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News & Views

FROM THE



PASTOR

I guess I pay attention to the change of seasons. I feel the change. Sometimes going into winter, I feel a little like I am going into survival mode. My main goal is to make it through. Then as spring finally arrives and slides into summer, something changes. My goal now is to enjoy the warm weather, the greening landscape, and to plant and tend the garden. While this pattern is somewhat tongue in cheek, I have been thinking about how often we live according to our goals. A book, "On the Moral Nature of the Universe," by Nancy Murphy and George F. R. Ellis prompts me to reflect on how often we do what we do because we have some goal in mind. Perhaps that goal is as simple as enjoying the spring and summer weather. However, I think generally I have more than one goal influencing my actions at any one time. I may plant in my garden for the joy of being out in the spring weather and also because I want to enjoy the fruits of this labor.

I wonder how often we think about the goals that shape our lives. We each live with certain purposes. I get up in the morning and shape my day around the work I need to do. In fact, sometimes when one retires, the lack of this purpose can take some getting accustomed to. Generally, folks will find another goal of some sort, perhaps spending time with grandchildren, etc. If we do live toward goals, I wonder why we don't more often think about them. Some self-help books will encourage us to think ahead, and set some goals perhaps. And maybe you do that. I have felt something missing from this encouragement. Part of my struggle with goals has been a lack of certainty about how to set them and how effective they really are.

I wonder about how to set goals. Should I simply accept societal goals? Do I use the goals my family set for me? Sometimes folks suggest looking within at what one enjoys and use that to direct our goals. What about shaping the goal so that it achieves something good? I think shaping the goal to achieve something good is another place I have struggled. I cannot set arbitrary goals. That seems to make no sense. Instead, I think I generally have set goals according

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to my understanding of what is good and real and do-able. And what I think is good and real and do-able depends on my inculcated sense of what these are.

Here is where I think faith intersects this line of thinking. For what we have faith in shapes our sense of what is good and real and do-able. I could look around me and think that what is good and real and do-able is to see if I can have more toys than everyone else – for “the one who dies with the most toys wins” at least according to some bumper stickers I have seen. However, I believe our encounter with the living God influences how we set our goals. This realization that we are given the gift of creation and life within creation is important. And I feel that on our own we blunder and miss the opportunity to appreciate this gift and live according to the purposes of the Creator. I believe the goals we attempt to achieve matter and that we can set these goals in relation to the opportunities and purpose God has given us. For God leads us to a life that is good and real and do-able.

This feels like just a beginning. I suspect there is a lot of thinking about these ideas one could do. For I think faith leads us to realize one’s decisions and actions matter. Through faith, I believe that you and I can live toward God’s purpose for us through goals that are good and real and do-able. If we look at the disciples as they followed Jesus, they often seemed not to quite get the goals Jesus offered them. And, perhaps we, like the disciples, need the continued guidance and work of God in our lives to set us straight and help us live toward appropriate goals. Certainly when the Holy Spirit descended on them at Pentecost, the disciples were changed, reoriented, and enabled in a new way to move toward the goals Jesus had given them.

If we, too, open ourselves to the continued presence of the Spirit with us, we may also encounter that reorienting guide to living the life God has given us. I feel encouraged to at least review my goals in light of the grace God has given us and the hope offered us in Christ. In the early years of Christianity, the followers of Jesus were called people of the Way. That is, they seemed to have a way of living that was distinctive. The goal for their days showed in how they lived. I wonder if ours do, too.

Grace and peace,
Norman

Introducing our Summer Pianist



The Personnel Committee is pleased to introduce Megan Rich, who will be our summer pianist beginning June 4. Megan is a 2016 graduate of the University of Idaho, with a bachelors in Piano Performance. She is continuing at UI, doing graduate work in Piano Performance and Pedagogy. Megan works as a piano teacher for the UI Music Preparatory Division and also as a piano accompanist, including accompanying Erika Whittington, our new Music Minister.

We look forward to having Megan with us this summer. Welcome, Megan!

Enabling Visions and Dreaming Dreams

Camp Spalding Service Weekend June 2-4

Volunteers are heading to camp to help prepare the cabins and grounds for another summer of life-changing experiences. They would appreciate prayers for safe travel and for an enjoyable, spiritually uplifting weekend.



This is a great opportunity for all ages to support our Presbytery's summer programs, complete a variety of work projects, enjoy some free time to boat, hike, or relax in the natural surroundings, and enjoy fellowship with others in our church family.

Just as importantly, our work will support spiritual awakening and growth in the campers who attend. June 4 is Pentecost, and our theme for the weekend comes from the story of Pentecost:

***"I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people;
your sons will prophesy, also your daughters;
your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams."* ~ Acts 2:17**

What dreams and visions will youth experience at Camp Spalding this summer?

