

Announcements

Time Change: Be sure to set your clocks back an hour this Saturday night.

Food Bank Sunday will be recognized this Sunday for the food pantry at Medicine Crow Middle School. We invite you to bring items on the first Sunday of each month for a variety of food banks in the Billings area.

Pledge cards will be sent out this week to all of our church members and friends. We appreciate your financial pledge as we look forward to a new year. Pledges will be received during worship on Sunday, November 15 or anytime via the mail. We will also be receiving our One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks on November 15 as well.

ReFuel groups begin this week: Do you have an interest in drawing deeper into a relationship with God and others? We will offer four small group opportunities starting the first week in November for a six-week period. The hope of these groups is to provide a weekly small group experience (with social distancing) where people can come together for Bible study, prayer, and encouragement. We will have options for groups to meet either in the afternoon or evening. If you are interested in this group, please text/call Pastor Dave at 696-4913 or sign up in the gallery. Any questions, please talk with Dave or Russ Kline.

New Class: Pastor Dave will begin a new Sunday school class titled, *Drawing Close* this Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Fireside Room. During this time of social distancing and isolation, many feel that they have drifted away from their faith. Dave will help us look at ways that we can draw close to God during this time of pandemic and will be using examples like Elijah, the Apostle Paul, Mother Teresa, and Dietrick Bonhoeffer to help us find ways to stay connected with Christ. This four week class will continue through November 22.

Grief Support Group will be meeting next Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the conference room. Facilitated by Dr. Don Harr, this group meets twice a month to provide support and encouragement to those facing grief and loss.

Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given by Pam Harr in celebration of Don's 97th birthday on October 30. Our flower sign-up sheet is available to designate flowers in memory or honor of someone. Please find the sheet as you enter the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$25.

Kids' Sunday School: Our children's Sunday school program is being offered on-line. Jaki Harada, a student at MSUB, is putting together a weekly lesson that is being sent out via e-mail. If you would like to be added to this e-mail list, please contact Pastor Dave.

Church Columbarium: The church has decided to install a columbarium. There will be twenty niches available for purchase at \$1,000 per niche. Each niche can contain up to two urns. Please contact Sandi Schoenberger at 647-5685 if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.



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November 1, 2020

Prelude *Kerry Gruizenga, pianist*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Pastor: We gather to remember God's promises;

People: To hear the Good News of God's grace;

Pastor: To sing and praise our Living God. We gather to worship and rejoice.

All: For this is the day that the Lord has made and let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Opening Song** *“Rejoice in the Lord Always”*

***Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

Gracious God, we admit that it is difficult to be joyful. It is easy to grumble and complain, dwelling on all that is wrong. We find ourselves complaining about the weather, traffic, and other people who don't agree with us. We pray that you will stir within our hearts and change our attitudes and demeanor. Help us to reflect your love and grace in a way that radiates the hope we have in Christ.

(Please continue in silent confession...)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Song # 2036** *“Give Thanks”*

Passing the Peace of Christ

L: May the peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 34:1-10 *pg. 508*

New Testament Scripture: Philippians 4:2-7 *pg. 198*

Sermon Series “Seven Decisions” *see Sermon Helps*
Part 5 of 7: “Choosing Happiness”

***Song of Response** *“Shouts of Joy”*

Worshipping God With Our Offerings

The Offertory

***The Doxology** *pg. 592*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer Following the Lord's Supper

***Closing Song** *“Joy Is Like the Rain”*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Kerry Gruizenga, pianist*

*** Indicates to stand, if able and comfortable.**

Music license for use in worship and live streaming is provided via CCLI #20735174

Giving Mobile App: Check out our mobile giving app. You can simply text fpcbillings to 77977 and give a one-time gift or set up reoccurring gifts. If you have any questions, you can talk with Jeanne or Pastor Dave. We appreciate your generosity to our ministry!

This Week @ FPC

This Sunday
(November 1) Daylight savings time ends– turn clocks back an hour
Food Bank Sunday– food for Medicine Crow Middle School
Drawing Close class begins in the Fireside Room 9:15 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
Communion served during worship
ReFuel Diesel Group meets in the Fireside Room 6 PM
ReFuel High Octane Group meets in the Conference Room 6

Monday
Monday morning work crew 9:00 AM
Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
Kiwanis group meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM
ReFuel Ethanol Group meets in the Fireside Room 2 PM
Billings Child Care Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM

Tuesday
Election Day!
Men's Bible study meets in the C & S Room 9:00 AM
No Women's Bible Study– resumes on Tuesday, Nov. 10
Property Committee meeting in the Library 12noon
ReFuel Nitrous Group meets in the Fireside Room 1 PM

Wednesday
Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Leader's Meeting 9:00 AM
Grief Support Group meets in the Conference Room 10 AM
InterVarsity College Ministry meets downstairs 5:30 PM
Youth Group for grades 6-12 6:00 PM
Young Adult Bible Study at Trina White's 7:00 PM

Thursday
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) 9:00 AM
Christian Education committee meets in Fireside Room 7 PM

Friday
Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
Presbytery meeting via Zoom

Saturday
Presbytery meeting via Zoom

Sunday
(November 8) *Drawing Close* class continues in Fireside Room 9:15 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
ReFuel Diesel Group meets in the Fireside Room 6 PM
ReFuel High Octane Group meets in the Conference Room 6

Last Sunday: Attendance: 60 Offering: \$ 6,730.38

Church Staff Information:

Ministers: All Members

Pastor: The Rev. Dave Thompson pastordave@fpcbillings.org

Office Manager: Jeanne Raney mainoffice@fpcbillings.org

Music Accompanist/Organist: Sandi Rabas

Choir Director: Janie Sutton

Custodian: Kent Fellingham

Sermon Helps

Designed to help you get the most out of the sermon

Sermon series: "Seven Decisions"

Part 6 of 7: "Choosing Happiness"

Philippians 4:2-7

A. The Key Decision:

Today I will choose to be _____.

B. If You're Happy And You Know It:

1. Happiness is usually based on our _____ circumstances.
a. If the weather is _____, if life is going _____, if things are _____ into place.

2. Happiness is often based on _____ assumptions.
a. The size of the _____, the _____ in the bank account, and the cost of the wedding _____.

3. Happiness is usually based on _____-term outcomes.
a. I will be happy when I get my _____, lose 10 _____, or have a _____.

4. As a result, happiness is _____ and _____ and we can easily be allured into a _____ sense of happiness.

C. A Unique Happiness:

1. Joy comes when we feel _____ in the Lord.

2. Ultimate happiness is realized when we find our true _____ in Christ.

3. Joy comes when we _____ and worship the Lord.

D. Thought to Take With You:

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." —Nehemiah 8:10