

FPC NEWS

PASTOR'S REPORT



Greetings First Presbyterian Church family. After what seemed like a very long process of listening for God's voice and discerning God's plan for us we are thrilled to have been called to serve Miles City. Thank you for welcoming us so warmly and for your gracious hospitality over these last few weeks. The hot, home-cooked meals and treats you have made for us have been worth their weight in gold as our dishes have been boxed up and our kitchen has looked like a disaster zone. Your generosity has blessed us and helped us feel at home after our 1200 mile trek north.

One of the greatest privileges we have as new pastors of First Presbyterian is to begin learning your stories. Will you consider sharing your story, of life and faith, with us? Details about your life, experiences, hopes, and dreams for this church are meaningful to us. In the early stages of our work, we will be spending a good deal of time getting a handle on the work being done by various committees and learning the logistical ins and outs of ministry here. It is also our goal to get to know each of you more personally over the coming weeks and months.

You can expect to hear from us soon to set up a time for us to chat and share. If you'd prefer to contact us first, please feel free to do so. Over the next month we will also be fine-tuning our office schedules so you will know when one or both of us can be reached at church. When we have our office hours nailed down we will post them on the church website and on the office door or you may call Jessica. Until then, Pastor Kristin and Pastor Brandon will be available between 9 AM and 12 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays. If those times are not convenient for you please call us to schedule an appointment during business hours. Our contact information is provided below.

We believe God has called us to be pastors of this amazing congregation and that God will continue illuminating the exciting path forward. As pastors of this church, we want our imaginations to be formed by God's vision for ministry here and to be guided by the power of God's Spirit in all we do. Each of you has an important role within this process of discovery and faith. As we embark on this shared mission together,

pray that our congregation, its committee members and leaders would hear God's voice and sense the direction God has planned for our congregation.

May we be bold enough to follow where God leads us. Let's share the love of God with our neighbors in Miles City like there's no tomorrow.

In Christ,

Pastor Brandon 480.202.5580

and Pastor Kristin Willett 480.202.5570



Secretary:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

8 a.m. - Noon

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Wednesday

8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Pastors:

To Be Determined - Call for availability

We collected \$556 for the Linda Hofer Education Fund from the offering collected on October 28, at the Willet's Installation Service.

"Letting Christ Heal Us and Move Us Forward"

Convocation of the Yellowstone and
Glacier Presbyteries

Thursday to Saturday, November 1 to 3, 2012

First Presbyterian Church, Lewistown, Montana

For more information pick up a brochure in the East Room, contact Jessica to have one mailed to you or visit www.yellowstonepcusa.org.



*"Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come into his presence with singing"*

Building and Grounds Committee would like to thank Roxy Carlson for volunteering to join the committee and take over as their secretary.

They also want to extend thank yous to Paul Helland for taking care of the sprinkler system this summer and to Harry & Gail Price for purchasing and helping install new covers for the A/C units.

-Psalm 100:2



On September 28th, Eleanor Hartmann, Audrey Watts, Donalene McLeod, and Delores Lathrop drove to Hysham for the Fall Cluster Meeting. A couple who are retired and working as missionaries spoke about their trips to small towns in different countries and explained why they need clean water. It was quite interesting and was fun seeing the other people we know.

On the morning of Oct. 4th, 16 women were at the church to clean the kitchen. Mary Lynn and Delores were so surprised that you all came. You women are awesome. Thanks so much.

A special thanks to Pat Conley, Audrey Watts and crew for doing the lunch after Roy Slusher's funeral on October 5. We lost a good Christian who served our church for many years.

Thanks to Verna Viall and her crew for a wonderful Harvest Dinner on Oct. 14th. We had a great attendance and did well.

Also, many thanks to Eleanor Hartmann and Verna Viall. They headed up the pot luck dinner after Pastors Kristin and Brandon Willett's Installation on Oct. 28th. Thank you Church secretary- Jessica Bradley for doing the invitation.

