



The Trumpet

A Monthly Newsletter Publication from Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church
January 2022 Edition

Can You Ever Have Too Many New Books?!?

By Rev. Phil Price

As we turn our calendars to 2022 one of the silver-linings is that everyone from NPR to the Wall Street Journal to Literary Hub (website) has been listing the best books of the year! Even in this year we all want to forget; there have been some truly great books released that helped us forget the headlines and dig in to truly great stories as well as compelling thoughts about the past and world we hope to one day inhabit.

From time to time I share what I am reading with others in the congregation who also enjoy some of the same tastes in reading that I do. But once a year I like to share with all of you some of what I have read in the year that was with the hope that something on my list will inspire your own enjoyment or edification. Below are three each from the areas of theology/church, non-fiction, and just-for-fun fiction:

Theology/Church

Reformed Worship by Howard L. Rice and James Huffstutler; if you ever wanted a good understanding of why we worship the way we do, as Presbyterians, then this is the book. It offers a discussion of our tradition, history, theology, and rationale for how we worship.

Faith after Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do about It by Brian D. McLaren; proposes a four-stage model of faith: Simplicity, Complexity, Perplexity, and Harmony; a path forward leaving behind unnecessary baggage toward a commitment to what matters most.

Wholehearted Faith by Rachel Held Evans; through theological reflection and personal recollection, the author wrestles with God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the Church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging.

Non Fiction

Robert E. Lee and Me: A Southerner's Reckoning with the Myth of the Lost Cause by Ty Seidule; a unique blend of history and reflection, the author deconstructs the truth about the Confederacy—that its undisputed primary goal was the subjugation and enslavement of Black Americans—and directly challenges the idea of honoring those who labored to preserve that system and committed treason in their failed attempt to achieve it.

Liftoff: Elon Musk and the Desperate Early Days that Launched SpaceX by Eric Berger; take an inside the wild early days that made SpaceX. Focusing on the company's first four launches of the Falcon 1 rocket, the author charts SpaceX's bumpy journey from scrappy underdog to aerospace pioneer.

The Wax Pack: On the Open Road in Search of Baseball's Afterlife by Brad Balukjian; is there life after baseball? Starting from this simple question, *The Wax Pack* ends up with something much bigger and unexpected—a meditation on the loss of innocence and the gift of impermanence, for both the author and the former ballplayers he tracked down.

Fiction

The Invisible Life of Addie Larue by V.E. Schwab; France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever—and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.

Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir; part scientific mystery, part dazzling interstellar journey, this novel is a tale of discovery, speculation and survival from the author of "The Martian".

Under the Whispering Door by T.J. Klune; when a reaper comes to collect Wallace Price from his own funeral, Wallace suspects he really might be dead; a touching story about the meaning of life.

Now that you have seen what I have been reading, how about sharing one with me that you have read that you would recommend to round-out my "Top Ten Best Reads of 2021"?



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Session Summary for November

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls held its regularly scheduled meeting on November 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

A letter was received from the Mission Committee of the First Presbyterian Church of Pocatello. They are inviting our church to participate in a Rent Relief Program for refugees coming to our area. The Mission Committee will take this under consideration.

Shirley Thorpe was removed from the roll due to death.

The make-up of the Ad-hoc Building Use Committee was approved.

Pledge Cards will not be used for stewardship this year. An explanation for this change will be included in the Yearly Statements sent to congregation members.

The Session moved into Executive Session at 5:43 p.m. The regular meeting resumed by motion and second at 6:03 p.m.

A Minute for Mission will be given on November 21st to describe the Advent Devotional Books that have been created for the congregation's use.

The 'Fifth Sunday' activity held on October 31st was a success! Future Fifth Sunday worship services are planned for January and May, 2022.

The welcoming atmosphere of Fellowship Time following worship is appreciated by our visitors.

Work continues on rewriting church employee job descriptions to clarify duties in greater detail.

Written reports were submitted by John Howar, representing the Building and Grounds Committee; Linda Howar for the Christian Nurture Committee, and Bob Parkinson for the Mission Committee.

Members of the congregation will be asked to serve as candle lighters during Advent.

This year's Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 5:00 p.m. Pastor Phil will be posting a 'Blue Christmas' video on YouTube as well as creating more specific instructions for those distribute communion during worship.