Pentecost Special Offering — Building a Life of Faith

Each year on Pentecost Sunday (this year on June 4), we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life with an offering intended to nurture the faith of youth.

As one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. The Offering supports PC(USA) programs that advocate for children and develop youth and young adult leaders. In addition, our congregation will retain 40% of the Offering to minister to children at risk right here in our own community.

By giving to the Pentecost Offering, we participate in the promise of the Holy Spirit—which is *"for you, for your children, and for all..."* (Acts 2:39). Learn more about the offering at pcusa.org.

Look for the Special Offering envelopes in the pew racks, or just indicate "Pentecost Offering" in the memo line of your check. Thank you for helping to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith.



Moscow Ecumenical Outreach Thanks

Moscow Ecumenical Outreach (MEO) would like to thank our booth workers and all who stopped by at the Renaissance Fair to offer support, donate, or purchase cannoli and biscotti. Donation jars for Heifer International and the Moscow Food Bank were well filled. Gross sales totaled \$729. Jar donations were \$144. Sales and donations from December's Winter Market, plus other individual donations this year bring our total to \$2,226. We are sending checks to the Moscow Food Bank for \$1,031, and to Heifer International for \$945. Thanks especially to FPC workers Sally Amador, Jack Camm, Delaney Piper, Ames Fowler, Mary Read, and Sue Heick. A special thanks to Doris Billingsley for allowing parking access. Good job, all!

~ Susan Roberts for MEO



News Briefs

JUNE 4 IS PENTECOST SUNDAY Red is the color of Pentecost, so “get in the spirit” by wearing red to church that day as we celebrate God’s promise of the Holy Spirit. Jeremiah Nealon, our new Director of Family Ministry, will be preaching. June communion will be served on June 11, as Pastor Norman will be at Camp Spalding for the annual mission/service weekend on the 4th.

CAMP SPALDING BROCHURES are available in the narthex near the door to the sanctuary. Camp is a life-changing experience for children and youth, awakening spirituality, deepening faith, and forming life-long friendships. Please share these brochures with the young people in your life.

THE STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM will meet with Session at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 5th. Elders and Team Leaders, please plan to attend this important meeting.

DEACONS’ BENEVOLENCE OFFERINGS The loose offerings on June 11 and July 2 will benefit Moscow’s supplemental summer lunch program by providing for incidental expenses. The lunch program, funded by USDA, allows Moscow School District to offer free meals to all children between the ages of 1-18 when school is out and they don’t have access to school meals. The meals will be served outside Lena Whitmore School from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from June 14 to August 11. There are no applications to complete; all children eat lunch for free. Parents are welcome to purchase a lunch for \$3.75.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The Summer Lunch Program described above could use your help. Each day, 2 or 3 volunteers are needed at the meal site (Lena Whitmore School) to help set up, serve, supervise, and clean up. Volunteer hours are 11:15 to 12:45; dates are June 14 to August 11 (except for July 3 & 4). Sign up for days that fit your schedule, as many hours as you wish, at this link: <https://doodle.com/poll/xxiszi9kprvregqz>. For questions, contact Mimi Pengilly at 208-892-1123 or 509-330-0925, or pengilly@msd281.org.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP New Saint Andrews College Conservatory of Music is hosting its annual Music Camp July 10-15 at the Moscow Church of the Nazarene. Open to children entering grades K-4 (half-day) and grades 5-12 (full day). Each day begins with morning devotions, followed by singing, folk dancing, Bible study and games. The week concludes with a concert on Saturday. To register: music.nsa.edu/music-camp. For more information: sbelschner@gmail.com.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE coming up Tuesday, June 6 from 11:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, June 7 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 111 South Jefferson (across from the County Library). Schedule an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: Moscow) or call Sally Amador at 208-874-8111.

OUR DAILY BREAD devotional booklets for June-July-August are available in the narthex. Feel free to take one for yourself and one for a friend.

RECOVERY PEER VOLUNTEER TRAINING, LATAH RECOVERY CENTER, Monday, June 5 and June 12, two sessions from 5:00-9:00 p.m., FREE. This training is open to all; however, those who have lived the experience can become a Recovery Peer Volunteer through the Center. Please RSVP as soon as possible if you are interested. If you would like more information, please contact the Center at 883-1045.

Finance Report

As of April 30, 2017



	April	YTD
Receipts	\$ 22,272	\$ 106,603
Disbursements	\$ 20,167	\$ 113,107
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$ 6,504)
Cash Balance (checking/savings)		\$ 53,770*

*Includes Capital Campaign funds

Enjoy playing and singing music?



