

First Presbyterian Church (EPC)
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Casper, WY 82601

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THE MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2016

Chew On This -- A Message from Our Pastor



And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Rev. 21:5 ESV)

Christianity is an historic faith. This means it is not new in a temporal sense. It is tried and true, and this is a good thing. God is not new and does not change. As the children's catechism so aptly puts it, "he is always the same". Did you know that the word "new" occurs over 140 times in the ESV? How do we reconcile this? How is it that God does new things, but the content of the faith or the nature of God does not change? What we see in the Bible is that God is

consistent both in his nature and his ways, but this consistency is not bare repetition. God is always republishing his Gospel to reach the people of the day. The Gospel does not change, but he brings freshness to it in every age.

God is doing a new thing with us at FPC. While Awana should be on all of our minds and in all of our payers, God's new activity is broader than this. He has moved us from being a congregation with a reputation of having all of the movers and shakers to one which is absolutely dependent on the Lord Jesus Christ

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From the Treasurer



July 2016 Treasurer's Report

JULY

Balance on Hand	\$-9,681.13
July Congregational Giving	12,635.93
July Income (Savings/Other)	2,116.61
July Expenses	<u>16,861.00</u>
Income/Expenses	\$-2,108.46

July 31, 2016 **\$-11,789.59**

YEAR TO DATE

January 1, 2016	\$4,281.15
Congregational Giving	93,975.00
Income (Savings/Other)	19,252.01
Expenses to Date	<u>129,297.75</u>
Income/Expense	\$-16,070.74

July 31, 2016 **\$-11,789.59**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Regular Office Hours
 Tuesday: noon-4:00 P.M.
 Wednesday: 9:00 A.M.-noon
 Thursday: 9:00 A.M.-noon

Church Officers and Staff - 2016

The Board of Deacons

Moderator: Grace Ward

Secretary:

Class of 2016

MH Hennagin	2033 W. 42nd 82604	259-7101	mhhennagin@gmail.com
	(Evangelism/Parish Life)		
Carol McClure	2141 E. 21st St. 82609	258-5354	cmclure@bresnan.net
	(Christian Growth/Worship)		

Class of 2017

Nita Christensen	1319 Yorkshire Ave. 82609	265-1955	dnchris57@gmail.com
	(Parish Life)		
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Class of 2018

Patti Christensen	3900 E. 19th 82602	577-1192	chriskanspatti@aol.com
	P.O. Box 2294		
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Judy Schenk	720 W. 51st St. 82601	237-5295	tschenk@bresnan.net

Church Staff (cont.)

Choirmaster - Zach Vreeman	
4043 Kent 82609.....	(402) 613-2094
Organist - Marilyn Fry	
808 E. 13th St. 82601.....	(307) 259-3568
Housekeeping - Meagan Vreeman	
4043 Kent 82609.....	(402) 613-2094

Church Officers and Staff - 2016

Session

Moderator: Rev. Mark Tippin Clerk of Session: Debbie Hutchins Treasurer: Leith Culver

Class of 2016

Henry Groenenberg	3421 Valley Rd. 82604	237-3909	hg3421@live.com
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(Clerk)			
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Class of 2017

Tim Schenk	720 W. 51st St. 82601	259-6529	tschenk@gsgarchitecture.com
(Facilities/Stewardship)			

Class of 2018

Mike Fankhauser	12239 Ranchero Rd 82604	265-8259	mikef@rockymtnfire.com
(Evangelism/Facilities)			

307-237-9509

Church Staff

fax 307-473-2833

Pastor - Rev. Mark Tippin	
172 Forget-Me-Not.....	(724) 651-7960
Bookkeeper - Wendy Campbell	
1201 Beaumont Dr. 82601.....	(307) 472-2069
Administrative Assistant - Barb Martin	
6961 Columbia River Road 82604.....	(307) 359-1571

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for her reputation. He has, in other words, shrunk us to faithfulness. This shows through our ministry partnership with the Lord's Warehouse, which is still relatively new and evolving. For example, we hosted women from the Transformation Center and a family from the street at our church picnic. Also, God is calling us to partner with our Presbytery to plant churches in the west.

The Lord still has much for us to do and many ways in which we must still grow. Awana offers a great opportunity to do just that. We may, in fact, be entering into the greatest time

of congregational-led evangelism in this congregation's history. Who would want it any other way? We are truly blessed. Embrace what God is doing by joining in this or other ministries in the church. Everyone can and should participate in one particular way, and that is to pray. There are certainly other roles God is calling you to in the life of this congregation, but I know one of them is prayer. When we submit to God in prayer and service, we will see more clearly that he is making everything new.

For His Glory,
Pastor Mark

MISSION STATEMENT

Out of humble gratitude for the free and undeserved gift of grace we have received through Christ, the mission of First Presbyterian Church (EPC) is:

To proclaim, with boldness, God's glory, truth, and love revealed to us in his Word through the Holy Spirit. We seek to worship him with our entire lives, being continually reformed to Scripture, our only guide in faith and practice.

