



THE TOWER

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CROSS TALK



The photo to the left is of “Poverty Flat” up the Red Grade and into the Bighorn Mountains. I got out of my car and looked for the trailhead. Didn’t find it, and thought it looked so desolate. Signs of hope with the little flowers here and there, and eventually did find the trailhead up the road.

Poverty Flat reminds me of our own wilderness experience. We’ve been through so much, and continue to be plagued by Covid, monkeypox, political awfulness, war in the Ukraine, and unrelenting heat. As I mentioned in Sunday’s service, please take time to see the little “flowers in the wilderness”. For example, we had an incredible potluck last Sunday with tons of great food and busy conversations going on at all the tables. Many thanks to Kathy Hosford and her Fellowship team for organizing, and to Kim and Larry Huestis for roasting the shredded pork and serving it up. Larry introduced me to coleslaw on my pulled pork sandwich, and I’m now a fan. All of the members of the Minister Search Committee were there, with lots to share.

We are blessed to have such a great Search team. I commend them for giving the occasional updates during church, and for presenting their current work to the gathered 32 people. Alicia Carrel, ERA Realty and one of our church folk, was invited to give an overview on rental prices, building, and buying a parsonage in Sheridan. Everyone listened attentively and asked great questions. Church Moderator, Julie Baker, stated that in housing and every aspect, including preparation of our profile, the Search Committee is working diligently. They had their own meeting after the potluck.

What does all this mean for me? As you all know by now, I will be retiring the end of June 2023. I will remain a member, but need to step aside for a year to allow the new minister space. As I see it, my job now is to not only keep the mission and ministry of the church moving forward, but to prepare volunteers to take on some of the roles I have been doing. After all, you can’t expect a new minister to “know and do everything” on day one. For example, Ariel Downing, who teaches at Holy Name and is an accomplished musician, is coming onboard our Last Friday concert team. This is one of the areas I have been heavily involved in. You will see that one of our online attenders, Mandy Cantrell, is taking on our Facebook page while I’m on vacation. I’ve only met her in person once, in Albertson’s, when she called out my name (never knew what she looked like). We have become good friends, in the “virtual” world. She is, yet, another “flower” in the wilderness.

Yes, there is much work to be done, and, yes, we have a great start! Walking with you all in the wilderness, where flowers and hope abound.

Yours, always in Christ,

Pastor Sheila

August Birthdays

9 Liam Hardigan

14 Ruby Walden
22 Linda Morris

17 Dorothy Brennan

In Memory

Anonymous donation received in memory of Jim Brennan.

OUR PRAYER LIST ~ "WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD"

Please lift up all families, friends and neighbors, all from the Church family who are not feeling well, healing, recovering, burdened, and grieving.

Please remember **all those**, along with their families, **dealing with challenges**: Helen Wilson, People of Ukraine, Margaret Wolford (Heide Harm's mother-in-law, cancer), Mandy Cantrell (cancer), Fran Ford, Isaac and Maria Myers, Fred Newcomer (cancer), Thelma Peterson, Alan Johnson, (cancer), Jean Morgen (cancer).

Please remember our **Active Military Personnel and their families**, including those we know – Brian Hier (USAF), Fred Luck (USAF), Gary Barker (USAF), Robert Fisher (USA), Kenny Barker (ASF-Med), Nathan Wolanin (USA), Ethan Sinnet (Marines), Chandra Olson (Air Force), those in the National Guard. Please remember **all who have served ~ our Veterans**.

Calendar of Events

No Council Meeting in August

August 8-11: Lunch Together Service.

August 17: 5 to 7 PM First Christian Church to honor Pastor Doug and Marcy Goodwin for 33 years of service to our community.

August 26: 5:30-6:30 PM Last Friday Free Concert

Thank you, Liturgists for reading scripture for our worship service. If you would like to volunteer, please call Debbie at the office, or sign up at the back of the sanctuary.

May 15 – Kathy Hosford

May 22 – Jean Harm

May 29 – Kathy Hosford

June 5 – Pat Luck

June 12 – Linda Morris

June 19 – Julie Baker

June 26 – Julie Baker

July 3 – Kathy Hosford

July 10 – Jean Harm

July 17 – Kathy Hosford

July 24 – Dave Paden

July 31 – Pat Luck



LAST FRIDAY FREE CONCERT
Three Great Performances all in One Hour
Haley Rain
The Emerson Recorder Consort
Abbie Taylor



All Creatures Great and Small

For the last couple of months we have had two deer living part of their days under our ramp and resting in the cool sand. Please ignore them, as they scare really easy.

