

FPC NEWS

OFF THE INTERIM PASTOR'S DESK The Last Interim Pastor's Column

I have met a number of people who said they could not wait to retire. They were going to buy a ranch and move to Montana and go fishing. I am already in Montana. I am going to retire and move to Texas and the last thing I am going to do is go fishing!

One of those people I remember from my ten years as a pastor in southern New Mexico is Gene Harbaugh. He was the pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Carlsbad, and he said this is exactly what he was going to do. I enjoyed playing golf with Gene. And he is still in New Mexico, but he is retired. After I came to Miles City, I learned that the Harbaugh family lives in Jordan and they have a ranch. Tony Harbaugh is our Sheriff here in Custer County.

Now it is time for me to go back to the Fort Worth area and spend my retirement years with my wife Peggy whom many of you have met. We have a nice home in Benbrook which is the last exit on Interstate 20 in Fort Worth if you are headed west. Carolyn Zimmerman, when she goes to visit her parents in Granberry, Texas, has to drive right through Benbrook, a mile from our house.

I am looking forward to having a commercially built little greenhouse where I will be able to enjoy all my special rare tropical bromeliads: dyckias, deuterocohnias, hechtias, puyas, bromeliad, cryptanthus and ananas or pineapples. I signed a contract to have an 8 x 12 built in our back yard in September when I was home recovering from my leg and back pain.

Second, I can continue my research on the songs of Christmas time in the hope of eventually writing a book that I will call, "The History of the Christmas Carol: the Mid-Winter Festival, Nativity, Chanukah and the Un-Christmas." (There are a few songs from the war years—Civil War, the two World Wars—and relatively little from the black or slavery culture). I already have compiled 330 pages of material.

And I would like to go to the bike mechanic school in Medford, Oregon, and learn to repair bicycles. Hopefully, I can do a little repair business on the side. I have a goal to lose 30 pounds and get back into condition where I can do the 50 miler, or a little further. I doubt I will ever be able to do another century like I used to.

Do any of you realize that I am the fourth minister to leave Miles City in the recent days? After Joel Biggers, Derf Bergman, and Father Rob. That means an excellent breath of freshness, new ideas, and opportunities for this community! I am so grateful for the opportunity to come to eastern Montana. I will never forget the winter snow and the floods from last year—even the second worst blizzard in the history of Chicago (February).

I want to thank my wonderful church family here in the First Presbyterian Church. You have taken such good care of me, shared your love and kept me faithfully in your prayers. Please continue to do so. I want to recover from the leg pain that may be caused by a damaged knee. I do not know if there is much hope from the hip pain; I am told that is

caused by the deteriorating L-3 vertebra in my back. All of you in the Presbyterian Women: I am deeply in your debt. Our Prayer Circle, too. May our good Lord continue to watch over you and

direct your steps as you wait for your new minister to be identified.

Your former Pastor Dave

SESSION SUMMARY

June 27, 2012

Rev. Neva Rathbun moderated the June Session meeting. Interim Pastor Dave Schneider was also in attendance. Everyone is truly grateful that Dave was able to return to Miles City to finish up some last details after he tendered his resignation in May effective June 30, 2012.

Karl Drga provided an update to the Session on the Pastor Nominating Committee's progress. Also mentioned during the discussion that an elder will need to serve as commissioner to a Special Presbytery meeting in the event one is called. Caroline Fleming has been serving as Presbytery Commissioner; however, she is ready to have someone else take this responsibility.

The Personnel Committee met with church secretary Jessica Bradley for her 6-month review. They gave Jessica excellent marks. Due to scheduling a final evaluation for Pastor Dave with be completed via phone / Skype later in July.

Session approved the bid from Regan's Plumbing & Heating for repair of the boiler zone valves. A dedication plaque for the Stained Glass Window repair has been ordered and should arrive in the next week. A dedication was held on Sunday, July 1 as this was Pastor Dave's last Sunday.

Session approved continued building use for the Critical Incident Stress Management team on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. Dave has been serving on this team, which provides care and support to First Responders. Roxy volunteered to take care of opening and closing the building for this monthly meeting for the time being.

Session has called a short Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 22, at 9:15 a.m. before worship.

This meeting was originally scheduled for May 21. The purpose of this meeting is to elect Alice Spear-Bankey and Ellen Terrett to serve as Deacons. They will be ordained / installed during worship that same day.

