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2016



PASTOR'S PEN

"A Job Well Done!"

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who have taken an active role in our recently completed bathroom/office remodeling project. The project began months prior to the first sight of construction as plans were made and designs were put to paper. Jeff Gruizenga, who is an engineer by trade, spent numerous hours coming up with the best plan for new bathrooms, conference room, and storage in our existing space. This section of the building was original to 1955 and was in need of a structural update and external facelift.



Fisher Construction was selected to provide the primary work and to oversee the sub-contractors. Charlie Blankenbaker was Fisher's project supervisor who worked well with our church staff. Work began in mid-June, shortly after our summer's vacation Bible school program ended. Primary subcontractors were Carpet One, Action Electric, Star Service Plumbing, Rocky Mountain Coating and Painting, Dale & Jax Windows and Doors, Hill Masonry, Neil Drywall, Granite Door Company, Le Cabinet Shoppe, and Yellowstone Acoustic Ceilings. Charlie choreographed each of these companies so that the work was done both efficiently and effectively.

If you have yet to see the finished product, I would invite you to stop in and take a look. The main hallway has flooring with the look of hardwood. Extensive tile was used in the bathrooms to provide a contemporary and clean look. Hands free technology makes the bathrooms more sanitary. A new family bathroom provides access to families and those needing extra assistance and privacy.

As you might expect, I am very pleased with the completion of this project. I want to thank all of you who worked around the construction zone. We had some interesting scheduling times, trying to juggle people and rooms as this project was being completed. We have a few remaining things, like touch up paint and installing the final bathroom accessories, to complete in the next few weeks. It will all get done in due time.

There is one more remaining thing to make this project complete. We are asking your help in finishing our capital campaign. We continue to raise the remaining \$50,000 toward our goal of \$150,000. If you are able, we would invite you to make a contribution to the building fund. We appreciate all who have given and know that this final step will be reached in the coming months.

Thanks again to all who helped make this project possible!

Pastor Dave

Upcoming Sermon Series: "Making a Difference"

Beginning on Sunday, October 9 Pastor Dave will begin a new sermon series titled "Making a Difference." Various people will be sharing how God has made a difference		
Date	Sermon Theme	Sharing
October 9	Providing a Home	Pastor Dave & Jim Woolyhand
October 16	Providing Stability	Pastor Dave & Felicia Burg
October 23	Encouraging Families	Pastor Matt Lundgren
October 30	Rescuing a Neighbor	Pastor Dave and Boyd Strissel
November 6	Giving Cheerfully	Pastor Dave & Special Guest
November 13	Giving our Best	Pastor Dave & Special Guest

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Presbyterian Women's Luncheon: Wednesday, October 5 at 12noon
Senior Singles will meet on Saturday, October 15 at 9:30 AM at the church
Annual Youth Pie Auction and Dinner: Sunday, October 16 after worship
Noisy offering will be received during worship on Sunday, October 30
New Members' Classes: Sundays, November 6 and 13 at 9:15 AM at the church

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Sunday School @ 9:15 AM
Worship Celebration @ 10:30

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Office Manager: Jeanne
Thompson-Raney
Accompanist: Sandi Rabas
Choir Director: Janie Sutton
Custodian: Kent Fellingham

SESSION MEMBERS

Clerk of Session:
Marlene Spencer

Class of 2017

David Bauer
Ken Eichenberger
Sharon Lincoln
Sharon Mathews

Class of 2018

Kathy Baskett
Marv Brown
Jeff Gruizenga
Sandi Schoenberger

Class of 2019

Chris Eriksen
Jenice Fugere
Chuck Leggate
Heather McLean

FOOD BANK
SUNDAY

Our church was one of the first churches in Billings to designate a monthly Food Bank Sunday. We invite you to bring some non-perishable food items with you on the first Sunday of each month as we help local people in need. Our next Food Bank Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 2. Thanks to all who brought food last month!

Session Notes:

At its September meeting session members learned that the restroom project is nearing completion and will be open for public use soon. Some of the members toured the remodeled area. Jeff Gruizenga was thanked for his leadership of the project.

The Christian Education committee continues to search for a director of Christian Education.

Permission was given for Pastor Dave to officiate at the wedding of Erik Leggate and Alexandra Rupe on December 9.

Financial snapshot

2016	Income	Expense	Net
Sept	\$ 27,351	\$ 29,208	\$ (1,857)
YTD	\$ 262,615	\$ 397,260	\$ (134,645)

Expenses remain higher than normal for the year with funds being used for the recent bathroom/office remodeling project. We continue to raise funds to help offset this expense. If you would like to make a donation to this project, we invite you to submit a check to the church office or offering plate on Sunday morning and indicate on it “Building Fund” We appreciate any and all donations to this project. Thank you!

