# PARISH SOUNDS

*September 2015*

*A newsletter for Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church of Berthoud*

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**Adult Bible Study - 8:30 am**
**Worship Service - 10:00 am**

**Children's Sunday School before worship is available upon need or a request. If you know of a specific need, please call the church office or Sally Seitz.**

The Nursery is available for parents with infants and young children.

## Heavenly Harvest

## PASTOR'S SEARCH UPDATE

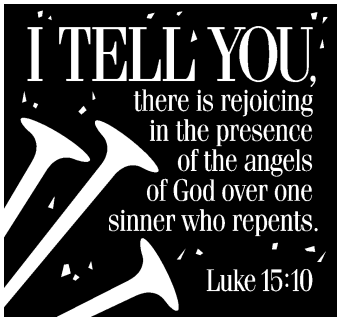
Our Session members are hard at work reviewing resumes and looking at possible candidates. Last week they began interviewing some candidates by "skype." Following that process, we will begin face-to-face interviews. We are thankful for your patience during this time-consuming process. The Pastor's Search process is very important to a congregation like ours who have had several wonderful ministers and we want our next minister to be just as wonderful. Please keep the Session members in your prayers as they work so diligently to find the right person for us. Keep on praying and being patient. It seems nothing happens over night, and we want to do it right.

Beth Summers,
Clerk of Session

## SAINTS AND SINNERS

Saints and Sinners reminds me of a poem I read many years ago. The words are a bit corny, and the rhymes are forced, but the message is strong:

St. Matthew was a taxman;
St. Dismas was a thief;
Mary Magdalene had demons;
Tom was without belief.
Yet there they are in heaven,
Looking down upon us now,
Holding up their holy hands
To their tired and weary brow.
So the sins of all us sinners
Don't necessarily condemn;
Your wasness doesn't matter,
If your isness really am.




It can be easy to think of saints only as those people who get to wear haloes in ancient paintings, or whose faces appear in stained glass windows or icons, or who merit special days on the church calendar on the anniversaries of their birth or martyrdom. But the truth is, we all qualify.

The saints are the holy ones, set apart to be the people of God. When St. Paul wrote his letters, he addressed them to "the saints" in each place, meaning all of the people in the church. We are all saints' blessed, set apart, called to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Our *wasness* doesn't matter if our *isness* really am.

From LOGOS productions, Inc.

Within First Presbyterian there are many "silent" saints. They go about the work of God cheerfully, willingly and with purpose. They never tote their deeds, nor announce what they have done, they just go about their work giving cheer, sympathy, empathy, and loving care. They are saints to those who receive their loving ministry. We don't know their names or what they are doing, but we thank all of them and ask God's blessings be showered on them.

## SERVING SCHEDULES

### USHERS

**September 6**
Donald Houle, Dorothy Kurlander, Ann Hughes

**September 13**
Karin Sommers

**September 20**

**September 27**
Lee Rardin, Marty Rardin, Janice Gibb

### COMMUNION SERVERS

**September 20**

**Preparer:** Duane Pond

**North Center Aisle:**
Karin Sommers

**South Center Aisle:**
Bettie Dinsmore

**North Outside Aisle:**
Dorothy Kurlander

**South Outside Aisle:**
John Prock

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**September 6**
Beth Sommers

**September 13**
John Sommers

**September 20**
Katherine Gray

**September 27**
Bettie Dinsmore

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Schaal
Mark Heim
Bud Allshouse
Tom Roche
Natalie Austin
Mike Salomonson
Bettye Gruber
Wayne Gibb
Lorraine Thompson
Lentz Family
Ed Adsit

Liz Hartman's Aunt Pat

Our Military Folks serving around the world, Our Veterans, Our leaders, local and national, Peacemakers and Reconcilers,

