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News & Views

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Sunday
Worship
9:30 am on Sept. 3rd
10:30 am starting
Sunday, Sept. 10th



I find it hard to believe we are in the last days of summer and university and secondary and elementary school class are starting up. We begin another school year and as students return to school, we also begin to move into our fall rhythm at church. We began this last night with the wonderful Welcome Back BBQ. I want to say a great big thank you to all of you that made it possible. We had a beautiful evening on the front lawn in which to have conversations with old friends and new friends. The food was great and plentiful. It reminds me just how important gathering together for fellowship really is.

I'll stay on this theme as I note that we will have another gathering for food and fellowship on Sept 10 at Lael. We will have hamburgers and hotdogs supplied and bring side dishes and desserts to share. We will gather at Lael at 5 p.m. that evening. We will have a time of worship as well as food and fellowship. I hope you will put that gathering on your calendar. We also will have a signup for that gathering so we have a sense of how many hamburgers and hotdogs we might need.

Our Welcome Back BBQ and our Lael gathering on September 10 usher in the beginnings of our ongoing fellowship events. This fall we will have Wednesday Supper Fellowship on all but the first Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. These start on the 20th of September with our Family Promise coordinating group offering a meal of baked ham and potato salad. The Tuesday Sisters, our Tuesday fellowship group, will then prepare a meal on the 27th of September. The first week we will not have Wednesday Supper Fellowship, but we reserve the week for Suppers Together.

Suppers Together is a small group gathering of about 8 or so folks for dinner at someone's home or at a restaurant or even at church. We have several groups that have been meeting through the summer. We would like to form more groups for those of you that have not yet joined a group. This simple is about getting together for food, fellowship, and friendly conversation. We hope you will join one of the groups

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this fall. Let the office know if you are interested and we will form groups from those who want to participate.

We will be beginning other gatherings as well through the fall. We will be beginning Sunday School for adults and other study groups as well. The Sunday School will start on September 10 which is the same day our worship service moves back to 10:30 a.m. We will be planning for other opportunities as well including the groups that used the Bible Project. Do watch for more information coming soon.

In our daily lives we can easily find ourselves in situations and contexts that give little to no attention to matters of faith and grace. Our programming is designed to offer these spaces as a respite, an alternative, and an opportunity. A respite from situations and contexts that do not feed our souls and engage us in the grace of God. An alternative to places and social spaces that don't teach or guide us to what is good, acceptable and purpose fulfilling. A place and social space where we can pay attention to God's goodness, God's will, and God's grace. And, finally, to be an opportunity to attend to the grace given us and the overwhelming relief that grace offers. I hope our events, activities, and worship are reminders of the healing, redeeming work of Christ that indeed transforms our lives – for the better. Recently we used Romans 12:1-8 in our worship service, and this passage reminds us that we are "not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of our understanding, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and purpose fulfilling." I hope you too will take advantage of the events, activities, and worship we offer and find in them the renewing hope of grace.

Grace and peace,

Norman



On
September
10th, Sunday
morning
worship time
will change
back to our
regular **10:30**
am start
time.

A big thank you to our congregation that helped out in many ways to make our "Welcome Back BBQ" a success. We had people that helped set up and take down and a few people that helped with clean up afterwards, we had many delicious side dishes, salads, and desserts. We had several grillers that grilled many burgers and hot dogs. Thank you, too, for attending our BBQ and visiting with our guests.



Deacon's Benevolence Offering

The Board of Deacons has designated the September "First Sunday" benevolence for the Moscow Food Bank. The rising cost of food is hitting everyone this year, from young families and single workers to retirees. All who live in Latah County are welcome at the Moscow Food Bank. No one is turned away. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, from 2 to 4 p.m. Volunteer workers are from Moscow churches, including the Director, Linda Nickels. The Moscow Food Bank now partners with the Idaho Food Bank, which sends its food truck to Moscow twice a month, bringing fresh dairy, meat, seasonal fruit, and produce. The Moscow Food Bank is also the distribution point for USDA commodity boxes for those 60 and older in Latah County. In addition, Linda Nickels picks up food each week from local grocery stores partnering with Feeding America.

The expanded building, completed in 2021, without stairs or ramps to climb, can be accessed at street level from the alleyway between Polk and Howard streets, off First Street. It features industrial-sized coolers and freezers to store perishable foods. Just in time, as an average of 30 to 40 groups or individuals come in each day. This busy hub also greets gardeners bringing in fresh produce, growers with sacks of potatoes, and Backyard Harvest volunteers with baskets brimming with fruit. Many newcomers to the community come for food now, and later help support food drives.



