

FIRST THINGS FIRST

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STERLING, COLORADO

JUNE/JULY 2022

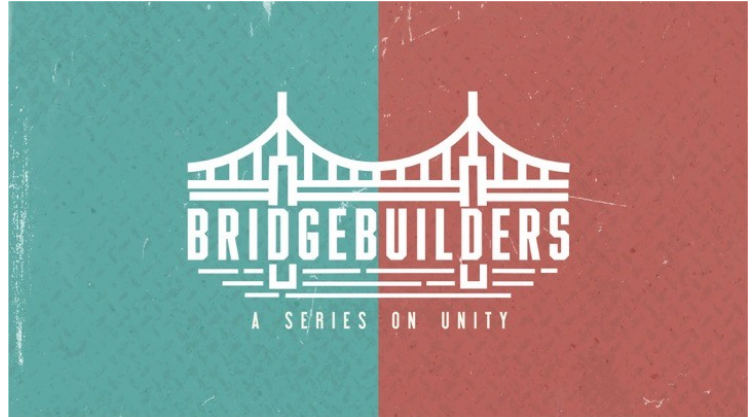


The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him. Proverbs 20:7

A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE. . .

June

In our next worship series, we'll think about mending relationships and building bridges. Our culture builds vast chasms of bitterness and hurt between people, groups, families, and churches. Rather than leaning into the tension, can we become bridge builders? Can we be the kind of people who love others because of our connection with Jesus Christ, who shows us how to live as peacemakers in a world of conflict? I invite you to join me in wrestling with these questions in our June worship series.



July

I'll be taking some time off in the month of July. I'll be recovering from surgery and then taking some vacation. We have guest preachers lined up, and a few special services — including a service of potluck fellowship, music, and prayer on Saturday, July 2, and a hymn sing service on Sunday, July 24. Pastor Michael Gross, who serves the Presbyterian churches in Brush and Fort Morgan will be on call for pastoral emergencies, and our deacons and Heart Strings team will be providing ongoing care and visitation to the congregation. We are fortunate to have church staff, elders, deacons, and members who care about each other and the church so well.

Here's the Sunday lineup for July:

Saturday, July 2 (5pm) — Fellowship, Music, and Prayer

Potluck fellowship with music led by Marsha Davis and Darla Korrey Gertner...

This service will provide space to give thanks, celebrate, and lift up our nation in prayer.

(There will be no onsite service on Sunday, July 3, but a service will stream online and on the radio.)

Sunday, July 10 — Rev. Denise Pass preaching

Sunday, July 17 — Fred Crawford preaching

Sunday, July 24 — Hymn Sing Service

This service will weave together prayers and readings from scripture, with special music, and a hymn sing led by Tom Westfall.

Sunday, July 31 — Larry Fetzner preaching

A special offering will be collected for The Gideons.

Looking forward to joining with you in worship, learning, and growth in June; and praying for a meaningful, restorative July for all...

Rev. Michelle

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Military Personnel

Luke Brigham (Randy & Terry's son)
Thomas Gage Snyder (Kim Schlup's son)
Cameron Venn (Doris Ramsel's grandson)

For those with special needs or concerns....

