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Liturgist
Heidi Duncan
Key Elder
David Bauer
Care Board
Edna Carlson
Van Driver
Chuck Leggate
Sound Booth
David Bauer

Communion

Linda Luse
Cindy Leggate
Jo Bartels
Bebe Spring
Janet Brown

The 14th

Preaching
Dave Thompson
Greeters
David & Robyn
Bauer
Noah & Lauren
Bauer
Kay Doss
Ushers
Jo Albin
Pat Clark
Kurt & Mary Grabow
Liturgist
Judy Cuff
Key Elder
Jeff Gruizenga
Care Board
Bill & Ann Chase
Sound Booth
Jeff Gruizenga

The 21st

Preaching
Dave Thompson
Greeters
Ed & Alta Dakolios
Ushers
Marge Myhra
Royal Johnson
Sharon Mathews
Orrin & Emily
Feddes
Liturgist
Don Harr
Care Board
Sharon Lincoln
Van Driver
Kate Mitchell
Sound Booth
Chuck Leggate

The 24th

Preaching
Dave Thompson
Greeters
Tom & Ginny
Helmer
Ushers
Greg & Deb Wiens
Liturgist
Peggy Wilson
Care Board
Edna Carlson
Van Driver
Robyn Bauer
Sound Booth
Poinsettias All
Don Harr

The 28th

Preaching
Orrin Feddes
Greeters
Tom & Ginny
Helmer
Ushers
Greg & Deb Wiens
Liturgist
Peggy Wilson
Care Board
Edna Carlson
Van Driver
Robyn Bauer
Sound Booth
Poinsettias All
Don Harr

Sub. Ushers:

Pat Clark
Kay Doss
Tom & Ginny Helmer
Earl & Sharon
Henderson
Biff Hogue
Jane Myhre (if no choir)
Diane Noddings
Charlie Reed
Don Reed
George Schuman

Sub. Greeters:

Kay Doss
Tom & Ruth
Drummond
Ruth Ewen
Bob & Linda Fedric
Tom & Ginny Helmer
Earl & Sharon
Henderson
Biff Hogue
JoAnn Jones
Priscilla Laird
Bob & Barbara Muir
Marge Myhra
Jane & Ralph Myhre
Betty Ann Nesmith
John Reamy
Charlie Reed
Bob & Shirley Shirley
Jerry Swanson
Lucile Weisbeck

DECEMBER
2014



PASTOR'S PEN

"Come and See"



I have always been a bit curious when it comes to how things work. As a kid I took apart my bicycle to learn how the wheels work amid bearings and sprockets. As a teenager my interest in biology was peeked when we were able to dissect insects and frogs to see how they were able to move and live. As a business major in college I was interested in learning how businesses can best utilize technology to maintain the greatest efficiency. As a commercial fisherman in Alaska I was interested in learning about migration patterns for salmon as they return to the rivers each summer. Yes, I have always had a interest in getting behind the scenes and learning how things work.

So it is with religion as well. Throughout the Gospel stories of Jesus there is a reoccurring invitation to "come and see." Jesus says to the likes of Matthew, John, Phillip, and the Woman at the Well, to come and see for yourselves the gift that only God can give through Jesus Christ. God provides a unique gift of salvation through Jesus Christ and we are invited into this great gift of grace.

The Christmas season is a time to "come and see." As the shepherds and wise men were drawn to Bethlehem, so are we drawn back to that place to understand who Jesus is and why he came. During the season of Advent, we will be offering several opportunities for you to get behind the scenes and dig deeper into the Christmas narratives. I will be preaching a sermon series titled, "An Unexpected Entrance" that will center on the strange and unusual way that God chose to enter the world through Jesus Christ. This series, based on the Gospel of Luke (chapters 1 and 2), will show how through a set of very unassuming circumstances God entered our world to provide Good News of salvation and hope to all people.

