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First Presbyterian Church Dillon, MT

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Worship

It is said that true worship involves the heart, the mind, and is whole-bodied. Let us here at FPC work toward that end, and the goal and ideal for our worship services and all that entails. It is my hope to continue in the footsteps of previous Worship Elders and provide worship support in every way possible.



In the past month, we have had the privilege of inspiring words to lead us in the way of our faith. We are grateful to Laurie Bartoletti, Scott Dudley, Nate Sgrignoli, George Goodrich, Chuck Bush, and Sarah Tunall, albeit hers via video, due to being under the weather. Each gave us much to dwell on and take with us as we leave our sanctuary.



I have had some truly inspired members who have stepped up to help me in this important part of our ministry. It is with much gratitude that I accept their help and their faith to provide this congregation with meaningful messages, continuation of all that needs to be done to complete this important part of who we are.



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We have been asked again this year to join forces with the folks from the Grace Methodist to provide for the Good Friday Service, on April 3rd. We will need some members from here to assist in putting together this special service. *Please let me know if you would like to participate (406)596-2351.

As a relative newcomer to this job, I welcome with open arms volunteers, ideas, and a happy spirit!

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us bow down before the LORD our maker. -Psalm 95:6

--Betsy Tarrant, Worship Elder



Aaron Cashmore Leading the Children's Message

New Teen Girl Bible Study

8th - 12th Grade Girls
Sundays, 11:45am - 1:15pm
March 15 - May 3 (skipping Easter)
Angler Village
Led by UMW Youth Leaders -- Brookelynn Ruckman and Tayah Kovanda

Christian Education

A Reflection & Question for You

One of the best parts of serving in ministry is watching God multiply. He multiplies our resources, our connections, our dreams for what could be, and our investment in one another. His Spirit empowers us to realize new depths of relationship -- both vertically with God and horizontally with one another. One of the integral parts of growing in community with one another is investing in and encouraging willing leaders. By multiplying our ministries through leadership we can provide life-giving touchpoints in regular rhythms for sharing our personal faith journeys in community. As the Christian Education elder for the past 5 years, I have recently been reflecting on how God has been expanding our

discipleship leaders (and hence discipleship opportunities), across all ages and stages, to better allow us to learn more about Him.

One such experience of God's multiplication of leaders this year has been bringing more college students from UMW to invest in our children and youth. Brookelynn serves as our third youth ministry intern leading in both Middle School Youth Group and our Playroom — a role that has multiplied in its value & responsibilities even more without a pastor's leadership in our youth programs. She has been investing in our young people for a year now and as she continues her college courses, plans to continue to intern with us, multiplying her commitment beyond the typical 8-12 month internship.



Last fall, in the wake of the tragic loss of a young boy in a traffic accident, three more faith-filled college students came to First Pres as support for our children's ministry, God's Kids. Soon support became leadership! This trio continues to faithfully lead our 1st - 5th graders on Wednesdays after school, bringing the hope of the gospel to life through story, discussion, prayer and activities. Only God could take our hopes of continuing with one college youth leader and multiply it by 3 more unexpectedly, multiplying their impact even more!



God has also been multiplying leadership in our adult small groups. Eighteen months ago, sixteen adults gathered to experience a new teaching called Practicing the Way (PTW) with Daniel & Callie. More than half of the original sixteen then went on to lead in a way they never had before — hosting three new small groups in their homes (after the Triller's had moved) to share the introduction to the practices with others just as they had experienced the season before. Thirty new folks (spread across the three new groups) continued to share their time and limited experience with PTW the following fall when ten of them said "yes" to deepening their understanding of the practice of Sabbath and two of them offered

to host a new introduction to the practices group for forty new adults and teens! Let's just do the math here... $16 + 30 + 40 = 86$! That is over 5x of multiplication even in a season without a hired pastor present! Only God can equip the inexperienced to provide a great opportunity for so many others.



So how is this happening?

Because in both the youth and adult groups, you don't need a theology degree to share sound & engaging teaching, utilizing biblical resources, if your heart is to serve Him. God's Word is alive and transformative always — you just need to be available & seeking Him.

Because to invest in one another you don't need a title but only need to create space and time to be together consistently with love for God and one another. God is love and love is realized in investing in relationship with Him and each other.

Because you don't have to be practiced in leading or have all the answers, just be hospitable and willing to facilitate a discussion. God continues to call and empower us through His Spirit to encourage and inspire one another to follow Him.

God is ALWAYS present -- leading, guiding, providing and multiplying. We serve a BIG God who miraculously multiplies what may feel like our small offering, our "yes", right before our eyes, just like in this scripture from John 6: 9-13 —



9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). 11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

Ordination of New Elders: Betsy Tarrant (Worship) & Jack Bazemore (Outreach)

12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." 13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

So, ask yourself these questions:

- 1) What is something you have been waiting to experience but only if another offers to provide it? What study? What book? What topic?
- 2) What community are you needing? Women's group? Men's group? Intergenerational? Parents?
- 3) What do you think you lack in offering to make space & time for one of these yourself? Knowledge? Hosting skills? Tech savvy? A mature Christian walk?

