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FPC KALISPELL PRESBYTERIANS AUGUST 2016



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FLATHEAD RIVER BAPTISM AUG 14

SPECIAL JUJU WORSHIP WITH THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

August 14th
4:00pm Worship & Baptism at the OLD STEEL BRIDGE access to the Flathead River
Afterward COMMUNITY DINNER and SKATING at WOODLAND PARK

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
8:00 am—1:00 pm



NARNIA VBS AUGUST 8-12

Here at **FPC**

In light of the Corps of Discovery report, we are trying something new to follow Christ and reach out to our neighborhood children with God's love. Deb Possin is leading a team of wonderful volunteers from YWAM and FPC to host this free VBS ministry not only to benefit our church kiddos, but also as an outreach to the little ones who live in our neighborhood.

The VBS will be for kids aged 6-12, but we won't turn away anyone. **VBS will run from 9 am — 12 pm Monday- Friday. There is no registration. Kids simply come and sign in for each day!**

Please pray for this ministry opportunity. Help us spread the word to people you know. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Deb Possin: dpossin@gmail.com.



This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. So it was on July 22nd as we gathered with family, friends and many dear church members to celebrate Curtis' 85th birthday party. Thank you so very much for your love and bucket of cards shared. His day was indeed a delight to behold. A special thank you to our dear ABC crew: Sid Anderson, Eddy Lou Benson and Sharon Chase for all their help and preparation for this event, God's Blessings abound. Gratefully, *Curtis and Amy*

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY READINGS

- Aug 7 Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion
Kick off Week for Neighborhood Narnia VBS at FPC
Isaiah 1:1-20; Ps 50:1-23; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:32-40
- Aug 14 Isaiah 5:1-7; Ps 80; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
- Aug 21 *Rev. Joan Grey Preaching-PW Retreat Leader & Former Moderator of the PCUSA* - Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
- Aug 28 Jeremiah 2:4-13; Ps 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-16; Luke 14:1-14

Historical Tidbit can be found as a separate attachment on the church's website. *The Last Pioneer Witness* written by Gayle Collins.

Flathead Food Bank request for August: Rice (white & brown)



*Called by Christ to joyfully serve
and expand the Kingdom of God*

VBS Children's Ministry



On Monday, July 4th kids arrived for their first day of VBS and met Serious JuJu setting up ramps in the parking lot for the parade. A few parents remarked when receiving the JuJu card with their new location, "I didn't know JuJu was still going on after they left Airport Road. This is great!" Pastor Miriam prayed



with kids as they headed to camp. At the end of the week kids sang and were encouraged by counselors for the gifts of God growing in their lives. **Thanks for your generous tithing that makes this happen!**



Space remains open to teach our children during the sermon portion of the service each of these Sundays in **August: 14th, 21st & 28th.** One or two adults teach children in a **15 minute exploration** of the same scripture text for that Sunday and give a hands on, active way to get kids out of the sanctuary, moving and engaging their faith before returning back to worship.

Talk with Pastor Miriam or Deacon Sandy Smith and Deacon Joan Siderius to hear more about their experience teaching one Sunday this summer. Volunteer by calling the church (752-7488).

4th of July Parade

Two vehicles entered the parade behind one banner exclaiming with delight: "Faithfully Serving the Community 125 Years and Beyond—FPC Kalispell." The Nash & Serious JuJu show we have a rich history and an innovative future of ministry here at FPC. Afterwards, the community came out to feast on a delicious BBQ hosted by JuJu and FPC. That day the church had left the building. The community took over our lawn and a feast was spread in Christ's name. Let us give thanks to the Lord for daring courage and a willingness to try something new in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. On July 4th our neighbors tasted and saw our love for them, for these skaters, and the skaters love for us and for the Lord.



Youth Ministry



In conversation with youth from JuJu and our own Youth Ministry, we hear that our youth do not always want to go home. Home may not have food, safety, or even a drug free environment. They are looking for places to hang out. Our Youth Ministry is preparing to transition in the fall to **High School HotSpot**: a relaxed place for youth to go after school one day a week 3:30-5:00 pm with free WiFi, snacks, and a Bible study offered to any and all. The youth will use our side entrance that will transform in coming days with inviting, eye catching, matching lawn chairs and umbrellas we hope the community and congregation will use for conversation, rest, prayer and small groups. Once inside, these youth will gather around a warm fire in our Fireside Room.

If you have a recently old computer you would like to donate to the HotSpot or donate money for a lawn chair/umbrella set to greet our neighbors in a vivid, inviting way, please talk with Pastor Miriam. **We also need volunteers to drop off snacks OR join Pastor Miriam and stay to help welcome these guests perhaps once or twice a month. Sign up at the back of the sanctuary with something that fits your interest. We need your prayers, to put the event on your Facebook page, and share it with friends with kids to get the word out.** This is an experiment in light of our vision gained from the Corps of Discovery.

