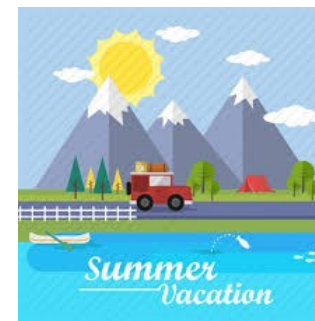


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Pastor's Pen

"It's Summertime!"

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 marks a different pace in the life of the church. Many of our weekly Bible studies, Sunday school, and regular activities take a recess for the summer months. A number of activities will hopefully resume in September as we kick off our Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 13.



I want to take a moment to thank all of you who have helped with these activities. We have a great core of volunteers and ministry interns 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, are involved with our Presbyterian Women's program, attend men's group, help with our Monday morning work crew, participate in Bible study groups, and serve on our leadership teams. I appreciate all the ways you have enhanced the ministry and mission of FPC. We couldn't do it without you!

This summer will take on a different feel in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of our summer programs and activities will be modified to meet the CDC guidelines. Our youth group will be meeting at various times this summer, allowing kids in grades 6-12 to reconnect with one another after a time of social isolation over the past three months. We will kick off our summer youth group this Wednesday, June 3 from 7-9 with pizza and games at the church. Watch for other events for the youth group being scheduled this summer.

Even though our summer mission trip to Denver has been canceled, we plan to take a group of youth to Stanford, Montana, where we will lead a small VBS program later this summer. Our annual community block party looks like it will be held in August at a date and time yet to be determined. We also hope to have some opportunities for younger children to gather this summer for crafts, games, and Bible learning times.

I plan to run a four week summer series on the life of King David in July. This series will be held on Wednesdays at 12noon in the Fireside Room from July 8-29. Lunch will be provided for those who would like to join us in person, or you can watch on our church's Facebook page from the comforts of your own home.

We want to continue to be safe and sensible during the pandemic and don't want to put anyone in a situation where they are uncomfortable. Due to this, we will continue to offer all of our worship services and classes live on our church's Facebook feed at www.facebook.com/fpcbillings. If you need help connecting with this page, please give me a call and I can walk you through the steps.

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. Stay strong in your faith and encouraged in the Lord!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Online giving option increases with our new mobile giving app!

We now offer online giving through our church's website at www.fpcbillings.org. You can go to the online giving tab on the homepage of our website. In addition, our church has just launched our new giving mobile app. You can simply text FPCBillings to 77977 and give a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts. We appreciate all of the ways you give to the ministry of our church. If you have any questions about this you can talk with Jeanne or Pastor Dave.

Volunteer Schedule

Our volunteer schedule is on hold during this time of pandemic. We will resume our volunteer schedule when the restrictions lift. We will provide updates through the weekly bulletin and e-news publications.



Coming Attractions:

Worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM— live or on Facebook
Youth group will meet on Wednesday, June 3 from 7-9 PM for pizza and games
Summer series on the life of King David: Wednesdays, July 8-29 at 12noon
Annual Community Block Party coming in August— watch for date and time
FPC Golf Tournament at Par 3: Saturday, September 12
Ministry Fair held in the Fellowship Hall: Sunday, September 13 at 9:15
Sunday school resumes on Sunday, September 20

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STAFF

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

June Birthdays

- 1 Karen Norsworthy
- 2 Dave Thompson
Jason Ward
- 3 Ronnie Wooten
- 4 Jill Irwin
- 6 Dan Gall
Juanita Stovall
- 7 Eric Leggate
- 8 Cathy Goettel
Zoey Harr
Susan Watters
- 9 Ed Stauber
Kelly Murch
- 11 Kurt McLean
- 12 Jeannette Davis
Karen Gall

- 12 Chuck Pinnick
Nikki Youngbear
- 13 James Hall
- 14 Grace Steppe
- 17 Sharon Klovestad
Boden Buffington
- 19 John Thompson
- 20 Bobbie Lauwers
Eileen Lewis
- 23 Carol Limbach
Junice Wooten
- 27 Linda Luse
- 28 Edna Stauber
Cassie Kouba
Nahloni Stennerson
- 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

July Birthdays

- 2 Melanie Dyce
- 6 David Sanderson
Alex Steppe
- 7 Patricia Clark
Lois Dalton
- 8 Bonnie Richards
Bruce Hoffman
- 9 Charlie Reed
- 11 Sandra Schoenberger
- 12 Amy Letson
Jason Ascherman

- 12 Michelle Berger-Swords
- 16 Norma Thiesen
Lynne Erickson
- 18 Daniel Repka
Wava Knutson
Mike Michalsky
- 20 Jim Duncan
Rae Chaney
- 22 Bud Leuthold
- 23 Janet Kline
- 24 Shawn Pattee
Eric Wiens

