



First
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Church
MOSCOW, IDAHO

News & Views



Interim/Transitional Co-Pastors
The Reverends
Sylvester and Beverly Bullock

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Dear Ones,

September has arrived: The harvest is near completion, the changing of the seasons continues, the early weeks of a new school year have begun, shorter daylight approaches, the final quarter of 2024 is upon us and the earth still rotates on its axis - while orbiting the sun.

And in the midst of it all – **GOD IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE!**

As Children of God, we will walk this path together – for a time – as First Church and her people continue their various ministries in the name of the Risen Christ while soulfully searching for a permanent pastor/pastors.

In this sea of change, there will be so many memories, so many studies, so many reports, so many boxes to check, so many questions to address, so much to contemplate, so many heartfelt discussions to be had, as well as so many hellos and goodbyes to be said.

And yet, God's Amazing Grace is this: "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7) Thus begins our time with you as your Interim/Transitional Co-Pastors – amidst God's tender mercies – we are truly blessed!



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and *not* to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

-Jeremiah 29:11-

Pastor Sly and Rev. Bev

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Peace and Global Witness special offering is almost upon us. We will dedicate our offering Sunday October 6th, on World Communion Sunday.

Peacemaking is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church. In Zechariah 8:12 we are asked to sow the seeds of peace. This offering addresses systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. Faith is a verb; if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. For inspirational stories of hope, healing, and justice to improving the safety, health, and economic stability of individuals here in the US and abroad visit [Presbyterian Special Offerings - Peace & Global Witness \(pcusa.org\)](https://pcusa.org).

Twenty-five percent of our offering is retained locally for use in our community. Session approved that 25% of our gifts go to Oxford House. They just reopened their men's home (with many needs for operating expenses) and have planned a Women's home to open in 2025. Oxford Houses offer a supportive way of living and opportunities to learn skills in an alcohol and drug-free environment.

An additional 25% of our offering is joined with other mid-council churches to support regional needs, and 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation by Presbyterians around the globe.

Look for special offering envelopes in the pew rack, or mail your check payable to First Presbyterian Church (memo: PGW offering) to the church office. Thank you!



**SOWING THE SEEDS
OF PEACE.**

ZECHARIAH 8:12

Coats for Vandals

The Center would like to invite you to participate in the Coats for Vandals program at the University of Idaho. In partnership with the International Programs Office (IPO), Association of Students at the University of Idaho (ASUI), and the Student Sustainability Cooperative (SSC), The Center is collecting donations of winter clothing (coats, scarves, gloves, beanies, etc.) from September 15 through 30.

We are aiming to collect 100 coats and 100 accessories to distribute to students, scholars and their families at the Fall Coat Drive being held on October 2nd at The Center (822 Elm St) from 2-4pm. Clothing can be dropped off at The Center during our open hours of 7am-4pm Monday through Friday in front of the office on the main floor.



We are also looking for volunteers to help with the event: working at the tables to help students find appropriately sized clothing, help with set-up/tear-down, and sorting the donations into totes. Students will be able to pick out 1 coat and 1 accessory.

For more information on the event and to access the volunteer registration, you can go to uiccCenter.org/coats or contact George Fricks at campuscc@gmail.com.

Pastor Nominating Committee Report

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has completed a major task which will enable our search process to move forward. The PNC has created the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP), which is essentially the advertisement for our pastor vacancy, in the format that is needed for the PCUSA personnel hiring system. This information allows prospective candidates to view our vacancy and learn about our congregation and our community.



With Session approval, we submitted our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) to Presbytery and it was approved by the Committee on Ministry on September 10th. We will enter this information into the Presbyterian (PCUSA) online personnel system and begin advertising the position.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee used the excellent Mission Study Report which was written last spring as the primary source of information for the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP). The MDP has a fairly rigid format which limits the amount of information that can be submitted, so we had to summarize major issues. This document is simply the beginning of an information exchange with potential candidates.

