

The Presbyterian *Messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BURLEY IDAHO—JUNE 2025

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

Words from Dr. Paul Pugh

Hello, brothers and sisters in Christ. John has asked me to contribute to our newsletter in letting you all know where I stand seeking to become a CRE (Commissioned Ruling Elder). To make a long story short and not to minimize the time Pastor John, Dan Shockey, and the Session have put towards paving my way, I can tell you that I have been accepted to the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

The University has informed me that I am required to complete an Introduction to Online Theological Learning Course prior to signing up for classes. The purpose of the course is to familiarize me with using the Universities website and their learning management system, Moodle. They assure me that I will learn how to navigate the website, be able to post a discussion assignment to the discussion board,

read and respond to classmates' comments, upload documents, and learn other tools to help me be a successful online learner and student.

As I wind down my school year with the Cassia County School District, I will be able to take a breath and pray and meditate on the next few steps in this whole process. I really don't have much more information than what I have shared but I do ask for your prayers for protection and peace as I navigate the next steps in my journey. As always, it is and will remain in God's hands and God's time.

Blessings,
Paul Pugh



Thoughts for Father's Day



A careful man I ought to be; a little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray, for fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes; whate'er he sees me do, he tries —
Like me, he says, he's going to be, the little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine, believes in every word of mine:
The base in me he must not see, the little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go, through summer's sun and winter's
snow,
I'm building for the years to be, for a little fellow follows me.
—Author unknown

Thank you, God, for the special men in my life
[dad, grandpas, uncles, nephews, friends,
husband, sons]. I pray for their well-being.

Are you listening?

A father asked his 7-year-old son to say the mealtime prayer. "All right," the boy said. "Let's pray."

When every head was bowed, the boy prayed, "Lord, we thank you for the pancakes we're going to eat tonight. Amen."

"Jimmy," his mother said. "I think you should know we're having chicken, not pancakes, tonight."

"I know," Jimmy answered. "I just wanted to see if God was paying attention."

Constant and unchanging

Summer's arrival feels positive to many people but may not be smooth for all. Families who rely on regular school meals for their children must stretch grocery dollars further. Heat poses risks for elderly people who lack air conditioning. Work can be difficult to find in the summer months, and uncertainty looms for recent graduates. Meanwhile, concerns such as wars, natural disasters and health problems don't take a summer break.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515–1582) prayed, *"May you be blessed forever, Lord, for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world."* Her prayer is as appropriate today as nearly 500 years ago. When all around us is unstable and unreliable, God's love and faithfulness are constant and trustworthy.

Trust in the LORD
with all your heart,
and do not lean
on your own
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5



Handling grief

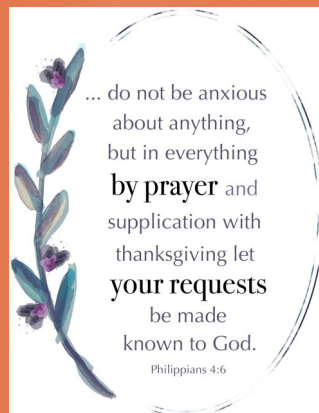
When a Southern Christian woman became a widow, several people asked what she was going to do. She always answered by saying, "I'm going to do Proverbs 3:5-6 and Philippians 4:4-7."

Both passages provide wonderful doses of strength and encouragement. (If you aren't familiar with the verses, look them up to see for yourself.) When we completely trust in God for guidance and peace, he not only sees us through difficult times but allows us to rejoice rather than worry.

"Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5, NIV).

... do not be anxious
about anything,
but in everything
by prayer and
supplication with
thanksgiving let
your requests
be made
known to God.

Philippians 4:6



Session Highlights

Greetings from the Session,

The Session met Wednesday May 15, 2025. The Elders present were Kristi Pugh, Dan Shockey, Dale Martin, Sandra Clayville and Carleen Clayville. Absent and excused was Mason Wittman.

Pastor John opened the meeting with prayer. The Clerk's report was accepted. There are 61 members on the active roll. Communion was served on Sunday, May 4th to 36 in attendance, 0 shut ins. The minutes of the previous meeting with a motion by Dan Shockey and were approved by consensus.

Pastor John reported: Coffee by ZOOM every Tuesday at 9 am for about 30 minutes, by Andrew Kukla, Pastor of First Pres in Boise. (link <http://fpcboise.org/Tuesday-Presby-Coffee> . Michael Barrett Teaching June 8, 2025. Herb Hollinger preaching June 12, 2025.

Barbra did research on the **Per Capita**, and did a report. We received a report from Mason Wittman from "The Joint Presbyterian Committee Building Team." Good they are keeping up to date on Mason's journey.

Michael Barrett will fill the pulpit the second Sunday each month thru December.

The Deacon's are actively doing their Deacon duties. Balance in their account, \$7,276.19, (as of 3/31/25).

Christian Ed and Worship:

The Adult Bible is "Reading the Bible in 365 days" a challenging but good study! We could always make room for more!

Worship Committee meeting on May 18, after church.

Personnel and Nominating:

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

Finance: The March tithes were: \$4,301.25, expenses were: \$8,705.62, Year to date \$31,305.75 and \$29,133.86.

