

FPC NEWS

SESSION SUMMARY

August 20, 2012

Session held its regular stated meeting on Monday, August 20, 2012, with Rev. Neva Rathbun as moderator. After devotions, Rev. Rathbun introduced Elder Gayle Holland, Forsyth, MT. Holland is a member of the Presbytery of Yellowstone Committee on Ministry. She conducted an exit interview with the Session in regard to the autonomy of First Presbyterian Church while Rev. David Schneider, Interim served here.

Rev. Rathbun conducted a graveside service on August 27 for Albert W. Harper from Washington state. His wife is the former Shirley Kienast from Miles City. They were married in this church in 1948.

Session appointed Sharla Helland to serve as Commissioner to Presbytery on Friday, August 24. The sole purpose of this meeting was to examine Brandon and Kristin Willett. (See related information elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Building and Grounds Committee has been busy with keeping the lawn watered and free of grubs. The elevator has been reset to resolve issues with delayed opening of the doors. Parts have been ordered for the boiler repairs to be completed by Regan's Plumbing and Heating. The re-dedication of the stained glass windows was held July 1 and a memorial plaque is displayed in the East Room.

Session addressed the issue of a policy on loaning out tables and chairs. To protect the tables and chairs from damage during transit, they will not be available for use outside of the church building. This information will be included in the building use policy in the manual of operations.

Sunday Worship Service will return to our fall schedule of 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 9. Children's Sunday School will resume during worship on that day as well.

The vacancy on Session left by the death of Pauline Bigelow will remain unfilled until the end of the year when the Nominating Committee will fill the slate of candidates for the next class of Elders and Deacons.

Personnel Committee will be meeting with former Interim Pastor David Schneider for an exit interview via Skype or conference call. Session approved the committee's recommendation of a raise for the church secretary, Jessica Bradley, effective September 1. The Wedding Coordinator job description was received.

Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of approving changes to the by-laws on September 16. This meeting was postponed from May 21. Also on the agenda will be approval of the minutes for the special congregational meetings held on July 22 and August 26.

Session granted approval by consensus for the request by Stacy Mackenzie and Fred Scheid to have Pastor Larry Phalen officiate at their wedding on October 6.

On the church calendar: Session's next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. The annual Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 7.

Compiled by Roxy Carlson from minutes prepared by Mary Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk of Session, and pending approval by Session at their regularly scheduled meeting.



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

8 a.m. - Noon

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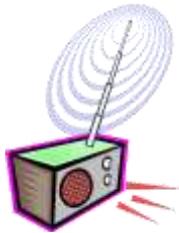
Wednesday

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

New Consecration Sunday books: We are missing a few copies of the New Consecration Sunday books including the leaders guide. Please return them to the office or to Roxy at your earliest convenience.



“Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never fires, and a touch that never hurts.” Charles Dickens



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.



On August 13th PW had their first coordinating meeting after being off for the summer months.

August 20th we had the Birthday Party for the residents of Friendship Villa. Those furnishing elements were Maxine Guidice, Mary Lynn Taylor, Pat Conley, Donalene McLeod and Delores Lathrop. Those serving were Pat, Donalene & Delores. The residents were very appreciative and everyone enjoyed visiting.

The next coordinating meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m. and any PW is welcome to come.

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: Sept. 13 @ 10 a.m.

Elizabeth Circle: September 25 @ 7 p.m.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

With the heat we have been having, it is hard to imagine needing it, but the weather will be cooler before we know it and we will be looking to turn on the boiler. We should be able to do just that Thanks to Regan's. Their bid for repairs has been approved and the repairs are in the works!!

Another project in the works is the upstairs shelving project and roof leak damage repairs. Session approved the work a while back and the Stokes Brothers will be beginning the work this month.

Session has called a Special Congregational meeting for after worship on September 16. The purpose of this meeting will be to approve changes to the church bylaws and to approve the minutes from the last congregational meetings. Copies of the bylaws are available on the back table in the East Room or by mail or email by contacting Jessica in the office.

DEACONS NOTES

The Deacons met on August 12, 2012. Chairman Delores Lathrop opened the meeting with prayer, and Audrey Watts offered a devotion by reading a very unique quotation on the "Life of Moses". Committees and individuals reported on the past months activities. Most notable was Joanne donating a Large Print Readers Digest subscription to Eagle's Manor to be available in their library and the report that the people on the call list have been being visited at least once a month, sometimes more. They also received a report of correspondence sent and a transportation list.

The Deacons meet again Sept. 11 at 7 pm.

MISSING

One home communion kit

Please return to the church at your earliest convenience.



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.

THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 2ND. STARTING SEPTEMBER 9, WE WILL BE RETURNING TO THE 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SCHEDULE.



Children's Sunday School

Sunday School will be starting again on Sept. 9. Denise and Carolyn are looking forward to the new year.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

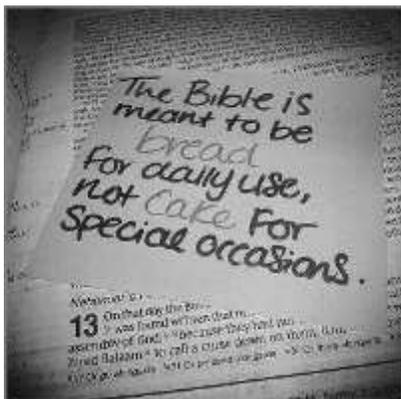
Please contact the office or Roxy to order offering envelopes. The envelopes are available in weekly and monthly formats.

