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Daylight Savings Time
Begins March 11



Remember to set your
clocks ahead 1 hour .

FROM THE



PASTOR

Recently I read an article about an atheist looking at religion and found it fascinating. Here is a bit of what the author said: *"The underlying ambition of religions is impressive to me. They are trying to locate the tenets of a good life, of a wise life, of a kind life. They are interrogating the greatest themes, and so I'm attracted to the aspects of religion that know that human life is quite difficult and that we are going to need a lot of assistance, a lot of guidance. And what religious life is trying to do is to provide us with tools for how to keep being the best version of ourselves... [Religious folks] are more interested in saying, 'Where might I turn in order to look at questions of higher meaning and higher purpose?' In terms of ethics, they're asking, 'What does a good life look like? What are my responsibilities to others? What is the community [we all are searching for?]' "*

I think he has a lot right about who we are and what we are about. I think he does leave out the experience of grace given by a God that motivates us to look to the greater good and what the good life truly is. I believe it is the Gospel that actually leads us not only to ask these questions, but to begin to define what we are called to be. As followers of Jesus, we are challenged to love our enemies, to do to others as we would have them do to us, and become the love of God expressed in our world. These all seem to me to be the lofty goals which we take practical steps toward. I think these steps include gathering for worship, which allows us to hear the texts that speak to us of God's will for our lives; to show our respect for that One that is greater than any one of us, God; and to be formed through worship into a family of faith, a community that trusts in God and lives according to this trust. Furthermore, we gather into a community that supports, encourages and feeds us. We gather to study and become more available to the wisdom of scripture and the revelation of God through scripture.

I came across another article recently that suggested that an increase in the experience of community can lead to better health outcomes in folks who are having health issues. This simply underscores the way we are social creatures that need to be in human

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community to be healthy and experience more joy in living. I believe faith naturally invites us into and provides ways for us to engage in community. That the faith community supports, encourages and feeds us is in part due to the fact that we need that community. We are communal creatures. In a society where loneliness is rising and individuals are feeling more isolated despite digital media connections, we need the communal experiences faith encourages and enables.

I believe we are a church that recognizes these themes. We are a people that want to be the best version of ourselves. We pay attention to higher purposes and meaning. We recognize we discover these through the gift of God's love in Jesus the Christ and through the life, person, and teachings of Christ. We know we want to be "growing in Christ." We know our vision for our faith community, our church, is as follows: *On our path forward together, to encourage: 1. Faith/Trust in God, 2. Togetherness as the Body of Christ, 3. Spiritual Growth and 4. Embracing God's love of all people.* These are the direction and vision we discerned for our church over a year ago. Our church life is full of opportunities for us to do these things.

I find our Sunday morning discussion groups, our Wednesday evening worship, dinner and activities, our Sunday worship and the many other activities of our church are directly engaging our core needs as a people and embracing our core trust in Christ and the ways God works through Christ and in the movement of the Spirit in our lives. We have these activities not because we are some how supposed to, but because they are essential to enabling our faith to grow and engaging us in being the very best people we can be, truly followers of Christ, experiencing the higher meaning and purpose we find in community and worship. I hope you, too, take advantage of the ways our faith community can feed and form us as followers of Christ, and thus become the very best people we can be. And Easter is coming.

I feel blessed to be part of this faith community.

Family Promise's 6th Annual

Comfort Food Cook-Off!

Saturday, March 3rd—5–7:30 pm

Trinity Baptist Church, 711 Fairview Drive, Moscow

- Sample a variety of comfort food entries and vote for your favorite. Will 1st Presbyterian's Smoked Salmon Chowder win the People's Choice travelling trophy again this year?
- Entertainment, featuring Jon Anderson and Rand Walker.
- A fabulous dessert auction.
- A tasty fundraiser that brings our communities together and supports Family Promise's mission: helping homeless families with children achieve lasting independence.



Tickets are available at the door: \$10/adults—\$5/child—\$30/family of 4 or more

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Appreciation Brunch for Family Promise Volunteers March 10

First Presbyterian is hosting a Family Promise Volunteer Appreciation Gathering on Saturday, March 10. Along with Family Promise board members Bruce & Kathy Pitman, Pastor Norman, and Quail Run Coordinator Austin Whiting, I extend a warm invitation to all who have served as volunteers in support of Family Promise from the first Host Week, more than three years ago, to the present. All who are interested in learning more about Family Promise, even if you haven't volunteered yet, are also welcome to attend.

