

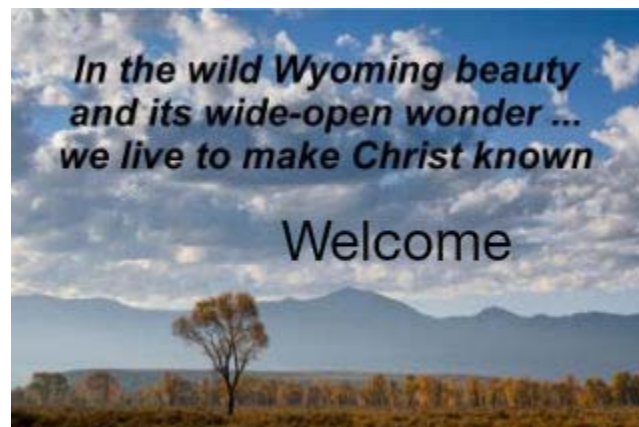
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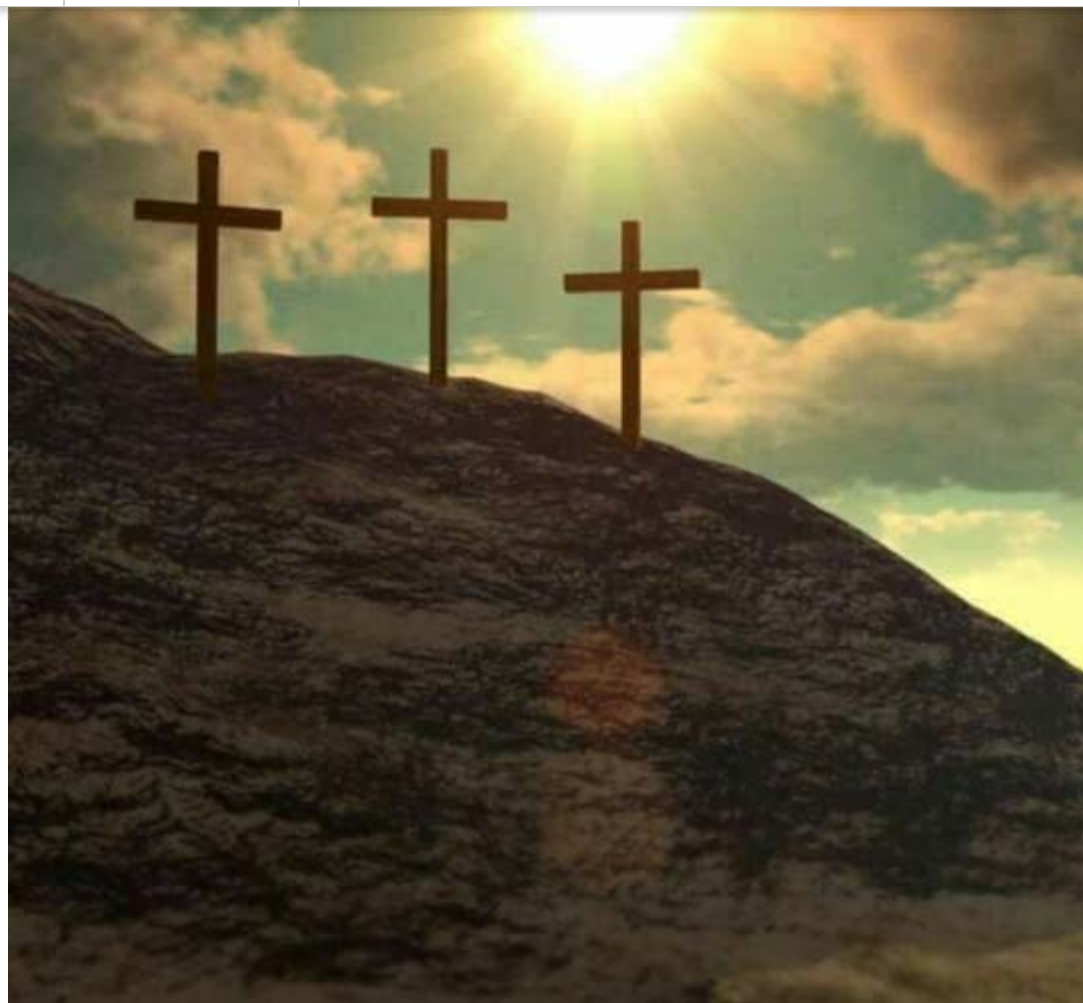
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May 20 , 2017

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ENGAGE IN AN EXCITING
MISSION PARTNERSHIP



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At the May Presbytery meeting in Cody, we were excited to announce that the Covenant Agreement our presbytery offered was accepted by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Aleppo, Syria and the Evangelical Church of Tyre, Lebanon.

Ruling Elders, Cyndi Barski (Powell) and Holly Garrard and Rev. Bob Garrard (Cheyenne) gave a short presentation on these two churches and the Covenant agreement.

