



First  
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MOSCOW, IDAHO

# News & Views

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FROM THE



PASTOR

In 1 John 4, we hear that God is love. We note a bit further on that "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear..." and "We love because he first loved us." As we live our lives, I wonder how hard it may be to believe that we are loved. I keep hearing about and experiencing ways that we are judged according to the world's standards. And it is pretty clear to me that none of us can really live up to all that is expected of us, for none of us is perfect, nor the most accomplished or successful in all aspects of our lives. We are, in fact, human, and too often the demands on our time and attention seem to overlook that fact.

When I think of what God wants of us, I don't think it is about being the most accomplished or successful in all we do. I believe what God really wants is for us to accept we are loved and find in that reality an opportunity for a relationship with God and with our neighbors. As noted above, we love because he first loved us. Love changes us and opens us to new ways of living.

One aspect of living that can become overwhelming is the anxiety and fear that I don't live up or will lose even what I already have. Yet this first letter of John encourages us to recognize that there is no fear in love and the kind of love God has for us, perfect love, casts out fear. This reminder from First John helps me realize that as I get anxious and fearful, I am probably looking past the love of God and looking to some other ways of defining myself. I have always wondered at the invitation Jesus gives us to take up our cross daily and follow him (Luke 9:23). I suspect that picking up the very thing that seems to bring about death requires a trust in the love of God and in the peace of God that goes beyond all understanding. I wonder if I can let myself die to the definitions, expectations, and conformity of our world and become a follower of Jesus. Can I learn to trust the love of God so that I do not live in fear of what will become of me or of our world? Can I instead learn to love, even as God has loved us?

There is such a dichotomy to faith—a promise of abundant life and an easy yoke, and an invitation to carry our cross daily. Perhaps, this conundrum is in part the way I learn to look at life and the

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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME ENDS  
NOVEMBER 4**

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difference between what the world shows me and what God would help me see. I hope as we continue on in faith we can continue to grow deeper in our acceptance of God's love so that we can live less in anxiety and fear, and instead find God shaping our desire to love, to live together in peace and mutual upbuilding (Romans 14:19).

I am thankful God has given us a family of faith in which to find encouragement and solace as we follow Christ—a family in which we can try to show genuine mutual love and affection for one another. I know this is a continuing work of God in me, helping me remove the barriers of the world's ways and changing my heart. I believe that we can open ourselves to God's Spirit continuing this work in each of us, and encourage one another in the process. Then out of this process we can begin to embrace the way God loves the world and cares for its future. That God loves us is not just a personal experience, but a life-altering invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus talks about us becoming a light to the world—a light that should not be hidden under a cover, but held up so the world might see.

In faith, I find grace and challenge, peace and hard work, joy and grief, for faith invites us to embrace the realities of our mortal life and to live as followers of Jesus.

May the peace and grace of God be yours,

Norman

## Special Services Coming Up

### **NOVEMBER 4 WORSHIP ALL SAINTS DAY OBSERVANCE**

It has become a tradition in our church to remember all the saints who have gone before us by giving each person present the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of departed loved ones as part of the worship service. This year, we will do this on Nov. 4, which is also a communion Sunday (served in pews) AND the end of daylight savings time.



**Are you grieving the loss of a loved one this holiday season? In recognition of the challenges you may be facing, you are invited to attend an inter-denominational**

## *Service of Remembrance*

*Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

*Moscow First Presbyterian Church*

**Hope and comfort will be offered through special music, scripture, prayer, remembering, and a time for fellowship and refreshments. Stephen Ministers will be available for those who would like someone to talk to or pray with.**

**For more information, call 208-882-4122.**

# Stewardship Campaign 2018—Honoring God with our First Fruits



Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce.

Proverbs 3:9a

Stewardship season is the time when we think about how we will honor God and help support the mission and ministry of our church with our time, talents, and treasure in the coming year. Pledges are a way we can respond to God’s grace by offering our “first fruits,” but they also guide our Session as they plan our budget for 2019. Salaries for staff, funding for our ministries, upkeep of our facility, and the activities we can offer all depend on the financial and Time and Talent pledges received. Your pledge will make a difference.

