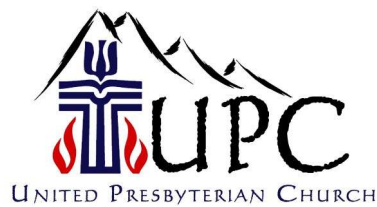


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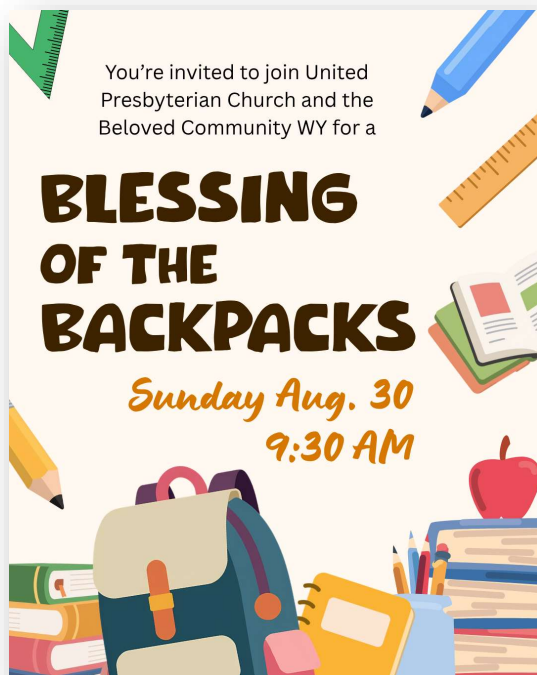
UPC NEWS



United Presbyterian Church Communicator

All students of ALL ages are invited to bring their backpacks to church **THIS SUNDAY, August 30th!** Together, we will pray for the upcoming school year and bless our students as we start the new semester/school year.

After worship, everyone is invited to join the Beloved Community for refreshments and fellowship on the second floor. If you'd like coffee or tea before worship, please go to the second floor kitchenette to pour yourself a cup.



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Registration is open. [Click here!](#)

Our annual **Welcome Back BBQ** will be **September 9** at 5:30 in UPC's North parking lot with food, fellowship and a few games! Please bring the whole family and any other families who may be interested in joining LOGOS!

Our regular LOGOS rotation schedule will begin on **September 16**, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 pm

We can't wait to see all of our wonderful LOGOS families.

BELOVED COMMUNITY WY-CAMPUS MINISTRY

For more information about the Beloved Community WY [click here](#). If you know of college students who may be interested in our campus ministry, Rev. Nell Herring invites you to share her email (campusminister@presbywy.org) with them. Additionally, if you know of students going to college elsewhere, visit <https://ukirk.org/ministries/> to find out if there is a Presbyterian campus ministry near their campus. If you would like to help the Beloved Community WY, visit our Amazon Wishlist to help stock the second floor with supplies for faith formation, community building, and fun! [CLICK HERE](#).



“USHER-ING” IN HOSPITALITY

When members, visitors, and newcomers enter the UPC on Sunday mornings, one of the first people they encounter is an usher. We tend to think that the role of the ushers is simply to hand out bulletins and collect the offering, but there's more to it than that! Our ushers extend a warm welcome to all who come to the UPC. It's the first opportunity for visitors to experience the hospitality that the UPC has to offer everyone. Youth, families, men, women, ANYONE can be an usher. If you would like to play a part in “usher-ing” in hospitality, please contact David Jones. (Training will be provided.)

MONEY COUNTING



Calling members that are good with numbers and would be willing to count money after church one Sunday a month. Training will be provided. Please contact Bryce Barker or the church office.

NEW ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM

The ministry of UPC continues and relies on your generosity and we have been upgraded to the new Vanco Online platform. The look has changed but your account has not if you are currently enrolled. Please consider sending your tithes and offerings through the [on-line giving](#) on the UPC website or mail through the US postal service. On-line is very easy and categories that that you can choose from have been created to direct your donation to the correct place. There is a “Notes” box for each area of giving that allow you to be more specific if you so desire. The “Miscellaneous Non-Charitable Payment” can be used for such things as Easter Flowers,

UPC GATHERS FOR THE JOY OF EATING (AKA P.I.G.S.)

UPC members will gather at Washington Park by the bandstand on Friday, **September 25**, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. for joyful eating and conversation. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Spillover Room to indicate your attendance. Arnold Palmer tea and fried and grilled chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert and any other beverage that you wish (BYOB). We'll be setting up the groups for the remaining 2026 dinners. If you have any question, please speak with Linda Haynes, Marla Smith, or Nancy Lick. We hope to see you at the gathering.



