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News & Views

FAMILY MINISTRY

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It has been a fun, busy summer. July, in particular, was very full. Vacation Bible School and Camp Spalding's Arts Camp were back to back weeks, keeping both me and my Youth Group volunteers very busy. Overall, 4 present and 2 recent Youth Group members helped with VBS, as well as 4 Youth Group kids attending Camp. I am very grateful for the time that is granted in those activities. VBS grants me 15 hours of facetime with the youth and children of the church, while camp counseling is exponentially more. By contrast, a semester of youth groups is about 30 total hours. Mission and camps simply cannot be matched in terms of discipleship and relationship building.

Youth were not my only VBS volunteers. It is humbling how many from our church serve to make VBS a fruitful time. While every volunteer deserves an individual thank you, here is a list of all of the people who worked together to craft an amazing VBS for the kids:

Barbara Aaron, Sally Amador, Bryson Armstrong, Mia Berrett, Anais Bieghler, Warren Case, Dennis Feeney, Norman Fowler, Adeila Hopper, Rowan Hopper, Julie Hopper, David Howard, Nadine Morton, Kathy Pitman, Susan Roberts, Marissa Rudley, Jasper Wallen, Lauren Wenny

FOON:

From the office of "good problems to have", last year FOON exploded in attendance. As a result, I needed to increase the pizza order from 10 to 12 pizzas. This has left us needing to raise some additional money this Fall to cover our pizza outreach. Stay tuned for future fundraisers. Also, I would love to regenerate a Foon "snack crew" this fall. If you are interested in satiating some hungry teens with tasty treats, let me know!

FROM THE



Pastor Norman is on vacation. Look for his column next month.

PASTOR

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Youth and Children's Volunteer Opportunities:

School in the Moscow School District begins on August 28th, which I have been informed is this month (seriously, how is that possible?!). I am always on the lookout for new volunteers, specifically in our Sunday School classrooms. Donan is eager to train a second teacher in Godly Play (Sunday School for the younger kids) and we can always use classrooms aids.

Nursery Helper Needed:

Brianna continues to be a stalwart of the Nursery, but we are in need of a second worker. We have money in the budget to hire someone who is available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during Supper. Please pass on anyone you know who might be interested. Also, if you are willing to be a fill-in person on Sunday mornings, please let me know.

August Parents' Night Out:

For all you parents who could use a kid-free date night or some quiet down time, our next Parents' Night Out is August 30 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. here at church. For more information or to reserve space for your child/children, contact me by August 27.

~ Jeremiah

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 8, 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,



Welcome Friends
and Neighbors!

salads, and desserts supplied by our congregation. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

We are just beginning on the planning so if you would like to help in some way, contact Mary Jo Van Gerpen at 208-883-3768 or email maryjovg@yahoo.com to see how you can assist.



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE
continues through
August with
Worship at 9:30 a.m.**

Worship will change back to 10:30 a.m. on September 1.

Sunday School resumes on September 8 at 9:15 a.m.

Deacons' Spotlight — Dianne Daley Laursen, Deacon Moderator

Our family has lived in Moscow since 2002. I was raised an Army brat and, until I married Steve, moved at least every 2 years across the nation and internationally. In these years I developed an insatiable love of geographic and cultural diversity. Our family continues to travel extensively. We have also brought the world to our family through numerous international student and faculty hosting opportunities, with beautiful people of all faiths that have enriched our lives. We are blessed raising our children, Anna - 21, and Kieren-20, in Moscow and in the FPC Moscow family.



Within FPC, I am on my second 3-year term as a deacon. It is an honor to give back a small measure of the love and support our family has received from our church family. Through the years, I have served as a Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School asst. director, mission trip organizer, served on the Lael Board and strategic committee, charter representative for BSA Troop 344 and the new girls Troop 333, as well as a Girl Scout leader, and since Kieren's high school graduation taken over for him in delivering our church's gifts to Moscow food pantries. Other than our weekly worship services (I sit in the front so only a few can see me get emotional!), I have cherished getting to serve and know other church members through Camp Spalding, youth, and Nicaragua mission trips.

Most of my professional career, I was a round hole peg in a round hole, as a forester. A few career highlights: national manager for Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl programs, Information officer for the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (visiting our continent's most wild and remote wildernesses- Yipee!), and managing the Appalachian Trail in New England for the USFS. No surprise, my soul is filled spending time in nature hiking, boating, camping, backpacking and just walking the dog!

