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Pastor's Pen

During the month of October a number of mirrors will begin to crop up around our church. They will serve as a reminder that we are called to "reflect the love of Jesus Christ in the church, community, and world." This motto serves not only as our church's mission statement, but will also serve as this year's stewardship theme. I will be preaching a series on sermons based on Philippians 2:15 where we as Christians are invited to "shine like stars" in our daily lives. Our stewardship campaign will culminate on Sunday, November 17 when we will be receiving financial pledges for the coming year.

To help us with this idea of shining like stars, mirrors will be placed around the church as a reminder that we reflect God's image as we go about our daily lives. God lives inside of us and empowers us to live differently from other people. God's image gives us purpose, direction, and fulfillment, as we realize that God lives in us and invites us to share with others our time, talents, and treasures that have been entrusted to us by God.

With this in mind, we will be having a "Reflection Board" in the gallery and invite you to write things on it to share how you have reflected God's love. It can be things like, "Helped a neighbor with yard work," "helped a child with tutoring," "delivered meals to shut ins," or "baked cookies for some nursing home residents." Be creative, have fun, and allow God to use you to share the love of Christ.

We will also be dedicating our new church banner which will hang in the sanctuary, handcrafted by the Rev. Susan Barnes. The banner is a picture of the church with the words, "Reflecting Christ's Love" on the top. It will serve as a visible reminder of our mission and purpose for which God has called us.

During the month of October we will also be having our 9th annual Youth Pie Auction on Sunday, October 27. We invite you to bake or buy a pie for the auction which will once again raise funds and awareness for our church's youth programs. Funds will go to support our winter ski retreat, summer mission trip, and weekly youth programs. We look forward to another fun and successful auction and hope that you will join us!

We have much to be grateful at FPC Billings. Last month, we welcomed Russ Dornisch as our new children's and youth pastor. Russ is doing a great job in leading our Sunday school and youth ministry programs. He is making good connections with many in the church and community.

We have a group of eight young adults who will be traveling to Zambia, Africa next summer for an 11 day mission trip. It is exciting to see young adults actively living our their faith.

Come and join us as we reflect God's love! -Pastor Dave

## **Coming Attractions:**

reFUEL group continues on Sunday evenings at 6 PM Special Presbytery meeting held at our church on Tuesday, October 8 Bibles presented to 6th grade youth during worship on Sunday, October 13 Annual Youth Pie Auction coming on Sunday, October 27 following worship



## "Mirror, Mirror on the Walls"



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## Church Info

Office Hours: Mon—Thurs 8:30 am- 4 PM 406-252-3434 mainoffice@fpcbillings.org www.fpcbillings.org Worship @ 9:30 Fall worship begins on September 9 at 10:30 AM STAFF **Pastor: Dave Thompson** Youth Director: Russ Dornisch **Office Manager: Jeanne Thompson-Raney** Accompanist: Sandi Rabas **Choir Director: Janie Sutton Custodian: Kent Fellingham Bus Driver: David Sanderson** 

SESSION MEMBERS

**Clerk of Session: Marlene** Spencer

#### Class of 2020 **David Bauer** Carla Bracken

**Sharon Lincoln** 

Class of 2021 **Janet Brown** Jim Hummel Bud Leuthold Sandi Schoenberger

Class of 2019 **Dick Bailey Kristy Catlin** Heather McLean **Bruce Phillips** 

## **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 6. Thanks to all who brought food last month!

Session Notes: During the September 9 meeting of the session, the CE committee reported that the committee will soon begin to work with Russ Dornisch, who has agreed to join the staff of First Presbyterian as our minister of children and youth.

Sandi Schoenberger and Heather McLean were chosen to represent the session on the nominating committee which will soon be seeking members to serve as elders and deacons starting in January.

Our Church will host the Presbytery meeting on March 6-7, 2020.

Pastor Dave Thompson was given permission to attend the CREDO conference offered through the Presbyterian Church from November 18-25 in Richmond, Virginia

Several members of the session stated that they have heard positive comments concerning the new electronic sign which has recently been installed on church grounds.

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will be received on Sunday, November 17.

### 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. Sermon for the past twelve weeks are archived on our church's website.

## **Church Mice:**

The church mice have noticed many busy people who help with a lot of the details around the church. Details matter - especially when they add pleasure to our lives. The Presbyterian Women's group from our

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congregation does many "little" things at our church to make it nicer. We thank the circles for providing an educational experience once a month with our Bible lessons. We can also thank the ladies in our church who volunteer to bring cookies for Sunday fellowship after church and to other special events. There are many who help with funerals and luncheons held at First Pres. The kitchen is tidied up and the laundry is done by those in the Presbyterian Women's group. In order to keep all this going we have our board, circle leaders study leaders, and all the women of the church who support us to thank for their help.

