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Worship

Happy 2026 First Pres!

The following is a (paraphrased) excerpt from a sermon Daniel delivered about a year and a half ago. We all need three things in life to be filled with meaning, purpose, and joy:

- 1) something to look forward to
- 2) someone to love
- 3) something to do

Even when life is hard, even if you're in a season of grief and suffering, if you have these, you can live with meaning, purpose, and joy. As we begin a new year, this just seemed to fit.

In our narthex there are several study frameworks designed for reading the New Testament, bible, and/or Proverbs & Psalms. Be encouraged to this daily practice in your faith journey. The Upper Room publication is also a daily devotional that includes scripture, prayer, a testimonial, and more. So worthwhile!

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as worship elder these past three years.

Blessings, Cathy Knox

Christian Education

There are two upcoming FAITH and FUN opportunities for our youth. We'd love to see you at one or both events!



Kids' Night In, Parents' Night Out, Friday, Feb. 13th, 5:30-7:30pm

***RSVP required** – limited spots available based on number of teen and adult volunteers. RSVP to our Youth Ministry Intern, Brookelynn Ruckman at (406)707-0408 by Wednesday, Feb. 11th.

Yellowstone Presbytery Winter Retreat, Fri, Feb. 27th – Sun, Mar. 1st

Youth in grades 6-8 as well as youth leaders are invited to join us for a weekend of faith and fun. Youth can choose to ski/snowboard or participate in a service project and then enjoy the trampoline park. The cost is \$55 to either ski/snowboard or do the trampoline park. [Here's a flyer](#) to learn more about the retreat, as well as a [letter for youth leaders](#). ***Please register** using this [Google Form](#) by February 13th.



--Laura Malesich, Christian Education Elder

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

~Paul & Alison
Lovaas~
Feb. 9

~Keith & Verla
Andersen~
Feb. 13



*If we are missing
your anniversary,
please let us know!
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Outreach

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God. - Micah 6:8*

Ongoing Outreach: Outreach is as important today as it was last year. I am grateful to everyone in our church family who supports our outreach both local and afar. We make a difference in our community, not only in money, but in our gifts of time and talents. I am humbled. Jack and I are collaborating on this month's report as he transitions into the role of Outreach Elder.

Prayer: If you need prayer or have an addition to the prayer list, please contact Marie Hamilton or Shani Smith. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Marie at 406-223-6622.

Special prayers for the new elders who will be starting this year. Cathy and Marie have committed to walking alongside these new elders as we transition out.

Current Outreach: Although we have not seen snow, the winter season brings needs to our community for heat. We assisted a community member with heating expenses in January. If you know of anyone in need, please let them know we have an assistance form on our website.

Pastor Nominating Committee: Continue to pray for discernment in the process. Pray for God to open our eyes to see that one person He has for us, and to open the eyes of that one person to see us.

--Marie Hamilton (Outgoing Outreach Elder)

--Jack Bazemore (New Outreach Elder)

Fellowship

Save the
Date!



Lunch and learn

Tues. February 24th, 11:30am, FPC

Lindsey Perkins, Hospital Educator and Student Coordinator, will host a session on proper tourniquet application and hands-only CPR. This session will offer simple, hands-on instruction you can use to help save a life in an emergency. It's a great opportunity to learn, ask questions, and build confidence. Please contact Chris Longley if you would like to help with lunch at (406)865-0722.

Pancake Supper for the Wood Bank

Tues. Feb. 17th, 5:30-7pm
St. Rose Family Center

Donations will be accepted to support the Beaverhead Community Wood Bank Ministry, an all-volunteer charity providing firewood to warm the homes of neighbors in need. All are welcome to come for fellowship and to support this important ministry!





Kathy Heller and Family



High School Lunch
John Davis, Lily
Malesich, Leneva Miller

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- ~Craig Simonsen~ Feb. 1
- ~Cael Wright~ Feb. 2
- ~Bence McCoy~ Feb. 3
- ~Lorraine King~ Feb. 4
- ~Dar Clark~ Feb. 5
- ~Natalie Paulbeck~ Feb. 5
- ~Mel Rice~ Feb. 5
- ~Gary Love~ Feb. 6
- ~Stephanie Vinson~ Feb. 7
- ~Heather Smith~ Feb. 8
- ~Katelyn Smith~ Feb. 8
- ~Paige Smith~ Feb. 8
- ~Kitty Eaton~ Feb. 11
- ~Callie Triller~ Feb. 12
- ~Zoe Baker~ Feb. 17
- ~George Goodrich~ Feb. 20
- ~Anna Loge~ Feb. 23
- ~Carol Simonsen~ Feb. 25
- ~Ross Kelsey~ Feb. 28
- ~Olivette Copple~ Feb. 28

If we are missing your
birthday, please let us
know!

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Welcome, Samuel Ryan Triller!

