



First
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Church
MOSCOW, IDAHO

News & Views

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Taizé Worship
Wednesdays
5:30-6:00 p.m.
in the Chapel Room
beginning Sept. 18

Take a mid-week break to refresh your spirit at this quiet service of scripture, prayer, and song. All are welcome!

FROM THE



PASTOR

Before long we will have the crisp whisper of fall in the air. This foretaste of fall reminds me of the changing seasons. I also notice the change in traffic and energy around Moscow as school and college classes begin once again. With all these changes, we also restart many activities at church, including Sunday School (Sept 8 at 9:15 am), and Wednesday Supper Fellowship (6 pm starting Sept 18) preceded each night by Taizé (5:30 pm starting Sept 18). We kick this all off with our Welcome BBQ Sunday evening Sept 8 at 5 pm. We are planning also to have some community forums that help us talk together about the struggles we face in our time and place. We have several other opportunities in the works as well, so watch for emails and announcements. I hope you will find the activities that fit for you and join in them, so that together we grow in Christ.

As we worked through the Spiritual Disciplines as organized by Adele Calhoun using the acronym "WORSHIP" this summer, I was reminded that our spirituality includes the incarnate (embodied in human reality; in human form) love of God. We see this most directly in Jesus.

Jesus then invites us to become that embodied love of God, the body of Christ, upon his resurrection and ascension. This led me to think more about Christ's incarnation and the life of Jesus. In doing this, I was reminded of Philippians 2. Often I will focus on the second part of the creedal-type statement in Philippians 2 where we hear that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend... and every tongue confess that Jesus, the Christ, is Lord."

Yet, this comes as result of the first stanza of this statement. Here we are invited to:

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God

Worship
Open myself to God
Relinquish the false self
Share my life with others
Hear God's Word
Incarnate the Love of Christ
Pray

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as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

We, too, find ourselves in human form and as much as it seems a human reaction to want to aggrandize ourselves, even to the extent that we see ourselves as gods, Jesus does the opposite. As we follow Jesus, we seem to be invited to do the same. That is, “being born in human likeness and being found in human form, humble [ourselves] and become obedient [to God] to the point of death.” I find it so easy to want to look beyond the present, to hope for the new heaven and new earth, that I can forget that God seems to invite us to live our lives in the present as followers of Christ, children of God—and this means more than what we believe, it is about what we do.

Why do we do what we do? I am often taken aback by how much my actions are a result of what I learned growing up, or are patterned after my parents, or are shaped by the culture and environment in which I grew up. I don’t find change easy – do you? Yet, as I celebrate the grace of God in Christ Jesus, I feel called to pass my life through the sieve of Christ’s teachings, which remove or at least identify things I need to let go of and move beyond. In a world, that in so many ways, refuses to not only accept the grace of Christ but to hear his word to us, I think this has become even more difficult. One comment that sums up this view is that “if you are not a person of faith you get your Sundays back for yourself.” I think the implication is, let go of that faith stuff, it’s more valuable to have your Sundays back. And notice the real issue – it is what I think I get for myself. The transcendent, creator God seems unimportant. And that our God would show us the way to the abundant, full life and a way from the tragic, self-inflicted disappointment with life is not on the radar.

In the midst of a time when division, random violence, and targeted hatred all driven by self-protection and fear are rampant, Jesus shows us again how different he is, and how different he calls his followers to be. He did not and does not ask us to be super men and women changing the world in a single bound, but rather to live authentic, even vulnerable lives of those that humble themselves and do God’s work. We recognize this as we become a Matthew 25 church, taking up the challenge from our denomination to see what we are doing and what we might yet do in light of Jesus’ teaching about caring for the least of these among us. This seems to me to be about living as those that incarnate Christ’s love, learn to humble themselves, and do the will of God. My sermon series this fall will be about this work, and I expect we will see the contrast between Jesus’ teachings and the world in which we live. Again, we will be looking at how we might grow in Jesus Christ through worship, teaching, fellowship, and service to others.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you,

Pastor Norman

ANNUAL FALL BBQ

First Presbyterian Church Sunday, Sept. 8

5:00-6:30 p.m. on the church lawn
(inside in case of rain)



Free and open to the Moscow community!