Members of the Pastor Nominating Committee thoroughly studied the Mission Study Report, completed Presbytery training, gathered other information about our community and then created responses to the various sections of this profile. We are grateful for those who gave input into the Mission Study Report and to those who helped to create this document.

We are optimistic that we will be able to begin advertising our position within a few weeks. Once we begin receiving application materials, we will prayerfully review materials which will include resumes, statements of faith and sample sermons. We will also conduct zoom interviews and make contacts with references. We will then conduct in-person interviews with people who seem to be a good fit. It is difficult to estimate the length of this process because we don't know how many people may apply or anything about their circumstances. We are eager to begin engaging with people who are exploring the possibility of being called to this pulpit.

Please pray for this process and for people whom we have not yet met.

Your PNC includes Sarah Dossey, Amy Pendegraft, Beth Case, Jacob Wells and Bruce Pitman

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Our Sunday Adult Ed class will again center around *The Wired Word*, which links the latest headlines and current events to Scripture to help us navigate our daily walk in Christian faith. To accommodate choir members, classes will start at 9:00 a.m. in the church library. All are welcome, but if you'd like access to the week's lesson ahead of time please contact Celeste Brown at bioinfomom@roadrunner.com to get on the mailing list.



News Briefs

FYI: How does our church work?

Wondering about how our church functions and how you can be involved? Please see the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for an overview. Coming soon: a detailed brochure that expands on the overview.

Invitation from Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Moscow is hosting a fun weekend exploring music and arts in worship, featuring liturgical composer and musical artist, Marty Haugen, on October 11-13, 2024. More details can be found [here](#), including a registration link for attending. All proceeds will be donated to Family Promise of the Palouse. A number of Marty Haugen's hymns are in our hymnal, including *Healer of Our Every Ill*, *Gather Us In*, and *Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn*.

Stewardship Time is Almost Here!

Watch your mail for information about our fall stewardship campaign. Please consider how you can help support the work of Moscow FPC in 2025, both with financial pledges and pledges of time and talents.

The Tuesday Sisters

... meet at noon each Tuesday for study, prayer and fellowship. All women are welcome.

Parking Permits Available

This is the start of the busy season for the church parking lot. To help track what cars belong in our lot, please request a parking permit from the office. Talk to Julie or email office@fpcmoscow.org.

Finance Report



As of July 31, 2024

	July	YTD
Receipts	\$ 20,875	\$ 193,686
Disbursements	\$ 18,098	\$ 165,412
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		\$ 28,274
Cash Balance (checking/savings)		\$ 83,291

Welcome Back BBQ Thank You

The participation of our FPC church family in the Fall Barbecue that took place Sunday, September 8, was phenomenal. A special thank you goes to our grillers: Mark Ulliman, Bruce Pitman, and Rev. Sly Bullock, and to Dennis Feeney for hauling grills. The Scout Troops that meet at our church under Scout leaders Shelly Hanks and Dusty and Jessica Fleener were also a big help in setting up and taking down tables.

The following people brought food or helped with other tasks: Nadine Morton, Kathy Pendegraft, Mary Read, Mary Robinson, Kathy Pitman, Louise Ackley, Lauren Wenny, Tom and Janet Richards, Kathy Warren, Bev Bullock, Linda Fleener, Julie Everest, Celeste Brown, Susan Billin, Beth Case, Susan Roberts, Linda Toth, Sally Amador, Jean Currin and Manny Sheibany, Jon Van Gerpen and Mary Jo Van Gerpen. Please pardon me if I have left off your name; we had many people helping.

We had wonderful and plentiful food. Because of the smoky air, we set up in the fellowship hall, but this did not put a damper on the good fellowship we all experienced.

~ Mary Jo





Supplies Needed

Sojourner's is always in need of frequently used household supplies for our office and resident apartments. If you are looking for an easy way to get involved consider donating some of our most needed supplies.

