

# THE TOWER

JULY ~ 2021

**First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ**

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## CROSS TALK

We will be moving back upstairs and into the sanctuary this Sunday. Is our space all perfect and ready to welcome the community? Well, not yet. Our chosen carpeting has been delayed, maybe for months, and I understand that the resin to make everything from carpeting to patio furniture is hard to get. True enough, I googled “resin shortages” and it is, indeed, a thing! Moving back upstairs will give us plenty of time to settle into our renovated space. It will also give time for the dust to settle—literally. In the meantime, the carpet company had a piece of brown carpeting to lay temporarily for us. In our building, brown isn’t exactly a “stand-out” color, but it will work for now. You will quickly notice that we have not put up anything on the walls. This is so we can all have time to think about what goes where. There is also the fact that when we drill into plaster, we better be sure!

I’ve been thinking a lot about breathing new life into old things (ha! I don’t mean me). However, I do thank you all for the Happy Birthday Wishes!

Council is taking next month off, as we are all in need of a break. A retreat is being planned for all members and attenders. We’ll let you know the date, just as soon as we know. As we did a few years ago, we will update our 5-year plan. When Council reviewed what we said we were going to do, we did a pretty fair job of meeting all our goals.

Pat Luck and myself are filling out all the forms to complete our project with Sacred Places. What a journey it has been! Once our forms are accepted, we will receive the balance of our grant, which will be \$41,500. It has certainly been an honor to be selected as a National Sacred Place by the National Trust for the Preservation of Historic Buildings and the Partners for Sacred Places. To be the first selected in Wyoming is particularly special. All of you have worked so hard to make everything happen, and I thank you for your commitment to God’s sacred space.

Yours always, in Christ, Pastor Sheila

## July Birthdays

10 Jody Bush  
19 Shane Hall

12 Shari Mortensen  
23 Lyle Watts  
31 John Egan

13 Larry Huestis  
28 Marla Watts

## July Anniversaries

13 Dustin and Christina Shorma

## OUR PRAYER LIST ~ “WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD”

Please lift up all families, friends and neighbors, all from the Church family who are not feeling well, healing, recovering, burdened, and grieving.

Please remember **all those**, along with their families, **dealing with challenges**: Fran Ford, Jim and Dorothy Brennan (recovering at home), Isaac and Maria Myers (recovering), Fred Newcomer (cancer), Thelma Peterson, Liz Gale, Alan Johnson (cancer), Jean Morgen (cancer), Bob Lance.

**Please remember our Active Military Personnel and their families**, including those we know – Brian Hier (USAF), Fred Luck (USAF), Gary Barker (USAF), Aaron Weisz (USN), Robert Fisher (USA), Kenny Barker (ASF-Med), Nathan Wolanin (USA), Ethan Sinnet (Marines), Chandra Olson (Air Force), those in the National Guard. Please remember **all who have served ~ our Veterans**



## **EVERYTHING OLD MADE NEW AGAIN**

Our Worship Board is bringing back an old tradition with a new twist! Fresh flowers really look beautiful on our altar for Sunday Service. Perhaps you grow your own, and can sign-up to beautify our worship space. Or, Babe's florist has a key to our church if it is easier to purchase them and Babe's can deliver them right to the church for you.

You can offer flowers in honor of someone, in memory of someone, or just because. Just email Elva Carroll at [pig@fiberpipe.net](mailto:pig@fiberpipe.net) or Linda Morris at [ljmorris50@gmail.com](mailto:ljmorris50@gmail.com) and let them know your special occasion and the day you would like. If you have it arranged in advance, we can put it in the Sunday bulletin too.



Our **HELPING HANDS** partnership with the Sheridan Police Department will have a table at the Friends of the Sheridan County Libraries “Storybook Festival & Fun Run”. We will sell a few “collectibles” to raise money to buy Visa \$25 gift cards for the police to help those they meet on our streets that need food, gas, shelter, etc. If you can help, please call Pastor Sheila at 307-752-4864 or email at [sheilanaismith@yahoo.com](mailto:sheilanaismith@yahoo.com)

Perhaps you can't help for an hour on the day, but do you have one or two items you can donate? Sponsored by our Christian Service Board.

