

First
Presbyterian
Church
MOSCOW, IDAHO

News & Views

Inside this issue:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| From the Pastor | 1-2 |
| Deacon's Benevo- lence Offering | 3 |
| News Briefs | 4 |
| Finance | 4 |
| News Briefs con't | 5 |
| Family Ministry | 6 |
| PCEI Earth Day | 7 |
| Event for The Center | 8 |
| Calendar | 9 |

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m.



Holy Week's journey, arriving at Easter and then moving into the Easter season is always a wonderful journey for me. While the events of Holy Week, especially Good Friday are hard, they also reflect the hard heartedness we know can and does exist in too many folks. While these services and events that commemorate the week always bring more work, the work is meaningful and feels to me to be at the core of my faith. The realization that we have God that enters into our experience. Human hubris and violence do not thwart God's will, and even death does not deter God's coming to us with the gift of grace.

So, I give thanks for this moment in our history of faith and the lasting impact of these events, particularly the resurrection. Avery and Marsh have a song that has a chorus that invites us to remember that "every morning is Easter morning from now on." Indeed, God invites us to live into the resurrection every day remembering that Jesus rising is the action that describes God's power over death and sin. Jesus' resurrection invites us to trust in the one that forgives our sins and brings new life to us on our journey through life. Jesus rising reminds us we are transformed through the grace, guidance and goodness Jesus brings into our lives.

We watch the whole story of Jesus' life, the birth, the teaching, the confrontation with the powers that be, his passion and death, and his resurrection, and we see an unfolding story. The story is one of God's care and compassion for all creation and for humans in particular. And it is a story of how life

Continued on Page 2...

From the Pastor *...continued from Page 1*

changes over time. Jesus is born, matures, ministers, teaches, dies, rises, and ascends into heaven. And just as Jesus went through time with the changes that living life brings, so do each of us. We have the joy of faith and thus the companionship of God in Christ and through the Holy Spirit, and our lives change.

I am feeling the changes in life. The transition I started by announcing my retirement last fall is coming to fruition. Our church is taking the appropriate steps to find a new pastor. The mission study team has created a mission study, which with the session approved and is sending on to the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery for approval. The session is also in the process of creating a slate of nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee which it will bring to the congregation for a vote. The session also formed a transition team that is looking at transitional pastoral leadership or 'interim pastor.' This team hopes to have a transitional pastor in place by sometime in August. That the Presbytery has agreed to enable us to do these steps before I have retired, will help shorten the process of finding a new pastor. I congratulate those working on this and the work they have done and the continued journey they have started to work through this transition.

I too am recognizing the steps I must take to enter retirement. I have to let our national church's personnel arm know I am retiring. At the Presbytery meeting on April 11, Presbytery will recognize my service and note that I will be retiring on May 31. Of course, we are readying our home and property for a young family to come and rent our house and farm our little acreage. I often say that on June 1st Helen and I will be on a about a 7-month sabbatical as we visit family, friends, and extended relatives. During those 7 months we will be choosing how to start the next phase of our journey and where we will land for that next phase of our lives.

We know that whatever we do we will hold dear the time we have had in Moscow, particularly our time with this church and all of you that make it the wonderful church it is and have blessed our lives. So, as we live into the resurrection and the changes that come with time as we live our lives, we hope we can all remain rooted and ground in the love of God in Jesus Christ expressed through the gift of the Spirit.

Grace and peace,

Norman

Deacons Benevolence Offering for April

The Deacons have chosen **Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse** for their April Benevolence Offering. The following excerpts were taken from their website. ATV provides services for both Latah and Whitman Counties.

ATVP provides 24-hour emergency and supportive services to families and sexual violence victims and survivors and their children. Services are available for concerned, supportive family members, friends, and community members.



ATVP services are free, confidential, and are provided to clients without discrimination. ATVP maintains a safe, confidential shelter here on the Palouse for people in danger due to domestic violence. ATVP also provides food and clothing for survivors and their children. Staff are available for help, emotional support, and case management. Individuals living with disabilities will be accommodated.

Support groups, facilitated by ATVP staff, provide a safe, confidential space for survivors to share their experiences and support one another. There is no charge for any ATVP service, including support groups. For domestic violence support groups, child advocacy is often provided.

