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News & Views

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**Summer Worship
Schedule
continues through
Labor Day weekend:
worship at 9:30 a.m.**

**We return to our
regular schedule on
September 9:
Sunday School for all
ages at 9:15 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.**



When I decided to use the Book of Confessions to create a summer series for worship, I was uncertain how accomplish the task. I had never done a series like this before, and, I found I needed to do more background work than I expected. Yet, I have found the series enriching and I hope you have as well. I don't often spend time thinking about the life and struggles of those who attempted to be faithful followers of Jesus after about 200 AD. The story of the spread of Christian faith and its impact over time is fascinating. Each of the creeds, confessions and catechisms reflects the life and struggles, the beliefs and hopes of people in their own contexts and historical epochs.

I have found this review instructive, and it helps me realize that I have a much easier situation than many of the faithful in the past. I have been inspired by their faithfulness in word and deed. As we finish the series up, I am again reminded how Jesus Christ is Lord of all of our lives and how easy it is to relegate his Lordship to just a portion of our daily life. The courage of many of the folks involved in producing these confessions inspires me. They were able to translate their belief into the way they lived their lives, and sometimes paid dearly for standing firm in their faith.

Some of the problems addressed in the confessions are still with us today, but perhaps we have always struggled with idolatry and separated ourselves into "us" and "them." While religion is sometimes blamed for divisiveness, I see in Jesus' teachings, just as in many of the confessions, that we are really all God's children and are not to show partiality, for our God does not (Romans 2:11). While we often focus on our individual lives, faith, and struggles, scripture addresses itself to groups, communities, and nations as well as to individuals. We are accountable to God as a community, not just as individuals.

We live in a time when we struggle with divisiveness that does not seem good or healthy. Furthermore, the inability agree on

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what is good makes achieving good goals impractical. Our confessions remind us, just as Jesus does, that we are to choose to do good and reject evil, to promote justice and righteousness, and to care for the least among us. Jesus came to be a servant, and he calls his followers to do the same.

It is clear to me that scripture taught the faithful throughout history the foundations of their faith and helped them understand what it means to serve God rather than any idol. Scripture informs our lives, steeps us in faith, and invites us on the journey through life with Christ. Remembering the importance of scripture also reminds me how easy it is to become so busy that I forget to take time to read scripture, to let my life be led by scripture, and to take up its challenge to live life more fully through following Jesus.

This fall, we will again use The Bible Project to help us take a fresh look at the scriptures and the message we find there. We will think about the stories that show us the way to faith and the things that are important to God. In the process, by sharing our own stories we will build relationships with one another. As The Bible Project conversation groups are formed, please avail yourself of the opportunity to participate and see how scripture might speak to us anew. You can find more information about The Bible Project on Page 6 of this newsletter.

I hope you are having a great summer, managing to dodge the worst of the heat, and enjoying the slower pace that generally comes with the season.

Grace and peace,
Norman

Save the Date for Fall Welcome Back Barbecue

Please plan on coming to our annual "Welcome Back Barbecue" to be held on the front lawn of the church on Sunday, September 9, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The community looks forward to this every year, and we are eager to welcome our friends and neighbors.

We will be having burgers and hot dogs from Vandal Meats, veggie burgers, and delicious side dishes, salads, and desserts supplied by our congregation. Beverages and tableware will be provided. David Roon will entertain us with live music.

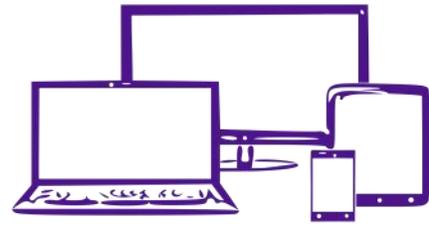
Watch for the sign up sheet in late August to let us know what side dish you plan to bring to the barbecue.

Please contact the church office (208-882-4122) office@fpcmoscow.org or Mary Jo Van Gerpen (208-883-3768) maryjovg@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



Let's Get Digital!

FPC is planning a Digital Day to be held in the Chapel Room later this month or in early September. Our goal is to gather together people who want to know more about social media, web sites, blogs, etc. and connect them with people who can share this knowledge. We envision hands on, real time demonstrations on how to access the church web site, how to boost FPC's presence on Google, how to read the church newsletter or pastor's sermons online, and how to access the e-edition of the church directory. We will also show how to view photos and other postings on the church Facebook page and join the church Facebook Group.