I would also like to invite you to join us for our Advent Lunch and Learn series that will begin on Tuesday, December 2 at 12noon in the Fireside Room. Accompanied by a light lunch, I will be leading a three week series titled, "Come to Bethlehem and See." This series will explore the birth narratives of Jesus and how God used very ordinary people and places in a very extraordinary way. Join us each Tuesday from 12noon to 1:00 PM.

We also have free Advent devotionals available in the gallery for you to use during this season. Each devotional has a scripture passage, devotional reading, and prayer that can be used on a daily basis.

It is my hope that this season of Christmas will provide a time for you to be curious as you "come and see." I'd love for you to dig a little deeper into your faith, search a little wider for the coming Savior, and to know a little more fully of God's promises and provisions that is freely offered through Jesus Christ. Come and see...

—Pastor Dave

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Advent Lunch & Learn Series begins on Tuesday, December 2 at 12noon
Presbyterian Women's Christmas Luncheon: Wednesday, December 3 at 12noon
Christmas Decorating on Saturday, December 6 at 4 PM— Free pizza following
RMC Christmas Concert in our sanctuary: Sunday, December 7 at 3 PM and 7 PM
Christmas Eve services offered at 5 PM and 10 PM— both will be candlelight

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Church Info

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Worship Celebration @ 10:30

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Youth Ministry: Orrin Feddes
Choir Director: Janie Sutton
Choir Accompanist: Bev Wornom
Custodian: Kent Fellingham

SESSION MEMBERS

Clerk of Session:
Marlene Spencer 252-5027

Class of 2015

Kathy Baskett 544-9857
Sharon Brady 655-9046
Marv Brown 256-0257
Jeff Gruizenga 850-3697

Class of 2016

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Heidi Duncan 252-2373
Jenice Fugere 252-9641

Class of 2017

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Sharon Lincoln 656-9014
Sharon Mathews 696-5559

Session Notes: At our monthly session meeting on November 11 the session examined and received into membership of First Presbyterian Church the following people: Jack and Karla Mahan, Craig and Denise Hash, Jason Ward, Margie (Halverson) LaFontaine, and Michelle Berger-Reitz.

Pastor Dave reported on the Convocation and Presbytery meetings that he recently attended along with Jeff Gruizenga and Jack Bell. Bob Culbertson and Chris Eriksen are on committees at the Presbytery level. The next meeting of the Presbytery will be at St. Andrews church in Billings on March 6th and 7th.

The session voted to have our annual congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, January 25, 2015.

Financial snapshot

| 2014 | Income | Expense | Net |
|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| November | \$ 36,594 | \$ 18,459 | \$ 18,135 |
| YTD | \$ 452,161 | \$ 346,054 | \$ 106,107 |

Financial pledges are being received for 2015.
Your generosity in giving is greatly appreciated!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED GATHERING

INFORMATION ABOUT THE UPCOMING UNITED CHURCH WOMEN GATHERING HAS NOT YET BEEN SHARED. PLEASE WATCH FOR INFORMATION THROUGH THE PW GROUPS.

Sermons 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.

THE CHURCH MICE

Sandi Schoenberger and her family were members of First Presbyterian from 2000 to 2004. They moved to Pennsylvania and returned to Billings and our church in 2012. Sandi has become a valued member of our congregation since her return. She is circle leader for Deborah Circle, a member of PW board and the fellowship committee. Sandi is also coordinator of dinners for the youth group on Wednesday evenings. Sandi is a willing worker and never says no when asked to help (remember the tattoo Sandi). She is an asset to our church and we appreciate her dedication.



| NOV | 2014 |
|-------------------|------|
| 2ND | 198 |
| 9TH | 175 |
| 16TH | 205 |
| 23RD | 192 |
| 30TH | 123 |
| 2014 Nov. AVERAGE | 179 |
| 2013 Nov. AVERAGE | 200 |

Dinners of Eight

The winter months are upon us , so let’s make sure we all get together , I know this is a busy season and we need to take care to not let it slip by. **If you find that you cannot host, give someone on your team to do the hosting.** Do not let this time fall through There are times that you just cannot host an event, but someone else may be happy to do it, give them a chance. The **Host(s) (first name(s) in cell)** picks a couple of dates during the subject Month that is convenient for you and calls your guests. If you are short of guests (someone may not be able to come), fill in the spaces with new faces with substitutes listed below or anyone not involved in dinners of eight (don’t forget new members or older members). Let your guests know when and where to come and what side dish or beverage to bring if any. **(If you do not hear from your host call them, they may have forgotten.)**

