

# The Presbyterian Post

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## SAVE THE DATE:

*Sundays – Worship with  
us at 9:30 a.m. online*

*In-person Worship -  
Lingle, 9:30 a.m.*

*Torrington, 11 a.m.*

### **Torrington Session members:**

Jane Iddings, 2021  
Ellen Preston, 2021  
Royden James, 2022  
Diane Nye, 2022  
Rhonda Estes, 2023

### **Lingle Session members:**

Aaron Bahmer, 2021  
Trenda Weisshaar, 2021  
Don Aippersach, 2022  
Ann Rose, 2022  
Ryan Yung, 2023  
Craig Fullmer, 2023



## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, Oct. 3:** 9:30 a.m., Service in Lingle, In Person or Facebook or YouTube

11 a.m., Service in Torrington, In Person

12 p.m., GIFT, Torrington

**Sunday, Oct. 4:** 5 p.m., Nurture, Torrington

**Thursday, Oct. 7:** 6 p.m., Bible and Brews Corner Bar, Lingle

**Sunday, Oct. 10:** 9:30 a.m., Service in Lingle, In Person or Facebook or YouTube

11 a.m., Service in Torrington, In Person

12 p.m., GIFT

2 p.m., Sunday Afternoon at the Movies, "Big Fish", Torrington

**Monday, Oct. 11:** 2 p.m., Praise Team, Torrington

**Wednesday, Oct. 13:** 1:30 p.m., Mary/ Marthas, Lingle

**Thursday, Oct. 14:** 3 p.m., CT meeting, Torrington

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

**Sunday, Oct. 17:** 9:30 a.m., Service in Lingle, In Person or Facebook or YouTube

11 a.m., Service in Torrington, In Person

12 p.m., GIFT, Torrington

**Monday, Oct. 18:** 6:30 p.m., Session, Torrington

**Tuesday, Oct. 19:** 4:30 p.m., Deacons, Lingle

6:30 p.m., Session, Lingle

**Thursday, Oct. 21:** 1 p.m., BANNER SEMINAR, Depression/Anxiety, Torrington

3 p.m., PW, Torrington

6:00 p.m., Bible and Brews, Corner Bar, Lingle

**Sunday, Oct. 24:** 9:30 a.m., Service in Lingle, In Person or Facebook or YouTube

11 a.m., Service in Torrington, In Person

12 p.m., GIFT, Torrington

**Monday, Oct. 25:** 10 a.m., Book Club Discussion, TBA

**Thursday, Oct. 28:** 6 p.m., Bible and Brews, Corner Bar, Lingle

**Friday, Oct. 29:** 5 p.m., Trunk or Treat, Torrington

**Sunday, Oct. 31:** 9:30 a.m., Service in Lingle, In Person or Facebook or YouTube

11 a.m., Service in Torrington, In Person

12 p.m., GIFT, Torrington

## REMEMBER THAT BULLETINS/SERMONS

are available each Friday and posted on the front door of the church for use on Sunday morning (or whenever you catch the service!)

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW has resumed. We are studying "Stories my Grandmother Told Me" See Kathy Surratt for a workbook. We meet the third Thursday at 3 p.m at FWUPC.



**Presbyterian Women's Annual Meeting 2021**



The Presbyterian Women's Annual Meeting was held at the Presbyterian Church of Encampment on September 17th and 18th with approximately 20 ladies attending. Those PW's attending represented Cheyenne, Torrington, Platte Valley and Sheridan.

The Friday portion of the meeting included dinner, worship service and a Horizon's Magazine skit starring our very own Carolyn McBurney and Jane Iddings with Melinda Brazzale from Cheyenne.

The Worship Service, which included Communion was conducted by Anita Schamber.

On Saturday, Anita Schamber from Sheridan presented the program "United in Ministry - Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus". The women attending were given practical ideas for connecting with others and how to discern what is important when considering outreach. There were several occasions for small group discussions and it was enjoyable to work with each other. Anita distributed handouts which will be very helpful in presenting her ideas to the individual PW groups.

After lunch, the annual business meeting was held. Topics included the need for timely audits of the PW books, the Synod gathering next summer in Utah, the budget and the proposed budget for next year. Kathy Lundberg made her outgoing moderator's report with a short introduction of how it all began and how she became involved with PW, followed by a slide show of her history with PW. Included were photographs photos from all the PW meetings held during her years as moderator.