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| September 1 | Lois Anderson |
| September 4 | Carey Salomonson |
| September 6 | Virgil Downing |
| September 7 | Marty Rardin |
| September 10 | Lorraine Thompson |
| September 14 | Bettye Gruber |
| September 17 | Brent Anderson |
| September 17 | Chris Pollock |
| September 17 | John Prock |
| September 21 | Jerry Morlan |
| September 23 | Ann Hughes |
| September 25 | Sarah Allshouse |
| September 26 | William Dorman-Gurney |

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 27 Jerry and Donna Morlan

*If we have missed any birthdays or anniversaries, please call Judy Dill at 532-2192*

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Summer might be coming to a close, but the Women's Fellowship ladies are eager to enjoy their favorite seasonal delight - peach cobbler! We'll be meeting for lunch at CJ's Patio Grill on September 3, at 11:30am located in Loveland at 1331 Eagle Drive. Women's Fellowship is for all women, so if you haven't joined us before, now is the perfect time. CJ's peach cobbler is hard to turn down! A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the sanctuary. If you have questions, please contact Norma Huffaker (970) 776-9646 or Marian Thrush (970) 532-5989.

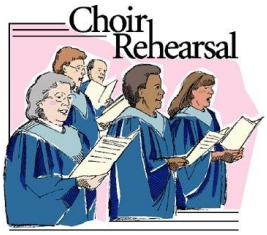
The Men's Fellowship Breakfast for everyone will be Monday, September 7 at 8:00 am. All are welcome. The men will continue to meet the rest of the month on Monday mornings at 8:00 am. This is a fellowship time to have coffee and chat.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Skeins of Love welcomed a new member, Joy Woodruff at the August 17 meeting. We will meet again on Monday, September 21 at 1:30pm in the Library. Come join this fun group. If you know of anyone needing TLC, please let us know. Call Dee Metrock at 970-443-8142 or Judy Dill at 970-532-2192.

## CHANCEL CHOIR STARTS REHEARSALS

The new choir season will begin the Wednesday, September 9 with our first day of ministry during the Sunday morning church service on September 13. We would love for anyone who wants to sing praises to God (usually in 4-part harmony) to join us. We sing almost every Sunday from September through Memorial Day, with a few extras performances involved. If you have any questions, please call Paula Muncy at 303-378-7993, or talk to any other choir member. We hope to see the choir loft overflowing!




## BI-WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

Dorothy Kurlander and Patrick Gray will lead a bi-weekly prayer group beginning on Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The prayer group will focus on prayers for our country and the world in these troubled times. For more information, please call Dorothy at (970)619-8542 or Patrick at (720) 233-3363.

## WISDOM SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we begin another season of delving into God's Word. Wisdom Seekers is a nondenominational Bible Study open to all women which meets in Berthoud. We'll be studying 2 Corinthians, which deals with the impact of false prophets and false teachings that infiltrate the church, beginning September 17 through mid-Dec. 2015. After the first of the year we'll study the prophesies (many of which have to do with the end times) of Daniel from mid-Jan.-mid-March 2016. Wisdom Seekers meets every Thursday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. To register or for more information please contact Jill @ 970-532-4936 or jtbieri@hotmail.com or Donna @ 970-775-4006.

**Put these exciting events on your calendar!**

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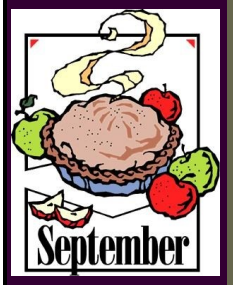
September Events

- 9/1 Deacons
- 9/3 Women's Fellowship Luncheon
- 9/7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 9/9 Choir Rehearsal
- 9/14 Session
- 9/16 Bi-Weekly Prayer Group
- 9/20 Communion
- 9/21 Skeins of Love



## SESSION MEETING - August 10m 2015

- Wisdom Seekers, a local Bible Study group, will be using our church every Wednesday during the school year for leadership training (this has been ongoing for several years) and for their Bible Study classes from Thursday September 17 through Thursday October 15, 2015. This group usually meets at Grace Place.
- Patrick Gray and Dorothy Kurlander would like to have a weekly or biweekly prayer meeting, praying for out country and the world in these troubled times. You will be hearing more from Patrick and Dorothy.
- A Fall Bible Study will be offered. Details will follow.
- A Fall Harvest Festival Dinner will be held October 25, 2015, following worship.
- Churchill House progress is very slow.
- September will begin our budget process.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Sommers