May 23**CRE Gathering**

Thermopolis

Jun 4-7**Summer Pastor's School**

Hastings, NE

Jun 4-7**2017 Pastors Retreat**

St Thomas the Apostle, Cody

[info](#)*June 7 - WyoConnect deadline***Jun 15 10-2****Western Clergy / CRE Gathering**

Thayne

*June 21 - WyoConnect deadline***Jun 19-23****Remote VBS**

(remote)

Jun 22 6pm - Jun 24 noon**Sabbath Center**

The Table, Casper

Jun 29 10a**Budget & Finance Meeting**

Casper

Jul 6-8**Presbyterian Mission Agency: Big****Tent**

St Louis, MO

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- Pray for one another, communicate with each other, listen to one another, learn from each other, and work with one another collectively as the body of Christ so that as we grow in our relationship with one another, we will gain a better understanding of the contexts in which we live and practice our faith in Jesus Christ
- Provide personal and spiritual support to each other in mission outreach and ministry programs
- Bring the love of Christ to the churched, unchurched, and those in need
- Establish priorities and engage in strategic planning to create a schedule for Covenant Partnership activities which may include future visits to one another

It also means we will be supporting the mission work of the Revs. Elmarie and Scott Parker in Syria and Lebanon.

To date we have people from eight churches interested in being part of this covenant agreement. Would you and your church be willing to learn more about this common mission agreement, and the work that Revs. Elmarie and Scott Parker and these churches are doing in Syria and Lebanon? We would love to have you be part of the team!

Please contact one of us who participated in the mission trip to Lebanon last summer. Cyndi Barski- cecjb@hotmail.com; Holly Garrard- hollygarrard@bresnan.net or Rev. Bob Garrard- hobogarr@bresnan.net

- Remote VBS**
(remote)
- Jul 17-21**
Remote VBS
(remote)
- Aug 1-4**
Remote VBS
(remote)
- Aug 21-23**
Well Being Retreat 2017
Lake Tahoe, NV
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- Aug 25-27**
Camp Story Centennial
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Rev. Ameer Eshak (Tyre)



Rev. Elmarie

wyo.pby@gmail.com by Wednesday

prior to publication. Let us know how you and your congregation are living to make Christ known in your corner of Wyoming!

Blessings,

Richard Turner
Editor

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Scott Parker with Rev. Ibrahim Nseir and Tami Nseir (Aleppo)

Men in the Mountains



Looking for fellowship? Study? All in the Great Outdoors? Look no more!

Join us Aug 18-20 for a pack trip into the great Uinta Mountains of southwest Wyoming and northeastern Utah. Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View, ruling elders David Johnson and Rocky Gines will lead the group and provide pack horses and food while Pastor Karl Heinbuck will lead the study and worship with an emphasis on how creation helps to shape our spirituality.

This event is open to all men in the Presbytery, but space is limited so act fast! Contact Karl Heimbuck at kheimbuck@gmail.com or 307.713.0086 to reserve your spot today or for more information about the event.

Cost: \$30

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September 25 - 27, 2017
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Cynthia Rigby
The W.C. Brown
Professor of Theology
at Austin Seminary



Keynoter
Adam Copeland
Director of the Center for
Stewardship Leadership
at Luther Seminary



Worship Leader
Shannon Kershner
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in Chicago

Plus over 30 workshops covering topics such as annual stewardship, planned giving, theology of giving, current trends in stewardship, capital campaigns, and generosity

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Camp Story Centennial Jubilee

Friday pm – Sunday

August 25-27

Weekend Retreat, Reunion and Joyous Celebration

For more information

307-763-0919

Clergy/CRE Gathering Updates

Tuesday, May 23rd , Basin Group in Thermopolis

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WYOMING PRESBYTERY SYNOPSIS

Stated Meeting of Presbytery

May 5-6, 2017

First Presbyterian Church, Cody, WY

The meeting was called to order by moderator, TE Jason Harshberger at 8:00 a.m. on May 5, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church, Cody, Wyoming.

Friday May 5th, 2017

Morning worship was led by Rev. Jason Harshberger with the message reflecting on the recent illness suffered by Rev Carl Travis.

Several attendees shared sightings of the work of the Spirit.

The Moderator reviewed the status of the day's activities and the Re-worked schedule.

Rev Rob Hagan gave an expanded presentation on the process and realities on new forms of on-line giving including some of the real-world advantages and drawbacks.

The group divided into several small teams to discuss chapters 1-6 from "Rich Church – Poor Church" and shared the conversation as a whole body.

Friday Evening worship and Holy Communion were led by Rev. Ben Pascal and Rev Diana Hartman.

Following dinner, a special celebration of the 23 years of service to the Presbytery by Alayne Stevens was held including the awarding of a special Silver Spur in her honor.

Saturday, May 6th

Presbytery reconvened at 8:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Cody WY with morning

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Announcements included:

- Camp Story work week coming up and Aug 29 100th year celebration of Camp Story
- There are surplus PDA t-shirts available from Lusk cleanup.
- The Torrington church is working on a project making bags for homeless containing personal hygiene items, "Totes for Hope".
- August 18-20 Mountain View is hosting a men's retreat, the back-country event has a \$30 fee.
- Heard about the installation of domestic water wells in remote areas of Africa through American Medical Missions – a crowd funding opportunity.
- Reminder to sign up for available Webinars from the PCUSA Foundation
- Sabbath Center event coming up in Casper "All Who Are Thirsty".

