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Pastor's Pen

"Here Comes the Sun"



I love this time of year and all that summertime offers in Montana: fly fishing on the Stillwater, swimming in Lake Elmo, outings to Yellowtail Reservoir, day trips to Red Lodge, and hiking in the Beartooth Mountains. Summer takes on a different pace in the life of the church. Many of our weekly Bible studies, Sunday school classes, and regular activities take a recess for the summer months. A number of activities will resume in the fall as we kick off our Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 8.

I want to take a moment to thank all of you who have helped with these activities. We have a great core of volunteers who help provide and maintain a high level of ministry during the school year. A number of you work with our children and youth ministry programs, serve on committees, assist with worship, participate in study groups, and serve on our leadership teams. I appreciate all of the ways you have enhanced the ministry and mission of FPC. We truly couldn't do it without you!

Even though summer does offer a different pace, we still offer a variety of opportunities for people to grow in their faith. I'd love to have you join us for our weekly summer worship that is held every Sunday morning at 9:30 AM. Our annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) program will be held June 3-7 from 9-12:15 each morning. Kids will be experiencing "Roar: Where Life is Wild and God is Good" to learn more about God and the Christian faith.

Family Promise returns to our church from June 9-16 when we will be housing four homeless families in need of shelter, food, and care. To help with this vital program, please sign up on the bulletin board near the entrance to the fellowship hall.

Fourteen in our youth group will be traveling to Purdue University in Indiana from July 14-23 for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium event that is held every three years. We will be joining up with over 6,000 other youth from around the world for this life changing experience. While there we will be enjoying a variety of activities which will help us draw closer to God and one another.

Our annual Community Block Party will be held on Wednesday, August 21 at 5:30 PM. This annual event draws lots of people from the church and community for a fun evening of food, games, music, climbing wall, and dunk tank. This is a great event to invite people to the church to experience the joy we share in Christ in an inviting and non-threatening environment.

I look forward to the summer months and enjoying the beautiful, long days that this area provides. I wish you and your families well as you enjoy what lies ahead in terms of vacations, family gatherings, and special celebrations. When your schedule allows I hope you will join us for worship and other activities during the summer and use these opportunities to grow in your faith. Here comes the sun...enjoy!

In Christ,

Pastor Dave

Memory Joggers for June

The 2nd

Greeters
Thelma Riggs
Jo Albin
Ushers
Earl & Sharon
Henderson
Bob & Cathy
Culbertson
Liturgist
Deb Wiens
Sound Booth
David Bauer

Communion

Marv & Janet Brown
Kathy Baskett
Sandi Schoenberger
Marlene Spencer

The 9th

Greeters
Peggy Wilson
Sonja Bennett
Ushers
Jim & Jo Ausk
Cindy Leggate
Ron Stowe
Liturgist
Shirley Shirley
Sound Booth
Chuck Leggate
Flower Delivery
David Thompson

The 16th

Greeters
Julie Dufresne
Marge Myhra
Ushers
Bud & Joanne
Leuthold
Kristy Catlin
Marjorie Stewart
Liturgist
Bruce Hoffman
Sound Booth
Jeff Gruizenga
Flower Delivery
Edna Carlson

The 23rd

Greeters
Len & Bonnie
Richards
Ushers
Carla Bracken
Teena Bracken
Peg Ostlund
Diane Noddings
Liturgist
Marv Brown
Sound Booth
Bob Culbertson
Flower Delivery
Chris Eriksen

The 30th

Greeters
Phyllis Brown
Ron Sperry
Ushers
Gary & Judy
Lohnbakken
Kurt & Mary Grabow
Liturgist
Meghan Ascherman
Flower Delivery
Jack & Karla Mahan

Coming Attractions:

Vacation Bible School is coming June 3-7 from 9-12:15 each day
Family Promise here at our church June 9-16
Relay for Life at West High School track will be held on Friday, July 12 at 7 PM
Presbyterian Youth Triennium trip to Indiana from July 14-23
Youth Mission Trip to Stanford, Montana, from August 5-7
Annual Block Party on Wednesday, August 21 from 5:30-7:30 PM

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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 2020

