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Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that in just a few days we will turn the calendar and usher in another year. Do you sense that the older we get, the faster each year seems to go? I guess the saying is true...time flies when you're having fun! Oh, what fun we have at FPC! This time of year provides a good opportunity to look back upon the past year and

look forward to the future. This past year for our church was full of blessings and hardship. Even though we had a number of funerals in our church and a number of people dealing with some major heath issues, we also continue to see God's hand working in our midst. We began the year with some updating of our facilities, with a new look to the downstairs youth area and main floor gallery space. These two updates have been a welcome feature for many in our church. In June we dedicated the home for Michelle O'Neill and her family which our church provided major sponsorship through the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. Michelle was so appreciate of this wonderful gift that transformed her family's life, bringing stability and security. This past summer we brought Orrin Feddes to full time status, expanding his work and duties within our congregation and community.

Our membership continues to grow, more families are becoming involved, an increased number of children and youth are taking part in our ministries, and more emphasis is being placed on missions. To say the least, 2014 was a good and busy year for our congregation!

So what about 2015? Mission will remain a priority, opportunities for faith building will continue to be offered, updates around the church will continue, and I am trusting that our membership will continue to grow. I sense that people really have a longing to hear the Good News of Christ. There are a lot of hurting people in our community— people hurting from broken relationships, dashed dreams, and empty promises. There are a lot of people looking for more in life-more than what a job, a product, or a relationship can offer. Our church can continue to provide a response to this hurt through the life-giving and spiritual-redeeming qualities of Jesus Christ. Through Jesus, God entered our world of sin and sadness so that we might experience life and life to the fullest (John 10:10).

I look forward to what the New Year will bring to our church. I believe that God has great plans for our ministry as we move forward. Thanks to all of you who had a part on our 2014 ministry, bringing life and hope to a number of people. Happy New Year to you and your families! Thanks for making 2014 a memo-

rable year!!

—Pastor Dave

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Youth Group will resume on Wednesday, January 7 at 6 PM New sermon series titled "Discovering God's Will" begins on January 11 New Year, New You! Class begins on Sunday, January 11 at 9:15 AM Chili Cook-off will be held in our fellowship hall on Friday, January 23 Annual congregation meeting coming on Sunday, January 25 after worship Annual book sale to begin in February-books are now being received

MEMORY JOGGERS FOR JANUARY 2015

<u>The 4th</u> Preaching Dave Thompson Greeters Bob & Norma Thiesen June Pierce Ushers Marlene Spencer Sharon Brady Marian Shehein Betty Ann Nesmith Liturgist JoAnn Jones **Key Elder** Ken Eichenberger **Care Board** Phyllis Brown Van Driver Chuck Leggate Sound Booth

Communion

David Bauer

Samantha Cormier Sharon Brady John & Susan Stewart Marlene Spencer

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<u>The 25th</u> Preaching Dave Thompson Greeter **Emily Feddes** Ushers Chris Eriksen Sharon Mathews John Thompson Sharon Brady Liturgist Coryn Martinez **Care Board** Edna Carlson Van Driver Don Harr Sound Booth Bob Culbertson

Sub. Ushers: Kay Doss Tom & Ruth Drummond Ruth Ewen Bob & Linda Fedric Tom & Ginny Helmer Earl & Sharon Henderson Biff Hoque JoAnn Jones Priscilla Laird Bob & Barb Muir Marge Myhra Ralph & Jane Myhre Betty Ann Nesmith Ray & Jean Noble

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Church Info

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am-4 PM 406-252-3434 mainoffice@fpcbillings.org www.fpcbillings.org Sunday School @ 9:15 AM Worship Celebration @ 10:30

STAFF

Pastor: Dave Thompson Youth Ministry: Orrin Feddes **Office Manager: Jeanne Thompson-Raney** Music Accompanist: Sandi

Rabas

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

Samantha Cormier	245-9497
Heidi Duncan	252-2373
Jenice Fugere	252-9641
Class of 2017	
David Bauer	371-5075
Ken Eichenberger	248-8563
Charan Lincoln	CEC 0014

Sharon Lincoln 656-9014 696-5559 Sharon Mathews

Session Notes:

At the December 9 meeting of the session the finance committee announced that the church has received \$20,784.00 from the foundation. At this time 118 pledges have been received for a total of \$301,670.