9am-10am: Pastor Sheila & family (will set up canopy, table, and two chairs)

10am-11am: Martha Wright

11am-noon: Kim Huestis

Noon-1pm: Christine Johnson

1pm-2pm:

2pm-3pm: Barbara Fosmire & Julie Baker

3pm-4pm: Pastor Sheila & family (will take down and clean up)



Amanda Tilden brought in this love jewelry set and vase for our **HELPING HANDS** effort. Perhaps this will inspire you to let Sheila know you've got one or two items also! Thank you Amanda!

**OUR CHURCH HELPS FEED THE HUNGRY  
LUNCH TOGETHER SOUP KITCHEN – JULY 5-8**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TEAM CAPTAIN</b>	<b>MAIN COOK</b>	<b>SIDES</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>DISHES</b>
Monday	Debbie C	Alicia C (spaghetti)	Pat L. Debbie C	Chelsea T Helen W Bart T	Kelly B Val J
Tuesday	Kim & Larry H	Elizabeth W (stuffed shells)	Elizabeth W Martha W Dems	Chris C Dems Bart T	Kelly B Val J
Wednesday	Elva C	Elizabeth W (turkey burritos)	Elizabeth W Kathy H Christine J	Chris C Kathy H Christine J Bart T	Kelly B Val J
Thursday	Pastor Sheila	Julie B (sloppy joes)	Mary S Naismith's	Mary S Naismith's Bart T	Kelly B Val J
Friday	Doris C (her women's group holds down the fort on Friday)				

Arrival Times (we serve guests from noon-12:45)

Team Captains – no later than 10:15am to open the back door for Bart (sets up/serves desserts every day)

Main Cooks – any time after 10:15am; if your meal is hot and ready to serve 11:30am

Sides – 11:30am

Servers – 11:30am

Clean Up – Team Captains are responsible, but any help from servers is appreciated

**THANK YOU!!**

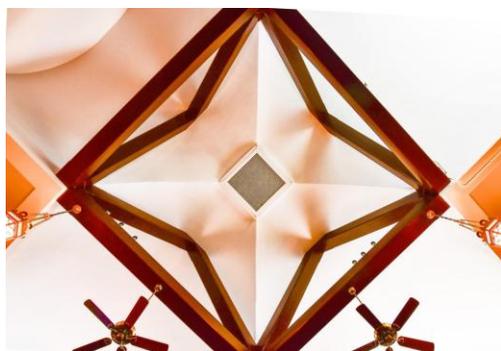


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# FRAN FORD TURNED 80 IN 2021 AND IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!!

## You are Invited!!



Jess and Laura Ford are coming to town and hosting an Open House in honor of Fran's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday! There will be light refreshments and birthday cake.

**Date:**  
Saturday,  
July 10<sup>th</sup>

**Time:**  
1 - 4 p.m.

**Location:**  
First Congregational Church  
Fellowship Hall  
100 W Works St  
Sheridan, WY

Come share your favorite memories of Fran with us. Her family and friends always like to hear the stories she'd never tell us herself!!



To make Mom's 80<sup>th</sup> **EXTRA** special, we'd like to collect at least 80 birthday cards for her to have at the celebration!

Please send the cards to:

Fran Ford  
c/o First Congregational Church  
100 W Works St.  
Sheridan, WY 82801

Or you can send her a card directly to:

Fran Ford  
810 Bellevue Ave  
Sheridan, WY 82801

**First Congregational, UCC participated Pride Parade in Sheridan on June 5. Despite the hot weather, many of our people were there to participate. Many positive comments were received because of our presence and support.**





**John and his sister Anne Hays Egan singing “I Will Trust In the Lord” on Father’s Day. We enjoy John’s music and it is a special treat to see Anne when she is in town.**

### **Tuesday Night Cleaning Crew**

**Six people were helping to clean and place the items in the sanctuary. They included Linda, Elva, Shane and Tim, Kathy and Debbie. It was a hot evening and everything that was accomplished was appreciated. Including a very well-deserved rest break!**