## DEACON NOTES - August, 2015

The Deacons took a much deserved brake in August. They will meeting again on Tuesday, September 1 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## NURSERY ATTENDANT

It is with pleasure that we introduce our new Nursery Attendant, Kristina Kortgaard. Kristina has been with us for a few weeks now and she is waiting for our little ones each Sunday morning! She comes to us with lots of skills in the area of child care. Please stop in and greet Kristina!

## RESTORE INNOCENCE

At this time Jason and Michelle Korth have been released from their commitment to the Restore Innocence Ministry. It is unknown the direction of this ministry in the future. Please PRAY for the Restore Innocence Ministry and its new board of directors and please PRAY for the future that God has for Jason and Michelle Korth.

## ANSWER TO AUGUST PUZZLE

**SESSION MEETINGS**
**7:00 PM**
**2nd Monday of month**

**DEACONS MEETINGS**
**6:00 PM**
**1st Tuesday of month**

**Meeting times and dates may be changed to accommodate holidays and other schedules.**

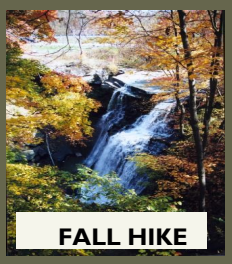
**If you have a question, Call the church office 532-2192.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER?

### BI-WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

The Bi-weekly Prayer Group will continue meeting on Wednesday, October 7 and 21 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. This group is dedicated to praying for our country and the world in these troubled times. For more information, call Dorothy Kurlander at 970-619-8542 or Patrick Gray at 720-233-3363.

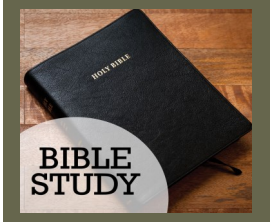
### CHURCH HIKE - October 3




**Let's enjoy the fall colors with a church hike!**

Saturday, October 3 we will hike to Lake Isabelle. This is a 3 to 5 miles, depending how far the group wants to go. The altitude gain 500 to 800 feet depending on the length of the hike. We will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. and car pool to the start of the trail. The lake is in the Indian Peaks, with beautiful views. Needs: good hiking shoes, layer clothing, gear for sun, water and foods to enjoy at a stop to enjoy the scenery. For more information call Janice Gibb, 532-5126. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the Sanctuary.

### FALL BIBLE STUDY




***THE CALL*** is like a beautiful travelogue. Filmed in the Holy Land, it traces the footsteps of Paul's Missionary Journeys. Hosted by Adam Hamilton, it is a 4 week, DVD based study. Books will be available for $10, or you can download to an ereader for $9. Meeting time will probably be Wednesdays at 1:30 in October. Let Sally Seitz know if you prefer meeting at the church or in a home.

### GET READY FOR A HARVEST FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 25TH!!

We will have a potluck!! Bake your favorite Apple Pie or Apple recipe to be judged and eaten by everyone!! Bring all your family and friends. It will be immediately after church. Contact Bettie Dinsmore 970-532-3033 or Diane Pollock 970-532-0120. We'd love to have some volunteers to help!!

## WARRIORS PATH

A Warriors Path: We will be holding another couples retreat on the 2nd,3rd and 4th of October. It is a wonderful venue for our soldier couples from the Ft. Carson rehab battalion to lean back and relax in the great outdoors. The couples retreat is being held at the Sundance Trail Ranch north of Ft. Collins in the Red Feather Lake area. In addition to the popular horse back riding (very therapeutic), there are other activities. Most of all it gets these couples to hopefully strength their relationships and create a firmer bond.

Donations to this cause can be made to the Church with the memo item on the check to: A Warriors Path.

