



The Trumpet

A Monthly Newsletter Publication from Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church
October 2021 Edition

8 Habits of Evangelism – Radical Welcome

by Reverend Phil Price

How do we welcome those who both walk through our doors on Sunday morning and those who enter our life the other days of the week? Answering **both** questions is the focus of the first habit identified in the series “8 Habits of Evangelism”.

The author of this first habit, Shanea D. Leonard, identifies “**radical welcome**” as the spiritual practice of embracing and being changed by the gifts, presence, voices and power of *The Other*: the people systemically cast out of or marginalized within a church, a denomination and/or society. Radical welcome is beyond the spirit of hospitality or the presence of a visitors’ gathering for fellowship after morning worship. Radical welcome is an embrace of openness that exists in a fundamental effort to live into the mandate of whosoever will, come (*Rev. 22:17*).

The biblical warrant for welcoming others so radically comes from both the Old and New Testaments. Specifically, in Deuteronomy we find these words: “For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (*10:17-19*). And in Luke Jesus says, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?” (*9:23-25*).

Loving strangers because once we were strangers before God and losing our life for the sake of the Gospel are models for how we welcome others in the life of the church and as we live our faith beyond the walls we inhabit on Sunday mornings. Both avenues of welcome are necessary if we are to actively engage in evangelism on behalf of the Gospel. In other words, we both have to adopt a spirit of openness to others both on Sunday mornings and figure out what it means to communicate the grace, hope, and love of God in Jesus Christ as we interact with people of varying backgrounds throughout the rest of the week if we are to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Evangelism, as I wrote last month, is not about filling our pews, offering plates, or the leadership positions of our congregation; as important as those things are to the life, ministry, and well-being of our congregation. Rather, *evangelism* is *sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ through a variety of means*; as we gather in the building we know as our church-home and in how we interact with others throughout the rest of the week.

As we think about both who we have welcomed and who we have yet to share the good news of Jesus Christ with in our life, some questions that might help us explore “radical welcome” more faithfully are:

- Which communities of people are absent from our congregation and life of faith?
- What do you feel have been the barriers to our congregation living into radical welcome and what do you hope to reimagine for our future together?
- How have you prepared personally to engage in connection with those who have been “othered”?
- In what ways have you practiced radical welcome in your faith community?
- Where do you see places where First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls can extend a more radical welcome?

When we are ready to welcome all of our community into the good news of Jesus Christ then we will be well on our way of living even more fully as living examples of God’s love in the world.



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**Minutes from August Session Meeting
Tuesday, August 17th**

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The meeting opened with prayer at 5:30, a quorum being present. Eleven elders were in attendance. The minutes from July's meeting were approved, with the addition of Chris Talkington in attendance.

Unfinished Business

- A Futuring Discussion and BBQ was held on Saturday, August 28th at the home of Chris Talkington.
- New Elders: all spots are filled with the Class of 2024. Carol Benson was added as a new elder.

New Business

- Terms of staff employment were discussed. A motion was passed, stating that all employees working 20 hours a week or more are entitled to receive benefits such as paid holidays and vacations. Clarification will be made at the September meeting on pay raises. Currently, employees are not entitled to an automatic pay raise every year.
- Set-up and cleanup for communion: in the past, this was the responsibility of the deacons; since we no longer have deacons, there will be a sign-up sheet for those willing to set up the elements.
- A minute-for-mission on Stewardship will be presented on September 19th by Judy Pollow.

Committee Reports

- **Building and Grounds:** The elevator door was repaired in a timely manner. Change in the language of the contract was approved. Approved replacement of electric igniters on the kitchen stove in building one. Approved the application from TF rec for the use of the gym on four nights/week Oct 18th through mid-February. John Howar will contact Justin Wolters about gym cleaning schedule. Evans Plumbing repaired leaking toilets in the girls' bathroom 2nd floor of building two. The rent paid by Pinecrest Academy will increase effective July 1st, based on enrollment. The future use of buildings two and three was discussed. Lawrence will investigate repair of the leak around the dome on the roof on Building one entry. WiFi building one: two networks currently exist. Phillip Nance has proposed a network security service contract; will be discussed at the next meeting. Worship in the Fellowship Hall was discussed, as was upgrading Power Point system connection; no action was taken.
- **Nurture:** The Family "Summer Shenanigans" event has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 12th at 4:00. Sunday School will begin September 19th at the church. The multipurpose room off the Fellowship room will be used both on Sundays and during the week. A calendar will be used to schedule usage. Artwork will soon be hung in the room along with a white board and a screen mounted to a wall for DVR use. Window coverings are being considered. We have FPC scholarship funds which can be used.
- **Fellowship:** the movie "Up" will be shown at the movie event on August 31st at 8:00 in the courtyard. We will soon have a new set of pictures in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Treasurer:** the financial report through July was presented. Our budget is not sustainable now by giving; this needs to be addressed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Benton, Clerk of Session



October Sermons

October 3rd	19th Sunday after Pentecost & World Communion
1st Reading	Psalm 8 <i>Divine Majesty and Human Dignity</i>
2nd Reading	Genesis 2:18-24 <i>Bone of My Bone & Flesh of My Flesh</i>
Sermon Title	“Created for Community”
October 10th	20th Sunday after Pentecost – Mark Koffer Preaching
October 17th	21st Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading	Isaiah 53:4-12 <i>The Suffering Servant</i>
2nd Reading	Mark 10:35-45 <i>The Request of James and John</i>
Sermon Title	“What We Need”
October 24th	22nd Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-9 <i>I Will Lead Them Back</i>
2nd Reading	Mark 10:46-52 <i>The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus</i>
Sermon Title	“Spiritual Blindness”
October 31st	Worship in Fellowship Room – All Saints Day (<i>observed</i>)
	An opportunity to gather around tables and worship as the early church: as we consider “the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers” Acts 2:42.



