



The Trumpet

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8 Habits of Evangelism by Rev. Phil Price

As a result of two recent conversations I have been thinking more about *evangelism*, coincidentally, so too has the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

At a recent gathering of congregational leaders, to talk about Sunday morning worship, a repeated comment was the desire to see more people coming to church! And a few weeks later, after worship, someone asked me if our congregation is considered “evangelistic”? In between these two conversations I received an email that went out to Presbyterian leaders across the country, about the upcoming digital *REvangelism Conference: 8 Habits of Evangelism* which will be held on November 1st through 3rd. It may be that these three occurrences are not completely coincidental, that God is at work trying to tell us something.

Before I get to what it is I think God is telling us, let’s first consider the word at the heart of all three of these happenings I just mentioned: that is, *evangelism*. In the Bible, the word *evangelism* is found in the New Testament and is derived from a Greek word “*euangelion*” meaning “good news”; that is, sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ through a variety of means.

If *evangelism* is only about getting more people into our churches it is not really good news. *Evangelism* is not good news if it is only about eternal life, after we die. Neither is *evangelism* good news if it is only about one style of worship or one interpretation of the Bible or adherence to one political party in the 21st century. But when we turn to the Bible, what we find is the reminder that “evangelism” and being “evangelistic” are about sharing how fiercely God’s love is at work in us through Jesus’ command to be at work healing broken relationships, lives, systems and indeed, all of Creation.

The problem with *evangelism*, according to Ray G. Jones III (*Presbyterian Mission Agency’s Director of Theology, Formation & Evangelism*), is that we have reduced the good news of the gospel to growing our churches and going to heaven when we die. While healthy churches and the promise of eternal life are wonderful, the good news of our salvation is much more expansive. Salvation is God’s rescue plan for Creation; the transformation of lives, relationships, communities, peoples, nations, and Creation. *Evangelism* is so much more than filling the pews, offering plates, and leadership positions of our church.

It is this understanding of *evangelism* that has led me to wonder if God is telling us something. Could it be that by leading some to want to invite more to join us in life and ministry through our congregation, ask aloud about what it means to be “evangelistic”, and the Presbyterian Mission Agency making it possible for many to join in discussion and training through this November’s upcoming digital *REvangelism* conference that God in Jesus Christ hopes we too will make *evangelism* more of a part of who we are as followers of Jesus Christ and together as a congregation?

The *REvangelism* Conference is an opportunity to go deeper on a journey into faith: into the lives of others, into justice, hope, and the wonder of God. While not everyone will be able to participate in the November 1st through 3rd digital conference, there will be an opportunity to go further as a congregation into what *evangelism* looks like today. Beginning in September the 8:30 a.m. Adult Class time will dig into the “8 Habits of Evangelism” (with both written material and a short video) starting with a broader consideration of *evangelism*, itself. This learning time will continue through October by looking at each of the 8 Habits: Radical Welcome, Worship, Sacraments, Prayer, Justice, Teaching, Fellowship, and Generosity.

By exploring what all *evangelism* really involves we will not only address the health of our own hearts, but also that of our congregation and our wider community. Will you join me in thinking about what it means to practice the 8 Habits of *Evangelism* that will engage us in the gospel of good news – God’s justice and reconciliation for the world – as we seek to follow Jesus Christ? Doing so may not fill our pews, offering plates, or the leadership positions of our congregation, but if we all had a healthier understanding of *evangelism*—*sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ through a variety of means*—I believe we would both be healthier Christians and more true to who we are called to be as a congregation.



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Church Staff

Pastor

Rev. Phil Price

Office Manager

Cheri Pollard

Organist &

Handbell Director

Barb Mix

Minutes from July Stated Session Meeting

July 20th in the Fellowship Room

By Sarah Benton, Clerk of Session

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with prayer. Present were Moderator Phil Price, Terry Fletcher, Judy Wright, Phil Winn, Linda Howar, Susan Waters, Bob Parkinson, Kirsten Kellar, and Clerk Sarah Benton. Mark Crothers and Lawrence Flournoy were excused. The minutes from May's meeting were approved with one correction. Esther Kinnear (d.d. 6/9/2021) and Betty Mulconery (d.d. 7/2/2021) were removed from the rolls due to death.

Unfinished Business

Decision to wait until next August to think about having a BBQ away from the church. Suggested date would be in Late August or September. Linda Howar would like to also schedule a get-together for families in September.

New Business

Recommendation to change the bylaws and move toward a Session of nine people. Motion to do so (second reading) was approved. Session meeting time: Motion to try 5:30 p.m. meeting time on the third Tuesday of the month was approved.

