



First Presbyterian Church
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Dear First Presbyterian Church Yuma Family and Friends,

May is the month of celebrations and change. We are proud of our graduates and children as they celebrate the end of the school year. Our seniors: Jailyn Mekelburg, Jordan Glanz, Bridger Lynch, and Sean (Morgan) Smith—8th graders: Orly Lynch and Stevie Seward and college graduates since last May or coming up: Lainey Mekelburg, Alison Hisam, Ema Richardson, and Hannah Fitzsimmons. Of course, there is Mother's Day. This is the day to celebrate and remember all kinds of mothers—from birth mothers to foster mothers, godmothers and grandmothers and to mothers whose only children have fur (or feathers or . . .)

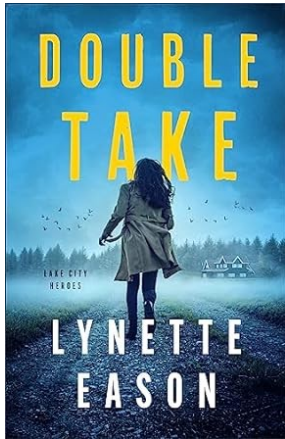
It is really a time to appreciate the unconditional love, incredible strength and endless patience that the special women in our lives show us.

Another important celebration in May is Memorial Day Here are some not-so- conventional days to celebrate in May. Did you know that May 2nd is International Harry Potter Day? There is also National Do Something Good for your Neighbor Day (May 16), National Devil's Food Cake Day (May 19) and National Paper Airplanes Day (May 26).

As Christians, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ every day. On May 19 th , we celebrate Pentecost, the birth of the church! The story of Pentecost is the coming of God's Spirit in wind, fire, and language. It was a time when ordinary people were trying to figure out life, and Pentecost changed everything. The Spirit tuned them to the character, convictions, and power of Jesus. It literally transformed their lives in showing more love, more grace, more kindness, more vitality in the redeeming ways of God! May this Pentecost transform our lives and our church to show more grace, more kindness, and more vitality in the redeeming ways of God!

In Christ,
Pastor Michael

Library News



USA Today bestselling author Lynette Eason will leave you breathless with this fast-paced book.

Detective James Cross has been honorably discharged from the Army Criminal Investigation Division due to wounds sustained when an IED blew up near him. Now with the Lake City Police Department, he's rooming with this good buddy and partner, Cole, while he figures out his family dynamics.

Physician Assistant Lainie Jackson is eighteen months out from an attempted murder perpetrated by her ex, which ended when she managed to grab the weapon and shoot him. When he appears to have survived and is back to finish the job he started, Lainie insists it's not possible. But someone keeps trying to kill her, and she keeps seeing his face.

Together, Lainie and James must work together to find out who, exactly, is after her and why he wants her dead. And failure is not an option.

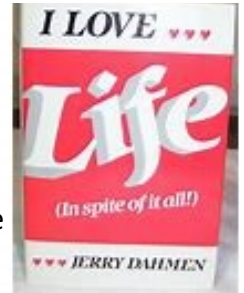
Mysterious Disappearances Taint the Chicago World's Fair

While attending the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, Winnifred Wylde believes she witnessed a woman being kidnapped. She tries to convince her father, an inspector with the Chicago police, to look into reports of mysterious disappearances around the White City. Inspector Wylde tries to dismiss her claims as exaggeration of an overactive imagination, but he eventually concedes to letting her go undercover as secretary to the man in question—if she takes her pistol for protection and Jude Thorpe, a policeman, for bodyguard.

Will she be able to expose H. H. Holmes's illicit activity or will Winnifred become his next victim?



While this next book—*I Love Life* is an older book—the stories in are well worth reading. The book is a collection of inspiring stories about everyday people who lived with tremendous adversities—emotional physical and professional—yet learned to love life. It is a treasury of hope and encouragement for anyone despite their circumstances. In spite of it all, each person joyfully exclaims, “I love life.”



These stories will touch your heart and soul and make you glad to be alive. You will read about people who have changed many lives, including the authors' with their “can-do” philosophy.

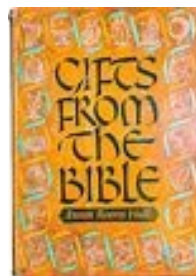


THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK

Have you picked up a copy of *The Presbyterian Outlook* magazine yet? Why not do it the next time you go by the table outside the library.

The March issue has articles about “The ethics of AI—Finding our path as Christians in a world in intelligent machinery.”

The April issue is about “Hospitality—To be welcomed and be welcoming—as Christians.”



A book that delves into biblical themes and insights. If you're interested in exploring biblical wisdom and reflections, this could be a valuable read. The author selects ordinary things and imparts beauty and meaning to each gift. As she writes about each gift it becomes a rich prize in all our lives.



