership, using words well and treating friends kindly, eating and drinking healthily, cultivating emotions within ourselves and attitudes toward others that make for peace. Threaded through all these items is the insistence that the way we think of and respond to God is the most practical thing we do. In matters of everyday practicality, nothing, absolutely nothing, takes precedence over God.

Proverbs concentrates on these concerns more than any other book in the Bible. Attention to the here and now is everywhere present in the stories and legislation, the prayers and the sermons, that are spread over the thousands of pages of the Bible. Proverbs distills it all into riveting images and aphorisms that keep us connected in holy obedience to the ordinary.

~ Eugene H. Peterson
Introduction to the book of Proverbs. The Message Bible.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW IN YOUR PRAYERS:

(Please notify us if specific prayer concerns need to be extended beyond two weeks)

Carolyn Kearns
Jim and Tina Roberts
Rene Wardell
Joe Seufferer
The Scott Clow Family

Dennis Walker
Brent Wardell
Craig Leach

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 26

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN September 9th

Classes will begin at 11:00 am.

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH CLASS | “All Together Now” Pre-K through 5th**

Please join us for an *all in one* classroom this fall with a focus on Exodus. We will joyfully learn about God’s message and each other. We will also grow in our relationship with Jesus and each other. Taught by Stacey Skoric and Karen Anderson with the help of other volunteers.

- **ADULT, SENIOR HIGH, and MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS CLASS**

“A Bible Survey, Reading Bible Literature from Genesis to Revelation” led by Pastor Pat.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES BEGIN September 12th

- **Dinner:** Please join us for dinner beginning at 5:30 pm. (If you know you will be running late from practice or work you can phone the office *before 3:00 pm* and ask to have a plate set aside for you.)

Classes will begin at 6:00 pm.

- **Youth class:** for grades 1 through 5 curriculum “13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Kids about God” taught by Kathy Reed.

- **Youth Group:** Middle School and High School.

- **Adult:** A Historical/Archeological Survey of Israel led by Pastor Pat.