Membership & Outreach Committee plans to host a block party on July 22.

The next Session meeting will be held Monday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Verna Viall & Roxy Carlson



CARDS FOR DAVE'S RETIREMENT

"I have received several very lovely cards from church members and others outside the church. Some have asked what they might do to remember my ("second") retirement. My suggestion is to send me a nice card. I love to read cards from folks, especially my church family. Send your card to the church office, and then Jessica or the Deacons can mail all of them to me in a bundle, and I will put them in a scrapbook that I can enjoy often, Peggy also. I have also heard from friends in a former church. These are all precious memories."

Dave



Our Worship Services are broadcast every Sunday Morning on KATL, 770 AM. This makes it possible for those who cannot be at services to still worship with us. A wonderful way to honor someone special or a special date and to support a wonderful outreach of the Church, is to sponsor a broadcast. If you would like to Sponsor a Broadcast, please contact Jessica in the Church Office to schedule a date. Cost is \$100 per broadcast.



Best Wishes to all who are celebrating this month!

- 1 – Pastor Dave
- 4 – John & Tricia Warmbrod
John & Donna Rex
- 7 – Helen Fisher
- 10 – Stacy Mackenzie
Gail Price
- 11 – Phoebe Loendorf
- 13 – Donalene McLeod
- 14 – Floyd Gabel
- 20 – Alice Spear-Bankey
Margaret Blum
Lennox Niece
- 21 – Caroline Fleming
Ina McRae
- 22 – Gary Ochsner
- 23 – Nancy Cain
- 25 – Milton Bengé
Gary & Bobbi Askin
- 26 – Jim Zimmerman
- 27 – Kira Niece
- 28 – Timmy Regan

(If I missed someone, my sincere apologies, please let me know so that you can be added to the list for next year!)

Mission Committee Special Offerings for 2012

- January: Critical Incident Stress
Management Team of Miles City
- February: CNADA (Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse)
*February also includes the fundraiser luncheon for the Montana Children’s Home
- March: Suicide Intervention of Custer County
- April: One Great Hour of Sharing
- May: Pentecost Offering
- June: Miles City Local Mission
- July: Montana Rescue Mission**
- August: ROCKS (Affordable, low-income child daycare program)
- September: Theological Education Fund for Seminary Students
- October: Peacemaking
- November: Empty Stockings
- December: Christmas Joy Offering

***When on a Summer's Morn
by William Henry Davies***
*When on a summer's morn I wake,
And open my two eyes,
Out to the clear, born-singing rills
My bird-like spirit flies.*

*To hear the Blackbird, Cuckoo, Thrush,
Or any bird in song;
And common leaves that hum all day
Without a throat or tongue.*

*And when Time strikes the hour for sleep,
Back in my room alone,
My heart has many a sweet bird's song --
And one that's all my own.*



Can you help?

It is not time consuming, only a few extra minutes before and after services. It is not a difficult task and training and support will be provided! Please help Wayne Lathrop (and the Church) by volunteering to help run the Sound Equipment. We have had some youth show interest in helping, but are in need of an adult (or two) to help out as well!



Can you push buttons?

If you can, you can do this!

Helpers are needed on various Sunday mornings to help with the power point presentations. No experience needed, we will train! If you would like more information please contact Denise Hartse or Jessica in the office.



Sign-up sheets are located in the East Room to assist the Elder & Deacon of the Month in coordinating volunteers for various jobs. Please prayerfully consider where and when you may be able to help.



The Region 5 Job Service Workforce Centers (Miles City, Glasgow, Sidney and Glendive) in cooperation with Action for Eastern Montana, will be holding the 3rd Annual Veterans Stand Down on August 11th, 9am-3pm in Miles City, MT at the Fairgrounds. For more information on this grassroots, community-based intervention program please contact Cindy Erickson or Ron Nemeck at the Miles City Job Service (406) 232-8340.

- Volunteers are also needed to help make this program a success, please see the correspondence section for more information on volunteering.

“There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America.” ~William J. Clinton



Have you noticed the wonderful flower pots outside? Volunteers have spent a lot of time beautifying the outside of the church by planting the flowers. Please help them keep them beautiful throughout the summer by signing up to help water them! A sign up calendar is on the bulletin board in the East Room.



