

FPC NEWS

SESSION SUMMARY

September 17, 2012

Session held its regular stated meeting in the East Room on Monday, September 17, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. with Rev. Neva Rathbun as moderator. Following opening prayer, Rev. Rathbun provided the Scripture, Exodus 18:13-23, for "Dwelling in the Word". Arlene Corbin led the study.

The Agenda was approved with additions, and minutes of the August 20, 2012, stated meeting were approved with corrections. A printed financial report from Roxy Carlson was considered by members. There being no questions, the report was received as printed.

Wes Gilbertson passed away on August 17, 2012, with Caroline Fleming presiding at his funeral service on August 22, 2012. In addition, news that Roy Slusher had fallen and was hospitalized was shared with the members.

Jessica Bradley, church secretary, has been working on the directory and hopes to have it completed soon. We have asked her to do a draft and have all members review their information for correctness before it is printed. Watch for an article elsewhere in the newsletter concerning the Directory.

Verna Viall informed the session that Ron Hanson, stated clerk of the Presbytery of Yellowstone, will be holding the annual minute book review on October 17. Verna and Mary Lynn Taylor will be involved with this review.

We are grateful that Sharla Helland was able to serve as Commissioner to the Special Called Presbytery Meeting, August 24, 2012, for the purpose of examination of the Brandon Willett for ordination and for Brandon and Rev. Kristin Willett for membership in the Presbytery of Yellowstone. A current ruling elder will be determined to serve as commissioner to Presbytery meeting on Friday and Saturday, November 2-3 at the stated Session meeting on October 15, 2012. It was also noted that Mr. Willett later requested permission from the Presbytery of Yellowstone to be ordained by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, his presbytery of care. Permission was granted and he is being ordained on Sunday, September 30th at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, Arizona. This will give Brandon and Kristin time for good closure with those who have nurtured them in their beginning years of ministry.

Buildings and Grounds Committee has indicated that a new member needs to be appointed to serve on the Corporation and that they will also need a new secretary. They are also checking further to determine whether a member of building and grounds committee needs to be a Corporate Officer.

Christian Education Committee welcomed Donalene McLeod as a new member. Sunday school resumed on Sunday, September 9th. Repair work has been requested and it is hoped that Dan Stokes will have the work completed soon.

Finance and Stewardship Committee plans to work on the Fiscal Policy during their October meeting.

Membership and Outreach Committee presented the Clerk of Session job description. It was reviewed and approved for inclusion in the manual of operations. This committee also indicated a need for additional members.

Mission Committee will meet prior to the October 15th Session meeting to respond to inquiry from the Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Yellowstone. First Presbyterian is unique in that it supports a different mission each month of the year as well as supports on-going mission projects and emergency projects.

The Nominations Committee will convene in October to begin seeking candidates to serve as elders. Five members are needed to serve on session.

Worship Committee has not met for awhile but continues providing pulpit supply. There is a need to have more handicapped parking marked. They will be working with Building and Grounds on this project. Additional handicapped signs will be obtained to accommodate the needs of the church.

Presbyterian Women are planning their Annual Harvest Dinner. See article appearing later in this newsletter for further details.

New business: Arlene Corbin will be part of the Presbytery of Yellowstone Administrative Commission for the installation service of the Rev. Kristin Willett and the Rev. Brandon Willett.

The Willetts have need for child care during Sunday services. Verna Viall and Gail Price have volunteered until a more specific plan is determined.

On the church calendar:

September 23rd - Ordination of Carrie Hanson Benton in Pennsylvania

September 30th - Ordination of Brandon Willett at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, AZ.

Between October 5-7, the Willett family plans to arrive and get settled into their "new" home. Let us greet them with the warm hospitality that is unique to our congregation and assist them in any way we can.

October 14th - The Willet's first Sunday leading worship at First Presbyterian Church

October 15th - Session's next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m.

October 25 – 1-5 and 6-8 P.M. "Sexual Misconduct and Boundaries" workshop, Yogo Inn 211 E. Main St., Lewistown, MT. This is required for teaching elders (clergy) and certified ruling elders (lay pastors) by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery of Yellowstone. All leaders, volunteer or paid, who work with children, teens and other adults are encouraged to participate in this workshop as well. Pre-registration is requested. 6 Credit hours for Continuing Education is available if needed. You may contact Verna Viall or Jessica Bradley for more information.

October 28th at 4:00 P.M. - Yellowstone Presbytery Administrative Commission presides at the Installation Service for Rev. Kristin Willett and Rev. Brandon Willett. A meal will be provided following the worship service and celebration.