We will gather in the Chapel Room on **Saturday, March 10**, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. for brunch and to share what we have learned through our experiences, hear new ideas and suggestions for improvement, and give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve in this ministry. We look forward to this opportunity to build community among the volunteers of First Presbyterian and our partner congregation, Quail Run Ward of the local LDS church.



Please email your RSVP to the church office, office@fpcmoscow.org by 8am, March 6, to assist in planning. If you need childcare, please include the number of children and their ages with your RSVP.

I remain grateful to each of you for being part of this important ministry. Through each person's contribution of time, meals, and hospitality, we have formed a faithful team and contribute significantly to sustaining Family Promise in our community. I hope to see you all on March 10th!

In Christ,
Mary Read, FPC Family Promise Volunteer Coordinator

Family Promise Host Week Coming Up March 18-24



Volunteers are needed to prepare dinners, serve as evening or overnight hosts, and help with set-up, clean-up, and laundry. Could you help with this important ministry? Look for the sign up board in the narthex or sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4daaad22aaf94-family9>. Questions? Contact Bruce or Kathy Pitman, Mary Read, or the church office.

Oasis Day Retreat at First Presbyterian

COME FOR A SPIRITUAL OASIS — COME REFRESH YOUR SOUL

10 a.m. until 2 p.m. March 17 at FPC

Step away from the daily grind and find a moment to think, to mediate, to feel, to read, to pray. For a few hours on Saturday, March 17, we offer space and a break from the demands of work, the tightly scheduled day, the hectic life. You will be invited to a different rhythm. The flexible schedule for the day includes group offerings such as guided meditation, praying scripture, and other contemplative reflections as well as plenty of opportunity for individually chosen activities like prayer, meditation, reading, thinking, sitting in quiet reflection, etc. The purpose is to feed your soul. Anyone who wants a time of contemplative silence is welcome. Lunch will be provided.



News Briefs

FROM CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER Thank you to First Presbyterian Church for providing the venue and contributing in many other ways to our "Sweet Music" fundraiser on February 17. David Roon entertained us with Celtic tunes, and Bruce Pitman was our M.C. for the program. Pastor Fowler set up the sound system. Tom Richards, Janet Richards, Karen Huntington, Susan Billin, Nadine Morton, Delaney Elliandi, and Mary Jo Van Gerpen each provided yummy desserts. Nadine Morton, Mary Jo Van Gerpen, Carol Crimmins, Susan Billin, and Jon Van Gerpen set up tables and/or decorated. Nadine provided a beautiful Valentine-theme setting. We made a little over \$3,150 in donations to support the Campus Christian Center ministries.

CAROL RENFREW CIRCLE will meet Thursday, March 22, at 1:30 p.m., in the church library. We will begin a new study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, by Melissa Bane Sevier. Martha Hunt will lead lesson 1. Joann Jones will be our hostess. Focus texts are *Genesis 13:24; 1:26-27; Hebrews 1:1-4; 4:14-5:10; Genesis 14:18-20; Hebrews 7:26-28*. All women are welcome to come for this new Bible study. If you need a study book, talk to Nadine.

OUR DAILY BREAD devotion booklets for spring are available on the table in front of the window in the lower chapel room. Feel free to take one for yourself and some for friends.

DO YOU MISS OUR CHURCH RUMMAGE SALES? Marcia Spakoski is interested in partnering with two others to organize a church rummage sale in late August, around the time students return. She is willing to recruit volunteers to work on set up and selling, but would need help organizing other aspects of the sale, which are described in a fairly detailed set of instructions from previous sales. The sales were a great community service and outreach, as well as a fundraiser for local social service agencies. If you are at all interested in helping with a fall sale, Marcia would like to talk with you! Please contact her at 208-882-8483 or marciactfla@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE! Camp Spalding mission weekend is scheduled for June 1-3.

A COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will meet for 8 weeks on Tuesday evenings beginning March 6 through April 24, 2018, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Library of Bishop Place Independent Apts., 815 SE Klemgard Street in Pullman. Gather with others in a confidential, small, and supportive setting with care, compassion, and resources to gently explore the journey through grief. This group will be facilitated by Annie Pillers and Terrie Teare. Registering in advance is greatly appreciated. Series is closed after second session. Please contact Annie Pillers at 509-332-4414 or griefsupport@palouse.com. Sponsored by Friends of Hospice.

NEW ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Thursday of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, 711 Fairview Drive in Moscow. Call PJ Christo at 208-666-2996 for details.

Caring for All God's Children

Donations would be appreciated for the Deacons' Emergency Fund, which is used to help people in our community with urgent needs such as food, rent, medical, gas, and utilities. The



need this winter has been great, and the fund is depleted. Deacons' funds operate outside the church budget, so contributions are welcomed at any time. Thank you!

Finance Report

As of January 31, 2018



	January	YTD
Receipts	\$ 35,335	\$ 35,335
Disbursements	\$ 24,897	\$ 24,897
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		\$10,438
Cash Balance (checking/savings)	\$ 74,416*	
* includes capital campaign funds and prepaid pledges for 2018 @ \$19,890		

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Worship, with Palm Processional and dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing

Wednesday, March 28

5:30 p.m. – Taizé worship

6:00 p.m. – Supper Fellowship

6:30 p.m. – Youth Group

7:00 p.m. – Choir



Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:00 p.m. – a remembrance of Jesus' Passover supper with his disciples, hosted by the United Church of Moscow in conjunction with First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church. This family-friendly event, Seder-style meal, will take place at the United Church, 1st and Jackson Streets, Moscow. All are welcome. There will be a sign-up sheet for RSVPs on the office window. Attendees from First Presbyterian are asked to bring a generous platter of pita bread and hummus.

Good Friday, March 30

7:00 p.m. – This Tenebrae Service of Darkness tells the story of the Passion of Jesus through scripture readings and music. Music by Chancel Choir.

Holy Saturday, March 31

5:00-8:00 p.m. – Prayer Vigil; the church will be open for anyone who would like to drop by for prayer and meditation.

Easter Sunday, April 1

7:00 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service and potluck breakfast at Lael Retreat Center near Troy (see map on Page 10). We'll join our friends from Bovill Community Presbyterian Church as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection. Music led by the FPC Praise Team. Bring friends and a breakfast dish to share.



9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. – Potluck Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name: A-G Fruit, cheese, other side dishes; H-P Breakfast breads/pastries; Q-Z Egg and Meat Dishes — *ham will be provided* by Bill Ward. Beverages and tableware will be provided. (No Sunday School on Easter.)

10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship in our sanctuary with Chancel Choir and Praise Team. Please bring a flower from your garden (weather permitting) for flowering the cross.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Jeremiah Nealon, Director of Family Ministry aslanscountry@gmail.com

Last month I said that I was not ready for Lent. Now, I am. I used to see Lent primarily as a time of self-denial. While that wasn't overly healthy for me, it was especially tricky as a parent. Was I going to forcibly take toys from my children? Deny them dessert? Lent had to mean more than that.

I now primarily see Lent as an opportunity for my family to focus; focus on God and focus on loving our neighbors and community. Time around our table remembering our days and seeing sacrifices that surround us has been profound. I sincerely hope that other families are sharing these same moments.

Amid the mild sacrifices of Lent, I am feeling very privileged for the communities that I share. The youth have been faithful to fundraise and prepare for the 30-Hour Famine and Youth Group continues to be a time of laughter and vulnerability. The emerging community of friends and food that the Upper Room is becoming is water for my soul. Thus far, I have seen this Lent as a vibrant season.

~ Jeremiah

Youth:

30 Hour Famine- ~~March 2-3~~ Rescheduled to March 23-24 The youth are participating in World Vision's "30-Hour Famine" this year. From breakfast on March 2 through an early dinner on the 3rd, kids will refrain from eating, in solidarity with those in our world who suffer critical food crises. Together, we will study God's word, participate in awareness activities, and volunteer on empty stomachs. We hope to raise \$500 in pledges, which will go to providing basic necessities for 1-year to a hungry child. Please contact me, or even better, Katie Ward, or Adelia and Rowan Hopper if you would care to donate.



Summer Mission: I am pleased to announce that the youth are going to serve in Portland, Oregon from June 24-29 with Youthworks! Youthworks provides a stable, summer long presence in some of the more challenging neighborhoods in Portland, and for one week will provide our youth the opportunity to serve alongside long-term organizations caring for the city.

Camp Spalding Registration is Now Open! Camp Spalding had several full camps last summer. Register early to make sure your child's summer includes a week full of classic summer camp fun, great friendships, spiritual growth and new adventures. Save your child's spot with a \$75 deposit. Register online at <https://campspalding.org/>. Camp scholarships are available through our church. Talk to me for more information prior to registration.



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Family:

Lenten Bean Jars: During worship on February 18th, I handed out "Lenten Bean Jars" to all the families with kids in our congregation. These jars come with a bag of dried beans. I am inviting these families to take time each day to reflect on the moments they saw *someone else* sacrifice their own fun or convenience to serve someone else. Each sacrifice will be marked by adding one bean to the jar. On Easter morning, these beans will be transformed into Jelly Beans, marking the way that Jesus' sacrifice made way for new life.



Parents' Night Out—March 24: We are hosting this month's Parents' Night Out from 5-8pm on March 24th. We have not yet filled our available space for any of these events, which means we have plenty of opportunity to invite friends who would benefit from a night off! Please consider extending an invitation to an over-extended family in your life.

Young Adults:

The Upper Room: Our Saturday evening worship service has a name! We are now called "The Upper Room", deriving our name and inspiration from the deep community that Jesus' followers experienced in the Upper Room during the night of Jesus betrayal, his resurrected appearances, and at Pentecost with impartation of the Holy Spirit. I am excited those who are attending have taken up the leadership of finding a name.



Our next meeting is **March 3rd** from 6-8pm. We will eat delicious African Peanut Stew and study together Jesus' time in the wilderness.

Wednesday Supper Fellowship in March

Come enjoy a home-cooked meal on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring friends!

- March 7—Enchiladas
- March 14—no supper (spring break)
- March 21—no supper (Family Promise host week)
- March 28—Chef's choice
- April 4—Ballpark treats



Easter Lilies

Would you like to furnish an Easter lily to decorate our church on Easter Sunday? The plants cost \$10 each and after the service you are welcome to take them home. Return the form below to the church office with your check (made out to the church, designated "Easter lily") by March 25.

Name _____

How many _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

"Dedicated to" _____

"In Memory of" _____

One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Sometimes the problems of poverty, racism, and natural disasters seem overwhelming and beyond our ability to address, and so often we simply don't try. The One Great Hour Offering challenges us to join with others to show God's love through action.

The One Great Hour of Sharing channels important resources to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund, Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development Program, which addresses poverty and justice issues.

A Jewish Mishnah proclaims that "It's not your obligation to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from beginning it." Let the work of helping the poor, healing the wounds of war, and addressing injustice begin with us through the One Great Hour of Sharing.

We will dedicate our contributions for One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday, March 25. Please give generously.



Webinar for Dementia Caregivers

Judy Cornish is the founder of the Dementia & Alzheimer's Wellbeing Network (DAWN) in Moscow, Idaho. You may have heard her speak at our church at a presentation hosted by our Stephen Ministers. Judy will partner with Brianne Grebil, a transformative life coach, to present a free online workshop for dementia caregivers. They will share a few simple techniques to help caregivers and their loved ones experiencing dementia address emotional distress, avoid challenging behaviors, develop a sense of security and wellbeing, reduce stress, and better care for themselves and their loved one.

The interactive webinar is Sunday, March 11th, beginning at 12:00 noon. If that time doesn't work, you may register anyway and they will forward a recording of the workshop to you. For more information and to register, follow this link: <https://www.thedawnprogram.com/> or email Judy Cornish: info@thedawnmethod.com.

Music to Bridge the Generational Gap: Connecting with the iGeneration

The University of Idaho chapter of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) is a group of undergraduate and graduate students that have a shared love for piano and piano teaching, and contribute our time and talents to research, service, and outreach activities. Our chapter has conducted research on innovative projects, presented research at conferences, performed, and competed at MTNA sponsored events across the country.

