



The Presbyterian Post

First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter

Save the date:

Harvest Feast

Saturday, Nov. 2

12 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Turn clocks back Nov. 3!

Worship

Sundays, 11 a.m.

followed by GIFT

meal at noon, and

Adult Sunday School

at 12:45 p.m.

Inspiring peace, acceptance, and caring action.

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Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Session members

Erin Estes -2019, Nancy Hayes -2019,
Rhonda Estes -2020, Jane Iddings -2021,
Ellen Preston - 2021

Upcoming events

November 2-Harvest Feast- Torrington, 12 p.m., Fellowship Hall

November 3- GIFT - Everyone welcome, Noon, followed by Adult Bible Study

November 4- Nurture 4:30 Torrington

November 10- GIFT - Everyone welcome Noon, followed by Adult Bible Study

Fellowship at the McBurney's, 3-5 p.m. Come join us for good conversation and goodies! Bring a game to share!

November 14 - PW Coordinating Team meeting- 1:30 p.m. (note new time)

November 17- GIFT - Everyone welcome Noon, followed by Adult Bible Study

Congregational meeting to elect officers

November 18- Session- FWUPC

November 21- PW meeting 1:30 p.m.

November 24- GIFT - Everyone welcome Noon, followed by Adult Bible Study

November 28- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

General news

We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing...

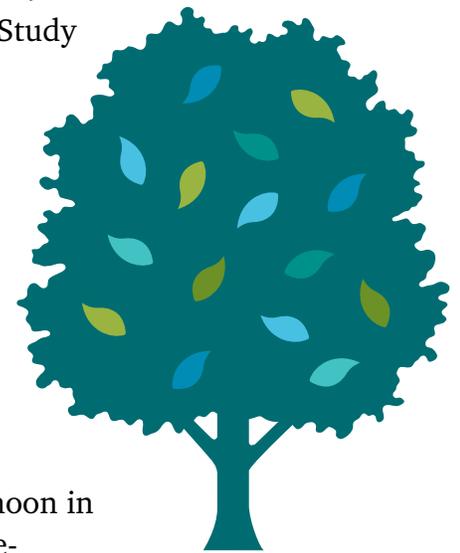
Bring your family and friends to share a meal Saturday, November 2 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Turkey will be provided- you bring a family favorite side-dish!

Bible and Brews is on hiatus until further notice.

Coffee Order- October orders are placed! See Carolyn to collect your order from our Presbyterian partners at Frontera de Cristo (Café Justo orders placed Monthly).

Preschool Scholarships Available

Did you know that your preschooler can get a full-ride scholarship! The cost of education has been on the rise and the Session of FWUPC recognized that families need assistance so they have developed a program to provide scholarships for preschoolers. If you have a child that is starting or working their way through preschool contact the church office or speak to one of the Session members to learn more about this program. In this culture having an education helps not just with academics but with being successful citizens too. Start your child off on the right foot, it is never too early to learn. Your church family wants to help your child succeed.



December newsletter deadline is Friday, Nov. 22. Please email officefwupc@gmail.com.

Thank you!

New Member Class

Did you ever wonder if becoming a member of FWUPC is for you? Have you been attending for a while and now you feel like the time is right to commit to being a more integral part of the family of faith here? Perhaps you have needed some time away and you want to come back to being a part of the faith community that meets at FWUPC? There are many reasons that one might want to attend a New Member Class, all are welcome!

There is no judgement concerning your motives or time allocation. This class will be about learning how things work at FWUPC and how you can find a place to engage your passions for ministry. Each of us bring our gifts to offer to the greater ministry in our community. Come ask questions, meet new people, discover a place for you to be welcomed and loved. Dates will be announced soon. If you have scheduling preferences please speak to the church office or Pastor Bruce.

Presbyterian Women news



We had a lovely district meeting with 20 women in attendance. Our PW hosted Saturday, October 12 with several ladies from Cheyenne joining us. Vice Moderator Jane Iddings updated us on what's going on nationally and internationally and Gail Heimbeck and Jeri Joy did a presentation on last spring's USAME trip to study women's suffrage. Vickie Zimmer gave us a special look at Women of the West modeling authentic costumes she has researched and made.

This year's Bible Study "Love Carved in Stone" is underway. Prayerfully consider signing up to lead.

The Rummage Sale was a big success! \$1033 was raised- a RECORD!

Thank you to all who helped! This will help to fund PW activities and

scholarship to PW meetings around the country.

Reaching out ...

An update from Rhonda Estes

Hands and Feet of Christ...

Maybe you have noticed our sharing tree at the front of the church has been adorned with sock for our local youth? These sock donations will be given to the school nurses in the district to be shared with children they see are in need. Thank you so much for your generous hearts and giving spirits. A big thank you to Presbyterians helping in our local Caring and Sharing Pantry in October. Caring and Sharing donations can be left in the box found in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued donations.

It was a pleasure to have Pastor Kyle Borger come and share with us while Bruce and Carolyn were away. Amazing the developments and the programming that has been accomplished and shared

through GoshenHELP. Our sharing tree focus for November will be donations to GoshenHELP. GoshenHelp has various means of assisting people in need. With the weather turning colder and the holidays nearing, the assistance requests may increase. ...*footprints from the presence of The Holy Spirit*

Smoke detector reminder ...

Excited to be teaming up with the Torrington Volunteer Fire Department to encourage safety. The fire department will be giving out smoke detectors and we will be handing out 9 volt batteries during the 16th Annual Safety Treat Night Trunk or Treat. Remember that Daylight saving time ends November 3rd. Time change is a great time to change the batteries in smoke detectors and to check they are properly working to keep those we love safe and free from injury.



REFLECTIONS WITH PASTOR BRUCE MCBURNEY - OUR JOURNEY THROUGH CHANGE

On October 9th several of us met in the Fireside Room to continue our discussion about our current position and where we are headed as a congregation. It has almost been a year since Pastor Kate took her new position on the East Coast and in the meantime we have been continuing the youth program. There have been some changes as one would expect. The youths that are part of our congregation are all getting older and embarking on new academic adventures. The curriculum that we were using didn't really work so well for the group we have now. The GIFT program has changed times and places in order to try to keep up.

In my last reflection I visited the challenge that change can offer each of us. Like death and taxes we all must deal with change. The Session has been doing some soul searching and lots of prayer has gone into seeking where God is leading us as we try to remain faithful to our ministry here. It is refreshing to hear some of the background stories about all that Kate was doing as our Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults. Kate had a well founded understanding of what needs to happen in today's quickly changing culture.

Our next steps will be to continue to address concerns and begin the process of forming a committee to research and begin the mission statement to continue our Likins Ministry. Mark your calendar to attend our next meeting, Nov. 5th at 7 p.m.

You are Blessed!

Bruce

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 1 Corinthians 13:12