Florence Annan	Haley Mead, Braxton, and Kaisen
Ron & Carol Barrett	Jimmie McCaffree
Norm Blackburn	Emerson McClanahan
Brenda Boeff	(Ellen Bernhard's daughter)
Luke Brigham (Kay Rich's Nephew)	Delinda Korrey McDowell
Randy & Terry Brigham	Aline Marquez
Paul Budin	(Becky Cranwell's friend)
Gabe Chapin	Rev Betsy & Eric Moe & the people of Guatemala
Cooperating Ministry	Jeni Porter
Jeanne Crouch & Family	(In-law of Blackburns)
Cierra Davis	Frances Rhodes
(friend of Becky Cranwell)	(Dave's mother)
Andrew DeSouza	Agnes Rundus
(Michelle Hawkins' son)	Steve Shinn
Gary Espinoza	(friend of Jim Leh)
(Arden Fennell's family)	Darrell Smith
Family Resource Center	Becky Stieb, Justin & Torin
Norman Foos	(Friends of Michelle Hawkins)
Bryce Gilliland	Barb and Bart Thiele
(friend of Kaans)	Charlie & Roseanne Thompson
Craig Gilliland	(friends of Nebletts)
(friend of Kaans)	Peggy Thompson
Meredith Goodwin	(Carol Arnold's daughter)
(friend of Propsts)	Amy & Byron Uhrich
David Hashman, SCF Inmate	(Jill Vollmer's parents)
Sonja Holden	Under the Umbrella
(friend of Arden Fennell)	Robert Vance (Michelle White's dad)
Hollis Jackson	VBS Leaders & Kids
Chris Jutz	Norma Wagner
Josh Jutz & Kaylee	(Jana Lock's mom)
Janae (Klindt) Kerr	Declan Nash Warner
Robert Koehler	(Jason Rose's grandson)
(friend of Laura Guenzi)	Masi Wells
Debby Korrey	(friend of Taylor Cranwell)
(Darla's and Delinda's sister)	Jeff Weskamp
Patty Moriarity Korrey	Joan Whitney
(Delinda's and Darla's sister- in-law)	Jim & Jean Williamson
Dona Lightsey	

Do you have an update on anyone listed on our church prayer list? We'd love to hear the good news of recovery, healing and answered prayer. If you have a joy to report, let us know!

JUNE

VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

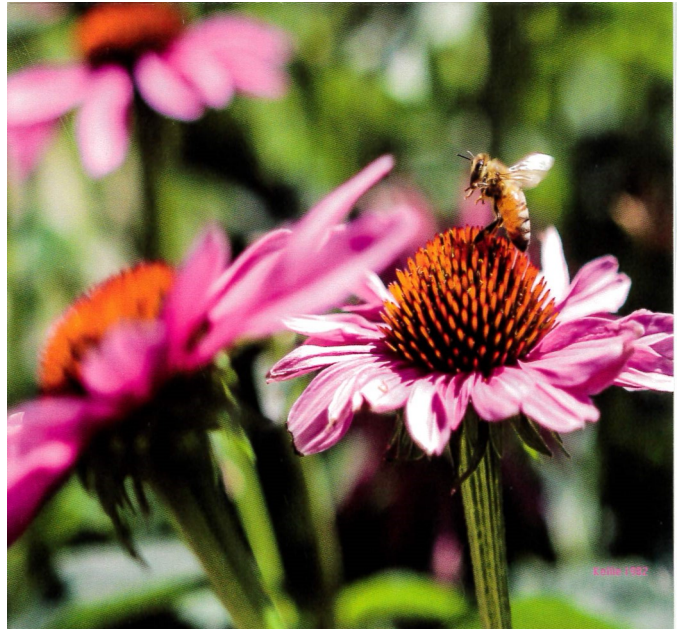
2	Mikayla Guenzi
3	Carol Barrett
	Camryn Rhodes
5	Becky Cranwell
	Remington McClanahan
	Landon Roberts
6	Allen Benson
	Sacha Borner
	Trent Eichhorn
	Ken McDowell
7	Larry Jackson
8	Florence Annan
11	Frank Dana
13	Barbara Korrey
15	Cindy Horner
19	Betty Scharf
20	Agnes Rundus
22	Karen Torres
	James Waite
23	Janet Foos
24	William Fritzler
26	Sarina Cervacio
	Cheryl Kaan
28	Marsha Davis
29	Janice Grauberger
	Judy Rounph



JULY

VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Emery Jackson
- 3 Scott Chaney
- 4 Max Jackson
- 5 Paul Budin
- 6 Traci Reeves
- 9 Gail Bieber
- 11 Jeff Rice
- 12 Janet Bigler
- 13 Jim Horner
- 16 Austin Rounph
Emerson McClanahan
- 18 Maddix Kruger
Laura Guenzi
- 19 Brynlee Sheldon
- 22 Michelle Hawkins
Sophie Borner
Alice Ledin
- 23 Anna Werner
- 24 Kadence Roberts
- 25 Mason Boeff
- 26 Teri DeBord
- 28 Brenda Christenson
Jim Jackson
- 30 Rose Neblett



Dear FPC Family,
Thank you so much for
the warm welcome (back)
to Sterling & to the church
for the gorgeous quilts! Our
fur babies are grateful too!
We cannot express what
it has meant to have a church
home that has already shown
us so much love. Sarah & B. Eaton

SESSION. . .