Love sharing your faves
and learning new ones?

Check it Out!

Informal Music Jam

Saturday, June 10, 10:00 am

FPC Sanctuary



Instruments, chord charts, voices welcome!



Summer Vespers

Lael Retreat Center

Sunday, July 23

5:00 p.m.

Details to come.

Annual Salmon Barbecue and Re-Dedication of the Barn at Lael

Saturday, June 24, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Lael Retreat Center

1181 White Pine Flats Road

Troy, Idaho



Gates open at 4 p.m. Come early for a look at the Barn's remodeled kitchen and new siding, take a walk around the nature trail, visit with friends, or just enjoy the peace of Lael.

What to bring:

- A potluck side dish, salad, fruit, vegetable or dessert to share. Salmon and beverages provided.
- Tableware and lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on
- Family, friends, and neighbors

Please RSVP by June 20

208-882-4122, email office@fpcmoscow.org, or sign up in the narthex or church office

The Family Promise Backstory

Every few months, our church and the LDS Quail Run congregation hosts homeless families, providing housing and meals in Fellowship Hall. Last month, a group of FPC volunteers had the opportunity to learn the origins of Family Promise from its founder, Karen Olson, at a Volunteer Appreciation luncheon. Here is an excerpt from her inspiring story.

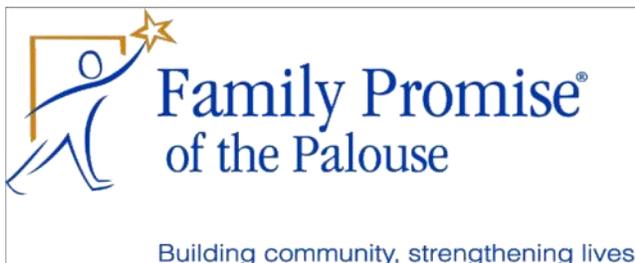
In 1981, Karen Olson was a marketing executive who developed promotional campaigns for consumer products. One morning, on her way to a meeting, she saw a homeless woman, someone she'd seen over and over again on her way to work.

She decided to buy a sandwich for the woman. The stranger accepted the sandwich but asked for something else – a moment to be heard, to be comforted, and to be considered as more than a mere statistic on a cold street corner.

Soon, Karen and her two young sons began frequent trips to New York to hand out sandwiches to the homeless. As she came to know some of the city's homeless people, she began to understand the profound loss and disconnection that homelessness causes. That understanding turned into an enduring commitment.



Karen spoke eloquently about the importance of the relationships that are formed between Family Promise volunteers and family members. While housing and food are critical needs, being a good listener and a friend are equally important. She reminded us that “rather than a building, God yearns for us to build community”, and also shared a comment from one family member that “Slowly, I began to trust because I saw their love.” It may be hard for us to imagine the difficulties associated with homelessness, but we can all understand the importance of a trusted friend.



In the 44 months that Family Promise of the Palouse has been operating, 43 families have been served, including 70 children. This amounts to 8,848 “bed nights”, 26,544 meals, and 33,087 volunteer hours logged. And many opportunities to make a friend and develop relationships of mutual trust and respect.

The needs continue in our community, and as Karen shared with us, “God’s heart breaks when steeples rise high while around the corner a family lives in a car at Walmart”. Our next host week is July 16-23 and all are invited to get involved with Family Promise. Training is available, and you are always welcome to partner with an experienced volunteer. Check out the volunteer sign up sheet in the narthex, or online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4daaad22aaf94-family6>.

In the Mailbox

Kieren Daley Laursen is graduating from Moscow High School on June 9, 7 p.m. at the Kibbie Dome. *The Daley Laursens would like to invite Kieren's church family to join them in celebrating his graduation on Saturday, June 10, at 5 p.m. at 614 South Adams Street. Food and entertainment provided. Kieren will attend Colorado State University, majoring in Philosophy and Business.*

Hi, Church Family! I'm happy to announce I will be graduating in June [from Sky View High School in Lewiston, Utah] and will be attending the University of Utah, majoring in music performance. ♥ Maddy Vanderwall



A note to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and well-wishes this past month, and to thank Pastor Norman for his caring visits. I'm sure that is one reason everything has gone so well. I hope to be out and about again soon. Always, Louise Avery

Special Music Needed this Summer

Summer offers the perfect opportunity for everyone of all ages to share their musical talents in worship. Please consider offering your musical gifts to God on behalf of the congregation. Vocal or instrumental solos, duets, or groups are needed in summer worship from now through the end of August. Our summer pianist, Megan Rich, is available to accompany you or your ensemble. To schedule a date for your musical offering, or if you have questions, call the church office at 882-4122, email office@fpcmoscow.org or call/text our Music Minister, Erika Whittington, at 715-418-4454.