Did you know that monthly newsletters as well as a current church calendar are available online on our website? Visit us online at mc1stpres.org.



Wasn't it fun?

The Mission Committee would like to extend a special THANK YOU to all those who enjoyed and helped make the Breakfast in a Bag Brunch on Sunday, June 17th a success!! The bake sale also turned out great, helping raise much needed funds to support the Local Mission.

- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), sponsored by the City of Miles City, has received special funding to be used for diabetes awareness. For more information on Diabetes Screening for Seniors contact RSVP at 234-0505.



PW Fellowship is held weekly on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

you're invited



SERRV OPEN HOUSE & SALE

Sunday, July 15th, 1:00 – 5:00 pm
 Home of Shelley & Bart Freese, 121 N. 12th St.
 Featuring home décor, yard & garden decor,
 jewelry & other items
 Light Refreshments will be served!
 Sponsored by: United Christian Church

SERRV is a nonprofit organization which has worked for more than 60 years to eradicate poverty through direct connections with low-income artisans and farmers. SERRV markets their crafts and foods, finds joint solutions to their challenges, and helps them grow and embrace the future. One of the first alternative trade organizations in the world, SERRV is a founding member of the World Fair Trade Organization (formerly IFAT) and a founding member of the Fair Trade Federation (FTF).

For additional information about this event, call United Christian Church at 234-3467.

Wait for the
 LORD;
 be strong and take
 heart
 and
 wait for the
 LORD.

-Psalm 27:14





LET'S HAVE A BLOCK PARTY!!!

The Membership & Evangelism Committee will host a neighborhood block party/church picnic on Sunday, July 22 at 4 p.m. We will invite our neighbors to join us for an afternoon of fun and food on the church back lawn. The block party was Pastor Dave's idea and we're sorry that he won't be with us but we know he will be with us in spirit.

The committee will furnish hamburgers and hot dogs, buns and condiments and ask that you bring a favorite salad or dessert to complete our meal. We will ask some of you to help us in setting up tables and chairs.

Come and join us in hosting our neighbors at our block party on Sunday, July 22 at 4 p.m.



10 Interesting 4th of July Facts

1. On July 4th, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation.
2. The Declaration of Independence was not officially signed until August 2nd, 1776 when 50 men signed it.
3. The additional 6 signatures on the Declaration of Independence, where signed at different times, the last of which was Thomas McKean, in January 1777.
4. The names of those who signed the Declaration of Independence were kept secret for 6 months. If Independence had not been won, they would have been charged with treason, which was punishable by death.
5. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4th, 1826, the 50th Anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, which they both had signed. James Monroe died 5yrs later on July 4th, 1831.
6. Calvin Coolidge is the only President to date that was born on the 4th of July.
7. The Phillipines gained their independence from America on July 4th.
8. The 4th of July Parade in Bristol, RI is the oldest continuous Independence Day celebration in the U.S. It has been celebrated there since 1785.
9. On July 4th, 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation was 2.5 million.
10. The estimated population of the United States on July 4th, 2012 is 313.9 Million.

(These facts were gathered from various sites on the internet.)



The church received the following from Betty Vail, RSVP Director. The original letter is posted on the bulletin board in the East Room.

“I am writing you on behalf of the organizational committee for the Veteran’s Stand Down which will be held in Miles City on Saturday, August 11, 2012. We are recruiting volunteers for this event. The purpose of the Veteran’s Stand Down is for veterans to receive a wide range of support services in one location. According to the 2010 Montana Census over 5500 veterans reside in Southeastern Montana. The original Stand Down for veterans was modeled after the Stand Down concept used during World War II to provide a sage retreat for units returning from combat operations. At secure base camp areas, troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment. Stand Down afforded battle-weary soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being. Volunteers will be needed from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 11th. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Volunteers will be provided with t-shirts and a meal. If your church/business would like to participate in this worthwhile event please contact Betty Vail at 2347-0505 or rsvp05@midrivers.com for more information.”



Following is a portion of a letter received from Mary Jo Younglund. Please note her new address.

“Hi Everyone:

...Many Thanks for remembering me in the prayers. I surely respect the thoughts and concerns. I’m doing much better but still would appreciate your prayers for awhile yet. I’m not out of the woods yet! But getting closer, I feel, each day and stronger. I’m being well taken care of but surely do miss each and all of you.