## 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 September. They were Pam Harr in honor of Don & Shirley Harr's anniversary; Linda and John Luse in honor of their daughter Sarah Luse; Jeanette Davis in memory of her husband Tom; Pat Clark in memory of her daughter Sandra; and the Presbyterian Woman's group.

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.

## Trip to Zambia, Africa being planned

Eight young adults form our congregation will be traveling to Zambia, Africa next summer and will be working through the Arise Africa organization. While in Zambia, the group will be working at an orphanage, school, and community program to help bring the hope of Christ to kids and families. They recently began their "Travel Partner" fundraiser with the hopes of raising \$10,000 for their trip. For ach dollar donated, they are able to travel 1 mile. So a \$100 donation will allow them to travel 100 miles and so forth. As of date they have raised nearly \$2,500 toward their \$10,000 goal. If you would like to make a donation to this trip, please write a check to "Arise Africa" and send it to the church office or drop it off in the offering plate. Your donation tax deductible and is greatly appreciated. Travel Partners will receive a postcard next summer form Zambia and will also be invited to their Travel Partner Banquet upon their return. Sara Thompson is the contact person for this trip and she can be reached at 696-5380 if you have any questions.

# Christ caring for people through people **STEPHEN**

We are blessed with a very active group of Stephen Ministers who

 $\nabla \nabla$ support the church in providing care and concern to those in our church and MINISTRY support the entror in providing current in providing the community. Stephen Ministry supervision is scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 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.

## **Our Church's Leadership Team**

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Session: Moderator- Pastor Dave Thom	npson	
Clerk of Session: Marlene Spencer	-	
<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
David Bauer (2)	Janet Brown	Dick Bailey
Carla Bracken	Jim Hummel	Christy Katlin
Vacant due to Ken E.'s death	Bud Leuthold	Heather McLean (2)
Sharon Lincoln (2)	Sandi Schoenberger (2)	Bruce Phillips
Deacons:	,	-
<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Kathy Ramage (2)	Jo Ausk	Peggy Cluff (2)
Lorrie Rimpe	Sharon Brady	Pam Harr
Paige Spalding (2)	Charlie Pinnick (2)	Len & Bonnie Richards
Marjorie Stewart (2)	Jean Schneider	Janice Ward (2)
(2) denotes a second consecutive term	ns that is currently being served.	

## Support groups continue to meet monthly

Two support groups meet at our church on a monthly basis. They are: 1. Our Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM and provides help, hope, and healing to those dealing with grief and loss. 2. Our RLI Group deals with "Real Life Issues" and meets the second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 AM This group meets to discuss issues pertaining to a wide range of issues Both groups are open to anyone in the church and community and maintain a high level of confidentiality. Both of these groups meet in our new conference room. For questions about any of these support groups, please talk with Dr. Don Harr or Pastor Dave. Dr. Harr is a retired psychiatrist with a lot of years of experience in helping people cope and grow through their loss.



## Stephen Ministry Update



## **On a Personal Note**

We extend our condolences to the family of Ruth Urbaska. Ruth died at her apartment at West Park Village on September 27. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

A memorial service for George and Maxine Schuman will be held at our church on Friday, October 4 at 11 AM with a lunch reception to follow in the church's fellowship hall.

A private family memorial service for Tom Davis was held on Saturday, October 5 in Absarokee. Ken Eichenberger's funeral was held in our church on Saturday, September 14 and Barbara would like

to thank the congregation for your outpouring of love and support.

Ed Stauber's funeral was held at our church on Monday, September 30.

Congratulations to Travis Harr and Cassandra Kaufman-Stewart who were married here on Saturday, September 21. Jack Bell would like to thank the congregation for the many thoughts and prayers. His cancer treatments are working

and he is starting to feel better.

Bob and Penni Nance appreciate your prayer as Bob's health has been improving.

Chuck Maris has been moved to Parkview Care Center after being hospitalized last month at the Billings Clinic. Cathy McLean continues to undergo cancer treatments.

Special thanks to Fred and Sherry Henslin for sharpening all of the knives in our church kitchen recently!

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The PW organization in our church has five different groups which meet monthly for study. fellowship. Groups 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 9 at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room. PW groups will meet on Wednesday, October 16 with two groups meeting in the morning, two groups meeting in the afternoon, and a group that meets in the evening. Talk to Sharon Brady or Marlene Spencer about meeting times and locations.