The Presbytery presented the Silver Spur to Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church and Special efforts of Evelyn McDaniels and Carey Fox for making the May 2016 Rally a success.

A reminder was made to churches that the Tech Grant program is available as a matching grant up to \$3,000.

A special presentation was made by the Syria and Lebanon team. Cindi Barski, and Holly Garrard showed slides of a visit to Lebanon this March.

Presbytery took the following actions:

The meeting was adjourned with Prayer by the Moderator at 11:01am.

New Presbytery Staff!

The Presbytery of Wyoming welcomes two new staff members; Susan Crider-Lewis our new bookkeeper, and Jan DeBeer our new Administrative Assistant. If you need to contact Susan, you can reach her by email at bkpr.presbywy@gmail.com. Jan can be reached by email at aa.presbywy@gmail.com.

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Jan's office hours are 9:00AM – 1:00PM Monday through Friday

Susan's office hours are 8:30AM – 12:30PM Monday through Friday

If you have questions about Presbytery Meetings, someone's email address or phone number, an event, etc., please call Jan.

If you have questions about a financial reimbursement, reports or contributions, please contact Susan.

1. Approved the minutes of the February 10-11, 2017 Presbytery meeting.
2. Approved the Statistical Report for 2016 reported to the Office of the General Assembly.
3. Inscribed into the minutes the minutes of the Stated Council meeting of February 9, 2017; the Stated Council meeting of March 23, 2017; and the Called Council meeting of April 4, 2017.
4. Inscribed into the minutes the latest balance sheet and income statement.
5. Inscribed into the minutes the report of progress of Technology Grants.
6. Inscribed into the minutes the report from the Camp Story Commission.
7. Inscribed into the minutes the report of the Stated Clerk.
8. Inscribed into the minutes the report of the General Presbyter.
9. Confirmed the Honorable Retirement of Helen Young.
10. Presbytery elected to service the following persons as recommended by Nominating Committee

Office	Term	Name
Council at large	RE 2019	Sonja Collamer (Saratoga)
ROCCS TE	2018	Kate Morrison
ROCCS RE	2018	Deanna Dykeman

11. Because of last minute errors noted by COM Presbytery did not approve the Terms of Call Report for 2017. This will be re-visited in September.

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14. Approved the transfer of Rev. Ken Walkley's membership to the Wyoming Presbytery.
15. Approved the recommended changes to page 101 of the COM manual.
16. Approved the recommendation of Council to roll over the PILP \$50,000 CD.
17. Approved the request of COM to form an Administrative commission to support the Pastor and Congregation of the Riverton Church. Presbytery empowered the Administrative Commission to:
 1. Act on behalf of Presbytery to assist and support the pastor and congregation
 1. Make decisions regarding property
 2. Dissolve the pastoral relationship if necessary

Challenging

Do you have college students returning home this summer? The following takes you to a great resource:

Connecting with College Students over break: they're bringing home more than their laundry. Go to <https://fulleryouthinstitute.org/blog/connecting-with-college-students>.

Caring

"Memento Domine"

- **Graduates** as they discern and take next steps on their journey!
- **Susan Crider-Lewis and Jan DeBeers**, as they begin their employment as Bookkeeper and Administrative Assistant
- **Alayne Stevens, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper**, as she concludes her work with the Presbytery of Wyoming (22.5 years) and says good-bye to many, many people!

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future!

- Christians in **Egypt** as two churches were bombed on Palm Sunday
- Peace in **Syria, Palestine and Israel**
- The severe drought and war affecting millions in **South Sudan**
- The military maneuvers between the **US and North Korea**
- Congratulations to **Libby Tedder-Hugus**, Pastor/Leader at The Table, who along with her husband Jeremy, are excited to announce that that they will be having a baby girl in late June!
- The **United Presbyterian Church, Riverton** as they seek to move beyond survival to a sustained vitality!
- The **United Presbyterian Church of Guernsey** as they transition! Pray for them as an appropriate Interim Pastor is sought!
- The **Administrative Commission** working with the Guernsey and Ft. Laramie churches seeks your prayers as they listen, discern and pray for and with these churches!
- The **Community Presbyterian Church of Ft. Laramie** as they discern God's way forward for them!
- The Partnership between the **Tyre, Lebanon and Aleppo, Syria** churches and the Presbytery of Wyoming!
- **Rev. Thea McKee** as she continues to struggle with health concerns!
- The **Administrative Commission** working with the Session of the France Memorial Presbyterian Church in Rawlins as they merge with the United Methodist church to officially become the Rawlins Cooperative Parish!
- **Libby Tedder-Hugus** and **Shayla Graham** as they lead pioneering work in the New Worshipping Communities in Casper and Pine Haven!

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