David Bauer
 Carla Bracken
 Ken Eichenberger
 Sharon Lincoln

Class of 2021

Janet Brown
 Jim Hummel
 Bud Leuthold
 Sandi Schoenberger

Class of 2019

Dick Bailey
 Kristy Catlin
 Heather McLean
 Bruce Phillips

Session Notes:

On May 14 the session examined and received into membership of First Presbyterian Church 16 new members. Five young people, Tensey Martinez, Erin Thompson, Paul Murch, Wesley Murch, and Hayden Youngbear, were received after completing confirmation class during the last year. Don and Jennifer Cole, Don and Sherry Garretson, Jean Grocholski, John and Jeri Lamerton, Jake Schoenberger, Shirley Smith, and Ronnie and Junice Wooten had attended new members' class led by Pastor Dave.

At the request of the Christian Education committee, a trip to Israel in June 2021 was endorsed by the session.

The property committee was given permission to continue with plans to install an electronic sign on church property.

Beginning on May 26 some seating in the back of the church will be reserved for handicapped attendees.

Financial snapshot

2019	Income	Expense	Net
May	\$ 30,594	\$ 27,502	\$ 3,092
YTD	\$ 256,654	\$ 165,332	\$ 91,332

Per-Capita is being received for 2019. Our church pays \$54 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	2019
5th	198
12th	237
19th	230
26th	144
2019 May Average	203

Church Mice: It is said that, "Big things come in small packages." That can be said about Marlene Spencer whom the church mice would like to pay tribute in this article. Marlene spends countless hours at our church. She is involved in so many different facets of our church community. She recently retired after devoting several years to being moderator of our Presbyterian Women's organization. She worked tirelessly and selflessly in this position. In addition she serves as our clerk of session where she attends every session meeting and diligently takes minutes of the meeting and writes up the monthly Session Notes for the church's newsletter. She also serves as the funeral coordinator for the Presbyterian Women's group and works along with Pastor Dave ensuring that funeral receptions have sufficient servers, food, and help with set-up and clean-up. Marlene over the years has served on the session and as a deacon. And has worked many of our annual book sales. She does all of this with a willing heart and a smile on her face.



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 \$25. Special thanks to those who donated flowers during the month of May. They include: Bob and Cathy Culbertson in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversaries, Debra Peterson in celebration and honor of her mother Mary Carey and her gentle spirit over the past 98 years; and Earl and Sharon Henderson in celebration of their 49th wedding 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.

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 2. Thanks to all who brought food last month!

Memory Joggers for July

July 7th	The 14th	The 21st	The 28th
Greeters Carl & Vicki Johnson Ushers Jim & Biff Hogue Sandi Schoenberger Jo Albin Liturgist Judy Cuff Sound Booth David Bauer	Greeters George & Heather Rosenfeld Ushers Bill & Colleen Lorentz Cindy Leggate Marjorie Stewart Liturgist Heidi Duncan Sound Booth Chuck Leggate	Greeters Pam Harr Melanie Dyce Ushers Jerry Koch Bob Fedric Bill White John Reed Liturgist Chuck Leggate Sound Booth Jeff Gruizenga	Greeters Jim & Louise Graff Ushers Marlene Spencer Sharon Brady Betty Ann Nesmith Linda Luse Liturgist Biff Hogue Sound Booth Bob Culbertson
Communion Linda Broderson Phyllis Brown Kathy Butler Dottie Hilger Marlene Spencer			

Memory Joggers for August

The 4th	The 11th	The 18th	The 25th	Sept 1st
Greeters Jason & Meghan Ascherman and daughters Ushers Earl & Sharon Henderson Bob & Cathy Culbertson Liturgist Heather Rosenfeld Sound Booth David Bauer	Greeters Kurt & Mary Grabow Ushers Jim Hummel & Paige Spalding Gary & Jean Schneider Liturgist John Thompson Sound Booth Chuck Leggate	Greeters Jack & Karla Mahan Ushers Chris Eriksen John Thompson Sara Thompson Erin Thompson Liturgist Linda Franson Sound Booth Jeff Gruizenga	Greeters Phyllis Brown Ron Sperry Ushers John & Susan Stewart Sharon Mathews Larry George Liturgist Cherrie McRae Sound Booth Bob Culbertson	Greeters Bob & Linda Fedric Ushers Ken & Barbara Eichenberger Gary & Judy Lohnbakken Liturgist Melanie Dyce Sound Booth David Bauer
Communion Chuck & Cindy Leggate Beth Morrow Kristy Catlin Sharon Mathews				Communion Bob & Cathy Culbertson Russ & Janet Kline Carla Bracken

On a Personal Note



We extend our condolences to Norma Thiesen upon the loss of her husband. Bob's funeral was held in our church on Friday, May 17.

