



FPC Kalispell PresbyTidings June 2016



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On Sunday, May 22nd we celebrated a JOYFUL, INSPIRATIONAL service celebrating God's work in our youth and college scholarship recipients. Over \$6,000 was given to college bound youth: Anika Fritz, Kianna Chandler, Sam Nelson, Dylan Haring, Nate Seohl, Daniel DeVall, Ana Serrano, Annie King and our first ever music Intern, Kayli Burback. Echo Strawderman testified that life was getting really hard until she started coming back to church and youth group. Nate testified to the pain of his uncle and grandpa dying. It set his life adrift until he became anchored in Christ through JuJu and the unlikely new grandma he found in Sunne Brandmeyer. Sunne confessed that as a retired professor, she missed having young people in her life. Many of their family are adopted, and now she has been adopted in Christ by Nate! Come share the joy of the Lord; be changed by a kid's life!



FPC Scholarship Fund

You can be part of this legacy by donating any amount to the "FPC Scholarship Fund." We look forward to more transformational stories like these as we give generously and share in God's abundant love.

125 Anniversary Event

Couples Sunday

June, 12, 2016

During worship on June 12 we are celebrating all the marriages of the church and are requesting that you submit wedding pictures of family members who were married at First Presbyterian Church. The pictures will be displayed in the church parlor on the 12th. Great-grandparents, grandparents, children, grandchildren and your own wedding pictures are welcomed.

If you would like to share your wedding picture, even though you were not married at FPC, we invite you to display it, as you are a part of our church family. Please bring pictures (in frames or not) to the church office anytime before June 12th. We are looking forward to this special celebration of marriages!

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE & Lectionary Readings

- June 5 Worship Celebration with the Sacraments of Communion and Baptism
Sirocco Covenant Group:
Blessing the Cantrell Family on their year-long move to Boston
1 Kings 17:8-24, Psalm 146, Gal 1:11-24, Luke 7:11-17
- June 12 125th Anniversary Event: Couples Sunday
1 Kings 21:1-21, Psalm 5:1-8, Gal 2:15-21, Luke 7:36-8:3
Presbytery Worshipping with Sunrise Presbyterian in Great Falls
- June 19 Praise Sunday & Communion Celebration
1 Kings 19:1-15, Psalm 42-43, Gal 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
- June 26 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77, Gal 5:1,13-25, Luke 9:51-62

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Monday June 6th
8:00 am—1:00 pm



Learn more at www.glaciercamp.org
 Questions: 844-2114

VBS DAY CAMP Registration is now open! Since 1931, kids have been having the time of their lives at Glacier Camp. Kids will meet a caring, young Christian staff who model following Christ and exhibit a deep love for kids exploring both nature and the nature of a growing relationship with God. The mission of FPC is to provide free or greatly reduced VBS to kids throughout our valley. **Day Camp is July 4-8 for children ages 6-10.** A shuttle from the FPC Kalispell parking lot will transport kids there and back each day. Cost is \$150 per child with a deposit of \$75. HOWEVER, FPC will cover the necessary \$75 deposit for as many kids as we can until scholarships run out. Pick up the VBS Registration form from the church AND turn it in to the church. The camp scholarship funding is expected to cover the remaining costs. Our tailored registration form can be downloaded on the homepage: www.fpckalispell.org.



From left to right: Susan Smith, Sherryl Main, Glenn & Deb Burfeind, Gerry & Sunne Brandmeyer, Betsy Platt, Scott Johnson, Dan & Jeanne Olson

The Chinook Group had a great gathering in May, thank you to the Burfeinds for hosting! If you have a picture you'd like to share of your covenant group's gathering, please do so. We would love to see your pictures.

BOREAS COVENANT GROUP



Join us as we gather Sunday, June 12 in the Fireside Room following worship for a potluck lunch. We'll be sharing our favorite Bible verses and passages. We look forward to seeing our Boreas friends there!



Special Potluck

with
 The Dawsons
**Wednesday
 June 8, 2016
 6:00 p.m.**

Barry is a former pastor of FPC Kalispell (1985-89) and is currently serving as the Regional Liaison for SE Asia. He brings to mission service extensive ministry experience as a counselor and pastoral caregiver in international settings. Barry has served Presbyterian congregations in the United States and multi-cultural churches in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. "With eyes of faith, I can see that the providential hand of God has been shaping my life experiences and preparing my ministry to be used in the role of Regional Liaison for Southeast Asia," he says.

