

WyoConnect

August 12 , 2017

Connecting

Leadership Training in Wyoming

Vital congregations depend on healthy leaders. Join the many Lutheran and Episcopal congregations finding renewal and purpose at the

Church Development Institute

Dear Colleagues,

I am excited to invite you to a leadership opportunity designed for both rostered ministers and lay leaders. This program addresses an extensive list of topics that cover self-awareness, specific leading skills, and current business theories to equip a congregation to be healthier, more vibrant communities of faith.

Church Development Institute is a two-year program proven to help congregations grow in health and spirituality. The class meets four full Saturdays a year with three 2-hour video conferences, also on Saturdays. The cost is \$400



Upcoming Events

Aug 11-13

Camp Story Womens Retreat

Camp Story

Aug 18-20

Men in the Mountains

Uinta Mountains

Aug 21-23

Well Being Retreat 2017

Lake Tahoe, NV

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for the trainers.

Because the best learning happens when interacting with peers, we will only move forward with this class if we have a minimum number of people and congregations. Our deadline for registration is August 25, 2017. If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can confirm the class. We have not chosen a location because we want it to be centrally located for the participating congregations. Registration can be found on the RMS website. Please feel to call or text me with questions, 970-290-5990.

The dates for Wyoming 2017-18 are:

Sept 9 - all day		
Oct 14 - WebEx 9-11a		Jan 27 - all day
Oct 28 - all day		Apr 14 - WebEx 9-11a
Jan 13 - WebEx 9-11a		Apr 28 - all day

My strong hope is that this leadership training will be fruitful so the whole Synod continues to imagine and practice ministry in a way that joyously proclaims God's unconditional love for the sake of the world.

In Christ,
Reverend Sarah J Moening

Next Sabbath Center Gathering

Thursday, October 12th evening- Noon, Saturday, October 14th
Thomas the Apostle Center, Cody, WY
Presenter: Chris Brown
Focus: Spiritual Practices Around Prayer

Rev. Christopher Brown is the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Berthoud, CO. Before returning to his home state of Colorado, Chris served as a founding co-pastor of The Upper Room Presbyterian Church g Pittsburgh, PA, and as Church Planting Initiative Coordinator at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

On the Topic of Prayer:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote that "The prayer of the morning determines the day." St. Mark the Ascetic said, "Pray persistently about everything and then you will do nothing without God's help." They wrote these words not based on mere study, but based on their experiences in prayer of God's beauty and power. In this retreat, we will learn by experience, immersing ourselves in different kinds

Syria/Lebanon Partnership Information

First Presbyterian, Cheyenne

Aug 25

Syria/Lebanon Partnership Information

Shepherd of the Hills, Casper

Aug 25

Church Development Institute - Deadline for registration

TBA

Aug 25-27

Camp Story Centennial

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August 30 - WyoConnect deadline

Sep 9 all day

Church Development Institute

TBA

September 13 - WyoConnect deadline

Sep 15-16

Presbytery Meeting

Gillette

Sep 14-17

The Great Banquet Weekend (Men)

Robinson, IL

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Sep 21-24

The Great Banquet Weekend (Women)

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Oct 12-14

Sabbath Center

Cody

Oct 14 9-11a

Church Development Institute

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Oct 28 all day

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There are rumors that a former beloved Interim Pastor will be participating and leading a time around healing prayer!

Stay tuned for more details! If you have questions contact Steve Shive at steveashive@gmail.com.

The purpose of the Sabbath Center is to provide people from a wide range of the Christian traditions an opportunity to learn and try on spiritual practices that will revitalize, sustain and move them forward as apprentices/disciples of Jesus so they encounter and experience the presence of the living Christ!

September 14-17 for Men and Sept 21-24 for Women: WHAT? The GREAT BANQUET Weekend!!

