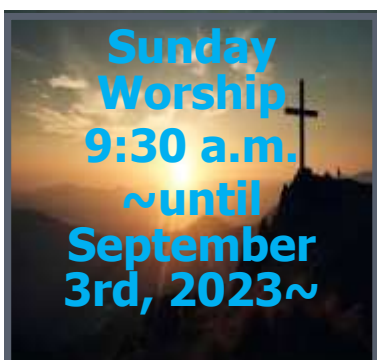


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News & Views

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As we enter August and the students start arriving and preparations are being made for school to start, we begin to look to Fall. This summer we have looked at our mission statement and each of the statements about what we are called to do. We have not looked at our mission statement in a while, in relationship to our sense of calling and the changes in our context. So, this series was to remind us of what our statement is and some ways it intersects the Biblical description of what it means to follow Jesus. As we go forward, I plan to return to what is called the Revised Common Lectionary. This gives a series of Bible passages to prompt our worship each Sunday. I will likely follow the Gospel reading and may at times use different supporting readings. The lectionary is on a three-year cycle in which the three gospels, Matthew, Mark, of Luke are the focus and thus most of the Gospel passages come from on or the other of these Gospels each year. This year is year A, and the focus is on Matthew.

We are looking forward to other activities as well. We hope to have a Welcome Back BBQ on Sunday, August 27. This year there is a Sunday in-between the start of school and Labor Day weekend this year so what an excellent time for our BBQ. If you would like to help with the BBQ, please let me or the office know. Please save the evening of August 27 for our BBQ on the church lawn.

We do reduce the number of events and gatherings during the summer and this summer was no exception. However, we are planning for fall. If you have something you want to see happen or participate in this fall let me know. We are looking at a Sunday School class for adults on Sunday mornings, we plan to have more Wednesday Supper Fellowship gatherings than we did last year, and other opportunities are in the works.

I am thankful for our connections to other churches in our region through our Presbytery. We have received grants to help

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with Foon and with reaching out in care to the fair workers this year. And, our connections enable us to learn and enjoy each other. We also recognize our mistakes together and look to ways we can encourage instead of continuing those mistakes. So, the Presbytery is amid a capital campaign to help the 5 Native American churches of the Nez Perce tribes. The ways we can give are through our church, so a check written to the church for the campaign, or directly through the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest website, <https://presbyinw.org/>.

I wish I could say that summer has been a time of spiritual renewal for me. But this summer not so much. While I recognize the ongoing grace of God in my life and in ours together, I do worry about events and goings on in our world, country, and community. I am deeply troubled by the intense heat our nation, particularly the southern states, has endured. I worry about our divisions and how easily those on the other side become enemies and indeed very bad people. So, I will continue to look to God for solace, peace, and hope. That our God is good and great, is where I find joy, peace, and hope. I hope you too remember, know, and hold on to the very grace of God given us in Christ Jesus.

Norman

Deacons Benevolence Offering

For the Month of August the Deacons have chosen "Stuff the Bus" to receive the benevolence offering this month. The 15th annual "Stuff the Bus", join the Kiwanis Club of Pullman, Kiwanis Club of Colfax, and Kiwanis Club of Moscow as we gather school supplies for kids who need them most. We partner with the Pullman, Colfax and Colton/ Uniontown School Districts in Washington and the Moscow School District in Idaho to distribute the supplies to kids in need.



Thank you for helping with this important work through your August benevolence giving. Offerings may be put in the offering plate or mailed to First Presbyterian Church (marked August Benevolence) or give online using the Tithe.ly app or the "Give" button on our website at fpcmoscow.org. Please Send your contribution to First Presbyterian Church and indicate "Stuff the Bus" on your check. Thank you for your support.

Peace and Global Witness Special Offering

September 3- October 1

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.

Join us in contributing to the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering, and in creating a Church where the love, justice, and mercy of Christ are evident, To learn more go to pcusa.org/peace-global


Family Promise Hosting



First Presbyterian Church and our friends from Quail Run Ward are hosting Family Promise guests August 20-27 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, or please contact Celeste Brown at bioinfomom@roadrunner.com.

Family Promise of the Palouse is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower families experiencing homelessness – or in danger of becoming homeless – to achieve sustainable independence for a more promising future. Along with providing temporary housing and meals for up to four families in local church facilities, they also work with homeless families in our community to guide them to long-term sustainable housing. Families receive education related to financial literacy, parenting and life skills. With the support of a case-manager, families are guided to employment, health care and housing.

One factor that helps families succeed is the long term relationships they develop with Family Promise volunteers.