A reminder that special offering checks can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with the name of the monthly special offering or just the words "special offering" on the memo.



On September 26, 2012 the congregation voted unanimously to extend a pastoral call to Brandon and Rev. Kristin Willett. They are a clergy couple who will be sharing the solo pastor position here at First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Kristin Willett has served as an associate pastor for children, youth and their families for over five years as well as other duties. Since this is Brandon's first call, he will be ordained. He has performed foundational research and planning to provide a framework for existing ministry innovations. He has created, developed and led Bible studies. They have 2 young sons, Micah, 3 1/2 years old, and Graham, 1 1/2 years old. They plan to move here in October and we look forward to welcoming them.



DUSTING OFF THE NAME TAGS

As we get ready to welcome the Willetts to our congregation, it is time to dust off your name tag and wear it proudly on Sunday mornings. Not only for our new clergy couple, but others have recently moved to Miles City and are choosing to worship with us. We encourage you to assist your invited guests and visitors with temporary name tags that will be available on the table with the Sunday morning bulletins. The visual cue of the name tag as you are meeting someone is so helpful and assists us to greet each other by name. If you need a name tag please contact Roxy or Jessica in the office. So be a sport and shake off that hassled feeling, don your name tag this Sunday!



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

- ❖ We still are looking for an adult to help out with the Sound System. Please contact Wayne Lathrop or Jessica in the office for more information if you might be interested.
- ❖ We are always looking for Sunday morning treats, Greeters, and worship leaders. Please sign up in the East Room.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Best Wishes to all who are celebrating this month!

- 6 – Francis Davis
Karen Glasscock
- 7 – Tricia Ellingson
- 12 – Erik Helland
John Neurohr
- 14 – Roxy Carlson
- 15 – Mark Helland
- 18 – Frank & Eleanor Bryant
- 19 – Dennis & Arlene Corbin
- 20 – Eric Zimmerman
- 21 – Casey Corbin
Phyllis Griffin
- 22 – Tricia Warmbrod
- 24 – Paul & Myrtle Herzog
- 26 – Sherwood & Rhonda McKay
- 27 – Karen Strobel
- 28 – Casey Stengel
Collette Regan
Paul Herzog
- 29 – Tim Regan
Emily Regan

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

visitor

On Tuesday, August 7th, the grandson of Pastor Milton Vernon Higbee (1934-1941) stopped at the church for a visit. Dave Cummings and his wife are from California and spend their summers traveling in their RV. They wanted to confirm that First Presbyterian Church was actually the church that his Grandfather spent “the most delightful years of my life”. They were excited to see the picture collage with his picture and the obituary that was in the 125th Anniversary book. They enjoyed looking around and imagining him here! They also commented on how beautiful the sanctuary and stained glass windows are.

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



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.

**Western National Leadership Training
“Developing Leadership in Changing
Times”**

October 3-5, 2012

Presbyterian Church, Jackson, WY

“The annual Western National Leadership Training Event is one of the significant programs offered by the Synod of the Rocky Mountains. Outstanding leaders from across the church provide workshops, plenary events and services of worship for ministers and members of congregations. The dates for the event are October 3 – 5 in Jackson, Wyoming. Please visit www.synodrm.org for more information and registration. The Synod will offer some scholarship assistance for rural churches in the Synod. The Synod of the Rocky Mountains includes eight presbyteries: Denver, Glacier, Plains and Peaks, Pueblo, Utah, Western Colorado, Wyoming, and Yellowstone. Boise and Kendall Presbyteries from the Synod of the Pacific also join in sponsoring this year's event. Please consider attending this important gathering of leaders.”

Information and a registration form are posted on the bulletin board in the East Room and is also available via email from the church office @ mcipc@midrivers.com.



A huge Thank you goes out to Paul Helland for taking care of the sprinkler system this summer.



Also, a thank you to all those that helped water the flowers.

To the “FPC Family” from Stacy & Fred:



*When God closes one door,
he opens another...*

Please celebrate with

*Stacy Mackenzie
&
Fred Scheid*

As they join their lives & families together

Saturday, October 6th, 2012 @ 6PM

*First Presbyterian Church
1401 Main Street
Miles City, Montana*

*Reception & Dance to follow
at “The Park Place”*





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SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING:

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FUND (TEF)

TEF is the only dedicated source of denomination-wide funding for theological seminaries related to PC(USA). These moneys directly subsidize the seminaries' operating budgets and enhance each school's ability to offer financial aid to students.

Why should churches fund seminaries?

#1
ensure
the development of
church leaders

#2
educate
informed leaders

#3
prepare
servant-leaders
for bold mission
outreach

#4
equip
leaders who
reflect diversity

#5
nurture
spiritual formation

#6
grow
common faith and
shared purpose