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News & Views

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Sunday School for all ages

9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m.



Dear Friends,

I hope you have all received my letter letting you know that I will be retiring at the end of May. As I noted in the letter, this was not an easy decision. And, planning this move this far in advance I hope lets us begin doing some of the groundwork that makes the transition easier. As I again acknowledge this future event, I would hope to remain focused on the life our family of faith as we move into fall.

I would again encourage you to sign up for a Dinners Together group. We are inviting these groups together on the first week of each month. You can sign up to be part of group through sending an email to the office or signing on the signup form on the office window. On other weeks of the month, on Wednesday nights we are also able to have dinner together though in fellowship hall as various groups provide the meal. Watch the emails and bulletin inserts for announcements as often the meal will also offer opportunities to learn and/or support a mission or other activity of the church. We have had several wonderful meals with great fellowship over the last several Wednesdays. I hope you will come as well.

Also, note that our fall schedule includes a new Sunday School class on Empathy led by Celeste Brown and the men's Bible Project has restarted on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. We also have a women's group meeting Tuesdays at noon. I would look forward to the opportunity to talk to you about other ideas you might have around fellowship, learning, or serving opportunities. And, as we think about serving opportunities, remember that our missions team is bringing to us some opportunity to serve our community each month.

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So, watch for these opportunities as well.

As I think about these opportunities, I am reminded of the way Genesis starts with broad strokes about the nature of creation and human's role in it and then moves to a single family, Abraham and Sarah, and their lineage. We see the role of a few individuals over and over again. We find that God works in the particular people of the story. I wonder if part of what this is telling us is that God works in our particular lives as well. That as we engage our faith through worship, fellowship, teaching, and service to others, as we say in our vision statement, that God works in ways that brings healing into our world.

As we live out our trust in God, that is as we live out our faith, we bring God's will, way, and work to life. It becomes alive among us and enters our lives as it may not otherwise. In times like ours, in times of change and transition, in times of continued technological, social, and cultural change, I feel the need of One I can trust. One whose will, way, and work I can see as valuable, healing, and life giving. I believe the Lord is such a rock. On this rock, I want to build my life, on One whom I can, we can, build our lives and One whom we can trust as we move into what sometimes seems an uncertain future.

Grace and peace,
Norman

Our New Patio!

Have you noticed that our patio has been completed? Dan Crimmins has been the "project engineer," Ellen and Andy Johansen the buyers and restorers of the Hope Center patio table and chairs and donation of flowers, and finally the planting of grasses to provide a screen from the parking lot by Dan C. and Sally Amador. This all started when Tom Richards, Pat Carey and others removed a giant Juniper several years ago. As I remember Kathy Pendergast and Mary Read both mentioned how nice it would be to have a place to eat lunch or chat with friends. NOW WE HAVE IT! ENJOY!

~Sally Amador



Deacon's Benevolence Offering

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>.

Stewardship 2023

"To be rich in good things we do, to be generous, and to share with others."

You may have received our first email announcing our stewardship season for 2023. Stewardship season is a time of year we not only reflect on our response to God's goodness and grace, but offers an opportunity to respond with concrete actions. This year we note that in Timothy 6 we are invited to be rich in good things we do, to be generous, and to share with others. To enable the fullness of our ministry and life of faith at First Presbyterian Church of Moscow, you are invited to attend to this injunction from Timothy and pledge your time, talents and resources.

Shortly you will receive a letter describing our financial situation. The letter will include a pledge card for your financial giving and a time and talents form for you to choose your ways of sharing your gifts and skills with our church family. We ask you bring your pledges and time and talent forms to church on November 12 (or get them to the church office before then) so we may dedicate the pledges during our service that day. We invite you then to come to our stewardship celebration dinner on Wednesday, November 15 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will give thanks that evening for the generosity of our church family and that our giving will continue the life and ministry of our faith family. Your participation is as important as ever as we look toward a transition in our leadership as Pastor Norman retires the end of May and we begin a search for new pastoral leadership.

The Secret Life of Ian Wendt

Ian Wendt, our FPC Accompanist, is not only a proficient pianist, he also loves to sing. He has been active for a number of years singing bass in **the ROMEOS**, a popular barbershop quartet and in the larger Palouse Harmony Chorus. It was a happy note to learn that this quartet will be one of the featured guest performers in an upcoming concert on November 11 in Moscow.