We share our sympathies with the family of Jean Embley who passed away last month.

Jack Bell and Melissa Perrault will be married at the First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown on Saturday, June 15 at 2:00 PM with a reception to follow. You are invited to join them for this special celebration. Jack continues to undergo chemotherapy at the Billings Clinic for cancer treatments as well.

We welcomed to the waters of baptism on Sunday, May 19 Brady Padilla, son of Gene Padilla and Jessica Fellingham; and Raigen & Evan Fellingham, children of Kent & Stacie Fellingham.

Bebe Spring fell and broke her pelvis last month and is recovering at the home of Marv & Janet Brown.

Lillian Reese was hospitalized last month after falling and breaking her hip.

Ed Stauber was hospitalized last month with heart issues at St. V's.

Jerry Broderson is awaiting hearth surgery when he is healthy enough to have the procedure.

Judy Cuff appreciates prayers for her grandson Boaz Bronson who is awaiting a liver transplant. He was recently added to the liver transplant recipient list, one step closer to the surgery.

Congratulations to Rachel McDonald and Davin Birge who will be married in our church on June 8.

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, May 19 we welcomed the following new members in to our congregation: Donny & Jennifer Cole, Don & Sherry Garretson, Jean Grocholski, John & Jeri Lamerton, Jake Schoenberger, Shirley Smith, and Ronnie & Junice Wooten. 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 singing the third Sunday of every month during the summer. The schedule is: June 16, July 21, and August 18. You need no experience nor do we require any tryouts to sing in our choir. Just come and share your voice to the glory of God. 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 the Class of 2019!



On Sunday, May 19 we recognized our gradating seniors during worship and presented them with Bibles and prayer shawls. Our high school graduates in the class of 2019 are:

Senior High School: Haden Gall, Ebin Gormley, and Grace Steppe

West High: Emma McLean, Haley Kouba, Alex Koehn, and Bryant Farnsworth, and Alex Vaughn

Red Lodge High School: Alexa Hash

Following worship on that Sunday we celebrated their accomplishment with cake and refreshments in the fellowship hall. Congratulations to our graduating seniors! We are so proud of you!

Stephen Ministry Update



Our church's Stephen Ministry program received a recent boost with the addition of 11 newly commissioned Stephen Ministers. Most of these people have been placed in one-on-one caring relationship with someone from our church or community. These Stephen Ministers greatly add to the pastoral care arm of the church by reaching out to support people who are experiencing grief, health issue, or other transition in life. Along with the Deacons and Congregational Care Team, our Stephen Ministers assist Pastor Dave in many ways and are greatly appreciated. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please talk with Doris Backus, Shirley Shirley, JoAnn Jones, or Pastor Dave.

News from our church's Mission Committee



Bernie Mason came to the Mission Committee's meeting on Thursday, May 2 to talk about the Peace Lutheran Food Pantry. Over the past three years, the food pantry has given 44,776 pounds of food to the needy and from January through April, 2019 they have distributed 9,913 pounds of food giving away between 2,000 to 3,000 pounds of food per month. The pantry is opened seven hours a week. They spend approximately \$1500 to \$2000 per month on supplies for the pantry. Each person or family receives one bag of groceries and they choose what goes into their bag. There is no limit to how many times they can utilize the pantry. They have had about 100 to 200 people come in a month feeding about 500 people (their families). The hungry people are all ages from senior citizens to young families, some are homeless or have mental health issues.

Through our grant program, Castle Rock Middle School is requesting funds to expand their food pantry. The monies would be used for shelving, paint, etc. Any monies left over would be used to supply the pantry with supplies for the students. The committee approved \$1,000.