Permission was given for Pastor Dave to perform the wedding of Will White and Bethany Olson on January 24, 2015 at the Northern Hotel.

Session members were asked to recall highlights of the church for 2014. Activities that were mentioned included building improvements, local mission projects including the building of Habitat House, and the block party.

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

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	Financial snapshot				
2014	Income	Expense			
December	\$ 78,825	\$ 22,097	\$		
Year End	\$ 535,233	\$ 368,119	\$ 1		

Thanks to all who gave of your time, talents, and treasures toward our ministry in 2014. Your generosity and support of our congregation is greatly appreciated. Financial pledges are being received for 2015 through the church office.

Church Women United gathering will be held at our church on Friday, January 2 at 12noon in the fellowship hall. There will be a potluck luncheon and we will have the installation of officers. All women are invited.

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

At this time of year we think of old friends, past times, and often people in our community who need our help. At First Presbyterian we are very fortunate to have a congregation that reflects the love of Christ to each other

and the community year round. We have various gifts and talents which we are pleased to offer to others. Many of us visit shut-ins who have been valued members of our church community for a long time. We share our talents and resources with people in the community who are in the need of a little assistance. Thanks to all of you who reflect the love of Christ in your daily lives. Paul tells us in II Corinthians 4:11, "the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh."

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Our church was one of the first churches in Billings to designate a monthly Food Bank Sunday. We invite vou 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, January 4 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 lots of spots available for flower donations in the New Year. Suggested donation is \$25.

Special thanks to those who donated flowers during the month of December. They include June Pierce, Linda Luse, George & Heather Rosenfeld, and Sharon Lincoln.

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

<u>Laftko</u>	<u>Jody</u>	<u>Boden</u>	<u>591-8060</u>	<u>Hogue</u>	<u>Jim</u>	<u>Biff</u>	<u>259-9114</u>
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	<u>Marvin</u>	<u>Janet</u>	<u>256-0257</u>	Hastings	<u>Pat</u>		<u>656-0072</u>
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
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Carlson	Edna		534-6211	Leggate	Chuck	Cindy	896-0686
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Montville	Chris	Michelle	281-4466	Thompson	Dave	Vicki	696-4913
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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 to people who are hurting, lonely, and/or broken. 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.

Special thanks to JoAnn Jones for hosting the annual Stephen Ministry Christmas party at her home on December 18.

We are also pleased to announce that Shirley Shirley will be attending the Stephen Ministry leadership training in California in February. We look forward to adding Shirley to our congregation's Stephen Ministry leadership team.







MISSION NEWS

We are overwhelmed by your generosity through your giving to those with ornaments on the Angel Tree and in so many other ways.

Thanks to all of our congregation, the residents of the Ponderosa Pines Nursing Home received gifts for Christmas. They each had a gift idea on our Angel Tree and with the noisy offering, we bought each resident a nice pair of slippers.

The Tumbleweed program helps homeless youth and their families whenever possible. There is great need in our community to support these kids who are doing the best they can to finish high school, get GEDs, work and get on their feet to have productive lives. Hygiene bags are handed out to these youth to help them. Through the Angel Tree tags you filled many of these bags. Our youth group checked to be sure the bags were complete and Orrin delivered them to Tumbleweed.

The items asked for in the hygiene bags were: Small shampoos, small soap, deodorant, bags of Frito corn chips (to be used as fire starters), hand warmers, disposable razors, water bottles, snacks such as granola bars or fruit rollups, and 2 --9 volt batteries. Other things may be added to the bags.

Also the Mission Committee made donations of \$1,000 to PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) to help fight Ebola, \$1,000 to Tumbleweed, and \$1,000 to the Volunteers of America for their youth camp.

We look forward to the New Year when we can work to make the Angel's promise of "Peace on Earth" a step closer for His precious children. We try to remember Jesus' words; "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

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18 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 11:00 West Park worship	19 Holiday Office closed for MLK Jr. Day	20 9:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 WBS	21 9 BSF Leaders PW Circles meet 6 Youth Group 7 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Young Adult Bible Study	22 9-11 BSF	23 Church office closed Chili Cookoff/Feed in Fellowship Hall	24 9-2 Billings Child Care Assn Mtg.
25 9:15 Sun Sch 10:30 Worship Annual meeting 11:00 West Park Worship	26 11:30 Stephen's Leader Meeting	27 9:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 WBS	28 9-11 BSF Lead. 6 Youth 6 Deborah Circle 7 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Youth Adult	29 9-11 BSF Seminar	30 Church Office Closed	31

Youth News:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, was able to spend time with family, and also welcome to 2015! Make sure to keep those resolutions!