This week, you will receive a letter containing a pledge card and a Time and Talent pledge form. Please take a look at the letter and prayerfully consider how you will give of your time and resources in the coming year, and return your pledges to the church by November 11. On the 11th, we will dedicate our stewardship gifts to the honor of God, and celebrate our life together at a lunch in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Thank you for your commitment to honor God and help make our life together as a family of faith possible.

## Stewardship Celebration Luncheon/Potluck

Sunday, November 11, following worship

All are invited to our Stewardship Celebration! John Farbo will once again prepare his delicious tri-tip and pork loin roasts, and we will supply potluck side dishes to go with the main course. Beverages and table service will be provided. Please bring a potluck dish to share. The fellowship team suggests the following (according to first letter of last name):

A-H Fruit or Desserts

J-Z Vegetables, Salads, and Appetizers



### Poinsettias

Would you like to help decorate the church and honor loved ones with beautiful poinsettias during Advent? The plants will cost \$10 each, and you are welcome to take yours home after Christmas. Please return this form with your check (payable to First Presbyterian Church, designated "poinsettia") to the church office no later than November 26.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ How Many \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Dedicated to/In Memory of (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

## News Briefs

**DEACONS' FIRST SUNDAY BENEVOLENCE OFFERING** The loose offering on November 4 will go to the Deacons' Benevolence Fund, and will be directed to Christmas for Kids, providing Christmas gifts of clothing and toys to area children in need. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause. The Deacons also encourage donations of non-perishable food and household necessities for the Moscow Food Bank, either through Give-a-Meal-a-Month or by giving items of your choice. Monthly menus and bags for Give-a-Meal-a-Month may be found in the lower chapel room—look for the grocery cart.



**CAROL RENFREW CIRCLE** will meet Thursday, November 29, at 1:30 in the Chapel room. Our Bible study will be Lesson Six, *In Community with the Reality of the Present*. This will be our last meeting until January 24, when we continue our study of Hebrews: *Cloud of Witnesses*. For November, Linda Fleener will lead Lesson Six. Kathryn Chase is our hostess. All women are invited to come for Bible study and fellowship.

**CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH MEMORY LOSS?** Alzheimer's Association caregiver support groups provide a consistent and caring place for people to learn, share and gain emotional support from others who are also on a unique journey of providing care to a person with memory loss. A free information and support group for caregivers is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Trinity Baptist Church on Fairview Avenue in Moscow. For more information, contact one of the group facilitators: Tammie Poe at 208-301-8617 or Dr. Ira Srivastava at 208-297-0189.

**THE PRESBYTERY OF THE INLAND NORTHWEST INVITES YOU!** Last spring our quarterly Presbytery Gatherings merged with our missional Learning Communities, and we are continuing forward with this format. The Great Merger 3 will be held on November 8th at Whitworth Church from 9:30-3:30 (doors open at 9:00). We will spend part of the day sharing stories about where we have noticed God in our neighborhoods, and we'll examine an inquirer as she seeks to move to the candidate process. We will also spend time worshipping together and the day will include a short meeting. Anyone in a congregation is welcome and encouraged to attend to hear what God is up to throughout our region and how we are being called to partner with God. Please register on the Presbytery website ([www.presbyinw.org](http://www.presbyinw.org)) so we can best prepare for our day together. See you there!

## Christmas Elves Needed

Every year, we are blessed with a crew of cheerful volunteers who help set up the trees and decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. We would like to invite anyone who would like to lend a hand to join in. It's a lot of fun, and a good way to get to know some people you might not get to talk with on a Sunday morning. We will set a



date and time during the week of November 25 based on volunteers' availability. Please contact the church office to let us know days and times that work for you.

