

The Presbyterian *Messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BURLEY IDAHO—JUNE 2024

As a father has compassion
for his children, so the Lord has compassion
on those who fear him.
Psalm 103:13

Why Is Pentecost Important?

Pentecost Sunday fell this year on May 19th. Pentecost is one of the movable feasts in the Church calendar. It is always celebrated on the 50th day after Easter. It can fall on a different Sunday in May or June.

Have you ever wondered why the first Pentecost is so important? In the words of another: "Pentecost is a reminder of the foundational events in Christianity and a powerful symbol for believers today." Here are some reasons why Pentecost is important. (The following is adapted from an article titled "Why Pentecost Is Important—15 Reasons").

Pentecost is important because

1. It is the birthday of Jesus' body/the Church. On that day, Jesus kept his promise to send the Holy Spirit to empower his first disciples and all future believers for the founding of Christianity.
2. It is a celebration of God's plan to bring people from every language, race, and nation together in Jesus Christ. Pentecost reversed Babel. (Genesis 11:1-9). At Babel, people were scattered across the planet and their language confused. On Pentecost, God's Spirit gave believers the ability to understand one another in a miraculous way.

3. It marks an outpouring of grace and power to live Jesus-like lives and to do Jesus-like works for his kingdom.

4. It reminds believers they are to share the love of Jesus far and wide. The remaining chapters of the book of Acts, tell the story of the Apostles and all Jesus' followers continuing Jesus's mission to declare God's love. Think John 3:16. The open-ended conclusion of Acts, makes clear that the Church's mission to proclaim the gospel is to continue until Jesus' return. When the Church does this it is fulfilling God's purpose and plan to redeem and restore our fallen world.

Conclusion

Pentecost is important because it's a reminder that God gives believers the resources needed to carry out His mission and to share their faith with boldness. It also is an encouragement to believers today that no matter what challenges they face, the power of the Holy Spirit will always be with them.

*In Jesus' love,
Pastor John*



A prayer for families

Dear heavenly Father, we come as your children to praise you for putting us in our family — and in our church family. Thank you for the love and nourishment we receive from the people in whose presence you've placed us. We confess our need for your guidance in our families and congregation. Please grant us harmony in our homes and church body. In all situations, help us show love, patience and respect for one another. In your name we pray. Amen.

Don't be root-bound

As a new gardener, Jan Riggenschach used to treat bedding plants with extreme care, setting them into soil without disturbing the roots. Eventually she learned that rough — even ruthless — treatment is better in the long run.

"If the plant has been growing in its pot so long that the roots are circling the bottom, I jab my finger into the bottom of the soil and pull down to untangle the roots," Riggenschach wrote in her gardening column. "If the whole pot is filled with circling roots, I have to be merciless. I don't worry if I break some of the roots. That's better than allowing the roots to continue to circle when the plants are growing in the garden."

In the same way, it's easy to grow complacent and inward-focused in our walk with God. But bunched-up roots can't reach out for sustenance. So for maximum faith growth, dare to let God shake you up from time to time!

Marriage advice across the ages

June is the beginning of a popular wedding season. So here's some marriage advice from across the centuries. Clearly, sometimes it depends on context.

- "It is impossible to keep peace between man and woman in family life if they do not condone and overlook each other's faults but watch everything to the smallest point. For who does not at times offend?" (Martin Luther, 16th century)
- "Watch yourself, be the first to ask pardon if you both err, and guard against the little piques, misunderstandings, and hasty words that often pave the way for bitter sorrow and regret." (Louisa May Alcott, 19th century)
- "The ear is the center of all relationships. It's not the heart, it's not the mind, it's the ear. Listening is the beginning and the end." (Henry Winkler, 21st century)

On the other hand ...

- "In every good marriage, it helps sometimes to be a little deaf." (Evelyn Ginsburg, mother-in-law of a Supreme Court justice, 20th century)
- And above all:
 - Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. (St. Paul, 1st century, in 1 Corinthians 13:4-6, NRSV)

An ode to dads

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add, He knew his masterpiece was complete, and so, he called it ... Dad.

