



RUPC'S NEWS

Growing | Caring | Sharing

Session Members

Jim Kennedy, Worship & Stewardship/Evangelism
Charlie Graham, Property
Lori Webber, Mission/ Outreach & Communication
Sharon Luster, Fellowship
Glenda Little, Education

Ruling Elder of the Month:

2016:

May: Sharon Luster
June: Glenda Little
July: Lori Webber
August: Charlie Graham
September: Lori Webber
October: Glenda Little
November: Charlie Graham
December: Lori Webber & Sharon Luster

2017:

January: Jim Kennedy
February: Charlie Graham
March: Glenda Little

Teaching Elder:

Rev. Dr. Thea A. McKee
Cell: 307-855-5075

Exciting News:

Education Ministry

Exciting times for our education in the church are happening right now. Adult Sunday Bible study is conducting discussions on passages that either inspire or trouble us. Women's Bible study is covering true and proper worship, giving, and obedience. The Thursday study is studying 1 John. **Biggest news of all, we will be holding Vacation Bible School at the end of June and first of July.** Let's have it on our minds. We will be needing volunteers to help with this project. Details can be found with Glenda Little or Pastor Thea. Thanks to you, God, for these marvelous opportunities.

Respectfully submitted by Glenda Little.

The Habitat for Humanity local group would like a representative from our church.

Treasurer's Report:

March 2016 Income: \$5831.91. March 2016 Expenses: \$6,554.55. Negative balance March 2016 = \$722.64.

Treasurer Shirley Hawk states that she has not had to dip into the Edward Jones account for several months, so that is a positive sign; said account has not drawn any interest in the last month. There was some discussion about the PCUSA savings accounts that draws more interest.



**MAY 15TH
PENTECOST
SUNDAY!**

**COMMUNITY
WORSHIP**

IN THE PARK!!!!

Join us on the 15th, 10:30 am, as the congregations of the Riverton Ministerial Alliance, come together to worship! Just as that day when the Church of Jesus Christ was born, we are coming together to celebrate, our Lord and Savior, and our unity through HIM!

Join us at the Main City Park, corner of Federal & Main. Please bring your own blankets, and chairs. A simple BBQ is scheduled to follow.

Fellowship Ministry:

Birthday celebrations on the second Sunday of the month are going well. Easter breakfast served 35 people and 62 people attended worship on Easter Sunday. Report received.

Join Us!

WEEKLY:

Sundays

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| Sunday School | 9:30 am |
| Worship | 10:30 am |
| Coffee Fellowship | 11:30 am |
| Children's Church | 10:50 am |

Mondays

1st & 3rd Wyoming Star Quilting Guild 7:00 pm

Tuesdays

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| Women's Bible Study | 10:00 am |
| WBS at the Wortham home, Thursday, | 10:30 am |

MONTHLY:

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| 3 rd Sunday | Deacon's Meeting | 11:45 am |
| 3 rd Thursday | Ladies' Night Out, | 6:00 pm |
| 4 th Sunday | Session Meeting, | 11:45 am |
| 2 nd Saturday | WY Star Quilting Guild Sew | 9:00 - 3:00 |

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.:

June 15th-28th: General Assembly, Portland, OR

VBS REACHOUT TO THE COMMUNITY,
June 27 (prep day), June 28-July 1

Being Presbyterian means we are connected to our Presbytery & Synod. We work together to support mission; and to do so, each congregation is asked to provide financial assistance based upon membership--\$42.34 per member. We ask that each member, if able, pay their portion. Just write "apportionment" in the memo line of your check and place in the offering plate as you give your normal tithe. Thanks!

TIME FOR MISSION:

Prayer Chain: Please call Mary Lou Ray (856-5284) to start the prayer chain.

Prayer Shawl: Please call Mary Lou Ray if you know someone in need of a prayer shawl.

Prayer List: Please submit names for the *prayer list* to Mary Lou Ray.

