

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of
those who bring good news, who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation.

ISAIAH 52:7

The Presbyterian *Messenger*



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“Good Fruit”

Have you ever considered what it takes to yield good fruit? It's not a question that we ask ourselves in Idaho, seeing as fruit doesn't crack the top 5 of the “most important crops Idaho produces” list from Farm Bureau. Certain fruits require certain climates and care, with tropical environments producing fruits that could not be found in more arid environments. How you nurture and care for fruit plants is essential to producing a good crop, and it requires time, patience, and dedication. Is it any wonder that fruit is so symbolic in our walk with Jesus?

In John 15:4, Jesus tells us, “Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” Later in verse 7, He reaffirms this by saying, “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Just as a tree cannot produce fruit without proper care, we can not produce fruit without abiding in Jesus and allowing His word to abide in us. As the calendar gets filled with summer activities, remember to spend time in the Word, pray often, and abide in Jesus that you may bear fruit pleasing to God.

What type of fruit are we to produce, you ask? Paul tells us in Galatians 5:22, “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” The results of abiding in the Spirit is producing the fruits of the Spirit. As you spend more time with Jesus, look to see how many fruits you're producing in your life. Are there certain fruits that need a little more attention? What fruits of the Spirit are we the best at producing, and how can we share them with others? Food, or should I say *fruit*, for thought.

*In His Love,
Mason Wittman*



Perspectives on patriotism



While pondering differences between patriotism and nationalism, Ryan Hamm looks to Jesus' example in Luke 19:41-44. "Jesus, it seems, loved his people, his city, his nation — so much so that he cried over it," he writes in Christianity Today. "He didn't despise his country or wish ill upon it — instead, he wanted nothing but the best for it, and it grieved him to see how his people had rejected his teachings."

This example of "patriotism perfected" can serve as a guide for modern-day Christians, according to Hamm. "It's an example that's both pragmatic and romantic, shot through with justice, truth and love. It's not a nationalistic patriotism — it's a love for nation that doesn't pit it against other nations. Instead, it's a recognition of love followed by a mournful recognition of shortcomings."

Put another way, God doesn't love America more than any other nation. And he doesn't want us to worship our nation alongside him, because that is idolatry. Instead, we are to love and proclaim God above any earthly realm.



God, you gave free will to all people.
As we celebrate Independence Day,
help us use our freedom to love our
neighbors as ourselves.

"Liberty cannot be established
without morality, nor without
faith." —Alexis de Tocqueville

GOD OF THE FRESH START

"The Merchant of Death is Dead!" That was the headline for an obituary that may have caused Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, to make a course correction in his life.

But the newspaper made a mistake—Alfred was very much alive. It was his brother Ludvig who had died. When Alfred realized he'd be remembered for a dangerous invention that claimed many lives, he decided to donate most of his significant wealth to establishing an award for those who had benefited humanity. It became known as the Nobel Prize.

More than two thousand years earlier, another powerful man had a change of heart. Manasseh, king of Judah, rebelled against God. As a result, he was taken captive to Babylon. But "in his distress he sought the favor of the LORD," and "when he prayed," God "brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom" (2 CHRONICLES 33:12-13). Manasseh spent the rest of his rule in peace, serving God and doing his best to undo the wrongs he'd done before.

"The LORD was moved" by Manasseh's prayer (v.13). God responds to humility. When we realize we need to make a change in the way we're living and turn to Him, He never turns us away. He meets us with grace we don't deserve and renews us with the self-giving love He poured out at the cross. New beginnings begin with Him.—James Banks (*Our Daily Bread* author)

**Where in your life do you need to have a change of heart?
How will you turn to God today?**

When he prayed to him, the LORD was moved -2 Chronicles 33:13

Session Highlights

Greetings from the Session,

The Session met June 4, 2025. The Elders present: Moderator Pastor John Ziulkowski, Dan, Shockey, Sandra, Clayville, Kristi Pugh, Mason Whittman, and Dale Martin. Absent and excused was Carleen Clayville.

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, June 1, 2025, to 35 in attendance, 0 shut ins. The minutes of the previous meeting with a motion by Dan Shockey, second by Dale Martin and approved by consensus.