Everyone invited!

Bring family, friends, and neighbors!

Menu: Vandal Burgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, side dishes, salads, desserts, beverages

Introducing Our New Music Minister, Thomas Pearson

We are pleased to have Thomas Pearson as our new Music Minister! Thomas is a native of Lewiston, Idaho, where he grew up in the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Lewiston. He has been involved in church and school music in some capacity since childhood.

Thomas is a recent graduate of St. Olaf College in Minnesota with a degree in Piano Performance. While in college, Thomas worked at churches in the Northfield, MN area, and through that experience he felt called to a career in church music ministry.

In addition to piano performance, Thomas also has training and experience playing organ, singing in choirs, conducting, and service planning. Thomas said he is looking forward to sharing "the knowledge, skills, and experiences gained in college" and having "the chance to share the musical gifts I've been given, serving a community, praising God, and enriching the souls of many" in our congregation.

Thomas will be directing the Chancel Choir and Praise Team, and will work with Pastor Norman in planning music for worship. He encourages everyone who would like to share the gift of music in worship, either by joining the choir or Praise Team or offering a vocal or instrumental solo or ensemble piece, to talk with him after church or contact him at thamusikboy@gmail.com.



News Briefs

Welcome back Carol Renfrew Circle! Our new PW Bible Study books are in, ready to start the new series on Thursday, September 26, at 1:30 in the Library. *God's Promise--I Am With You* focuses on God's willingness to be with us in all our circumstances. Primary scriptures for Lesson 1 come from *Genesis 26:1-6 and 28:10-22*. All women are invited to come for Bible Study and refreshments. Books are \$10.60 each. (see Nadine or Susan)

Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes resume on September 8 at 9:15 a.m. We will once again have two offerings for adults. The first, facilitated by Julie Hopper, will be a Bible Study using videos from The Bible Project (www.thebibleproject.com) to spur our discussions. The second option is *The Wired Word*, which is designed for those who wish to grow in faith by applying Scripture to the current events in our world. Each Thursday, a new lesson, drawn from that week's headlines, is sent via e-mail to class members by facilitator Kathy Pitman. In class, we discuss how God's Word can inform and help us see with new eyes what is going on in our world each week and how faith matters. The class sessions for both of these groups stand alone, so feel free to drop in as often as you are able.

The Flower Guild tends the plants inside our building and ensures that donated floral arrangements are present in the sanctuary on Sundays. Currently, we have Audrey Norman, Corinne Carey, and Linda Fleener serving on the Guild. We would love to have one or two more helpers in this ministry. For more information or to volunteer, please contact one of the Flower Guild members or the church office.

Sing with the Chancel Choir! The choir is gearing up for fall under the direction of our new Music Minister, Thomas Pearson. If you like to sing, you are invited to join the choir in offering music in worship and leading the congregation in singing hymns. Ability to read music is helpful, but not necessary. The choir meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Flowers for Worship Our flower committee invites everyone who would like to furnish flowers on a given Sunday to please sign up on the Flower Chart posted on the office window or contact the church office. We have a large selection of vases that can be used for arrangements.

Mothers of Preschoolers is a group for expectant mothers and moms of young children. Come to relax, chat, make friendships, and be encouraged. Great speakers, fun crafts, hot coffee and provided childcare. If you are a mom of children who are in between the ages of newborn to first grade, come to MOPS! A kickoff event is September 9th @ 7:00 PM. (No childcare is provided for the kick off event.) First meeting is September 17th at Trinity Baptist Church at 711 Fairview Dr., Moscow ID from 9-11 AM. Contact Rachel Moore @ 208-882-0738 for more information, or find us on Facebook under Moscow Pullman MOPS.

Family Oktoberfest at Sacred Heart Church in Pullman! Saturday, September 14, 4 pm to about 9 pm. 440 NE Ash St. Adult meal: bratwurst, rolls, sauerkraut, German potato salad \$15. Child's meal: hotdog, chips, applesauce, beverage \$5. Beer & Wine \$5/glass. Activities for children. Live music by the Auf Gehts German Band. Come enjoy a festive evening!

