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UPC NEWS



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A POEM FOR EASTERTIDE AND SPRINGTIME

I Will Sing a New Song

The old song of my spirit has wearied itself out.
It has long ago been learned by my heart;
It repeats itself over and over,
bringing no added joy to my days or lift to my spirit.

I will sing a new song.

I must learn the new song for the new needs.
I must fashion new words born of all the new growth
of my life – of my mind – of my spirit.
I must prepare for new melodies that have never been mine before,
that all that is within me may lift my voice unto God.
Therefore, I shall rejoice with each new day
and delight my spirit in each fresh unfolding.
I will sing, this day, a new song unto the Lord.

~ Howard Thurman

PRESBYTERY OF WY DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY - UPDATE

Good news! A candidate has been selected for final approval by the presbytery at their June 6 meeting. Upon approval, the candidate would begin July 1. Watch for more exciting details!

SESSSION SUMMARY

At their April 21, 2026 meeting, the Session of UPC:

- Heard a first quarter report on UPC investments from FOC
 - Approved a Family camping weekend for Logos Families, June 26-28
 - Designated the 2nd floor Family Promise office space for the Presbytery's Campus Ministry
 - Relocated the Clothing Closet from the 2nd floor to Marcia's Closet in the lower level
 - Received reports from the Clerk, Treasurer, and Staff
- Changed the date of the May Session meeting to May 12

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHEYENNE GOLF TOURNAMENT Calling all golfers and duffers!



Join us for a fun golf tournament on Saturday, **June 20**, Tee Time 9 AM. Nine holes with carts including lunch for \$70. For anyone who enjoys the game - no matter your game. A fun time together to enjoy a round at Little America golf course, shot-gun start, followed by lunch. No requirement to be a member or attend First Pres., friends are welcome.

If you are interested, please contact

Pastor Bob at pastorbob@firstprescheyenne.org,

Steve Carver at scarver191618@yahoo.com, or call 307-638-3345.

SAVE THE DATE!

LOGOS family camping weekend
June 26-28, 2026
more details to come



MISSION COMMITTEE

Please plan to attend the Sunday, **June 7th, workshop and luncheon** that features Bob and Holly Garrard. They will be speaking on their January trip to Lebanon. Bob leads the Presbytery's initiative on Syria and Lebanon and is an officer in the Presbyterian Church's national Syria Lebanon Partnership Network (SLPN). UPC has been an active participant in supporting programs in these two countries through the Presbytery's and SLPN's partnerships with the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL), the Compassionate Protestant Society (CPS), and the Near East School of Theology (NEST). These organizations have been critical in getting our financial assistance into Syria and Lebanon. Join us as we hear how the recent military turmoil has impacted these organizations as well as the Christian churches in the region. A "blessed feast" featuring Lebanese foods will precede the Garrards' presentation.

Many thanks to the Aloha group and their dogs who ran and walked the fund-raiser for the **Interfaith Food Pantry**. Our efforts raised more than \$400 for the Pantry. Thanks also go to Diana Denison who again coordinated this effort for UPC.

Mission Committee thanks the Deacons for their donation to **Hospice of Laramie** in honor of Mother's Day.

THANK YOU ALL THAT WALKED!

UPC trophy winner of "Most Spirited"



WOMEN'S & MEN'S GROUP

UPC Men! Please join us at Mountain View Cafe in the Iverson Hospital. Parking is on the West side. Saturday, **May 2 & 16** at 8:00 am for great conversation! All are welcome!

Mary Martha Circle will meet Wednesday, **May 20th** at 12:00 noon at the home of Janice Shuster, (530 Beaufort St. #119) Each member is asked to bring a salad to share. Following lunch we will continue our study "Finding Resilience, Joy, and our identity in Jesus Christ by Rhaskell D. Hunter. All women are invited to join us for prayer, study and fellowship. We hope you will join us.

Rebekah Circle will meet on Thursday **May 21**, from 9:30-11:15 in the Fireplace Lounge at UPC. We will gather for conversation and light refreshments followed by a discussion of the fifth lesson in the 2025-2026 PW/Horizons Bible Study: Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ, The Gift of the Woman Who Was Poor. Hostesses will be Cheri Bellamy and Linda Sheets with Celeste Kobulnicky leading the study. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Linda at mljsheets7@gmail.com.



LHS GRADUATES

2026



Nadia Buchanan
Attending UW
Major-undeclared



Mikayla Williams
Attending UW
Major-Psychology



Brynn Utton
Attending UW
Major-Construction Mgmt.



Trenton Rogers
Attending UW to rodeo
Major-Communications

Tyler Gale
Attending BHSU to play football
Major-Physical Therapy



OTHER GRADUATES

Hailey Lindahl Hamilton, daughter of Cheryl Lindahl is graduating from law school at UNLV



SUNDAY SUNDAES – MAY 31

Celebrate our newly installed elders and deacons, and LHS graduates by creating your own sundaes following worship on **May 31**.



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

VBS

As many of you know the Spiritual Development committee made the difficult decision the UPC would not host Vacation Bible School this year.

If you are searching for a VBS option for the children in your circle, please check out the Laramie VBS page on Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2369782996422188>

We will update this information on the SD bulletin board as new dates are added.

Camps

Here are some great camp options for you to look into for your children and youth:

Camp Story - <https://www.campstory.org/>

Table In the Wilderness - <https://www.tablecamp.org/>

Highlands - <https://highlandscamp.org/>



Nursery

Starting in May the nursery at UPC will not be staffed on Sundays. The room will be available for use and anyone using the space can use the radio on the windowsill to listen to the service.

DEACONS' MOTHER'S DAY DONATION

Many of us have been touched in one way or another by the caring and support of Hospice. Our Laramie Hospice offers both in-home care and care at their specialized inpatient facility. They not only provide health care but also provide spiritual and emotional care as well as grief support to patients and their families. The UPC Deacons will be giving a Mother's Day donation in honor of our UPC women to this worthy organization.



MAY SERMON SERIES

Sunday worship live stream service can be found at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyLkd7kE_lf0acTnxJQ_Eg and through the UPC website.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00-3:00pm. Rev. Michelle Bacon's office hours are 9:00-5:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Wednesday 1:00 -7:00. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with her, please call the church office.

Any information you would like shared in the weekend reminders needs to be emailed to the office by Wednesday morning.

The office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 25th

UPC's ELDERS AND DEACONS



Elders: Art Snoke, Nancy Lick, Hank Kobulnicky, John Galbreath, David Jones, Elizabeth Williams, Cam Collamer, Corrine Seebart

Deacons: Nancy Fillion, Kathryn Blaney, Linda Sheets, Pam Galbreath, Gerald Van Campen, Marla Smith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT UPC

For a full calendar of events click on the calendar link. If you or your group wants to add something to the UPC calendar please bring it or send to the church office for approval. [CLICK HERE](#) for calendar.



REPORTS AND SESSION MINUTES

The UPC Session Minutes and reports can be read at our website at upclaramie.org/minutes/. Call the church office if you are in need of the password.