You won't want to miss this. Here are the details:

This is an invitation to participate in a fabulous get close to Jesus event that will be held in Robinson, Illinois. This event is called the Great Banquet and is based on Jesus' parable in Luke 14:16-24, where Jesus compares heaven to a banquet held by a king. When it came time for the banquet to begin messages were sent to all the invited guests but those invited all had excuses for not attending. So the king sent his servants out into the highways and byways to gather in all who were willing to attend.

My husband, Monte, and I are both part of the Great Banquet community and we have long hoped to get a group started here in Wyoming. But before we can, we need to have a group of people attend an event. I would like to invite you to attend the Great Banquet of God.

The Elohim Great Banquet community, of which Monte and I are a part, are willing to help cover the costs of anyone attending from Wyoming. We would leave here by car or van (if needed) on the Wednesday before, travel to IL and participate in the weekend before returning the Monday following. The only expense to attendees would be a few meals going and returning.

To date we have three committed going to the Men's Banquet and 2 committed going to the Women's banquet. I would like to take many more on these remarkable weekends. If you are interested in experiencing a faith building, Divinely focused event, please talk to me. For more information about Great Banquet go to <https://www.lampstand.net/>

Susan Reichenberg

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Jan 13 9-11a

Church Development Institute

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Jan 27 all day

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Apr14 9-11a

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Apr 28 all day

As always, stay in touch through our Facebook page and website.

WyoConnect is published every other Saturday by the Presbytery of Wyoming. Submissions of general interest to the Presbytery are welcome by midnight the 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!

Blessings,

Richard Turner

Editor

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Wyoming Partnerships

with churches in Syria and



Scott and Elmarie Parker
Presbyterian Church-workers
to the Middle East

Lebanon

Hear about God's work
with Middle Eastern Christians

**First Presbyterian Church -
Cheyenne**

220 W. 22nd Street

Thursday, August 24th

6:00 Potluck Dinner - Meat

Provided 7:00 Program

Shepherd of the Hills - Casper

4600 S. Poplar Street

We have an exciting adventure which is just beginning in the Presbytery!

The Presbytery of Wyoming has entered into a covenantal partnership with the Tyre Evangelical Church in Tyre, Lebanon and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Aleppo in Aleppo, Syria!

On Thursday, August 24th, at First Presbyterian Church, Cheyenne and on Friday, August 25th, at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church, Casper, you are invited to learn more and explore how you and your church could become

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The Moderator of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe said the following about the significance of their partnership with Denver Presbytery:

“The most significant thing is the exchange of cultures... [There is] a whole lot of cultural learning. And we have been changed. We have been transformed. You know there is a saying: “When you meet the other, you get ‘othered’.” That is very important. The fact that we met the other and we were influenced in one way or another by the other. They were influenced. I don’t think Denver is as Denver was before they were in partnership with Zimbabwe. Because they got “othered”. And we also, we are not the same, because we got “othered” by our partnership with Denver.”

You are invited to meet and learn from Elmarie and Scott Parker, PCUSA Regional Personnel in Lebanon, Syria and Iraq, how these two small churches are having a significant impact on their communities and what our partnership might be like!

Presbytery Meeting

Friday, September 14th- Saturday, September 15th

We have heard that change is occurring in the life and ministry of the Presbytery. When change occurs we have a choice to make. The following schedule changes are occurring for this meeting only. We are making a choice to adapt.

Friday, September 14th

10:00
am

Worship

Presbytery Meeting Begins

Items to be considered include the following:

- 2018 Presbytery Budget
- Presbytery 2018 Meeting Schedule
- some proposed changes to the Manual of Operations
- examination of a potential Commissioned Ruling Elder
- election of new committee participants and new officers
- exploring the Presbytery’s new Vision
- report from Camp Story
- report from one of our New Worshipping Communities
- an update on the Presbytery’s partnership with two churches in Syria and Lebanon
- the installation of a new Moderator and Vice-Moderator!