Finance Report

As of July 31, 2019

	July	YTD
Receipts	\$ 15,088	\$ 157,834
Disbursements	\$ 20,145	\$ 168,422
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$10,588)
Cash Balance (checking/savings)		\$ 11,387

We hope you have had a great summer! As we come back from vacations and get into the routine of fall, the finance team would like to remind you to be sure your pledge is up to date. If you have any questions about the status of your pledge, contact John Farbo at 208-882-4122.



We Are a Matthew 25 Congregation

The Session at Moscow FPC recently accepted an invitation from the national Presbyterian Church (PC-USA) to become a Matthew 25 Congregation! We are eager to explore new initiatives together and lean into three specific focus points in the coming year:

Building Congregational Vitality by deepening and energizing our faith and growing as joyful leaders and disciples, actively engaged with our community as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed

Dismantling Structural Racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color

Eradicating Systemic Poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor

This is a bold vision, but one that we enter with conviction and in response to Jesus' challenge to each of us in [Matthew 25: 31-46](#) to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for our neighbors, and show hospitality to all. Matthew 25 enables us to "do something" in a world that at times seems negative, confusing, and upside down. How can we as Christians be engaged in breaking down societal barriers to fulfilling Jesus' call?

A number of our current activities, such as Family Promise, Stephen Ministry, and Deacons already align with this vision. We expect to continue in these efforts even as we strive to engage more directly with our broader community, energize our faith, and wrestle with systemic racism and poverty.

We invite you to become part of the Matthew 25 Team, and are eager to enlist your ideas, enthusiasm, passion, and priorities for our world today. Please join Pastor Norman following the worship service on September 15 for more information and an open conversation about Matthew 25 and how we can live into Jesus' call more fully. We will meet in the Library as soon as coffee hour winds down.

*"Truly I tell you,
just as you
did it to
one of the
least of these
who are members
of my family,
you did it
to me."*

Matthew 25:40



Wednesday Supper Fellowship / Taizé Worship

Wednesday Supper Fellowship will begin September 18 and continue through November 13. Everyone who would like to share a delicious home cooked meal, some good conversation, and a night off from cooking is welcome! Suppers are free, but free-will donations are gladly accepted to help cover the cost of the meal. Invite your friends, co-workers, family and neighbors and come down to Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.



The meals for September are:

September 18 — Head cook John Farbo

Cowboy Breakfast: pancakes, link sausage, scrambled eggs, brownies/lemon bars

September 25 — Head cook Bill Ward :

Enchiladas including vegetarian/gluten free, Spanish rice, salad, ice cream

Taizé worship will also return on September 18 at 5:30 p.m. This quiet candlelight service of scripture, prayer, and song offers a half-hour for setting aside the busyness of the week and spending some time with God in prayer and contemplation. All are welcome.

Family Promise Update

It has been a busy month for Family Promise at FPC! Nineteen volunteers from FPC worked together with our partner congregation, Quail Run LDS, to host a single mom during the second week of August. I heard from many who had the opportunity to visit with her how much they enjoyed getting to know her and hear about her life and goals for the future. She expressed her appreciation for our hospitality, even as she extended grace and hospitality to each of us as well. The following week, two other local LDS wards served as hosts in our building, sharing their support and welcome. Family Promise is grateful for the "hands on" volunteers, the space reallocation of the lower level of the church, and the flexibility, grace, and compassion shared freely to provide a temporary home for our guest.



In other Family Promise news, Katti Carlson, who has served as Executive Director of Family Promise of the Palouse is moving to Juneau, Alaska, where she has accepted a similar position with their Family Promise affiliate. Coordinators from area congregations met recently with Janine Rivera, Interim Executive Director, and joined volunteers and board members from across the Palouse region to say thank you to Katti for her leadership and passion for those facing homelessness.

Our next host week at FPC is November 17-24. I extend an invitation to all to consider participating in this ministry and live into Jesus' call in Matthew 25 to serve as his hands and feet by "feeding the hungry and welcoming the stranger". Please visit <https://www.familypromisepalouse.org/> or contact me at idahoreader@gmail.com to learn more.