- 24 Noah Bauer
- 27 Colin McRae
- 28 Phyllis Brown
- 29 Melissa Leggate
- 30 Carlene Taubert

Anniversaries

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

August Birthdays

- 1 Jo Albin
John Oliver
Betty “Jean” Davis
JoLayne Buffington
- 2 Madison Morrow
- 4 Jody Anderson
- 5 Margie Jarrett
Deborah Keenum
Carrie Rigney
- 7 Russ Kline
Payton Kouba
- 8 Betty Ann Nesmith
- 11 Deb Wiens
Jeanne Thompson

- 12 Jerry Swanson
Shirley Smith
- 14 Darlene Busch
Jean Ross
John Luse
- 16 Vicki Thompson
- 22 Michelle Cormier Lee
- 23 Hayden Youngbear
- 26 Lucille Lynn
- 27 Lauren Bauer
Burke Steppe
- 28 Rod Hessler
- 31 Ruth Letson
Tom Erskine

Anniversaries

- 3 Joel & Lila Spring
- 7 Bob & Shari Dayton
Bob & Shirley Shirley
- 9 Kevin & Jody Anderson
- 10 Jason & Meghan Ascherman
- 11 Chuck & Cindy Leggate
- 19 John & Linda Luse
- 21 John & Lauren Wright
- 22 Don & Cathy Goettel
- 26 Jim & Heidi Duncan
- 29 Len & Bonnie Richards

Financial snapshot

2020	Income	Expense	Net
May	\$ 19,775	\$ 25,616	\$ (5,841)
YTD	\$ 186,515	\$ 178,512	\$ 8,003

Thank you for your continued support of our church during this pandemic. Your financial support during this time remains important to the ongoing mission and ministry of our church. May 31 financials were not included so we could get the newsletter out to you by June 1.

On a Personal Note



We extend our condolences to the family of Jo Bartels who passed away on May 2. Her funeral was held at our church on Friday, May 15. Marian Shehein passed away last month in Denver, Colorado. A memorial service will be held here at the church on Saturday, July 18 at 10:00 AM with a reception to follow in the church fellowship hall. Congratulations to Earl & Sharon Henderson who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 23 with a special renewal of vows ceremony in our sanctuary. They were married in our church on May 23, 1970. Linda Broderson has returned home after several recent surgeries. Teena Bracken has returned home after being hospitalized at the Clinic earlier this week. Pastor Cathy McLean would appreciate your continued prayers as she has recently been hospitalized at the Clinic on several occasions with a reaction to chemotherapy. Vern Wiens, Greg’s father, has been discharged from the Billings Clinic and has returned home to Wolf Point. We give our best to Bob and Deb Keenum who recently moved to North Carolina upon retirement. Continue to pray for our communities, nations, and world that we will heal from the coronavirus pandemic and those who we know who are affected by the virus.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

On Sunday, May 17 we recognized our gradating seniors during worship. Our high school and college graduates in the class of 2020 are:
 Central High School: Bradley Irwin is planning to attend Colorado State University.
 Senior High: Jessie Dimich-Louvet is planning to attend Temple University; and Steenamarie Welk is planning to attend Montana State University.
 West High: Coryn Martinez and Connor Ryan— Both are planning to Montana State University.
 Montana State University: Payton Harrison, Bachelor’s degree in computer science.
 Montana Tech: Samantha Cormier, Bachelor’s degree in accounting.
 Rocky Mountain College: Jessica Meeker, Bachelor’s degrees in environmental science and creative writing
 Southern New Hampshire University: Savannah Brennan, Bachelor’s degree in environmental science.
 Congratulations to all our graduating seniors! We are so proud of you!

Church Mice: At 103 years old, Bonnie Grosshuesch is the oldest member of our church family. She, her husband, Vernon, and their three children were active in our church for many years. Bonnie was church treasurer and was very meticulous in her work. At the same time, Pat Clark was church secretary. Pat remembers one day when Bonnie was working hard to reconcile the church books; she was a dime off. Pat walked over to Bonnie and said, “Here is a dime make it right.” Bonnie replied, “Oh no, it has to match.” We pay tribute to Bonnie for her strong faith and service to our congregation and to Pat for always being willing to help when needed! Bonnie recently moved to Tender Nest Assisted Living and would love to get a card form you. Her address is Tender Nest Assisted Living; 4040 Parkhill Drive; Building #5; Billings, 59106

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: Pat Clark, in loving memory of her daughter, Sandra Burns; Bonnie & Len Richards, in loving memory of their parents; and Earl and Sharon Henderson in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on May 23.

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.