—Author unknown



Session Highlights

Greetings from the Session,

The Session met Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Pastor John opened the meeting and lighted the Christ Candle. All Elders were present. 59 members on the active roll. Communion was served on Sunday, May 5th to 30 in attendance.

The Pastor reported he will need pulpit supply on, May 26, Paul Pugh, June 2, Russell Morgan, and June 9 Michael Barrett.

The Deacons are actively doing their Deacon duties. They are planning their next Bunco Night. Also, helping assist people who qualify for help during the week, as needed.

Christian Ed and Worship:

The Adult Sunday School is "Reading the Bible in 365 Days" a challenging but good study! We could always make room for more! Susan McGee. and Linda Smith are leading a Young Adult Sunday School for Sydnee and Kelly, when they are available.

Personnel and Nominating:

We still need 1 more Elder, if you feel led, please contact Dan Shockey.

Finance: The February tithes were: \$5,286.00, expenses were: \$5,690.37, Year to date tithes \$30,057.00 and Exp. \$26,650.65.

Fellowship:

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

Mission Outreach & Church growth:

We are members of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, a good way to have our Church name out in the public. Barbra sends notices and information to them to email the membership weekly.

Member concerns:

Elizabeth Sensenbaugh moved to a Memory Care Center in Kimberly. As of this writing our prayers go out to Elizabeth's family as she went home to be with the Lord on May 16, 2024. Please be in prayer for our lists of concerns given weekly during the Sunday Service.

A Memorial Service for Don & Marianne Bohon will be held Saturday, May 25, 2024, given by their daughters, Diana and Stephanie and families. All are invited! The Annual Memorial Service of Remembrance is scheduled for June 2, 2024.

Respectively Submitted
Carleen Clayville, for Clerk of Session

"Now the church is not wood and stone,
but the company of people who believe in Christ."
— Martin Luther



During this time we remember those who have left us a great heritage, who have left their print on our church family. Indeed, we have been surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who have passed on to us their faith..

A Service of Remembrance

June 2, 2024

In Memory of:

Marjorie Gebauer

Wesley Parr

Ruthy Rayburn

Elizabeth Sensenbaugh

*And in Memory and Honor of
all Military Men and Women
around the world—*

Past & Present

June Scripture Lessons *from the Lectionary*

June 2 [2nd Sunday after Pentecost]

1 Sam. 3:1-20; Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18;
2 Cor. 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9 [3rd Sunday after Pentecost]

1 Sam. 8:4-20(11:14-15; Ps. 138;
2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 16 [4th Sunday after Pentecost]

1 Sam. 15:35-16:13; Ps. 20;
2 Cor. 5:6-3, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 23 [5th Sunday after Pentecost]

1 Sam. 7:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49; Ps. 9:9-20
2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

June 30 [6th Sunday after Pentecost]

2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27; Ps. 130;
2 Cor. 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43



In Loving Memory

Join us for our annual Memorial
Service of Remembrance June 2, 2024



Camp Sawtooth begins June 23 and ends
July 19, 2024. Pray for Campers and Staff!

Committees & Chairpersons

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Dale Martin

FELLOWSHIP:

Sandra Clayville

FINANCE:

Carleen Clayville

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM:

PERSONNEL & NOMINATING:

Dan Shockey

WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED:

Erika Wittman

DEACONS:

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



Don't take a Vacation
from Church



Remember
Your Pledge
This Summer

2024 Year to Date Tithes and Expenses

April

Tithes \$5,286.00
Expenses \$5,690.37

YTD Totals:

Tithes \$30,057.00
Expenses \$26,650.65



05 Karl Fuelling
08 Zailey Germann
09 Hazel Vegwert
10 Max Thomas
10 Steve & Marcia Lynch
15 Travis Frazier
17 Michael Behr

God Bless Your Special Day!



