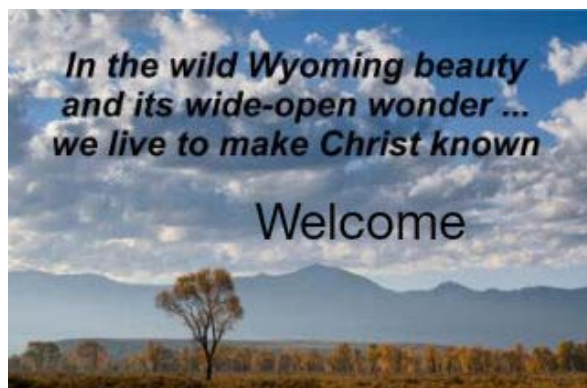


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November 4, 2017

Connecting

Technology Grant

Does your church need/desire to update its technology-purchase a new computer, install new sound equipment, etc? The Presbytery is providing \$3000 matching Technology Grants from the Futuring the Faith Funds. All you need to do is to send an estimate of the cost along with some receipt showing that you have raised 50% of the amount and the Council will receive and evaluate your request! Funds are available!

DOING GOD'S WORK

In October I attended the Moderator's Conference for the PCUSA held in St. Louis. This event is designed to educate and train newly elected presbytery moderators in their role for their respective presbyteries. While I found the entire session informative, I believe the highlight was a face-to-face dinner meeting with the co-moderators of the General Assembly for the PCUSA. The co-moderators, Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston discussed their vision and experiences over the past year. I found especially poignant one story that Jan Edmiston told.

Shortly after the fighting ceased in Homs, Syria, Jan was invited to visit Homs. Her hosts took her to the Presbyterian Church in the town. She was informed that, in addition to worship, the church building doubles as a community center and a place for youth of all faiths to gather, learn and recreate. As she approached the church she noticed it was well built, not pretentious, but sturdy and in good repair. She looked around at the other buildings in the neighborhood. The mosque across the street had been bombed, the mosque next door had



Upcoming Events

Nov 7, 10a

Basin Clergy/CRE Group
Federated Community Church,
Thermopolis

Nov 16, 10a

Northeast Clergy/CRE Group
First Presbyterian, Gillette

Nov 17-19

Sr High Retreat
Casper

November 22 - WyoConnect deadline

December 6 - WyoConnect deadline

Jan 13 9-11a

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why the Presbyterian Church had not been bombed. The response she received was, "Oh, but it was. The Presbyterian Disaster Program rebuilt the church."

This is just one example of your denomination doing God's work in the midst of war and chaos.

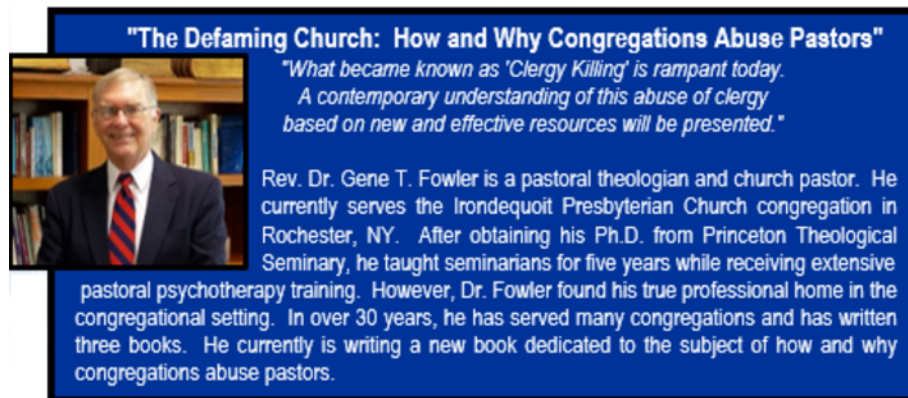
Fred Feth, Moderator, Presbytery of Wyoming

Save the Date

Winter Pastors' School

February 5-8, 2018

Calvin Crest Retreat Center, Fremont, NE



"The Defaming Church: How and Why Congregations Abuse Pastors"

"What became known as 'Clergy Killing' is rampant today. A contemporary understanding of this abuse of clergy based on new and effective resources will be presented."