## Finance Report



As of  
September 30, 2018

	Sept.	YTD
Receipts	\$ 20,132	\$ 214,607
Disbursements	\$ 22,050	\$ 215,426
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$ 819)
Cash Balance (checking/savings)	\$ 23,039*	

\*includes Capital Campaign funds & prepaid pledges for 2018 @ \$19,890

## Wednesday Supper Fellowship (and more) for November

Wednesday Suppers will continue through the month of November (except for Thanksgiving week), with some wonderful food and fun activities planned. Supper is served from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, right after Taizé worship in the Chapel Room. Suppers are free, but donations are always welcome to help defray costs. Bring your family and friends! All are welcome!



### **Nov 7: Puerto Rico Night**

As we prepare to send a mission team to Puerto Rico over spring break, we invite you to come enjoy culinary delights with a Puerto Rican flair by Helen Brown and students. The main dish will feature chicken, with several tasty side dishes.

### **Nov 14: Boycott Turkey Night**

"Boycott Turkey Night"! Yes, Thanksgiving is fast approaching. As such, our WSF is boycotting turkey and will be serving baked chicken with all the trimmings. Chef John Farbo and his hard-working crew promise delectable baked chicken with potato salad, baked beans and triple chocolate brownies. Don't miss the fun!

### **Nov 21: No Supper—Thanksgiving Week**



### **Nov 28: Sandwiches, Salads, PLUS Advent Wreaths & Joyful Jars Project**

Italian Beef Sandwiches. Pasta Salad, Green Salad, Chips, Veggies & Pumpkin treats, prepared by Ellen Johansen, Lauren Wenny, and Barbara Aaron. **This will be the final supper of the semester.**

Right after supper, there will be two intergenerational projects to participate in:



Advent Wreath Project will be hosted by Family Ministry. This is an opportunity to make a paper Advent wreath to take home and use with the provided Advent devotions that will add meaning and helpful rhythms to your Christmas season.

4th Annual Joyful Jars Service Project, also after supper on the 28th. We will fill jars with a fall soup mixture to be given to local food banks for distribution. We also keep some of the jars to give to people in need who come into the church office, and they are grateful to have a healthy, easy to prepare meal in a jar. All ages are invited to help fill jars with dried peas, lentils, barley and spices and then top the jars with labels and ribbon. Please join us!



## Deacons' Spotlight

Howard and Jeanette Beloit moved to Moscow from Clarkston in 1959. Shortly after, they transferred their membership from the First Presbyterian Church in Clarkston to the Moscow church and have been members ever since.

Jeanette worked for many years with Norma Lewis handling the wedding committee, and took on many other jobs in the kitchen. She has served as a Deacon, and Howard as an Elder over the years. One of their memories is being involved with planning and working to establish the education wing of the church.



In 1964, Howard became an owner of a downtown retail business and continued until his retirement in 1993. Since retirement, Howard and Jeanette have traveled in all 50 states and to other countries. They spent the last 25 winters in Yuma, Arizona, where they gained many new friends from different parts of our country and Canada. They decided now was the time to return to Moscow year-round and get to know the present church family. They are happy to be back to stay, saying, "When our time comes to be called home, we will join many of our old church members in the columbarium here at the church."

Howard and Jeanette have been successful in raising their family and watching how it has grown over the years. They are proud of their family, which consists of daughter, Patricia, and son, Richard, each of whom have a son and daughter. Their four grandchildren have given them seven great granddaughters. This past June, the Beloits celebrated 66 years of marriage.

It's great to have Howard and Jeanette back in Moscow and we look forward to getting reacquainted.

## Be Part of our Mission Team to Puerto Rico this Spring

FPC plans to send a mission team to Puerto Rico during the week of spring break, March 9-16, 2019. We will repair homes and clear debris left by Hurricane Maria, and offer a "ministry of presence" to people whose spirits have been damaged. There will also be an opportunity for sight-seeing and cultural enrichment. The trip is open to youth and adults of all skill levels. Our tasks will be assigned on the basis of our skills and abilities.

Those who are interested in going on the mission trip should contact Bruce Pitman at 208-596-2721 or [kbpitman@roadrunner.com](mailto:kbpitman@roadrunner.com) today for details and registration materials for the trip. Registration is open through November, but it is to our advantage to reserve our spots early.