## Sunday school opportunities

## Classes for Kids:

Sunday school is offered during worship after the children's time each Sunday. I would like to introduce the college interns for this school year. Hunter Skov is back as an intern and is currently a Senior at MSUB. Jaki Harada is currently a Sophomore at MSUB as well. And lastly, Sam Dobson is a Freshman at Rocky Mountain College. If you see these three around the church feel free to say hello. The kids will be going through the book of Corinthians for the next several weeks. —Russ

### Special Class for Adults:

"Do You Believe in Miracles?" Pastor Dave continues his adult Sunday school class titled, "Miracles." Dave is helping us understand the four different kinds of miracles found in the Bible and how they changed peoples lives. He is also helping us to explore if miracles still occur today. Join us as we look into this fascinating area. This six week class will continue through Sunday, October 20.

Church and Society Class meets in the C & S Room. Here is the schedule of speakers for October: October 6: John Stewart, Retired Professional Engineer, and past District Governor for Rotary International, will speak to us about "Making a difference in our community and in the world, A century of Service Above Self." Among several projects he will discuss will be 40 years of fighting polio, sewage solutions and clean water initiatives, and a reminder that the greener grass across the fence may be due to a septic tank issue. He will also have some photos of fun and fellowship during foreign travel while serving as District Governor and offer you chances to join or assist in projects.

October 13: Melbourne Garber, Structural Engineer and Great-Nephew of A. B. C. Merriman-Labor. Mr. Garber will be traveling from New York City for the HighPlains BookFest because the book about his his great uncle is a finalist. He has generously agreed to talk to our class. Born in Sierra Leone, he will discuss the religion and culture of Sierra Leone and the origins of slavery. He is presently attempting to preserve Bunce Island, home to one of the most lucrative slave posts in West Africa. Mr. Garber's work as an engineer has been instrumental in helping design buildings and landmarks around the world.

October 20: Dr. Rebecca Berru-Davis, MSUB Assistant Professor of English, will present, "From Hand to Heart: Illuminations That Touch the Soul." In 1998, the monks of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, MN commissioned renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible in the manner carried out by monks of the Middle Ages. The result unites an ancient Benedictine tradition with the technology and vision of today—illuminating the Word of God for a new millennium. Rebecca spent two years at Saint John's. In her presentation she will situate this project within the historical tradition of illuminations. discuss the unfolding of the project, highlighting particular themes and illustrations; and introduce the practice of Visio Divina, a way to pray with Scripture using these beautiful, awe-inspiriting images.

October 27: Pastor Dave Thompson will present "One is the Loneliest Number: The Importance of Community." Many people in our community experience loneliness. A recent study showed that young people who are a part of the Generation Z/Millennial generations report very high rates of loneliness. How can the church help curb this growing concern? What does the Bible have to say about loneliness and isolation? Dave will help us look at this area of interest, causes of loneliness, and how we can help people who experience isolation.

## **Presbyterian Women**



## Youth News:

Hello Everyone! I am so happy and excited to be the new children and youth minister at the church. Everyone has been very welcoming of me and all of the kids have been great!



In October, the youth have a few events they will be having during the month that

any Middle School or High Schooler is welcome at. October 9th for youth group the youth will be putting together college care packages. If you know of someone in school that would love to receive one of these packages please reach out and let us know. On Friday, October 25th, the youth group will be going to the haunted corn maze here in Billings, we will meet at the church at 5:30 PM and the cost is \$5 per student.

The youth will be doing a series on the first 5 books of the bible each Wednesday night from 6-8 PM here at the church, dinner is served each night at 6 PM. Huge thanks to anyone else who helps with any of our youth programs as a volunteer, helper, or any other activity, we greatly appreciate all the help our programs get.

I would like to give a huge thank you to September's food volunteers at youth group: Dave and Vicki Thompson, Betty and Joe Roy, and Marv and Janet Brown. If you would like to volunteer to cook a meal for the youth on Wednesdays we have one spot left open on December 11th we are looking to fill, please contact me if you would like to volunteer at 719-431-3846.

-Russ Dornisch russ@fpcbillings.org Children's and Youth Ministry 719-431-3846



## **Better Together Preschool continues**

Our church continues to be the home of the Better Together Preschool and they provide classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9-1 This school is open for children ages 2 through pre-K and meet in the downstairs

classrooms. The preschool staff is comprised of five ladies, plus additional help is asked of the parents. For more information, please contact Karen Norsworthy at 690-8481 or Karen Morrow at 281-0280.