To pull this off, **we need 5 or 6 people who have these skills to teach others. If you are high tech or low tech, but can show others how to accomplish these functions, please contact Mary Read, idahoreader@gmail.com.** We need your knowledge so others in our congregation can learn how to keep pace with FPC's comings and goings. As soon as we have a group of "teachers," we will find a common date and schedule this event. Thanks for sharing your knowledge and experience.

Have a Song, a Poem, or a Story to Share?

The Outreach Team is planning an Open Mic Night! We will focus on music, storytelling, and poetry, and hope to open the event to the general public. If you or someone you know has a song, story, or poem to share, or you are interested in helping with logistics and planning, please contact Mary Read, idahoreader@gmail.com.



Family Promise Host Week Will Soon Be Here



Our next host week for Family Promise is September 9-16. The online SignUp Genius is live now at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4DAAAD22AAF94-family11 for you early birds who like to grab your favorite time slot. The paper version of the signup will be set up in the narthex soon.

All ages and stages can contribute to this church and community-wide effort. We need volunteers! If you would like more information or have been thinking about volunteering to help families working toward housing stability, please contact me at 208.301.0146 or idahoreader@gmail.com. I would enjoy sharing more about the importance of Family Promise in our community.

Mary Read, Family Promise Volunteer Coordinator

For New Moms and Moms-to-Be

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is a group for expectant mothers and moms of young children. Come to relax, chat, make friendships and be encouraged. Great speakers, fun crafts, hot coffee and provided childcare. If you are a mom of children newborn to first grade, you should come to MOPS!

Our passion at the Moscow Pullman MOPS group is to make sure that no mother is lonely. With little ones at home, new moms can sometimes feel isolated and underappreciated. We want to come alongside any mothers with young children and encourage them, equip them, and help them build friendships with other mothers sharing the same joys and struggles, while also leading them closer to Christ or introducing them to Christ for the first time. You can find out more about MOPS International at mops.org.

Help us spread the news so that no young mother has to go through the trials of motherhood alone. Our kick off event is August 24th at 7 p.m. See details in the box at right. The first regular meeting is September 4th at Trinity Baptist Church at 711 Fairview Dr, Moscow ID, from 9-11 a.m. Contact Rachel Moore at 719-248-8181 for more information, or find us on Facebook under Moscow Pullman MOPS.

Moscow/Pullman MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers

If you are a Mom of preschool aged children (newborn thru first grade) come connect with other mothers who are in the same stage of life, and can share the joys and hard work of raising little ones!



Join us for our Amazing Race/Scavenger Hunt Kickoff!

August 24th
7:00 PM



Trinity Baptist Church
No childcare is provided for this event

This will be a great way to learn more about MOPS and to start off our year!

Contact Rachel Moore at 719-248-8181 for more information

Child Caregivers Needed

Moscow/Pullman MOPS is looking to hire child care workers. Shifts are for two to three hours on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 9-11 a.m., late August through May. There are opportunities for more hours and additional pay for Supervisor positions. Enjoy time working with children while serving a wonderful cause—helping mothers. Meetings are held at Trinity Baptist Church, 711 Fairview Dr, Moscow. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Background check required. Apply today! Contact Jennifer Riddlemoser at 208-874-2857.



BOY SEEKING CELLO

One of our youth members is looking to buy a full-sized cello to replace his current half-sized instrument. If you have any leads, please contact the [church office](#).

Finance Report

As of July 31, 2018



	July	YTD
Receipts	\$ 33,640	\$ 165,436
Disbursements	\$ 20,825	\$ 170,094
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$4,659)
Cash Balance (checking/savings)		\$19,521*

* Includes Capital Campaign funds and prepaid pledges @ \$19,890

Campus Christian Center News

The University of Idaho students will soon be back to campus and we hope they will discover The Center and the ministry of the Campus Christian Center.

The Moscow Food Co-op, new to The Center since last January, is located through the front door and provides barista coffee, sandwiches, and other foods "to go" or "eat in." But this is not all that happens at The Center.

