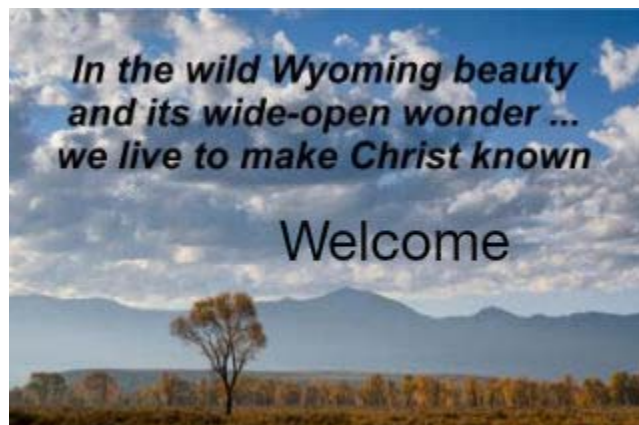


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April 29 , 2017

Connecting

Welcome to the New Staff of the Presbytery of Wyoming

Jan DeBeer is our new Administrative Assistant! She is a life-long resident of Casper, Wyoming and the 5th generation of her family in this area. She graduated from Kelly Walsh



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<p>Jan has worked in many different venues, including the school district as a one-on-one aide, Enrollment Services at Casper College, as the scheduler for a congressional campaign and, most recently (until being downsized), as Deputy Director at the Nicolaysen Art Museum. All of her experience focuses on two main facets: world-class customer service and smooth, efficient office management. She is very excited to bring this experience to everyone at the Presbytery of Wyoming.</p> <p>Jan lives in an eclectic 1920's home in central Casper with her fiancé, Steve Bozich, three cats and various fish. In her spare time she enjoys reading, taking walks, and caring for indoor orchids and bonsai trees.</p> <p>Jan will begin her work with the Presbytery on Monday, May 8th!</p> <p>Our new Bookkeeper is Susan Crider-Lewis! She says the following about herself:</p> <p>I was born in Casper, Wyoming and raised in Rock Springs, Wyoming. I am the oldest daughter of four girls by Paul and Loretta Crider. My father was an electrical engineer. He passed away in February 1971, leaving mamma to raise four daughters on her own. Momma raised us in a Catholic environment, which gave us a strong foundation of our faith in God. She passed away in February 2013.</p> <p>I graduated from Casper College in May of 1990 with an Associates in Accounting and Certificate in Retail</p>		<p>May 5-6 Presbytery Meeting Cody</p> <p>May 7 Community Hall Dedication Federated Community Church, Thermopolis</p> <p><i>May 10 - WyoConnect deadline</i></p> <p>May 16 CRE Gathering Thayne</p> <p>May 23 CRE Gathering Thermopolis</p> <p><i>May 24 - WyoConnect deadline</i></p> <p>Jun 4-7 Summer Pastor's School Hastings, NE</p> <p>Jun 4-7 2017 Pastors Retreat St Thomas the Apostle, Cody info</p> <p>Jun 19-23 Remote VBS (tentative) (remote)</p> <p>Jun 22 6pm - Jun 24 noon Sabbath Center The Table, Casper</p>	

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Texas, where I started as office manager and receptionist then to being their engineering clerk. I moved back to Rock Springs where I was parts & sales and manager at Auto Recyclers, Inc. Then I was employed at Rock Springs Auto Body, Inc. as their full charge bookkeeper. Upon my husband's transfer to Casper, I was Office Manager for Silvertip Electric, Inc., and most recently Trout Machinery, Inc. as bookkeeper for the CFO, CPA.

I have been married to my husband, Dwayne, for 19 years! I am honored to have been chosen for this position as you new Bookkeeper here at the Presbytery of Wyoming. I am excited to meet you and I look forward to providing you with my experience, dedication and commitment.

**Presbyterian Mission Agency: Big Tent**

St Louis, MO

[info](#)**Jul 11-14****Remote VBS (tentative)**

(remote)

Jul 17-21**Remote VBS (tentative)**

(remote)

Aug 1-4**Remote VBS (tentative)**

(remote)

Aug 21-23**Well Being Retreat 2017**

Lake Tahoe, NV

[info](#)**Aug 25-27****Camp Story Centennial**

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	<p>Highlands becomes the first Presbyterian church in Wyoming to earn the designation. Highlands' pastor Rodger McDaniel explained, "Earth Care Congregations are those that have committed to the "Earth Care Pledge" and accomplished a specific number of actions toward caring for God's earth in four categories: worship, education, facilities, and outreach."</p> <p>"It is exciting that Highlands is dedicated to intentional care of God's earth. The congregation's activities and commitment will inspire others to respond intentionally to God's call to care for the earth," says Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).</p> <p>Jacquelyne Stone, the Highlands Earth Care coordinator said, "Our faith causes us to strive for economic and environmental justice: defending and healing creation while working to assure justice for all of creation and the human beings who live in it."</p> <p>Rev. McDaniel said the congregation's commitment to environmental justice is a part of Highlands' progressive theology. "This is not simply a political issue," he said. "It is Biblical and spiritual as well." He said his congregation's environmental concern "lies in our mandate to protect God's creation and in knowledge that the ruins wrought by climate change will fall disproportionately on the backs of the poor, indigenous, and citizens of the Global South."</p> <p>This is Highlands' "second first," McDaniel noted. In 2015, Highlands became the first Wyoming Presbyterian</p>	<p>welcome by midnight the</p> <p>Wednesday prior to publication. To ensure consideration in the next newsletter, please email articles to 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!</p> <p>Blessings,</p> <p>Richard Turner Editor</p>		

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LGBTQ community in the life of the church.

