#### **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

#### January study opportunities:

For all individuals who have signed up for one or more of the study opportunities in 2021, please plan on a brief gathering at 10:45 on January 17th to pick up your book and to discuss a basic rollout plan for study. Options for study may include small group interaction, a reading buddy, or email discussion threads to provide a means of continuity in the midst of the COVID pandemic. If you haven't signed up yet, do so today, so that book orders placed this week may reflect the correct numbers.

Questions? Ask C.E. Elder Lejean Mitchell or Paula Dimler.

#### E & M: BAKING FOR BLUE: Love Lines

Thank you to all who have contributed either items or time to Bagging for Blues and Love Lines. A special thanks to Karen Samuels who made beautiful real evergreen wreaths for our five Love Line recipients. Remember that both these projects are on-going so keep those individually wrapped snacks for Bagging for Blue and items to hang on the Love Lines on hand...

#### **BUILDING** and **GROUNDS**: Old Windows

If anyone is interested in any of the colored glass from the old windows in Buswell Hall please contact Pastor Pat.

#### **DEACONS:** *Meals*

The Deacons kindly ask the congregation for more meals to deliver to our shut-ins and those in need. Please also feel free to bake cookies (or some other dessert) that freeze and thaw well. Please label those with contents and date and place them in the Deacon freezer which is in the closet in Buswell Hall.

#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW): Scholarship

All Cody First Presbyterian Church High School Seniors and College Students may apply. Student must be an active participant in the church. Applications are available in the PW mailbox outside the church office. Place your *completed* application in the PW mailbox outside the church office or mail to 2025 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Cody, WY 82414. **Application deadline: March 15, 2021**. Any questions please contact Sandy Klomparens at 307-272-0350.

#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW): Circle Meeting

PW Circle meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **January 13 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Parlor. Our study lesson is the story of Ruth and Naomi. Please read the Book of Ruth to prepare for the lesson. Remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

## **Welcome Visitors!**

We are glad that you are here this morning.

**Worshipping with children:** Children are always welcome in worship. No nursery care is available at this time.

**Listening Devices:** If you need an assisted listening device, please ask one of the ushers and they will be happy to help you.

#### **2020 ELDERS**

Building & Grounds Doug Williams (21)
Dennis Spargur (22)

Clerk of Session Cathy Aardema

Congregational Life Debbie Montgomery (20)

Patty Brus (22)

Education Roy Holm (20)

Lejean Mitchell (22)

Evangelism and Mission Connie Fisher (20)

Lisa Heimer (21)

Stewardship, Budget & Dave Bensink (21)

Personnel Mike Schnee (21)

Worship Jonene Geile (20)

Jennifer Chanley (22)

2020 Board of Deacons

Sean Murray (21) – Moderator
Chris Beers (20)
Carol Leach (21)
Jan Bensink (20)
Karen Snyder (20)
Roger Kearns (22)
Quincy Sondeno (22)

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# JANUARY 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord

Please turn off cell phones -

(You can also listen in your vehicle in the parking lot: 107.9FM)

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING PRAYER** 

OPENING HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (remember to hummmmm)

#### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The powerful voice of God created all worlds.

That same voice calls us to worship.

Ascribe to our God glory and strength. Come before God's glorious majesty.

God's strength shakes the wilderness.

That same strength is offered to people of faith.

The flames of God penetrate our cold hearts. May God bless all people with true peace.

Come together to remember your baptism. Gather to celebrate the Spirit's gifts.

The heavens open to us at the Word of God. Surely God forgives and makes whole.

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you have created us, but we have chosen to go our own way. You have reclaimed us, but we have, by our arrogant attitudes and actions, rejected the claim. You have sent your Holy Spirit to break into our controlled and unimaginative routines, and we have not appreciated that burst of creative energy. We are ready now, ready to admit that our ways are full of dangerous byways. Our mistakes and failures have often come because, in our false pride, we have not listened to you. Save us again by your forgiving love. Amen.