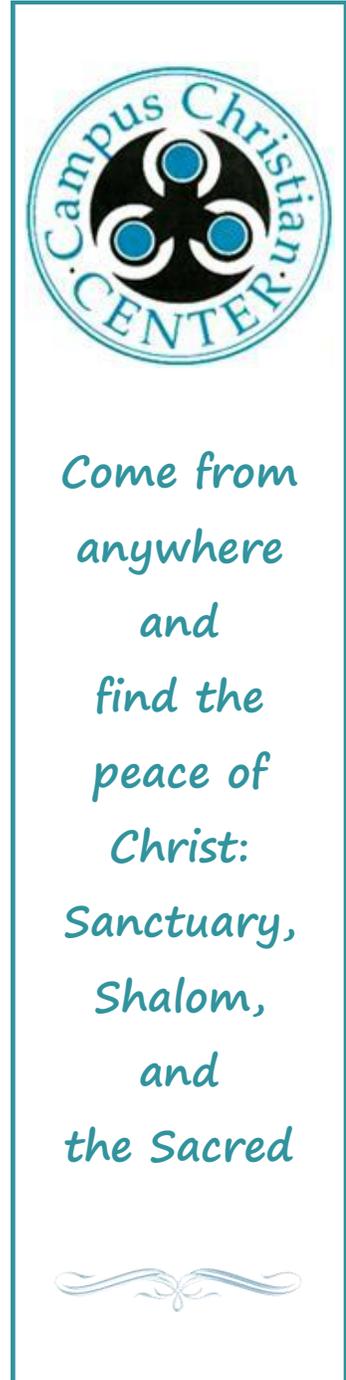
The Center building also houses the Campus Christian Center, a Christ-centered ministry to college students. University of Idaho peer ministers representing the sponsoring churches implement creative ideas for programs that provide fun and fellowship as well as spiritual development. Jasper Wallen represents our church as a peer minister. Dawn Beamish serves as the Director of the Campus Christian Center and also implements programming and gives direction to all that goes on. The supporting churches are vital to the Campus Christian Center and provide support in a variety of ways.

The ministry of the Campus Christian Center has scheduled a particular outreach or welcoming event each day of the first week of class at the UI. As our contribution, First Presbyterian's campus ministry will offer a pulled-pork dinner at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 24, to welcome and get to know new and returning students. If you would like to provide a side dish for this meal, please contact [Pastor Norman](#) or [Jeremiah](#).

This year the Campus Christian Center's "Welcome Barbecue" lunch for students will be on Monday, August 20th, from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Our church has been asked to provide drinks, ice, and a grill. We are planning on serving 150 students. If members of our congregation would like to provide a monetary donation to help with this cost, checks can be made out to "Idaho Institute of Christian Education" or to "The Campus Christian Center" with "Student Picnic" in the memo line. Contact [Mary Jo](#) if you have questions.

The Campus Christian Center Board is looking for a few more people to serve on the board. Presently, Pastor Norman serves as board president. Dale Everson and Mary Jo Van Gerpen serve as board members, and they would be happy to talk with you about serving in this capacity.

Please pray for the ministry of the Campus Christian Center, our efforts in campus ministry, and for students as they arrive and begin the new school year.



In the Mailbox: Notes from a couple of our Camp Spalding campers

I want to thank the church for helping me go to arts camp this year. I don't think I could have gone and had such amazing experiences without your help. Not only did I learn more and improve in my arts, but I also met lots of incredible people and made some really wonderful friends. Thank you again!

Thank you, church family, for helping me go to arts camp. I really enjoyed playing my cello. Thank you so much.



The Bible Project Gatherings

The Bible Project is a non-profit animation studio that produces short-form, fully animated videos to make the biblical story accessible to everyone, everywhere. They create videos, podcasts, and study guides that explore the Bible's unified story.

The Bible is a divine-human book that speaks God's word to his people. The Bible Project believes it ultimately points us to Jesus, who has the power to change individuals and whole communities when we let the biblical story speak for itself.



The Bible Project's focus is on the Bible's overarching themes and each book's literary design and are committed to understanding the Bible in its historical context.

At First Presbyterian Church, we embed this video in a discussion around the themes of the video and our experience with these themes. Several groups gathered last spring to watch and converse about these videos and their themes. The original series we used was titled, "How to Read the Bible" and explored the nature of the biblical story and literary components of the story that add depth and meaning to the text.

We are inviting everyone to join a Bible Project study group this fall. We will be inviting you to specific groups as we get closer to the start of our fall schedule.

By Popular Demand — Bill's BBQ Sauce

Fanny Farmer BBQ Sauce, as interpreted by Bill Ward

This is the starting point for the recipe I used to make the BBQ sauce for the pulled pork sandwiches at Lael on July 8. I made a few changes which I will try to capture. The original recipe says it makes 1 -2 cups. I assumed that meant one cup and upped the quantities to make a gallon. I ended up with 2 ½ gallons. I have lots of leftover BBQ sauce in the freezer.

Expected Quantity: approx 2 – 2 ½ cups, give or take, depending on what you add in!