Cards: Please call Jordan or Julie Yager, 851-6010 or 856-7064 if you know someone in need of a card.

Visit: Please call Vivian Phillips, 856-5628 or Christina Graham, 463-0156.

Please Note:

We will collect both the normal offering for May 15th and the Pentecost Offering on either Sunday, May 8th during worship, or the Sunday, May 22nd. Linda Norris has graciously agreed to stay at the door of the church on Sunday, May 15th, to remind any who forget that we are worshipping in the park.

Sunday School for all ages will be postponed until the following week.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

THE WEST OF THE STORY

HAPPY TRAILS

HAPPY TRAILS ...THE WEST OF THE STORY

Praising The Lord The Cowboy Way!



The Wild West means cowboys, guns, cattle, horses and gunfights. It was also homesteading and pioneering. The American west was rugged country with few comforts and much danger. It represented the growth of our nation from scattered people to a united nation.

"HAPPY TRAILS...The West Of The Story" brings to life the colorful traditions of cowboys as they tamed the wild west and coped with harsh life on the range. Children and staff discover Jesus changes their lives when they become His Range Riders.

From the first Texas cattle drive up the Chisholm Trail to the invention of barbed wire to Congressional permission for settlers to purchase up to 640 acres of public land at 25 cents an acre, we celebrate our brave ancestors.

With the covered wagons came Christian settlers' cherished Bibles and steadfast faith in Christ. Christian cowboys found each other on the great plains by constructing a rugged wooden cross in the middle of a pasture, encouraging other Christian cowboys to come and worship Christ the Lord.

Come and Worship Jesus as a Cowboy For Christ! Let your church and community know that being a Jesus follower is full of faithful fun!



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Being Alive Together With Christ



**Come One, Come All to the Presbytery of Wyoming
Rally—May 6-7, 2016**

Friday, May 6, Schedule

¥ 4 pm Presbytery meeting

¥ 5:30 pm Picnic

¥ Bouncy House and much more!!

¥ 7:00 pm Worship and Praise

¥ Commissioning of Triennium Participants

¥ 9:00 pm Youth Overnight

Saturday May 7, Schedule

¥ 9:00 am Worship and Praise Band

¥ 9:30 am Keynote Speaker

¥ 11:00 am Small groups: "What is God Doing in Your Ministry?"

¥ 12:15 pm Lunch and sending forth

Everyone is invited... Not just pastors and elected commissioners.
Families are encouraged to participate (Childcare will be provided)!
Come explore how God is calling you! Come and celebrate and look for
your burning bush!!!



NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF WYOMING

PW Sponsored TRIP TO LEBANON, July 18-27

Purpose:

1. To meet other Presbyterian brothers & sisters in our churches in Lebanon who are ministering to the vast needs and increasing numbers of Syrian refugees,
2. to explore a potential partnership with these churches as a Presbytery,
3. to gain a deeper understanding & appreciation of the intensely beautiful country of Lebanon.

If you are interested, contact Steve Shive at, steveshive@gmail.com by April 1.

The cost is \$2900 including international airfare, travel, meals and housing. If you feel called and can't afford the money, the Presbytery has funds to assist. Moreover, if you feel the Lord is truly calling you, **DO NOT LET THE COST STOP YOU!!** The Presbytery will make it happen!

Be the Light Go Disciple Live

August 8-11, 2016

St. Pete Beach, FL

The Go Disciple Live "Be the Light" Conference, formerly known as the Evangelism and Church Growth Conference, is a vibrant gathering of Presbyterians committed to disciple-making, which leads to authentic evangelism, effective church transformation, justice, and church planting through 1001 new worshiping communities. It will be held at the TradeWinds Island Resorts in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

The plenary speakers will engage us in some compelling talks and conversations: Casey Fitzgerald, biblical storytelling; Mike Breen, disciple making; and Ralph Watkins, authentic evangelism. We hope you will join us for a week of inspiration, nurture, and equipping. As we explore our theme of "Be the Light" (Matthew 5:14-16) through plenary speakers, workshops, affinity groups, and shared community, we pray we will experience the Holy Spirit strengthening us to follow Jesus into our neighborhoods and communities. You may register at www.events.pcusa.org. Presbytery ROCCS scholarships are available!