SEP-TEMBER	2016
4TH	133
11TH	190
18TH	198
25TH	205
2016 SEPT AVERAGE	182
2015 SEPT AVERAGE	187

Sermons available on-line

Did you know that you can listen to sermons on-line at our website at www.fpcbillins.org? Just click the “Listen to Sermons” tab on the upper right front of our church’s homepage. Stay connected even when you are away. Sermons for the past twelve weeks are archived on our church’s website.

Church Mice: When a child is baptized in our church, the congregation is asked individually and collectively to participate in the Christian education of that child. We all say "I do." The church mice have noticed that under the leadership of Robyn and David Bauer, we have some excellent teachers for our Sunday School program. The church mice would like to express, on behalf of the church community, our appreciation and thanks to Robyn Bauer, Tonya Appelt, Lauren Wright, Heather McLean, Kelly Murch, Rhonda Stennerson, Jim Hummel, and Paige Spalding. We apologize if we have omitted anyone from this list.



FLOWER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our flower sign-up sheet is located on the back table in the narthex. We invite you to sign up for a particular Sunday to sponsor the flowers either in honor or memory of someone or a special event such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. Suggested donation is \$30. Special thanks to those who donated flowers during the month of September. They are George and Heather Rosenfeld, Linda Luse, Bob and Norma Thiesen, and Bud and Joann Leuthold. Following worship each Sunday, the flowers are distributed to church members and friends in the hospital, nursing homes, or among those who are unable to attend church. If you would like to be on the flower delivery rotation, please talk with Chris Eriksen. We are looking to add a few more people to the rotation, which entails delivering flowers about one Sunday every two months.

BATHROOM/OFFICE REMODELING UPDATE

Our office/bathroom remodeling project is nearing completion. The project includes new bathrooms for men and women, a new family restroom, and updates to Pastor Dave’s office, conference room, and storage area. The total project cost is \$300,000. We continue to raise funds through a capital campaign with the goal of raising \$150,000 and the other half coming from church reserve funds. To donate to this fund, please indicated on your gift “Building Fund.” Any and all donations to this project would be greatly appreciated. For questions about this project, please talk with Jeff Gruizenga or Pastor Dave. We have raised over \$90,000 toward our \$150,000 goal. Thanks to all who have given. We look forward to having it completed soon!

Senior Singles to meet on Saturday, October 15

Our church’s Senior Singles group will be meeting on Saturday, October 15 at 9:30 AM at the church and then traveling together for lunch in Laurel. This group meets monthly for a variety of activities and social events. Normally food is involved one way or another. For more information about this group, please talk with either Tom Erskine or Phyllis Brown. All senior single adults are welcome to attend.

Real Life Issues Group

Our church’s Real Life Issues (RLI) group will meet again on Wednesday, October 19 at 10:00 AM in the new conference room at the church. This monthly group will discuss issues pertaining to end of life, death and dying, and spiritual questions. This group is open to anyone in the church or community who has an interest in dealing with these issues. Our first meeting in September brought together 16 people who shared topics which will be discussed in the coming months. You are invited to join us.

A Note from our sister congregation in Zimbabwe:

“It has been a while since we wrote each other but you are constantly in our prayers as we always discuss Billings Montana every month that our session meets, so on that score our spirits are constantly in touch as I am sure that Makokoba is constantly in your prayers as well. How are you and everyone over there? I was delighted when Paul forwarded your message to me and to learn that you will be coming down to Africa and in particular to Zimbabwe, Not so long ago the session had tasked me to officially invite you to our Centenary Celebrations that will be taking place in November spanning the dates 12th to 20th. We are not only inviting your person but our invitation extends all members of your congregation as well who are able to join you on such short notice, Here in Zimbabwe we always have room for one more (you should see our taxis and how they never fill up!). Our congregants have open homes but better still they have bigger spaces in their hearts for Billings Montana. I sincerely hope that there may be others who may join you but even if there are none, we all look forward to seeing you and are very excited by the buzz that the celebrations have created especially with you being present. Stay strong in his grace.”

—Stephen, an elder in the church in Zimbabwe

Grief Support and Caregiver Support Groups

Two support groups at our church meet monthly. Our Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM and provides help, hope, and healing to those dealing with grief and loss.