- 2 T butter
- 1 medium onion, grated (I used a food processor and just chopped it up)
- 2 cloves minced garlic (I put it in with the onion in the food processor)
- ¼ t salt (I think I forgot this. Oops.)
- 1 T chili powder
- 4 T brown sugar
- 4 T vinegar (I used 3)
- 4 T Worcestershire sauce (went a bit over on this)
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 t Tabasco sauce (I used Tapatia sauce since that's what I had)
- 2 cups water for thin, 1 cup for thick. (I used just enough to wash out the ketchup bottles—less than ½ cup per these quantities)



Melt butter and sauté onions and garlic.

Add water and remaining ingredients.

Simmer 30 minutes over med-low heat. I simmered it for a couple hours to thicken.

Here's the rest of the caveats: I'm not exactly sure how much chili powder I used as I put it in a couple times to get the flavor right. Ditto the Worcestershire and Tapatia sauces. Even tho I only used ¾ of the vinegar, I added a little extra brown sugar because I thought it was too tart. I also added some HOT chipotle powder to give it a touch extra bite and flavor.

FAMILY MINISTRY

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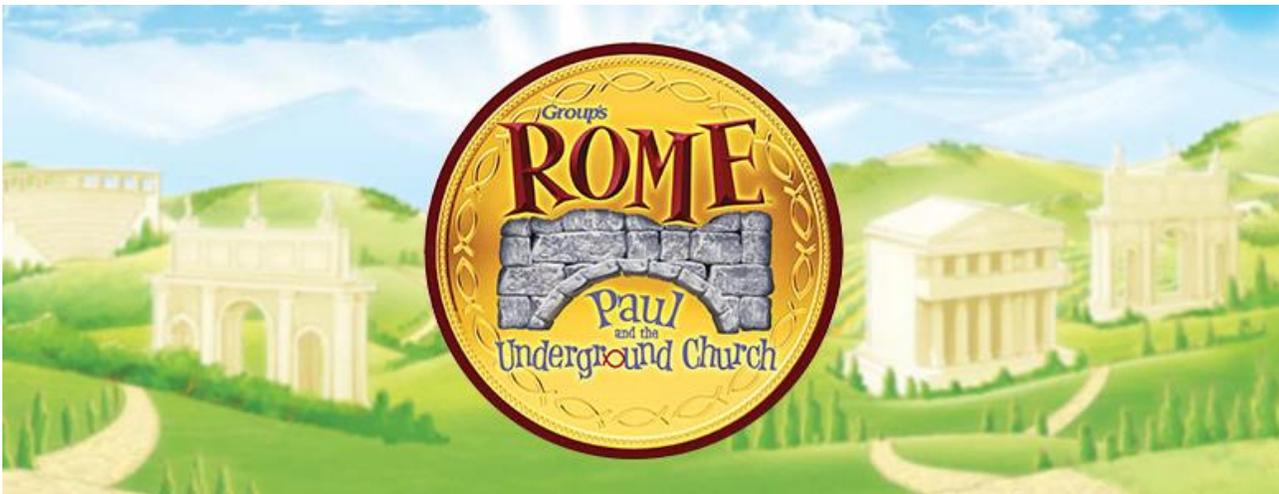
Vacation Bible School

August 13-17, 2018

9:00-11:30 a.m.

For children age 4 – entering Grade 5

FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!



Register today!

(Download registration form here)

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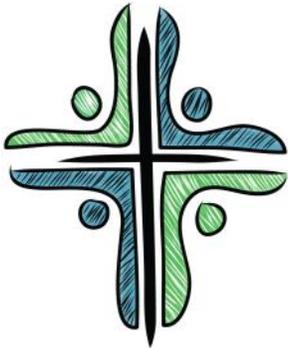
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August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:30a Worship 5p Lael Vespers	6	7	8	9 6:30a Men's Group at Shari's	10	11
12 9:30a Worship	13	14	15	16 6:30a Men's Group at Shari's	17	18
Vacation Bible School 9—11:30 a.m.						
19 9:30a Worship	20 6p Strategic Team 7p Deacons 7p Session	21 3:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30p Stephen Ministers	22	23 6:30a Men's Group at Shari's	24	25
26 9:30a Worship	27 7p Boy Scouts	28	29 6p Youth Group	30 6:30a Men's Group at Shari's	31 6p Wedding rehearsal	1 3p Wedding



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First Presbyterian Church

"Growing in Christ"

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Followed by coffee fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
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