Clergy/CRE Retreat

June 5-8

Camp Story

Leader: Rev. Dr. Larry Turpin, Pastor:

Union Presbyterian Church, Evanston

Larry says the following about the Retreat,

“In some traditions going on a retreat means almost the same as taking a class or an intensive. In other traditions going on a retreat means taking time away to focus on your relationship with God. A retreat can be time to spend with God. I am inviting the clergy of Wyoming to come to Camp Story, June 5-8 to spend time with God. There are many ways that we spend time with God. I will be available to support and encourage you with spiritual direction (also known as spiritual companionship or spiritual counsel.) I can meet with you as you take the time to go deeper in the journey and the practices that are life-giving for you. We could also explore new practices individually or in small groups. Some practices that we could explore are: contemplative/centering prayer, praying the labyrinth, journaling, mindfulness, lectio divina, imago divina (using art to let God speak to you), breath prayer, daily examen, discernment, compassion, spiritual conversation. If you are considering taking this time for retreat, please feel free to contact me letfire1000@gmail.com”

Camp Story

Summer camp may seem like a long way off, but it is coming very soon! I hope to see many of your families join us at Camp Story this summer. Thank you so much for all of the ways you are promoting Camp Story to your congregations and communities.

Please continue to regularly promote Camp Story through your church bulletin, newsletter, email updates, Sunday morning announcements, etc. If you need specific promotional materials such as brochures, fliers or bulletin inserts, please let me know. Also if you would like me to personally visit your church to share about Camp Story during a Sunday morning service or youth event, please contact me to schedule a specific date/time and I would love to do that!

Important Camp Story reminders:

- ¥ The EARLY BIRD deadline for Camper Registration is April 1. Registrations paid in full by this deadline will receive \$30 off the total camp cost.
- ¥ Camp SCHOLARSHIPS are available through the ROCCS Committee. Each camper can apply for a \$100 scholarship from this fund, and they do not have

to be a Presbyterian church member. Local churches should also be able to provide an additional scholarship to youth in their congregation.

- ¥ Many DISCOUNTS are available for camp this summer (please see Brochure for details), including a TRIENNIUM Discount (\$50 off!!) for youth also attending Triennium, Sibling Discount, MAD Camp PLUS Discount, and Family Camp Discount!
- ¥ A special FAMILY CAMP is being held at Camp Story July 2-4 (Sat.-Mon.). Trained staff will offer separate activities for adults, youth/children, and families. Family Camps are so much fun and such a fantastic bonding experience. Please let all of your families know about this wonderful opportunity!
- ¥ There is a special fund designated to help defray TRANSPORTATION costs to Camp Story this summer. If you are located far from Camp Story and would like some of your transportation expenses to be reimbursed, please let us know.

Please direct any Camp Story related questions to Director Jenny Davis, at director@campstory.org or 307-763-0919 (Camp Story cell phone).

Please contact Jenny for a Summer 2016 Brochure, Camper Registration Form, Family Camp Registration Form, and ROCCS Scholarship Request Form.

Skyline Camp, Closing Worship

May 30, 2016

- ¥ 11:00am People are welcome to arrive at the camp
- ¥ 12:00pm Sack lunches prepared by the Presbytery Council
 - ¥ 1:00pm Worship in the Chapel
 - ¥ Steve Shive to preach
- ¥ Members from Encampment, Saratoga, Rawlins, Cheyenne, Burns, and Laramie invited to be a part of worship team and liturgists
- ¥ People will be asked to share memorable experiences from their days at Skyline
 - 2:00pm Closing of Skyline by ringing the bell one last time