**The Inland Harmony Chorus presents
“Something to Crow About”
on Saturday, Saturday, November 11
4:00 PM in the 1912 Center
412 E 3rd St., Moscow**

Free Admission – Come and Enjoy the Music

**Guest Barbershop Quartet
The ROMEOS**



(L to R) Ian Wendt, Tracey Windley, Dr. Ben Adkins, Dan Pierce

News Briefs

Caring for the "Holy Grounds" of First Presbyterian Church

As the warmth of summer fades and the oncoming colder weather of fall and Thanksgiving season begins, it is a good time to remember and express our gratitude to the group of good volunteers who have spent many hours and much effort keeping many aspects of our church property's landscaping in good order. We appreciated the freshly mown lawns, and the colorful planters so well kept and attended. Memorial roses greeted us at the entryways, and we were astonished by the installation of a flowering tree, perennials and ornamental grasses within the new brick patio.



We are grateful for the generous contributions of these people in particular: Sally Amador, Dan Crimmins, Pat and Corinne Carey, Ellen and Andy Johansen, Manny Sheibany, and Levon and Jacob Wells. We value the contribution of their time and talents, and the faithful nurturing and maintenance of our property. Each one has been a blessing for us. We offer our heartfelt thanks to each of these volunteers.

Community Blue Christmas Service



In the midst of life's struggles, the Christmas season can be hard, so we will gather together for a time of reassurance and comfort. All are welcome to join in a Community Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12th at First Presbyterian Church, 405 S. Van Buren St. in Moscow.



Finance Report

As of September, 2023

	Month	YTD
Receipts	\$ 19038	\$244555
Disbursements	\$ 28104	\$240666
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		\$3889
Cash Balance (checking/savings)	\$ 51,004	

FAMILY MINISTRY

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

October is over with Halloween
Trunk or Treat was definitely great.
Our first PNO was such a fun scene -
Games were played and the kids pizza ate.

Every Wednesday circles around FOON,
With the joint skills of a fabulous team.
If we're awarded a grant, it will be quite a
boon,
The result of group effort that worked like a
dream.

Our youth group is mostly peopled with
tweens,
Who enjoy pancakes, fun antics and games.
They're all racing to join the teens;
If you helped with VBS, you know the new
names.

My duties took me up the road to Spokane,
For YTF and to learn about webs of spiders.
To nurture faith I learned that you can
Build a strong-flexible web, to be children's
guiders.

November's a time when you might buy a
wreath
For yourself or a friend or someone far away.
Your support of youth ministry is a relief,
Helps with camp or FOON or our work on
Sunday.

Our VBS curriculum is getting new life
With the group of Tuesday Sisters,
Mending God's world of pain and strife,
Making donations as NICU supporters.

Our next PNO that UU church is hosting,
An evening out for parents alone,
Is the Friday before Thanksgiving,
For the kids, having fun sets the tone.

The Thursday ladies Bible Project is ready
To change focus of their weekly session.
They're branching out to a Horizons Bible
study
On Luke-Acts - fascinating, no question.

We're giving thanks this time of year,
Expressing gratitude for grace.
We can trust in the Lord without fear
And continue to seek God's face.

If this isn't quite clear as you read it,
Take it from someone who knows,
When you ask me sometime to explain it
I promise I'll answer in prose.

~ Julie

Lael Retreat Center Update

Lael’s Fall Festival on October 22 was a great success. Between 150 and 200 people came out to Lael on a sunny fall afternoon to enjoy live music, assorted chili and pies, a nature trail scavenger hunt, cider pressing, hay ride, and of course, the beautiful view. Over and over, we heard comments like, “This place is wonderful! How did we not know about it until now?”



The idea of a Fall Festival was brought to the Lael Board by Chelsea Feeney, who is passionate about sharing Lael with the wider community. Her vision of holding a family-friendly event to introduce people to Lael inspired the Lael Board of Directors to sponsor the festival. Chelsea worked tirelessly to organize volunteers to help with the festival and was able to line up four local bands—Frogtown, A Minor Issue, Moscow Mules, and The Chelseas—to play for an hour each to appreciative crowds. She secured donations of apples, contest prizes, tractor for the hay ride, loan of two cider presses, and handled countless other details. The Lael Board provided additional support with set up, decorations, publicity, photo displays, clean up, and logistics.

We are so grateful to everyone who helped with the Fall Festival by giving their time and energy to bring this fun event to life. Safeway generously donated prizes for the chili cook-off, pie contest, and scavenger hunt. Lael’s neighbor, Will Root, not only offered his tractor for the hay ride, but spent nearly the entire 4 hours driving folks in circles around the property.

Everyone had such a good time, we may have to do it again next year!

Lael Chapel Siding Replacement Project

Please help us restore our Chapel!