If you can't make the trip, but would like to help with fundraising or local logistics, please talk with Bruce or Pastor Norman about how you can be involved.



## It's a Baby Shower!



Welcome, William Robert Teats! Meghan's and Aaron's church family and friends are invited to celebrate William's arrival at a co-ed shower and luncheon on November 10 at 11 a.m. Please RSVP by November 7 to Kathy Pendegraft 208-882-4122 or email the [church office](#).

# FAMILY MINISTRY

Jeremiah Nealon, Director of Family Ministry [aslanscountry@gmail.com](mailto:aslanscountry@gmail.com)

## What I am thankful for:

**Youth Group Cohesion and Spiritual Hunger:** we have been experiencing the fruit of summer mission. Attendance has been very consistent and students have responded very well to "soulcare" weeks.

**Sunday School:** worship with the kids every week has been incredible. I was very blessed by a frank conversation with the kids about how to let the Lord "build or houses" and what it means to labor in vain. Some of the kids in our community will blow you away with their insight into Jesus.

**Middle School Cross Country and Foon:** Foon has grown even larger this year with shorter lunch periods. We often have over 50 kids attend! I also served as a Cross Country coach at the middle school this season, a team of over 80 kids. This meant that most weeks I was able to interact with well over 100 youth in the Moscow School District! What an amazing opportunity!

**Sydney Rosen:** Another great Christmas Pageant is on the way.

**Jasper Wallen:** Faithfully hosting and inviting college students to eat and study the teachings of Jesus together.



## Youth:

**"Office" Hours:** I will now regularly hang out at One World Café Monday, from 3-4:45 and Friday, from 2:15-4 as regular office hours for youth. I hope this offers space for follow up conversations and regular games of chess.

**Sr. High Camp November 30-Dec 2.** Be there. Camp Spalding, \$100. I'll be driving and I am looking for another adult volunteer to help chaperone.

## Family:

**Christmas Wreath Sales:** Buy a wreath, help kids go to camp. I saw amazing leaps in spiritual interest this summer with kids who went to camp (especially for the first time). Beautify your door this winter and really help a kid out. (see next page.)

**Christmas Pageant:** Sydney will soon begin rehearsals for this year's pageant. She is always committed to include every kid who wants to participate. Let her or me know if your child wants in! Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, 5:15-6 p.m. starting November 7.



## College:

**Dinner and Bible Study:** Jasper is doing good work in the Campus Christian Center. Thursday at 9 a.m. is a Bible study, and Friday at 5 p.m. he offers dinner and community. If you are college-aged, please check it out!

## Support Our Youth Campership Fund!

Our Youth Group is taking orders for fresh and fragrant wreaths, pictured here, to raise money for the Youth Summer Camp Fund. Complete and return the order form below along with your check (payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "wreath" in the memo line) to the church office by November 8. Wreaths will be available for pick-up at the church the first week of December. You may also order gift wreaths to be shipped to friends or loved ones in the continental U.S. Thank you for supporting our youth!



### Wreath Order Form

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
24" Classic Wreath	_____ @ \$25 each	\$_____
42" XL Classic Wreath	_____ @ \$45 each	\$_____
24" Classic Wreath, shipped	_____ @ \$50 each	\$_____
	TOTAL DUE	\$_____

### Orders Due November 8

*Please enclose check payable to FPC with your order. Indicate "wreath sale" in memo line. Return order form with payment in full by Nov. 8 to First Presbyterian Church, 405 S. Van Buren, Moscow ID 83843. Wreaths will arrive the first week of December—we will contact you.*

Shipping information for gift wreaths:

Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Message \_\_\_\_\_

Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Message \_\_\_\_\_

# November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	1 6:30a Men's Group 5:30p Praise Team	2	3 Fellowship Hall Floor Waxing
4 <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</b> 9:15a Sun. School 10:30a Worship— All Saints & communion	5 7p Boy Scouts	6 MCC 8-3:30 7p NSA Dress rehearsal in the sanctuary	7 10:30a Women's Bible Study 11a Men's Bible Study 5:15p Pageant Practice 5:30p Taizé 6p Supper Fellowship 6:30p Youth Group 6:45 Bible Study 7p Eagle Scout BOR 7p Choir	8 <b>CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDERS DUE</b> 6:30a Men's Group 11a Bible Study at CCC 12:30p FOON 5:30p Praise Team 6p Kidpower	9 	10  11a Baby Shower
11 <b>STEWARDSHIP</b> 9:15a Sun. School 10:30a Worship 11:45a Stewardship Celebration Lunch 3p NSA concert	12 5:45p T344 Merit Badge Meeting 7p Boy Scouts	13 MCC 8-3:30 6p UI Lab Choir Concert 6:30p Stephen Ministers	14 10:30a Women's Bible Study 11a Men's Bible Study 5:15p Pageant Practice 5:30p Taizé 6p Supper Fellowship 6:30p Youth Group 6:45 Bible Study 7p Choir	15 6:30a Men's Group 11a Bible Study at CCC 12p FOON 5:30p Praise Team	16	17
18 9:15a Sun. School 10:30a Worship	19 7p Deacons	20 3:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry	21	22 <b>THANKSGIVING</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Office closed for Thanksgiving</div>	23	24
25 9:15a Sun. School 10:30a Worship	26 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE &amp; POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE</b> 6p Strategic Team & Session meeting 7p Session 7p Boy Scouts	27 MCC 8-3:30 6:30p Stephen Ministers	28 10:30a Women's Bible Study 11a Men's Bible Study 5:15p Pageant Practice 5:30p Taizé 6p Supper Fellowship, Advent Wreath- making and Joyful Jars Project 6:30p Youth Group 6:45 Bible Study 7p Choir	29 6:30a Men's Group 11a Bible Study at CCC 12p FOON 1:30p Carol Renfrew Women's Circle 5:30p Praise Team	30 	

# Praying, Growing, and Learning Together

## Community Service of Lament and Healing

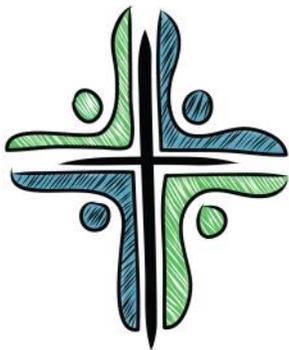
On Friday, October 12, we joined with other Moscow congregations to offer a community-wide Service of Lament and Healing. The service offered time to recognize the trauma many women experience due to sexual violence, and how recent national events have re-traumatized survivors of sexual violence. Pastor Norman, Mary Read, Elizabeth Stevens (Unitarian Church), Dawn Beamish (The Campus Christian Center), Caitlyn Probasco, and Jasper Wallen developed and led the service. Madeline Smith and Christian Reed provided music leadership. The service included litanies, poetry, music, scripture, prayer, and multiple times of silence, and touched those who attended.

## Digital Day

On Saturday, October 13, we held our first Digital Day. Sarah Dossey and Harper Wallen did a fantastic job teaching eager participants how to engage in the church's online presence and social media. Topics covered included: How to use the FPC Prayer Chain; How to use the FPC web site to find information about what we believe, upcoming events, small groups, Lael Retreat Center and past sermons; Internet safety and security; and Introduction to the church Facebook page and Facebook group. The workshop was well received and we hope to hold a second one in the spring.

## Women's Retreat

Eight FPC women attended the Fall Women's Retreat at Clearwater Lodge/Camp Spalding. Speaker Marilyn Vancil helped us discover and walk in our true identity as a unique reflection of God's image. We explored the enneagram tool to help us learn more about our unique qualities and how we might share them with others on our journeys. Door of Hope led several uplifting and meaningful worship services and our group of eight enjoyed some small group time, individual quiet time, hiking, and exploring the beautiful area around Davis Lake.



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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.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

Pastor Norman Fowler  
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