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"Summer Activities"



It is shaping up to be a busy summer at FPC. As I look over the church calendar for the next three months I see a variety of activities that will be offered for children, youth, and adults. Our summer activities begin on Monday, June 4 as will provide a full week of Vacation Bible School once again to all preschool through 6th grade children. Offered every day from 9-12:15, kids will experience a variety of learning opportunities through Bible adventures, music, games, crafts, and snacks. Our theme, "Shipwrecked" is bound to provide a great amount of opportunities to discover how God helps us in a variety of circumstances that we will face. Special thanks once again to Jody Ferestad for directing our VBS program.

VBS will be followed by our Israel 2018 trip which will depart on Monday, June 11. We have 44 in our group who will travel to the Holy Land for an unforgettable 12 day experience. We will see a number of places including Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, and Masada.

Summer camps at Westminster Spires, our Presbytery's camp located just south of Red Lodge, will host three camps in July for elementary, middle school, and high school youth. Camp brochures are available in the gallery or on our Presbytery's website at www.yellowstonepcusa.org. A number of children and youth in our church will participate as campers and staff.

We will offer two mission experiences for our youth group. A mini mission trip to Stanford, Montana, will be held July 16-18 when we will be taking our "Shipwrecked" VBS on the road. Pastor Jack Bell and his congregation is looking forward to our 3rd summer doing VBS with them. We will also be taking our youth to San Diego, California, from July 28-August 5 as we will be working with Youth Works of San Diego to help with the less fortunate in that city. Please let me know if you have an interest in joining us for either or both of these trips.

We will be traveling to the Kaleva Retreat Center, located just this side of Red Lodge, on Saturday, July 21 for an all church picnic. We will enjoy lunch together and a variety of activities will be offered. Please see Sandi Schoenberger for further details or questions about this special event.

Our annual Community Block Party will be held on Wednesday, August 22 from 5:30-7:30 pm on our church lawn. This annual event is a way for us to reach out to our neighbors and provide a fun night of music, games, and food for all to enjoy.

As you can see it will be a busy summer with lots being offered. Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30 AM and for any of these events as well.

May you and your family have a happy and safe summer!

Blessings,

Dave

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Vacation Bible School is coming June 4-8 from 9-12:15 each day
Family Promise here at our church June 10-17
Relay for Life at West High School track will be held on Friday, July 13 at 7 PM
Youth Mission Trip to Stanford, Montana, from July 16-18
Church Picnic at Kaleva Retreat Center near Red Lodge— Saturday, July 21
Youth Mission Trip to San Diego from July 28-August 5
Annual Block Party on Wednesday, August 22 from 5:30-7:30 PM

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MEMORY JOGGERS FOR JUNE 2018

<u>The 3rd</u>	<u>The 10th</u>	<u>The 17th</u>	<u>The 24th</u>
Preaching Dave Thompson Greeters Jim & Louise Graff Ushers Bob & Cathy Culbertson Earl & Sharon Henderson Liturgist Chuck Leggate Sound Booth Bob Culbertson Communion Kathy Butler Jerry & Bobbie Koch Kathy Baskett Vicki Thompson	Preaching Dave Thompson Greeters Peggy Wilson Sonja Bennett Ushers Cindy Leggate Linda Broderson Jo Albin Janet Brown Liturgist Judy Cuff Sound Booth Chuck Leggate Flower Delivery Edna Carlson	Preaching Susan Thomas Greeters Julie Dufresne Jane Myhre Ushers Jim & Biff Hogue Edna Carlson Coryn Martinez Liturgist Doris Backus Sound Booth Jeff Gruizenga Flower Delivery Chris Eriksen	Preaching Dave Thompson Greeters Thelma Riggs Dottie Hilger Ushers Chris Eriksen Sharon Mathews John Thompson Coryn Martinez Liturgist Jenice Fugere Sound Booth Bob Culbertson Flower Delivery Dave & Vicki Thompson

Church Info

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

SESSION MEMBERS

Clerk of Session: Marlene Spencer

Class of 2019
Chris Eriksen
Jenice Fugere
Chuck Leggate
Heather McLean

Class of 2020
David Bauer
Carla Bracken
Ken Eichenberger
Sharon Lincoln

Class of 2021
Janet Brown
Jim Hummel
Bud Leuthold
Sandi Schoenberger

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 June 3. Thanks to all who brought food last month!

