

# THE FIRST PRESS

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## A Note From Our Soon-to-be Pastor...

Dear First Presbyterian,

Greetings from Salt Lake City. First, I wanted to express my gratitude for the wonderful candidating weekend. It was a gift to begin getting to know you (Thanks for your patience as we learn your names). Both Deb and I look forward to our future journey together, as we seek to follow God's leading and guiding each day. We are extremely excited to begin sharing in ministry and mission with you.

Second, I thought it might be helpful if you knew a bit more about our process. At Cottonwood Presbyterian Church I am working to prepare the congregation for the transition ahead, which as you know can be an arduous journey. My last Sunday will be April 28th, and until then Deb and I are spending as much time as possible with these good friends. Your prayers through this time of transition would be greatly appreciated.

On the personal side we are trying to sell our home and our electric car, while we box up our life, and prepare for the move to Salida. Third, our moving process will begin on either the 29th or 30th of April when we hope a truck arrives to move our stuff. We have rented a house on "F" Street which will be our home for a while. During the month of May we hope to get settled, unpacked, visit our two sets of kids and our grandson, and I will be doing some planning and preparatory work for my start date of June 1st. I am looking forward to diving into life and ministry together. Thanks again for extending a call to me to join with you in ministry. I am feeling greatly blessed. See you soon.

God's Grace and Peace be with you – Pastor Tom



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With the days warming up and sun staying out later in the evening that means one important thing for our youth groups—It's time for some kickball! Yes—that playground game just about everyone played in elementary school is a ton of fun for the kids and the adults gathered to play. When was that last time YOU played? Maybe you should join us sometime!



Spring is also *fundraiser season* around here as we also prepare for our summer mission trips. This summer our high school students are headed to the San Francisco Bay Area in June and our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are headed to Wyoming to serve on the Wind River reservation.



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Our middle school students will be hosting their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 14. We'll start serving about 8:30 a.m. and serve up until 11:00 (but not after the 11:00 service). Pancakes are always a good way to start a Sunday, right?

**RUMMAGE/YARD SALE:** Since this sale has been such a great money maker that only requires you to clean out your closets and garage, we can't resist starting to do it every year. People in the community have been asking me for it since we always have such great stuff! So...start cleaning. We're planning our sale for Saturday, April 27. Drop off items on Friday, April 26.



### Youth Groups Schedule

5th & 6th Grades-Mondays-6:30-7:45 PM  
 7th & 8th Grades-Wednesdays-7:00-8:30 PM  
 High School-Sunday-6:30-8:30-Includes Dinner



### Sunday School:

I love the weeks when I am able to teach Sunday School. One of the first things I ask the children is to share a story about their week. A few weeks ago, we were able to hear a fun story from Aubrey Franco. She explained that her big adventure for the week was sledding through the alley while the four-wheeler pulled her. I am encouraged by this story and others I hear. God created children to glorify him and to bring joy to others lives they are able to touch.



On Easter Sunday, we will keep all the children in the service. We will give out activity bags for each child to keep busy during the sermon. We hope to see you on Easter and the weeks leading up to this great celebration of Jesus rising from the dead.

Thanks to the following teachers: Trish King, Lesly Ely, Justin Anderson, Emily Anderson, Sheri Talbot, Jane McBride, Sheri Cannon, and Kathryn Edgington. Thank you for creating a space for our children to learn and love church each Sunday.

### Kidz Club & Rock Group:

One of the most memorable parts of Kidz Klub and Rock group for me is walking from Longfellow Elementary to our Church. During this short walk I share life with the kids. I often have a race with one boy or another. I often win, but soon all of them will be faster than me. We have to often referee disagreements and make sure everyone is staying on the trail. You may think the time could be stressful for a leader, but each week it brings a great big smile to my face to experience this time of transition from school to the church. My prayer is that each child would have a personal relationship with God for their whole life.

Thank you to all the following volunteers: Hilary Downs, Katy Grether, Kylie Buchan, Kat Augustdottir-Shuford, Kathy Moore, and Dellann Strom. Each volunteer is gifted to serve these children in different ways. We appreciate your energy and time.

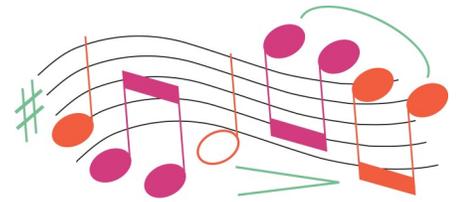
-Katie Lady  
Director of Children's Ministry



# MUSIC



# MINISTRY



I have been thinking lately of how much each of my church choirs has meant to me over the past 30 years. Each one has a special place in my heart and the choir here, at First Presbyterian, is no exception. Why is that? The obvious answer is that we all share a love of music and find joy in singing for the Lord. But it is more than that. Church choir is small group ministry. We become friends. We laugh together. We support one another. We learn from each other. We enjoy each other and sometimes we tolerate each other. As children of God, what better way to honor our Father than by loving each other and making our joyful noise unto the Lord!

Please consider joining our group....all are welcome. This is a great time to try us out.....Easter is coming!