Rev. Dr. Gene T. Fowler is a pastoral theologian and church pastor. He currently serves the Irondequoit Presbyterian Church congregation in Rochester, NY. After obtaining his Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary, he taught seminarians for five years while receiving extensive pastoral psychotherapy training. However, Dr. Fowler found his true professional home in the congregational setting. In over 30 years, he has served many congregations and has written three books. He currently is writing a new book dedicated to the subject of how and why congregations abuse pastors.

All new material not presented before!

In this leadership climate, Dr. Fowler is a **must see for all CPM & COM committee chairs and members** as well as clergy, to help prepare when confronted with these situations.

Learn more about Winter Pastors' School at

<http://www.omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org/2018-Winter-Pastors'-School.html>

Limited accommodations... Make your reservation TODAY!

Take a minute to read the testimonials of 2017 school participants and check out the photos

Sponsored by the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation and Quad Presbyteries.

2018

Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators

January 30 – February 3

Theme: "Deep & Wide: Boundless Hospitality"

Place: Galt House Hotel

Jan 27 all day

Church Development Institute

TBA

Jan 30-Feb 3

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Louisville, KY

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Feb 5-8

Winter Pastors School

Fremont, NE

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Apr 14 9-11a

Church Development Institute

TBA

Apr 28 all day

Church Development Institute

TBA

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Blessings,

Richard Turner

Editor

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For more information or to register:

www.apcenet.org

Need Something New from a Church Building Closed?

In the next 2 months we will be cleaning out things left behind when Winter Memorial in Casper closed several years ago. Every now and then you will receive an email with descriptions and/or pictures of miscellaneous items that are available for the taking. When each email goes out, all items will be given away on a first come, first served basis.

If you see anything you want, email Doris Shive (dorishhive@msn.com) and she will put your name on it. If you are in Casper, you can email Doris and arrange a time and place to pick up the items. If not, Steve will bring things he can manage to you the next time he is coming your way. If you select a large item, you will need to tell Doris when you plan to pick it up. **Items will need to be picked up in a timely manner. The deadline for pickup is January 31, 2018, unless you make special arrangements.**

One month after each email goes out, all unclaimed items will be given to charity.

If you have any questions, please email Doris, and she will be happy to clarify the process, or provide additional information on items of interest.

JOB OPENING

Treasurer, Presbytery of Wyoming

This position, elected by the Presbytery, serves as the chief financial officer of the Wyoming Presbytery, and oversees the financial activities of the Presbytery and coordinates financial matters with the members of the Presbytery staff and the Budget and Finance Committee. The position is intended to take 5-10 hours per month to complete.

Contact Steve Shive at steveashive@gmail.com if interested or to receive a complete job description!

Clergy / CRE Group Meetings

Basin Group

(Riverton, Shoshoni, Thermopolis, Worland, Greybull, Shell, Cody and Powell)
Tuesday, November 7th at Federated Community Church
Thermopolis, WY 10:00Am

Northeast / Central Group

(Casper, Sheridan, Gillette and Moorcroft)
Thursday, November 16th at First Presbyterian Church

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SENIOR HIGH FALL



Save the Date
NOVEMBER 17th - 19th, 2017
Casper, Wyoming



Fun & Games

Speakers



Music

Reconnect with friends
from camp and
Triennium, while making
new friends from
across the state!



For more information, please contact:
CJ Clem 307-763-1717 cjclem@actaccess.net
Kate Morrison 307-532-2972 pastorkatem@gmail.com

Challenging

Give an Alternative to the Doorbuster Dash



This year on Black Friday, host an Alternative Giving Market at your church! Your congregation can engage in intentional giving with lasting, meaningful gifts for friends and family that support ministries close to their hearts, such as clean water, agriculture, or relief and assistance projects.

Tips for a Fun and Successful Event

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Involve Others! Recruit a group of inspired volunteers to help with the event, perhaps your youth group, Presbyterian Women group, or a Sunday school class. Or get all of these groups working together!