Session Notes:

On May 8 the session met and voted to welcome 13 new individuals into the membership of our church.
Gayle Holland, our Church’s Presbytery liaison, was a guest. She is from Forsyth.
Chuck Leggate, chairman of the property committee, presented a new plan designed by John Stewart which will create additional parking on Sundays and events with large attendance. This committee is also implementing plans for better security of the building. Members of the committee will be responsible for locking all doors once worship begins. The door at the parking lot entrance will remain unlocked.
Pastor Dave was given permission to baptize Hayden Youngbear and Marlei, Aaliyah, Nahloni, and Isabella Stennerson on Sunday, May 9 during worship. Permission was also given for the baptism of Riley and Tensey Martinez on Sunday, June 3 during worship.

Financial snapshot

2018	Income	Expense	Net
May	\$ 31,456	\$ 28,829	\$ 2,627
YTD	\$ 1,059,345	\$ 191,199	\$ 868,146

Per-Capita is being received for 2018. Our church pays \$52 per member. If you would like to pay your share of the per-capita that would be appreciated. You can write a check to the church and indicate on the memo line “Per-Capita.” We appreciate your giving to help off-set this fund. Thank you!

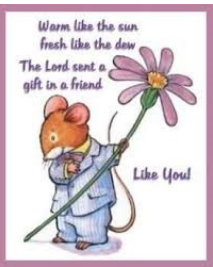
MAY	2018
6TH	189
13TH	251
20TH	204
27TH	155
2018 MAY AVERAGE	200

Church Mice:

(This monthly column recognizes an individual or couple from our congregation who give of their time and talents to our ministry)

It takes many well-oiled and efficient working parts to keep a machine functioning. This is true of a church as well. We are blessed with many hardworking, devoted people in our congregation who keep our church functioning well. One of these couples is Linda and Bobby Fedric who make many contributions to our church - ushering during worship on Sundays, serving several terms as deacons, church PW circle participation, and doing many necessary tasks around the church.

Thank you for your faithful service, Linda and Bobby. We appreciate you and all you do for our congregation.



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 May. The include: Bob and Cathy Culbertson in celebration of birthdays and anniversaries, Marian Shehein in memory of her daughter Sandi, and Earl and Sharon Henderson in celebration of their anniversary.

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. We appreciate those who serve on the flower delivery team for taking the flowers each week to various people.

MEMORY JOGGERS FOR JULY

July 1st
Preaching
Tim Hathaway
Greeters
Gary & Jean Schneider
Ushers
Bud & Joanne Leuthold
Carla Bracken
Teena Bracken
Liturgist
Saydi Saar
Sound Booth
David Bauer

The 8th
Preaching
Dave Thompson
Greeters
Carl & Vicki Johnson
Ushers
Marjorie Stewart
Meghan Lorentz
Peggy Wilson
Sonja Bennet
Liturgist
David Sanderson
Sound Booth
Chuck Leggate

Communion
Lois Maris
Diane Noddings
Charlie Reed
Ed & Edna Stauber

The 15th
Preaching
Dave Thompson
Greeters
Ron Sperry
Phyllis Brown
Ushers
Jerry Koch
Bob Fedric
Bill White
John Reed
Liturgist
Kay Doss
Sound Booth
Jeff Gruizenga

The 22nd
Preaching
Dave Thompson
Greeters
Linda Broderson
Sandi Schoenberger
Ushers
Gary & Judy Lohnbakken
Ken & Barbara Eichenberger
Liturgist
Biff Hogue
Sound Booth
Bob Culbertson

The 29th
Preaching
To Be Announced
Greeters
Carla Bracken
Teena Bracken
Ushers
Marlene Spencer
Sharon Brady
Marian Shehein
Betty Ann Nesmith
Liturgist
Dick Bailey

MEMORY JOGGERS FOR AUGUST

The 5th
Preaching
Dave Thompson
Greeters
Bruce & Bernice Phillips
Ushers
Earl & Sharon Henderson
Bob & Cathy Culbertson
Liturgist
JoAnn Jones
Sound Booth
David Bauer

The 12th
Preaching
Dave Thompson
Greeters
Kurt & Mary Grabow
Ushers
Cindy Leggate
Gary & Judy Lohnbakken
Megan Lorentz
Liturgist
Heidi Duncan
Sound Booth
Chuck Leggate

