



The Presbyterian *Messenger*

Burley Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter May 2024

“Because He Lives...”

In the late 1960s Bill and Gloria Gaither were going through a traumatic time in their lives. Gloria was pregnant with their third child. The Gaither's were fearful of bringing another child into such a crazy mixed up world. Gloria shared her thoughts and feelings:

As I sat alone in a darkened living room, tormented, fearful, the Lord sent a calm and peace! The fear left and the joy returned. Dispelled by a calming presence, I knew I could have that baby and face the future with optimism and trust. It was the power of Jesus' Resurrection affirming itself in Bill and my life once again!

So the Gaither's wrote the song “Because He Lives.” The words to the chorus affirm the power of the Resurrection:

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!**

The Lord Jesus is still a calming presence in the storms of life. Often Jesus comes to

our rescue like He did for the first disciples when they were caught in a violent storm on the Sea of Galilee. (Read Mark 4:35-41). What storms are blowing through your life? Name them:

As those who are in the boat with Jesus, He would remind us:

1. We are not promised lives of “smooth sailing.”
2. He is with us in the storms of life.
3. He listens to our heart cries for help.
4. He uses our brothers and sisters in Christ to pray us through the storms. And to provide wise counsel as we navigate troubled waters.

God knows what storms are coming our way. He can stop them! But often, He allows them to blow through our life. Why? Because weathering storms strengthens our faith.

In Jesus' love,
Pastor John

A WEEK OF TRIBUTES TO MOM

To celebrate the special woman in your life, use a quote a day the week before Mother's Day, or honor her with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat, tape one to the bathroom mirror — get creative! Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate her love and show her yours.

"There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one." —Jill Churchill

"The art of mothering is to teach the art of living to children." —Elaine Heffner

"An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest." —Spanish proverb

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway." —Erma Bombeck

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." —Henry Ward Beecher

"Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible." —Marion C. Garretty

"Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had." —Linda Wooten

A SHARED EXPERIENCE



What comes to mind when you hear the word *Pentecost*? Many people think of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and multiple languages. But Acts 2 begins with another detail that's just as key: Jesus' disciples "were all together in one place." Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers didn't miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church.

The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus' first followers hadn't been assembled on Pentecost, they would've missed the outpouring of God's power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other friends of Christ. Who would want to miss God's blessings, promises and joy?

MEMORIAL DAY

Is it enough to think today
Of all our brave, then put away
The thought until a year has sped?
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song
And deck a grave; and all year long
Forget the brave who died that we
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,
That we who live give heart and soul
To keep the land they died to save,
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

—Annette Wynne

AT HOME WITH CHRIST

In *The Longing for Home*, Frederick Buechner writes: "The word *longing* comes from the same root as the word *long* in the sense of length in either time or space and also the word *belong*, so that in its full richness to long suggests to yearn for a long time for something that is a long way off and something that we feel we belong to and that belongs to us. ... The home we long for and belong to is finally where Christ is. I believe that home is Christ's kingdom, which exists both within us and among us as we wend our prodigal ways through the world in search of it."

While awaiting our heavenly home, we pray: Most High God, be our shelter from the storm and our dwelling place. May we always be at home with you in the eternal household you have prepared for those who love you. And may Christ always find a pleasant home in and among us. As you have welcomed us into your family, give us the compassion to welcome others into our own homes and lives, knowing that as we do it unto the least of these, we do it unto Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

Session Highlights

Greeting from the Session,

The Session met Wednesday, April 10, 2024. There are 59 members on the active roll. Communion was served on Sunday, April 7th to 31 in attendance.

Pastor: reported pulpit supply on May 26 Paul Pugh, June 2 Russell Morgan and June 9 Michael Barrett.

Deacons: are actively doing their Deacon duties. They held their Chili Cookoff April 14. The winners are posted in Fellowship Hall.

Christian Ed and Worship: Young adult and adult Sunday School continue to meet every Sunday before worship. The Adult Bible is "Reading the Bible in 365 days" a challenging but good study! We could always make room for more!

Personnel: we still need 1 more Elder, if you feel led, please contact Dan Shockey.