~Compiled by Rev. Neva Rathbun from minutes prepared by Verna Viall, Clerk of Session and pending approval by Session at their regularly scheduled meeting.

"Joy is to behold God in everything."

~Julian of Norwich



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.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault (CNADA), along with other domestic violence programs across the nation, is offering activities and information to raise awareness about domestic abuse. CNADA will host the Harlem Ambassadors on October 18 at the CCDHS gym for a high-flying, slam-dunking basketball game. The Ambassadors are pitted against our Miles City Avengers, a team composed of local players from Miles City, Forsyth and Rosebud. Plan to attend and enjoy a fun and funny evening with your family. Call CNADA at 234-0542 for information and tickets. CNADA will also be distributing purple ribbons, the color of domestic violence awareness, for people to tie on their car antennas, door handles or other visible spot as a sign of support for the fight against domestic violence. We hope you will participate in this project. And during October, please remember and pray for the many brave survivors of domestic violence and for those who did not survive the abuse they endured at the hands of one they loved.



“Without hearts there is no home.”

~ Lord Byron



October 14 will be Rev. Brandon & Rev. Kristin Willett’s first Sunday with us. Please help us welcome them to our church and community!



Installation services for Rev. Brandon & Rev. Kristin Willett will be held on October 28, 2012 at 4:00 pm with dinner to follow.



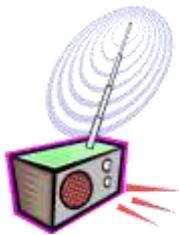
Rev. Brandon Willett requested that he be ordained by his presbytery of care. This will give their relationship appropriate closure. His ordination was September 30, 2012, at the Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

New Committee Members

The Membership & Outreach Committee welcomes Roxy Carlson and Pat Conley to our committee. These ladies answered the committees call for new members to help us in our work. Thank you so much!



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.



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.

If you would like to Sponsor a Broadcast, please contact Jessica in the Church Office to schedule a date. Cost is \$100 per broadcast.



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.



October 4th, from 9 am to Noon we plan on cleaning the kitchen. As many as can, please come and help.

Our "Harvest Dinner" will be October 14th after church. We will be serving from 12:00 through 1:30 pm. We are asking each household to bring one (1) home made pie. Also this is the first Sunday that Pastors Brandon & Kristin will be here and we hope all that can, come to welcome them.

October 8th is our next coordinating team meeting at 9:30 am at the church. Any Presbyterian Women are welcome to attend. There are PW year books in the East Room and each of you are welcome to take one. It gives you more of an idea of what we do. There is no charge for them.

Delores Lathrop,
PW Co-Moderator

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: October 11 @ 10 a.m.
Elizabeth Circle: October 30 @ 7 p.m.***



If you are unable to make it to worship and would like a copy of the bulletin mailed to you, please contact Jessica in the Church office. You can have a bulletin mailed out to you or emailed to you. This can be on a Sunday to Sunday basis or a long term basis.



A final draft of the membership directory is finished. We would however like everyone to review their listing for accuracy before we print the final directory. The draft copy is available in the East Room for this purpose. If any information has changed, you do not want certain information published or you want to add anything, please use red pencil and show the changes requested. The draft copy will be available in the East Room for review until Wednesday, October 10th. If no changes are noted for your listing by then it will print as is. If you are unable to review your listing in person or would like assistance in editing your listing, please call Jessica in the office and she will be happy to assist you.



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.

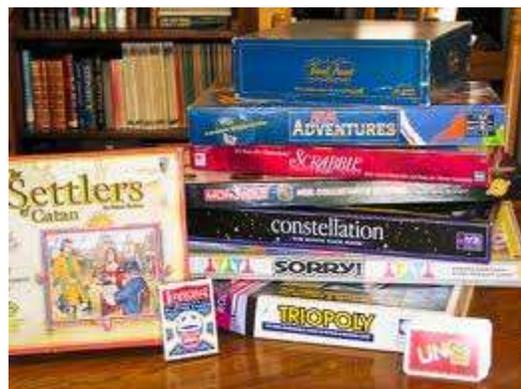


FAMILY GAME NIGHT IN NOVEMBER

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

Where: Fellowship Hall

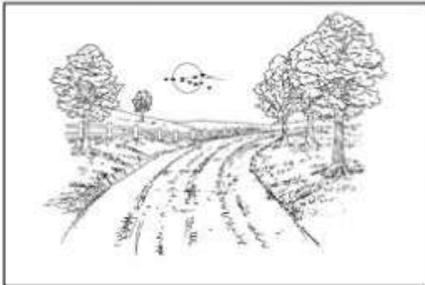
The Membership & Outreach Committee figured people will be relieved to have the election season over so we plan to celebrate together at a Family Game Night in the church Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 7 (the day after the election) at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. Bring your family. Bring 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.