## Men's group

Our men's group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12noon in the Fireside Property Committee Room. Join other men for a time of encour- Mission Committee agement, fellowship, prayer, and study. This group is currently studying the book of Matthew from the New Testament. For more information about this group, please talk with Pastor Dave. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 14 at 12noon. All men are invited.

#### **Upcoming Committee Meetings in September** (All meetings are in the Fireside Room)

**Christian Education** Worship Committee Session Meeting **PW Board Meeting** Congregational Care Team Fellowship Committee Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, October 1 at 12noon Thursday, October 3 at 1:00 PM Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 PM Monday, October 7 at 10:00 AM Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 PM Wednesday, October 9 at 9:30 AM Thursday, October 17 at 12noon Thursday, October 24 at 11:00 AM Monday, October 28 at 4:00 PM

## The Breadwinner movie coming Monday, October 21

Global Village and the Women and Gender Studies Center at MSU Billings are partnering to bring a Special Screening of The Breadwinner to the Billings Community on October 21st at the Art house. The Breadwinner is an independent animated feature film that follows the incredible journey of Parvana, a young Afghan girl, who gives up everything to provide for her family and reunite with her father, who had been imprisoned by the Taliban, for more information on the movie, please go to www.thebreadwinner.com .

Date: Monday, October 21, Doors open: 5:30 pm Film Begins: 6 pm

Cost: Free Will Donation

Location: Art House Cinema 109 N 31st Street

Birthdays	Bob Culbert
1 Erin Thompson	20 Priscilla Lair
Beverly Pinnick	20 Molly Buffin
Don Cluff	21 Megan Lore
3 Sharon Lincoln	22 Bonnie Gros
8 Barbara Gullard	24 Juli Dufresn
Bob Zent	26 JoAnn Jone
11 Judy Cuff	27 Stephen Fer
Kyle Buffington	George Ros
12 Nicholas McLean	29 Kay Doss
13 Scott Murray	Megan Hen
14 Ruth Ewen	Joel Spring
15 Ginny Helmer	Rhonda Ste
17 Mary Louise Ritter	Jim Ausk
Bryén Martinez	Melanie Irw
18 Travis Harr	30 Don Harr
19 Shari Dayton	Jerry Koch

## **Mission News**

The Mission Committee went on a field trip to Global Village at our September 5 meeting. We went on a delightful tour and learned so much. Global Village began about 33 years ago. It is located at 2720 3rd Ave N, Billings. They have about 30 volunteers and one paid part-time employee as well as a paid executive director. They sell coffee from several different small coffee co-ops, jewelry from Mexico, India, Nepal, Tibet, Cambodia and Guatemala, handbaskets and hats from West and East Africa, recycled glass pieces from Ecuador, metalwork from Haiti and many more products from many more countries. Their hours are: Mon-Fri - 10:00-5:30 and Sat - 10:00-5:00. They will be set up at our church on November 10 before and after church for our shopping convenience.

We at FPC are the only church that supports Global Village finically at this time. Other financial support comes from the two fundraisers they have each year, grants, individual supporters, and from instore sales. Global Village is a nonprofit Fair Trade organization.

Laps 4 Life was held at Daylis Stadium on Saturday, September 21 from 4-6 PM. This event was organized by Jessie Dimich-Louvet as his senior project at Senior High School. Jesse and his family attend our church. About 400 people attended this event to raise awareness and funds for homeless youth. Our church, through its mission committee, gave Laps 4 Life \$1,000 and an additional \$1,642.48 was collected through the Noisy Offering which was received on Sunday, September 29. With our donations, the event so far has raised over \$11,000!

Funds are still available through our church's grant programs. We have two programs that we offer funds through. Our individual grant application is made available for people in the church to request up to \$1,000 for a variety of mission projects in our community and beyond. This program is intended to allow people from our church to be creative in finding ways to impact our community and make a difference. Our community grant program is available for funds up to \$5,000 and is intended for organization to request monies through. You are welcome and encouraged to pick up grant forms in the church office.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. Psalm 96:3



## Come and reFUEL on Sunday evenings

Do you have a desire to get to know people in the church in a more personal way? Do

you wish to study the Bible and see how God's word applies to your life? Join us for reFUEI (Fellowship, Understanding, and Encouragement in the Lord) on Sunday evenings from 6-7 PM in the Fireside Room. This group recently began a new study on the book of 2 Corinthians from the New Testament. This is the Apostle Paul's most personal letter that has many implications for us today. Co-led by Bruce Hoffman and Pastor Dave, this series includes an opening game, sharing, study, prayer, and treats.

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