From the April 19, 2022 Session Meeting

The Session of First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Sterling, Colorado, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room.

It was voted to seat and give voice to deacon representative Jeff Christenson.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- A written report was received.
- A written report was received from Kay Brigham Rich, Innovator of Family and Youth Connection and Faith Development.
- Marryn Rose Sheldon, daughter of Tyson Allen Sheldon and Alexandra Sue Sheldon, born August 2, 2021, was baptized on April 10, 2022, during worship by Rev. Michelle D. Witherspoon.
- Danny Duodo, son of Daniel Duodo and Gifty A. Anima, born August 19, 2021, was baptized on April 17, 2022, during worship by Rev. Michelle D. Witherspoon.
- Leona Patten entered life triumphant on March 27, 2022; a service was held at Tennant Funeral Home on April 4, 2022, with Rev. Michelle D. Witherspoon officiating. She was a former member.

IT WAS VOTED

- To approve the following time off for Rev. Michelle: June 28-July 11 for paid time off (medical leave); July 12-August 1 vacation.
- To approve the June 11, 2022, wedding of David Chrisp and Jacob Paiz, at the member rate, with Darcelle Chrisp officiating.
- To update the wording of the wedding request form to read **"Bride/Groom"** in place of "Bride" and **"Bride/Groom"** in place of "Groom".
- To approve an additional \$185 for Bell repair.
- To approve the March 2022 Transaction Detail Report.
- To award the FPC Scholarship to Emilia Reeves in the amount of \$5,000.
- To approve the following church use requests from Carol Bretz for May 14th baby shower in the Fellowship Hall; and the May 29th Birthday Party for Jen DeSoto in the Fellowship Hall.
- To be a sponsor of the Alzheimer's Association Walk.



	<u>April 2022</u>	<u>YTD 2022</u>
Income/Offerings	22,564.86	100,185.12
Expenses	<u>25,700.91</u>	<u>111,329.63</u>
Income / (Loss)	(3,136.05)	(11,144.51)
Quarterly Investment Transfers	<u>6,763.78</u>	<u>6,763.78</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS. . .

**In Person & on
Facebook**

**First Friday @
First Presbyterian**

*Emma
Parrish
Classical Pianist*



**June 3, 2022
12:05 -12:35**

**130 South 4th Street, Ster-
ling**

**Facebook.com/FPC.Sterling
Free & open to the public**

Saturday, June 25



denverpride.org

Join our team (First Presbyterian Church of Sterling) for our local PRIDE 5K.

Register at denverpride.org.

If you need assistance with registration fees, let us know.

UPCOMING EVENTS. . .

Saturday, July 2 ~ 5:00pm

A service of Music, Prayer, & Fellowship



Potluck: Bring your favorite 4th of July food to share.

Fellowship Hall

****There will be no onsite service on Sunday, July 3***

***Hymn
Sing***

worship service

Sunday, July 24

10:30am

UPCOMING EVENTS. . .



The Rev. Dr. Gregory Faulkner, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Cherry Hill, New Jersey will be leading this pilgrimage to the holy land. The estimated cost for this 14 day pilgrimage is \$5,800/person. For more information, or to reserve your place, please contact the church office.





I know the plans
I have for you,
says the Lord,
... to give you a future
with **HOPE.**

Building a Life of Faith

Forty percent of our church's offering is retained by our church which we donate to an organization in our community. This year we will donate these funds to the Life Source Program, a program that supports suicide prevention efforts for youth in our community.

The remaining 60 percent is used to support children-at-risk, youth and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



MY FATHER TAUGHT ME

Point your kids in the right direction — when they're old they won't be lost. ~Proverbs 22:6

You may bring your donations to the church, put them under the table outside the church office, or in the box in the elevator vestibule.

**NJC Food Pantry needs:
Nuts, Dried Fruit, Trail
Mix; Jerky; Tuna or
Salmon (cans/packets);
Protein Bars; Peanut
Butter; Nut Butter;
Crackers; Granola; Fruit/
Nut Bars; Instant
Oatmeal; Popcorn;
Microwavable meals.**

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Heart Strings

We are expanding our visitation ministry at FPC by with a team of volunteers who visit and look after members of the congregation. If you would like to join the Heart Strings visitation team, let us know. Or, if you or someone you know in the congregation could use a visit or some support from our Heart Strings team, please let us know that also!