I am an active community volunteer, serving on 9 community non-profit boards, and starting 2 non-profits. I am an avid reader and cherish the intellectual and life support of my book clubs. Steve and I are in the process of retiring and hope to serve in the Peace Corps in Panama for 27 months starting in January 2020. We will continue to make Moscow home.

I was raised a Catholic by a marginally practicing father and a southern Baptist mother. My faith was nurtured by Young Life in high school and InterVarsity in college. My favorite bible book is Ephesians. My favorite verse is Micah 6:8. "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." I am blessed by God's mercy, love and grace, and by his love shining through so many in my life. My deepest thanks, love and respect for all those in our church family. You have blessed me!

Sunday Coffee Hour — Food and Fellowship

Every Sunday after worship, at First Presbyterian we have a different treat team that supplies treats to go along with the coffee. Our loyal barista week after week is Jack Camm. We have 9 treat teams that serve on a rotating basis. Since January, we have lost a few members from treat teams, so some teams could use extra help. That being said, our church has done an excellent job of offering hospitality to newcomers week after week and tasty morsels for the rest of us as we catch up with our church family. If you would like to be on a treat team, contact Mary Jo Van Gerpen at 208-883-3768 or maryjovg@yahoo.com or the church office at 208-882-4122 or email office@fpcmoscow.org. If you decide to join a team, your turn will come up every 9th week.



News Briefs

STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM will meet on Monday, August 19 at 6 p.m. in the chapel room. All ministry coordinators should plan to attend.

SESSION AND DEACONS will meet Monday, August 19 at 7 p.m. (separate meetings, same time).

WEDNESDAY SUPPER FELLOWSHIP will begin mid September. There are many jobs to be filled including set up crew, cooks, and clean up crew and we would love to see some new faces filling these positions. For an opportunity to volunteer in this ministry, please contact Ellen Johansen at ellenjo52@gmail.com or 208-301-1931.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES GROUP will have its final two meetings on August 21 and 28 at 11 a.m. in the church library. The group is led by Helen Brown, and offers a more in-depth look at the spiritual disciplines that go along with Pastor Norman’s summer sermon series. All are welcome.

An Invitation from Joann Jones — Save the Date!

Joann Jones will be in Moscow on September 4 and would love to see her friends from the Moscow community at one or both of the following events.

First, at the 1912 Center from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on September 4th, Joann will be giving a history talk. Topics will include Women’s Social Clubs at the turn of the 20th Century, the Student Express, and nearby history close to Joann’s heart—truck farming near where she grew up. Joann plans to write books based on these and other “Nearby History” subjects.

Afterwards, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., Joann invites her church family and friends to get together in Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian to help celebrate these milestones with her:

- Joann’s birthday (Sept. 4)
- Joann and Dick’s 50th Anniversary
- The improvement and continuing advancement in Joann’s mobility since her stem cell treatment last month.



Joann has been gone from Moscow for a year now and she is looking forward to seeing everyone and catching up on what’s been happening. Please plan to come say hello.



SUMMER CHOIR

Come one, come all! Sing with our summer choir on Sunday, August 18. The anthem will be a setting of “The Lord’s Prayer” by Barbara Honeyball. One rehearsal only on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. Warm up in the choir room on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Guest director is Andrea Falk.

Finance Report



As of June 30, 2019

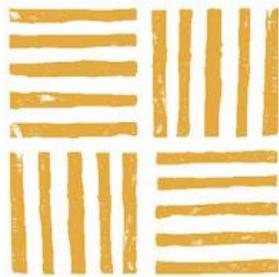
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Receipts	\$ 22,625	\$ 142,747
Disbursements	\$ 21,954	\$ 148,278
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$5,531)
Cash Balance (checking/savings)	\$ 17,317*	

*includes prepaid pledges for 2019 @ \$19,600



Troop 344 News

Congratulations to Troop 344's newest Eagle Scout, Aaron Ulliman, who passed his Eagle Board of Review on August 8. Aaron is the son of Mark and Ann Ulliman.



Music that Makes Community

Come Sing!

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is delighted to host two days of "Music that Makes Community" (MCC) on Sunday August 18 and Monday August 19 in Moscow with MMC Executive Director Paul Vasile.