Carolyn McBurney of Torrington was installed as the new Presbyterian Women's Moderator. Kathy bestowed upon Carolyn the stole of office. Jane Iddings will remain Vice Moderator.

The next PW annual meeting will be held in the Fall of 2022 in Cody.

## DON'T FORGET CARING AND SHARING

The need is great. Please drop off donations to the church during office hours.

## MARY MARTHAS

will meet monthly on Second Wednesday at 1:30 See you there!

## **SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES**

This month's movie is Big Fish, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2 p.m. Join us for popcorn and conversation after! Invite a friend.

## **SERVICE MINISTRY ALERT!! LINGLE DEACONS ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HELP WITH GUTTER REPAIR OF A MEMBER IN TORRINGTON.**

Materials will be provided, just need the labor and know-how! Please let Carolyn McBurney, Carol Peterson, Peggy Wagner, Patricia Bahmer or Ruth Ann Hansen know if you can help!



## **REMEMBER**

DO NOT respond to any link or send any kind of money to anyone claiming to be Pastor Bruce without initiating a call to him first to verify.

## **COFFEE ORDERS ARE DUE EACH MONTH BY THE 10<sup>th</sup>**

Orders will be received by the end of that month. Please speak with Carolyn about ordering. 480-329-8998

## **REFLECTIONS FROM PRESBYTERY**

It was my honor to serve as the commissioner to Presbytery for 2021. I attended in person in April and via Zoom September 24-25. I missed the energy of the in person meeting but I enjoyed the breakout sessions where I was able to visit with people from around the Presbytery via zoom. On Friday afternoon our presenters from Fresh Expressions taught us about hybrid communities and encouraged us to use Facebook Groups as a way of building a hybrid community; our streaming of the services on Sunday morning is a type of hybrid community but the audience is just that, a passive audience. Hybrid means both in person and online or in various locations, not just in the sanctuary. Our Presbytery meeting was an example of hybrid with most people attending online but interacting with the people in the sanctuary at Star Valley Church in Thayne. The presenters gave us a lot to think about!

Highlights from the meeting:

Rev. Monica Hall was introduced as our new Interim Presbyter for the Presbytery of Wyoming. She comes to us from Utah. She was to visit our church in early September but was diagnosed with COVID in the first week on the job. She has been here 30 days and put 3,000 miles on her Subaru. She said she's learned many things in her first month; the first one being, "If you have a question, ask Trenda."

Online giving was encouraged.

Per capita for 2022 was set at \$45.00 which I really like because it's easy for me to remember a round number.

The Campus Ministry position at the University of Wyoming to be housed at First Presbyterian Church in Laramie was approved.

Many people wore "I Love Trenda" buttons, including me. Thank you, Trenda Weisshaar, for all you do for both of our churches and for the Presbytery.

Mark Owens was installed as the 2022 Moderator and Rev. Steve Nicholls was installed as the Vice Moderator. Rev. Diana Hartman was recognized and thanked for serving as Moderator for 2021 and Rev. Lynn Williamson was thanked for her seven years of service as the Moderator of COM (Committee on Ministry).

Your sister in Christ,  
Diane Nye

# REFLECTIONS



*With Pastor Bruce McBurney*



Isn't it exciting to be nearing our season of Advent! We will start to experience true changes in our lives. Large or small, those changes will help us identify that soon we will be celebrating new beginnings. I hope that you will participate in our Advent Daily Devotional project. In this project we will follow the Old Testament lectionary. The lectionary is a set order of scriptures that help people get more out of the Bible than just reading random verses every once in a while. You may be thinking that it will be interesting to find out what other people have to say about certain scriptures and you are correct. But you are not alone, everyone else in our congregation also wonders the same thing about your thoughts too. It is important for each of us to give it a try, take a chance, throw caution to the wind and contribute to the growth of our congregation. If we are not growing we are doomed to decline.

One of the reasons that people gather to worship God together is that they are fed by the presence of other people. It is through this building up of community that we remain strong and develop the energy to invite others to be blessed by joining us. There are some who have spent a season away from the congregation and that is fine. Sometimes we need to get away and just do some thinking or find something else that feeds our soul. I pray that we can continue to be the hands and feet of Christ right where we are, no matter what you are doing it is your calling from God to do it with hope, joy and love. When we live the Good News of God with us, others will want to discover that too.

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*