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www.firstpressterling.org
The Rev. Michelle D. Witherspoon, Pastor



2022 Vacation Bible School Registration Form

June 6-10 ~ 9am-12pm

First Presbyterian Church

Or register online:

<https://>

fpcsterlingvbs.mycokesburyvbs.com

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information Date of birth _____ Age _____ Male / Female

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Allergies / Medical Information / Other: _____

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS _____

Please return completed Registration Forms to the church or register online at

<https://fpcsterlingvbs.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

SERVING IN CHURCH

USHERS

June 5 Delinda Korrey McDowell
Ken McDowell
Dean Boeff

June 12 Traci Reeves
Ava Reeves
Audrey Reeves

June 19 Jeff Christenson
Tammie Malone

June 26 Mason Boeff
Dean Boeff

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

June 5 Women's Bible Study

June 12 Christian Educ. Committee

June 19 Fellowship Lunch

June 26 Bell Choir

July 2 Potluck Picnic

July 10 Property Committee

July 17 Fellowship Lunch

July 24 Membership/Stewardship Committee

July 31 Christian Educ. Committee

COUNT OFFERING

June 5	Bob Smith	July 2	Linda Meisner
June 12	Linda Meisner	July 10	Connie Ham
June 19	Bob Smith	July 17	Bob Smith
June 26	Bev Cumming	July 24	Bev Cumming
		July 31	Linda Meisner

SOUND ROOM

June 5 Steve Burnham

June 12 Tanna Prince, Rex Witherspoon

June 19 Dean Boeff

June 26 Justin Cranwell, Jeff Christenson

July 2 N/A

July 10 Jeff Christenson

July 17 Dean Boeff

July 24 Justin Cranwell

July 31 Jeff Christenson

FIRST RESPONSE

June Mason Boeff

July Terri Rhodes

August Ava Reeves

LAY READERS

June 5 Sue Weingardt

June 12 TBD

June 19 Fran Moore

June 26 Jomari Lechtman

July 2 Lindsey Jackson

July 10 Pat Borner

July 17 Rose Neblett

July 24 Mike Tyson

July 31 BJ Eaton

BULLETIN DELIVERY

June Sue Weingardt

July Mason Boeff

August Ava Reeves

COMMUNION JUNE 5 2022

You are welcome to bring your own elements to worship. Prepackaged, single-serving, communion elements will also be available.

Preparing Communion

June 5 Rose Neblett

July 2 (no communion)

August 7 Steve Burnham & Elsie Fetzner


Remember to let the church office know if you trade serving dates with someone (522-2708).

Serving schedules subject to change. Check the website for most up-to-date schedules.
www.firstpressterling.org/servingschedules



JUNE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			7:00 Choir		12:05 Virtual First Friday – Emma Parrish	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30 Worship Communion 11:30 Nominating Committee	9-Noon VBS	9-Noon VBS 2:00 Worship & Sacraments Committee 5:15 Fellowship Committee	9-Noon VBS	9-Noon VBS	9-Noon VBS	Chrisp Wedding
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:30 Worship - Youth Sunday	10:30 Warm. Ctr Task Force	Flag Day 	Newsletter Deadline	1:30 Women's Bible Study		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:30 Worship Fellowship Lunch Father's Day		5:15 Session				8:00 Pride 5-K
26	27	28	29	30		
10:30 Worship						



July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
						5:00 Evening service & Potluck
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No onsite service	Church Office Closed Independence Day					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:30 Worship		5:15 Finance Committee			Newsletter Deadline	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:30 Worship						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:30 Worship Hymn Sing						
31						
10:30 Worship						

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Newsletter Deadline is the 15th day of the month prior to publication. Items may be submitted on flash drive, on CD or in text format to Tammie Malone or Jackie Reynolds c/o the church office, by e-mail (newsletter@firstpressterling.org) or phone (522-2708).

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship in person or
on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/fpc.sterling

RADIO MINISTRY

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. On KSTC (AM 1230)

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