We have been busy, but feel very blessed to have the Pastors Willett's with us.

God Bless each of you!

Mary Lynn Taylor and Delores Lathrop,

PW Co-Moderators

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

The PW Coordinating Team meets the second Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Deborah Circle: 2nd Thursday @ 10 a.m.

Elizabeth Circle: last Tuesday @ 7 p.m.



If you are using the elevator, we ask that you use the open door button instead of a hand or body to hold the door open. We have been told that this may be the cause of some of the problems we have been experiencing.



Please leave the candle maintenance and care to Mary Lou Russiff. She will be filling them each week until we can replace the wicks. She has kindly volunteered to take care of this and when others adjust the wicks it causes more work for her. We appreciate your cooperation.



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.



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. Sponsors for our broadcasts are always welcome. If you are interested please contact Jessica in the church office to schedule a date. The cost is \$100 per broadcast.



Please prayerfully consider where and when you can help with these important functions of the church!

- ❖ We are always looking for Sunday morning treats, Greeters, and worship leaders. Please sign up in the East Room.

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater”

-Isaiah 55:10



FAMILY GAME NIGHT IN NOVEMBER

When: Wednesday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

The Membership & Outreach Committee figured people will be relieved to have the election season over so we plan to celebrate together at a Family Game Night in the church Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 7 (the day after the election) at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. Bring your family. Bring your friends. Bring your favorite game and teach your friends how to play! These evenings are a fun time to relax and have fun with family and friends. No hassle, no political ads and no stress, save for the stress that comes with trying to win your favorite game! Join us for a fun-filled family game night on November 7 at 5:30 p.m.



"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus"

Gallatians 3:28



Congregational directories are done!

They are on the back table in the East Room.

Everyone is encouraged to take one.



The teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The flight to Egypt," said Kyle.

"I see ... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," the teacher said.

"But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius-the Pilot."



Best Wishes to all who are celebrating this month!

- 2 – Ilene Hough
- 5 – Delores Lathrop
Denise Hartse
- 19 – Wayne & Delores Lathrop
- 23 – Betty Moullet
- 25 – Matthew Regan
- 28 – Paul & Sharla Helland

(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 fund-
raiser 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 Stocking**
- December: Christmas Joy Offering

CORRESPONDENCE

Received via email on 10/29/2012:

Keep Miles City Beautiful would like to update you on some events and projects of the group.

Miles City's first E-Waste Recycling Collection Event will be on November 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ace Hardware parking lot.

Accepted at no cost will be **Laptops and Computer Components:**

- **Monitors**
- **Scanners, Printers, Copiers, Fax Machines**
- **TV's -up to 32 inch**
- **Cell phones**
- **Ink Cartridges of all types**
- **Rechargeable Batteries**

KMCB will give away 5 sets of recycling bins to lucky recyclers.

We encourage you to participate in this collection to reduce waste in our local landfill. Sponsors are Keep Miles City Beautiful, Keep America Beautiful, America Recycles Day, and Pacific Steel and Recycling.

Recycling bins are available for borrowing at your group's or family's events through our new **Lend-A-Bin** program. Two styles are available. Five very portable, foldable wire framed bins are handy for recycling of cans and plastic bottles. Another style is also available and good for larger groups as over 40 of these are available for check out. Call EMI at 234-3740 to borrow bins for your event. When returning the containers to EMI, they will need to know the approximate number of persons at your event and how many bags were filled. This program is possible with the assistance of Keep America Beautiful, Coca Cola and our local First Interstate Bank.

The **Adopt-a-Spot** program is looking for families or groups to adopt areas identified in need of some extra attention. For a 2 year commitment of 3 times per year, a sign will be posted indicating your sponsorship. Call Janelle Grant at 234-5732 or 951-1129 for more information.