#### AFFIRMATION OF PARDON

#### GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

## SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING:

"Creation Sings" – Wendy Corr and Jonene Geile

OFFERING PRESENTATION (plates outside of sanctuary doors)

**DOXOLOGY** 

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SCRIPTURE** 

Romans 13: 1-3 & 8-10 (*NIV*) Page 1764-1765 Matthew 7:3 (*NIV*) Page 1505

MESSAGE "Thoughts About The Week"

LITANY for the DAY (insert)

#### ORDINATION INSTALLATION of NEW OFFICERS:

New Elders:New Deacons:Jack AtkinsBonnie JohnseyNancy HornJulie WilsonBetheny NietersSandi Yager

Michael Thomas

**BENEDICTION** 

**POSTLUDE** 

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonene Geile & Wendy Corr MUSIC ACCOMPANIST: Tim Schoessler MESSAGE: Pastor Pat Montgomery

#### IN-CHURCH GUIDELINES

- : : Between each use, the sanctuary will be cleaned and sanitized by our custodial staff.
- : : Out of consideration for others, do not attend worship if you are not feeling well, if you have been in contact with others who have not been feeling well, or if you have attended any large group activities in the preceding two weeks.
- : : All who come to worship will be greeted at the door by an usher who will ask if they are feeling well, have certain symptoms or other concerns.
- :: Ushers will also take your temperature. Those with a temperature of over 99°F will be asked to return directly home.
- : : Out of consideration for others, all participants will wear a mask covering their mouth and nose while indoors at the church building.
- : : All worshipers are asked to keep a distance of 6' from those who are not in their family or seating group. We ask that each such group keep a 6' distance from other groups. In the sanctuary do not sit in a pew directly in front of or directly behind another group.
- : : Offering plates will not be passed. They are near the sanctuary doors for you to place your offerings into.

## **Judgment** in the **Process** of **Time**

TIME has a way of sifting and testing human achievements. Men design their social and political systems, and for centuries people regard their own order as the best that can be imagined. They go to war to defend it because they believe deeply that if that particular organization of the world collapsed there would be nothing left to make life worth living in their own time or in the future. Yet the river of time is littered with the ruins of social and political systems – city-states, empires, dictatorships, monarchies – and we wonder why those who lived under them should ever have defended them or valued them so highly.

In his insightful little volume, *Christianity and History*, Herbert Butterfield observes that human systems rise and thrive and then fall because of the processes of time have their own built-in "judgment." Institutions, which at first glance seem to be quite worthy, eventually crumble to ruins because of the centuries themselves bring out the flaws.

What is "judged," of course, is not this man or that but the system itself. At bottom it is the inadequacy in human nature that comes under judgment, for in the course of time it is human nature that turns the good thing into an abuse.

## PLEASE INCLUDE THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW IN YOUR PRAYERS

(Please notify us if specific prayer concerns need to be extended beyond two weeks)

Shirley Murphy
Family of Charlie Wright
Helen Harke

## **CALENDAR**

#### Sunday, January 10

~ 9:15 am C.E. Book Study/Discussion Sign-ups: Narthex 9:30 am Worship Service/Ordination and Installation of

New Elders and Deacons

## Monday, January 11

::: C.E. Book Studys/Discussions BEGIN!:::

By 5:00 pm Deacon and Committee Minutes Due to the office (fpcc@wavecom.net)

## Wednesday, January 13

1:30 pm PW Circle Meeting: Parlor

Saturday, January 16

8:00 am Elder Retreat: Buswell Hall And Session Meeting

#### Sunday, January 17

9:30 am Worship Service

10:45 am Youth / Adult Sunday School Group Book Study:

Church History: In Plain Language by Bruce Shelley,

led by Pastor Pat

#### SESSION: THANK YOU! Outgoing Elders and Deacons

Please take a moment to thank our outgoing Elders and Deacons for their service to the work and missions of our church:

Outgoing Elders:Outgoing Deacons:Connie FisherChris BeersJonene GeileJan BensinkRoy HolmKaren Snyder

**Debbie Montgomery**