 Finance Report		
As of June, 2023		
	Month	YTD
Receipts	\$22,159	\$186,099
Disbursements	\$ 27,953	\$165,049
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		\$21,050
Cash Balance (checking/savings)		\$83,373

Nimiipuu Churches Capital Campaign

Our church is a member of the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest (PIN), part of the Presbyterian Church, USA (PC(USA)). There are over 40 congregations that make up PIN, and six of those churches serve the Nimiipuu (Nez Perce) community. They are the oldest active congregations in our presbytery and in the state of Idaho. For information about these congregations, **see the [Capital Campaign Video here](#)**.

To restore and preserve the Nimiipuu church buildings for future generations, our Presbytery's leadership launched a capital campaign to raise funds for repairing and renovating four buildings. The necessary repairs were identified by a building inspector retained by PC(USA). The repairs include significant issues—rotting foundations, sagging roofs, water-damaged walls, and nonfunctional plumbing. These are not cosmetic concerns like replacing old wallpaper in the bathrooms! For a copy of the inspector's report see [HERE](#). Working hand-in-hand with the Nimiipuu congregations, the most essential repairs were identified and costs were estimated taking into account substantial labor provided by congregation members.

The goal of this campaign is \$200,000, including a commitment of \$50,000 that the PIN leadership approved from PIN's ministry reserves. As of June 4, the campaign had reached 77% of its goal - \$153,901. Donations have been provided by individuals and churches within our Presbytery. **Check out the [website](#) to see the current status!**



Moscow First Presbyterian Church encourages the participation of our congregation in this capital campaign. **To donate: go to <https://givebutter.com/lzfUlm> OR send a check to Presbytery of the Inland Northwest, PO Box 8055, Spokane, WA 99203 with Nimiipuu Capital Campaign on the For line OR write a check to First Presbyterian Church with Nimiipuu Capital Campaign on the For line.**



FAMILY MINISTRY

Julie Hopper, Director of Family Ministry familyministryjulie@gmail.com

Summer is going by in a flash. I'm trying to stay firmly located in the present, but it is quite a battle! VBS is already more than a month in the past, and we have had several kids from our congregation attend Camp Spalding so far this summer. I'm glad I have another opportunity to thank everyone who helped with VBS and those who contributed to help kids go to camp. Both camp and VBS offer special opportunities for kids to learn and grow in faith.

School starts for local kids at the very end of August, so everyone is doing all they can to enjoy summer vacation before it's over. This month also gives me the opportunity to learn and plan for the upcoming school year. Next thing you know, we'll be gearing up for FOON, youth group and children's programming at church. I also have ideas for Adult Ed in the fall based on our VBS curriculum themes from this summer.

As Norman often preaches, God offers us extravagant grace, and we have the chance to extend grace to one another. I'm looking forward to a grace-filled school year in youth and family ministry. As always, I want to thank everyone in the FPC family for your help and support. Please continue to pray for me and the kids and families in our church and community. Pray that I will be effective in communicating God's love and care in my work and outreach, and pray that I will be full and overflowing with grace as I serve kids and families in and around Moscow.

~ Julie

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!

Mission



TWO LOCATIONS - FARMERS MARKET AND EAST CITY PARK

Drive-by • Drop off • Send a check • Donate online

Saturday, August 5

8am to 1pm

East City Park

Drive by, drop off

SE corner on Hayes Street

Moscow Farmer's Market

Main Street

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**Latah County Human Rights Task Force
& Moscow Human Rights Commission**

www.humanrightslatah.org

**• We welcome: canned goods,
household items, fresh produce,
cash donations**

**• Checks can be made to Latah
County Human Rights Task Force
and sent to:**

PO Box 8613, Moscow 83843

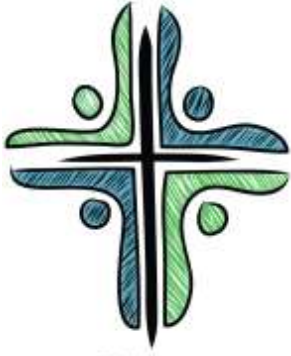
**• We are also accepting donations
online on our website:
Humanrightslatah.org**

DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT:

**Moscow Food Bank, West Side Food
Pantry, and Weekend Food For Kids**

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 a.m.– Sunday Worship 10:30 am– Stay and Play	7 5:15 p.m.– MDS CPR Training in Fellowship Hall	8 12:00 p.m.– Tuesday Sisters	9	10	11	12
13 9:30 a.m.– Sunday Worship 10:30 am– Stay and Play	14	15 3:00 p.m.– Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:00 p.m.– Scouts	16	17	18	19
20 9:30 a.m.– Sunday Worship 10:30 am– Stay and Play	21 7:00 p.m.– Deacons	22	23	24	25	26
	Family Promise Host Week					
27 9:30 a.m.– Sunday Worship 10:30 am– Stay and Play 6:00 p.m.– Welcome Back BBQ	28 7:00 p.m.– Session	29 7:00 p.m.– Scouts	30	31		



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