COMMUNITY SING – Sunday, August 18 from 5-7 p.m. at the Uma Center, 414 S. Jefferson in Moscow. No musical experience is required. Come sing songs that enliven the spirit, nourish the soul, and remind us that we are not alone. No charge to participate or listen in. Freewill donations will benefit Music that Makes Community and St. Mark's Weekend Food for Kids program.

SONGS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS – Monday, August 19 from 6-8:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 111 S. Jefferson in Moscow. At this evening workshop, participants will explore what we can sing when life is painful, anxious, and traumatic, and experience how singing comforts and mends our communities, inspiring us to compassionate response. A light supper will be provided. The cost of the workshop is \$20 at the door. Please RSVP to St. Mark's member and event coordinator Rebecca Stevens: 208-997-8029 or rbsmtx@gmail.com.

To learn more about MMC, check out their [website](#). Or watch [this video](#) (or plenty more on youtube).

Moscow Pullman MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

MOPS is a Christ-centered organization where expectant mothers and mothers of young children can make friendships and be encouraged in motherhood. Having little ones at home can sometimes feel isolating and underappreciated, and the Moscow Pullman MOPS group is passionate about making sure that no mother is lonely.



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 who are between the ages of newborn to first grade, come to MOPS!

A kick-off event is September 9th @ 7:00 PM At Trinity Baptist Church. This will be a great way to learn more about MOPS and to start off the year. No childcare is provided for the kick off event.

Moscow-Pullman
MOPs



The first regular meeting is September 17th at Trinity Baptist, 711 Fairview Dr, Moscow ID from 9-11 AM. Subsequent meetings are October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19, and December 3 & 17.

Contact Rachel Moore @ 208-882-0738 for more information, or find them on Facebook under Moscow Pullman MOPS. You can find out more about MOPS International at mops.org.

Palouse Choral Society Auditions



Palouse Choral Society's Children's Choir is comprised of children with treble voices in grades 4 through 8 and rehearses in Moscow on Sunday afternoons. Stephanie Sant directs the Children's Choir. Sign up for an audition time at palousechoralsociety.org

The Palouse Choral Society adult choir will also have auditions soon. Sign up online at palousechoralsociety.org/adult-auditions/. The adult choir and PCS Chamber Choir are under the direction of Paul Thompson.

For more information:

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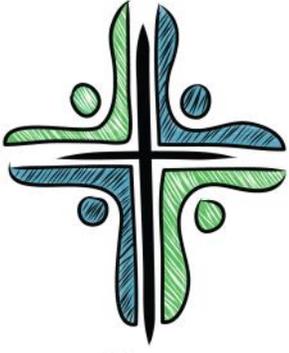


August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30a Worship (Lauren Hunter in the pulpit)	5	6 6p Eagle Board of Review	7	8 5:30p Praise Team	9	10
11 9:30a Worship (Bruce Pitman in the pulpit)	12	13	14 7p Summer Choir rehearsal	15 5:30p Lael Board	16	17
FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK						
18 9:30a Worship (Pastor Norman back)	19 6p Strategic Team 7p Deacons 7p Session	20 9a-3p Moscow Classical Conversations 3:30p Prayer Shawl Min.	21 11a Spiritual Disciplines Group 5:30p T333 & 344 Committee	22	23	24
FAMILY PROMISE NEUTRAL SITE WEEK HOSTED BY TROY & PALOUSE RIVER LDS WARDS						
25 9:30a Worship (Pastor Norman)	26	27 9a-3p Moscow Classical Conversations	28 11a Spiritual Disciplines Group	29	30 5:30-8:30p Parents' Night Out	31

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NOTE TIME CHANGE 10:30a Worship	2 LABOR DAY Office Closed	3 9a-3p Moscow Classical Conversations	4 6:30p Joann Jones birthday/ anniversary celebration at FPC 7p Chancel Choir	5 5:30p Praise Team	6	7
8 9:15a Sun. School for all ages 10:30a Worship 5p Fall BBQ	9	10 9a-3p Moscow Classical Conversations	11 7p Chancel Choir	12 5:30p Praise Team	13	14



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First Presbyterian Church
"Growing in Christ"

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Followed by coffee fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Summer Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Closed Friday

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