



FPC KALISPELL PRESBYTERIANS SEPTEMBER 2016



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Celebrating 17 Baptisms in the Flathead River

On August 14th, 95 people from all across the valley gathered on the banks of the Flathead River to worship and celebrate the sacrament of baptism with Serious JuJu. Coming out to the warehouse on a Friday night or standing on the banks of the Flathead River that day, it hits you: Serious JuJu isn't simply youth ministry. For Teri and Gary, JuJu is their church. First, they brought their grandkids to skate; then they wanted to give back. Each week they cleaned and cooked. Last Sunday, they received the gift of baptism for the first time along with a family of 6, a young couple expecting their first child, those beginning college on their own and those just hoping to finish high school.



The truth is, these young people aren't on their own any more. From age 4-67, these newly baptized believers are lifted up by their congregation on the riverbank, at the warehouse, and their extended family of generous givers, supporters and believers. We will share each other burdens and double one another's joys for we are in this together through Christ.

Thanks in large part to FPC, the doors of JuJu remain open, kids are welcomed each week by name, and when they fall their community gives them encouragement to keep going. What does God have in store for this ministry and FPC as we move forward? Let us pray, let us rejoice, let us give thanks!



Worship: 10:00 am Sunday mornings.
Office Hours: Mon thru Fri 8 am to 12pm & 1pm to 3pm

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

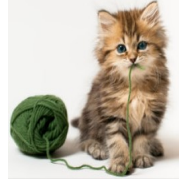


Fall Kick-Off

Sunday, Sept. 11th
10:00 am
Worship Celebration

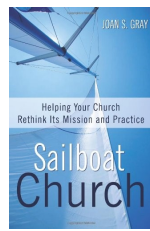
Gather at Woodland Park at 11:15am for a Potluck
After a long summer, lets have fun seeing one another under the summer light. Look for us in the cool shade of the big pavilion on the east end. The pavilion is near handicap parking, is wheelchair accessible with two playgrounds nearby. We will serve up fried chicken, baked chicken, and drinks. Bring a dish to share!

Thank you for remembering me and my new (second) shoulder! Your cards, emails and phone calls brightened my days! I'm almost ready to bat that ball of yarn around with the kitten!



In Jesus' love,
Shirley Rorvik

Boreas Covenant Group
will meet Saturday,
September 17th at church
for a potluck, fellowship and
a short planning meeting.



Wednesday Noontime Book Study
September 14 ~ Church Parlor
"Sailboat Church" by Joan Gray
Joan was the leader of the PW retreat and a guest preacher during worship this summer. Books (\$15) will arrive 8/6. Join us for this 4 week study!

Narnia came to FPC



The FPC Vacation Bible School based on the Chronicles of Narnia went well. We had between 12 to 16 kids each day and they had a fun time hearing the stories of Narnia, the Gospel being shared by one of our teen helpers, discussion groups that were led by our wonderful volunteers. The kids also had a great time singing, doing arts and crafts, having super fun snacks and then acting out the story that they had heard earlier in the morning. We played games and laughed and had a great time together.

I want to thank the wonderful volunteers who helped to set up the downstairs, made snacks, signed in the kids, played games, led worship, did arts and craft, led discussion groups, and over all made the week a great success. Thank you so much everyone and know that you made a huge impact in these kids lives.

Deb Possin



HS HotSpot



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 two days a week 3:30-5:00 pm with free WiFi, snacks, and a Bible study offered to any and all. **The HotSpot will kick off each Tuesday and Wednesday 3:30-5:00pm beginning September 12th.** 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 retired wifi-capable computer you would like to donate to the HotSpot, 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. To help, check the back of the worship cards in your bulletin.** This is an experiment in light of our vision gained from the Corps of Discovery.

We invite the church and community to enjoy gathering under our new outdoor lawn furniture. We hope small groups may use this space too.



— REVERSE — PRAYER YOGA

YOGA, YOGURT & PRAYER

New fitness small group outreach beginning early mornings this fall!



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

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.

This is a paid position. 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!
More information will come!



Experience the JOY of serving our littlest ones and consider serving in our Nursery a few times each year. When you do, you support grandparents with grandkids, guests, and young families. Contact the church office to volunteer. All volunteers will be partnered with veteran volunteers for orientation. This is a great way for friendships to bloom. Call the office today!



Children's Ministry

Sunday, September 11th we welcome all our kids and families back from the summer. All kids will receive a special gift from the church that Sunday. Each Sunday, kids will worship with the congregation. After the Children's Message up front, kids will be invited to join weekly volunteers exploring the Sunday Scripture in an interactive, active, and experiential way. During the sermon, kids get out their wiggles and dig deep-er into the scripture while having fun.

We need different volunteers to teach each week. Scripture is announced the Tuesday before and staff available to help you craft a great lesson. **Volunteer for the first Sunday of each month, 6 times a year, or try it for the first time with a friend. Everyone has a story of faith to share with these kids.**

You can make a lasting impression on a child's faith. Consider calling the office to volunteer today!

Fall Bazaar

Annual Fall Bazaar & Luncheon, Saturday, Oct. 22 & Sunday, Oct. 23

Please put our 2016 PW BAZAAR on your calendar. We need your help, your attendance, and your support for the Bazaar and luncheon on Saturday, October 22, and the "replay" after church on Sunday, October 23. As most of you know, the Bazaar proceeds (over \$5,000 in 2015) go to help many local mission activities, from Neighbors in Need to the Veterans Pantry, Sparrows Nest, and others.

Please begin setting aside clean items in good condition to donate. We welcome collectibles, small appliances, small household items, re-gifted items, books, audio books, toys, and small recreational equipment, etc., for the Next to New department. NO clothes or electronics please. Please mark all donations with the word BAZAAR. Before donating any small furniture items please check with Joan Siderius 257-4486 or Sandy Smith 393-2483, as our space is very limited.

I hope you are raising plants and produce, working on crafts, making jams, and planning baked goods to donate in October. Call Jeanne Olson 755-3019 with questions or to volunteer. Everyone is urged to help.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES September 24, 1935

It was moved by Mr. E.C. O'Neil and seconded by Mr. King that the action of the House Committee in making final arrangements for the renting of the Church building by the Flathead County High School be approved. The motion carried.

A recommendation from the House Committee recommending that the salary of the janitor be \$25 per month from September 9th and that it so continue during the occupation of the Church by the County High School classes was read and discussed.

PW MEETING May 5, 2016

A video with oral contributions from some of our church women with early ties to the church was made in 2000 and reshown this date in 2016. Panel members were Margaret Fisco, Ada Felsman, Dorothy Groose, and Stella Smith. They spoke of their memories of church life. Stella Smith referred to the year 1935 when there was an earthquake in the valley and the county high school was damaged. She said the First Presbyterian Church as well as other still-standing buildings were hosts for the high school classes for a while.



Come and praise God with your voice in song. Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. No auditions are necessary, just a love of singing your praise to God.



Join in celebrating our church's 125th Anniversary! We are thankful for God blessing our church with longevity and our mission outreach within the community and beyond. A grand evening is planned in celebration and we look forward to seeing you there with your friends!

Saturday, September 24th

Worship: 5:00 pm Dinner: 6:00 pm
Special Program will follow the dinner

Dinner will be catered by Vista Linda and will be a vintage 1891 church dinner: ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad and a delicious gingerbread and ice cream. Please RSVP to the church by email: fpckalispell@gmail.com or call 752-7488.

Thank You and Welcome

We thank the following church officers for their faithful service and completion of their term of office:

Elders: Grace Buck	Deacons: Mary Gibson
Diane Melick	Barb Nelson
Laura Pratt	Joan Siderius
Dick Siderius	Ann Swain

We welcome our new church officers who will be ordained and installed on Sunday, September 11:

Elders: Roger Brewer	Deacons: John & Mina Anderson
Diane Johnson	Jon Johnson
Allen Pershall	Linda Pershall
	Pat Sanders