This is a very flexible program. Any activities to accompany or follow your dinner are up to you. Even the dinner format can be modified to a brunch or whatever creative ideas you come up with including eating out. **Enjoy your dinners! It is not necessary to have 8 people for dinner, any number is OK. DO NOT MAKE IT HARD OR STRESS OVER IT. This is a fun time.** If there are any questions or problems, etc., please notify Pat Hastings immediately at 696-0281 or pathast@msn.com (be sure to title it Dinners of Eight). Please note any new names on the list or changes. Also, if you have a change in your email please let me know. I am getting some back.

November/December/January

| Laftko | Jody | Boden | 591-8060 | Hogue | Jim | Biff | 259-9114 |
|----------|---------|-------|----------|------------|-------|---------|----------|
| Stovall | Juanita | | 259-9219 | Lorentz | Bill | Colleen | 656-8163 |
| Brown | Phyllis | | 652-3727 | Ascheman | Jason | Meghan | 259-1336 |
| Repka | Sarah | | 238-0092 | Culbertson | Bob | Cathy | 655-7826 |
| Drummond | Tom | Ruth | 656-5977 | | | | |
| Lorentz | Megan | | 855-5427 | | | | |

| Brown | Marvin | Janet | 256-0257 | Hastings | Pat | | 656-0072 |
|------------|--------|-------|----------|----------------|-------|---------|----------|
| Lohnbakken | Gary | Judy | 656-2046 | Muir | Bob | Barbara | 256-6099 |
| Wilson | Peggy | | 254-6726 | Spring | BeBe | | 252-7898 |
| Morrow | Beth | | 656-2292 | Mercer-Wallace | Jody | | 656-4150 |
| Brady | Sharon | | 655-9046 | Myhre | Ralph | Jane | 325-8033 |
| Jones | JoAnn | | 652-3185 | Albin | Jo | | 656-5600 |

| Erskine | Tom | | 656-0469 | Substitutes | | | |
|-----------|--------|----------|----------|-------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| Fugere | Jenice | | 252-9641 | Reinecke | Eleanor | | 248-8293 |
| Carlson | Edna | | 534-6211 | Leggate | Chuck | Cindy | 896-0686 |
| Pierce | June | | 245-7989 | Spencer | Marlene | | 252-5027 |
| Montville | Chris | Michelle | 281-4466 | Thompson | Dave | Vicki | 696-4913 |
| Gore | Pam | | 694-6381 | Dayton | Bob | Shari | 256-3130 |
| Riggs | Thelma | | 652-0898 | Taubert | Carlene | Mark Parker | 698-2205 |
| | | | | Reed | Don | | 252-5316 |

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. Join us of Sunday, Dec 7 for our next Food Bank Sunday.

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. There are some spots available for flower donations in November and December. Suggested donation is \$25.

Special thanks to those who donated flowers during the month of October. They include: Bill & Trina White, Dave & Vicki Thompson, and the Presbyterian Womens group.

Stephen Ministry Update

A dedicated group of Stephen Ministers continue to reach out to people in our church by providing one on one caring relationship. If you could use or know of someone who could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Doris Backus, Jack Bell, JoAnn Jones, or Pastor Dave. JoAnn Jones will be hosting a Stephen Ministry Christmas party in December.





December Circle meetings will be December 17, 2014 at the church. As is our tradition, our two morning circles will meet together and the two afternoon circles together. Please bring some goodies that you have made. The leftover cookies and other goodies will be given to an organization chosen by the circles.

The sewing group met in October and worked on some quilts. They will meet again on January 27 in Fireside Room at 9:30. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Hanging of the Greens will be on December 6 at 4:00. We hope that many of our PW members will be able to attend to help with decorating the church and especially our Chrismon tree. Pizza and salad after the church has been decorated.