We are giving \$500 to buy 1/2 pint milk cartons to be distributed to the homeless, low income and less fortunate families that the Salvation Army feeds on a weekly basis. The money would buy 2000 cartons.

Betty Ann shared information about what she has purchased so far with the \$500 given to her for the Gateway House. She bought three blankets, three towel sets, five sets of pots and pans with utensils, eight flat-ware sets and miscellaneous cleaning supplies for five apartments. She stated with the remaining monies she will probably purchase more blankets.

Cookie Creation: Our first annual cookie party will be held on Sunday, June 2. We invite you to bake cookies and bring them to church that morning as they will be given out to the community through the Salvation Army Food Truck. We will package the cookies after church that morning and prepare them for distribution. Please refrain from any cookies with peanuts due to allergens or cookies with lots of frosting as we will be bagging them with other cookies. You are invited to bake a dozen or several dozens. Have fun, be creative, and let's make a difference in the community with these special treats.

"And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you." Matthew 5:41-42

Church Clean-Up Day appreciation

We would like to thank the wonderful crew of about 20 people who endured cold, wet weather to help at our annual church clean up day on Saturday, May 18. We accomplished much from vacuuming all of the pews and back rests in the sanctuary, cleaned out several storage rooms, trimmed trees around our church's property, weeded and cleaned up the flower beds, swept the parking lots, and organized the book shelved in the Fireside Room. We appreciated all who came to assist with these special projects!

Free bus service continues on Sunday mornings during the summer



Our church offers free bus transportation on Sunday mornings to and from worship with pick ups at St. John's/Mission Ridge (8:40 AM) and Westpark Village (9:00 AM). To get on the bus schedule please contact David Sanderson (591-4250) who serves as our bus driver. We are happy to provide this bus service weekly to anyone in the church or community.

Relay for Life coming to West High on Friday, July 12

The annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at the West High School track on Friday, July 12 beginning at 7:00 PM. The team from our church will be selling luminaries before and after worship on Sundays June 23 and 30. Luminaries will \$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:

Our middle and high school weekly youth group gatherings will be taking a break over the summer months and will resume on Wednesday, September 11.

We appreciate those who provided our youth group meals during the month of May. They were Kelly & Cook Murch, Carla Bracken, and Dave & Vicki Thompson. We have had wonderful meals every week and appreciate all who have provided the delicious food.

We will be taking a group of youth back to Indiana this summer for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium Conference in July. Held every three years at Purdue University, Triennium is a wonderful conference with about 7,000 youth from around the nation and world. If interested in joining us for this great trip, please talk with Pastor Dave. The dates are July 14-23 and we will be driving to and from Indiana. On our way back, we will be spending a day at the Noah's Ark Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. We will also be doing some mission work with the Feed My Starving Children mission agency in Minneapolis who packages food for children in third world countries.

Westminster Spires camp information is available in the gallery. Camps for elementary (July 14-18), middle school (July 21-26), and high school (July 28-August 2) youth will be offered. Camp scholarships are available to families who need some financial assistance in paying for the camp fees. Westminster Spires is a camp that is owned and operated by our Presbytery and is located about 8 miles south of Red Lodge.



Family Promise returns June 9-16

Your help with our Family Promise week would be greatly appreciated. Families served through this program will arrive on Sunday, June 9 and will leave our church on Sunday, June 16. 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 is starting a new study on the Gospel of Matthew. The next meeting will be on Monday, June 10 at 12noon. All men are invited.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

(All meetings are in the Fireside Room)

Property Committee	Tuesday, June 4 at 12noon
Session Meeting	Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 PM
Christian Education	Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 PM
Mission Committee	Thursday, June 6 at 1:00 PM
Congregational Care Team	Thursday, July 25 at 12noon
Deacons Meeting	Monday, June 24 at 4:00 PM

Annual community block party is coming Wednesday, August 21

Make plans to join us on Wednesday, August 21 from 5:30-7:30 PM for our annual community block party at the church. Always a fun evening with free food, games, music, climbing wall, 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.

