

Moscow First Presbyterian Church

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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF December 1, 2024

Family Promise Week December 1-8

Sunday, December 1

9:00 a.m. *The Wired Word* Adult Ed class
10:30 a.m. Worship – Hanging of the Greens

Tuesday, December 3

12:00 p.m. Tuesday Sisters

Wednesday, December 4

12:30 p.m. FOON
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 5

10:00 a.m. Thursday Ladies Bible Study

Saturday, December 7

7:00 p.m. Tapestry Women's Choir Concert

Sunday, December 1

9:00 a.m. *The Wired Word* Adult Ed class
10:30 a.m. Worship

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Birthday this week: Jack Camm

In our prayers: Refugees throughout the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 1, 2024

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be a time when many of us feel the need for reassurance and comfort. Perhaps we are grieving over the loss of a loved one, struggling with illness, or feeling lonely or detached for a variety of reasons. We may wonder how we will get through the holidays and look for God to come near to comfort and support us. All are welcome to the interfaith Community Blue Christmas Service in our sanctuary, Monday, December 9, at 7 p.m. Short's Chapel and local faith communities co-sponsor this service. A reception will follow.



WREATH SALES FOR FPC YOUTH

This year wreath sales benefiting FPC young people are available from Lynch Creek Farms through the link: lynchcreekfundraising.com/campaigns/859379. The funds will be available for camperships and other outreaches and activities. Orders must be placed by December 15. We appreciate your support for kids!

FOR CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT:

Do you have leftover Halloween candy? You don't have to eat it all yourself. Extra candy can be donated for the Christmas mission project of filling Christmas stockings for area food banks. Last year, hundreds of stockings were prepared and donated. We expect similar numbers this year. Just drop your extra candy off at the church office, and you can be part of this exciting yearly project. Ask Dianne Daley Laursen for other ways to be involved.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK

Our Family Promise Host week is Sunday, December 1 to Sunday, December 8. Moscow FPC and Quail Run LDS Ward will co-host up to three families in the basement level classrooms of our building. FPC's commitment during this time is to provide meals and hospitality for four nights: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Meals will be served in Fellowship Hall for our guest families and their evening hosts. Quail Run LDS Ward will host on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. We are looking for volunteers to prepare a meal, enjoy food and fellowship with our guests, serve as an overnight host, help with set-up and/or take-down, or do laundry at the end of the week. Our church also provides gift cards from WinCo for our guests, and contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Celeste (bioinfomom@roadrunner.com) or add your name to the sign-up in the Narthex. **Also, we are looking for a volunteer coordinator in 2025.** If you're interested, this will be a great opportunity to learn what being a coordinator means. Please contact Celeste.

DEACONS BENEVOLENCE OFFERING FOR DECEMBER

The December Benevolence Offering will be going to Family Promise of the Palouse, which provides partners with local churches to assist families in need of housing. They

also provide services to help people find employment, remain housed and secure housing. Please make out your check to FPC, with December Deacons Benevolence in the memo line or on offering envelope. You may also give online using the [Tithe.ly app](#) or the "Give" button on our website at fpcmoscow.org.

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS

Our Elders, Deacons, Stephen Ministers, and church staff have written Advent devotions to guide us through this Advent season. Be sure to pick up a copy of the devotion booklet in the narthex or contact the church office to have a copy mailed to you.



LAEL RETREAT CENTER will be participating in the [Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse](#) this year! Online giving begins November 29, with the in-person event on December 11 at the 1912 Center. Mark your calendar for this great event that supports over 30 local nonprofits! Funds donated to Lael through AGMP will go toward Chapel siding replacement and upgrades to insulation and doors/windows.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Advent begins December 1. It is the tradition in our church to include the lighting of the Advent candles each Sunday in worship. If you and your spouse, family, or a group of friends would like to light candles December 1 or 15, **please sign up** on the sheet on the office window as soon as possible or contact Kathy Pendegrift at kathyp8623@twc.com. Readings will be provided.

HELP NEEDED SETTING UP FOR ADVENT / HANGING OF THE GREENS

There will be an Advent decorating party Saturday, November 30 starting at 10 a.m. and volunteers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join in. We will set up and decorate trees, get wreaths ready, set up Advent candles and more! Call or email Kathy Pendegrift at 208-883-3015 or kathyp8623@twc.com if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

HANGING OF THE GREENS DECEMBER 1

During 10:30 a.m. worship on the First Sunday of Advent, the congregation will participate in the "hanging of the greens" by hanging wreaths, adding Chrismons to the tree in the sanctuary, and hearing scriptures and singing hymns of the season. We will remember the meaning behind the Chrismons, lights, evergreens, Advent wreath, and poinsettias, and begin to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Communion is postponed to December 8.

SESSION REPORT

Session and Deacons held a joint meeting on November 18, where Bruce Pitman presented an encouraging Pastor Nominating Committee report. The Deacons were commended for their contributions to our congregation and community. The Session also considered building use requests and had a preliminary report on the stewardship campaign. On December 16 is a staff appreciation dinner followed by Deacon and Session meetings.