Communion
Russ & Janet Kline
Jim Hummel
Paige Spalding
Sharon Lincoln

The 19th
Preaching
Dave Thompson
Greeters
George & Heather Rosenfeld
Ushers
Carla Bracken
Teena Bracken
Sandi Schoenberger
Marjorie Stewart
Liturgist
Charlie Reed
Sound Booth
Jeff Gruizenga

The 26th
Preaching
Dave Thompson
Greeters
Ken & Barbara Eichenberger
Ushers
Greg & Deb Wiens
Diane Noddings
Peg Ostlund
Liturgist
Don Harr
Sound Booth
Bob Culbertson

Sept 2nd
Preaching
Dave Thompson
Greeters
Bob & Linda Fedric
Ushers
Ed & Edna Stauber
Jack & Karla Mahan
Liturgist
Rhonda Stennerson
Sound Booth
David Bauer

Communion
Jo Albin
Gary & Judy Lohnbakken
Sharon Brady
Marlene Spencer

On a Personal Note



Congratulations to David Culbertson and Madison Evans who were married in our church on Saturday, May 19.
Bebe Spring has returned home after having back surgery last month.
Ginny Helmer has returned to West Park Village after being hospitalized last month.
Larry George has returned home after having shoulder surgery several weeks ago.
Congratulations to Kathy Ramage who will be retiring from Senior High School on June 1.
Congratulations to Jesse Dimich-Louvet who won the singles Class AA state tennis championship for Senior High School several weeks ago.
We extend our condolences to the family of Karla and Jack Mahan. Karl’s mom Cheryl Weamer’s memorial service was held in our church on May 14.
We welcomed Hayden Youngbear, Marlei, Aaliyah, Nahloni, and Isabella Stennerson to the waters of baptism during worship on Sunday, May 13.
We will welcome Riley and Tensey Martinez to the waters of baptism on Sunday, June 3.
Roger Gipson, Ruth Ewen’s son, continues to undergo cancer treatments. He was recently hospitalized in Billings with pneumonia on several different occasions over the past month.

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, May 13 we welcomed the following new members in to our congregation. Lynda Adkins, Bill and Jane Brewington, Tiffany Dyce-Rahman, Bruce and Karla Hoffman, Melanie Johnson-Dyce, Lucille Lynn, Ron and Pat Stowe, Ernie and Susan Watters, Nikki Youngbear. We are glad to have each of you as new members to our congregation and the various gifts and talents you bring to our church family!

Come join the summer choir!

Our summer choir will be signing once a month during the summer. Here is the schedule and the song titles: June 3rd we will sing "Children of Light," July 15th we will sing "The King of Love," and August 19th we will sing "One at the Feast." For all these Sundays we will be meeting in the sanctuary at 8:30 AM to rehearse and singing at the 9:30 AM service. Come and join us. All are welcome!

Congrats to Class of 2018!



On Sunday, May 20 we recognized our gradating seniors during worship. They include:
West High School: Bryen Martinez, Owen Norsworthy, and Hunter Spring.
Skyview High School: Chase Comes At Night, Kenzie Ketchum, Zach Morrow, and John Thompson.
College: Cole Catlin from Rocky Mountain College, Beaux LaFontaine from Arizona State University, and Hunter Hash from the University of Montana.
Post-Graduate: Allison Dubs with a J.D. (law degree) from Creighton School of Law in Omaha, Nebraska.

Stephen Ministry Update



We are planning another training of Stephen Ministers beginning this October. This training will be conducted at our church by Doris Backus, Shirley Shirley, and Pastor Dave and will include 50 hours of instruction that will equip participants in a variety of areas of caring ministry. If you have an interest in this special class, please talk with one of the leaders. We currently have eight active Stephen Ministers who help provide spiritual and emotional support to those in our church. The people are each assigned a care receiver who they meet with about every two weeks and provide listening, encouragement, and spiritual support. We are looking to add to our Stephen Ministry numbers and you might be the right person for this special ministry. If interested in learning more, please talk with Doris, Shirley, or Dave.