Thank you for your consideration and prayers, Karl Gruber

## VERSE BY VERSE BY JERRY GROVES

Text: Psalms 106:30-31…."Phinehas intercedes for the wickedness of his people…and stops a plague that had fallen upon them"…

Comments: Phinehas was an Old Testament character…the grandson of Aaron, the Priest. Aaron, of course, was the brother of Moses, so this would make Phinehas the grand-nephew of Moses. At one point when the sins of the ancient Israelites were at their worst, one Israelite brazenly took a pagan woman into his tent with intent of having sex, and Phinehas was enraged at this happening. Accordingly he entered the tent where the illicit sex was taking place, and he ran both the woman and the man through with a javelin. The story is told in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 25:6-9. For this deed, aimed at cleaning up moral corruption in the Israelite camp, God credited, or put on Phinehas' account…righteousness…and the plague. That had broken out in the Israelite ranks was stopped.

For our consideration….Lessons/Application…"The Crediting of Righteousness to a person's account"….

The crediting of righteousness to a person's account is a teaching in both Old and New Testament…and there is need to understand this concept. In the New Testament, it is talked about in Romans 4:1-8. When we sin before God…and we do…righteousness needs to be put on our account to prevent God's wrath from destroying us. To those who put their faith in Him, Christ's righteousness is placed on our accounts to prevent God's wrath from falling upon us. Our own righteousness is inadequate to please God, so Christ, like Phinehas of old, acts as intercessor, and Christ's righteousness is placed on our accounts. Without this addition of Christ's righteousness put on our accounts, we would never make it into heaven, or be accepted by God. We need his righteousness…because our own righteousness is inadequate to please God.
See the following Scripture on this teaching: Matthew 5:20….Romans 3:10….Psalm 71:16…Romans 4:1-8…Philippians 3:7-9…..

## TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGE

Niccole Deister no longer has her home number of 970 587-0908. She is using her cell phone number 303-913-5737. Please change her number in your church directories.

## WE'RE A HAPPY CHURCH!

# September 2015~ Activity Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | **1**<br>-9:00 am *HNS<br>-6:00 pm Deacons<br>-6:30 pm Al-Anon | **2** | **3**<br>-11:30 am Women's Fellowship Picnic | **4** | **5** |
| **6**<br>-8:30 am Adult Sunday School<br>-10:00am Worship Service | **7 Office Closed**<br> <br>-8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast | **8**<br>-9:00 am *HNS<br>-6:30pm Al-Anon | **9**<br>-7:00pm Choir | **10** | **11**<br> | **12** |
| **13**<br>-8:30 am Adult Sunday School<br>-10:00am Worship Service | **14**<br>-8:00 am Men's Fellowship<br>-7:00 pm Session | **15**<br>-9:00 am *HNS<br>-6:30pm Al-Anon | **16 - 9:00am Parish Sounds Deadline**<br>- 9:00-11:00am Wisdom Seekers Leaders<br>-10:00AM Bi-Weekly Prayer Group<br>-7:00pm Choir | **17**<br>-9:00-11:00am Wisdom Seekers Bible Study | **18** | **19** |
| **20**<br>-8:30 am Adult Sunday School<br>-10:00am Worship Service and Communion | **21**<br>-8:00 am Men's Fellowship<br>-1:30 pm Skeins of Love | **22**<br>-9:00 am *HNS<br>-6:30pm Al-Anon | **23**<br>- 9:00-11:00am Wisdom Seekers Leaders<br>-7:00pm Choir | **24**<br>-9:00-11:00am Wisdom Seekers Bible Study | **25** | **26** |
| **27**<br>-8:30 am Adult Sunday School<br>-10:00am Worship Service | **28**<br>-8:00 am Men's Fellowship | **29**<br>-9:00 am *HNS<br>-6:30pm Al-Anon | **30**<br>- 9:00-11:00am Wisdom Seekers Leaders<br>-7:00pm Choir | | | |