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. Please Send your contribution to First Presbyterian Church and indicate "Moscow Food Bank" on your check. Thank you for your support.

Groups for Fall

SUNDAY's

9:15 am- Gifts of Empathy class taught by Celeste Brown

9:15 am- Children's Sunday School

10:30 am- Worship

TUESDAY's

12:00 pm- Tuesday Sisters Group

WEDNESDAY's

10:00 am- Men's Bible Project

THURSDAY's

10:30 am- Women's Bible Project

7:00 pm- Praise Team Rehearsal

FAMILY MINISTRY

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We humans like variety, and we like things to stay the same. As C.S. Lewis wrote, the seasons are a wonderful example of the way God has satisfied these preferences in our natural world. Moscow, known for its four seasons, illustrates this as we change from one season to the next, but they cycle reliably through the same seasons each year. Now we are entering a change of seasons as well as a change of activities, as we slip from the openness of summer into the structure and opportunities of the school year. This is equally as true of family ministry as it is of family life.

Fall will bring the return of regular youth group, parent night out and FOON. It also brings new opportunities and seasonal activities. Our church kids will have a chance to help with our September mission outreach to fair workers. The fall FOON season will kick off on September 20, and Parent Night Out dates will be available soon. We will continue to offer children's church during the regular church service.

Starting in September, we'll be having youth group approximately every other week. The Fall dates are as follows

- September 6 and 20
- October 4 (Upstairs) and 18
- November 1, 15 and 29
- December 6

Thank you everyone in the congregation for your support of kids and family ministry. We especially need people on the FOON team, and there are many simple ways to be involved in that ministry. Working with kids can be challenging, but it's also rewarding. Let me know if you are willing to be involved; there are always opportunities to help and serve.

I invite you to pray for me, for the kids in our church and for young people you know in our community. I also want to encourage you to pray for parents. Raising kids always takes a huge amount of time, energy, love and brain power. These days we experience that and try to manage the added layer of technology, screens and social media. That's a lot!

I'm excited to see how God will be at work in my life, in family ministry and in our church this school year. Let's all be on the lookout for where God is at work and join in.

~ Julie

Dinner Together

Join together for a meal and fellowship with members and friends of FPC this fall. Sign up 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.

Family Promise of the Palouse



First Presbyterian Church and our friends from Quail Run Ward are hosting Family Promise guests again on **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.

Peace & Global Witness Offering

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September 3rd- October 1st

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. The 25% of funds designated for our community will be donated to Inland Oasis.



Celebrating 10 years of Family Promise at FPC Moscow and Quail Run Ward

Our first Wednesday Supper Fellowship of the Fall will be September 20 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will take the opportunity to celebrate the ten years that Family Promise of the Palouse has been serving the Moscow-Pullman community, providing housing and resources for maintaining housing. We will celebrate our volunteers from both FPC and Quail Run Ward and provide information and answer questions about the program. Please join us for a ham and potato salad dinner and learn how you can participate in this valuable mission in our community.

Our second WSF on Sept 27 at 6pm 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 am– Sunday Worship	4	5 7:00 pm– Scouts	6 6:30 pm– Youth Group	7 7:00 pm– Praise Team	8	9
10 9:15 am– Sunday School <u>10:30 am– Sunday Worship</u> 5:30 pm- Lael Vespers	11	12 12:00 pm– Tuesday Sisters 7:00 pm– Scouts	13	14 7:00 pm– Praise Team	15	16
17 9:15 am– Sunday School 10:30 am– Sunday Worship	18 7:00 pm– Deacons	19 12:00 pm– Tuesday Sisters 3:30 pm– Prayer Shawl Ministries 7:00 pm– Scouts	20 5:00 pm– Wednesday Supper Fellowship 6:30 pm– Youth Group	21 7:00 pm– Praise Team	22	23
24 9:15 am– Sunday School 10:30 am– Sunday Worship	25 7:00 pm– Session	26 12:00 pm– Tuesday Sisters 7:00 pm– Scouts	27 5:00 pm– Wednesday Supper Fellowship	28 7:00 pm– Praise Team	29	30 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><i>Family Promise Week Starts</i></div>



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