Presbyterian Women

Bible Study

May 9— Memorial Hall— 2 pm

Bible Study Leader: Carol Heltenberg

Hostess: Linda Clark

Sacred Encounters

Lesson Nine: People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43



Come and Join Us!

May 23, 2024

Presbyterian Women Luncheon

**Memorial Hall
12-1:00 pm**

All women and guests are welcome!

Watch for Information About the PW Churchwide Gathering, August 8-11th in St. Louis. Open to all— Need not be a member of a PW group. Scholarship money is Available.

Do everything in love

-1 Corinthians 16:14

In need of prayer for yourself or a family member?
Call Alice Seedorf 630-0071 or Janet Cullen 970-580-9468 to activate prayer chain.

Next Session meeting will be Tuesday, May 21 2024 at 7:00 pm
Committee Reports are due in the church office Thursday, May 16th.
Fellowship and Lock up for May—Kristi Mekelburg & Pastor Mike

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Recognition Sunday

May 5, 2024

**YUMA MIDDLE SCHOOL
8TH GRADERS**

Orly Lynch

Stevie Seward

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Jordan Glanz

Bridger Lynch

Jailyn Mekelburg

Sean (Morgan) Smith

Youth Sunday school participating in worship



*Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024*

Remember to wear your **RED** as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. (No red – orange and yellow also works.)
Let's be on fire for Christ!

Volunteer Opportunity

VBS this summer should be lots of fun learning how water affects our lives each and every day. There will be science experiments, games and crafts, all involving water. For this each student will need some supplies that **you** can save to be used that week,

Supplies Needed

Large (2-liter) clear plastic soda bottles

Each student will need 3 of these

Plastic water bottles—1 per student

Plastic container with lid for each student

Items can be dropped off at First Presbyterian or Yuma Methodist Church

Items not used for VBS will be recycled—not thrown in the trash.

THANK YOU!!

VBS Fun With Jerry Can & Water



**July 8-12, 2024 - 8:30-11 am
Yuma Methodist Church &
First Presbyterian Church**

Fun for 3 years old - 6th grade
Classes at Yuma Methodist
For more information/volunteer
Contact: Ronella Noble 970-630-8778
or Carol Heltenberg 970-630-4632



The young and the young-at-heart all enjoy games and fellowship at the Roll-Out Games Day, April 7, 2024



Enjoying the Trumpets, Rob Zahller, Saralynn Vetter, & Dave Hoch. Plus Song Leaders, Zia Zahller & Laurynn Vetter
Sunday, April 21st.



Good Times at the Spring Lunch with a baked potato bar and yummy desserts. Thanks Congregational Life!



Listening for God's voice at God's Kids Time

Thank you Earth Day crew for all the work you did to make our community and the earth cleaner. Plus we enjoyed great pizza—thanks Marie!



May 2024

BBH — Baby Bear Hugs
 BSG— Bible Study Group
 CC— Connections Committee
 CE — Christian Education
 CL— Congregational Life
 HH — Harmony Home
 MH — Memorial Hall
 P/G — Property & Grounds
 PW — Presbyterian Women
 SD — Sacred Dance
 SS — Sunday School
 W/M — Worship & Music
 WS --- Worship Service
 YMA —Yuma Ministerial Assoc.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Service 10:30 Every Sunday			1 BSG 9-11 am W&M 5:15 pm Bells 5:45 pm	2 <i>National</i> ...DAY OF... PRAYER Come & Go Prayer 12-1 pm Veterans Park 12-1 pm	3	4
5  Mission Com. 9:45 am Recognition Sunday in Worship SD in worship	6 Sing Along HH 3:30 pm Lion's Club 7:00 pm	7	8 BSG 9-11 am Bells 5:45 pm	9 PW 2:00 pm	10	11
12  Trumpets & Bell Song in Worship 	13 P&G 2:00 pm Sing Along HH 3:30 pm	14 Presbytery Ft. Collins 10-2 YMA—2:00 Deacons 5:30	15 Finance 5:15	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Session Reports due </div>	17	18
19   Harmony Home Worship 2 pm	20 Sing Along HH 3:30 pm Lion's Club 7:00 pm	21 Session 7:00	22	23 PW Spring Lunch 12-1 pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Newsletter Deadline </div>	24 PEO Set-up	25 PEO Sale 8-noon 11 am YMA Cornhole Tournament
26 	27 Office Closed 	28	29	30	31	



WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, May 5, 2024 10:30 am

Worship Leader: Senior High Sunday School
Greeters: Adult Sunday School
Organist/Pianist: Leslie Woody/LuAnne Hoch

