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Come sing with our
Summer Choir

June 16 (rehearsal 6/12)
July 7 (rehearsal 7/3)
August 18 (rehearsal 8/14)
All rehearsals at 7 p.m.
Sunday worship warm-up
begins at 9 a.m.
Contact the church office
for more information.

News & Views

FROM THE



PASTOR

Recently I have encountered grief and concerns that seem to well up in ways I have not often experienced. The loss of my mother due to her death and the concomitant reminder of my own mortality are one side of that coin. The other is the continued way I see humans treated inhumanely. No matter how one feels about immigration, treating immigrants, and especially children, in inhuman ways seems unconscionable. Scripture reminds us to treat the immigrant or foreigner well, as in Deuteronomy 10:18-19 [*Common English Bible (CEB)*].

He enacts justice for orphans and widows, and he loves immigrants, giving them food and clothing. That means you must also love immigrants because you were immigrants in Egypt.

Immigration is not the only place where human beings are ill-treated. We could look at the struggles caused by poverty, racism, misogyny and other forms of human instigated injustice and become disheartened. I feel the loss or grief at the diminished shared dream, a dream that cared that these evils be mitigated. I find it difficult to understand why this dream is not shared as widely as I grew up believing it was. I hear there is still hope.

But what is hope? Is hope just something we want to happen badly but don't really expect will? We often define hope in relation to our expectations or to things we want to happen. As we think about hope, I notice how often hope is defined in relation to my needs, wants, and desires and how I hope they are fulfilled. Is hope ever more than what I wish will happen to serve my needs, wants, and desires?

As I was looking at the definition of hope, I found in the web definition what was called an archaic definition – trust or confidence. According to this definition we could say we have a hope in an athlete's ability to win – we not only *want* the athlete to best the competition we might have confidence that the athlete *will* best the competition. Psalm 145:5 states "Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God." Here is an example where hope can be considered trust or confidence. There is

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an element of confidence that something in the future will be better than today because of a confidence in God.

I wonder if I have not lost this definition of hope in the way I use the word. So often hope seems an illusion, almost magical. I can hope something happens, but even the expectation that it will seems reduced. And, I feel instead of having hope, having confidence that good will happen and that God will lead us to further the way of Christ, I begin to try to hold on to the good I have, fearful that the future will be worse. I sometimes begin to attempt to control the way I live my life so I do not suffer, and try to maintain a pleasant life instead.

If God has entered our world to show us grace, and I am unwilling to trust this external force for good that offers this grace, how can I appreciate what God would give me? I wonder if it is in part a lack of confidence in God and in God's creation that leads humans to exhibit controlling behavior. That is, if I don't trust that good can come from things that are beyond my control, I will always need to be in control. Yet, I experience much that seems beyond my control. This seems a recipe for anxiety.

I know that without a modicum of faith, I would be even more fearful in light of our struggles in today's world. God, in the face of our struggles, invites us to have hope in our savior and his leading. As we place our confidence in Christ, we can begin to grow in our walk with Jesus and into God's way. I believe that is what Paul is identifying in Romans 5:1-5. Since we have God's love poured into our hearts, we can live through the suffering that builds character. And this character produces hope or confidence in God's will and God's way for us in the midst of a world that seems to have rejected love and grace and instead doubles down on control through creating hardships, punishments, and violence.

I am thankful our God gives us a savior who receives the created hardship, punishment, and violence of the world and the death it causes, and shows God is not overpowered but powers through and brings new life, resurrection, and renewal. I don't understand humanity's inhumanity that causes hurt, suffering and hardship. But, I do have hope in, a confidence in our God who would guide us on a different path; a path that shows us a way that is about what is real, and about life, and life abundantly. Or as we hear in Psalm 30:4-5:

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning

Let us look to how we may live the way of Christ which hopes in and is confident that, through faith, joy comes with the morning.

May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you,

Norman



Pentecost Offering

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. As Presbyterians, we also mark this celebration by receiving the Pentecost Offering, which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, we participate in helping our children, youth, and young adults grow up to proclaim with the Psalmist, “O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.” (Psalm 71)

Funds contributed to the Pentecost Offering are used in the following ways:

- 25% goes to Young Adult Volunteers, to train and equip volunteers to participate in serving communities at more than 20 sites in the U.S. and around the world.
- 25% supports ministries with youth, ages 12-18, and those called to serve as volunteer adult leaders in our denomination.
- 10% supports child advocacy through the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative, which was affirmed at the 2014 General Assembly.
- 40% remains with our congregation and has been designated by session to help support a local youth mission called Weekend Food for Kids, organized by St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. The goal for the Weekend Food Program is to supplement the Moscow School District’s free weekday summertime lunch program by providing bags of food on weekends for children who live in food insecure circumstances. Last year, 929 bags of food were distributed during the summer months, thanks to donations of time and money from local churches and individuals.