MISSION



The removal of "Mt. Baggie" has been rescheduled with **Wind River Food Sovereignty Project** for Friday, **September 4th** at 1:00 p.m. Kelly and Billy will be here with a truck and we'll need as many folks as can make it to be a link in the chain to get everything up the stairs and into the truck. Kelly reports good news that the fire came up to their front door but the farm was saved by the Lander Fire Department. The only on-going issue is that the fire burned everything in its path so the dirt is now dry dust that keeps blowing onto the farm. They are, however, grateful that they still have a farm. Kelly reports that there was loss of one trailer home other than the wild fire damage to the land. They hope to see us on the 4th.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

The donation for the disaster kits —**Kid Kits and Hygiene Kits**—continues with the Trunkless and Treat event scheduled for a Wednesday **October 21st**. Between the current floods and fires, these are really needed now to replenish the kits stored at the warehouses. See any member of the Mission Committee if

WOMEN AND MEN GROUPS

UPC Men, please join us at Mountain View Cafe in the Iverson Hospital. Parking is on the West side. Saturday, **Sept 5 & 19** at 8:00 am for great conversation! All are welcome!

The **Rebekah Circle** will meet on Thursday, **Sept 17**. Linda Haynes has graciously invited us all to the Haynes' cabin, just northeast of Centennial. We will gather in the UPC parking lot at 9:00am to carpool. Brunch and beverages will be provided. We will visit with each other, have a brief business meeting and discuss the first chapter in our new study, *Parables of Jesus* by J. Elsworth Kalas. Guests are welcome. For more information contact Rita VerPloeg at averploeg@msn.com.

Mary Martha Circle will meet Wednesday, **Sept 16** at 1pm at the home of Janice Shuster, (530 Beaufort St. #119) We will begin our study *United through Christ, Bound to Each Other* Paul's first letter to the Corinthians by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. Please contact Freda 760-9728 for a study book. All women are invited to join us for prayer, study and fellowship.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will resume meetings on **September 8** and will meet each Tuesday. As usual, they will meet at **10:00 am** in the North Liunge. For the Fall, we will study James Bryan Smith's *The Good and Beautiful You*. Along with selected Bible passages. Participants are encouraged to get the book prior to the start of class and to read Chapter 1. If anyone needs help in ordering the book, contact Celeste Kobulnicky or Mary Prather. All are welcome!

LITURGISTS AND CHILDREN'S SERMONS

Each Sunday, we need an individual to serve as Liturgist for our guest pastor. The responsibilities of the Liturgist will depend on the preference of the guest pastor, but at the very least, the Liturgist will do the welcome to the congregation, which will include introducing the guest pastor. There may be more required, such as leading the confession, but that will be up to the pastor each week. If you are interested in serving as a Liturgist [SIGN UP HERE](#).

For the guest preachers who prefer not to do the Children's Sermon, we will need a UPC member to fill in. Pastor Michelle has provided a series of scripted Children's Sermons that we can use, so no one is required to develop one from scratch. This will be a great opportunity for UPC members to contribute to worship! If you are interested in leading the Children's Sermon, please contact David Jones or Nikki Rogers in the church office.



DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S RETREAT: YOUR WALK WITH GOD