NURSERY AVAILABLE



FROM BIRTH TO AGE 3

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.

August 28 we will be having a special coffee hour to honor her for her service! **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 want to learn more 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.



— REVERSE PRAYER YOGA —



-Because Healthy Living Isn't Just for Those Who Can Afford a Gym.

YOGA, YOGURT & PRAYER

New fitness small group outreach beginning early mornings this fall

With fall around the corner, we want to stay healthy, prayerful, grounded and connected. We are looking for a Yoga instructor to commit to 2 months of weekly yoga classes here at the church in the mornings 6:30-7:15. They will be paid. Participants may be parents dropping in before work and getting kids to school, youth wanting to work out and eat before school, older adults wanting to start the day with a more flexible body and prayerful mind. ALL are welcome!

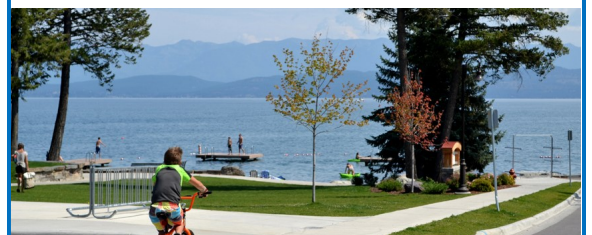
Participants will be asked to donate \$1. Yoga ends in savasana and prayer from cards written anonymously by participants. Afterwards, yogurts and coffee are available for folks to converse, change clothes and get started on their day.

CHURCH SWIM

AUG 28TH 2-5 PM

VOLUNTEER PARK, Lakeside

BRING YOUR OWN TOWELS, FOOD, LAWN CHAIRS, GAMES AND ENJOY THE END OF SUMMER TOGETHER IN Lakeside AT THE FREE BEACH IN TOWN. BRING FRIENDS, NO SCHEDULE, JUST RELAX.



Annual Fall Bazaar & Luncheon
Saturday, October 22 & Sunday, October 23

Helpers and Donations Needed
We are receiving homemade crafts and foods and like new household items. No electronics or clothes.

To Donate Items Contact
 Joan Siderius (257.4486) ~or~ Sandy Smith (393.2483)

To Help Contact
 Jeanne Olson (755.3019)

Thank you for supporting PW's mission outreach!

**Glacier Presbytery
 PW Fall Retreat**



Glacier Presbytery Camp
 Friday, August 19 ~thru~ Sunday, August, 21
 Speaker: Reverend Joan Gray

Joan is a former General Assembly Moderator and Pastor in Alabama and Georgia and serves as a faculty member of Columbia University.

Topic: The role of the Holy Spirit in life, church and community.

More Info Needed? www.glacierpresbytery.org

Thank You!

Giving to the Ministry Budget
 (June 30, 2016)

YTD Income	\$129,417
YTD Expenses	\$143,048
Bottom Line	\$-13,631

Perpetual Endowment Fund
 (June 30, 2016)

Balance	\$568,126
June Gain	\$ 38
YTD Gain	\$ 9,473

Note: \$37,795 is available to Session as guided by the PEF resolution



Thank You to all who gave so generously to "Hands of the Potter" on Sunday, July 17th. We were touched by the words of Dennis Sprik as he spoke from the potter's wheel. Over \$400 was received to support his ministry!

A Thank You Note is posted on the church bulletin board from Boy Scout Troop 33 from Charlotte, NC. Twenty five members of the troop stayed in our facility July 8, 9 & 14 as they participated in their great adventure to Glacier National Park. A special thanks to Randy Collins who gave the troop a warm welcome!



Adult Education Leads to Transformation

**Becoming Part of the Community
 @ FPC Kalispell
 August 22 & 29**

Discover more about what it means to belong to the covenant community of faith at First Presbyterian Church. We will meet on Monday evenings, August 22 & 29 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Child care will be available ~ please RSVP to the church office (752.7488). We are also looking for church members who will be covenant partners with our new members. If you are interested in being a covenant partner, please contact one of the pastors.



**Lanham
 Summer
 Lecture
 Series**

Each summer the Presbytery of Glacier hosts a lecture series led by Rev. Dr. Tim Lanham at Glacier Camp. Dick & Joan Siderius, Joan Greene, Noranne Yeager, and Glenn Burfeind all attended this year's lecture and can be contacted for their impressions on this great education event. Mark your calendars for next year: July 9-11, 2017!!



CORPS OF DISCOVERY UPDATE

The Corps of Discovery has completed their assignment and now it is up to the congregation to jump out of our canoes to continue the journey through the mountains. Each ministry team of the Session (Administration, Discipleship, & Evangelism) and the Deacons are studying scripture, reflecting upon its mission, praying and setting goals for the upcoming program year. We are also in the process of creating an evaluation tool to assess ministry projects implemented by the teams. Thank you for your prayers as we explore what it means to be called by Christ to joyfully serve and expand the Kingdom of God!