If those questions brought you new thoughts about being available, in community, with welcoming hospitality to gather with others, and you want to know how to take that next step, reach out and we can explore it together. God has great plans for you and through you for others!

--Laura Malesich, Christian Ed Elder

Outreach

One Great Hour of Sharing: Donated during Lent and received on Palm Sunday and/or Easter Sunday. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Presbyterian

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Raquel & Darrin
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~March 7~

Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. You can participate in this special offering by sending donations directly to PCUSA, by writing a check with subject line “One Great Hour” and placing it in the offering box or by using the envelope you will find in the pews. Thank you in advance for your support.

Ongoing Outreach: Outreach is as important today as it was last year. If you know of a need in our community, please reach out to me at (678)446-9936.

--Jack Bazemore, Outreach Elder

Property

Shout out to our property elder, Mel Rice, for his wonderful work on the remodeling of the upstairs women's bathroom! The final project turned out beautifully and was such a nice upgrade. THANK YOU, Mel, for once again sharing your skills to produce exemplary work that improves upon the church building God has gifted us with. Special thanks to Cathy Knox and Tammy McGinley for sharing their time and talents in refreshing the paint for this project. It looks like a whole new space!



Pastoral Care

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” – Matthew 19:14

Good News from Pastoral Care

Gospel means good news, and we look to the good news that we received from Jesus through his life, witness, death and resurrection.

We mourn with our sister and brother in Christ, Carol and Pat Kennedy, and their family with the recent death of Carol’s saintly mother and a friend of all, Helen Frazier. She was ready to join all the saints in heaven and experience the good news of the Gospel of Jesus.

We continue to pray for our dear friends Kathy Heller and Ann Swanson as they grieve the death of Chuck.

The pastoral care team welcomes its newest teammates, Tara Jones and little, mighty, Endee. Jesus reminds us that the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. This is a wonderful example of sharing one’s time, talent and treasure. Tara’s youthful spirit and wisdom will bring an extra layer of care and Endee will bring joy to many. And they will receive life-long lessons from the people they serve.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

In His Service,

Ron Loge, Pastoral Care Elder



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Marcy Busch—Mar. 8

Joe Annes -- Mar. 9

Larkin Voss—Mar. 11

Betty Jo Howells—Mar. 13

Jacob Smith—Mar. 14

Nancy Crothers—Mar. 16

Hudson Smith—Mar. 17

Scout Voss—Mar. 18

Dorothy Wheeler—Mar. 19

Owen Smith—Mar. 21

Chris Longley—Mar. 27

David Schuett—Mar. 27

Freeman McCall—Mar. 30

Carol Kennedy—Mar. 31

Koen Malesich—Mar. 31



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Triller Baby Celebration
Welcome to the world, Samuel Ryan Triller!





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7
-Worship 10am -Sarah Tunall Video Sermon -Chancel Choir -Communion -Playroom			-Morning Bible Study, 9:30-11:30am -High School Lunch, 12:00-12:40pm - God's Kids Sunday School, 3:50-4:45pm -MS Youth Group, 4:00-5:00pm -God's Kids Choir, 5:00-5:30pm			-Bell Choir Rehearsal, 9am
March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14
-Worship 10am -John Davis & Middle School Youth Leading -God's Kids Choir -Family Worship Sunday			-Morning Bible Study, 9:30-11:30am -High School Lunch, 12:00-12:40pm - God's Kids Sunday School, 3:50-4:45pm -MS Youth Group, 4:00-5:00pm -God's Kids Choir, 5:00-5:30pm			-Bell Choir Rehearsal, 9am
March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21
-Worship 10am -Scott Dudley Video Sermon -Chancel Choir -Playroom			-Morning Bible Study, 9:30-11:30am -High School Lunch, 12:00-12:40pm - God's Kids Sunday School, 3:50-4:45pm -MS Youth Group, 4:00-5:00pm -God's Kids Choir, 5:00-5:30pm			-Bell Choir Rehearsal, 9am
March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28
-Worship 10am -Dave Haven Preaching -Bell Choir		-Session Meeting, 6:00pm	-Morning Bible Study, 9:30-11:30am -High School Lunch, 12:00-12:40pm - God's Kids Sunday School, 3:50-4:45pm -MS Youth Group, 4:00-5:00pm -God's Kids Choir, 5:00-5:30pm			-Bell Choir Rehearsal, 9am
March 29	March 30	March 31				
-Worship 10am -Dave Haven Preaching *Palm Sunday						