Finance: The February tithes were: \$12,980.00, expenses were: \$8,567.09, Year to Date \$24,771.00, exp. \$20,960.28.

Fellowship: Cupcake Sunday 5/5, Mother's Day Special Coffee Hour 5/12, Graduation Celebration 5/19.

Mission, Outreach & Church Growth: We are members of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, a great way to have our Church name out in the public.

Barbra sends notices and information to them to email the membership weekly.

Member concerns: Travis Frazier is now at Park View Care and Rehab. Elizabeth Sensenbaugh has moved to a Memory Care Center in Kimberly. Please be in prayer for our lists of concerns given weekly during the Sunday Service.

The Annual Memorial Service is scheduled for June 2, 2024.

Respectively Submitted
Carleen Clayville, for Clerk of Session



Baptism of Willow & Wrenly Roberts and Dexter St. Amand March 31, 2024

EYES TO SEE

I . . . will make you to be a covenant for the people and . . . to open eyes that are blind.
Isaiah 42:6-7

Genevieve had to be the "eyes" for her three children, each born with congenital cataracts. Whenever she took them into their village in the Republic of Benin of western Africa, she strapped the baby onto her back and held on to the arm and hand of her older two, always looking for danger. In a culture where blindness was thought to be caused by witchcraft, Genevieve despaired and cried out to God for help.

Then a man from her village told her about Mercy Ships, a ministry that provides vital surgeries to honor Jesus' model of bringing hope and healing to the poor. Uncertain if they could help, she approached them. When the children woke up after their surgeries, they could see!

God's story has always been about coming alongside those shrouded in darkness and bringing His light. The prophet Isaiah declared that God would be "a light for the Gentiles" (Isaiah 42:6). He would "open eyes that are blind" (v. 7), restoring not only physical sight but spiritual vision as well. And He promised to "take hold" of His people's hand (v. 6). He restored sight to the blind and brought light to those living in the darkness.

If you feel overcome by darkness, cling to hope as you embrace the promises of our loving Father while asking for His light to bring illumination.—*Amy Boucher Pye*

May Scripture Lessons *from the Lectionary*

May 5 [Communion Sunday]
Acts 10:44-48; Ps. 98;
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 12
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps. 1;
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

May 19 [Day of Pentecost]
Acts 2:1-21; Ps. 104:24-35b;
Rom. 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26 [Trinity Sunday]
Isa. 6:1-8; Ps. 29;
Rom. 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Committees & Chairpersons

BUILDING & GROUNDS:
Dale Martin

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Carleen Clayville

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM:

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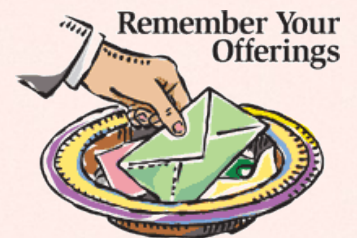
DEACONS:
Linda Smith, Valerie Frazier,
Dan Wittman, Gary Hollinger,
Susi McCall, Sharon Napier and
Jeanetta Fortier (in training)



Dottie Nester's New Address:
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Wells, NV 89835

Jokes only a mother could love

- ♥ Why is a computer so smart?
It listens to its motherboard.
- ♥ Why did you chop the joke book in half?
Mom said to cut the comedy.
- ♥ Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?
Because their kids have to play inside!
- ♥ What did the mother rope say to her child?
"Don't be knotty."



Remember Your Offerings

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

01 Tyson & Juliann Germann
07 Terrie Shockey
15 Henry Albert Ziulkowski
15 Mason Wittman
15 Madison Wittman
22 Richard Kicklighter
25 Walt & Gay Fisher
30 Alicia Wittman

God Bless Your Special Day!



Applications available May 1st. Deadline to submit completed application is May 15th.

Applications are available in church office.