Mission News



Pastor Dwight Welch spoke to our committee about their student programs at MSUB Campus Ministry. They meet several times during the weekdays. They have a weekly prayer session, an afternoon of table talk and movies, and a coffee hour. At spring break a small group went to Sheridan to assist some needy folks in the area. Next fall Dwight hopes to start a bible study. About 60% of their operating funds come from area churches and 40% from their annual fall fundraiser dinner. We will consider ways to help them at our August meeting.
The church members donated \$1,682.02 to One Great Hour of Sharing in April and the mission committee will match those funds and send a check to National in the amount of \$3,364.04.
We continue to help Peace Lutheran Church with their food pantry in a continuing effort to feed our hungry neighbors. We will send them a check for \$750 for our quarterly commitment to their food pantry program.
Jim Bell of Eagle Rock Sanctuary informs us of needs to repair road and the cost of new decking on the building. All this will cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000. We will assist by sending them \$3,500.
The committee will once again sponsor the Foundation for Suicide Prevention with a \$2,000 donation.
Ruth Ewen gave us some literature to read on the ministry of Les and Cindy Morgan, Presbyterian missionaries in Bangladesh. We will review this information at the next meeting.
Family Promise returned to our church from June 10-17. We will be hosting four homeless families during that week. Your help would be appreciated. A volunteer sign up can be found on the bulletin board near the Fireside Room.
God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. --Hebrews 6:10

Israel 2018 departs on Monday, June 11

A group of 44 from our church will depart on Monday, June 11 for a 12 day trip to the Holy Land. Sites will include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Masada, and many other locations. The group has been meeting monthly with Pastor Dave to prepare for this trip and to learn about the area before our arrival. We look forward to sharing with you our experiences upon our return. The trip was fully funded by each participant. We pray for a safe and wonderful experience in this special place. Perhaps another trip in the future will be planned. Let Pastor Dave know if such a trip might be of interest to you in the future.

Kaleva Church Picnic coming Saturday, July 21



Join us on Saturday, July 21 for a fun day at the Kaleva Retreat Center, located just this side of Red Lodge. We will depart from the church at 10:30 AM with transportation provided by our church vehicles or car-pooling. The church will provide the meat that we will grill and the refreshments. We are asking everyone to bring a side dish (salad, vegetable, or dessert) to share for lunch. While there, you can enjoy some relaxing time in the lodge, walk along beautiful Rock Creek, participate in horse shoes, or join a volleyball game. This event is being sponsored by our church’s fellowship committee is open to all (singles and families) in our church. We plan to return to Billings around 5 PM. Please see Sandi Schoenberger for further details or questions about this special event.

Relay for Life coming to West High on Friday, July 13

The annual American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life will be held at the West High School track on Friday, July 13 beginning at 7:00 PM. The team from our church will be selling luminaries before and after worship on June 10 and 24. Luminaries are \$10 and can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. Those who want to join our team can register on-line at www.yellowstonecountyrelayforlife.org and click on the “Join a Team” link. For questions, please talk with our team captain Chris Eriksen.

Youth News: Vacation Bible School is coming June 4-8 from 9:00 –12:15 each day for children ages preschool through the 6th grade. Registration forms are available in the gallery and also on our church’s website. Your help is needed as we get ready for this great week. We continue decorating on Wednesdays from 6-8 PM with free dinner provided. Decorating will continue through Wednesday, May 30 from 6-8. For more information about VBS, talk with Jody Ferestad or Pastor Dave.



Summer camp opportunities at Westminster Spire are available for children and youth. Please pick up a camp brochure in the gallery or find one on line at the Yellowstone Presbytery’s website (www.yellowstonepcusa.org) Stanford VBS: All middle school and high school youth are invited to join us for our in-state mission trip to Stanford, Montana, from July 16—18. While in Stanford (working with Pastor Jack Bell) we will be leading our VBS program to the children of that community.

Our mission trip to San Diego will take place July 28-August 5. All high school youth are eligible to join us as we will be working with some inner city agencies during this week. If interested in joining us for this trip. Please talk with Pastor Dave.

Special thanks to those who provided meals during the month of May to our Wednesday night youth program. They include: Shari Dayton, Michelle Lee, Sandi Schoenberger, and Dave & Vicki Thompson.

Family Promise returns June 10-17

Your help with our Family Promise week would be greatly appreciated. Families served through this program will arrive on Sunday, June 10 and will leave our church on Sunday, June 17. Help is needed with meals, overnight hosting, and activities. A sign up list is available on the bulletin board outside of the Fireside Room door. Family Promise is a community based program that works specifically with homeless families in the Billings area. For more information, please talk with Chris Eriksen or Marv & Janet Brown.