A new group, Caregivers Support Group, meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM and provides help to those who care for others. Both groups are open to anyone in the church and community and both are facilitated by Dr. Don Harr, a retired psychiatrist with a lot of years of experience.

Stephen Ministry Update

We have an active group of Stephen Ministers who are working to help others in our church and community. Each of our church’s Stephen Ministers are assigned a care receiver with whom they provide one-on-one skills of listening, encouragement, and spiritual help. Stephen Ministry supervision is scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM and includes time for continuing education and support. More information about Stephen Ministry is available through one of our church Stephen Ministry leaders who are JoAnn Jones, Doris Backus, Shirley Shirley, or Pastor Dave.

On a Personal Note



A memorial service for Mary “Scotty” Jones was held in our church on September 24. Dr. Paul Crellin passed away on September 14 following a heart aneurism. His memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, October 8 at 2:00 PM at Lillis Chapel on the campus of St. John’s Lutheran Ministry.

A memorial service for Caleb Baukol will be held in our church on Saturday, October 15 at 10:00 AM. The Baukol family have been previous members of our church and are now living in Idaho.

Marian Rudolf was recently diagnosed with cancer and would appreciate prayers for strength and healing. She is living at The Vista on the campus of St. John’s Lutheran Ministries.

Helen Montgomery will be having back surgery on October 6 at St. V’s Hospital.

Marilyn Mahan is undergoing rehabilitation at Valley Heath Care after being hospitalized last month.

Kay Doss has returned home after being hospitalized with blood clots and hearth issues.



Special thanks to the fellowship committee, especially Sandi Schoenberger, Janice Ward, Janet Brown, and Barbara Eichenberger, who provided meals and snacks for a recent Presbytery seminar that was hosted at our church.

Congratulations to Kerry Gruizenga who was recently awarded a national teaching award in Washington, DC.

Charlene (Rich) Switzer continues to undergo treatment for ALS Disease.

Eleanor Reinecke is hospitalized at the Billings Clinic after a recent fall.

We extend our condolences to Scott and Greta Murray on the unexpected death of Scott’s brother in Kalispell.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 10 AM Gluten Grp
2 Food Bank Sunday 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Communion 11:00 West Park Worship Service	3 6 Billings Child Care Assn Meeting	4 9:30 Women's Bible Study 12 Property Com- mittee Meeting	5 9 BSF Leaders 10 Grief Support Group 12 PW Luncheon 12 BLT 7 Choir Rehearsal	6 Bible Study Fellow- ship (BSF) 9-11 7 College Group	7 Church Office Closed	8 12-5 PEO Fellowship & Kitchen
9 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Making a Differ- ence begins 11:00 West Park	10 10 Worship Com- mittee 12 Men's Group	11 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7 Session meeting	12 9 BSF Leaders 9:30 PW Board 10 Caregivers Grp 12 BLT 6 Youth Group 7 Choir Rehearsal	13 9 Bible Study Fel- lowship (BSF) 6 Tumbleweed Dinner 7 College Group	14 Church Office Closed 12 United Church Women meeting	15 9:30 Senior Singles Group meets at the church
16 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Dinner and pie auction after wor- ship 11:00 West Park Worship	17 11:30 Stephen Ministry Leader's Meeting	18 9:30 Women's Bible Study	19 PW Circles Meet 10 Real Life Is- sues (RLI) Group 12 BLT 6 Youth Group 6 Deborah Circle 7Choir Rehearsal	20 9 Bible Study Fel- lowship (BSF) 12 Congregational Care Team Meets 7 College Group Newsletter Deadline	21 Church Office Closed	22 10 Senior Singles
23 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Pastor Matt Lundgren preach- ing 11 West Park	24 12 Men's Group 4 Deacons Meet- ing	25 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6 Stephen Ministry Supervision	26 12 BLT 6 Youth Group 6 Deborah Circle 7Choir Rehearsal	27 9 Bible Study Fel- lowship (BSF) 7 College Group	28 Church Office Closed	29
30 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Noisy Offering 11 West Park	31 			2016		

Presbyterian Women



The PW organization in our church has five different groups which meet monthly for study, fellowship, and often food. We offer groups that meet in the mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Consider joining one of our groups to grow in your faith in God and one another. For more information about the PW organization in our church, please talk with either Sandi Schoenberger of Marlene Spencer. The PW board will meet on Wednesday, October 12 at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room and the monthly PW groups will meet on Wednesday, October 19.

The PW luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 5 at 12noon in the fellowship hall.