We have recently been selected to present our current research project, *#postmillenials - Connecting with the iGeneration* at the MTNA National Conference in Orlando, Florida. Factors such as technology and increased information processing cause younger students to learn in a whole new style than the pre-millennial generations, and our goal is to provide creative ways to approach post-millennial students and to bridge this generational gap.



This conference is a wonderful opportunity to present this innovative topic, to gain invaluable networking with colleagues and teachers in our field from across the country, and to represent the University of Idaho at a national level. We are fundraising to send students to the conference and would appreciate donations to help us reach our goal of \$2000 by March 9. You may donate at this link: https://uandigive.uidaho.edu/?cfpage=project&project_id=16648. Thank you for any financial support you can give, and especially for your prayers for safe travel.

~ Megan Rich, FPC Accompanist

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p style="text-align: center;">A NEW & IMPROVED CHURCH DIRECTORY IS IN THE WORKS—WITH PICTURES!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please send your current contact information and <u>a recent photo</u> to the church office by March 8.</p>				<p>1 6:30a Men's Group @ Shari's 11a Theological Study @ CCC 12p FOON 5:30 Praise Team</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 5p Family Promise Cook-off at Trinity Baptist Church 6p Upper Room evening worship</p>
<p>4 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (communion) 12p Going Deeper sermon discussion 2p Nursing Home Services</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 6:30p Stephen Ministers</p>	<p>7 5:30p Taizé 6p Supper Fellowship (Enchiladas) 7p Choir</p>	<p>8 6:30a Men's Group @ Shari's 11a Theological Study @ CCC 12p FOON 5:30 Praise Team</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9:30a Family Promise Volunteer Appreciation Brunch</p>
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<p>18</p>	<p>19 FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK —></p>				<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12p Going Deeper sermon discussion</p>	<p>5:15p T344 Committee 7p Deacons 7p Scouts</p>	<p>6:30p Stephen Ministers</p>	<p>5:30p Taizé (No supper) 6:30p Youth Group 7p Choir</p>	<p>6:30a Men's Group 11a Theological Study 1:30p Women's Circle 12p FOON 5:30 Praise Team</p>		<p>5p Parents' Night Out</p>
<p>25 PALM SUNDAY 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (dedicate OGHS offering) 12p Going Deeper sermon discussion</p>	<p>26 HOLY WEEK —></p>				<p>30</p>	<p>31 5-8p Prayer Vigil</p>
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Easter Sunrise Service

April 1 — 7:00 a.m.

Lael Retreat Center

1181 White Pine Flats Road, Troy, ID

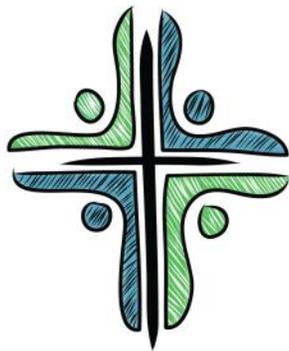
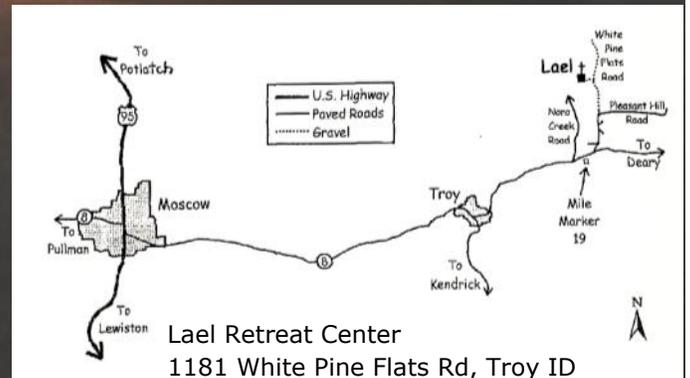
Come celebrate the joy
of the resurrection!

All are welcome!

Potluck breakfast to follow

Offered by First Presbyterian Church of Moscow
and Bovill Community Presbyterian Church

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First Presbyterian Church "Growing in Christ"

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Followed by coffee fellowship

Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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