JOIN US FOR A
celebration
 IN HONOR OF
 Doug & Marcy Goodwin

Where: First Christian Church
 102 S. Connor Street
 Sheridan, Wyoming

When: August 17, 2022
 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served

Please join us in celebrating
 33 years of Doug's ministry in our community

After 33 years of ministry, Doug Goodwin, minister of First Christian Church, is retiring.

As you know, we have shared worship with First Christian Church for many years during Easter and at Christmas. Doug has always been a big part of this, and he has taken leadership roles in the Lunch Together Soup Kitchen for many years—a familiar face to us all!

This is an open invitation to all our church members and attenders to celebrate his ministry.

In 1926, Sheridan community churches put this monthly ad in the newspaper to scold locals to GO TO CHURCH! That's a new spin on ecumenical work!

SHERIDAN POST-ENTERPRISE, SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1926.

Society Church and State



IS it a square deal for you to neglect the church when you would not live in a community without the church? If the church is the backbone of any community, the center of our best life, thought and development; the greatest builder of private and public conscience; the soul's school for character that will live through eternity; and giver through its membership of more than 80 per cent of all charity—is it a square deal for you to let others do all this for you—and carry your dead weight beside? GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY!

FIRST BAPTIST—Coffee and J. L. Franks; offertory, Berceuse, Burkitt streets; James P. Blackledge, pastor; N. E. Rogers, Sunday School superintendent. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., morning sermon at 11, B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m., evening sermon at 7:30. New members will be received at both services of the church, Baptist service at the close of the evening service. You are cordially invited to worship with us. If you are a Baptist and have not transferred your membership to Sheridan, now is the time to do so. The church needs your co-operation, and you need the church.

MT. OLIVE A. M. E.—L. H. Williams, pastor, Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., Eugene Wilson, superintendent; prayer and class meeting in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. The regular services in the eve-

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Teaching and Works Sta. Rev. Fred H. Zimmerman, minister, Residence, 522 West Louisa St., Phone 736.

Bible school, 9:45 a. m., Prof. J. J. Marshall, superintendent.

Morning worship, 11 a. m., Anthem by choir, "O Savior of the World", Goss., Sermon, "Imitators of Christ."

Evening service, 7:30 p. m., Anthem by choir, "Hark, Hark, My Soul", Shelby, Organ, "The Soul of the Teller." This is being put on by members of the Epworth League.

Young People's meeting, 6:30 p. m., Devotional topic, "Verbs of Christian Living—to Know," Charles Hilliard, leader.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—Church office, 21 South Gould street, Sunday service at 11 a. m., subject "Man." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., Testimonial meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. A reading room, where the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased, is located in the north wing of the church and is open from 2 to 4:30 every afternoon except Sundays and legal holidays. Literature may also be obtained after the Wednesday evening meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the services and visit the reading room.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Rev. George Winters, pastor, 9:45 a. m., church school, 11 a. m., offering service. The Rev. George Winters will preach "The silver-first psalm will be given as a solo."

SHERIDAN RURAL PARISH—Jesse A. Dean, pastor, residence 183 W. Fifth street, phone 1012W. Services today at Dayton, Parkman and Rancharter. Next Sunday at Detroit, Acme, Storey and Big Horn.

Special evangelistic meetings will be continued at Big Horn this week beginning Tuesday

LOCALS

NOTICE TO OUR READERS.

Do you know of a news item? Have members of your family or any of your friends had visitors, left the city, purchased a new car, moved their residence, accepted a new position or been ill? Do you know of any new visitors? Have any of your friends received school honors of any kind? Do you know of any news about former Sheridan people who have moved away from town? If so, you will confer a favor on the reportorial department of this paper by calling either 80 or 91.

Augusta Maria Shaw passed away at 4:25 p. m., Saturday, at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. E. Worthington, 728 Gladstone. She was born March 26, 1844, at Bridgewater, Vt. Her age at death was 81 years, 11 months, and 19 days. Mrs. C. E. Worthington is her only relative. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Nelson's Taxi, Phone 119.
 Closed cars.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Rhode of Rancharter were in Sheridan Saturday.

Mrs. R. C. Likson of Albia, Iowa, who was called to Sheridan for the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. James Stickler, will return to her home Sunday.

Miss Carabel Hopkins is ill at her home on Linden Avenue.

Nelson's stage to Buffalo leaves Sheridan hotels every morning at eight. Phone 119.—adv.

Harry Burgess, who has been ill with influenza, is improving and is expected to return to school Monday.

There are more patients at the ex-soldiers hospital, Saturday, than ever before. Four hundred and thirty-one is the capacity of the hospital at Fort Mackenzie. Saturday four hundred patients were being cared for. The vacancy is in the tuberculosis department. Fifteen men are out on furlough which is from thirty to ninety days. At the end of this time it will be decided whether they will be discharged or not.

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