Decision was made to have worship downstairs on August 29, the fifth Sunday of August.

Motion to approve the Dailey wedding on November 6th according to our wedding policy was passed. A previous motion to deny the wedding failed.

There will be a Minute for Mission on Sunday, July 25th, on the Shoe Project.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds:

The church office officially moved into building One on July 1st. Approved a proposal to update the three signs outside the church. Approved conversion of the stove pilot lights to electric igniters. The sewer leak underneath building three has been repaired.

Fellowship:

A Movie in the Courtyard will be held in August and possibly September.

Mission:

Facebook giving for April/May - \$1000 - given to Volunteers Against Violence. Facebook giving for June/July will go to Habitat for Humanity. Facebook giving for August/September will go to the Twin Falls Senior Center. 40% of the Pentecost Offering (\$480) was given to PW Shoe Project

Personnel:

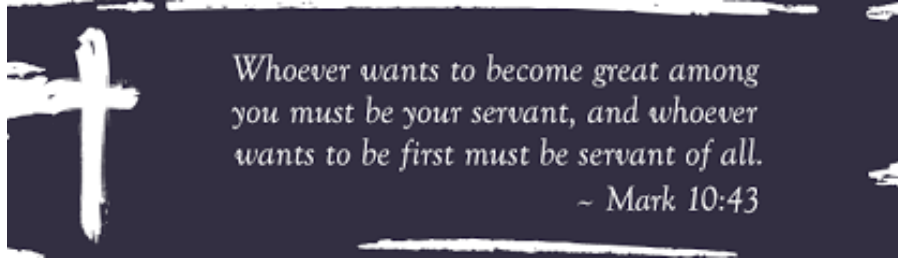
Questions about Cheri's vacation benefits and salary increase are being researched; also about the organist.

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September Sermons

September 5th	15th Sunday after Pentecost & Communion
1st Reading	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 <i>Sayings of the Wise</i>
2nd Reading	Mark 7:24-37 <i>The Syrophenician Woman's Faith</i>
Sermon Title	"Being Christian"
September 12th	16th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading	Proverbs 1:20-33 <i>The Call of Wisdom</i>
2nd Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a <i>The Servant's Humiliation & Vindication</i>
Sermon Title	"Standing Together"
September 19th	17th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading	Proverbs 31:10-31 <i>Ode to a Capable Wife</i>
2nd Reading	Mark 9:30-37 <i>Jesus Foretells His Death</i>
Sermon Title	"Who Is the Greatest?"
September 26th	18th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading	James 5:13-20 <i>The Prayer of Faith</i>
2nd Reading	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 <i>Haman's Downfall & Feast of Purim</i>
Sermon Title	"Queen Esther"



Sunday Worship starts at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship services start at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and conclude around 11:00.

Kindergarten – 5th Grade Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is happening with at-home material mailed to families each week. If you would like to be included, please contact Linda Howar

Please join us for Social Time each Sunday in the Fellowship Room, right after worship. Light snacks, coffee and tea are served.

☞ Invite A Friend to Worship with You! ☞

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME to remain with their families in the sanctuary for worship. There are worship bags containing items for children to use in their pew during this time.

WIGGLE ROOM FOR CHILDREN: If some wiggle room is needed, there are three family-friendly spaces in the church that are open for family use. Any of our ushers can help direct you.

- The Family Room at the NE corner in the back of the sanctuary offers rocking chairs, a changing table, and books and toys for the very young.

Questions? Call Linda Howar at 208-733-3191.

First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls

2021 SESSION ELDERS

Mark Crothers
(Worship)

Terry Fletcher
(Personnel)

Linda Howar
(Christian Nurture)

Phil Winn
(Stewardship)

Bob Parkinson
(Mission)

Judy Wright
(Fellowship)

Lawrence Flournoy
(Building & Grounds)

Chris Talkington
(Fellowship)

Susan Waters
(Worship)

Kristin Keller
(Christian Nurture)

Judy Pollow
(Stewardship)

COMMISSIONED DEACONS

Darlene Annen & Candee Hawk
(Memorial Dinners)

Carol Benson
(Fellowship – Card Ministry)

Charlotte & Bill Eberlein
(Mission | Christmas Project)

ELECTED OFFICERS

Sarah Benton, Clerk of Session
Bob Parkinson, Treasurer

GIFTS, MEMORIALS & ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Phil Winn – Chair
Deanna Baxter, Rick Horner, John Howar, & Phil Price

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Darlene Annen & Shirley Harris
Co-Moderators
Joan Leir – Secretary
Colleen Miltenberger – Treasurer

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday through Friday | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm *(open through the lunch hour)*



OPPORTUNITIES

MEN'S BREAKFAST

At 7:00 am every Wednesday morning
at Idaho Joe's

for breakfast & topical discussion.