Tell Everyone You Know! Invite neighboring congregations and hang fliers around your local community. There are many people who like to support charitable causes who live close to your church—invite them in for a cup of hot cocoa and a chance to support great causes.



Make It Memorable! Set up booths and create posters for each of the items you want to highlight, or one for each item category: livestock, water, agriculture, people, or kits and tools.



You can find more great tips and advice on hosting a successful event in our [Hosting an Alternative Giving Market](#) guide. It's a wonderful way to get people together for a great cause and ring in the Holiday Giving Season!

Learn More About Our Sister Partner Churches in Syria and Lebanon

The Trye Evangelical (Protestant) Church

Pastor: Rev. Ameer Eshak

Wife: Esther

In 2018, the Presbytery of Wyoming is planning to bring Rev. Ameer and Esther to the United States and visit with the churches in the Presbytery of Wyoming. Rev. Ameer is Egyptian and speaks only Egyptian and Arabic. We are searching and praying for a person who speaks Arabic to be his translator.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Aleppo

Pastor: Rev. Ibrahim Nseir

Wife: Tami

Children: Leuore (age 16), Matthew (age 14) and Luthanr (age 8)

In 2019, a group from the Presbytery of Wyoming is planning to go to Aleppo and Trye. We can begin to pray for visas into Syria which is now safe to travel in most parts.

Caring

"Memento Domine"

- The **Administrative Commission** to sell the Presbytery office building. They are engaging a real estate appraisal at this time.
- Our sister, partnership church in Aleppo, Syria,:
 - A Bible Study on the book of Acts that is beginning after several years suspension due to violence!

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mentoring over 160 children

- New Members who are being received that they would demonstrate the commitment, love and values of Jesus!

- The **people of Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico** who are affected by the winds and waters of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria and those providing aid and assistance.
- The thousands of families in **Bangladesh** who lost loved ones in floods and more than 500 families who lost loved ones in **Sierra Leone!**
- Peace in **Syria, Palestine and Israel**
- The severe drought and war affecting millions in **South Sudan**
- The **United Presbyterian Church of Guernsey & Community Presbyterian in Ft. Laramie** as they transition! Pray for them as an appropriate Interim Pastor is sought!
- The Partnership between the **Tyre, Lebanon and Aleppo, Syria** churches and the Presbytery of Wyoming! Remember **Pastor Ameer** in Tyre and **Pastor Ibrahim** in Aleppo as they pastor and lead their churches!
- 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 Ridge!
- **Rev. George Moore**, former Interim Pastor in Gillette as he has been diagnosed with tumors in his lungs and brain.
- **Rev. Shayla Graham**, New Worshipping Communities Pastor at Pine Ridge, as she rehabs from surgery to remove a non-malignant tumor on her auditory nerve. She is now home!
- **Rev. Thea McKee**, as she recovers and adjusts to Deep Brain Stimulation surgery.
- **Rev. Jason Harshberger**, as he heals and discerns God's desired future for him!
- The **United Presbyterian Church, Riverton**, as they discern God's dream for them!
- **Kristen Trokimoinen**, member of Shepherd of the Hills Church in Casper, as she continues her adventure as a Young Adult Volunteer in Peru.
- The **Community Presbyterian Church of Lingle**, and the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church, Torrington, as they transition for several months and as the Pastoral Nominating Committee discerns who to call as their new pastor.
- Those families affected by death and injury resulting from the shooting in **Las Vegas** and those first responders and medical personnel.
- The planning of the **Sr. High Retreat**, November 17-19, and those who will be participating
- The **Rev. Sheri Fry** who will begin her ministry as Interim Pastor at **United Presbyterian Laramie** on November 1st.
- The **communities, people and churches affected by the fires in California!**
- The **Presbytery Council** as it has a retreat and meeting November 8 – 9 to discover and clarify the vision and values of the Presbytery.
- The **Evangelism, Church Redevelopment and Leadership Team** as they meet November 4th to explore funding new worshipping communities and new adventures!

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