

MEN'S GROUP: Wednesday, August 8

7:00 am Early Men's Group at the Church
11:00 am Late Risers Men's Group at Cassies

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to each other...and quite simply...it will help you to understand things that you may have previously thought to be outdated or too complex.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.

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)
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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 am

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First Presbyterian Church, Cody Wyoming

August 5, 2018
11th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Please turn off cell phones

PRELUDE

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (Hymnal #464)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the presence of God to be fed.
Come to call on God, who is eager to answer.

We gather to seek God's face.

Let our eyes see all that is right and true.

Incline your ears to hear all God would teach.
Seek to experience God's steadfast love.

We are here to receive God's blessing.

God is our refuge in a frightening world.

God is near to all who call and seek.

Come to praise God and receive a blessing.

Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God.

We want to renew our covenant with the living God.

“Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down” (Praise Book #14)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our transgressions are many. We have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have wandered far from your truth. You alone know the extent of our guilt. You are justified to pass judgment and sentence us. We are crushed by the wrong we have allowed and the good we have avoided. We plead for mercy. Wash us thoroughly and cleanse us deep within. Put a new and right spirit in us and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Help us to lead lives worthy of your call to us, in Jesus' name. Amen

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 15:1-12 Page 494

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE "Learning From Our Mistakes"

2 Samuel 15-24 Page 494

More and more today...we hear people frustrated with polarization and what seems to be never ending rancor between camps of people supporting one political bunch or another.

And while I share that weariness...it is not new. For the past 8 weeks we have been following the books of 1st and 2nd Samuel, starting with the birth of Samuel as prophet...the evolution of Israel from a loose affiliation of tribes primarily led by Judges, to a monarchy led by a king. We followed the appointment of Saul as the 1st king of Israel, Saul's fall from grace with God, and then the rise of David as king.

We talked about how Israel experienced a very costly civil war when the division between Saul supporters and David supporters came to a head. People from the north, and especially the tribe of Benjamin supported Saul and his family. And the people from the south, especially the tribe of Judah ...supported David and his family.

And recently as we have started to wind up our series of stories about David, we see those same old animosities rearing their heads once again. A new Civil War erupts, this time between those who support David as king, and those who support David's son Absalom as king. In today's story the conflict between David and Absalom comes to a climactic conclusion.

As we come to the close of our time together considering David's life, and the absolute violence and conflict that marked his life and reign, it causes me to ponder several questions.

Towards the end of his reign, David seems very weary of violence, death and retribution as given ways of accomplishing his goals. How does the message of Jesus stand in contrast to David's way of using manipulation, scheming, and force to attain one's goals?

How has David learned to wait on God to reveal his will, as opposed to forcing things to a particular outcome of his own design? What does this have to say about how we learn the futility of grasping to have it all? How do we learn the wisdom of simplicity and restraint? Do we have to make our own versions of David's mistakes to learn what David learned?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

"How Deep the Fathers Love For Us" (Praise Book #29)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP

(Here in the Presbyterian Church Communion is open to all who recognize Jesus as their Lord and Savior)

UNISON READING "O God of Mercy"

O God of mercy, meet us here,
As we confess our sin.

According to your steadfast love,
Come, wash us deep within.
Against you only have we sinned
In harming self and friends.
Our self-indulgence and deceit
Your righteous will offends.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,
And let your Spirit reign.
Blot out our grave iniquities
And make us whole again.
Restore the joy that once we knew
Within our secret hearts,
And plant your truth in every life
As selfishness departs.

Before your presence, we rejoice
That love is paramount
As you forgive and rescue us,
Yet call us to account.
You teach your wisdom day by day
To those who listen well.
You help us do the good we know,
That we your truth might tell. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READER: Ole Sondeno
USHERS: Brad and Amy Eckert
MUSIC ACCOMPANIST: Tim Schoessler
WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonene Geile and Wendy Corr
Pastor Pat Montgomery

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
Karen Ritscher
Brent Wardell
Craig Leach
The Scott Clow Family

Dennis Walker
Jim and Tina Roberts
Rene Wardell
Joe Seuferer

CALENDAR

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7:00 am Early Men's Group at the Church
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Thursday August 9 – Friday August 10

Office Closed

POVERTY SIMULATION, August 14th

When: Tuesday, August 14th.

Where: Cody United Methodist Church, [1405 Beck Ave.](#)

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm (approximately)

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP before Wednesday, August 8th

Val Walsh-Haines, 307-578-2702 or Pat Salyer, 307-587-4430.

What is a poverty simulation?

The Poverty Simulation is a unique, enlightening experience that helps individuals begin to understand what life is like with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. It moves people to think about the harsh realities of poverty and to talk about how communities can address the problem collectively.