Triller Baby Celebration
Sun. Feb. 15th, 3pm at FPC

Save this special date as we (virtually!) welcome baby boy Triller #3 and celebrate with our beloved Trillers. Samuel Ryan Triller was born on January 20th! They have a baby registry available [here](#) or via the weekly email. The Trillers will open any gifts sent to them during the celebration. EVERYONE (yes, big kids, little kids, and men too!) are welcome! ****Please bring finger food to share!***





Aaron Cashmore giving
the Children's Message



Tammy Baker, Ron Loge, Ann
Swanson & the Chancel Choir
Leading Worship at the BeeHive

2026 Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday, Feb. 18th

Call to Order at 10:55am – Session Clerk Tara Jones

Prayer – Elder Laura Malesich

Declaration of Quorum – Session Clerk Tara Jones

A quorum of 43 out of 112 active members were present for transaction of business. (This year, 28 active members is a minimum requirement for a quorum.)

Clerks Report (Annual Statistical Report) – Session Clerk Tara Jones

2025 began with 108 active members. One (1) member was received by letter of transfer. Nine (9) members were received by reaffirmation of faith. Two (2) members were lost due to death. Four (4) members moved away. We ended 2025 with 112 active members.

Congregational Vote

1. Motion to Approve Previous Years' Minutes

A motion was made by Liane Forrester to approve the meeting minutes from our last annual congregational meeting held Jan 26, 2025. Gary Gerth seconded. **Motion passed.**

2. Financial Report and Presentation of 2026 Budget – Elder Trent Cottom

Monetary support from FPC membership combined with lower pastoral payroll costs resulted in a budget surplus of \$40,00.00 in 2025. This blessing allows us to 1) maintain a financial cushion as we plan for future expenses and 2) increase our local outreach by \$20,000.00. The gifts you give allow us to respond more fully to the needs around us - caring for our neighbors, strengthening partnerships, and extending Christ's love in tangible and meaningful ways.

A motion was made by Sky Jones to approve the 2026 budget. Marie Hamilton seconded. **Motion passed.**

3. Motion to Elect 2026 Elder Nominees: Betsy Tarrant and Jack Bazemore

Betsy Tarrant was selected for the role of Worship Elder.

Jack Bazemore was selected for the role of Outreach Elder.

A motion was made by Liane Forrester to close nominations and elect Betsy Tarrant and Jack Bazemore as the next Session elders. Ross Kelsey seconded. **Motion passed.**

A heartfelt thank you was expressed to both Cathy Knox (former Worship Elder) and Marie Hamilton (former Outreach Elder) for their faithful three-year service to Session.

4. Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update – Marie Hamilton

The PNC continues to faithfully and discerningly search for our next Pastor of FPC Dillon. **A motion** was made by Betsy Tarrant to close the annual meeting at the conclusion of singing *Great is Thy Faithfulness*. Alan Weltzin seconded. **Motion passed.**

Attendees stood to sing *Great is Thy Faithfulness*.

Meeting ended at 11:20am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Jones, Session Clerk



LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

Office Manager	Shani Smith	(406)498-4227
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Clerk of Session	Tara Jones	(406)381-3591
Custodian	Courtney Brown	(406)925-1787
Stewardship	*Trent Cottom (elder)	(406)531-0871
Facilities/Grounds	*Mel Rice (elder)	(406)660-0408
Christian Education	*Laura Malesich (elder)	(720)281-1737
Youth Ministry Intern	Brookelynn Ruckman	(406)707-0408
Outreach/Missions	*Jack Bazemore (elder)	(678)446-9936
Pastoral Care	*Ron Loge (elder)	(406)865-0525
Worship	*Betsy Tarrant (elder)	(406)596-2351
Chancel Choir Director	Laurie Hagenbarth	(406)925-0039
God's Kids Choir Directors	Suzanne Forrester Natalie Paulbeck	(406)925-2459 (612)670-0661
Organist	Charlene Loge	(406)865-0698
Bell Choir Director	Matthew Yetter	(406)925-3112



Decadent Dessert Sunday – it was such a “sweet” time! Thanks to all who contributed a dessert!





February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 7
~Worship 10am ~Video Sermon ~Chancel Choir ~Playroom			~Morning Bible Study, 9:30-11:30am ~No youth activities; early release	~FPC Hosts High School Lunch Bunch, 12pm (Vineyard Church)		~Bell Choir Rehearsal, 9am
Feb. 8	Feb. 9	Feb. 10	Feb. 11	Feb. 12	Feb. 13	Feb. 14
~Family Worship Sunday, 10am ~Nate Sgrignoli/ Chi Alpha Leading Worship ~God's Kids Choir			~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		~Kids' Night In/Parents' Night Out, 5:30-7:30pm	~Bell Choir Rehearsal, 9am
Feb. 15	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 20	Feb. 21
~Worship 10am ~George/Kathy Goodrich Preaching ~Communion ~Chancel Choir ~Playroom		~Session Meeting, 6:30pm	~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
Feb. 22	Feb. 23	Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Feb. 26	Feb. 27	Feb. 28
~Worship 10am ~Chuck Bush Preaching ~Bell Choir			~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		~Presbytery Youth Winter Retreat	~Bell Choir Rehearsal, 9am ~Presbytery Youth Winter Retreat
March 1						
~Presbytery Youth Winter Retreat						