Community Hall Dedication The Federated Community Church

Sunday, May 7th
9:00 a.m.

The Federated Community Church in Thermopolis is happy to announce that we will have a dedication of our new “Community Hall” at 9:00 AM on Sunday, May 7th, with our denominational leaders present. They include Rev. Jeff Rainwater, District Superintendent of the Wyoming District of the United Methodist Church and Rev. Steve Shive, Presbytery of Wyoming, General Presbyter.

The Hall is a free standing building located on the west side of the property. It includes a large hall forty feet wide, sixty feet long, and twenty feet tall. It includes a large kitchen, meeting room large enough for at least thirty people, handicapped rest room, and a large store room.

The mission of the new hall is to provide space for multi-use purpose including dinners, children and youth activities. We will have portable equipment to play basketball, and volleyball. Even though the space is not a full gym it will provide the space for a wide choice of activities. The only limit will be our imagination. Outside groups will be encouraged to use the hall.

We will schedule an open house for the entire community to come and see this great new addition to the community,

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Presbyterian Foundation accepting applications for Church Financial Leadership Grant Program

Presbyterian News Service April 25, 2017

PC(USA) pastors and commissioned lay pastors encouraged to apply for matching funds to attend financial literacy and leadership events and training

Press Release

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. – The Presbyterian Foundation is accepting applications for a newly established Church Financial Leadership Grant. Grant applicants must be a pastor, commissioned lay pastor (CLP), or leader of a 1001 New Worshiping Community within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Funds are available for those pastoral leaders seeking to gain a better understanding of church financial vitality and management of their congregations.

The Church Financial Leadership grants are matching funds, and applicants must provide the source(s) for the other half of expenses. Eligible expenses include registration fees, transportation, lodging, meals and other expenses for approved church financial leadership events, training and continuing education opportunities. The application deadline is June 30, 2017. Grants will be awarded July 31.

Applications are available at presbyterianfoundation.org/financialleadership.

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introduce them to new models of giving and stewardship, and offer new ways to talk about money and form generous disciples within their church.

“The Presbyterian Foundation believes that church vitality is connected to strong and thriving pastoral leadership,” says the Rev. David M. Loleng. Loleng is director of Church Financial Literacy and Leadership, and oversees the Foundation’s programs and services to help build pastors’ confidence and training around financial leadership and management of their congregations. “This grant program is a first step toward effectively changing church culture toward healthier understanding and practices of church financial administration and leadership.”

The grants were made possible from the Foundation’s work as part of a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.’s National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders.

The Next Presbytery Meeting

May 5-6

Cody, Wyoming

Friday’s Highlights

Rev. Dr. Karl Travis, Pastor of Presbyterian Church, Ft. Worth, Texas will be our presenter!

He will be focused on Why Give? When Generosity Transcends Stewardship

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for doing so. Many disciples are now asking prior questions; why we should be generous in the first place? What is the connection between growing generosity and deepening discipleship?

Reframing the Biblical story as a narrative of expansive generosity, Rev. Travis will outline a way for pastors and stewardship committees to raise more than money, but to raise consciousness. He will also explore the generational distinctions among people in our pews and how, appreciating each generation’s formative experiences of money, every congregation can speak of generosity in a way authentic to people of all ages.

Karl Travis is Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, Texas. He is a frequent conference speaker, preacher, and writer, particularly in the areas of Christian generosity and generations theory. Locally, Travis is very active in homelessness issues serving on the Board of Fort Worth’s Presbyterian Night Shelter which provides emergency accommodation to 600 persons every night. Also, he serves on the boards of the James L. West Alzheimer’s Center, and Trinity Terrace Retirement Community. Active across the Presbyterian Church (USA), he has served at the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly levels.

Previously Rev. Travis served congregations in Scotland, New Mexico, and Detroit. Travis is a magna cum laude graduate of Trinity University and the University of Edinburgh. He received a Doctorate of Humane Letters from Austin College. Travis is also a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary

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Together with Jaci, he parents five children: one in graduate school, three in college, and one in high school. He adores them, most of the time.

Invite the Stewardship Committee of your church to this outstanding presentation and interaction!

Karl will also be preaching for worship on Friday evening!

Also on Friday afternoon, Rev. Rob Hagen from the Presbyterian Foundation will be giving a presentation on "How and Why to Set Up On Line Giving in Your Church?"

GUESS WHO is Retiring AFTER 23+ YEARS with the Presbytery of Wyoming?