Shelly, a registered nurse, has worked as an assistant nursing supervisor at a clinic for heroin addicts and has served as a Stephen Minister for congregational care, counseling women facing a variety of life issues.

Father's Day Brunch

Neighbors in Need Benefit

Sunday, June 19th

10:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Hampton Inn

General \$15 ~ Seniors \$12 ~ 12 and under \$5

Silent Auction ~ Music ~ All proceeds help local families



**Saturday
 June 4th 8:30 a.m.
 Scotty's Steakhouse**

It's always a good time when the Presbyterian Men get together for breakfast and fellowship! June's guest speaker will be Dr. Nick Cantrell who will present information regarding his current medical work in the fields of the colon and prostate. This will be our last meeting until the fall and we will discuss future plans for the Men's Group.
 ~ Dave Brewer

Youth Ministry

Looking for youth who want to help with FPC VBS Camp mornings August 8-12. Contact Deb Possin or Pastor Miriam if you are interested in being part of the team.

Children's Ministry

This summer, our children will look forward to four events: 1) Summer Sunday School with a Twist; 2) VBS Day Camp at Glacier Camp July 4-8; 3) Free FPC Morning VBS Camp August 8-12; and 4) Church Swim on Flathead Lake TBA. As an experiment, volunteers will co-lead a week of Summer Sunday School with a Twist for our kids 4-5th grade. Instead of staying in worship for the sermon, they will leave the sanctuary and enter the living word through the creativity of our volunteers. After, children will return for the close of worship. **If you would enjoy volunteering to co-lead a Sunday of Children's Sunday School with a Twist, contact the office or Pastor Miriam.**

If you would like to help Deb Possin with the August 8-12 morning VBS, email dpossin@gmail.com.



After years of faithful service as the Nursery Administrator, our wonderful Diane Melick is stepping down from this position at the end of this summer. In August we will be having a special coffee hour to honor her for her service. But with this change coming up we are looking to see if there is anyone in the congregation who would want to serve as the Nursery Administrator. If you have questions about the position or if you are thinking that this might be somewhere that you would like to serve, please feel

free to email Deb Possin at dpossin@gmail.com. And when you see Diane, give her a hug and a huge thank you. She deserves it.

Honorary Woman of the Year ~ Joan Siderius

Congratulations to Joan Siderius! Joan was voted the 2016 Honorary Life Membership Award. This wonderful lady has been involved in so many areas of the church, both behind the scenes and in the spotlight. She has been and is active in the following areas of the church:

Attends Presbytery meetings
Communion server
Bulletin boards
Coffee hours
Samaritan House meals
Flower gardens
Choir
Helped pack mission items

Supporting Serious JuJu
Christmas Box project
Martha Circle
Liturgist
Hospital visits
Sunday School teacher
Cleaning and serving at Glacier Camp

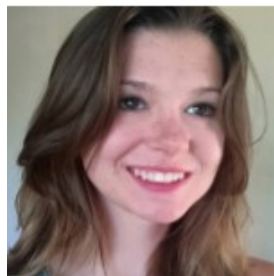
Welcoming
Nursery
Abbie Shelter meals
Session
Annual PW Bazaar
Mission trip to Mexico



These are just some of the things that have rounded out her service to First Presbyterian Church. Thank you Joan for your service in doing God's work both within and outside the walls of the church!

Star Benesh:

Upcoming Dominican Republic Volunteer Trip



Star is a college student and member of our church.

She is in her last semester

and will begin student teaching this fall. She has been blessed with the opportunity to put her love of and dedication to the service of others to work. In July she will travel to the Dominican Republic to participate in a volunteer project geared towards community building. She's raising money for travel costs, and her desire to donate school, hygiene, and first aid supplies to the community as well. Star will be with us in worship on Sunday, June 5th to share her plans for her mission. Any contributions or well-wishes would be greatly appreciated. If you're able to contribute, be sure to memo your check "Star."

She welcomes calls 406.879.9443 or email her at StarLight.1991@hotmail.com.