Pastor John reported: Michael Barrett teaching June 8, 2025. Pastor Herb Hollinger preaching June 12, 2025. John's contract ends at the end of June. Mason Whittman will fill the role of John in the office one day a week and remotely. John will continue to do visits, funerals, and weddings. Mason and Paul will be sharing the pulpit. Mason is registered for Fall semester at the seminary. Paul Pugh is registered for classes to become a Commission Ruling Elder.

Deacons: Actively doing their Deacon duties.
Balance of account 3/31/2025 \$7,276.19.

Christian Ed and Worship: Worship committee met May 18. Survey is being completed of congregation's favorite praise songs. One Sunday a month will be Contemporary Sunday where praise songs will be guitar-led, and hymns will be unchanged starting in July. Music Ministry will be highlighted by a congregation prepared musical offerings, Paul - June 8th and Mason - June 29. Two Elders will assist in serving communion since the Alter is now located on the upper level.

Personnel and Nominating: Nominating John Z as Elder June 22, 2025 congregational meeting. This will fill the last open Elder position.

Finance: Meeting held too early in the month to have the financial reports.

Special Session meeting June 22, 2025

Respectfully
Submitted,
Sandra Clayville



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Burley First Presbyterian Church is proud to present scholarships each year to disserving students. This year's recipients are Paul D. & Victor Pugh, and Mason Wittman. On June 8, 2025, Dan Shockey presented all three with the McCaslin Youth Scholarship. Paul D. is continuing his Music Education at Idaho State University. Victor (his mother, Kristi, accepted the scholarship in his absence) is continuing his Theatre Arts Education at Boise State University. And Mason Wittman is beginning his Seminary Education at Pittsburg Theological Seminary.

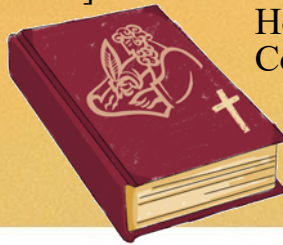
Paul D. and Victor are the sons of Paul & Kristi Pugh, and Mason is the son of Dan & Erika Wittman.

Congratulations Paul D. & Victor Pugh, and Mason Wittman, and best of luck in all your future endeavors!

July Scriptures Lessons *from the Lectionary*

July 6 [4th Sunday after Pentecost]
2 Kings 5:1-14; *Ps. 30*;
Ga. 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11,16-20

July 13 [5th Sunday after Pentecost]
Amos 7:7-14; *Ps. 82*;
Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37



July 20 [6th Sunday after Pentecost]
Amos 8:1-12; *Ps. 52*;
Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 27 [7th Sunday after Pentecost]
Hos. 1:2-10; *Ps. 85*;
Col. 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

For the word of God is alive and active.
Sharper than any double-edged sword,
it penetrates even to
dividing soul and spirit,
joints and marrow;
it judges the thoughts
and attitudes of the heart.

HEBREWS 4:12

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



2025 Year to Date Tithes and Expenses

May

Tithes \$11,876.00

Expenses \$6,564.85

YTD Totals:

Tithes \$43,181.75

Expenses \$34,718.61

July Birthdays & Anniversaries


02 Jerry Vegwert
02 Paul & Kristi Pugh
04 Bonnie Stanley
05 Trevor Morse
09 Earl Clayville
10 Bill Frazier
12 Nanette Eilers
13 Kacie Matlock
16 Linda Smith
17 Cynthia Fuelling
19 Tom Clayville
19 Dan & Terrie Shockey
22 Barbra Moore
24 Russell & Kathleen Morgan
25 Wanda Drew
25 Zachery Germann
28 Linda Ziulkowski

God Bless Your Special Day!

