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News & Views

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PASTOR

I am just back from a trip to see my daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren. I so appreciate the opportunity to be able to visit and be part of their lives for these brief two weeks. I suspect many of us find this time of year a time to think about travelling to see friends and family or simply to take a vacation. Summer months tend to be a time to slow down a bit. Certainly, our community seems to be less hectic when college and schools are not in session.

While we do not have as much happening at church with our Sunday School for adults and our Bible Project groups taking a hiatus, we do have activities going on. We continue to have worship, albeit at 9:30 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m. We are looking forward to our Vacation Bible School week on the 19th through the 23rd of June. And we will have a Vespers service at Lael on June 25 at 5:30 p.m. where we will celebrate and look back at the VBS that we had the week prior. Julie is providing everyone the opportunity to Stay and Play on Sunday mornings after church to engage children and youth and the young at heart in outdoor games and fellowship. And, as the summer progresses, we will have other opportunities.

For indeed, while the rhythms of our lives vary, I believe we need the constancy of faith and grace to renew our spirits and to encourage us through the ups and downs, the busy times and the quieter times. I often find it is when things don't seem quite so busy that I find time for renewing prayer, reading scripture and other insightful books, and reestablishing my spiritual life. For too often, I do let the business of other times of the year interfere with these practices that engage me in my relationship with God.

I hope you have a blessed summer and do find time to relax and refresh and perhaps to re-engage with God in some way as well.

Grace and peace,

Norman



Deacons' Benevolence Offering for June

The June benevolence offering will go to our church's campership fund, allowing FPC to award camperships to our children and youth who want to attend Camp Spalding. Like groceries and gasoline, the cost of camp is rising—over \$500 now for a week-long camp. Your contribution can make a difference for the kids and families in our church.

Camp Spalding offers summer camps that range across the lifespan: family, Mom/Dad and me, upper elementary grades, junior high and high school. There are also weekend camps and retreats for men, women and youth in the off season. Your financial assistance can keep camp attendance within reach for folks in our church family. Currently we have as many as six you interested in attending.



To quote the camp director, Camp Spalding provides "a place away from the daily routine for campers to clearly hear, consider and respond to Jesus' invitation to follow" and is "complementary to the mission of area youth groups and churches: providing on-going fellowship, teaching and mentoring during the school year to support that growing relationship with Jesus." This means that camp experiences can catalyze a response in the lives of kids that can be nurtured and encouraged through the church when they come home again.

Thank you for helping with this important work through your June benevolence giving. Make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with "camperships" in the memo line. Checks may be mailed to the church or put in the offering plate on Sunday morning. You may also give online via Tithe.ly <https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246>



Save the Dates! — Lael Summer Vespers Services

June 25, 2023

Vespers service with a VBS theme; potluck dessert to follow

July 23, 2023

August 13, 2023

Watch for details in coming email and bulletin announcements.

News Briefs

The Tuesday Sisters group will only be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month during the summer. We will gather at noon in the church library on June 13, July 11, and August 8.

Local Mission Opportunity: Family Promise Backroom/Backyard Cleanup and BBQ on June 17th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gritman has plans to do renovations to the back half of the building used by the Family Promise Day Center. Family Promise has been using it as storage space for some of the furniture items and other donations that they have received, but now it needs to be cleared out. They will be donating or tossing items that they will not be able to keep. Any volunteers who come can take any of these surplus items. Once the storage area is cleaned up, volunteers will do some yard work and have a BBQ! Questions? Contact Family Promise at 208-882-0165 or familypromisepalouse.org.

Attention Elders!

Session's June meeting is
SUNDAY, JUNE 11
at 6 p.m.

Please let Pastor Norman know whether you will be attending, so we know if we will have a quorum.



Join us on Father's Day
June 18th, from 9.00am to 12.30pm
1912 Center, Moscow, ID

PRICE \$15, CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE.

MENU: Potato-egg casserole (vegetarian or meat),
muffins, bagels, fruit salad, coffee, tea

The mission of Sojourners' Alliance is to confront the barriers that lead to hunger, homelessness, and poverty through direct intervention with those in need by providing a safe and comfortable living environment while receiving intensive case management. We are actively engaged in community efforts to address root issues while advocating for those in need.