Next meeting, Wed. June 4, 2025

Respectively Submitted,
Carleen Clayville, for Clerk of Session

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9



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 1, 2025

In Memory of:

Kathleen Ann Rios

Patricia Fay "Patsy" Holsinger

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

June Scripture Lessons *from the Lectionary*

June 1 [7th Sunday of Easter]
Acts 16:16-34; Ps. 97;
Rev. 22:12-14; John 17:20-26

June 8 [Day of Pentecost]
Acts 2:1-21; Ps. 104:24-35b;
Rom. 8:14-17; John 14:8-17(25-27)



June 15 [Trinity Sunday]
Prov. 8:1-4,22-31; Ps. 8;
Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 22 [2nd Sunday after Pentecost]
1 Kings 19:1-15a; Ps. 42 and 43;
Gal. 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 29 [3rd Sunday after Pentecost]
2 Kings 2:1-2,6-16; Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20;
Gal. 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62



CAMP SAWTOOTH
begins June 22 and ends July 18, 2025.
Pray for Campers and Staff!
Deadline to register for camp is
May 15th

Committees & Chairpersons

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Dale Martin

FELLOWSHIP:

Sandra Clayville

FINANCE:

Carleen Clayville

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM:

Kristi Pugh

PERSONNEL & NOMINATING:

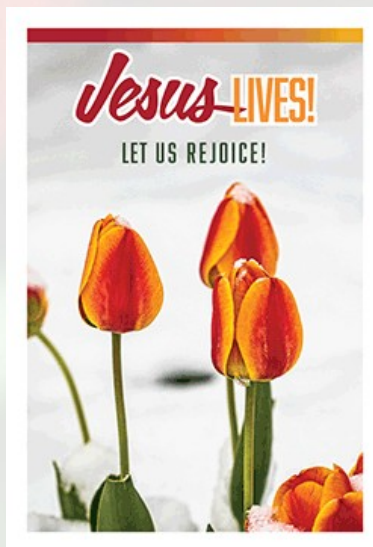
Dan Shockey

WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED:

Mason Wittman

DEACONS:

Sandra Clayville, Dan Wittman,
Susi McCall, Julie Germann,
Dan Wittman, Sharon Napier,
Jeanetta Fortier, and Pam Evans



2025 Year to Date Tithes and Expenses

April
Tithes \$4,301.25
Expenses \$8,705.62

YTD Totals:
Tithes \$31,306.75
Expenses \$20,133.76



In Loving Memory

Join us for our annual Memorial
Service of Remembrance **June 1, 2025**



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

God Bless Your Special Day!


May 2025

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JUNE

July 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship & Communion / Cupcake Sunday Memorial Service of Remembrance	2	3	4 7:00 pm Session	5 7:00pm Boy Scouts	6	7
8 Day of Pentecost 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Michael Barrett Teaching Scholarship Presentation Deacons meet	9	10	11	12 1:30pm Mt. Harrison Quilt Guild 7:00pm Boy Scouts	13	14
15 Trinity Sunday Father's Day 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Father's Day Lunch after worship	16	17	18	19 7:00pm Boy Scouts	20	21  Summer begins 10:00am Presbytery Stated Meeting, Twin Falls
22 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Camp Sawtooth Begins (6/22—7/18)	23	24	25	26 7:00pm Boy Scouts	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	30		June Servers ~ Thank You! Head Usher: Dan Shockey Head Greeter: Carleen Clayville Liturgist: 6/1 _____, 6/8 Dan S, 6/15 _____, 6/22 Dan S, 6/29 _____ Coffee Hour: 6/1 Fellowship, 6/8 _____, 6/15 Fellowship, 6/22 _____, 6/29 _____			





Presbyterian Women in the News

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.)*

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

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



Committee



FELLOWSHIP

June 01 Cupcake Sunday
June 15 Father's Day Lunch
after Worship

Please join us in celebrating
Dads!

Respectfully submitted,
Terrie Shockey



LOOKING TOWARDS SUMMER

JULY

04: Independence Day—Office Closed
06: Communion / Cupcake Sunday
09: Session 7:00pm
13: Michael Barrett Teaching
18: Camp Sawtooth ends

AUGUST

02: PW Ecumenical Brunch 10:00am
03: Communion / Cupcake Sunday
13: Session 7:00pm
17: Outdoor Worship
29: Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

SEPTEMBER

01: Labor Day
07: Season of Peace begins
07: Communion / Cupcake Sunday
10: Mt. Harrison Quilt Guild 2-day event (10—11)
10: Session 7:00pm
13: CROP Hunger Walk 10:00am
20: PW CT Planning
22: First Day of Autumn

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

The joy of generosity

He who has received much should also give much. It is essential to give a goodly part of what God has allowed us to accumulate. Otherwise greed and miserliness will seize our hearts and minds.



**Don't take a Vacation
from Church**

PASTOR:

Rev. John L. Ziulkowski

Pastor's office hours:

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Pastor's Email: lrzski@yahoo.com

Pastor's cell phone: 208-430-5359

Intern: Mason Wittman

Commissioned Ruling Elder in training: Dr. Paul Pugh

Office Administrator: Barbrea Moore

Office Hours Tue—Fri 9am—2pm

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Office email: office@burleypres.org

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Director of Music: Dr. Paul Pugh

Pianist: Susan McGee, Susi McCall, Linda Ziulkowski

Flutist: Linda Ziulkowski

Guitarist: Mason Wittman

Nursery Attendant:

Custodian: Linda Culley

Prayer Chain: Susan McGee 208-312-3864

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 2025

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.