The youth group had their annual Christmas party on December 17th. It was a night full of pizza, pop, and fun. There were some interesting gifts that students brought for the gift exchange! Also, I want to give a huge thanks to Bob and Shari Dayton for opening their home up for the party! We had our annual kids' Christmas play on the 21st of Sunday and it was wonderful being able to see all our kids and students participate and have a great time. Hope everyone enjoyed watching as much as we had directing and acting.

Coming up in January the high school students will be looking at the disciple Peter and how he transformed from someone who was lukewarm to on fire for the Lord and how we can apply his journey in our everyday lives. Also, for the month of February we have three guest speakers for the high school students who will listen to three different testimonies and how they decided to follow Jesus. The middle school youth have started a 30 week devotional that will help them not only develop their faith in Christ, but also give their lives to Jesus.

Thank you once again for your continual support and please keep us in your prayers.

In Christ,

Orrin Feddes

Sunday school classes that are currently offered

Sunday school will resume on Sunday, January 11 at 9:15 AM with classes for all ages. Lots of great classes are provided for all ages! Hope you all with join us!

Classes for Kids:.

Kindergarten through 5th 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:

New Sunday School class with Pastor Dave: New Year, New You!

With the New Year comes all kinds of resolutions to start afresh, change bad habits, and begin the year on the right foot. Is change really possible? How many of us have resolved to change our ways only to find ourselves back in the same old rut? Join Pastor Dave beginning on Sunday, January 11 at 9:15 AM in the Fireside Room for a six week class on this interesting topic. He will help us set realistic goals and provide a biblical blueprint to change. Join us if you have a desire to change your life.

Church and Society guests for the month on January will be: JANUARY 11: Chaplain Terry Hollister, M.Div. BCC (APC), will talk about "Spiritual Care and Clinical Pastoral Education." After providing spiritual care for a decade at St. Vincent's Healthcare Reverend Hollister is now training spiritual care providers (Chaplains). He will discuss what being a hospital chaplain entails and the role they play in patient healing and comfort to the family. Previously Reverend Hollister was in parish ministry for almost 3 decades.

JANUARY 18: Carol Harr, Mission Committee member, will share "Giving Surpasses Receiving." Because of the generosity of our church, our mission committee has been able to distribute funds not only locally, but into the wider world, including micro loans in Africa. Carol will explain the philosophy behind each donation and include discussion of several related funds, including the Medical Benevolence Fund.

JANUARY 25: Jessi Courier and Deirdre Loftus, AmeriCorps VISTA Members, will be discussing "Turning Faith into Action." With the purpose of working with passion and commitment to mobilize local resources and to give people in poverty tools they need to help themselves, Jessi and Deirdre will explain how they are fulfilling that purpose. They are now involved in Billings Community Connect, a 1 day event that showcases an array of services for the homeless and those in poverty, and they will explain their involvement and how others can help.







Presbyterian Women meet monthly for fellowship and Bible study. All women are encouraged to join a circle. You may join any time. If you are interested, call or email Sandi Schoenberger at (610) 945-7304. Sandischol@gmail.com. At our monthly circle meetings we laugh, eat, share, give, study, love and support each other.

Our Birthday Luncheon will be February 4. Will be taking the "Birthday Offering." The

Birthday Offering is a PW offering collected each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Pres-WOMEN byterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General As-

sembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

We would like to thank everyone who helped decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas season. The church looks wonderful and inviting.

Our December luncheon was very yummy as always. Presbyterian women are very good cooks. We took an offering for our Hunger Fund. The money was donated to Tumbleweed. Cody Jackson from Tumbleweed spoke about this valuable program.

Tumbleweed's mission and goals are all directed toward the prevention of homelessness, running away, and delinquency; addressing severe family conflict; as well as responding to other social problems among ages 10-21. Runaway and homeless youth tend to be vulnerable to abuse and exploitation, and are prone to delinquency as a mechanism of survival. Through the provision of specialized social services, and access to direct assistance, Tumbleweed has been able to substantially address the human service needs of this vulnerable population.