Sunday school classes currently offered



Classes for Kids:

Kindergarten through 5th grade: This class meets at 9:15 AM with Leah Wright

Middle school and high school youth meet at 9:15 AM in the downstairs youth coffee room with Russ Kline and Heidi Duncan.

Sunday school during our worship service is held every week after the children’s sermon. A variety of teachers lead this class for children ages kindergarten through the 5th grade.

With the growing number of children attending Sunday school during worship we are offering two classes during worship. Additional teachers are needed for this growing program. If interested in helping teach, please talk with Robin Bauer.

Special Classes for Adults:

Strength for the Journey: Pastor Dave is leading a special adult Sunday school class this fall titled, “*Strength for the Journey: Lessons from the book of Philippians.*” This five week class continues through Sunday, October 16 at 9:15 AM in the Fireside Room and is open for all adults. The New Testament book of Philippians has some of the best known verses in the Bible and will provide a lot of encouragement.

Christianity in China: Pastor Wayne Ten Harmsel and his wife Lynn recently returned from teaching in China and would like to offer their perspective on Christianity in this part of the world. Beginning on Sunday, October 23, Pastor Wayne will be leading a two part class on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM in the Fireside Room. Come and learn more about the spread of Christianity in China and how we can learn from their faith.

Church and Society Class will begin on Sunday, October 16 with the following guests in October:

October 16: Brian Dennis, President and CEO of the Boys and Girls Ranch. His topic will be “Boys & Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County – 45 years and Counting.” Since February 4, 1971 our local Club has grown from a basement room downtown with a few boys and a checkerboard to a thriving 5 Clubhouse organization with the capacity to serve over 800 kids per day from across Yellowstone County. Despite five decades of growth the Club remains focused to making sure those who need us most get the world-class Club Experience necessary for every member to find their path to a GREAT FUTURE.

October 23: Chuck Tooley, former Mayor of Billings and Gubernatorial Appointment as a Human Rights Commissioner for the State, will talk about “Divisiveness in Democracy.” The internet, social networking, and an uninterrupted stream of news have influenced political speech and encouraged more people to not only inform themselves but to indulge their prejudices. Truth is a perpetual casualty daily. Because of the negative reputation of Congress, polls show that fewer young people are interested in running for public office. Chuck will share some ideas about what individuals and communities have done to identify common goals and achieve them together.

October 30: Pastor Dave Thompson will talk about the “Seven Year Itch.” As Pastor Dave begins his 7th year as our pastor, how do we continue to remain vibrant, grow in our faith personally, and continue to thrive as a church community? He will talk about some of the recent ministry opportunities of the church, the nearly completed remodeling project, and where he sees the church going in the future.

New Members Class will be held on Sundays November 6 and 13 in the new conference room with Pastor Dave. This class is offered for anyone who would like to become a member of our church and/or those wishing to learn more about our church/denomination and what we believe and do.

Youth News:

Youth group continues on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 PM. All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us every week for a full meal, games, music, and learning. We have an active youth group that meets weekly and for special events throughout the year. If you would like to help provide a meal for one of our youth nights, please talk with either Jody Ferestad or Sandi Schoenberger. Friends are always invited to come to youth group.

The annual fall youth retreat is scheduled for October 20-22 to Rockhaven Camp, located just south of Bozeman. All 7-12 grade youth are invited to join us for a great weekend growing closer to God and others from our Presbytery. The cost is \$65 and transportation will be provided by our church. If interested in going, please talk with Pastor Dave or Heather McLean.

The youth are selling Cat/Griz raffle tickets for Family Promise. A \$20 ticket will get you entered into a drawing for two tickets to the Cat/Griz game in November, two nights lodging, and \$500 in spending money. Tickets are available in the church office of through most of the youth. All money raised through this raffle will support the Family Promise program of Yellowstone County.

Our annual youth pie auction and dinner will be held after church on Sunday, October 16. This is a great fundraiser for our youth programs. We would invite you to bring a pie that will be auctioned either silently or in live bidding. Plan to join us for this fun and unique way of raising funds to help support our youth.

We rely upon a great group of volunteers to keep the youth activities going and we continue to search for a full time person to work in this area. Please pray for the search process in finding the right person to lead our children's and youth ministry programs in the coming years. If you know of someone interested in this position, please have them talk with Pastor Dave or David Bauer.



Better Together Preschool is off to a good start

Our church is the new home to the Better Together Preschool and they are off to a good start with the fall semester. They currently have 33 children enrolled in their program. They take children ages 2 through pre-K and are using the classrooms in the upstairs educational wing. The preschool staff is comprised of five ladies, plus additional help is provided by the parents. This program is offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information, please contact Karen Morrow at 281-0280.