Wednesday Supper Fellowship Spring Report



*Above: Cord-on-Blue Chef Bill Ward serves up grilled burgers.
Right: Young adult group prepares a delicious Greek dinner.*

A heartfelt thanks goes out to the over 45 volunteers who helped with Wednesday Supper Fellowship dinners during the spring. We served 13 meals this spring and had as many as 60 in attendance at two of these meals. Our volunteers—young and older—helped with set up, cooking, and cleaning up.

If you are interested in volunteering in the Fall please contact Ellen Johansen.



FAMILY MINISTRY

"Everybody needs more help."

The woman trying to sell me a van repeated these words back to me with tears in her eyes. Being a young mother, she understood that caring for a family can be profoundly lonely. As I described to her that I was applying for the Director of Family Ministry job and that I longed to help those who needed more help, emotion overwhelmed her. Soon she was telling me about how hard it had been for her. She described late night calls to her mother, and how at times she just wanted to quit and run away.

Everybody needs more help.

My new friends are grad students. I was at their home eating a meal while their young child watched *Dinosaur Train* in the next room. They peppered me with questions about what restaurants were good places to take loud children. I asked when they last went out alone. It had been a year.

Everybody needs more help.

These interactions were how God spoke to me to apply for the position of Director of Family Ministry. I have become captivated with how our church can partner with Jesus in serving the overwhelmed and overworked of Moscow. In short, every family. I have been praying Acts 2 (God's miraculous gift of tongues) over this position for months. I want God to teach us, together, the language of the families of our city. I want us to offer what is needed.

I am so thankful for this opportunity. I am so thankful for your trust. I cannot express enough gratitude to Sydney for her service for the past year and for the incredible resource she has been to me the past two months. Thank you, Sydney, for everything.

In the next month, I am hoping to:

- Gather young families together for community, prayer, and activities (such as dinner and hiking)
- Hire more help in the nursery
- Begin "Parents' Night Out"—free childcare drop-off for families on most Friday evenings
- Select curriculum for Vacation Bible School (August 14-18) and recruit volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering or chatting, I plan to work from the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, or you can email me at: aslanscountry@gmail.com

Jeremiah Nealon
Director of Family Ministry

HEY, YOUTH!



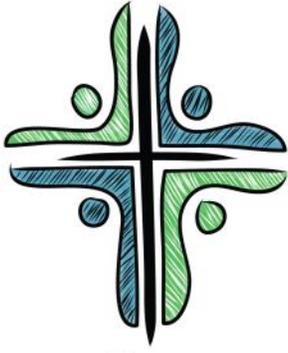
Feeling the pre-finals blues? Come and have a laugh (and some sugar). This Friday (June 2), the youth rooms will be open from 3-6 pm with games, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, and the best candy that WinCo's bulk section has to offer. Bring a friend, have some laughs, then study away! Contact Jeremiah (208.301.2069) if you have any questions.

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Monday through Thursday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Closed on Friday</p>				1	2 3p Youth Game/ Movie day in the youth room	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Camp Spalding Service Weekend thru Sunday</div>
4 PENTECOST 9:30a Worship 	5 6p Strategic Planning Team and Session 7p Scouts	6 6:30p Stephen Ministers 7p T344 Committee	7	8	9	10 10a Music Jam
11 9:30a Worship (communion)	12 7p Scout Court of Honor at Robinson Park	13	14	15 5:30p Lael Board	16	17
18 FATHER'S DAY 9:30a Worship	19	20	21	22	23	24 5p Salmon BBQ at Lael
25 9:30a Worship	26	27	28	29	30	

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30a Worship	3	4 HOLIDAY  OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7	8
9 9:30a Worship	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:30a Worship 2p Nursing Home Services	17	18	19	20	21	22
* * * * * FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK * * * * *						
23 9:30a Worship 5p Lael Vespers	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:30a Worship	31					



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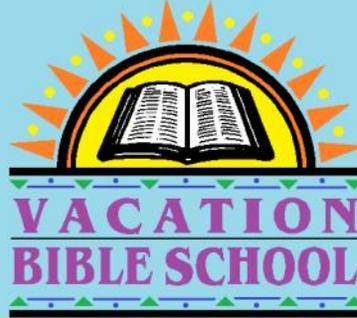
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**Put it on the
Calendar!**



**Coming up
August 14-18**

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 1:00 p.m.
Closed on Friday

Pastor Norman Fowler

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