Contact Phil Winn

BOOK CLUB

Thursday September 16th at noon, meeting
place yet to be determined

We will be discussing "Magic Hour"
by Kristin Hannah

Questions? Contact Kathy Price

"CARING & SHARING" SUPPORT GROUP

Meets at 4:00 pm each Thursday

If interested please call the Church Office
Or Gerrie Hansen

CIRCLE FIVE

Circle 5 will meet August 19th

In the Fellowship Room

Come and join us for fun, fellowship.

Contact Darlene Annen 208-308-6681

ABIGAIL CIRCLE

The Abigail Circle Bible Study for 2021-22 will be
"What My Grandmothers Taught Me"-learning from
the women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus

Abigail Circle will meet September 16th at 1:30
in the Fellowship Room.

All are welcome to join us. If you are interested
contact Deanna Baxter, Susan Harris, or Joan Leir

Book Club

Hello friends!



Anita & I met last week and selected our
next books! We are deciding each month
where to meet (been at Twin Beans late-
ly, but that could change back to the church) still at noon
on the 3rd Thursday.

August 19 - When We Believed in Mermaids by Barbara
O'Neal (*)

September 16 - Magic Hour by Kristin Hannah (*)

October 21 - A Woman Like Her by Marc Levy

November 18 - The Searcher by Tana French (*)

(*) - The book is available through Twin Falls Library

Thanks,
Kathy



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Al Smutny	9/3
Caitlyn Probasco	9/7
Kathy Price	9/8
Joanne Smutny	9/8
Mark Koffer	9/9
Jeannie Billington	9/17
Waleea Harris	9/17
Adrienne Glassinger	9/18
Kelly Ford	9/24
Barb Hardy	9/24
David Long	9/25
Susan Waters	9/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Harry & Dorothy Geist	9/5
Phil Winn & Susan Harris	9/9
Chris & Cathy Talkington	9/25

Clerk's Corner



Ten Top Reasons to Tithe

1. The communion wine has been replaced by grape Kool-Aid.
2. There's no money for new choir robes, so the choir has started wearing bathrobes during the service.
3. The last few Sundays the treasurer has gotten up halfway through the service and turned the heat/air conditioning off.
4. The preacher's wife has worn the same dress every Sunday for the past three years.
5. The ushers are starting to drool and growl as they collect the offering.
6. The offering plates have been sold and replaced with ice cream buckets.
7. The treasurer has started wearing sackcloth and ashes.
8. You can't call the church office because the phone has been disconnected.
9. Parking meters have been installed in the church parking lot.

And the most important reason . . .

10. As a Christian church member, you understand the privilege it is to have a partnership in the gospel! (See Malachi 3:8-10.)

Is your birthday or anniversary information incorrect or missing from this list? If so—please contact FPC Office Manager Cheri Pollard at (208) 733-7023 or churchoffice@twinfallspc.org to help update our records!



Elsa Mearkle will be 99 years young on October 5th!

As her church family we can brighten her day by sending lots of birthday cards! Please send them to:

Elsa Mearkle
1828 Bridgeview Blvd. #529
Twin Falls, ID 83301



Giving

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
JAN	9,142.00	19,042.42	8,352.69	23,163.43
FEB	8,581.08	19,572.25	10,053.00	11,834.02
MAR	16,710.00	8,324.01	10,840.00	12,890.47
APR	7,454.10	16,253.80	16,320.12	26,793.28
MAY	13,288.35	11,955.93	12,225.46	22,821.04
JUNE	25,138.82	18,036.80	13,009.00	12,733.79
JULY	7,379.57	12,725.80	24,445.00	21,325.41
AUG	-	19,769.61	10,644.86	10,762.60
SEPT	-	9,135.80	18,962.09	10,774.89
OCT	-	12,900.00	11,888.00	16,559.48
NOV	-	38,638.10	17,237.00	15,845.67
DEC		<u>8,589.80</u>	<u>46,159.37</u>	<u>47,650.95</u>
SUM	87,693.92	194,944.32	200,136.59	233,155.03
Jan-Feb	17,723.08	38,614.67	18,405.69	- 34,997.45
Jan-Mar	34,433.08	46,938.68	29,245.69	- 47,887.92
Jan-Apr	41,887.18	63,192.48	45,565.81	- 74,681.20
Jan-May	55,175.53	75,148.41	57,791.27	- 97,502.24
Jan-Jun	80,314.35	93,185.21	70,800.27	- 110,236.03
Jan-Jul	87,693.92	105,911.01	95,245.27	- 131,561.44