A

ATVP advocates work to ensure that people have the best possible information, identify useful resources, and help clients put their decisions into practice. ATVP staff and trained volunteer advocates are available 24 hours to provide intervention and support by phone or in-person. Call the 24/7 Free &

Confidential Hotline: (509) 332-HELP (208)883-HELP.

Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church with Deacon's April Benevolence in the Memo line.

News Briefs

Memorial Service for Mary G. Donohoe

A Memorial Service for Mary Donohoe will take place on Saturday, May 18th at 3:00 pm in First Presbyterian Church. This is a time for First Presbyterian Church family and dear friends to gather to remember Mary and to celebrate the many ways her life touched the people of Moscow during the 15 years that she and Greg lived in Moscow.

A reception will follow the service so that all may have a time to visit with Greg and his son and friends of the family. Any who wish to contribute cookies to share may bring them to Fellowship Hall before the service. Please feel free to call Susan Billin if you need more information (208) 310-1151.

This information is shared with love and gratitude for Mary's impact on so many of us, her friend and former music colleague, Susan Billin (208)-310-1151

Tapestry Women's Choir

Tapestry Women's Choir will be performing once again at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, May 3 at 7:30. Join us for an evening of vocal music to celebrate Spring! We are pleased to have The Rose Garden Trio of Moscow as our special guest performers! We will also feature some young Pullman musicians on trumpet and drums in a couple of our pieces! Our theme this spring is Beautiful World. Come celebrate with us and enjoy some local live music! Admission is free, however your donations are appreciated.



Finance Report

As of March, 2024

| | Month | YTD |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Receipts | \$23,190 | \$109,865 |
| Disbursements | \$ 27,429 | \$85,050 |
| YTD Surplus/(Deficit) | | \$24,815 |
| Cash Balance (checking/savings) | | \$105,086 |

Save the Date!

"ADVENTURE AWAITS"

Wednesday, May 15, 6:00 pm

Farewell Dinner for Pastor Norman & Helen

Mark your Calendar ~ More Info to Come

During a shift at Moscow Food Bank last week, we served 33 family groups. We were completely out of toilet paper. I took a couple of large packs on Thursday. Will take more tomorrow. We only give one roll to a family. It still runs out. Needed: Boxed kid-friendly cereal, chunky soups, any canned beans, canned chicken, corn, green beans, pasta, and toilet paper!

**Thanks
Susan**

FAMILY MINISTRY

Julie Everest, Director of Family Ministry familyministryjulie@gmail.com

Christ is risen!

Holy Week and the Easter Season have been a great time for Family Ministry. Thank you to Levon and Gideon Wells for their part in the Good Friday service, where they lit and later extinguished the candles for our service of darkness. Saturday morning of Holy Week, we had a lively egg hunt in beautiful weather. It was cute to see the different strategies employed by the egg hunters. I think my favorite thing to watch was the dad who surreptitiously grabbed eggs from his toddler's basket to hide again for his son to find.

Saturday afternoon, the youth group kids and some intrepid adult leaders headed to Lael for a youth overnight trip. It was so much fun! We had gorgeous weather, and the kids were hilarious playing their outdoor game as they raced around the nature trail. Besides dinner, more play and a movie, the youth assembled breakfast casseroles for the Easter morning brunch. Although it was very late when everyone settled down, I believe some sleep happened, and we were all there for the Easter sunrise service and brunch.

March also included a lively Parent Night Out hosted by our church. As usual, there were a variety of activities, and it was lovely to have enough light for some outdoor playtime. Our April PNO is scheduled for the 20th from 5:00-8:00 at UU Church.

At our March youth meetings, we worked our way through Jesus' experiences in Holy Week, and we expect to get to the final installment by the end of April. I'm excited to get to the resurrection and share about the message of Easter. There's also a potential opportunity to join in at Unite, a regional youth event at the end of the month.

FOON is going strong as we enter the last quarter of the school year. We hit the hundred mark twice in March, so I assume we'll be going strong through the end of the school year. Thank you to our wonderful cookie folks and to those who have provided paper plates. We're working on plans to add value with special focus during May. Stay tuned for more about these plans!

As we move through April and toward the end of the school year, I'm thinking about VBS! We have a theme this year that incorporates seeking, geocaching and enjoying the natural world. Our Vacation Bible School week will be June 17-21, so mark it on your calendar. Please be on the lookout for more information about our 2024 VBS. I'm excited to plan, create teams, mobilize youth and have a fabulous week of VBS this year.