Please give generously to the Pentecost Offering to support the faith journeys of our youth and young adults. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and indicate “Pentecost Offering” in the memo line. Look for the red and white offering envelopes in the pew rack, or mail your check to the church office, 405 S. Van Buren St., Moscow. Contributions will be received through the end of June.



News Briefs

CARING FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN 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. The need this year has been great, and both funds are depleted. These funds operate outside the church budget, so contributions would be welcomed at any time. Thank you!



CAMP SPALDING MISSION WEEKEND Our mission team headed to Camp Spalding June 7-9 to help prepare the camp for the summer camp season and had a great time together in work, worship and fellowship. The scripture theme for this year's Spalding trip was Romans 15:13, "May the God of HOPE fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."

SAVE THESE DATES FOR SUMMER FUN AT LAEL Come on out to Lael Retreat Center on Sunday, June 23 and/or July 28 for a BBQ potluck and vespers. Invite your friends and neighbors to these family-friendly events. What a great way to spend a summer evening—good food, good company, and the peace and beauty of Lael. Watch for details in Sunday bulletins.



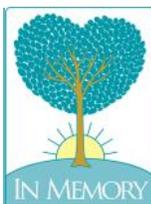
MISSING MIRROR The large plate glass mirror that has been in the "office" area of the fellowship hall kitchen is missing, and we would like to have it returned or replaced. It was last seen in Room 35, the adult Sunday School room, back in March. If you know where the mirror is, please return it to the kitchen or contact the church office.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND BIBLE STUDY LEADERS! Sunday School and our weekly Bible Project groups have wrapped up for the summer. Many thanks to Donan Nealon, Helen Brown, Jeremiah Nealon, Julie Hopper, Kathy Pitman, Lee Rozen, Celeste Brown, Pastor Norman, and all their assistants for all the work they have done to help us grow in our faith.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY Printed directories are currently available in the church office. To request an electronic version (PDF file), email the church office at office@fpcmoscow.org.

FAMILY PROMISE Thank you to all who helped out with our May/June host week. Without the help of many caring volunteers, we could not welcome these families with children who are in need of a helping hand as they work to rebuild their lives. Our next host week will be August 11-17. In addition, the following week, August 18-24, we will serve as a neutral site (families will stay here, hosted by LDS Wards).



Jean Bridges passed away in April following a long illness. A memorial service was held on June 1 in our sanctuary.

Glen Wallen, father of Neal Wallen, passed away on May 20. A memorial service is planned for 10:30 a.m. on June 15 here at First Presbyterian Church. Following the service, there will be a potluck lunch reception in Fellowship Hall.

Flowers for Worship

Our flower committee invites everyone to help supply flowers for worship. Many of us have beautiful flowers in our gardens at various times. Others may receive a bouquet of flowers or a potted plant to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other event. Please consider sharing these flowers to brighten our sanctuary during worship. If you would like to donate or loan flowers on a given Sunday, please sign up on the Flower Chart posted on the office window or call the office.



Deacons' Spotlight—100 years and still counting

On Sunday July 7, we will celebrate Maynard Fosberg's 100th birthday with a reception after the worship service that day. Maynard and his family have been FPC members for many years. Everyone is invited to stay after church for this birthday reception.



Maynard and his twin sister, Eva, were born July 7, 1919 in Turlock, California. His parents had moved there from Spokane after a fire burned their residence on Cougar Gulch. Maynard loved his boyhood growing up through the Depression on a farm that raised various types of melons and other fruit. He notes he ate lots of fruits and veggies growing up. He still enjoys it when he can get Turlock cantaloupe locally. He credits his longevity to hard work and eating lots of melon!

Maynard's lifelong love of understanding soils began when he would help irrigate the fruit with his mother. While WWII interfered with his education, once it was over, his brother helped him quickly enroll at University of Wisconsin, Madison, coming in just before the University had to close enrollment due to so many GI's applying to the university. He earned his Bachelor of Science in 1947 and his Master of Science in 1948 in soils at Wisconsin with a focus on soil genesis and classification. In 1949 the University of Idaho hired Maynard to teach. The three years he planned to stay turned into a 40-year career. During his tenure at Idaho, he also worked on his Ph.D. in soils and received the degree in 1963 from University of Wisconsin.