Our chapel’s original cedar siding, now 40 years old, has reached the end of its useful life.

Despite efforts to maintain the siding over the years, the wood has become weathered and brittle, and flickers have moved in. We are planning to install steel siding, which will be more durable and resistant to weather, pests, and fire.



Our fundraising goal is \$25,000.



Mail donations to
Lael, Inc.
405 S Van Buren St.
Moscow ID 83843

MISSION

- ◆ Stay tuned for more details on repeating our baked sweet bread delivery to those working on Thanksgiving Day. It was well received last year. If you can bake and/or deliver on Thanksgiving Day, please contact Dianne, daleylaursen@gmail.com

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP MARCH 2024

There will be an information meeting for a March 9-16, 2024, spring break mission trip (in partnership with Palouse Habitat) on Wednesday November 8 at 6:45 pm. Attendees must be 18 or older, no special skills required. If you cannot attend but are interested please contact Dianne Daley Laursen, daleylaursen@gmail.com.

Advent Begins December 3rd

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 Pendegrift 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.

It's Poinsettia Time

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) _____

FAMILY MINISTRY WREATH SALE!

It's that time of year again when we can support our Family Ministry and find beautiful winter decorations at the same time! See the order form below.



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Would you like to (*circle one*): have your wreath delivered or Pick-up at the church

	24" Wreath with Pine Cones \$25.00	24" Mixed Evergreen Wreath with Pine Cones \$30.00	15' Cedar Garland \$20.00
Number of each Item			
Delivery (Y/N) <i>circle one</i> If yes, please list delivery address			
Total			
Paid (Y/N) <i>circle one</i>			

Time and Talents Form 2023

I pledge to serve Christ and my church family in the following ways in 2024.

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

FAMILY MINISTRIES (Please circle all that apply.)

Sunday School, children's church, VBS, FOON, youth group, Nursery, Parent Night Out, Seasonal Events (Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt), other _____

ADULT EDUCATION (Please circle all that apply.)

Lead a Sunday School class, lead a book study, facilitate a discussion group, lead a retreat, other _____

ASSIST WITH WORSHIP (Please circle all that apply.)

Greeter, Usher, Worship Leader, Taizé, serve as sound or video tech for Sunday Worship, Read for Tenebrae, Advent, or Christmas Eve Services, other _____

MUSIC

Choir, Praise Team, Special Music, Fill-in Music Leader, other _____

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP (Please circle all that apply.)

Communion preparation, provide flowers, maintain banners, re-stock pew racks, schedule ushers, schedule worship leaders, Advent decorating, set up for Taizé, other _____

FOOD (Please circle all that apply.)

Provide cookies/treats for coffee hour, receptions, special events, or FOON, meals for ill or grieving members, other _____

CHRISTIAN CARE (Please circle all that apply.)

Provide transportation to worship, provide transportation to medical appointments, Stephen Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, other _____

FELLOWSHIP/HOSPITALITY (Please circle all that apply.)

Help with- receptions, potlucks, Wed. Suppers, table set-up/clean-up, coffee fellowship, fall BBQ, other _____

OUTREACH (Please circle all that apply.)

Publicity, photography, post flyers around town, invite/welcome visitors, other _____

MISSION (Please circle all that apply.)

Family Promise hosting, Lael, promote special offerings, mission projects, mission trips, other _____

See reverse side for more information...

FACILITIES (Please circle all that apply.)

Maintaining Columbarium/secret garden, painting, electrical, carpentry, general maintenance, yard work, workdays, taking care of a specific space _____, other _____

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP (Please circle all that apply.)

Help to count weekly offering, help with stewardship campaign, other _____

ADMINISTRATION (Please circle all that apply.)

Office help, substitute secretary, website, social media communications, church library, other _____

LEADERSHIP (Please check all that apply.)

I would like to learn more about being a part of one of our coordinating teams (planning) or ministry teams (carrying out ministry in fellowship with others having similar interests) in the area of:

- Adult Education Facilities Family Ministries
- Finance/Stewardship Missions Worship Personnel
- Fellowship/Hospitality Outreach/Evangelism Christian Care Music
- Other _____

OTHER GIFTS AND ABILITIES

Do you have specific gifts, interests, or skills that you would like to use?

NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9:15 a.m. – Sunday School 10:30 a.m.– Sunday Worship		12:00 p.m.– Tuesday Sisters 4-6 p.m.– Trunk-or- Treat	10:00 a.m.– Men’s Bible Project	10:30 a.m.– Women’s Bible Project		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30		
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“Growing in Christ”

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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