Mary Read
Volunteer Coordinator for Family Promise

FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Long lines at coffee shops, RV's, and Pumpkin Spice everything...fall has officially arrived in the Palouse. I am embracing the return to normalcy (Youth Group, FOON, After College gatherings, College Football)! Perhaps you're ready for that latte too!

In the embrace of school routines, fall kicks off with awesome volunteer teams. Donan Nealon and Helen Brown continue as Sunday School teachers, serving for the 2019-20 year. Caitlyn Probasco and Harper Wallen (among others) are Youth Group helpers. These consistent volunteers create continuity that helps our youth integrate into the larger body of the church. I'm indebted to each of them and excited to work with them again.

Another boost to the fall start is the new Family Ministry Advisory team. During our first meeting, the team agreed to move our community from instances of "seeing the kids" toward connecting with the youth in authentic relationships that are deep and mutually enjoyable. Opportunities for deeper connection are coming soon (some are listed below!).

The advisory team also secured much needed help with FOON snacks, food for youth group and created new outreach events for families. You won't want to miss any of it!

Updates:

Money for FOON Pizzas: FOON has attracted many high school students who would not otherwise visit our church. Last Spring FOON grew 50% and our initial budget was insufficient. Each FOON now costs \$90. To meet the need, I am working on new income streams for Youth Ministry expenses with some partners (coffee, leaf raking, FOON merchandise). These ideas are still in a planning phase and details are coming! Want to "adopt" a FOON? Let me know!

Nursery Worker or Volunteers Needed: We need at least one additional Nursery worker this fall. Please let me know if you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining our team in a paid, or volunteer capacity.

Children's Choir?: Many members of our committee fondly remembered experiences they had in children's choirs. We are looking for volunteers who may be interested in engaging our kids in the gift of music!

Supportive Notes and Care Packages for Youth: Are you interested in supporting one of our youth group kids with kind notes and snacks? Let me know and I can connect you to this new opportunity to bless our youth.

Men's Retreat: Did you know that Camp Spalding has a Men's Retreat? Yep. Camp Spalding has a Men's Retreat! It's November 15-17. I want to go and I want you to come with me. Come with me? (More info at <http://clearwaterlodge.org/upcoming-events-2/>)

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Parents' Night Out: Parents! Could you use a date night or some down time? Drop your kids off at church on Friday, September 27, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. to spend some time with their friends doing some fun stuff supervised by responsible adults. Call me to reserve space for your child/children.

Family Outreach: Monthly outreach events for families with young children (Pre-K-5th) are happening! Why? To introduce families to our church community through fun activities the entire family can enjoy together.

September 20 - Potluck BBQ East City Park

October - Costumes, Dancing, & Crazy Nachos

November - Popcorn & Movie Night

December - Children's DIY Gift Night

We welcome volunteers of all ages, especially those grandparent types! Got questions? Call me or Liz Lincoln (510) 926-1864.

Grief Support Group to Meet this Fall in Pullman

Pullman Presbyterian Church is offering a GriefShare support group on Mondays beginning September 9 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The church is located at 1630 NE Stadium Way in Pullman. The program is non-denominational and offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. It is a video seminar series featuring some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery as seen from a biblical perspective. The video is combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video. Each session is self-contained, so you may begin attending at any point and pick up any missed sessions at a later time. Workbooks are available for \$15. Feel free to email Donna Scott at donnascott@pullman.com for more information.



Stars & Stripes **Flag Retirement Event**

*"A Hands-On Celebration of
the American Flag"*

Come join us for a Scouts celebration of the American Flag. This educational event encourages attendees to participate in activities that educate and give honor to our Nation's Flag.

**WHEN: Saturday September 7th
9 AM-12 PM**

**WHERE: American Legion Cabin
at 317 Howard St Moscow**

ACTIVITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN:
Flag Retirement by burning
Flag Retirement by cutting
Flag Folding and Etiquette

COME HONOR & LEARN ABOUT OUR NATION'S FLAG!

"Stars & Stripes Card"

Get your card punched at all 3 Activities and earn a treat!

