



The Presbyterian Post

First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter

Save the date:

Jan. 26

*Congregational
meeting*

Happy New Year!

Worship

*Sundays, 11 a.m.
followed by GIFT
meal at noon, and
Adult Sunday School
at 1:30 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

January 5-GIFT - Everyone welcome Noon, followed by Adult Bible Study

January 6- Nurture 4:30 Torrington

January 7- Praise team meeting, 6 p.m.

January 9 - PW Coordinating Team meeting- 1:30 p.m. (note new time)

Bible and Brews 6 p.m. Corner Bar, Lingle

January 11- Men's Breakfast – 7:30 a.m.

January 12- 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!

January 16- PW meeting 1:30 p.m. Lesson 5

Bible and Brews 6 p.m. Corner Bar, Lingle

January 19- GIFT - Everyone welcome Noon, followed by Adult Bible Study

January 20- MLK Holiday

January 23- Bible and Brews, Corner Bar, Lingle

January 26- Congregational Meeting,

GIFT - Everyone welcome Noon,
followed by Adult Bible Study

January 28- Praise @5:30

January 31- Bible and Brews, Corner Bar, Lingle



February newsletter deadline is
Friday, Jan. 24. Please email
officefwupc@gmail.com.

Thank you!

General news

Thank you to all who contributed to the Advent Booklet! Wasn't it a joy to read thoughts from our fellow congregants! It really made Advent come alive in a new way!

Bible and Brews has moved to Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Corner Bar Lingle. Join this special group of folks for discerning conversation and a growing sense of fellowship!

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

PW News- Congratulations to our new Honorary Lifetime member, Joyce Willeke, elected by Presbyterian Women for her service through the years to our congregation. We would love to have

new members join us for our meetings at 1:30 on the Third Thursday of every month
This year's Bible Study "Love Carved in Stone" is underway. Prayerfully consider signing up to lead.

Do you have a suggestion for a topic for GIFT? Would you like to share a lesson? See Pastor Bruce

Mission Action

Part of our calling is to reach out to the youth of our community. Several of our members are doing just that every day at their work. Some of us are also working toward that end in different ways. Did you know that the Session recently approved the gift from the congregation to the School District of 112 backpacks for the food program? Soon FWUPC will be setting up our own Blessing Box. It will live in the south parking lot and we can stock it with non-perishables for those in need to take when they need items. Keep your eyes open for this blessing for us and our community.

Likins Youth Ministry

How do we minister to the youth of our community? On October 30th the Likins Youth Ministry paid for the rental of the Pleasant Valley Greenhouse and Fun Park. 85 students enjoyed playing games and sharing a meal in a safe environment. This was part of a new partnership between FWUPC and SonRise Church. Pastor Bruce has been serving as a volunteer at the Collision Youth program hosted by the SunRise Church on Wednesday evenings. Middle Schoolers meet starting at 5:45 with a meal and then games and a bible lesson. Senior Highers gather at 7:00 and enjoy food, fun and a discussion concerning current events as well as how the scriptures inform their lives. The average attendance on a Wednesday evening is 60 + students. If you have a heart for youth ministry speak to Pastor Bruce, you can help too.

Another ministry that the Likins Youth Ministry is partnering with is a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle at the middle school in Lingle. Once a week during their lunch time students are invited to join together for a short Bible based devotion and then enjoy fellowship and a game. So far the Likins Youth Ministry has purchased two tetherball games for the students to enjoy, and has purchased Bibles for each of the students. Over the Christmas Break the Likins Youth Ministry will purchase a ball cage and some balls and games for the middle school students. The FCA students have earned these items by receiving points for their practices and games in which they have participated during the fall semester. If you would like to get involved speak to Pastor Bruce. Game On!

Transformational cohort

Ever since my arrival I have been talking about change. If you have become a fan of change, boy have I got an offer for you! It doesn't take a rocket scientist to observe the decline in church

attendance these days. It is not just the PCUSA it is all Christian denominations, and not only in our country but worldwide. If you would like to see more folks reached by the Gospel then you will be interested in this cohort that is forming. You can become part of the change that helps lift people up and gives them hope.

The Presbytery of Wyoming has been selected to take part in a new program for transformation by the Omaha Seminary Foundation. This three year program will involve the pastor and several leaders in retreats and monthly meetings. This cohort will discuss the difficult issues that the church is facing. First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church has been selected to participate in this program. There will be opportunities to interact with other congregations for shared learning. We could use your input and curiosity in this cohort. If you would like to be involved or would like to learn more about this cohort formation speak to Pastor Bruce.

REFLECTIONS WITH PASTOR BRUCE MCBURNEY

Happy New Year! I'm excited by all the activity going on in our congregation. Have you been aware of all that is happening? Probably not, because we in the last Session meeting were talking about how our communication has not been very good. We are going to approach this new year with a renewed vigor to get the word out about what FWUPC is doing in our community. As we are working to let everyone know what is happening you are a partner in this process. Most of what is going to be communicated will be written down. That means that you need to take the time to read what we are sharing. Often times communication breaks down because the two sides don't understand what each other is saying. Make an effort to read and if you have questions please ask me to clarify. This is going to be an excellent year! Allelujah!

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