As we move through this Easter season, we are reminded of the power of the resurrection. In the gospel accounts, we see Jesus interact with the disciples. He addresses the weeping Mary by name, speaks words of peace to those in the locked room, invites Thomas to see the reality of his risen body, offers forgiveness and a mission to Peter. He feeds them, surprises them, breathes the Holy Spirit into them. And now he offers us peace, recognition, reassurance and forgiveness. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

MISSION

Celebrate Earth Day

As part of Future Church, we will be encouraging our church family to join PCEI in their Earth Day activities. To sign up as a church group please coordinate with Julie Everest. You can also sign up individually at the link below.

PCEI's BIG planting event April 19-21st (Earth Day):

Under the guidance of PCEI AmeriCorps leaders, your team will help plant native trees and shrubs, contributing to stabilizing degraded stream banks, providing shade, and improving both on-site and downstream water quality. These plantings will also enhance vital fish habitat, creating a lasting impact on the Palouse ecosystem.

Our ambitious goal is to plant approximately 5,000 native plants between the two sites during this three-day event, Friday April 19 – Sunday, April 21. As a token of our appreciation, PCEI will capture group photos of your organization during your volunteer time slot. These photos will be proudly shared and tagged on our social media platforms, highlighting your commitment to environmental stewardship.

As for registering, fill out the registration and liability forms for each volunteer online. We have 50 slots available for each 2 hour time slot (for all 3 days), so please make sure they all sign up on the same time slot if they plan to volunteer as a group!

Here is the link:

<https://www.givepulse.com/event/432981-Get-Rooted-Earth-Day-Planting%21>

THE CENTER
Invites you



SWEET MUSIC AND DESERT AUCTION

Hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Moscow

Join us for a fun evening of sweet music and a silent desert auction! The proceeds from the auction go towards supporting The Center and it's ministries at the University of Idaho
Dinner Provided

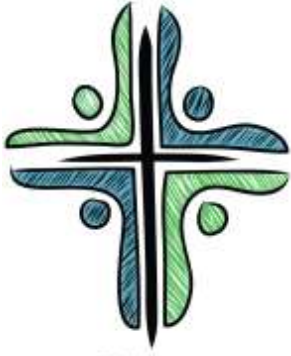
**APRIL 26, 5:30-8:00 P.M.
405 SOUTH VAN BUREN ST**



www.campuscc.org

April 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|---|-----|
| | 1 | 9:30 am – Staff Meeting 12:00 pm – Tuesday Sisters 6:00 pm – Stephen Minis- try | 10:00 am Men's Bible Study Noon – Foon 7:00 pm – Choir | 10:00 am – Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm – Praise Team | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Sunday Worship | 8 | 9:30 am – Staff Meeting 12:00 pm – Tuesday Sisters | 10:00 am Men's Bible Study Noon – Foon 7:00 pm – Choir | 10:00 am – Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm – Praise Team | 12 | 13 |
| Family Promise Host Week | | | | | | |
| 14 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Sunday Worship | 15 7:00 pm – Deacons | 9:30 am – Staff Meeting 12:00 pm – Tuesday Sisters 3:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Meeting | 10:00 am Men's Bible Study Noon – Foon 6:00 pm – Youth Group 7:00 pm – Choir | 10:00 am – Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm – Praise Team | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Sunday Worship | 22 7:00 pm – Session | 9:30 am – Staff Meeting 12:00 pm – Tuesday Sisters | 10:00 am Men's Bible Study Noon – Foon 7:00 pm – Choir | 10:00 am – Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm – Praise Team | 5:30-8:00 p.m. Campus Christian Center Sweet Music Fundraiser | 27 |
| 28 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Sunday Worship | 29 | 9:30 am – Staff Meeting 12:00 pm – Tuesday Sisters | 10:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm – Youth Group 7:00 pm – Choir | 10:00 am – Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm – Praise Team | 6:30 pm – Tapestry Women's Choir Concert | 4 |



First
Presbyterian
Church

405 South Van Buren Street
Moscow, Idaho 83843

Phone: 208-882-4122
E-mail: office@fpcmoscow.org
Facebook: Moscow FPC
Web: fpcmoscow.org

First Presbyterian Church

“Growing in Christ”

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/moscowfirstpres>

YouTube: [First Presbyterian Church of Moscow - YouTube](#)

Office Hours: By appointment—call 208-882-4122

Pastor Norman Fowler
fpcpastornorman@gmail.com