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# WHO'S WHO

Clerk of Session: Beth Sommers..... (303) 678-8493
Financial Secretary: Dee Metrock.....443-8142
Vivian Downing ..... 622-8847
Treasurer: Norma Huffaker..... 776-9646
Bookkeeper: LuAnn Hostetter ..... 532-2192
Facility Manager: Karin Sommers.....631-3373
Grounds Maintenance: Dean Covey .....532-4815
Administrative Assistant: Judy Dill ..... 532-2192
Parish Sounds Editor: Judy Dill .....532-2192
Parish Sounds Assistant Editor: Chuck Dill..... 532-2192

***SESSION***

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|---|---|---|
| Julie Heim | '15 | 532-4807 |
| Sally Seitz | '15 | 532-4555 |
| Bettie Dinsmore | '15 | 532-3033 |
| Beth Sommers | '16 | (303)678-8493 |
| John Sommers | '16 | 631-3374 |
| Barbara Losche | '16 | 532-0842 |
| Mark Johnson | '17 | 532-5228 |
| Rebecca Johnson | '17 | 532-5228 |
| Virgil Downing | '17 | 622-8847 |

***DEACONS***

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|---|---|---|
| Ann Hughes | '15 | 587-4057 |
| Karin Sommers | '15 | 631-3373 |
| Vivian Downing | '15 | 622-8847 |
| Niccole Deister | '16 | 587-0908 |
| Ray Gurney | '16 | (303)772-0957 |
| Linda Olson | '16 | (720)203-6395 |
| Dee Metrock | '17 | 443-8142 |
| John Prock | '17 | 532-3564 |
| Karl Gruber | '17 | 535-4960 |

Once or twice a year, I attend an APA conference. APA stand for "Administrative Personnel Association."

**Our Mission**
The Mission of APA is to offer opportunities for professional development and personal growth for those called by God to serve as support staff of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This mission is accomplished by providing continuing education events for certification and occasions for fellowship, worship and spiritual nurture and prayer at both National and Regional meetings as well as seminary sponsored training events. (adopted July 1999)

**Our History**
A request from twelve women attending a Business Administration Course at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (PSCE) in Richmond, VA laid the groundwork for a professional organization to be created. There was a need and desire for an association for lay employees in the offices of the churches/boards/agencies of the PC (USA) denomination. Thus, the Administrative Personnel Association, PC (USA) was founded in 1976 by Joyce Bauer as the Presbyterian Secretarial Association of the Southern Church (PCUS). Within two years, the UPCUSA church staff was invited to join as they had no similar association. During the years, APA proposed to the General Assembly that Certified Lay Employees be recognized by presbytery and be invited to presbytery meetings and given the privilege of the floor (without vote) which is presently in the Book of Order section G-14.0740. APA is affiliated with the Office of Vocation (a joint office of the General Assembly Council and the Office of the General Assembly) and has a PC (USA) staff liaison. Certified APA members are listed in the Directory and Book II of the General Assembly Minutes. APA is a "link" under the PC (USA) and the Board of Pensions websites. This Association continues to grow and currently has members across the country in nine regions (Florida, Greater Midwest, Heartland, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-South, Northeast, Pacific, Rocky Mountain and Southwest). Annual national and regional conferences are held. Please visit our website at pcusa-apa.org for more details on the Administrative Personnel Associations PC (USA).

This year, I attended the regional conference in Kearney, NE. We had twelve active APA members attending the Rocky Mountain Region's conference and two of us received our Level III certification. This certification does not come easily. We must complete 12.5 hours of core courses and 37.5 hours of elective courses for a total of 50 hours. A copy of my conference report will be at the back of the church for those who are interested.

I feel blessed to work for a church that recognizes the knowledge and skills this program provides not only for me but also for the benefit of FPC. Thank you for supporting me with funds and time to increase my knowledge about Presbyterian theology, polity, confessions, GA entities, financial reporting, churches in transition and many other subjects as well as office administrative, social medial, software programs, people skills, communication, etc.

Thank you all for your support and assistance.

God bless,
*Judy*

# 2015

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

8:30 am
Adult Bible Study

10;00 am
Worship Service
Nursery Available

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