Melanie Halsell
Clerk of Session

Church Staff

Pastor

Rev. Phil Price

Office Manager

Cheri Pollard

Organist &

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Preaching Schedule

January 2nd	2nd Sunday of Christmas - Epiphany (observed)
1st Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6 <i>The Ingathering of the Dispersed</i>
2nd Reading	Matthew 2:1-12 <i>The Visit of the Wise Men</i>
Sermon Title	“Chalking of the Doors”
January 9th	Baptism of the Lord
1st Reading	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 <i>The Baptism of Jesus</i>
2nd Reading	Isaiah 43:1-7 <i>Restoration and Protection Promised</i>
Sermon Title	“God’s Presence”
January 16th	2nd Sunday after Epiphany
1st Reading	Isaiah 62:1-5 <i>The Vindication and Salvation of Zion</i>
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 12:1-11 <i>Spiritual Gifts</i>
Sermon Title	“More Effective Together”
January 23rd	3rd Sunday after Epiphany
1st Reading	Luke 4:14-21 <i>The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry</i>
2nd Reading	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 <i>Ezra Summons the People to Obey the Law</i>
Sermon Title	“Accessing God’s Word”
January 30th	4th Sunday after Epiphany – 5 th Sunday Worship in Fellowship Room
Scripture	1 Corinthians 13:1-13 <i>The Gift of Love</i>
Sermon Title	“Understanding Peace”

Worship

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.

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

Kindergarten – 5th Grade Sunday School

Children’s Sunday school is happening in-person in the multipurpose Christian Education Room off the Fellowship Room downstairs. We continue to wear masks whenever appropriate.

If you are unable to attend, we will mail the at-home materials each week. If you would like to be included, please contact Linda Howar at (208) 420-1990

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:

There are two family-friendly spaces in the church:

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

Downstairs in the Fellowship Room, there is a corner off to the left with a toy bin containing puzzles, soft toys, a board books.

Questions? Call Linda Howar at 208-420-1990

First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls

2022 SESSION ELDERS

Mark Crothers
(Worship)

Terry Fletcher
(Personnel)

Phil Winn
(Stewardship)

Bob Parkinson
(Mission)

Judy Wright
(Fellowship)

Lawrence Flournoy
(Building & Grounds)

Chris Talkington
(Fellowship)

Carol Benson
(Worship)

Kristin Keller
(Christian Nurture)

Judy Pollow
(Stewardship)

ELECTED OFFICERS

Melanie Halsell, Clerk of Session
Bob Parkinson, Treasurer

GIFTS, MEMORIALS & ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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

COMMISSIONED DEACONS

Darlene Annen & Candee Hawk
(Memorial Dinners)

Charlotte & Bill Eberlein
(Mission | Christmas Project)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Darlene Annen & Susan Harris
Co-Moderators

Joan Leir – Secretary
Colleen Miltenberger – Treasurer

Finances

	<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	16,475.06	9,135.80	18,962.09	10,774.89
OCT	9,895.00	12,900.00	11,888.00	16,559.48
NOV	20,699.00	38,638.10	17,237.00	15,845.67
DEC		8,589.80	46,159.37	47,650.95
SUM	148,558.47	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-	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-	101,489.41	125,680.62	105,890.13	142,324.04
Jan-	117,964.47	134,816.42	124,852.22	153,098.93
Jan-Oct	127,859.47	147,716.42	136,740.22	169,658.41
Jan-	148,558.47	186,354.52	153,977.22	185,504.08
Jan-	-	194,944.32	200,136.59	233,155.03

MISSION GIVING

Twin Falls Senior Center - \$1,000

CSI Refugee Center - \$1,000

CASA (our share of the Peace Offering) - \$321

Voice Against Violence (our share of the 2020 Peace Offering) - \$254

Adaptive Cycling will receive a minimum of \$1,500 as recipient of Facebook Check-ins during October thru December

The CSI Refugee Center will receive funds from the Facebook Check-ins for January and February



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 January 20th at noon,
In the Fellowship room
We will be discussing "Lost Friends"
by Lisa Wingate
Please bring your own lunch and we will see you
there!
(This book can be found at the library and Kathy has a
copy)
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

Thursday, January 20th at 10:00am
in the Fellowship Room
Come and join us for fun, fellowship.
Contact Darlene Annen 208-308-6681

ABIGAIL CIRCLE

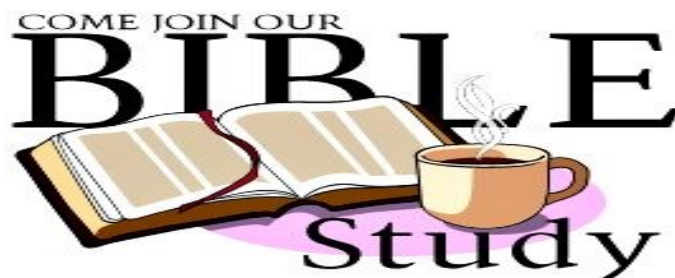
The Abigail Circle Bible Study for 2021-22 will be
"What My Grandmothers Taught Me"-learning from
the women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus
Abigail Circle will meet January 20th at 1:00
in the Fellowship Room.
All are welcome to join us. If you are interested
contact Deanna Baxter, Susan Harris, or Joan Leir

