# Moscow First Presbyterian Church

<u>Our Mission</u>: First Presbyterian Church of Moscow strives to be a welcoming, caring family of faith, called to love the Lord and our neighbors. We are growing in Jesus Christ through worship, teaching, fellowship, and service to others.

# **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

SUNDAY, September 24<sup>th</sup> 9:15 a.m.- Sunday School 10:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship

MONDAY, September 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.- Session

TUESDAY, September 26<sup>th</sup>
12:00 p.m.- Tuesday Sisters Group
7:00 p.m.- Scouts

WEDNESDAY, September 27<sup>th</sup>
10:00 a.m.- Men's Bible Project in the Library
12:00 p.m.- FOON
6:00 p.m.- Wednesday Supper Fellowship

**THURSDAY, September 28**<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.- Praise Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY, October 1<sup>st</sup> 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School 10:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship

For more information, contact the church office.

Office Hours: Monday: 9 a.m.- 11 a.m., Tuesday- Friday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Birthdays this Week: Harper Wallen, Kathy Pitman, Lee Cortner

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24th

# Do you have photos of the church?

As we update our website we need more recent pictures of the church, if you have any please send them to the office e-mail: office@fpcmoscow.org or Kathy Pendegraft: kathyp8623@twc.com

# FELLOWSHIP COOKIES/BARS NEEDED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

We need to restock our kitchen supply for cookies for coffee fellowship time that takes place every Sunday after worship. They can be purchased or homemade. Please place items on the upstairs kitchen countertop. Thank you!

#### **FOON**

The Family Ministry's Weekly outreach to the Moscow High students has begun! For more information or to signup to be a volunteer, or to bring treats, contact Julie Everest by email: <a href="mailto:familyministryjulie@gmail.com">familyministryjulie@gmail.com</a> or by phone 208-882-0700.

# **Wednesday Supper Fellowship**

Our second WSF will be on Sept 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and will be hosted by the Tuesday Sisters, a women's study group that has met for over ten years. The menu will be Sloppy Joe's and salad.

#### **Dinner Together**

Join together for a meal and fellowship with members and friends of FPC this fall. Sign up by October 1st to be placed into a group of 5-6 others (singles and couples are welcome!). Each group will gather approximately once a month. How and where to meet is up to each group, with meeting at the church building always being an option. Get to know others in our faith community in new ways by sharing a meal. Please let us know your interest either by signing up with your name and best contact information at the church office window or via email moscowpresby@gmail.com.

#### **September Benevolence Offering**

The Deacon's Benevolence Offering for the month of September with go to the Moscow Food Bank. While you are shopping for the week, or your next BBQ, please add a can of beans, a package of rice, or a jar of peanut butter to your cart. The demand at food banks and pantries is growing. A can or jar from everyone could prevent empty shelves! The Moscow Food Bank has been open to all in need since 1981. It is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit, 100% volunteer-operated, and receives the entirety of its support from the generosity of the private citizens of the Moscow-Pullman community. Thank you for helping with this important work through your September benevolence giving. Offerings may be put in the offering plate or mailed to First Presbyterian Church (marked September Benevolence) or give online using the Tithe.ly app or the "Give" button on our website at fpcmoscow.org.

#### **RE-USE, RECYCLE**

Clean, single use plastic bags are put to good use at Moscow Food Bank! As more people come for food supplies, carry out bags are in short supply. 12-egg cartons too. Pastas, beans, rice, tomato sauce, cream soups, and peanut butter are staples most often requested. Thanks, all!

# **Christian Education Opportunities This Fall**

Starting Sept 10, an adult ed class will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am to study The Gift of Empathy. This book presents "a fresh approach to a familiar topic ... that equips readers to relate in empathetic ways" to Build a More Caring World. If you might be interested, please sign up on the sign in the narthex. If you aren't available on Sunday mornings, but are interested in studying this book, please sign up on the sheet with evenings that would work for you (not Tuesdays). Questions? Contact Celeste Brown (bioinfomom@roadrunner.com).

# U of I International Programs Office has a couple opportunities for community members to engage with international students.

The first program is the English Conversation Partner program, connecting international students with the community to provide an hour a month as an English conversation partner. You and the student choose a location. You might consider meeting over a cup of coffee at The Center, and The Center would provide temporary parking passes for individuals to use in the Center lot. The contact email is uidaho.edu/conversationpartner.

The second program is the Friendship Family Program. This is a once a semester commitment to spend time supporting an international student by inviting them over for dinner and being a community contact to help them navigate their time here on the Palouse. The International programs office has around 30 international students signed up for the program and only 15 hosts. This program is a little more involved as it includes a registration process, but is an excellent opportunity to bless the international students through a home cooked meal and some well needed community. The contact email is uidaho.edu/friendshipfamily.

#### **GOT APPLES?**

The Lael Board and Friends are planning a Fall Festival at Lael on the afternoon of October 22. In addition to live music, crafts for kids, and some other activities, there will be an opportunity for folks to press apples for cider. If you have or know of anyone who has apple trees with an excess supply of apples suitable for pressing and would like to donate them to Lael, please contact Kathy Pendegraft or Nadine Morton. And be sure to save the date and plan to attend this fun, family-friendly event. More details coming soon.

# **Family Promise Host Week**

Family Promise is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower families experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence for a more promising future. One factor that helps these families succeed is the relationships they develop with Family Promise volunteers.

First Presbyterian Church and our friends from Quail Run Ward are hosting Family Promise guests and September 30-October 8. Our hosting duties include preparing and taking down guest bedrooms, providing, and hosting evening meals and hosting our guests overnight on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. If you are interested in volunteering, there will be sign-up sheets in the narthex, an online Sign-Up, or please contact Celeste Brown at <a href="mailto:bioinfomom@roadrunner.com">bioinfomom@roadrunner.com</a>.

# Peace & Global Witness Offering September 3<sup>rd</sup>- October 1<sup>st</sup>

The Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church USA connect us with other Presbyterians in every corner of our nation and the world through prayer and effort. As a Mathew 25 congregation we are called to actively engage in the world around us. Through our gifts we connect with God's most vulnerable children. Gifts help active peacemakers and provide education and interaction with those that can show us how to do this work: 50% advocating for Christ's peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative initiatives; 25% links congregations in ministries in peacemaking, and 25% is designated for building peace in our local community. 25% of the funds designated for our community will be donated to Inland Oasis.

### **Moscow Food Bank**

As we move toward fall, soups, chili, pasta, rice, tomato sauce, and canned or packaged beans are in demand. Empty single-dozen egg cartons and single-use plastic grocery bags are also welcomed. Church drop-off is a large brown box just past the church office.

### Wildfire Response

Presbytery has reached out with PIN funds to both the Gray Lake (Medical Lake) and Oregon Rd (Elk) fires. Colbert Church's New Hope Resource Center /North County Food Pantry will be a primary distribution center. (http://www.newhoperesource.org/)

Give: Financial support: New Hope Resource Center / North County Food Pantry

Act: Donate food to the North County Food Pantry (Mon: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wed: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.), donate clothing/household items to the New Hope Resource Center (Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

Pray: Pray for the survivors who must rebuild their homes and their lives, first responders, and those volunteers/leaders of long term recovery efforts.