Sunday Worship starts at 10:00 a.m.

Adult class is held before worship at 8:30 am in the Fellowship room

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 Polow
(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 October 21st at noon,

meeting place yet to be determined

We will be discussing "A Woman Like Her"

by Marc Levy

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 October 21st

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 October 21st at 1:00

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 lately, 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

THANK YOU!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Joan Leis	10/1
Cecilia Grace Myers	10/1
Elsa Mearkle	10/5
Aidan Mix	10/6
Lindsay Probasco	10/6
Candee Hawk	10/8
Joan Leir	10/8
Macie Youree	10/10
Nancy Hammond	10/12
Olen Foreman	10/16
Don Hammond	10/16
Chris Talkington	10/17
Chanteal Mayer	10/22
Judy Pollow	10/22
George Halsell	10/23
Sarita Irwin	10/24
Terry Fletcher	10/26
Michelle Myers	10/26
Sydney Bergen	10/29
Kali Duncan	10/30
Sue Knott	10/30

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Al & Joanne Smutny	10/12
Rick & Mary Kuhn	10/29

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@twinfallsfpc.org to help update our records!

Dear patrons, Sept. 7, 2021
thank you all so much for your kind and generous donation of school supplies to Lincoln Elemen.
New supplies for those that need them help set students up for a successful school year.
thanks again, Lincoln Elementary

Clerk's Corner



Bits and pieces

What do you get when you cross
A Unitarian and a Mormon?
Someone who goes from
door to door
for no reason.

It's not about how many times
you fall. It's about how many
times you get back up
especially
if you can't get up.

My doctor asked if anyone in my family
suffered from mental illness.
I said:
"no, we all seem to enjoy it."

So Technically Moses was the first man to
download files from the cloud using a tablet.



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	13,795.49	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	-	8,589.80	46,159.37	47,650.95
SUM	101,489.41	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
Jan-Aug	101,489.41	125,680.62	105,890.13 -	142,324.04
Jan-Sep	-	134,816.42	124,852.22 -	153,098.93
Jan-Oct	-	147,716.42	136,740.22 -	169,658.41
Jan-Nov	-	186,354.52	153,977.22 -	185,504.08
Jan-Dec	-	194,944.32	200,136.59 -	233,155.03



Hygiene Kits

For the 5th Sunday Intergenerational Worship Hour on October 31, the Christian Nurture committee will be asking for help putting together 64 hygiene kits to send to families whose homes have recently been destroyed by hurricanes and floods. If you would like to donate, please bring the items listed below to church on Sunday or to the church office during the week.

(Value \$15, recommended \$2 [processing fee](#) per kit)

1 — hand towel (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels)

1 — washcloth

1 — wide-tooth comb (remove from package)

1 — nail clipper (UPDATE: nail clippers with metal files or emery boards attached are now accepted; remove from package)

1 — bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

1 — toothbrush (in original packaging)

10 — Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips

Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste which has an extended expiration date will be added to international Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.



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



The Wellness Tree Community Clinic is a stand-alone 501(c)(3) organization which services patients from seven counties. We strive to create a caring and welcoming environment as we provide a variety of free medical and dental services. We work to help underserved patients in our region in whatever ways we can.

We estimate that for every dollar donated to the Wellness Tree we give out approximately \$50 worth of healthcare services. The clinic utilizes volunteers to do medical, clinical, and front office duties.

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Saturdays
October 16, 23, 30 & November 6

Cost \$100 for .25 acre or less
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Save your back for a GREAT cause this fall! For a donation of \$100.00 to the Wellness Tree Community Clinic we will gather a group of community youth volunteers to come rake your lawn for you (up to .25 acres). We will bag the leaves and have them all ready for trash pick-up. We will have teams out for 4 Saturdays in the Fall: October 16, 23, 30 and November 6. We can rake larger lawns but we will talk to you about what is a fair amount.

Contact us at: (208) 734-2610 for questions. You can also text: (208) 731-1567.



**Want to be a volunteer raker?
The sign up sheet will be in the
Fellowship room on Sundays.**

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Mental Awareness week begins	2 8:30am Worship Committee Meeting in Office 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
3 World Communion Sunday 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	4	5 11:00-1:30pm PEO Mtg- Kathy Price	6 7:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Handbells	7 10:00am Synod of the Pacific Recording Clerk Pastor Phil 4-5:30pm Support Group	8 10:00am Synod of the Pacific Recording Clerk Pastor Phil 1:00pm Exodus Bible Study Pastor Phil (FR)	9
10 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship-Mark Koffer	11 Columbus Day 5:00-9:30pm PEO Chapter AH Darlene	12 1:00pm Building & Grounds in Fellowship Room	13 7:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Handbells	14 4-5:30pm Support Group	15 1:00pm Exodus Bible Study Pastor Phil (FR)	16 11:30am Sandwich Saturday Stated Presbytery Meeting Pastor Phil
17 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	18 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball Begins	19 5:30pm Stated Session (FR) 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	20 7:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Handbells	21 9:30am Circle 5 (FR) 12:00pm Book Club (FR) 1:00pm Abigail Cir 4-5:30pm Support Group 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	22 1:00pm Exodus Bible Study Pastor Phil (FR) 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	23
24 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship 31 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship in (FR)	25 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	26 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	27 7:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Handbells	28 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	29 1:00pm Exodus Bible Study Pastor Phil (FR) 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	30 11:30am Sandwich Saturday



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