**2024
Year to Date
Tithes and
Expenses**

**March
Tithes
\$12,980.00**

**Expenses
\$8,567.09**

**YTD Totals
Tithes \$24,771.00**

**Expenses
\$20,960.98**

April 2024						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May Servers ~ We Appreciate YOU! Head Usher: Susie McCall Head Greeter: Linda Smith Liturgist: 5/5 Dan S, 5/12 Gary, 5/19 Dan S, 5/26 Dan S Coffee Hour: 5/5 Fellowship, 5/12 _____ 5/19 Fellowship, 5/26 _____			1 Scholarship Applications Available	2 National Day of PRAYER	3 7:00pm Boy Scouts meet	4
5 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship & Communion Cupcake Sunday	6	7	8 7:00 pm Session	9 ASCENSION OF THE LORD 1:30pm Mt. Harrison Quilt	10 7:00pm Boy Scouts meet	11
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship MOTHER'S DAY Special Coffee Hour Deacons meet	13	14	15 Newsletter Articles Due Scholarship Application Deadline Deadline to Register for Camp Sawtooth	16	17 7:00pm Boy Scouts meet	18
19 DAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Scholarship Presentation Graduation Celebration	20	21 VOTE Election Day 8:00am—8:00pm Election Day *we are a polling place	22 Newsletter Article Deadline	23	24 7:00pm Boy Scouts meet	25 Camp Sawtooth Work Weekend (May 25—27) 2:00PM Memorial Service for Don & Marianne Bohon
26 TRINITY SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Pulpit Supply: Paul Pugh	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31 7:00pm Boy Scouts meet	

WORTH CELEBRATING

While going through the so-called “daily grind,” it’s fun to anticipate special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries and holiday meals — especially when other people cook and clean up! Although every day is full of countless reasons to rejoice, we may not always feel like celebrating. Life’s concerns pile high, distracting us from gratitude, joy and intentional acknowledgment of our blessings.

When you need a reason to smile and celebrate, head to www.NationalDayCalendar.com. Almost every food item and hobby now has its own day, and you’ll even find gems such as National Be Late for Something Day (September 5, if you want to plan ahead!).

These fun “occasions” can help you embrace small joys and may even inspire you to celebrate them with family or friends. As you do, consider what it is about today and each gift from God that makes this day special.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE NEWS!

We will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.
PSALM 78:4

Celebrating a Century of Giving and Receiving

Mark of generous giving. Launched in 1922 to honor the 100th anniversary of The Woman's Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Birthday Offering is an annual tradition for givers and receivers around the world. Over the last 100 years, grants funded by Presbyterian Women have impacted the ministries of more than 200 organizations and transformed the lives of countless people. From the original funds donated for the entrance gate in Montreat, North Carolina, and Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan, to a classroom at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and a Presbyterian Bible school in Hsinchu, Taiwan, in the 1960s, to the housing and hunger projects in Farmington, Main, and Lares, Puerto Rico, today, the Birthday Offering continues to provide a message of hope in the United States and around the world.

While the projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment of improving the lives of women and children has not. Support the Birthday Offering so PW can continue funding mission projects for the next 100 years.

Give as you have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit. Learn more about PW at: presbyterianwomen.org/birthday

If you want to participate in the 2024 Birthday Offering, please see Carleen, or Sharon, We'd be happy to help you give!

In Christ's Service,
Carleen Clayville, Moderator



Presbyterian Women's Meeting and Birthday Offering April 20, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD...

JUNE

02: Pulpit Supply: Russell Morgan
02: Memorial Service of Remembrance
09: Michael Barrett Teaching
12: Mt. Harrison Quilt Guild 2-day event (12—13)
12: Session 7:00pm
16: Father's Day
23: Camp Sawtooth begins (6/23—7/19)

JULY

04: Independence Day—Office Closed
10: Session 7:00pm
13: Presbytery Meeting, Idaho Falls 10:00am
19: Camp Sawtooth ends

AUGUST

07: Mt. Harrison Quilt Guild 2-day event (7—8)
11: Outdoor Worship—TBA
14: Session 7:00pm
27: Election Day *we are a polling place



Committee Reports

FINANCE REPORT

Go Figure ~ Giving really is a joy

by Angie Andriot

They say money can't buy happiness, but research indicates this may not be entirely true. The trick is to focus on what you give, rather than what you get. So where should you go to "purchase" this elusive state of joy?

