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News & Views

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OCTOBER 7



WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY

FROM THE



PASTOR

The beauty of fall shines through sun on brilliant leaves. Changing from the consistent green of summer, we see a variety of colors including red, yellow and orange. The change is hard to miss. I suspect not all changes are quite so easy to see. I can look back and see the changes in our family life. I remember our children as toddlers, youth and now as adults. Yet the transformation seems to happen so gradually that we don't really notice it. Looking back in time, as with recognizing the change in color, often change is seen in the contrast.

When we look to see how we are changing, what do we look for? We do not have leaves that change color. Some of us notice a change in the color of our hair, but even that can be gradual. I know I looked in the mirror one day and realized I no longer had brown hair. Something had changed, and I hardly noticed it. Sometimes I wonder if these gradual changes are the harder changes to notice. And, I wonder if the change for good or evil are, as often as not, gradual and nearly unnoticed.

Paul, in his second letter to the Corinthians, writes that as followers of Christ, "we all... are being transformed into His image." He invites us in Romans to "not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds." These writings of Paul suggest a change that occurs over time, through the life of faith and our following of Jesus.

When our church worked through a discernment process in 2016, we concluded with this statement: *On our path forward together, we encourage faith/trust in God, togetherness as the body of Christ, spiritual growth, and embracing God's love of all people.* We noticed that as we built on these elements of faith, we would go on a journey. Our lives would not remain unchanged, but we would move into life God invites us to know. We also recognized that for the life of faith, the following of Jesus, to change us, we must be engaged. Jesus doesn't just do something to us, but through our engaging with Jesus, his teachings, his goodness, and the work of the Spirit, we will go on a journey.

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I believe we are all changing. Either we are traveling with Jesus and allowing the Spirit to guide us so that we know the love of God more fully, or we are traveling through life in some other way. The interesting thing is we cannot always see the difference, as the changes are not necessarily quick or easy to see. Yet, the fullness of the gift of life and love, I believe, are found in trusting in God, togetherness as the body of Christ, spiritual growth, and embracing God's love for all people—that is, in following Jesus.

In a world that seems to be floundering to identify what is truly good and wondering how to assess the way forward, I believe we can turn again to God's love in Christ and the gift of God's Holy Spirit as guide and comforter. Turning to this trust is an active endeavor. This activity includes worship, fellowship, study, service and prayer. This is why we offer the activities we do in the church. First, we worship together each Sunday, remembering the wonder of our trustworthy God who is creator, redeemer and sustainer. In worship, we also open our hearts and minds to the work of the Spirit and we attend to scripture—God's word to us. And, while we do have some time for fellowship on Sunday mornings, Wednesday Supper Fellowship is another great opportunity for fellowship. *The Bible Project* gatherings are a combination of fellowship and study with a bit of prayer included to help us use these ways of opening ourselves to God's work in and among us. We have the opportunity to participate in mission projects near to home and father abroad as we embrace God's love of all people. We have our Oasis Day gatherings to focus on spiritual growth. These and many other activities of our family of faith are purposeful opportunities for us to engage with our God, so that we can more fully recognize and participate in the abundant life God gives us.

I feel blessed to be part of this community of faith and to participate in each of these activities as they help grow my faith and change me into a follower of Jesus. I am thankful we are able to go on this journey together.

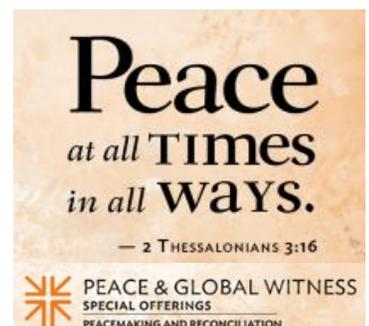
Grace and peace, Norman

The Peace and Global Witness Offering

Presbyterians help transform lives with the tools God has given us through our work for peace. Together, in the Spirit of God, we work to break the power of hate and to heal wounds of violence and division. We invite you to actively engage in peacemaking by contributing to the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering, which will be dedicated on Sunday, October 7th.