I am living at present here in Broadus with my daughter and family. We are buying a new house in Gillette, WY. But will be living at both places for sometime until our youngest girl graduates from High School next spring. It’s been quite the new adventure I must assure all of you.

Many Thanks again for all your prayers and for being such true friends.

I remain always a friend and I feel, a member there in Miles City.

Love,

Mary Jo Younglund”

New address: PO Box 84
Broadus, MT 59317-0084



Save the Date for Western National Leadership Training

“Developing Leadership in Changing Times”

October 3-5, 2012

Presbyterian Church, Jackson, WY

“Please mark your calendars for October 3rd -5th in Jackson. This stimulating, thought provoking leadership training event is not to be missed.

More information will be coming to your churches and the Synod website soon at

<http://www.synodrm.org/>.”

Scholarships are available for anyone wishing to attend.



Assistance for families and patients facing life limiting and chronic illnesses.

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HRH Hospice Can Help with End Of Life Decisions

Unfortunately, the following situation is one that's far too common and happens every day all across the country. A family is gathered by the bedside of a loved one who has been seriously ill, and now is likely near the end of life. Each member of the family has a different idea of what should be done and what their loved one would have wanted. Throughout the course of the illness, the family never discussed what the care priorities should be in the final months and weeks of life.

Even in the final days of life, these important decisions go unaddressed. This can leave a dark shadow over the death of a loved one that can linger long in the memory of family and dear friends. No one wants to think they might have done more after a person is already gone.

"Holy Rosary Healthcare hospice care professionals see such challenging situations every day," said Jeannette Donnelly, RN, HRH Hospice Coordinator. "It compounds a difficult time for both the patient and their loved ones. One of the most frequent comments I've heard from families is 'why didn't we get hospice sooner?'"

One recommendation offered by these professionals who care for the dying would be to learn more about hospice long before you or your loved one might need it.

When a family is coping with a serious illness and a cure is no longer possible, hospice provides the type

of care most people say they want at the end of life: comfort and dignity.

Considered to be the model for high-quality, compassionate care for people with a life-limiting illness, hospice care includes expert medical care, pain management, emotional and spiritual support and social services. Care is provided by an interdisciplinary team of professionals and trained volunteers and work closely with the patient's primary care provider. The wishes of the patient and family are always at the center of care.

Most hospice care is provided in the home – where the majority of Americans have said they would want to be if facing a life-limiting illness. Hospice care is also provided in nursing homes, and assisted living facilities.


Holy Rosary Healthcare hospice can help with information about care options and choices and ensure you live as fully as possible throughout your entire life. They will make sure your loved ones receive support as well.

For more information, contact Jeannette Donnelly, RN at (406) 233-3810 or visit Caring Connections at www.caringinfo.org or call the HelpLine at 800-658-8898.



"Be still and know that I am God"

Psalms. 46:10

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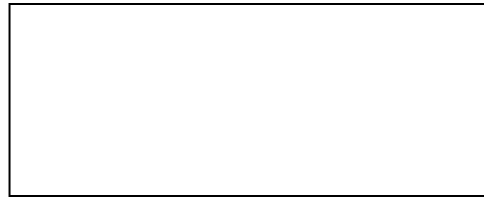
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JULY SPECIAL OFFERING: MONTANA RESCUE MISSION

From the Mission's website at www.MontanaRescueMission.org

At our core, we are a Christian ministry whose primary focus is presenting the Gospel. The Gospel is demonstrated by our Food Service Ministry, Men's Shelter Ministry, the Women's & Family Shelter Ministry and Bargain Center's Ministry. These ministry areas grow out of an understanding that God cares deeply about the poor and homeless; and in serving our neighbors, we are serving Him.

The many services provided by the Montana Rescue Mission pave the way for us to share the Gospel through the message of hope, reconciliation and new life that is available to all who believe. There truly is hope for the homeless, and it is found in the message shared in our chapels, our classes, and our praise and worship times.

All of this would not be possible without the efforts of so many people who have served the Lord at the Mission and for the prayers, volunteers and financial support that have come from our great and caring community. Staff members, Board of Directors, community leaders and a whole host of people have helped us grow into the broad-based compassionate ministry that we are today.