JUNE

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p align="center">June Servers ~ Thank You!</p> <p>Head Usher: Dan Shockey Head Greeter: Carleen Clayville</p> <p>Liturgist: 6/2 Gary, 6/9 Dan S, 6/16 Gary, 6/23 Dan S, 6/30 Gary</p> <p>Coffee Hour: 6/2 Fellowship, 6/9 Valerie, 6/16 Linda C., 6/23 Fellowship, 6/30 _____</p>						1
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2 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship & Communion / Cupcake Sunday Pulpit Supply: Russell Morgan Memorial Service of Remembrance	3	4	5	6 7:00pm Boy Scouts	7	8
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Michael Barrett Teaching Deacons meet	10	11	12 Mt. Harrison Quilt Guild 2-day event June 12—13 7:00 pm Session	13 7:00pm Boy Scouts	14	15 Newsletter Articles Due
16 Father's Day 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Father's Day Lunch after worship	17	18	19	20 First Day of Summer 7:00pm Boy Scouts	21	22 Newsletter Article Deadline
23 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Camp Sawtooth Begins(6/23—7/19)	24	25	26	27 7:00pm Boy Scouts	28	29

30 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship



Presbyterian Women in the News



Victor Pugh is our Scholarship Recipient this year. Dan Shockey presented Victor with the McCaslin Youth Scholarship and the Burley Education Scholarship on May 19, 2024. Congratulations Victor!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.....WHO ARE WE?

Presbyterian Women, Inc., is the women's organization in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

We *are* a community of more than 200,000 women who participate in Presbyterian Women (PW) and align our ministry and hearts around a shared purpose, the PW Purpose.

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

These commitments are lovingly carried out in Presbyterian Women groups in congregations, presbyteries and synods. At the national level, Presbyterian Women provides the resources, direction and opportunities to fulfill the organization's mission and ministry.

Presbyterian Women's connectional structure allows you to participate as deeply and/or broadly in the organization and its commitments as you wish. *(from Presbyterian Women, Inc May 2023)*

Thank you to all who donated so generously to the PW Birthday Offering in May!

You are all welcome to join us!
Yours in Christ's Service,
Carleen Clayville, Moderator



Committee Reports

FINANCE REPORT

The following is part of an article I found about giving. I think you might find it interesting. "One of the curious things about Presbyterians and stewardship is that those who have the least tend to give the most. Percentage-wise more people with incomes of less than \$25,000 tithe (give 10 percent) than those with a greater income. The same is true of the way they give their time and talents to the church. Perhaps it is because they have learned one of the great theological and Biblical truths that Malachi taught the Hebrew people about the reward of the faithful: "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, ... see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing" (3:10)."

(This is a re-run, I can't improve on the message!)

If you have not included your Per-Capita with your regular tithes for this year, it surely would be appreciated. Our Per Capita assessment for this year is \$ 40.00 per member. Thank you very much!

We hope all these blessings pour down on each of you.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Your Finance Team



FELLOWSHIP

June 2 - Cupcake Sunday
June 16 - Father's Day Lunch
after Worship

Respectfully submitted,
Terrie Shockey



LOOKING TOWARDS SUMMER

JULY

04: Independence Day—Office Closed
10: Session 7:00pm
13: Presbytery Meeting, Idaho Falls
17: Bunco Night, hosted by Deacons—TBA
27: PW Ecumenical Brunch—TBA

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 poling place

SEPTEMBER

01: Season of Peace begins
02: Labor Day
11: Session 7:00pm
14: CROP Hunger Walk 10:00am
22: Autumn begins



While you're away

Taking regular vacations is key to our well-being. It's important to spend time with loved ones, experience physical and mental refreshment, enjoy changes in scenery and routine, and prepare for future productivity.

Just remember: God's work goes on all summer long. When you're on vacation, your friends at church miss you. No one else can fill your unique role in the congregation. Your presence and gifts help the church thrive. So please give your regular offerings before you leave for vacation. And if you have the opportunity, try to attend church while you're away. Have a wonderful summer!

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Pianist: Susan McGee, Susi McCall, Linda Ziulkowski

Flutist: Linda Ziulkowski

Nursery Attendant:

Custodian: Linda Culley

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Service Times:

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship 10:45 am

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"Honor your father and mother" - this is the
first commandment with a promise:
"so that it may be well with you
and you may live long on the earth."
Ephesians 6:2-3

June 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.