The church-wide gathering for Presbyterian Women will be held in Minneapolis on June 18-20, 2015.

Update from Family Promise Director, Lisa Donnot:

Currently at the Day-Center, we have been developing many partnerships within the community that are helping our families with the barriers of child care, transportation and clothing, thus permitting us to expand the Family Promise Education Enhancement Program, further helping guests overcome barriers to employment. Employment and Education have become a strong part of our program to help guarantee continued success for our graduates and ensuring that all adults in the program are working full-time within 28 days.

Cardboard Box City was held on October 11th. We had approximately 200 participants, and 40 volunteers, and raised approximately \$19,000.00 toward our annual budget. A great big “Thank You” to all who participated, volunteered, and donated to CBC.

We are in the process of starting a capital campaign for the remodeling of our new Day Center and Transitional Housing building. You can go on our website www.familypromiseyv.org and under the tab about us click on New Day Center and you can view the architect’s drawing of the new Family Promise Day Center.

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|--|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| December 2014 | 1 IHN here 12 BLT 4 Deacons Mtg. 6 Billings Child Care Association | 2 IHN 9:30 WBS 12 Advent Lunch & Learn 7 PM Foundation | 3 IHN 10 Grief Group 12noon Women’s Luncheon 6 Youth group | 4 IHN 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship 1 Mission Comm. 7 Christian Ed Mtg | 5 IHN Church Office Closed | 6 IHN 10 Gluten Intolerance 4 Christmas decorating |
| 7 IHN Take Down Food Bank Sunday 9:15 Sun. School 10:30 Worship Communion 11 WP Worship 3 & 7 RMC Concert | 8 6:30 Men’s Bible Study (MBS) 12 Bible Lunch Time (BLT) | 9 9:30 Staff meeting 9:30 Women’s Bible Study (WBS) 12 Advent Lunch & Learn Series 7 PM Session Mtg | 10 9:30 PW Board 9-11 BSF Leaders 6 Youth Group 7 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Young Adult Bible Study | 11 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship | 12 Church Office Closed | 13 |
| 14 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 11:00 West Park worship | 15 6:30 MBS 12 Bible Lunch Time (BLT) | 16 9:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 WBS 12 Advent Lunch & Learn Series | 17 PW Circles meet at the church 6 Youth Group 7 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Young Adults | 18 4:30 Stephen Ministry Party Newsletter Submission Deadline | 19 Church Office Closed | 20 |
| 21 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Christmas program during worship 11:00 West Park worship | 22 6:30 MBS 12 Bible Lunch Time (BLT) | 23 9:30 Staff Meeting | 24 Christmas Eve Services Held at 5 PM and 10 PM | 25  | 26 Church office closed | 27 |
| 28 No Sun School 10:30 Worship 11:00 WP worship | 29 | 30 9:30 Staff Meeting | 31 | | | |

Hello from FPC Youth!

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with friends and family. The high school students were able to go to *In Good Glazes* on November 5 and had a pottery demonstration for a lesson on Jeremiah 18. The owner had some of the students form pottery on the wheel and talked a little bit about life, God, and what we can learn from forming the clay. It was a blast and the students had a lot of fun! We were also able to host a youth dodgeball tournament on November 9th and what a great time it was. There were about 3 other youth groups in attendance and FPC Youth also won the entire thing!



Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Senior Thanksgiving dinner and also to those who were able to attend. It was a wonderful evening and a great blessing to serve everyone in attendance. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful support in the church, so thank you!

I am also pleased to announce that there will be another Christmas play at First Presbyterian Church coming up on December 21.

I also want to thank Kelly Murch, Robyn Bauer, and Coryn and Bryen Martinez for helping teach our kids during church! They are such a blessing and I am grateful for there willingness to serve. If you are interested in teaching out kids please contact me by email at ofeddes@gmail.com or by phone at 697-0994, we would love to have you help out. Thank you so much for your continued support and encouragement.