Men's group

Our men's group is meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12noon in the Fireside Room. Join other men for a time of encouragement, fellowship, prayer, and study. This group is currently studying the New Testament book of 2 Timothy which encourages Christians to build a strong faith in the Lord. For more information about this group, please talk with Pastor Dave. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 10 at 12noon. All men are invited.

Upcoming Committee Meetings in September

(All meetings are in the Fireside Room)

Property Committee	Tuesday, October 4 at 12noon
Mission Committee	Thursday, October 6 at 1:00 PM
Christian Education	Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 PM
Worship Committee	Monday, October 10 at 10:00 AM
Session Meeting	Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 PM
PW Board Meeting	Wednesday, October 12 at 9:30 AM
Fellowship Committee	Thursday, October 20 at 11:00 AM
Congregational Care Team	Thursday, October 20 at 12noon
Deacons Meeting	Monday, October 24 at 4:00 PM

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP CONTINUES EVERY MONTH

A grief support group within our church continues to meet the first Wednesday of each month from 10-11. This group is open to anyone in the church or community who is experiencing grief. Facilitated by Dr. Don Harr, this group provide support, encouragement, and help to those facing grief, loss, or transitions in life. All are invited to join this special group. The next group meets on Wednesday, October 5 at 10:00 AM at the church in the conference room.



October Birthdays

- 1 Erin Thompson
- Beverly Pinnick
- 3 Sharon Lincoln
- 5 June Holmes
- 8 Barbara Gullard
- Bob Zent
- 11 Judy Cuff
- 12 Nicholas McLean
- 13 Scott Murray
- 14 Ruth Ewen
- 15 Ginny Helmer
- 16 Jody Lafko
- 17 Mary Louise Ritter
- 19 Shari Dayton
- Bob Culbertson

- 20 Priscilla Laird
- 21 Wava Knutson
- Megan Lorentz
- 22 Bonnie Grosshuesch
- 24 Juli Dufresne
- 26 JoAnn Jones
- 27 Mary Quandt
- Stephen Ferestad
- George Rosenfeld
- 29 Kay Doss
- Megan Henderson
- Joel Spring
- Rhonda Stennerson
- 30 Don Harr
- Jerry Koch
- 31 Gary Lohnbakken

Anniversaries

- 5 Lewis & Sandra Schoenberger
- 7 Jerry & Bobbie Koch
- 20 Mike & Pat Hastings
- 24 Gordon & Dodie Cox
- 26 Mark Parker & Charlene Taubert
- 28 Mark Bassingwaigte & Kathy Baskett



Mission News

We have helped and continue to help many charities time, talents, and treasures. You will be glad to know that many of them send us very nice thank you notes. It is so nice to receive and read them.

We will be sponsoring a table at Tumbleweed's annual dinner called "When the Night Comes" on the evening of October 13.

Thank you for stopping by our table at the Ministry Fair. Hopefully you learned something about what our congregation is doing to help others.

Lewis and Clark School is fairly near our church. Your mission committee has a relationship with them. We have and continue to support their food pantry program. We gave them \$1500 for this cause. The food pantry is available for students who need to take canned and other food items home evenings and weekends.

We are supporting a team for the Alzheimer's Walk by donating \$1,000 to their cause.

On October 16th Pastor Dave will kick off the Pay It Forward program. The offering plates will be passed around with ten dollar bills in them. You are welcome to take one and find a way to help a group or someone in need. Have fun with this and let us know what you did.

We work to help those in need. Let's also remember to pray for those who serve as their leaders. This would include pastors, teachers, administrators, medical personnel, police, fire fighters, and so many more. These people give their time, talents, and hard work every day and are under a great deal of stress. Our prayers will help them. The Joy of the Lord is our strength." Neh. 8:10

In November, Jack Bell will be going to Zimbabwe to visit our sister church there. Please pray for his safety and that he is able to learn from them as well as teach them about Jesus. A letter from our sister church in Zimbabwe can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.



First Presbyterian Foundation News

The First Presbyterian Foundation met for their fall Business meeting. The Foundation would like to acknowledge the donation from Shirley Voyta and memorials given in memory of Harry Cuff, a long time Foundation member. The Foundation Board will present at the Church and Society class to discuss Planned Giving on December 6th. Montana has one of the most generous tax credits to individuals who contribute with planned gifts. If you have had to write a check at Tax time, you may want to learn more. This is a easy way for you to leave a lasting legacy to First Presbyterian Church.