- Dish Soap
- Toilet Cleaner
- Toilet Paper
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Powdered Laundry Soap
- 13 and 30 gallon Trash Bags
- Pillows

DONATIONS CAN BE
DROPPED OFF AT THE
SOJOURNER'S OFFICE AT
627 N VAN BUREN
MOSCOW, IDAHO



FPC shared a table with The Center at the August 2024 Palouse Pride Festival. Free compliments were given to guests.

Ice Rink Mission Opportunity

The Palouse Ice Rink needs lots of dusting & wiping, some mopping, painting, minor tree trimming, and lots of weeding and new landscape fabric. On Friday, September 20 we have the opportunity to help get the rink ready for the ice to open on Saturday the 21st. We can wipe away the ice-paint splashes and prime it for opening day, plus mop and weed on September 20, from 6-8 p.m. Please email Dianne at daleylaursen@gmail.com to let her know by September 15 if you can participate in this community outreach opportunity.



Friendship Families Needed

The Center (Campus Christian Center) is working with the International Programs Office at the University of Idaho this year to find community members interested in supporting international students as they study at the University of Idaho.

To that end, we are hosting an Interest Dinner at The Center for those in the Pullman-Moscow community who might be interested in participating.

The event will be held on Friday, September 20th from 6-8 pm at The Center (822 Elm St).

If you are interested, please sign up at www.tinyurl.com/ipodinner



International Mission Trip

For those who are interested in participating in a mission trip to Mexico or Costa Rica in December/January 2024 or February 2025, our mission committee chair, Dianne Daley Laursen, received the following information from a Pastor in Colfax, WA. On previous trips, the group provided services such as medical, light construction, teaching sewing, tutoring, etc.

The 2025 Mission Trips info is posted at <https://wellchildinternational.org/service-and-mission-groups/>

For general info on the sponsoring organization go to: www.wellchildinternational.org

Rev. Michael W. Birnbaum
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Pastor, Plymouth Church, Colfax, WA
Founder, Well Child International





Benefit Concert

Gift Of Music

Sunday, September 29, 2024 - 4:00 pm

First United Methodist Church, Moscow, Idaho

Entrance by suggested donation, benefiting many aspiring musicians in our community!

RBLW Gift of Music is a new non-profit charity organization providing music related financial assistance to aspiring Palouse Region musicians who meet the financial criteria set by the RBLW Gift of Music. The benefit concert features many local musicians and groups. For details, visit [RBLW.GiftOfMusic](https://www.facebook.com/RBLW.GiftOfMusic) on Facebook.

Second Annual Fall Festival at Lael October 13

– We'd LOVE to Have YOUR Help!

Last year's Fall Festival was so much fun, and we were so excited to share this special place with folks who had no idea Lael even existed. It gave First Presbyterian Church members a chance to get out of the church and into the community, where we met a need for a free, fun event for all ages in a beautiful outdoor setting close to home. Over 200 people enjoyed live music, good food, fun activities, and the spectacular view.

The Lael Board is planning another Fall Festival for Sunday, October 13, from 1-5 p.m., and we want to invite all of you to join us in making this year's event even better. There are lots of ways to help.



Volunteers are needed to

- help with planning, logistics, setting up, or publicity prior to the event.
- sign up for a one-hour time slot at one of the festival stations, such as welcome table/raffle tickets, parking attendant, monitoring the silent dessert auction, apple pressing and cider processing, kid's activities, and others.
- help with clean-up after the event

Donate raffle items or auction desserts

- Pies/cakes/tempting desserts of all types that don't need refrigeration will be offered in a silent dessert auction.
- Donated raffle items such as: gift cards to restaurants/grocery stores/shops, home baked bread/other goodies, bottles of wine/other beverages, fall themed items from local shops, games, books, kids/baby items for age-specific baskets, etc.
- Donations of various sizes of baskets. Raffle items will be assembled into themed gift baskets for the raffle.

All raffle items should be donated no later than October 4th and may be dropped off in the church office. Desserts may be delivered to the church on Sunday morning, Oct. 13 or brought to Lael by 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon unless you have made other arrangements with Chelsea or Nadine. Proceeds from the silent auction, gift raffle and firewood raffle will go toward Lael's Chapel Re-siding Fund.

Plan to come to the Fall Festival and invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

If you have questions about the Fall Festival at Lael, need more info about donating items or desserts, or would like to volunteer your time, please contact Chelsea Feeny at cmcfeeny@gmail.com, Kathy Pendegraft kathyp8623@twc.com, Dianne Daley Laursen daleylaursen@gmail.com, or any Lael Board members listed in the church directory.

FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Family Ministry at FPC is in full swing with fall activities. Youth Group and FOON kicked off on September 4 with ice cream and pizza. It will take a little time for FOON to really take off, but our youth group is already active, energetic and well-attended.



Our first Parent Night Out of the school year will be September 20 at the UU Church from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Here's the sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EAF2DABFC1-51184268-parent>. We are excited to give parents some free evening time without their kids, and we have a great time keeping your kids fed and entertained. Let me know if you have any questions.

This fall we are also looking into Messy Church, a new ministry opportunity to serve our congregation and community. Families and folks of all ages can get together and have a way to meet Jesus outside the Sunday morning service. A team of church and community members will participate in online training on Messy Church over several weeks in September. According to their website, "at Messy Church, all ages meet together to learn about Christ through games, crafts and activities, music, and storytelling from the Bible." Look for more information about Messy Church in future newsletters or talk to Julie if you are curious.



Please pray for me and for the work and activities of Family Ministry. It is always a good idea to pray for the kids and families who attend events, the faithful volunteers who make FOON work, the adults who help with youth group meetings and special events. If you are curious about what we are doing, think about attending one event. It is easy to drop in and help at FOON on any Wednesday. We have lively youth group meetings where another adult could play a part. Or you could pitch in on a special event. Trunk or Treat is coming at the end of October, and I could really use help to make it a great event.

I'm curious to see what God will do in the lives of kids and families at FPC this school year. Let's be ready for new opportunities and new growth.

~ Julie



2ND ANNUAL

FALL FESTIVAL AT LAEL

13 October 2024
1:00-5:00 p.m.

Lael Retreat Center
located east of Troy just
2 miles north of Hwy 8 at
1181 White Pine Flats Road

COMMUNITY FUN • FOOD • LIVE MUSIC

1-2pm: Frogtown

2:15-2:45pm: Will Fontaine

3-4pm: The Moscow Mules

4-5pm: The Chelseas



Apple Cider Pressing

press apples on site or bring a box of your own to press, be sure to bring a container to take cider home

Silent Dessert Auction

pie and dessert donations welcome

Hay Rides and Kids' Activities

Costume contest/parade, fall crafts, field games, Nature Trail Scavenger Hunt

Raffle Fundraiser

win prizes from local businesses, including a cord of **FIREWOOD** from Lael!

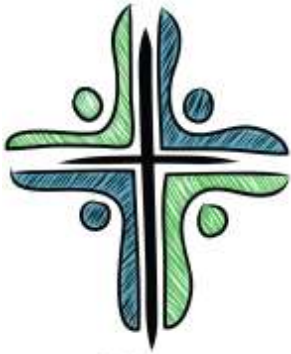
This event is
FREE for all
and **ALL**
are welcome!

NEW THIS YEAR: Food Vendors!



laelretreatcenter.org

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CALENDAR

Weekly on Sunday
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Weekly on Tuesdays
Tuesday Sisters Noon
Scouts 7:00 p.m.

Weekly on Wednesday
FOON Noon
Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.

Weekly on Thursday
Praise Team 6:30 p.m.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Stephen Ministry 6:00 p.m.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

Third Monday
Deacons 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Monday
Session 7:00 p.m.

Second Tuesday
Lael Board 5:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

“Growing in Christ”

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Office Hours: Tuesday—Friday 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

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We are a welcoming, caring family of faith, called to love the Lord and our neighbors. We are growing in Jesus Christ through worship, teaching, fellowship, and service to others.