The Yellowstone Presbytery Fall Youth Retreat 2012 is scheduled for October 18-20 at Rockhaven Camp outside of Bozeman. This retreat is for all youth in 6th through 12th grades. Registration deadline is October 11th. If you are interested please contact Jessica in the office for a brochure.

*"My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever."
~ Psalm 73:26 (NLT)*



A memorial service for Roy Slusher will be held on October 5, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. here at the Presbyterian Church. Roy passed away at the age of 96 on September 17, 2012. Stevenson and Son's Funeral Home are handling the arrangements. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



The Sister Ruth Crop Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday Oct. 7 at Wibaux Park. Registration is at 1 pm with the walk beginning at 2 pm. For those interested a 'Walker Information' sheet and donation envelopes are available on the back table in the East Room. For more information you can go online to www.cropwalk.org, or call Beth Riggs at 234-4729.



Carrie Hanson Benton, a former member of our congregation, was ordained on September 23, 2012 at the Community of Reconciliation Church, 100 North Bellefield Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. She is very thankful for the role our congregation played in her faith formation and is happy to share her success.

"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.

Praying in the Good Times

It's important to pray to God when things are going bad, but it's just as important to remember to praise him when things are good. Here's an example from Psalm 30:1-5:

I will exalt you, LORD, for you rescued me. You refused to let my enemies triumph over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you restored my health. You brought me up from the grave, O LORD. You kept me from falling into the pit of death.

Sing to the LORD, all you godly ones!
Praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime!
Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.

~Taken from GoTandem.com



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Best Wishes to all who are celebrating this month!

- 2 – Ian McKay
- 7 – Paul Helland
- 21 – Ryan Warmbrod
- 26 – Joan Cain
Marcus Hartse
- 31 – Betty Lou 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 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 Stocking
- December: Christmas Joy Offering



Harvest Dinner

October 14, 2012

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Roast Pork Dinner

With drink and pie



“Sexual Misconduct and Boundaries”

Workshop

The Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Yellowstone requires that Teaching Elders (TEs) and Certified Ruling Elders (CREs) have this training. They also recommend that all adults working with children, teens and/or other adults also attend.

Thursday, October 25, 2012

1-8 p.m.

Yogo Inn, Lewistown, Montana

For more information contact Verna Viall or Jessica in the office.

A father wanted to read a magazine, but was being pestered by his daughter. To keep her busy, he tore a sheet out of the magazine that had a picture of the world printed on it. He tore the picture into small pieces and said "Here, now go into the other room and see if you can put this picture of the world back together again."

A few minutes passed and his daughter appears in the room and hands him the picture all correctly fitted together.

The father was surprised, and ask her how she was able to fit all those little pieces of the world back together again so quickly.

"Oh.." she said, "On the other side of the paper was a picture of Jesus and once I got Jesus in the right place, then the world came out alright."

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October Special Offering: **Peacemaking Offering**

We live in a world that is filled with conflict and strife. Every level of society is affected.

In the midst of such incessant discord, God calls people to be peacemakers. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."

Each of us who follow Christ are called to be peacemakers. But what can we do to bring peace? Each of us can prayerfully seek God's wisdom and serve as peacemakers in our homes, our congregations, our communities, and our world. The Season of Peace culminates in the receiving of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering, traditionally taken on World Communion Sunday, October 7. The Offering gives us a concrete way to contribute locally and nationally to the work of peace. It is the offering that funds the Peacemaking Program for our denomination, enabling us to bring in International Peacemakers, share conferences, advocate for active nonviolent solutions to conflicts, and provide resources like these for congregations.

Gifts to the Offering are used in a variety of peacemaking efforts at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

- 25% is retained by congregations.
- 25% is used by presbyteries and synods.
- 50% is allocated to General Assembly peacemaking ministries.

In 2011 nearly \$2 million was received through the Peacemaking Offering. Fundraising expenses amounted to \$238,806, which includes a contribution to shared mission support of \$49,570, and \$189,236 for producing resources and promoting the Offering.

The Peacemaking offering will be accepted throughout the month of October.