Available are:

- **Milwaukee Park**
- **Honda Trails**
- **Dike Road (2 sections of about 1 mile each - can do both sections or choose one)**
- **Cook Lake**
- **Cemetery Road**
- **Bender Park**

If you notice the new trash cans in the downtown area, KMCB donated trash cans to the city for walking areas in the Riverside Park and the downtown. Some of the new bushes have been planted in the Riverside Park and more will be located there following the city's completion of the walking area. Lowe's, Keep America Beautiful, and the Billings Lowe's have made KMCB's contribution to the **Riverside Park** project possible.

Keep Miles City Beautiful's projects are all done with volunteer efforts. If as a group you would like to participate in any of our projects please contact us. And please feel free to share this information with your friends and family. Our website is www.keeptomcbeautiful.com and you can friend us and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KeepMilesCityBeautiful.

Sincerely,
Janelle Grant
Director KMCB
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Holy Rosary Healthcare
Hospice & Palliative Care

2600 Wilson Street
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October 2012

Dear Friends and Families,

Hospice and Palliative Care professionals and volunteers understand that every person they care for is a unique individual with a lifetime of experiences, relationships and gifts to share. Hospice and Palliative Care bring comfort, dignity and peace to help people live every moment of life to the fullest, leaving loved ones with memories they can treasure.

Holy Rosary Healthcare Hospice is inviting you to participate in our annual "Light Up A Life Ceremony." Luminaries will shine in memory of a loved one, to honor persons who have had a difficult illness, or even to honor that special someone who has walked beside us on the journey and touched our hearts.

"Light Up A Life Ceremony"
Thursday, November 15th, 2012
6:00 p.m.
Holy Rosary Healthcare Chapel

Traditional paper luminaries are available for \$10 each and glass globe ornament luminaries are available for \$20 each. Feel free to write a message of up to 2 lines to put on the luminary with your loved one's name. We would also like to play a video showing your favorite pictures of your loved one. Please mail a photo to us at Holy Rosary Healthcare Hospice, 2600 Wilson Street, Miles City, MT 59301, email it to hospice@hrh-mt.org, or bring it in to the hospice department by November 12th. Your photo will be available for you to take the night of the event or we will mail it back to you.

We hope you'll join us for an evening of support and storytelling.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Donnelly
Hospice and Palliative Director



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I would like to remember or honor special people in my life through the 2012 "Light Up A Life Ceremony."

1. Glass Luminary (\$20) Paper Luminary (\$10)
 In memory of: In honor of: Name: _____
 Message: _____

2. Glass Luminary (\$20) Paper Luminary (\$10)
 In memory of: In honor of: Name: _____
 Message: _____

3. Glass Luminary (\$20) Paper Luminary (\$10)
 In memory of: In honor of: Name: _____
 Message: _____

4. Glass Luminary (\$20) Paper Luminary (\$10)
 In memory of: In honor of: Name: _____
 Message: _____

5. Glass Luminary (\$20) Paper Luminary (\$10)
 In memory of: In honor of: Name: _____
 Message: _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for _____ paper luminaries AND/OR \$ _____ for _____ glass luminaries.

Donated by _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Cash, check or credit cards are accepted.

Please charge my credit card \$ _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to Holy Rosary Healthcare Hospice Foundation and send to:
 Holy Rosary Healthcare, Attn: Hospice, 2600 Wilson Street, Miles City, MT 59301. You may also call (406) 233-3810. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



November Special Offering:
Empty Stockings

Empty Stockings is a program run by the Office of Public Assistance to provide Christmas gifts and assistance for low income families with children, the elderly, and disabled. They leave lists of needs for specific families at a variety of local business around town. People can take a list and purchase gifts for that person. The Office of Public Assistance then collects and distributes these gifts. The program also provides assistance with rent and utilities as needed.

Cash donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the Office of Public Assistance, 219 North Merriam Avenue. Checks can be mailed to Empty Stockings, PO Box 1584, Miles City, MT 59301.