YES! ALAYNE STEVENS!! On Friday evening, May 5th at the Presbytery meeting in Cody, after worship, about 8pm, Alayne will be honored and celebrated for her dedicated and committed service to the Presbytery and its churches! Come out, celebrate and give thanks! Alayne's last day in the office will be May 31.

Sabbath Center

June 22nd - June 24th, 2017

Location: The Table | 201 E. 2nd Street | Casper, WY

Beginning with dinner at 6pm on Thursday, concluding with lunch at Noon on Saturday

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Co-Executive Presbyter, Yellowstone Presbytery

Cost: \$75* including meals Thursday dinner-Saturday lunch,
excluding breakfast

Accommodations will be arranged by the Registrar |
*Scholarships available upon request

To Register: Contact Rev. Steve Shive at the Presbytery of
Wyoming

307.472.4717 | presyterywyo@gmail.com

Technology Grants

Does your church have the need for technology improvements? New computers, projection and screen equipment? Streaming technology? Video or audio recording and posting of sermons or worship on your web-site? Etc.? If so, then the Presbytery of Wyoming is offering grants for up to \$3000 if matched by the church. The funds for these grants are from Futuring the Faith! The only requirement is that you submit receipts and make a verbal report at Presbytery regarding how the funds have been invested and what impact the new technology is having on the church's ministry! You may submit requests to Jason Harshberger at jasonupc@gmail.com.

2017 PASTOR'S RETREAT

“MOVING OUR CHURCHES OUTSIDE

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- When:

Sunday, June 4th-Wednesday morning, June 7th, 2017
- Where:

Thomas the Apostle Retreat Center, Cody
34 Thomas the Apostle Rd, Cody, Wy 82414
- Cost:

\$230.00/person for meals and lodging in double rooms with a shared bathroom
- Scholarships:

\$100.00 for the first then registrants
(REGISTRATION FORMS COMING SOON)
- Speaker:

Rev. Karlin Bilcher

The Reverend Karlin Bilcher hails from Northern New Jersey and is a graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. As an undergraduate at Messiah College, Karlin sorted out the major questions of the Christian faith while dividing his time between the golf course and the trout streams of central Pennsylvania. Karlin has served churches in Morgantown West Virginia, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, Red Bank New Jersey and Anchorage Alaska. A background in campus ministry, youth ministry and cross-cultural urban ministry, combine to form the foundation of his call to ordained ministry. Karlin is currently serving as the planting pastor of a Church in the Tetons, a new church development in Driggs Idaho.

The first day of an intensive Biblical Greek course in the summer of 2004, Karlin met his future wife. After being rebuffed several times, Emily eventually agreed to a date, he took her fly-fishing and they were married ten months later. Karlin and Emily have two children Finley age 9 and Zion age 5. Emily, Finley, Zion, God's Holy Word and serving others in

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Challenging

Terry Hersey wrote the following:

I'm having a conversation with an old friend. And we're talking about things middle-aged men talk about; receding hairline, expanding waistline and loss of virility. And he asks me, "Is there anything in your life that you are passionate about?" I must admit that the question kind of stumps me. Being a good Midwestern boy, passion was not exactly something we talked about. It was akin to boastfulness; which means it made it on that sin scale somewhere between card playing and dancing. But the more I thought about it, the easier the answer came, "Yes, there is something I feel passionate about, gardening."

Of course my friend is incredulous, "Gardening," he said, "gardening is so, so self-centered."

I thought about it, but didn't like the alternatives. And then it hit me. I remembered the first time when I really knew I was a gardener. And I realized that for the first time in my life I was non-self-conscious. Completely non-self-centered. For the first time in my life I cared about something bigger than my own little petty issues. I was with something VERY BIG. Gardening wasn't something I did; gardening was something that was done unto me.

Exactly. Being passionate will keep you alive. And more

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whole heart is required. Where we come to feel the depth of life even in the smallest of activities. We trust that we are intended for wholeheartedness, that each day we are meant to be steeped in mystery, and so to remember our true lives.

For what are we passionate? For what were you created?
How is God calling us to be engaged in God's Kingdom work?

Caring

"Memento Domine"

- **The First Presbyterian Church in Sheridan and Rev. Dr. Paul Hayden** as he begins his Interim Ministry among them! Paul Hayden, former Pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Jackson Hole began as the Interim Pastor on Sunday, April 26th.
- **Susan Crider-Lewis and Jan DeBeers**, as they begin their employment as Bookkeeper and Administrative Assistant, on May 1st and May 8th respectively.
- **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!
- The **Presbytery and its Council** as some significant changes are considered for the future!
- The **First Presbyterian Church in Cody** as they prepare to host the Presbytery in May.
- For the **staff, committees and Council of the**

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meeting.

- 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 **First Presbyterian Church in Sheridan** is transitioning! Rev. Doug Melius has been the Pastor there for eighteen and one-half years and he will be retiring on Easter Sunday, April 16th. He and his wife, Robin, moved the week of March 12th to their new home, near grandchildren, in Livingston, MT. Rev. Paul Hayden, former Pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Jackson Hole will began as the Interim Pastor on Sunday, April 26th.
- 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!

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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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