Maynard joined the US Army Air Corp in 1939 and this took him to several locations in the United States as he worked in the medical corps, in a photo lab, and finally as a gun camera trainer. This last post took him to Georgia, where he met Margaret Williams, a public health nurse. This would begin a lifelong relationship, for they were married nearly 69 years, from May 1947 until Margaret's passing in March 2016. Once the newlyweds moved to Moscow they began a family. They had two children: daughter Stephanie, born in 1951, and son Mark, born in 1954.

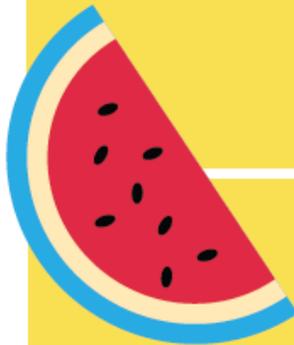
Several lifelong projects engaged Maynard during the early 1950's. One was the acquisition and the first steps to transforming the property where he now lives at the intersection of D and Mountain View Streets in Moscow. He worked it from a rundown old farm to a horse farm and then into its current status as a nature preserve. Another project he began just slightly earlier was collecting soil monoliths, a vertical section of the soil profile that is extracted from the field and mounted for display and teaching purposes. The Maynard A. Fosberg Monolith Collection at the UI College of Agricultural and Life Sciences is one of the largest in the world, containing over 230 monoliths, most collected by Maynard and his students. Traveling around the state and region collecting soil monoliths and teaching soil science at the University were the joys of Maynard's professional life. After retirement in 1989, Maynard continued working with High School FFA groups on soil classifications. He started a High School FFA state soil classifications competition and he worked with 4-H land judging contests. Maynard received many awards and accolades for his work on soils. He finally cleared out his office at UI in 2018 and moved it to his home.

The Fosbergs joined First Presbyterian Church in Moscow in the early 1950's when Reverend Lundy was pastor. Maynard at one time was facilities chair. He remembers helping reroof the sanctuary and nearly losing one of the congregants working on the roof when that congregant cut through the cord on his power saw! Maynard and Margaret also have long supported a small country church in Georgia, near Margaret's family farm.

We are thankful we can celebrate Maynard's 100th birthday with him on July 7 after church. Everyone is invited to come meet or get reacquainted with Maynard and his family and enjoy a brunch of Maynard's favorites: Norma Lewis's sausage fondue breakfast casserole, cantaloupe and other melons, and German Chocolate Cake. Come one, come all! No gifts, but please bring a birthday card for Maynard and drop it in the birthday basket as you enter the church.



**Moscow School District
presents**



SUMMER LUNCH



**YOUTH 1-18 EAT FREE!
NO REGISTRATION. ADULTS \$4**

**11:30-
12:30**

**M-F JUNE 11-AUGUST 23
NO LUNCH JULY 4TH OR 5TH**

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COME AS MANY DAYS AS YOU WANT!

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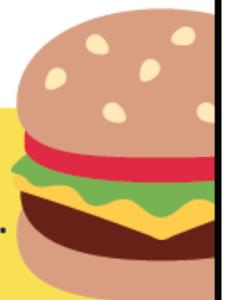
Latah County Library District



Visit www.msd281.org/meals for more information

Funding provided by the USDA Summer Food Service Program.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Finance Report

Each year we pay a per capita assessment to Presbyterian Church (USA) based on our membership. This assessment supports the work of Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. The per capita cost this year is \$36 per person. Please consider contributing toward this assessment. Checks should be made out to FPC with "per capita" in the memo line. Watch your mail for a letter with more information about per capita, and look for special Per Capita offering envelopes in the pew rack.

Financial Summary As of May 31, 2019

	<u>May 2019</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts	\$ 14,799	\$ 120,121
Disbursements	\$ 22,034	\$ 126,323
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$6,202)
Cash Balance (checking/savings)		\$15,846*

*Includes prepaid pledges for 2019 of \$19,600



Personnel Update — Music Minister Position Open

We are sorry to announce that Madeline Smith has resigned as our Music Minister. While she loved her position at our church and we loved her leadership, her course of study at the University of Idaho became untenable. Madeline writes: *Thank you so much for all of the love you poured into me over the course of this year. If I could have stayed in Moscow just for this church, I certainly would have. Thank you for being so generous with your musicianship, your humor, and your kindness. I treasure the time we spent together and wish you all the best! You are a very special church and I will miss you very much.* Madeline has returned to Colorado and will be furthering her career there. We hope Madeline will be able to visit us one more time this summer and we can celebrate our time together and bless her on her journey.