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FAMILY MINISTRY

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Good-bye school, hello summer! May ended with our last FOON of the school year, and now we're looking forward to summer fun. On Memorial Day weekend, besides moving church time to 9:30, we inaugurated our **Stay and Play** program for the summer. Throughout the summer, folks of all ages are invited to stay after church to hang out on the front lawn of the church and play yard games like corn hole, croquet, badminton and more. Kathy Warren even offered to take walks during this time frame with those who would rather walk than play.

June also marks the beginning of **camp season**, and there are several young people from our church who will be spending time at Camp Spalding. If you can help with camperships, the June Deacons' Benevolence offering is going to help send kids to camp. Kids have fun and experience God at camp in ways that don't happen in their everyday lives. These experiences can lead to growth and dovetail with kids' spiritual development at home and church.



Vacation Bible School



Feed Heal Forgive Pray Rest

First Presbyterian Church

405 South Van Buren Street, Moscow

June 19 – 23, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily

Open to all children age 4 through entering 5th grade

Vacation Bible School is approaching quickly. This year's VBS theme is *Operation Restoration: Mending God's World*, and it will be held June 19-23 from 9:00-11:30. All kids from age four through those entering 5th grade are welcome. The week's themes are: feed, heal, forgive, pray and rest.

Registration forms are available in the church office. Monday of VBS week is Juneteenth, so we will include a celebration of the holiday. Because it is a new national holiday and occurs outside the school year, we are glad to have a chance to include it in our VBS program.

I'm excited because the content of our VBS this year is applicable to all ages. If you are able to help with VBS, you will have the opportunity to learn along with the kids and grow in your life of faith.

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Family Ministry *...continued from previous page*

Our VBS Kids Need You!!

Youth and adult volunteers are needed to help with a variety of tasks before, during, and after VBS. Please look over the list below and consider how you can help make VBS a success and support the children of this congregation and the local community. If you have questions or want to offer your help, you can contact Julie Everest at familyministryjulie@gmail.com or 208-882-0700.

Small Group Leader	Bible Story Leader
Publicity/photography	
Worship Leader	Art & Science Leader
snacks	Prepare/serve
Drama Leader	Games Leader
Drama participant	Prepare arts & crafts
Music Leader	Service Learning Coord.
needed	Set up or Clean up
	Donate Supplies/Snacks
	Other help as

~Julie

Deacons Spotlight

For this month's Deacon's Spotlight, I would like to present to you, Lee Cortner Adam. According to Lee, he has lived in numerous places. When he was asked where he grew up, the list comprised of Arizona (on the Navaho Reservation), California, and Washington, although, he has been living in Moscow since 2016. He is currently, training to become a Personal Trainer and ultimately, he would like to receive his certification in this field. Lee is planning on using his training primarily within the family and friends. He additionally, has been working part time assisting his mother.

Lee's hobbies are playing the guitar, exercising (which includes running), going for hikes, walking his dog, and doing puzzles (which he likes a lot).

Keeping up with his friends and their activities via The Face Book is another favorite activity.

I, really, enjoyed talking with Lee. is a very amiable young man and we are extremely lucky to have him attending our church and apart of our church family.

~Manny Sheibany

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.

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>9:30 a.m.– Sunday Wor- ship</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>9:30 a.m.– Sunday Wor- ship</i>	12	13 <i>12:00 pm– Tues. Sisters Group 5:00 pm– Scouts in the Library</i>	14 <i>7:00 p.m.– Choir</i>	15	16 <i>11:00 a.m.– Doris Billingsley’s Memorial Service</i>	17
18 <i>9:30 a.m.– Sunday Wor- ship</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 <i>9:30 a.m.– Sunday Wor- ship Lael Vespers</i>	26	27	28	29	30	

VBS 2023 9:00-11:30 am

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>9:30 a.m.– Sunday Wor- ship</i>	3	4 Happy Fourth of July! The office is closed	5	6	7	8
9 <i>9:30 a.m.– Sunday Wor- ship</i>	10	11 12:00 p.m.– Tues. Sisters Group	12	13	14	15
16 <i>9:30 a.m.– Sunday Wor- ship</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>9:30 a.m.– Sunday Wor- ship</i> Lael Vespers	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <i>9:30 a.m.– Sunday Wor- ship</i>	31					



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“Growing in Christ”

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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