Sunday, May 12, 2024 10:30 am

Worship Leader: Kiera Hess
Greeters: Tom, Kristi & Jailyn Mekelburg
Communion Servers: Julie Rahm, Dan Seedorf, Sarah Seedorf, and Saralynn Vetter
God's Kids Time: Bill Glanz
Organist/Pianist: Leslie Woody/LuAnne Hoch

Sunday, May 19, 2024 10:30 am

Worship Leader: Sean Smith
Greeters: Adam & Chery Beauprez
God's Kids Time: Carol Heltenberg
Organist/Pianist: Leslie Woody/LuAnne Hoch

Sunday, May 26, 2024 10:30 am

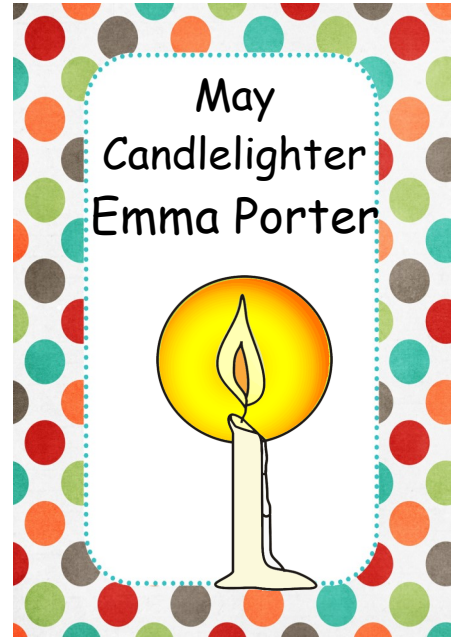
Worship Leader: Peggy Fitzsimmons
Greeters: Bill & Vicky Glanz, Jordan & Logan
God's Kids Time: Pastor Mike
Organist/Pianist: Leslie Woody/LuAnne Hoch



- 12 Jody Rogers
- 13 Randy Wenger
- 13 Hadley Glanz
- 19 George Seward
- 23 Michael Fitzsimmons
- 26 Steele Galles
- 26 Emmersyn Galles
- 30 Mark Triplett



- 1 Mark & Jeanne Triplett
- 29 Tom & Kristi Mekelburg



Congratulations, **GRADUATES!** **RECENT/UPCOMING COLLEGE GRADS!**



Lainey Mekelburg - University of Wyoming
Bachelor of Arts - Elementary Education

Alison Hisam - Western Governor's University
Masters of Science-Nursing Leadership and Management

Emma Richardson - Texas Tech University
Bachelors in Agricultural & Applied Economics
Certificate in Commercial Banking
Summa Cum Laude & Highest Academic Achievement Award

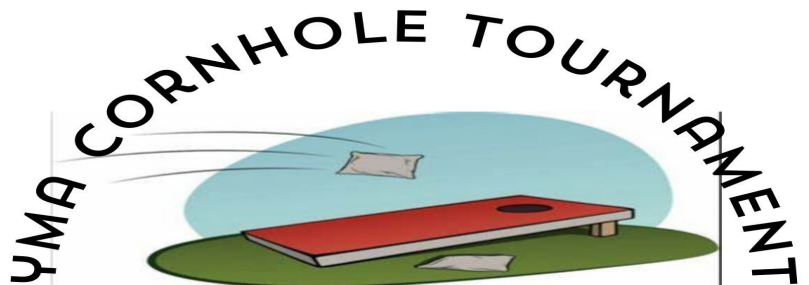
Hannah Fitzsimmons - University of Northern Colorado -Bachelor of Arts-Communications



Congrats!

Worship Attendance

2023	2024
April 2—96	April 7—58
April 9—129	April 14—68
April 16—65	April 21—70
April 23—65	April 28—66



May 25, 2024- 11:00 am
Skyview Garage 309 S. Main,
Watch for registration information

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Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons
Church Administrator..... Carol Heltenberg
Treasurer.....Jody Rogers
Custodian.....Connie Vallier

SESSION:

Clerk of Session.....Julie Rahm

ELDERS:

Christian Education:LuAnne Hoch & Bev Wenger
Congregational Life:.....Kristi Mekelburg
Connections:.....Saralynn Vetter
Finance & Endowment:.. Julie Rahm & Brett Rutledge
MissionLuAnne Hoch
Nominating:.....Kenny Rogers
Personnel:Kenny Rogers & Becky Hendrick
Property & Grounds:..... Dan Snelling
Worship & Music:.....Julie Rahm

DEACONS:

Carol Dowell
Vicky Glanz
Dave Hoch, Moderator
Kristy Rutledge
Sarah Seedorf
Dan Seedorf
Becky Smith

Our Mission Statement
As God's children we will:
Worship God with open hearts;
Share Christ's love with open arms and open doors;
Serve God's world guided by the Holy Spirit.