“SHOES FOR SCHOOL” CAMPAIGN 2021

FPC’s two Presbyterian Women groups — Circle 5 and Abigail Circle jointly this year—are continuing our local mission project that involves providing school shoes for needy children in Twin Falls — “Shoes for School.”

The number of homeless students kindergarten through 12th grade continues to grow in Twin Falls. The count is now well over 400. Many families struggle just to buy enough food, let alone school shoes and clothes and school supplies.

We are asking for your support again this year.

With your donations to the “Shoes for School” Campaign, we will purchase a supply of \$30 gift cards from The Shoe Department. Those cards will be donated to the At-Risk Services Coordinator for Twin Falls School District, and she then disperses the gift cards directly to qualifying students and their families on an as-needed basis.

If you would like to donate to this worthy project, You may place your donation in the collection plate or baskets on tables in fellowship room or contact Darlene Annen.

- We will accept donations through the month of September.
- Cash and checks are both accepted.

Checks should be made payable to **First Presbyterian Church** with “Shoe Project” written on the memo line. Cash should be placed in an envelope with “Shoe Project” written on the outside.

Thank you for helping make a huge difference for children in need right here in Twin Falls!

Blessed be God—Eternal Father, Son and Spirit most holy. Hallowed be your name O' High King of Heaven. You have given grace and peace to me. You have formed me again and set me aright. According to your perfect will Father, the Lord and Savior gave himself for my sins. He has delivered me from this present evil into your glory forever O'God.

Thank you for loving me and living in me.

Thank you for choosing me for your kingdom even before the foundations of the earth were laid.

Thank you O'Lord, for I am not what I was, nor even yet what I shall be. Thank you that I have been justified through faith in Jesus Christ—trusting in him alone for my righteousness and not in my own woeful deeds.

Thank you; for in Christ, your joy rests upon my soul. I rest in his arms for he has made me free from all toil and strife.

My gratitude shall stretch across time and my soul will forever be upon your gracious and merciful altar.

Romans 6:3-5

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

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In Loving Memory Of



Betty Lou Mulconery

September 18, 1925 ~ July 2, 2021



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Love Lives on Forever



In Memory Of

Betty Lou Mulconery

Date of Birth
September 18, 1925
Portsmouth, Ohio

Entered Heaven
July 2, 2021
Twin Falls, Idaho

Funeral Services

1:00 PM, July 10, 2021
First Presbyterian Church
Twin Falls, Idaho

Officiating

Rev. Phil Price & Michael Mulconery

Organist

Barb Mix

Pallbearers

Michael Mulconery Rob Probasco
Ian Probasco Jay Irby

Interment

2:00 PM, July 14, 2021
Twin Falls Cemetery

Sandwich Saturday Ministry

Sandwich Saturday began serving sack lunches in October. We prepared 25 lunches which included a handmade peanut butter and jelly sandwich, an apple, 2 cookies, a bag of chips and a bottle of water. Lunches are packed in an assembly line manner practicing social distancing. We set up a table on the sidewalk in front of the church and hung banners inviting anyone needing a lunch. Any left over lunches were placed in the blessing box.

When the number of Covid-19 cases increased, we began purchasing the Smucker's frozen peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

With the weather reaching colder temperatures, we had fewer lunches picked up from the table. It was then decided to reach out in to the community and we learned that a number of families with children are living in the motels on Addison Avenue West. We now deliver 25 lunches to the Apollo Inn who in turn distributes to families in need living in that group of motels. Recently we learned that the SureStay Hotel on Blue Lakes also has a need and we have begun delivering 20 lunches to them. 65 lunches are now being prepared and distributed every other Saturday. This includes the 20 offered in front of the church.

We appreciate all the volunteers who are helping with the purchasing of groceries, setting up the assembly line, filling the lunch bags, hanging the banners, delivering the lunches, and helping with clean-up. Thank you to all of those who have helped!!! We have compiled a list of those interested in helping and emails are sent out on a rotation basis. We start filling the bags at 11:30 and are usually finished with that component by 11:45. The lunches are then delivered and others stay to help with clean-up, preparation for the next serving date, or help with the table in front of the church. We are completely finished by 1:00. Not everyone will be there the entire time. If there are others wanting to help, please contact Darlene Annen at dcannen@gmail.com or call 208-308-6681.