June 2025						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 7:00pm Boy Scouts	4  Independence Day— Office Closed	5
6 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship & Communion Cupcake Sunday	7	8	9 7:00pm Session	10 1:30pm Mt. Harrison Quilt Guild 7:00pm Boy Scouts	11	12
13 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Michael Barrett Teaching Deacons meet	14	15 Newsletter Articles Due	16	17 7:00pm Boy Scouts	18 Camp Sawtooth ends	19
20 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship	21	22 Newsletter Article Deadline	23	24 7:00pm Boy Scouts	25	26
27 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship	28	29	30	31 7:00pm Boy Scouts		



July Servers ~ Thank You!	
Head Usher: Julie Germann	Head Greeter: Russell & Kathleen Morgan
Liturgist: 7/6 Dan S. 7/13 _____ 7/20 Dan S. 7/27 _____	
Coffee Hour: 7/6 Fellowship, 7/13 Valerie, 7/20 _____, 7/27 _____	



Complete joy

Because Jesus came to do such serious work, we often imagine him straight-faced. Yet Jesus also enjoyed fun times, such as the wedding celebration at Cana. When the wine ran out, Jesus miraculously produced more.

Jesus also warmly welcomed children. Picture him lifting an infant into the air or tickling a giggling youngster while another child, grinning, climbs on his back.

Summer usually allows more time for fun and play. So use these months to teach the kids in your life — and to remind yourself — that Jesus came so our “joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Laughing, playing, having fun, relaxing and enjoying life are part of living and loving as faithful disciples.

Presbyterian Women In The News!

He who buries his talent
is making a grave mistake.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Presbyterian Women Ecumenical Summer Brunch

When: Saturday, August 2, 2025

Time: 10:00am

Where: Burley Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall

ALL ARE INVITED!

We will have a sign-up sheet
for food available soon.
Please plan on attending!



LOOKING AHEAD—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

"If our faith is not relevant to our daily life in the world and in the parish, then it is no use; and if we cannot be Christians in our work, in the neighborhood, in our political decisions, then we had better stop being Christians. A piety reserved for Sundays is no message for this age." — Douglas Rhymes



* Use your voice for kindness, *
* your ears for compassion, *
* your hands for charity, *
* your mind for truth *
* and your heart for love. *
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* - Anonymous *

Committee

FELLOWSHIP

July 06 - Cupcake Sunday
July 13 - TBD

Have a blessed Summer.

Respectfully submitted,



Beautiful feet

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:15, NIV). Such beauty has nothing to do with the feet being clean, newly pedicured, elegantly clad. They may be the dusty feet of aid workers bringing food to drought-stricken areas, or the muddy shoes of those rushing disaster relief to flood zones. They may be the swollen feet of a dedicated nurse after a 12-hour hospital shift, or the tired feet of a parent pacing with a baby at 3 a.m.

In the upper room before Jesus' arrest, he declared his disciples' dirty feet beautiful by touching and washing them lovingly, preparing them to go out yet again with his good news for all. And on the cross, Jesus' own feet — nail-pierced — were beautiful.

After Pope Francis died on Easter Monday 2025, many mourners who paid their respects noticed his shoes. Instead of new, well-polished "dress shoes," the scuffed items clearly had walked countless steps. They were the sturdy boots of a worker, a pilgrim, a travel companion on the road of life, the journey of faith. They were the shoes — the feet — of a disciple of Christ willing to go wherever needed to bring the good news of God's love. How beautiful!

—Heidi Hyland Mann

*"How beautiful
are the feet of those who
preach the good news!"*

ROMANS 10:15, ESV



Reports

FINANCE REPORT

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NOW THAT WE HAVE
YOUR ATTENTION!

We just want to say, THANK YOU! For all your support these past years! We couldn't have done it without your dedication to sharing your talents, gifts and money to help keep our church and property in good shape!

This is just a reminder if you are heading out to fish, visit, and tour this beautiful country of ours, please keep in mind our expenses go on whether you are in church or not!

Aside from missing your faces, and we do, please continue to drop, mail, or otherwise send your offering, per capita, or donation.

We appreciate all you do! (Of course, we miss you when you are gone! Please put us first on your "TO DO" List, God needs you and we do too!)

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Your Finance Team



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Pianist: Susan McGee, Susi McCall, Linda Ziulkowski

Flutist: Linda Ziulkowski

Guitarist: Mason Wittman

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Service Times:

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship 10:45 am

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"Wait on the LORD; be of good courage,
and he shall strengthen thine heart;
wait, I say, on the LORD."

Psalms 27:14

July 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.