The answer: your church, charities, community donation drives—any place you can donate money. The key word? Donate. Those who donate money tend to be happier than those who don't.

According to our research, Presbyterians in households that have pledged money to their church are happier than those in non-pledging households.

However—and this is important—giving more money does not make you happier, and the link between pledging and happiness exists at all income levels. It's not the quantity that counts; what matters is the habit of giving. Happiness comes from giving regularly.

Our research finds that donating just once to a cause does not impact general happiness—no matter how much you give.

And it's not just happiness that is part of the equation. People in pledging households are also more optimistic about their future and are more likely to believe that people can generally be trusted.

One caveat to this research is that we cannot determine what causes what—does giving away money make people happier, or are happy people more likely to give away money?

Either way, one thing is clear: donating money is the sign of a happy person. And it's not likely to make the recipient too sad either.

Angie Andriot is a research associate with Research Services for the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

In Christ's Service,
Your Finance team

WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED REPORT

Young adult and adult Sunday School continue to meet every Sunday before worship.

Camp Sawtooth dates are posted in the back of the sanctuary. If you are interested in having your child attend a camp, please pick up a registration form. If you have any questions, please let me know.

In His Love,
Erika Wittman
Worship and Christian Ed. Chair

Faith, family and love

Probably the most successful artist in America today is Thomas Kinkade, sometimes called the painter of light. Kinkade is a devout Christian who tries to allow God to speak to people through his paintings. His work usually portrays Victorian-type villages featuring inviting churches, attractive cottages often made of stone and lighted from within by romantic fireplaces, candles and lamps. The alluring home and the evergreen trees generously placed in the landscape may be covered by snow. Each of Kinkade's paintings purposely carries a message of faith, family and love.

A recent painting done by Kinkade is called The Mountain Chapel. It has a mountain landscape with light suggesting the glory of God pouring through the clouds, and a little chapel by a lake. Someone can see a little country church, he says, and be reminded that faith is a foundation for living. A cottage reminds one of family and home.

Kinkade signs each painting with the ancient Christian symbol of a fish and a Bible reference. His Christian witness is through art that lifts up the themes of faith, family and love. His work offers him a method of bearing his Christian witness. The paintings are meant to inspire and help us remember that the loveliness of much of nature and the warmth of a peaceful home can lift our spirits and spur our gratitude to God.



FELLOWSHIP REPORT

May 5th- Cupcake Sunday
May 12th- Mother's Day treats
May 19th- Graduation Celebration for Victor Pugh

Respectfully submitted,
Terrie Shockey

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Service Times:

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship 10:45 am

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Please submit your Newsletter items by the
15th of the month and Bulletin items by Wednesday.*

***Prayers:** If you know of someone who is in need of our prayers,
please contact the church office.*

***Prayer Chain:** If you have an emergency prayer request, or would like
to join the prayer chain, please contact Susan McGee 208-312-3864*

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The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever.
—Isaiah 40:8 (NIV)

May 2024

Our Mission Statement

- To proclaim the Word of God to its members.
- To be a place where the community at large is invited to hear God's Word and join in fellowship with the members in the worship of God.
- To minister to its members in time of sorrow, illness, hurt, confusion, or uncertainty and encourage their faith in God, and His son Jesus Christ, during these troubling times.
- To be a haven for the larger community, where people who are troubled can receive support, encouragement, and be led to faith in God and our savior, Jesus Christ.
- To joyfully worship God together, to encourage youth and young adult members to come together with older members to get to know each other, and to develop mutual respect.
- To be known outside of our membership as a place where people of all ages can come together and find meaningful worship of God.

In these days of confusion in our society about what is morally good and right and true; the Session of this congregation, unanimously affirms the following beliefs which we publicly profess:

1. That Jesus Christ alone is Lord of all and the only way of salvation.
2. That Holy Scripture (the Bible) is the Triune God's revealed Word, the church's only infallible rule of faith and life.
3. That God's people are called to holiness in all aspects of life. This includes honoring the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman.