



A Superhero Christmas December 18th in Worship

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December 2016



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KALISPELL ART WALK

Friday, December 2
5:00-9:00 pm

Uniquely at FPC, we celebrate student art and performing artists during this

Main Street Community Event. Join in this fun event that draws in the whole community: 1) invite a friend, 2) donate a piece of art to showcase, 3) play music for 15 mins, 4) donate food from our list for the event.

Presbyterian Women Annual Christmas Concert

Thursday—December 1

12:10 p.m.

Luncheon to Follow



PW Circle Schedule

Dec. 11: Eve Circle 11:30 am at The Knead (chapters 4 & 5)

Dec. 15: Circles: Martha 1:30 pm—potluck

Naomi 12:00 potluck at Center Court

Ruth 9:30 am

Christmas



Food Boxes

Thank you to all who are donating to the Christmas Food Box project. If you know of someone you feel would benefit from a Food Box, please call the church office. All names are held in confidence. Monetary donations are appreciated to help purchase items to complete the boxes. Requested food for December are pancake mix, syrup and home-made cookies no later than 9 am on Saturday, December 17. A complete food list is located on the bulletin board in the church parlor. We are looking for people to deliver boxes. Call the church office if you would like to help!

Advent & Christmas Worship

Sunday ~ December 4

10:00 a.m.~ Communion

Isa. 11:1-10; Ps. 72:1-7, 18-19; Rom. 15:4-13; Matt. 3:1-12

Sunday ~ December 11

10:00 a.m.

Isa. 35:1-10; Ps. 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matt. 11:2-11

Sunday ~ December 18

10:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program

Isa. 7:10-16; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; Rom. 1:1-7; Matt. 1:1-18

Saturday ~ December 24

5:00 p.m.

Candle Light Service ~ Communion

Isa. 9:2-7; Ps. 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

Sunday ~ December 25

10:00 a.m.

A Service of Lessons & Carols ~ Communion

Isa. 52:7-10; Ps. 98; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Worship: 10:00 am Sunday mornings
Office Closed the afternoon of December 24—January 2

FPC

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



Parents throughout Kalispell

Get the Gift of

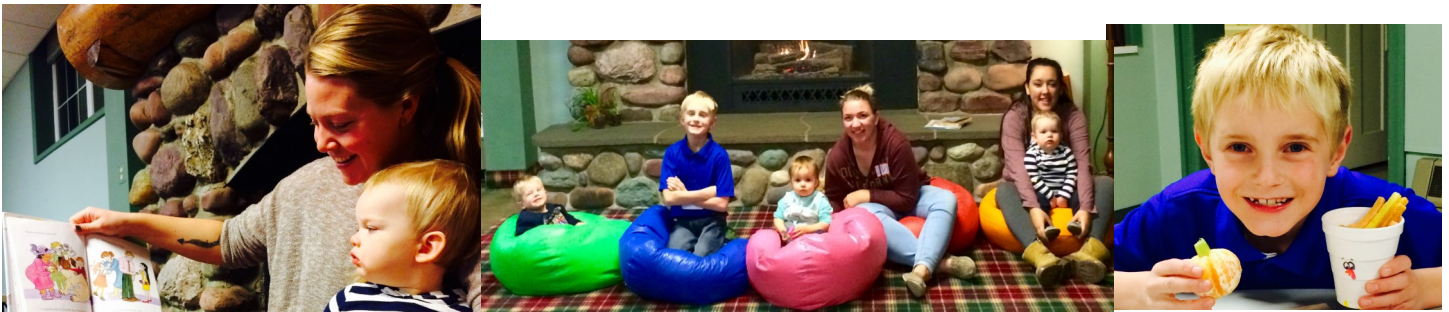
3-Hours during the Holidays to Breathe

Encourage anyone you know to sign up for Parent Night Out this December 17th from 10:00-1:00 pm. Lunch and snacks are served, along with Christmas crafts, stories and games. This monthly event is an outreach to bless busy young families. Help us SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS! The event is for kids 1-10 yrs.

December Theme: Giving

Register Online at www.fpckalispell.org

The event is led by Rachel Cole who owned "Time Out" drop-in child care in Kalispell. Rachel comes with a lot of experience. She will be leading a team of youth helpers from JuJu and our church. Cost is \$5 per child. Two classes: 1-3 year & 4-10 years. Register in advance as space is limited. Parents pay 25% of the actual cost thanks to a generous donor.



HS HotSpot moves Tuesdays at Serious JuJu

After a 3-month experiment, HotSpot is moving Tuesdays to Serious JuJu. With FPC volunteers and community volunteers, JuJu will open for its third night of the week: Tuesdays 3:20-5:20 after school. Youth will skate, have homework time, prayer, snacks and Bible Study.

Want to get involved? Talk with Joan Siderius, Karen Micheals, Deb Possin or Pastor Miriam.

Wednesday HotSpot Welcomes One and All

Young & Old, play cards, make a meal for JuJu with Deb in the Kitchen, and have fun connecting mid-week. Stop by for cards, games, cooking, and great conversation—**ALL WELCOME** (if you are not naughty but nice!) To donate ingredients for Serious JuJu meals, contact Deb Possin or come help cook.