10:30
am

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Saturday, September 15th

8:15
am Worship

8:45
am Announcements

Presentation by Grace Pomeroy on Embracing Stewardship

Grace Duddy Pomroy is a millennial stewardship ministry leader. She graduated from Luther Seminary in 2012 with a Master's of Arts degree in Congregational Mission and Leadership. She served as the Assistant Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary and the Executive Director of Operations for Kairos and Associates and the Joshua Group. She is the co-author of the recently published stewardship book, *Embracing Stewardship: How to Put Stewardship at the Heart of Your Congregation's Life*, as well as author of the 2013 ELCA stewardship resource, "Stewards of God's Love." She lives in Apple Valley, MN with her husband, Tyler. She is currently the Financial Education Specialist at Portico Benefit Services

10:30
am Break

11:00
am Grace Pomeroy

Noon Adjourn with Lunch

Dates to Make Note of:

August 18th Registration and Hotel Information will be sent to commissioners

August 25th All agenda items for the Presbytery packets are due in the office

September 1 Presbytery packets will be emailed to commissioners and posted on the web-site!

Minds and Hearts Cohort

September 2017- May, 2018

The greatest need for pastors, church leaders and followers of Christ today is that we be engaged in a transformational relationship with God grounded and strengthened by spiritual practices resulting in us becoming more like Jesus in our attitudes and actions!

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Presbyteries' so you may be spiritual grounded and from that foundation preach and teach the Good News even more effectively!

The second year of the cohorts will focus on Biblical teaching. This track will focus on the intersection of the pastor-teacher's personal spiritual formation with the responsibility to communicate the biblical message with clarity, passion, and conviction. The members of the teaching team have decades of experience studying the essential elements of Christian discipleship in relation to the Biblical teaching.

So you are invited to participate in the second year of reflection by attending WIM July 24-28 and continuing in your cohorts or to participate for the first time. Last year four participants in the Presbytery of Wyoming journeyed together in learning and encouragement. A grant from the PCUSA grant covers registration scholarship (\$250) for ordained PCUSA pastors in the western Presbyteries to W.I.M. (The Whitworth University Ministry).

Here are the details:

1. WIM begins Monday night, July 24 with evening worship and concludes at noon on Friday, July 28 after our commissioning worship service. Morning worship followed by plenary sessions will run Tuesday- Friday from 8:45- 10 followed by coffee break.
2. Minds & Hearts Set on Christ: Spiritual Formation and Biblical Teaching Enrichment Ron Pyle, George Goodrich, Eric Peterson, & Mindy Smith , Tues., Wed., Thur., 10:30 a.m.-noon & Tues. and Thur., 3-5:15 p.m.
3. WIM website and registration link here to begin registration:

<http://connect.whitworth.edu/wim2017>

If you want to participate in the cohort e-mail Steve Shive at steveashive@gmail.com. If you cannot attend W.I.M. you may still participate in the cohort!

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

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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 Heimbeck at kheimbeck@gmail.com or 307.713.0086 to reserve your spot today or for more information about the event.

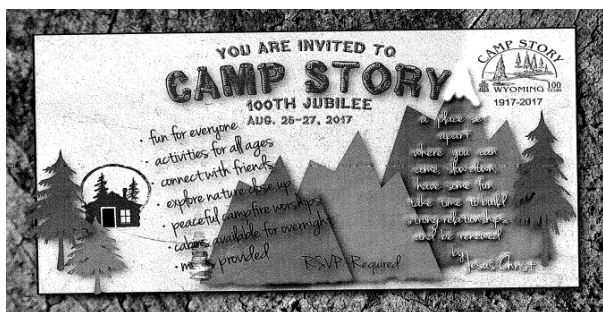
Cost: \$30

Medical Dues for Pastor's Participation to Increase; Minimum and Maximum Medical Dues Bases Hold Steady

After several years without a medical dues increase for family coverage, the medical dues rate for Pastor's Participation in 2018 will rise, from 24.5 percent to 25 percent of effective salary. The increase is due largely to the trend of increasing medical and prescription drug costs for the covered population.