In Christ,
Orrin Feddes

Sunday school classes that are currently offered

Sunday school continues on Sunday mornings. Lots of great classes are provided for all ages! Hope you all with join us!

Classes for Kids:

Kindergarten through 6th grade: This class meets upstairs

Middle School and High School: Youth meet in the downstairs youth coffee room.

Sunday school during our worship service is held every week after the children’s sermon. A variety of teachers lead this class for children ages kindergarten through the 5th grade.

Classes for Adults:

“*Carols We Know By Heart*” will be led by Pastor Dave on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM in the Fireside Room, beginning on Sunday, December 7. He will be sharing about three of the most beloved Christmas carols (*Joy to the World, What Child is This?, and Silent Night*), their history, and significance.

Church and Society guests for the month on December will be:

DECEMBER 7

Katie Waller, Masters in Public Health, will be sharing “Sierra Leone; Its History, Wars, Religions, and the Effect of Ebola on the Culture.” While working in Sierra Leone educating women and children about access to health care, Katie has also been able to observe how infectious diseases and Ebola, in particular, are affected by the culture. She will explain why western medicine sometimes clashes with their concept of family, the only thing left for people engaged in a 10 year civil war. Katie will also offer observations on the media and Ebola, and she will detail precautions for those suspected with Ebola.


DECEMBER 14

Pam Makara, Program Director of the Adult Resource Alliance volunteer program for RSVP will talk about, “It’s a Match!.” Pam will present ideas for matching older adult’s abilities with local community needs and give examples of how seniors’ wisdom, experience, and skills have impacted the Billings area.

DECEMBER 21

Jack Bell, Commissioned Lay Pastor, will be sharing his perspective of Christmas. Titled, “A Child is Born” Jack will be sharing about the birth of Jesus Christ and his significance for us today.

There will be no Church and Society class on Sunday, December 28.





MISSION NEWS

We had a “Noisy Offering” on November 30th with our coins and more being used for Christmas presents for the residents at Ponderosa Pines Nursing home. \$312 was collected through this special offering. We will still have the Angel Tree with gift ideas for the residents. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (or PDA) is working in Western Africa to help fight the Ebola Outbreak. A great alternative Christmas gift would be to make a donation to PDA. Please remember that Global Village is a great place to do your Christmas shopping. Global Village has very unique gift ideas from around the world. They are located at 2720 3rd Ave. North Billings, MT 59101 (406)259-3024 • globalvillage@montana.net. Their hours are: 10 A.M. – 5:30 P.M. on Mon – Fri and 10 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. on Sat

Global Village is a nonprofit Fair Trade organization dedicated to the support of the world’s low income artisans and farmers through the operation of a Fair Trade retail store and educational activities that promote the values of Fair Trade, tolerance, and cultural appreciation.

Foundation Appreciation

Thank you to those who participated with the Foundation Legacy Lunch on Sunday, October 26th. We had a good turnout and a delicious meal was served to approximately 75 folks. Within the last year the First Presbyterian Church Foundation has received a number of donations and memorials, for which we are grateful. The Foundation was established in 1992 for the long term legacy of First Presbyterian Church, Billings. In the past few years, the gifts the Foundation has received have been given back to help and assist our Church by contributing to the Boiler Fund, exterior maintenance of siding and painting, parking lot resurfacing, as well as upgraded office and computer equipment. For the past three years the Foundation has contributed approximately \$20,000 to the general fund to assist in Budgeting for the upcoming year. Please continue to remember the First Presbyterian Foundation when making memorials for loved ones. Talk to Trina White at 248-8107, the chairperson for the Foundation about how easy it is to set up a living legacy in your name.

Advent series offered by Pastor Dave

Join Pastor Dave beginning on Tuesday, December 2 at 12noon in the Fireside Room for a 3 week Advent Lunch & Learn series titled “Come to Bethlehem and See.” Each week we will gather for a light lunch and then some leaning centered around the Christmas story of Jesus and God great invitation to follow. Come and see Christ anew this Christmas season. All are welcome to join us for this free lunch and time of growing closer to God and one another.