This is an Eagle Scout Project organized by...
Richard Crawford at 208 997-8433

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30a Worship 4p FNB Community Dinner	2 LABOR DAY	3 9a-3p Moscow Classical Conversations 6p Stephen Min.	4 4:30p Joann Jones birthday reception 6p Youth Group 7p Chancel Choir	5 6:30a Men's Group @ Shari's 6:30p Praise Team	6	7
8 9:15a Sunday School for all ages 10:30a Worship 5p Fall Welcome Back Barbecue 5p FNB Community Dinner	9 7p Scouts BSA T344 (boys)	10 9a-3p Moscow Classical Conversations 7p Scouts BSA T333 (girls)	11 6p Youth Group 7p Chancel Choir	12 6:30a Men's Group @ Shari's 6:30p Praise Team	13	14
15 9:15a Sunday School for all ages 10:30a Worship 11:45a Matthew 25 Conversation 4p FNB Community Dinner	16 7p Deacons 7p Scouts BSA T344 (boys)	17 9a-3p Moscow Classical Conversations 3:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6p Stephen Min. 7p Scouts BSA T333 (girls)	18 5:30p Taizé Worship 6p Supper Fellowship 6p Youth Group 7p Chancel Choir	19 6:30a Men's Group @ Shari's 5:30p Lael Board 6p Eagle Scout Board of Review 6:30p Praise Team	20 Family Ministry barbecue at East City Park (call Jeremiah for time and details)	21
22 9:15a Sunday School for all ages 10:30a Worship 4p FNB Community Dinner	23 7p Session 6p Scouts BSA T344 (boys) Court of Honor	24 9a-3p Moscow Classical Conversations 7p Scouts BSA T333 (girls)	25 5:30p Taizé Worship 6p Supper Fellowship 6p Youth Group 7p Chancel Choir	26 6:30a Men's Group @ Shari's 1:30p Carol Renfrew Women's Circle 6:30p Praise Team	27 5:30p Parents' Night Out	28
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Peace and Global Witness Special Offering

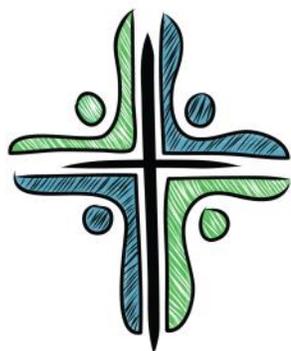
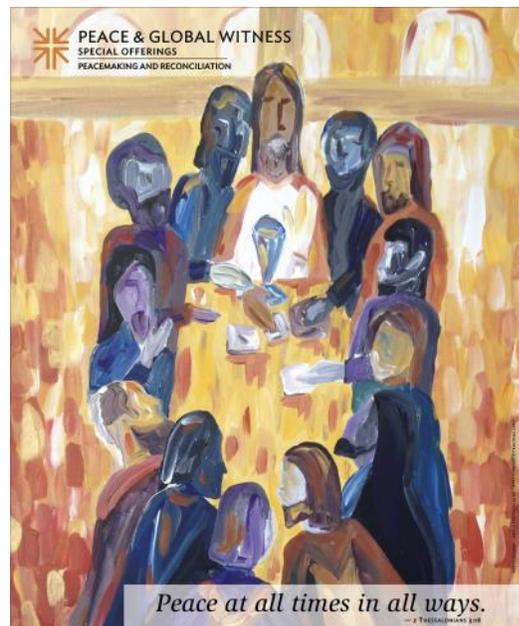
The Peace & Global Witness offering is one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is received throughout the month of September and early October, and will be dedicated on World Communion Sunday, October 6.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the entire church to collaborate in our proclamation of Christ's peace. 75% of the offering will be used by our Presbytery and the national Presbyterian Mission Agency to engage in peacemaking and build ministries of reconciliation with those who have experienced violence in the USA and around the world. The remaining 25% of the offering will be retained by our congregation to be used locally.

Some examples of how funds have been used nationally:

- Educational assistance for veterans
- Prenatal and postnatal nutrition and training to incarcerated mothers and mothers-to-be.
- Supporting mission workers
- Senior Companion Program, pairing senior citizens with someone who can help with light chores, errands, and transportation to the doctor

If we all do a little, it can add up to a lot. Please give generously. Make check payable to First Presbyterian Church with "peace offering" in the memo line.



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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

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