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**Registration and Kickoff
Event**

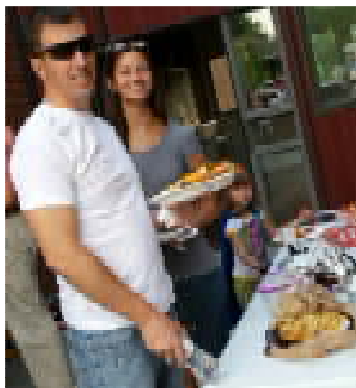
**Tuesday, September 13,
at 6:30 P.M. at City Park**

**Come to learn about and register
for AWANA, but bring the
whole family for ice cream,
inflatables and games!**

**For more info email
firstprescasper.com/awana
Or call 237-9509**

From Parish Life -- Courtyard Picnic

The Courtyard Picnic was a big success! We were pleased to welcome 15 folks from the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission who joined us.



The food was great, and a nice evening was enjoyed by all.



- 1st Paula Knudson
- 10th Clancy Hall
- 10th Ted Michenzi
- 13th Sue Rainey
- 13th Bill Specht
- 20th Walter Hoshaw
- 25th Doris Huffaker
- 29th Heather Milliken



September Ministry/ Committee Meetings

Parish Life	Sept. 12, 2:00 P.M.
Evangelism	Sept .12, 5:30 P.M.
Stewardship	Sept. 12, 7:00 P.M.
Board of Deacons	Sept. 19, 6:15 P.M.
Session	Sept. 19, 7:00 P.M.
Worship	Sept. 26, 8:45 A.M.
Facilities	Sept. 26, 5:30 P.M.

Awana Training



It sure looks like everyone had a whole lot of fun at the Awana training on August 12th! Leaders were trained in several capacities to assist with the Awana program, which will officially begin on September 21st here at FPC.



Is God challenging you to read through the Bible in one year?
Follow this link to find out how:
<http://www.oneyearbibleonline.com>

Happy 100th to Edith! Hoffman!

On August 7th, we celebrated my mother, Edith Hoffman's, 100th birthday. It was overwhelming! Approximately 300 people attended the party at the Ramkota in Casper. Seventeen of the Parker family showed up from California, Illinois and Colorado. Seven of the Hoffman side attended and, of course, the immediate family and many, many dear friends from church, card clubs, YMCA and neighbors. There were fiddle players and songs. Everyone sang Happy Birthday and "The Old Grey Mare, She Ain't What She Used to Be!"



Edith then...

.....and now!

The outpouring of cards, friendship and love was amazing and humbling and shows that Mom's has been a life well lived. In the Bible it tells us to be a light to those around us, and several people told me over the course of the party and the days before and after that my mother is a light to them. Thank you to all those who attended and are a part of my mother's life. We all truly appreciate it!

Kim Brattis and family



From Evangelism - Visit from Ali!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR **OCTOBER 18-23!** We have a special guest coming to Casper First from France...our partner in ministry since 2006, Pastor Ali Arhab!

Ali last visited us in November 2009 for a weekend. This time he has scheduled his trip to a conference so that he can spend more time with us and share the ways God's work through CAN has mushroomed since we last heard from Ali in person, especially in the area of church planting!

Evangelism has begun plans for Ali's time with us, so watch for more details as time gets closer. Meanwhile, if you would like to be one of four or five individuals or families to host a "dinner for 7 or 8" in your home that week, please let Mike, Mark, Leith, Janis, Greg, Phyllis, or

MH know. You would plan to have seven or eight guests in addition to your family and Ali. Menus will be needed so we are sure Ali doesn't eat spaghetti for dinner five nights in a row! Sign-up sheets will be in the parlor in September so those not hosting a meal can sign up to attend one of the meals.

If you missed the June and July Messenger articles about Ali and the ministry God led him to start in 1999 to reach Muslims across North Africa as well as to the Muslim areas of France, they are available on the church website for your perusal. Also, you can find print copies of Ali's story about his conversion to Christianity from Islam in a pocket on the Evangelism bulletin board near the little kitchen by the parlor.

AWANA Program Begins this Fall

The Awana Club team is excited to announce the upcoming kick-off of our first year of Awana at First Presbyterian Church! The **kick-off event** will take place on **September 13 in City Park**. The activities will begin at **6:30** and include registration, fun and games, bouncy house, ice cream and an overview of the Awana program.

The Awana program will **officially begin on Wednesday, September 21, at 4:30 P.M.**, and will continue to meet each Wednesday at that same time. The program is open to children in grades kindergarten through 6th grade. A final, **make-up training** for adults interested in assisting with the program will take place on **August 31 from 6:30-8:30 pm**.

We are limited on the number of children we can serve in the program, so if you want to be sure your

children get in, you will have an opportunity to **pre-register** them in the parlor after worship on **September 4th and 11th**.

Just a reminder that all adults volunteering to help with the program must have their **local and internet background checks** completed before the first day, **September 21**. If you have questions about that process, please contact the church office at 237-9509. Also, there will be a dry run for all volunteers at 4:30 on Wednesday, September 7.

If you have any questions about Awana, please contact Carol Michenzi, Zach Vreeman or Pastor Mark. There are flyers located at all entrances to the sanctuary. You may also email questions to: awanacpr@gmail.com.