Gifts given to the PGW Offering are divided in the following manner: 50% to the Mission Agency to provide assistance and resources for congregations to promote the peace of Christ; 25% to mid-councils (12.5% presbytery/12.5% synod) for support of their own peace and reconciliation efforts; and 25% retained locally for peace and reconciliation efforts. We are dedicating our portion of this offering to the Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua. CEPAD prepares local leaders to create safe and healthy communities. In recent months, Nicaragua has been devastated by violent government oppression and civil unrest. CEPAD is helping faith communities to try to establish stability and peace in this country.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering gives us the opportunity to join with other Presbyterians to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond community and across boundaries. *"Blessed are the peacemakers..."* Please give generously.



What is Digital Day?

Do you feel you miss out on church event postings or photos on our Facebook page? Do you know how to find information on the church web page? Do you have concerns about privacy and safety on the internet? Do you want to post or read prayer requests from the online FPC Prayer Chain, but aren't sure how to access it? The Outreach Team invites you to attend a free workshop on Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. – noon in the Chapel Room at church. Sarah Dossey and Harper Wallen will lead hands on demonstrations on how to access and use the church web site, post a prayer request, read the church newsletter and pastor's sermons, and view photos and event postings on the FPC Facebook page. Tips on internet safety and best practices will also be presented. This is a great opportunity to have your questions answered and to take home "how to" instructions to keep alongside your home computer. An added benefit is that as more of us use our church's social media, we also promote church activities to others. All are welcome, so bring a friend if you like. To assist in planning and preparation, please sign up in the church office, or send an email to Mary Read at idahoreader@gmail.com.



The Bible Project Church-wide Small Group Bible Study

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 via their website: <https://thebibleproject.com>. 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.

At First Presbyterian Church, we embed this video in a discussion around the themes of the video and our experience with these themes. One series we use is titled, "How to Read the Bible" and explores the nature of the biblical story and literary components of the story that add depth and meaning to the text. The other takes a look at Bible themes such as "Heaven and Earth," "The Image of God," "The Messiah," "Holy Spirit," "Gospel of the Kingdom" and many other themes.



Pastor Norman invites everyone to join a Bible Project study group this fall. Each session stands alone, so feel free to drop in as you are able. Contact the [church office](#) for more information about the following groups or any additional groups that may be forming.

"How to Read the Bible"

- Parents' Group - Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Room 33
- After Supper Group - Wednesdays following Supper Fellowship, 6:45 p.m. in Room 35

"Bible Themes"

- Sunday School Group - Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Room 35
- Women's Campus Group - Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at the UI Campus Christian Center
- Women's Group - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the church library
- Men's Group - Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Room 35
- Open Campus Group - Thursdays at 11 a.m. at the UI Campus Christian Center

News Briefs

THE CAROL RENFREW CIRCLE will meet Thursday, October 25, at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel room. For Lesson 5, *In Community with the Tradition of the Past*, please prepare by reading *Hebrews 3:1-6; 11*. All women are welcome to attend for Bible study and fellowship.

THE GARDEN GROUP has scheduled a yard clean up and bulb planting for Saturday, October 6, from 9:30 a.m. to whenever we are done or for as long as you can stay and help. A soup and bread lunch will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their garden tools and gloves. This will be general clean up of the yard and parking lot as well as planting bulbs. We have some other ideas for spring projects. Please join us! Contact [Sally](#) or [Pat](#) for more information.



WE NEED AN ANGEL-IN-CHIEF! The Angel Closet is a ministry offered by our church and provides clothing items, from diapers to winter coats, for children in the local community. Similar to our Home Start ministry, as we become aware of needs from community organizations and individuals, we respond by meeting with the family and helping meet their needs with gently used clothing. We need one or more individuals to coordinate this ministry by organizing donated clothing and helping those who can use the items. It is a "behind-the-scenes" opportunity to serve as the hands and heart of Christ. Please contact Kathy Pendegraft in the church office if you feel called to help families in need.



FAMILY PROMISE OF THE PALOUSE is celebrating its 5th Anniversary on October 23 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Courtyard by Marriott, 1295 NE North Fairway Road in Pullman. Lunch will be accompanied by a short program. Please RSVP by October 16. Call 208-882-0165 or email info@familypromisepalouse.org.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) URGES SUPPORT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE FLORENCE PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with leadership and assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain to provide long-term care and recovery efforts. Visit pcusa.org to find out how you can help support these relief efforts.

HELP US LEND A HAND Donations would be appreciated for the Deacons' Emergency Fund and Mercy Fund, which are used to help people in our community and our church, respectively, with urgent needs such as food, rent, medical, gas, and utilities. These funds operate outside the church budget, so contributions designated for these funds are welcome at any time. Thank you!

Finance Report



As of August 31, 2018

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts	\$ 29,040	\$ 194,475
Disbursements	\$ 23,283	\$ 193,377
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		\$ 1,098
Cash Balance (checking/savings)		\$ 19,332*

*Includes Capital Campaign funds and prepaid pledges for 2018 @ \$19,890

Fall is Stewardship Season

With the arrival of October comes our annual Stewardship Campaign. This year, the theme of our campaign is "First Fruits."

Stewardship information will arrive in your mailbox beginning in mid-October, and we will hear more about ways each of us can support our church's mission and ministry through "Stewardship Spotlight" presentations and bulletin announcements.



Our campaign will conclude with a Stewardship Celebration lunch on Nov. 11 (save the date!)

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

A year ago, Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico and many other areas in the Caribbean. The citizens of Puerto Rico are still struggling to rebuild their homes and their lives. Please pray for this effort and consider being part of a mission team to help the people of Puerto Rico.

FPC plans to send a mission team to Puerto Rico during spring break, the week of March 9-16, 2019. We will repair homes, clear debris and offer a "ministry of presence" to people whose spirits have been damaged. We hope to have an intergenerational team which will include people who have some Spanish language proficiency. We also hope to have some people with some construction experience but there will also be much work that can be done by people who do not have construction skills.



Our team will include those who are able to travel to Puerto Rico, along with many who are not able to travel but who can provide financial support and many local logistics. We ask that you be part of this mission effort.

Please contact Bruce Pitman at 208-596-2721 or at kbpitman@roadrunner.com, or contact [Pastor Norman Fowler](#) for more information about this mission project.

Thank You to Our Congregation for hosting our 13th Annual Community-Church Welcome Back Barbecue

A really big thank you to Pat Carey, Patrick Olsen, Jim Robinson, and Steve Bergmann for grilling all the meat and to the Scouts and leaders of Troop 344 for doing set up and take down. People of our church helped get tablecloths on the tables, set all the food on the buffet tables, provided condiments and all the fixings for the meat, resupplied the buffet table, greeted people at the "welcome" table, prepared the cold drinks and coffee, did the advance publicity, carted big signs around town, and helped with clean up. Thank you to our congregation for providing all the "yummy" side dishes and desserts. This year we also had the added pleasure of David Roon providing live music.



Congratulations to Troop 344's newest Eagle Scout, Jed Wallen, and his family. Jed's project was building a gazebo next to the pond at Lael.



Community Events of Interest

AREA GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS Friends of Hospice offers the following community grief support groups. No registration necessary. Call 509-332-4414 for more information.

- An open group for adults meets on the third Friday of each month (10/19, 11/16, 12/21) from 12:30-2 p.m. at Bishop Place library, 815 SE Klemgard in Pullman.
- Another monthly grief support group for adults meets on the second Friday of each month (10/12, 11/9, 12/14) from 12:30-2 p.m. in the downstairs Reflection Room of Whitman Hospital, 1200 W. Fairview St. in Colfax.



ROGER WILLIAMS SYMPOSIUM For the 38th Roger Williams Symposium, Dr. Miguel De La Torre will speak on “The Death of U.S. Christianity”, Saturday, October 13 at 7 p.m. at Ensminger Pavilion at WSU, 455 Lincoln Dr. across from the WSU Alumni Center. Dr. De La Torre is a professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO. He is an author, scholar-activist and an ordained Southern Baptist minister. He will show his film on immigration titled “Trails of Hope and Terror,” followed by a discussion from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, October 14 at St. James Episcopal Church in Pullman. He will present a Thomas Foley lecture on “Why They Come” on Monday, October 15 at noon in Bryan Hall Room 316, WSU. The Roger Williams Symposium is sponsored by The Common Ministry at WSU and the Thomas Foley Institute. All events are free and open to the public.



LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE Real Life on the Palouse is hosting a presentation by Mark Gungor, a pastor and international speaker on marriage and family (markgungor.com). In this seminar, Mark uses humor to explore the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships, bringing clarity and practical solutions to common relationship woes. You don't have to be married to benefit from his lessons. Laugh, listen, and learn at this seminar to be held October 19 & 20 at Real Life, 1420 S. Blaine (Eastside Mall) in Moscow. \$35/person. For information and tickets, call 208-882-2484.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY This 9-week course in financial management, created by Dave Ramsey, teaches participants how to get a handle on their finances, pay off debt, learn about saving and investing, and then be insanely generous, all from a Christian perspective. It will meet every Tuesday from Oct. 2 through Nov. 27, from 6:30-8 p.m. at EMSI, 409 S. Jackson St. in Moscow (parking and entrance at the back of the building). Note: if you are married, you need to come with your spouse for it to go well. Cost is \$109 per family, and some scholarships are available. For more information about the course or scholarships, call or text Jon Hill at (208)596-6194, or email hill.jon.m@gmail.com. Flyers for the course are available in the narthex. For a video preview/introduction for the course, check out this clip on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/ec7sqZBIId5k>. Purchase course materials and sign up for this class at <https://fpu.com/1074651>.



Deacons' Spotlight — Sharon Scott



Sharon Scott grew up in Pasadena, California, and attended Occidental College in Los Angeles. She graduated with a degree in Spanish Literature and a minor in Math. The summer after her junior year, 1965, she volunteered in a rural health center in Cali, Colombia. There she met Mike Scott, who was serving in the Peace Corps. They married in 1966. They have lived in San Diego, California; Corvallis, Oregon; Hawaii Volcanoes National Park in Hawaii; and now 32 years in Moscow.

Sharon worked at the University of Idaho for 20 years; mainly as a student advisor in the International Studies program. Sharon has been retired for over 10 years. She and Mike have been members of the First Presbyterian Church of Moscow for over 30 years, and value the many friends they've made in our Church family. She has served over 15 years as a Deacon (with some breaks here and there), and has enjoyed the experience of helping in the life of the church this way.

Mike and Sharon are avid birdwatchers and love reading. They love travel and have visited 5 of the 7 continents. The Scotts have two grown children, and six grandchildren that they love to visit and spend time with.

Sharon's favorite bible passage is from the Sermon on the Mount – "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." What more important idea is there?

Linda Fleener, Deacon

Wednesday Supper Fellowship

Tired of cooking? Didn't make it to the grocery store? Just want to get out of the house for a while? Want to take the kids out for something besides fast food? Looking for a home-cooked meal and some good company to share it with? Want to spend some time getting to know your church family? Then Wednesday Supper Fellowship is for you!

Every Wednesday evening in October, volunteers from our church family will prepare and serve a delicious meal from 6 to 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. These family-friendly suppers are free (donations welcome), and all are invited to come have dinner with friends, old and new.

Here's what's cooking in October:

- October 3 — Pasta bake with salad, veggies, bread and cookies
- October 10 — Enchiladas with all the trimmings
- October 17 — Sloppy Joes with coleslaw, sweet potato fries, brownies and ice cream
- October 24 — Lasagna with salad and bread (Pumpkin carving party after supper)
- October 31 — Assorted stews and soups

And remember our other Wednesday evening activities:

- Taizé worship at 5:30 in the Chapel Room
- Youth group at 6:30
- Bible Project Bible study at 6:45
- Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:00



FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Back to School season has been going quite well. Students have returned excited for youth group and Sunday School. I have really noticed the impact of camps and the mission trip this summer. In particular, Arturo and Anais Lamadrid had significant growth in their faith lives and are prioritizing a commitment to Jesus in significant ways. Praise God!

As we turn the calendar to October, the Presbytery and Camp Spalding are offering a Middle School Retreat. I hope to bring a couple of kids from our community to the retreat. I would also love to extend the opportunity to other Middle Schoolers in the community. Please refer anyone you can think of to me!

Youth

In youth group we are focusing the semester on the theme: "You have a Soul." This comes from a Chris Pratt video that the kids love. We are alternating weeks between fun/team building and spiritual practices/bible study. I am amazed how much more open the kids are to spiritual practices and language this fall.

FOON is HUGE. With a shorter lunch schedule, more kids are looking for a close and quick meal. I will need to increase the pizza order by two pizzas. Also, I will be providing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Two FOON needs:

- Increasing the pizza order also increases costs. FOON is an exceedingly important program (at a recent meeting with Youth Workers in the Presbytery, they marveled at the size of the program and said they have tried with little success to have mid-week programs like this). It is also a quite expensive program. Would you please consider making a donation to FOON? \$90 will cover a FOON. 2-3 sponsored FOONs would cover the price increase for the entire year.
- I would love to take fuller advantage of FOON this year. One way to do so would be to have 2 volunteers to serve pizza every week. If I am not serving pizza, I am more free to mingle with kids. If you are free from 12:30-1 p.m. on Thursdays, would you consider serving pizza with me?

Students are considering Presbytery retreats October 19-21 (Jr High) and November 30-December 2 (Sr. High). At this time, I think we are very likely to attend the Sr. High Retreat.

I am volunteering with the Middle School Cross Country team. In doing so, I am hoping to build relationships with kids.

Children

Helen and Donan are continuing to serve as Sunday School teachers this fall. Additionally, David Roon is still helping with music for Kid's Worship. I am very grateful for their help. I am searching for a "bullpen" of Sunday School teachers.

Pumpkin Carving will occur again during Wednesday Supper on October 24th.

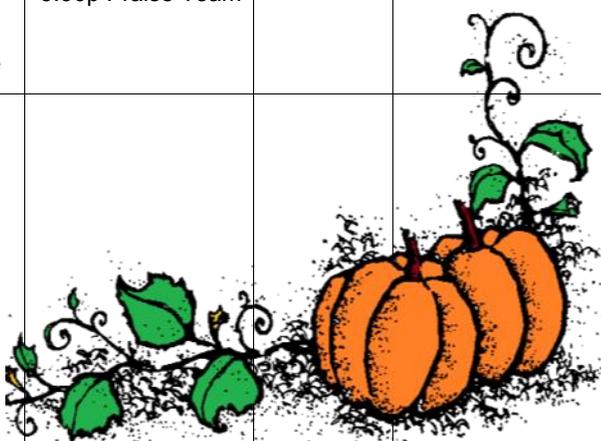
Family

Norman has stepped in to help lead a Sunday morning Bible Project class for parents of young children. Thus far, Jacob Wells and Matthew Vaughn have been enjoying that space. Many other parents have expressed interest. We are hoping this class will help serve as a bridge for relationships between families.

College

Jasper Wallen has been working hard this fall in gathering college students at the Center. He just launched a weekly Bible study, which will run in addition to the Friday evening meal that he hosts every week.

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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An Oasis Day

October 6, 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 405 S. Van Buren, Moscow

Come for a spiritual oasis — Come feed your soul

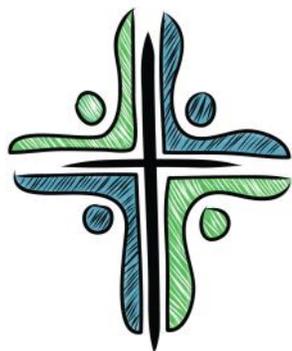
Take a break from the stress of life and take some time to refresh your soul. The flexible schedule for this mini-retreat includes group offerings as well as plenty of opportunity for individually chosen activities. We welcome all who want time for:

- guided and self-directed meditation
- praying scripture
- personal study
- quiet reflection
- prayer



Lunch will be provided.

Please reserve your place at the FPC Oasis Day by calling 208-882-4122
or emailing the FPC office at office@fpcmoscow.org



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"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.
Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

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