

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18

TAIZÉ WORSHIP ONLINE A pre-recorded video service of scripture, prayer, music, and meditation will be posted on YouTube at 5 p.m. each Wednesday for you to watch at your convenience. You can find the Taizé videos on our You Tube Channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCzTiJBUB4fHAgVPGn5rgag>

WE ARE BACK IN THE SANCTUARY FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Session has approved plans to open the sanctuary to in-person worship on October 18. as long as specific guidelines are followed. All who want to attend the 10:30 a.m. service will be **required to make a reservation each week**, since attendance will be limited to allow for proper distancing between individuals/families. Reservations can be made online at <https://forms.gle/XeQYFCLaGxXPFsgP9>, or you may call 208-882-4122 and leave a message. Masks must be worn. A letter containing more information was mailed to the congregation this week. You may also find more details on our website: <http://fpcmoscow.org/covidworship.aspx>. The Sunday morning in-person option will be in addition to the online worship livestream of this same in-person service. We will monitor the spread of COVID-19 in Moscow and follow recommendations from Public Health as well as City leaders to determine whether it is safe to continue to meet in the weeks ahead.

SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

The sanctuary will be open for personal prayer and meditation on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to drop in for up to an hour of silent reflection. Masks and social distancing required. Please sign in and out, and follow posted safety protocol.

WORSHIP ON THE LAWN SUNDAY EVENING AT 5 P.M.

Weather permitting, we will have our last evening service on the lawn this Sunday, October 18. If you plan to attend, **please** use this online reservation form: <https://forms.gle/67paJZ9EPqQHiczXA>. If we have to cancel due to weather, we will notify everyone who has made a reservation by 4 p.m. Sunday.

DEACONS' BENEVOLENCE OFFERING FOR OCTOBER

The October benevolence offering will go toward fire relief to help people affected by wildfires in Orofino, Colfax, Malden, Pine City, and surrounding areas. To give to this cause, you may mail a check to First Presbyterian Church (memo: October Benevolence), 405 S. Van Buren, Moscow, ID 83843 or give online via Tithe.ly <https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246>

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING OCTOBER 25

May the God of peace give you peace at all times in all ways.

— 2 Thessalonians 3:16

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. 25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community through the Latah Human Rights Task Force. 25% will go to our mid council (Synod), joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region. 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians in the U.S. and across the globe. Please give generously by mailing your check to First Presbyterian Church, 405 South Van Buren, Moscow ID 83843, or online via Tithe.ly at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246> by October 25. There are also special offering envelopes in the pews for those attending in person.

NEW ELECTRONIC KEYLESS BUILDING ACCESS SYSTEM IS READY

Installation has been completed, and keypads have been installed on the corner door in the lower chapel room, the fellowship hall entrance, and the Day School entrance. Those who need access to the building will need to request to be set up with a PIN number to punch into the keypad located next to each door. This will take the place of our traditional keys, which will be obsolete by the end of October. If you need to enter the church to conduct church business, do volunteer work, pick up/drop off supplies, attend meetings, etc. may request access by completing the form in the [October newsletter](#) and mailing it to the church or calling Kathy at 208-997-8837. There are also PIN Request forms on the information table in the narthex, along with a collection box where you can deposit your completed form.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL

- Pastor Norman will facilitate **Going Deeper**, at noon on Mondays. Each session will provide time for discussion of the sermon theme for the previous day. To request the Zoom link from Pastor Norman, send an email to fpcmoscowid@gmail.com.
- The **Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday starting Sept. 23 to study the messages for us in the books of the Old Testament. Each week's discussion is initiated by a short explanatory video from The Bible Project (bibleproject.com/explore/). To join, email leerozen@gmail.com for weekly updates and the Zoom address.

- The **Women's Bible Project** meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. to study the New Testament. Group members will need to view the Bible Project video (bibleproject.com/explore/) each week prior to the group meeting. Kathy Pitman is the facilitator, email kbpitman@roadrunner.com for weekly updates and the Zoom address.
- The **Anti-racism Learning Circle** meets Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm (via ZOOM). We are discussing the book *White Supremacy and Me* by Layla Saad, and other resources, in order to better understand and practice anti-racism. If you would like to join the reading group, our Facebook community page, or simply learn more, contact Delaney at delaneypiper19@gmail.com.
- A five-week **Bible Study** led by Janice Capel Anderson meets via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays. The title of the study is "**The Things That Make for Peace: Adult Bible Study.**" You can download both leader and participant resources for free at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/season-peace-bible-study-full/> You can see the Scriptures and themes for each session there. As the website notes, "It focuses on the inner and outer path to peace as foundational to faithful discipleship. Each session has a "dig deeper" section for study through the week." If you would like to participate, please contact Janice at janicecandersonidaho@gmail.com.
- **Children's Sunday School** meets online at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays. David Roon leads music, and Jeremiah facilitates fun and lively discussions of the lesson for the day. If your pre-K – 5th grader wants to give it a try, contact [Jeremiah](#) for the link.

Watch for information about more groups starting up soon.

IT'S SOCK-TOBER! Join Community Connections for All to provide socks and shoes (and small comfort blankets) in child and adult sizes to individuals and families in Moscow. One lucky donor will receive a \$25 gift certificate to a local restaurant (drawing Nov. 1). Together, we can help our community. Contact Jackie Wallis at 208-669-3036 for more info or to arrange for pickup of your donations during Sock-tober.

FOOD NOT BOMBS NEEDS FOOD PREP HELP! Food Not Bombs is receiving a lot of food and they are also receiving a lot more requests for food. Their volunteers are only able to keep up with the demand by starting food prep on Saturdays. If you would like to help chop fruit and veggies on Saturdays between 3-5pm in our church kitchen, please contact Celeste Brown (208-892-3356; bioinfomom@roadrunner.com).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING

We are grateful to all who have been sending in your contributions, ensuring the continued financial health of our church and the continuation of our ministry, both within our church and out in our community. Offerings may be made in one of these ways:

- Give online using the Tithe.ly app via the FPC website
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246>
- Mail your check to First Presbyterian Church, 405 S. Van Buren, Moscow, ID 83843

STAFF AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

Access to the church building is restricted due to COVID-19 concerns. The staff is working remotely, and will be available by appointment. If you need to schedule an appointment, call 208-882-4122 and leave a message, or call or text the church cell phone at 208-997-8837 to reach Kathy. You may also email the staff member directly:

Pastor Norman: fpcpastornorman@gmail.com

Kathy: office@fpcmoscow.org

Jeremiah: aslanscountry@gmail.com

Thomas: thamusikboy@gmail.com

John: fpcfinsec@turbonet.com

CARING ANGEL NETWORK If you become ill, contact the church so we can pray for you and, if needed, bring meals or run errands. Please contact your deacon, Deacon Moderator Susan Billin at 208-310-1151 or susan.billin@gmail.com, or the church office at 208-882-4122 or office@fpcmoscow.org. Our caring volunteers are ready to help.