Men’s group

Our men’s group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12noon in the Fireside Room. This group will begin a new study of the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 11 at 12noon. All

Upcoming Committee Meetings

(All meetings are in the Fireside Room)

Property Committee	Tuesday, June 5 at 12noon
Session Meeting	Tuesday, June 26 at 7:00 PM
Christian Education	Thursday, July 5 at 7:00 PM
Congregational Care Team	Thursday, July 19 at 12noon
Mission Committee	Thursday, August 3 at 1:00 PM

Annual community block party is coming Wednesday, August 22

Make plans to join us on Wednesday, August 22 from 5:30-7:30 PM for our annual community block party at the church. Always a fun evening with free food, games, music, dunk tank, and goodies. This is a great way for our church to reach out to our neighbors and to be a good neighbor to those in our community. Invite some friends to join you and let's show others how much fun we can have in the Lord. This event is being organized by our church’s fellowship committee. (May be able to use portions of last years)

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP CONTINUES EVERY MONTH

A grief support group within our church continues to meet the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday 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. This group will be meeting at the church in the conference room.



June Birthdays

- 1 Peter Weisbeck
Karen Norsworthy
- 2 Andrew Wiens
Dave Thompson
Jason Ward
- 3 Lucille Weisbeck
June Pierce
- 4 Jane Quandt
- 6 Dan Gall
Juanita Stovall
- 7 Eric Leggate
Bill Young
- 8 Zoey Harr
Susan Watters
- 9 Kelly Murch
- 11 Kurt McLean
- 12 Jeannette Davis
Karen Gall

- 12 Chuck Pinnick
Nikki Youngbear
- 14 Tom Helmer
- 17 Sharon Klovstad
Addison Norsworthy
- 19 John Thompson
- 21 Bobbie Lauwers
Eileen Lewis
- 23 Carol Limbach
- 27 Bebe Spring
- 27 Linda Luse
- 28 Naloni Stennerson
- 29 Pat Hastings

Anniversaries

- 10 Russ & Janet Kline
- 12 Tim & Gail Janiak
- 16 Mark & Teri Pattee
- 23 Ken & Barb Gullard
Rod & Cindy Hessler
Jack & Karla Mahan
- 27 Dave & Vicki Thompson
Ernie & Susan Watters

(If your dates are not listed or incorrect please contact the office)



July Birthdays

- 2 Melanie Johnson-Dyce
- 6 David Sanderson
Andrew Sterup
- 7 Patricia Clark
Lois Dalton
- 8 Bruce Hoffman
- 9 Charlie Reed
- 10 Pam Gore
- 11 Sandra Schoenberger
- 12 Amy Letson
Jason Ascherman
Michelle Berger
- 16 Norma Thiesen
- 18 Daniel Repka
Wava Knutson
- 19 Jim Bateman

- 20 Marilyn Ballard
Jim Duncan
Rae Chaney
- 22 Bud Leuthold
- 23 Janet Kline
- 24 Mike Lafko
Shawn Pattee
Eric Wiens
Noah Bauer
- 27 Colin McRae
- 28 Phyllis Brown
- 29 Melissa Leggate
- 30 Carlene Taubert
- 31 Boden Lafko

Anniversaries

- 16 Jim & Cherrie McRae
- 19 Robert & Irene Sterup
- 22 Dan & Karen Gall
- 23 Tom & Ruth Drummond

(If your dates are not listed or incorrect please contact the office)



August Birthdays

- 1 Jo Albin
John Oliver
- 2 Ryan Lafko
Madison Morrow
- 4 Megan Bell
Jody Ferestad
- 5 Margie Jarrett
Deborah Keenum
Carrie Rigney
- 7 Russ Kline
- 8 Betty Ann Nesmith
- 11 Deb Wiens
- 12 Jerry Swanson
- 14 Darlene Busch
Jean Ross
John Luse
- 15 Lorrane Croymans

- 16 Vicki Thompson
- 22 Michelle Cormier Lee
- 23 Hayden Youngbear
- 26 Lucille Lynn
- 28 Rod Hessler
- 31 Ruth Letson
Tom Erskine

Anniversaries

- 3 Joel & Lila Spring
- 7 Bob & Shari Dayton
- 11 Chuck & Cindy Leggate
- 14 Bill & Marilyn Ballard
- 19 John & Linda Luse
- 21 John & Lauren Wright
- 27 Tom & Jeannette Davis
- 31 John & Mary Quandt

(If your dates are not listed or incorrect please contact the office)