This ministry not only helps others but provides an opportunity for fellowship among our congregation as well.



Children' Ministry Programs Sunday School K-5

We're keeping the connections strong through Children's Ministry Programs.

HOLY WEEK IN A BOX was delivered to families with children preschool through high school. Scripture readings, bubbles, clay, ribbon braiding, coloring sheets all helped the parents spread the Easter Message with their children.

RESURRECTION GARDEN CENTERPIECES (the Empty Tomb) were made with a few supplies and instructions and a lot of creativity. Perhaps you saw a few photos on the church Facebook. Empty Tomb Rolls recipes were provided for the cooks in the group.

We are just beginning to offer in-person Sunday School which is meeting downstairs in the Fellowship Room. So far, we are observing the usual mask/social distancing protocols. It is great to be able to greet the K-5 children with Bible Stories and crafts.

We will continue to offer LEGOS lessons which will be mailed out each week. That way we can reach everyone!

If, at any time, you have questions or input about how we are reaching out to families, please share them with us. We entertain all possibilities about meeting your family's needs. Look for an opportunity in late May or June to get together outside with kids and parents to create ideas and get reacquainted and eat together.

Linda Howar 208-420-1990
Kristen Keller 208-420-8854
Kathy Price 208-329-0784

A Word from the Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Is...

It's back to school time! It's harvest time! It's county fair time! Summer's almost over and it's time to get organized. This is all part of the natural yearly cycle for everyone! After enjoying a relaxing summer and recharging our batteries, it's time to start thinking about our Stewardship at church.



Love in Action

When it comes to stewardship, we often speak of our time, talent, and treasures. What we really need to address is our "treasures" – our financial giving to First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls. Now is the time to review your financial giving to further the work our church. If you are behind in your pledge and/or donations, then you may fall into one of three categories:

ASK ME – These individuals just need to be asked to donate their financial. They wait until someone reaches out and asks. Okay, if you are not current with your pledge and/or commitment to the church - or could contribute more, now is the perfect time to do so!

REMIND ME – These individuals have good intentions and want to participate in stewardship. Time slips by and suddenly they realize they have not yet acted on their pledge or commitment. They just need a gentle reminder. Okay, now is a great time to catch up on your pledge before the start of the busy Holiday Season at the end of the year!

INFORM ME – These individuals need to understand the importance of their participation in the workings of our church. Our Mission Statement is to be a living example of God's Love in the world. In order to do this, we need everyone to voluntarily make charitable gifts. Okay, now is a great time to step up and help!

The Church membership is behind in its financial giving to-date and we need to catch up. Even though the school occupying Buildings #2 & #3 pays rent for their space, these funds are used for the increased operational costs incurred and also are being set aside to cover overhead costs when their lease expires. We cannot rely on those funds to cover our regular Church Budget. Our budget was created to project costs of salaries, mission giving, Building #1 overhead and other smaller overhead costs. Please give this some thoughtful consideration.

We Need You: whether you need to be asked, or reminded, or informed. The Stewardship Committee graciously accepts your offerings!

Thank you and Godspeed,
The Stewardship Committee



September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00am Men's Breakfast	2 1:30pm R. God's Grace- ends Susan Harris/Phil Winn Patio	3 12:00pm Pas- tor's Bible Study Genesis (FR) ends 1:00pm Bible Study w/ Bob Parkinson at Bridgeview	4 8:30am Worship Committee Meeting in Office 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Wor- ship	6	7	8 7:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Hand- bells	9 4-5:30pm Sup- port Group	10 1:00pm Bible Study w/ Bob Parkinson at Bridgeview	11
12 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Wor- ship Church Family get together at John/Linda Howar's home	13	14 1:00pm Building & Grounds in Fellowship Room	15 7:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Hand- bells	16 9:30am Circle 5 (FR) 12:00pm Book Club (FR) 1:00pm Abigail Cir -begins 4-5:30pm Sup- port Group	17 1:00pm Bible Study w/ Bob Parkinson at Bridgeview	18 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
19 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Wor- ship	20	21 11:00-1:30pm PEO Mtg-Kathy Price 5:30pm Stated Session (FR)	22 7:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Hand- bells	23 4-5:30pm Sup- port Group	24 1:00pm Bible Study w/ Bob Parkinson at Bridgeview	25
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