Christmas Eve

Come worship with us on Christmas Eve (Wed., December 24) with two worship opportunities. Our family service will be offered at 5 PM and our serve of “Candles, Carols, and Communion” will be offered at 10 PM. Christmas is a special time to draw close to God and to renew our relationship with Jesus.



Rocky Mountain Christmas Concert coming on Sunday, December 7

Our church will once again host the annual Christmas concert for Rocky Mountain College. Titled “Lessons and Carols,” the concert will feature both scripture and music as a way to draw us into the spirit of Christmas. Two concerts will be offered: 3 PM and 7 PM and both will be held in the sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the community. Join us as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas.



Christmas decorating coming on Saturday, December 6

We invite you to join us on Saturday, December 6 at 4 PM as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. We will need your help in setting up four Christmas trees, hanging wreaths, and preparing the church for this special season. The Presbyterian Women’s group will once again provide free pizza and refreshments to all who come and help us. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



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|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| December Birthday’s | | |
| 1 David Marshall | 20 Harry Cuff | Kurt Grabow |
| 2 John Limbach | Ed Dakolios | 31 Jenanne Luse |
| Judy Wallinder | Teri Pattee | Allison Dubs |
| 5 Lowell Butler | Edna Carlson | |
| 6 Jim Graff | 23 Jane Myhre | December Anniversaries |
| 8 Bob Dayton | Louise Graff | 20 Aaron & Lis TenHarmsel |
| 9 Lorna Ames | 26 Robert Muir | 23 Larry & Dora Bean |
| 11 James Haefer | 27 Tim Janiak | 27 Chuck & Lois Maris |
| Jeanie Hekkel | Doris Backus | Bob & Barbara Muir |
| JoAnn Roach | 28 Cathy McLean | 28 Bill & Amy Letson |
| 12 Jessie Schaubel | 29 Eleanor Reinecke | 29 Jim & Louise Graff |
| 19 Ann Chase | 30 Erin Bean | |
| Anna Mae Dyce | Steve Bentley | |
| | Jessica Grabow | |

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

We extend our condolences to Priscilla Laird and her family upon the death of her husband, Walt. His funeral was held on Saturday, November 29.

We share our sympathies with the family of Betty Jane Child whose funeral was held in our church on Monday, December 1. Betty was a resident at the Canyon Creek Memory Care Community.

Bud Leuthold has returned home after being hospitalized a month at the Billings Clinic with leukemia. Bud and Joann appreciate all for the prayers for healing. They are so appreciative that Bud is feeling better.

Cindy Leggate has returned home after having her hip replaced at the St. V’s Hospital.

Shirley Voyta has moved to Hansen Cottage on the campus of St.. John’s Ministries.

Chuck and Marge Pemble recently moved to Utah to be closer to their daughter.

Thanks to all who donated funds for Kelli Liptac who is undergoing treatments at the Mayo Clinic. \$175 was collected to help with her transportation costs.

Thanks to all who donated sweaters this past month for Family Service, Inc. Lots of sweaters were donated and will benefit many during these cold winter months.

We wish our best to Chris and Michelle Montville as they will be moving to Nashville in January. We will miss you!

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, November 16 we welcomed seven new members into our congregation, They are:

Jack & Karla Mahan were former members of our church who recently returned to Billings where they are retired. They most recently were living in Detroit and have also lived in Indonesia and South America.

Michelle Berger-Reitz is known to many of us through her wonderful voice that she shares with us on occasion during worship. Besides being involved with a lot of music ventures, Michelle also teaches Pilates.

Jason Ward is a general contractor and is also involved on our church’s property committee. Jason , along with his mom Janice, have attended here for the past year.

Margie LaFontaine is the librarian at Bench Elementary School. She grew up in our church with her family, the Halversons.

Craig and Denise Hash were married in our church some years ago and have three children: Arial, Alexa, and Hunter. Craig works as a pilot and Denise works in the restaurant business.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP CONTINUES EVERY MONTH

A grief support group within our church continues to meet the first Wednesday 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.