The minimum and maximum medical dues bases for Pastor's Participation in 2018 will remain at 2017 levels: \$44,000 and \$124,000, respectively. These amounts represent the minimum and maximum salaries on which employers are billed for medical coverage.

The 2018 coverage costs for menu options will be available through Benefits Connect in mid-July. At that time, employers can begin reviewing and submitting Employer Agreements for 2018, selecting the benefits they will make available to their employees during annual enrollment. The medical coverage costs for menu options are unique to each employer and based on demographics, employee coverage choices, and regional healthcare costs.



Challenging

SuicideTALK Awareness Program

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PoW churches in Sheridan and in Torrington will host community workshops to increase awareness and ability to respond to suicidal desperation this September. CJ Clem of Sheridan, and Pastors Kate Morrison and Vickie Kintzel of Torrington were among those at a full day workshop in January prior to the national APCE (Association of Presbyterian Church Educators) annual conference in Denver.)

It is reported that at any given time, 1 in 17 adults* and 1 in 6 youth** are considering suicide. To help build a broad-based support team before we face a crisis, these churches in the Presbytery are sponsoring the workshops, and certificates of attendance and an outline will be available for those seeking "CEU" credit.

They are working with experienced leaders from Soul Shop (TM) to bring workshops to their towns for both church members and others in their communities. Evening two-hour workshops for the community (teachers, nurses, police, other helping professions, parents) are offered Friday Sept 22 (Sheridan) and Sunday Sept 24 (Torrington). Full-day workshops with more explicit Biblical content in addition to the basic background and training will be Saturday Sept 23 (Sheridan) and Monday Sept 25 (Torrington). A small fee applies in Sheridan; Torrington offers them without public cost thanks to their Loren and Oletha Likins Endowment.

Suicide reaches into people's lives in multiple ways: through the death or suicide attempt of a loved one, through their own former or current suicidal thinking, or through worries about others going through hard times. At any moment, 1 out of 2 people in most congregations are personally impacted by the reality of suicide.

Soul Shop is working toward creation of regional networks that create soul safe communities. The churches anticipate follow-up workshops geared toward youth peer training down the line; this time around they are offering information and training for community adults, specifically persons who have not recently dealt with suicidal desperation personally or professionally. Both workshops will be led by an expert from Soul Shop and attended by local professionals with background in this area.

For more background, see <http://http://www.soulshopmovement.org/> Pastor Kate

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* according to Living Works

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Caring

"Memento Domine"

- **Rev. Jason Harshberger** as he has resigned as the pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, Laramie.
- The **United Presbyterian Church, Laramie** as they discern their way forward.
- The **Presbytery Council** as they meet on Tuesday, August 15th to approve a recommended 2018 budget, to approve a new vision for the Presbytery and many other items to enhance the Presbytery's partnership with its churches!!
- **Dave Mattis**, Ruling Elder in Greybull, as he is now under the care of Hot Springs Home Health
- The **Presbytery and its Council** as some significant changes are considered for the future! They will be meeting on Tuesday, August 15th!
- The **United Presbyterian Church, Riverton and the Riverton Administrative Commission** as they meet on Wednesday, August 16th.
- **Rev. Thea McKee** as she has her Deep Brain stimulation surgery on Tuesday, August 22nd!
- Congratulations to **Libby and Jeremy Hugus** upon the birth of their daughter, Harloe Maeve, on July 3rd.
- **Kristen Trokimoinen**, member of Shepherd of the Hills Church in Casper, as she raises funds and prepares for a year as a Young Adult Volunteer in Peru.
- **David Cole**, Ruling Elder in Gillette, as he prepares for a mission trip to Africa with Marion Medical Mission in October.
- 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!
- 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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