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 provides 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 | 12 Chuck Pinnick
Nikki Youngbear |
| 2 Andrew Wiens
Dave Thompson
Jason Ward | 13 James Hall |
| 3 Lucille Weisbeck
Ronnie Wooten | 14 Tom Helmer
Grace Steppe |
| 4 Jill Irwin | 17 Sharon Klovstad
Boden Buffington
Addison Norsworthy |
| 6 Dan Gall
Juanita Stovall | 19 John Thompson |
| 7 Eric Leggate | 20 Bobbie Lauwers
Eileen Lewis |
| 8 Cathy Goettel
Zoey Harr
Susan Watters | 23 Carol Limbach
Junice Wooten |
| 9 Ed Stauber
Kelly Murch | 27 Bebe Spring
Linda Luse |
| 11 Kurt McLean | 28 Edna Stauber
Cassie Kouba
Nahloni Stennererson |
| 12 Jeannette Davis
Karen Gall | 29 Pat Hastings |

Anniversaries

- 10 Russ & Janet Kline
- 12 Tim & Gail Janiak
- 13 Ronnie & Junice Wooten
- 15 Bob & Meriona Anacker
- 16 Mark & Teri Pattee
- 20 John & Jeri Lamerton
- 23 Ken & Barb Gullard
Rod & Cindy Hessler
Jim & Jill Irwin
Jack & Karla Mahan
- 27 Dave & Vicki Thompson
Ernie & Susan Watters
- 29 James & Helen Hall

June: Rose

Love, passion, beauty and perfection. Named for the Latin word *rosa* which means red.

July Birthdays

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| 2 Melanie Dyce | 18 Daniel Repka
Wava Knutson |
| 6 David Sanderson
Andrew Sterup
Alex Steppe | 20 Meryllyn Ballard
Jim Duncan
Rae Chaney |
| 7 Patricia Clark
Lois Dalton | 22 Bud Leuthold |
| 8 Bonnie Richards
Bruce Hoffman | 23 Janet Kline |
| 9 Charlie Reed | 24 Shawn Pattee
Eric Wiens
Noah Bauer |
| 11 Sandra Schoenberger | 27 Colin McRae |
| 12 Amy Letson
Jason Ascherman
Michelle Berger-Swords | 28 Phyllis Brown |
| 16 Norma Thiesen
Lynne Erickson | 29 Melissa Leggate |
| | 30 Carlene Taubert |

Anniversaries

- 6 Donny & Jennifer Cole
- 16 Jim & Cherrie McRae
- 18 Lowell & Kathy Butler
- 19 Robert & Irene Davis Sterup
- 23 Dan & Karen Gall

July: Delphinium

With its lush, dolphin-shaped flowers, the aptly named delphinium – or larkspur – symbolizes an open heart and ardent attachment. Also signifying a feeling of lightness and levity, the gentle hues and refreshing fragrance of this summer birth flower give it a refreshing and distinctive natural beauty.

August Birthdays

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|---|--|
| 1 Jo Albin
John Oliver
Betty "Jean" Davis
JoLayne Buffington | 14 Darlene Busch
Jean Ross
John Luse |
| 2 Madison Morrow | 16 Vicki Thompson |
| 4 Megan Bell
Jody Anderson | 22 Michelle Cormier Lee |
| 5 Margie Jarrett
Deborah Keenum
Carrie Rigney | 23 Hayden Youngbear |
| 7 Russ Kline
Payton Kouba | 26 Lucille Lynn |
| 8 Betty Ann Nesmith | 27 Laura Bauer
Burke Steppe |
| 11 Deb Wiens
Jeanne Thompson | 28 Rod Hessler |
| 12 Jerry Swanson
Shirley Smith | 31 Ruth Letson
Tom Erskine |

- 10 Jason & Meghan Ascherman
- 11 Chuck & Cindy Leggate
- 14 Bill & Meryllyn Ballard
- 19 John & Linda Luse
- 21 John & Lauren Wright
- 22 Don & Cathy Goettel
- 26 Jim & Heidi Duncan
- 27 Tom & Jeannette Davis
- 29 Len & Bonnie Richards

August: Gladiola

Gladiola, the August birth flower, represents strength and moral integrity – its romantic flowers are capable of piercing a heart with their beauty.

Anniversaries

- 3 Joel & Lila Spring
- 7 Bob & Shari Dayton
Bob & Shirley Shirley
- 9 Keith & Jody Anderson