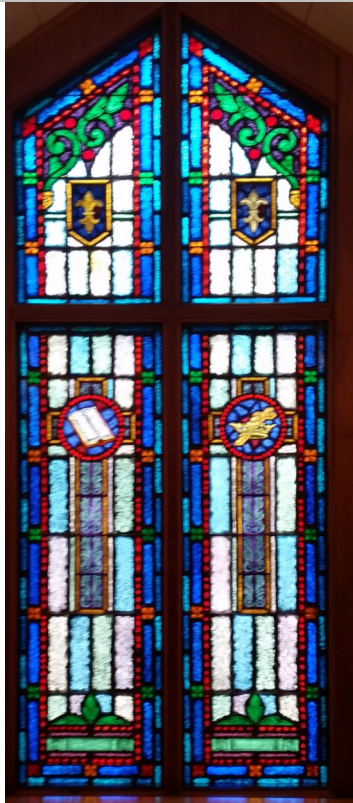
Chapel Honors Miss O'Neil

The recently completed chapel and furnishing in the First Presbyterian Church is in memory of Miss Vera Ann O'Neil and will be known as the Vera Ann O'Neil Memorial Chapel.

In addition to the memorial window in the chapel five other sets of memorial windows have been installed in the nave of the church. The 13 windows have been arranged in three sets of two panels. In the triple panels the symbolic emblem is in the center window, while in the double sets each panel is symbolical.

The windows have been arranged so that the life of Christ is told in symbolic form and include: the nativity rose (nativity); the font and dove (baptism); the shock of wheat and the words, "I am the bread of life" (ministry); the cup (Lord's Supper); the crown of thorns (passion); the bursting pomegranate resurrection; and the flaming chariot (ascension).

The nave windows are in memory of: Leon Phillips, Gilbert Melcik, Omer Burr, Mr. and Mrs. James Lake and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. DuBois.



Pictured above is the window in the Vera Ann O'Neil Memorial Chapel. The window, supported in a frame in the form of a cross, contains two historical emblems, the open Bible and the cross and crown.



CORPS OF DISCOVERY

The Corps of Discovery gave their final report to Session on Tuesday, May 17 and the report was shared with the congregation at its meeting on Sunday, May 22. The report was broad in scope and is posted on the bulletin board in the parlor.

Highlights from the report include:

- We must always prayerfully seek God's will and be patient.
- Strategies adopted by the church must be those that can lead to a thriving church rather than a church that is only focused on surviving.
- Actions taken must reach outside the current church membership to extend the church's reach into the community.
- Strategies adopted must collectively meet the needs and expectation of multiple generations while preserving the fundamentals of faith.
- New programs must be viewed as "experiments" with clearly defined goals. They must start small, be adjusted to meet our needs, and we must be willing to end experiments which are not bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God.
- If we are following God's will, God will provide the resources. Our goal is to have ministries, staffing and overall expenditures supported by the church's annual operating budget. The church leadership and membership should be willing to make investments of available church funds to further the work of God and the church.
- Two thirds of the congregation was in favor of maintaining a covenant with the Associate Pastor position.
- In concert with the voice of the congregation, the Session voted to maintain the covenant with the Associate Pastor position with the faith that God will provide the necessary resources to reach out into the community to create a thriving church for years to come.
- The report recommends new ministry approaches in children, youth, adult, worship, and church operations and promotion.

Jesus Rocks & Rolls at Serious JuJu

~ A Warehouse Ministry of FPC Kalispell ~



Caesar holds up his Bible given out at JuJu

The people of FPC Kalispell have been a blessing to the marginalized kids of Serious JuJu. Your kindness and love is embraced every Friday night at the warehouse located at 707 West Center Street. And we have been blessed by the JuJu kids ~ their testimonies tug deep at our heart as they share how God is transforming lives. In the last three weeks, 45 Bibles have been given out at JuJu. The kids love the Word and listen intently as they learn more about God's love made known in Jesus Christ.

The JuJu kids are encouraged to highlight their favorite passages as they follow along with the Word proclaimed. Thank you for your support and prayers for JuJu!

Thank You!

A special thanks to those who beautifully keep our church grounds! Allen and Linda Pershall planted the walkway flowers. Dick Bassett and Roy Hassinger mow the lawn.

