

Moscow First Presbyterian Church

Our Mission: 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

MONDAY-

7:00 P.M.- Deacons

TUESDAY-

12:00 P.M.- Tuesday Sisters Group

3:00 P.M.- Prayer Shawl meeting in the Library

WEDNESDAY-

10:00 A.M.- Men's Bible Project

7:00 P.M.- Choir Practice

THURSDAY-

10:00 A.M.- Women's Bible Project

7:00 P.M.- Praise Team

SUNDAY-

9:00 A.M.- Children's Sunday School

10:30 A.M.- Sunday Worship and Children's Church

For more information, contact the church office.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Birthdays this Week: Leila Rudzinis, Everly Mikami, Mary Stormo

In Our Prayers: The Donohoe's, Jack Camm

Spreading holiday cheer: Service opportunities

During the holidays, there are always an abundance of community service opportunities, helping to meet basic needs and spreading holiday cheer. Listed below are a few our church family has contributed to in the past, and one new opportunity brought forward by the Tuesday morning women's group.

Support Moscow High Students

FOON, our weekly pizza lunch for high school students, is growing by leaps and bounds, and participation always increases in the New Year. Recently, 90 students attended, and participation is likely to grow in the future. Donations of drinks, cookies, time, and cash are welcome. Our current needs are for paper plates and pizza funds. Please coordinate with Julie Everest.

Christmas for Kids

Christmas for kids is a magical annual event where local kids in extreme need are hand selected by their school counselors. The Deacon's Benevolence Offering for November will be going to this. Did you know "Christmas for Kids" originated from an idea Manny Sheibany had in 1981 when he became concerned for the elderly not receiving Christmas gifts? This idea spread to needy families with children. Jean Currin played a key role in implementing Manny's concern into action along with neighbors and friends. They did all this work out of their home until 1994. At this time, it became a community outreach for all of Latah County. Now people can take tags off of Christmas trees placed around town that tell of families' needs and wants and purchase gifts for these families. Another way to give is through the November Benevolence Fund of the deacons. To give to Christmas for Kids, mail a check to First Presbyterian Church or give in the collection plate on Sunday morning. The check should be made out to F.P.C. and in the memo line should designate "Christmas for Kids." Fund online via Tithe.ly <https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246>.

Thanksgiving Worker Appreciation

Many folks are working on Thanksgiving Day. Hospital staff, fire and police workers are often acknowledged with food and other acts of kindness, but what about grocery store workers, gas station attendants and others? This will be our second year of this effort to thank those working on Thanksgiving by delivering small loaves of pumpkin bread or other goodies. We have some volunteers to bake, and we could use more. If you would like to help bake, deliver (help please!) our gratitude gifts, or add to the list of deliveries, please contact Julie Everest or Dianne Daley Laursen.

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JOIN THE THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning women's group has begun! The group meets weekly from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the church library, and is facilitated by Julie Everest. This fall, we are using the Horizons Bible Study, "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts." If you would like to participate in this study, contact Julie ASAP so that she can order a study guide for you. You may reach her at 208-882-0700 or email familyministryjulie@gmail.com

Fair Trade Craft Sale /Benefit Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023 Noon -3 p.m. Simpson United Methodist Church 325 NE Maple St. Pullman, WA. Crafts from around the world including jewelry, baskets & musical instruments. Half of profit will go to English language instruction fund for refugees in Pullman area. Just Trade in collaboration with the Interfaith Connection of the Palouse

FOON NEEDS

FOON is going strong in October; each week, we have been serving more students. Consequently, we could use paper plates and non-latex gloves for handing out pizza. Ellen has the treat schedule set through December, but if you would like to provide cookies in the spring, let her know. Thank you to everyone who helps with FOON. Whether you are helping buy pizza, dropping off drinks, baking cookies or helping out on Wednesdays, every contribution works to make FOON function. Thank you for your investment in the lives of our local high school students. Get in touch with Julie if you want to be involved. Call 208-882-0700 or email familyministryjulie@gmail.com.

MOSCOW FOOD BANK

As winter comes, families and individuals need nutritious food. Your extra can or package of beans or rice can make a big difference to someone whose cupboards are bare. Pastas, beans, rice, tomato sauce, cream soups, and peanut butter are staples most often requested. Food banks are restocking every day. And people are grateful!

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. Thanks, all!

JOIN THE CHOIR!

The Chancel Choir meets for rehearsal every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., following Wednesday Supper. The choir, under the direction of our new Music Minister, Rev. Sylvester Bullock, would love to have you join in helping to lead hymns and offer special music approximately every other week. For more information, contact Sly at slybullock75@aol.com.

YOUTH GROUP

We're excited to have youth group meetings twice a month this fall. We will be meeting the first and third Wednesdays of each month between now and Christmas. All middle school and high school students are welcome. If you have any questions, get in touch with Julie at familyministryjulie@gmail.com or text 208-882-0700.

Mission/Alternative Giving Opportunities

For the week of November 19, inclusive of both Sundays, Mission will have a table in the narthex displaying a variety of mission mailings we have received from PCUSA, the Presbytery and other regional nonprofits, that we have not highlighted in our monthly mission messages.. Please check it and discover wonderful ideas for year-end gifts and donations.

As Advent approaches, we have several traditions in our church that everyone can participate in during this season of preparation for Christmas.

- ◆ **Advent Decorating Party** – Saturday, December 2, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
A crew of volunteers is needed to set up trees in the sanctuary and chapel room, and prepare for the Hanging of the Greens service. Anyone who would like to help set up the trees should come at 9:30, and those who want to work on wreaths and other decorations should arrive around 10:00. All ages welcome. Contact Kathy Pendegraft at kathyp8623@twc.com to volunteer or to get more information.
- ◆ **Hanging of the Greens** – 1st Sunday of Advent, December 3, at our 10:30 a.m. service.

The congregation will participate in the “hanging of the greens” by hanging wreaths

and adding Chrismons to the tree in the sanctuary. We will remember the meaning behind the Chrismons, lights, evergreens, Advent wreath, and poinsettias, and begin to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.

- ◆ **Advent Candle Lighting** – Each Sunday in Advent and on Christmas Eve, it is the tradition in our church to begin each service with the lighting of the Advent candles. If you and your spouse, family, or a group of friends would like to light candles for worship, **please sign up** on the sheet on the office window as soon as possible. Readings will be provided in advance.



Would you like to help decorate the church and honor loved ones with beautiful poinsettias during the Advent/Christmas season? The plants are \$12 each, and you are welcome to take yours home after Christmas. Please return this form with your check (payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "poinsettia" on the memo line) to the church office before Nov. 23.

Name _____

How Many _____

Amt. Paid _____

Dedicated to/In Memory of (circle one) _____

Tapestry Women's Choir comes to Moscow First Presbyterian Church on December 1st to begin its holiday concert series.

Come hear seasonal favorites like *Ding Dong Merrily on High*, *Wassailing*, *Coventry Carol*, and *Mary, Did You Know?*

There are three concerts this year. All concerts begin at 7:30 pm. Concerts are free, but your donations are welcomed.

Friday December 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Moscow
Saturday, December 2 at St. James Episcopal Church in Pullman
Monday, December 4 at First Baptist Church in Colfax WA.

Don't miss being there to hear the joyful sound of TAPESTRY!.