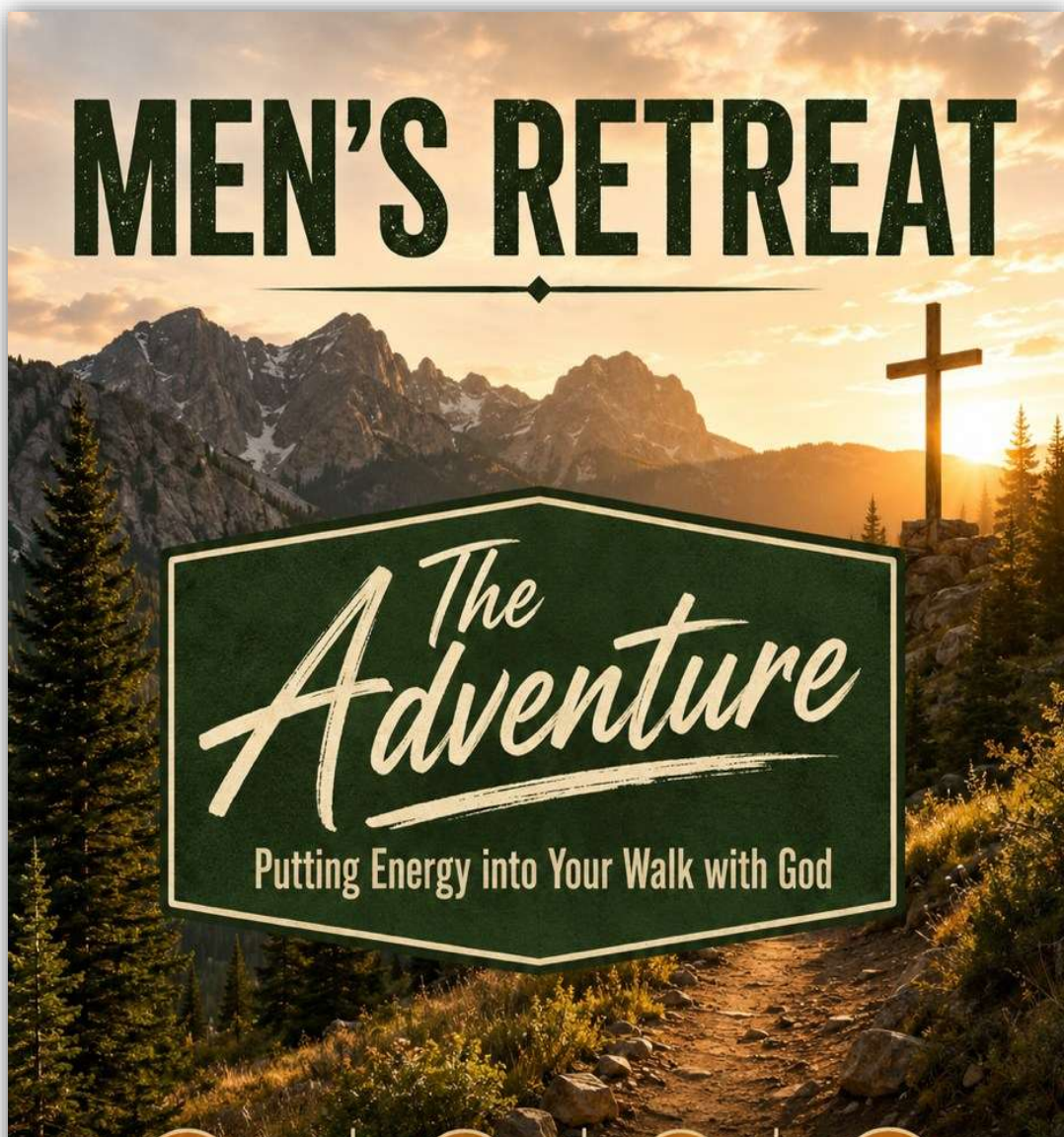
Spend a refreshing weekend at Camp Story! Men ages 16 and older are invited to join us **September 18-20, 2026** to explore your faith, enjoy fellowship, and build meaningful connections with other men.

Throughout the weekend, we will draw from *The Adventure: Putting Energy into Your Walk with God* by Gerald L. Sittser. Whether your faith feels strong, you have questions, or you need time to reconnect with God, you are welcome. This opportunity is open to everyone – you do not have to be Presbyterian to participate. Come as you are and enjoy a weekend away from everyday distractions in the beauty of the Bighorn Mountains.

Rev. Bob Thomson (First Presbyterian Church Cheyenne) will share messages throughout the weekend, and **Rev. Jeromey Howard** will lead relaxed and meaningful group discussions.

The cost is \$250 and includes lodging, meals, and retreat activities. We would love to have you join us!

Register at www.campstory.org.



SESSSION SUMMARY

The UPC Session met on August 18th with General Presbyter Jeromey Howard moderating. Session updated the FOC policy requiring all financial requests (money, goods donations) from internal, external or Presbytery be given to the Financial Oversight Committee. This will increase consistency and facilitate communication. Session also set aside money for the new roof with more information coming as bids are received by the Property Committee. The Session also celebrated the installation of the new stove in the downstairs kitchen in time for LOGOS to start.

-Elizabeth Williams, Clerk of Session

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

Sunday worship live stream service can be found at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyLkd7kE_I0acTnxJQ_Eg and through the UPC website.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00-3:00 pm starting **Sept 8th**.

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

UPC's ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders: Nancy Lick, Bryce Barker, Hank Kobulnicky, David Jones, Elizabeth Williams, Cam Collamer



Deacons: Nancy Fillion, Kathryn Blaney, Linda Sheets, Christy Oliver, Donna Mecham, Linda Haynes, 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.