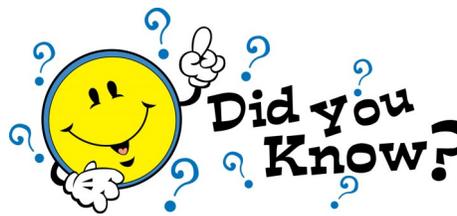
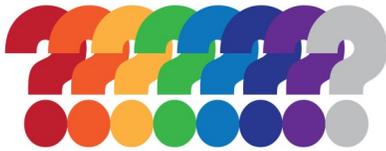
Liz Riley

Choir Director and Pianist

Traditional Service



PSALM 30:4, NRSV



## SHARE AND HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR FELLOW FPC MEMBERS

Many of our members have various types of medical equipment that they are not currently using. If you are willing to share such items as walkers, shower chairs, toilet lifts, wheelchairs, canes, icing machines or other things, please notify the church office at 719-539-6422. We will compile a list and as our members have



**PASS IT ON!**

needs they can get the information from the office and contact you directly about obtaining the item. This could possibly save someone the cost of purchasing the item, especially if it is for a short term use. THANK YOU!! Note: The items will not be stored at the church but shared directly from your home.

### Wonder When They Meet?

Card Ministry.....	10:00 AM-2nd Fri
Cast.....	5:30 PM-1st Thurs
Chancel Choir Practice.....	6:00 PM-Wed
Ladies Hiking/Snowshoeing...	9:30 AM-Wed
Mens' Breakfasts/Patio Pancake...	7 AM-Tues &Wed
Prayer Time .....	9:30 AM-Mon
Quilting Group.....	2:00 PM-3rd Thurs
Saintly Sinners.....	11:30 AM-4th Tues
Session.....	6:00 PM-4th Tues
Sisters of Deborah.....	1:30PM-3rd Tues

### FUN TIMES, FANTASTIC FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & FRIENDSHIPS!!

#### Calling all women to join the Annual Retreat!!

May 7-9 Hermit Basin Christian Conference Center in Westcliffe.

\$160 for 2 nights & 5 meals.

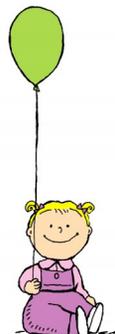
Scholarships available. Let's explore the book of Ruth together while finding shelter and comfort in God.

Open to ALL women, those from FPC & those from elsewhere. Call the office to reserve or with questions.



## The Cast—FPC's Younger-ish Adults

On the first Thursday of each month, 5:30-7:30 p.m., a group of folks in their 20s, 30s, and 40s from FPC gathers for dinner and to build friendships. It's really that simple. Why do we do this? Because life is simply better when lived together and because it's nice to see a friendly face on Sunday morning at worship, someone you've connected with outside of Sunday morning. This is truly, TRULY, open to all who find themselves in that age category. We don't care if you're married or single, if you have kids or don't. We'd just like to get to know you and have you join us. Childcare is available at the church (including dinner for the kiddos!)—you just need to reserve a space and we ask for a \$2 donation per child to help cover costs. Our April gathering will be Thursday, April 7. To RSVP, or if you have questions, please contact either Hilary Downs at 539-6422 or Trish King at 539-9448.



Child  
Care  
Available





## FINANCIAL REPORT

**General Fund Financial Report** (as of February 28)  
(Salaries, insurance, utilities, missions, curriculum, etc.,  
funded by the Sunday offering).

Call Dawn Wassel, 539-2645 for information.

Income	\$ 25,436.85
Expenses	(\$24,194.81)
Difference	\$ 1,242.04

**Love Fund**— YTD as of March 25, 2019: \$2,127.03 in  
local emergency assistance (rent, gasoline, lodging,  
medicines, etc.) has been provided.

Call the office at 539-6422 for information.

**Energy Outreach Colorado**—Utility assistance—  
natural gas, electric, propane or firewood

For grant period starting 10-1-18 : \$3,448.69

Call Jeanni Landry, 719-395-5638 for information.

**Anna Mae Marchi Endowment Fund, Money**

**Market, Cash Assets** YTD as of February 28:

\$220,722.08 A detailed financial report is available  
upon request. Call Paul Poser, 539-6999 for information.

## WHEN WILL THE CHURCH HAVE A NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY??

This is a question we hear often. The church would  
love to provide a new & updated photo directory  
this year. HOWEVER, we will need volunteers to  
work with Lifetouch to organize, advertise, and  
schedule photo appointments. Our goal will be to  
have everything ready for a picture taking date in  
late summer and another in the fall. A Lifetouch rep  
will walk you through the entire process so the task

is not a daunting as it may  
sound! This is a unique oppor-  
tunity for you to help the  
church and our congregation!  
If you are interested please  
contact the church office.



We can't do this without volunteers!

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY-9:00 AM-5:00 PM

FRIDAY/SATURDAY-CLOSED

### ELDERS

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Palm Sunday-April 14

Maundy Thursday-April 18

Good Friday-April 19

Easter Sunday, April 21