Thank You for Your Donation of Food for the Meals at Serious JuJu

Menu for December 9- January 6:

- * December 9 Spaghetti & Meatballs
Home made rolls
- * December 16 Spanish Rice
Garlic Rolls
- * December 23 Homemade Pizza
- * December 30 Meatball
Sub sandwiches
- * January 6 Chicken Chimichanga's

Please see the sign-up sheet in the parlor for ingredients needed. And thank you so much for your overwhelming generosity, and thank you Deb Possin and your faithful helpers for preparing the weekly meals.

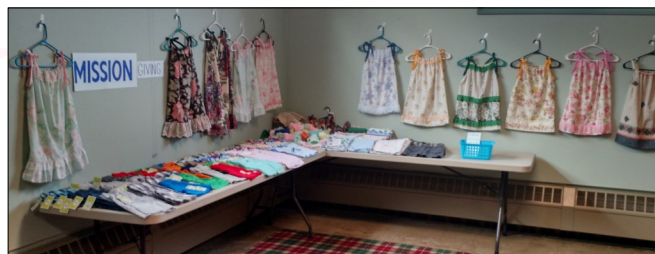
Thank You!!

125 Anniversary Tidbit

Early Missionary Work in the Valley

The things we know least about are usually the things nearest home. It is easier to see the need of missionary work in China than right here in the Flathead valley. There is an excellent field for Christian service right here at hand among the logging camps and mills. There are a great many men working in these places near Kalispell who are denied the privilege of church and home. They are working under the most trying conditions and are subject to the temptations peculiar to such conditions. Rev. Pringle (who served our congregation 1901-1906) was at Egan last Sunday where he held services and organized a Sunday school. About fifty or sixty men attended the services and entered heartily into the music. There is a great need for a man who can devote his entire time to the work in this particular field.

The Presbyterian Post Card February 16, 1913



African Sewing Project

A big THANK YOU to the ladies who helped count and pack the items (13 dresses, 77 night-gowns, 57 boy's shorts, 98 knit hats, 31 blankets and 7 boy's T-shirts). Many thanks to those who knitted, sewed and provided money for the \$152.12 for postage. The PW Mission project was boxed up and mailed on Thursday, November 17th. With many hands, much can be accomplished!

December Food Bank Item *Holiday Food*

Take frozen turkeys to the Food Bank located in the old Gateway West Mall. Dry foods go in the food bin at church located by the elevator at the top of the stairs.



A Matter of Balance

The first Matter of Balance was completed on November 18th. The class learned much about balance, but even more, enjoyed each other's company and fellowship. A Matter of Balance classes will be offered at FPC throughout 2017 as long as there is interest. Feel free to invite a friend to join you. For the greatest individual success, class size will be held at no more than 15. All skill levels are encouraged to participate. Exercises are introduced and can be adapted to any skill level so don't hesitate to join. "We had great fun in our class. We learned things most of us don't think about that affects our balance." Contact the church office or Ann Swain for more information.



Saturday ~ December 3 ~ 10:30 a.m.

The Sirocco Covenant Group invites all who are interested in decorating for the Christmas Season. We have tasks for everyone and it is not necessary to have a "decorating thumb." We look forward to seeing you on the 3rd.



Presbyterian Men Saturday ~ December 3rd 8:30 am at Scotty's

We are pleased to have Sherry Stevens, director of The United Way, as our guest on Saturday. Sherry and Pastor Glenn will fill us in on the latest developments on the drop-in center for Neighbors in Need. We have been involved in Neighbors in Need for over 30 years and this new ministry will have a big impact on our community. Come join us for a wonderful breakfast!!



When The Night Comes

December 10th ~ St. Peter Lutheran Church
201 Wisconsin Ave ~ Whitefish
7 pm—7 am

Join your community members in sleeping outside for an evening to experience homelessness. Help Sparrow's Nest of NW MT raise awareness and funds to help these unaccompanied homeless high school students.

Neighbors in Need Center A Sanctuary for those in Need

FPC, Northridge Lutheran Church and Neighbors in Need are teaming up to hold a build day at Gateway Community Center on *Saturday, December 10th at 8:15 am*. The Center, once completed, will be a sanctuary for people in need and will offer a safe place for them to find shelter from 10 am to 2 pm Monday—Friday. The Center is located in south end of Gateway Mall and we ask you park at the north entry. Some of the projects for the build day include the installation of ceiling tile installation, and framing. Two to three volunteers are needed from each church and are asked to bring their own tools. See Pastor Glenn for more information.



The Chinook Covenant Group will gather at the home of Scott and Katherine Johnson 40 Spring Mountain Drive Kalispell, Montana Thursday Evening December 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Thank You for Paying Your Per Capita

Per capita funding:

- It is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.
- It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers.
- It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives.
- It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on GA committees and commissions.
- It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation" (Book of Order, G-4.0101).

The per capita assessment for 2017 is \$40.00 per member.

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Christmas Joy Offering

Will be received during worship on Christmas Eve. The Joy Offering has been cherished in the Presbyterian tradition since the 1930's. The Offering is equally distributed between the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Thank you for your generosity throughout 2016! Your gifts of time, talent and treasure make the gospel of Jesus Christ come alive as we do justice, love kindness and walk in humility. Our giving to the ministry budget of FPC is as follows:

	Jan– Nov 16	Budget
Income	\$271,129	\$218,016
Expenses	\$263,636	\$272,542
Blessings	\$ 7,493	\$- 54,526

We entered 2016 with a certain amount of anxiety and fear with a fairly substantial shortfall projected. Thanks to God and the people of God, the numbers look good!