Since Madeline found she must change her course, we now have the position of Music Minister open. The Director of Music Ministry leads the music ministry of the First Presbyterian Church, Moscow, Idaho. The Director of Music Ministry includes the following responsibilities:

- Leads, directs, and supports the chancel choir and praise team in preparation for Sunday worship and as these groups lead musically in Sunday morning worship. Related training and experience are expected and valued.
- Works closely with the accompanist to ensure that he/she has adequate time to prepare for worship and for support of musical groups who will be part of worship and other church events.
- Works closely with the Pastor to ensure that music is well-integrated and supportive of the worship experiences.

To apply for this part-time position, please send a letter of intent and resume to:

Personnel Committee
First Presbyterian Church
405 South Van Buren Street
Moscow, ID 83843



For more information, call 208-882-4122 or email office@fpcmoscow.org.

FAMILY MINISTRY

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

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT (PNO) is set for Friday, June 28, from 5:30—8:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. For details, or to register your kids, please contact Jeremiah at aslanscountry@gmail.com or call the church office (208-882-4122) by June 25. Space is limited, so reserve your child's spot today! In July, PNO will be Friday, July 26, same time, same place, same reservation contacts.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Vacation Bible School is an awesome opportunity to provide spiritual formation for children in and outside of our church. Whether you teach, act, prepare snacks, help with music or fill any of the other dozens of roles in VBS, you are helping a kid lay the foundation for a life-long faith. The last two years, many of our volunteers have been first time volunteers (including all of our tribe leaders). Would you consider volunteering for VBS? It really is a church-wide effort that can only be pulled off by all of us!



CAMP SPALDING The foundation of most of our faith lives is formed in consistency: daily disciplines and weekly worship. Yet, most of us can identify "catalytic moments" in our faith, a time when the depth of our belief jumped. Camp is often a moment like that for kids, something I witnessed first-hand last summer when I was a counselor at Arts Camp. This summer, several of our kids (and their friends) are building their summer around a week (or in the case of smaller kids, a night) at camp. Please pray for our children and youth as they go to camp, and when they return, ask them what they encountered!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 8-12, 2019 — 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Free and open to children age 4 through entering Grade 5

Learn the story of the Apostle Paul...straight from Paul himself!
In an ancient "anything goes" culture, Paul will inspire kids to share the life-changing truth of **God's immeasurable love.**



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND REGISTER TODAY!

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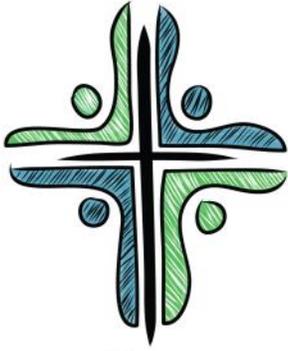
Registration forms are available in the narthex or on the church website
<http://fpcmoscow.org/vacation-bible-school.aspx>

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30a Worship 4p FNB meal	3 6p Scout T344 7p Session	4 6:30p Stephen Ministers	5 6:30p Youth Group	6	7	8 Camp Spalding Mission Weekend (through Sunday)
9 PENTECOST 9:30a Worship 4p FNB meal	10 Moscow Classical Conversations teacher training and kids' camp—all day	11	12	13	14	15 10:30a Memorial ser- vice for Glen Wallen, potluck lunch follow- ing in fellowship hall
16 FATHER'S DAY 9:30a Worship 4p FNB meal	17 7p Deacons	18 6:30p Stephen Ministers	19	20 5:30p Lael Board	21	22
23 9:30a Worship 4p FNB meal 5p Lael BBQ/ vespers	24	25	26	27	28 5:30p Parents' Night Out	29
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July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Office closed INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 Office closed	6
7 9:30a Worship 10:30a Fosberg 100th birthday 4p FNB meal	8 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.	9	10	11	12	13
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Summer Sermon Series

WoRSHIP – An Acronym for Various Spiritual Disciplines

Recently I had a conversation in which I was asked what it means when someone talks about the spiritual disciplines and why would one care? So much is going on in our lives and in the world around us aren't the spiritual disciplines just a way to focus on one's self and remove one's self from the world? These questions were the prompt that led to this summer series.

As persons of faith we are invited to keep company with our Trinitarian God. We are not in charge of the relationship, but we have a part to play. As we wonder at our world, we may also turn to God for solace, guidance, and actions we might use to address living in today's world. The spiritual disciplines are descriptions of ways we might participate in our relationship with God through making time, paying attention and tuning in to what God may do or be doing in our lives.



I am trying something different, as I will be following themes as formulated in a book by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun called *The Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*. The advantage is that each section of the book is the general theme I will address on Sundays and the chapters in each section provide practices one might try in relationship with that week's theme. Please sign up in the office or through email if you would like us to order a book for you.

~ Pastor Norman

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 Friday

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