At Christmas time we go a bit above and beyond to help friends and strangers in need. All year we give to the Gateway House. The Gateway House offers short-term shelter to women and children fleeing domestic violence at home. They supply these women and children with items that they need to start a new home if they decide not to go back to where they were before. In December the Billings Gazette ran a section called "Empty" Stockings." They listed these items that are needed. Alarm clocks, towels sets, slipper socks, laundry soap pods, diapers in sizes 3, 4, and 5, baby wipes, disinfectant/cleaning wipes, Magic Erasers, toilet bowl cleaner, brooms with dust pans, journals, no-slip throw rugs, bath mats, laundry baskets, hangers, table lamps, pocket planners or date books, dish cloths and dish towels, nylon scrubbers, bottle brushes, can openers, silverware, dishes, and kitchen knife sets. If you bring any of these items, new or gently used, put them in the red and green tub in the coat closet by the office. We thank you for your love, giving and prayers.

Annual book sale is coming in February

The Presbyterian Women's group will once again be having their annual book sale beginning on Sunday, February 1 through February 28 in the area in from of the Fireside Room. Please bring books during the month of January and leave them in the children's library. All proceeds from the sale will go toward kitchen equipment for our church.

All books, both religious and secular, are being received. If you have any question about the sale, please talk with either Marlene Spencer or Betty Ann Nesmith.

Nominating Committee Update

The nominating committee has been busy putting together a new slate of elders and deacons for the coming year. The following people will be presented at our annual congregational meeting on January 25 for elders and deacons. They include:

Elders: Kathy Baskett (2nd term), Marvin Brown (2nd term), Jeff Gruizenga (2nd term), Sandi Schoenberger, and Chris Eriksen.

Deacons: Janet Brown (2nd term), Pam Gore (2nd term), Ruth Kaufman, and Charlie Pinnick

Nominations from the congregation will also be received as well. If elected, these people will begin their terms in February.

January Birthdays

- 3 Willard Johnson
- 4 Mary Rottrup
- 5 Greta Murrav
- George Schuman 10 Zackery Bennett

We extend our condolences to the family of Arlene Puckett who passed away on December 4. Services were held in Colorado where Arlene has been living since 2007.

to remove a large tumor from his brain. Please keep the Reed family in your pravers. Sunday, December 21.

Walk to Emmaus coming to Billings in January

The annual Walk to Emmaus for the Billings area will be held in January. Walk to Emmaus is an inter-denominational ministry that helps to strength people's faith in Christ. The men's walk will be January 15-18 and the women's walk will be January 22-25. Pastor Dave will be assisting at the men's walk. All of these events will be held at First United Methodist Church. There will also be a Chrysalis event for teens on February 6-8. For more information you can talk to either Pastor Dave or go to the billingsemmaus.com website.

Foundation makes annual gift to the church

The Foundation of our congregation recently gave the church \$20,784 for operating expenses. The Foundation now gives every year a gift of 3% of the fund balance to the work and ministry of our congregation. Pastor Dave and the session greatly appreciates the relationship between the Foundation and the congregation as a way to provide ongoing financial support to our church for years to come. If interested in making a contribution to the foundation, please talk with Trina White, Tanya Appelt, or Sharon Lincoln. Special thanks to all who have given to the Foundation in the past year!

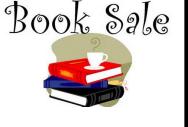
Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 25

Be sure to join us after worship on Sunday, January 25 for our annual congregational meeting. At this meeting you will hear about some of the ministry activities of 2014, nominate a new group of elders and deacons, review our 2014 finances, and look at the 2015 proposed budget. This meeting will be held immediately after worship and we do hope that you will join us.

Pledge cards for the coming year continue to be received. Your financial pledge helps us with the budgeting process. As of date we have received 123 pledges for the coming year for a total of \$309,710.

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 \mathbb{H}_{2} those facing grief, loss, or transitions in life. All are invited to join this special group.



20 Scott Harr Thelma Riggs 22 Willeen Dailey 24 Robert Keenum 29 Mark Parker

Anniversaries 6 Kurt & Cathy McLean

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

- Jeff Reed, son of Charlie and Audrey, was recently diagnosed with brain cancer. Jeff had surgery on December 22
- Congratulations to Peyson Machail Lauwers, infant son of Jason and Amanda, who was baptized during worship on

Pledge Update