PRAYERS FOR US

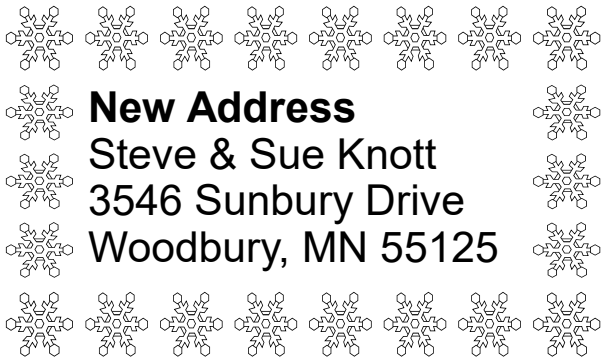
COVID has changed how we worship at our church
and how we continue bonding as a congregation. Join
in a prayer time asking God to lead us forward in wor-
ship and fellowship.
Starting 1/20/2022 in the Fellowship Room
Thursdays 5:30pm-6:30pm
Contact Anita at 208-329-2293 for more info.

COOK'S NIGHT OUT

January 12th at 6:00pm
Rock Creek Restaurant
Contact John Howar at 208-539-6855
Linda Howar at 208-420-1990
Please RSVP



Don't Cook Tonight!



New Address
Steve & Sue Knott
3546 Sunbury Drive
Woodbury, MN 55125

Reverend Phil + Congregation:
 Thank you so much
 for your generous donations.
 We appreciate all you do!!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bill Eberlein	1/5
Sunny Yuna Knott	1/7
Annie Laurie Burton	1/10
Phyllis Fletcher	1/14
Bob Powers	1/15
Alice Anderson	1/16
Delaney Bergen	1/19
Ann Vogt	1/22
Gloria Misbach	1/25
Bronxston Probasco	1/26
Rob Probasco	1/29
Leandra Mix	1/30

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Steve & Sue Knott	1/12
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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!



Wellness Tree
 COMMUNITY CLINIC

December 6, 2021

First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls First
 PO Box 557
 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0557

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls,

We received your generous donation to the Wellness Tree Community Clinic, thank you!

For the past 14 years we have worked to make sure our friends and neighbors have the healthcare they need without the stress of how to pay for it. Many of our patients have jobs but no health insurance and not enough income to purchase insurance on their own. We believe that every person should have access to healthcare so they can heal, survive and thrive. Thanks to your kindness and financial commitment we can continue to provide this vital service to our community.

Our patients, volunteer providers and staff have deep gratitude for your belief in our mission. We just cannot say it enough...thank you again.

Sincerely,

Tamara Harmon
 Executive Director

*We are humbled
 and grateful for
 your continued
 commitment to our
 patients. Merry
 Christmas!*

*(12-7-21)
 Dear Church Members
 what a nice surprise
 to find the lovely pkg on
 my doorstep this morning!
 The blanket is beautiful
 and candy is also special -
 Thank you so much
 for caring. I thank
 you for all you do!
 God Bless -*

Phyllis

Sandwich Saturday Ministry

Sandwich Saturday began serving sack lunches in October 2020. We have grown from preparing 25 sack lunches to 70 sack lunches. Each lunch includes 2 Smucker's peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, an apple or an orange, 2 cookies, a bag of chips and a bottle of water. Lunches are packed in an assembly line manner. 20 lunches are placed on a table set up on the sidewalk in front of the church and banners are hung inviting anyone needing a lunch. Any left over lunches are placed in the blessing box. We have reached out to the community and 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. We also learned that the SureStay Hotel on Blue Lakes has a need and deliver 25 lunches to them. 70 lunches are now being prepared and distributed every other Saturday. The motels and their guests often express their appreciation.

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 and continue to help!!! We start filling the bags at 11:00 and are usually finished with that component by 11:15. The lunches are then delivered and others stay to help with clean-up or preparation for the next serving date. We are completely finished by 1:00. Most helpers are finished by no later than 12:00.

We welcome others to come and join this ministry. 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.



Pastor Phil Price will be offering a new membership class on January 8th from 9:00 to 11:00am in the Fellowship room. Please contact Pastor Phil for more information.

December Home Communion



Circle 5 will be hosting a potato bar after worship on Sunday, January 30th as a way to say thank you for all the generous donations to the shoe project .

Circle 5 Mission Project Donated to Voices Against Violence

The Blessing Box is not only a blessing for others but a blessing for our church as well. Last summer a box of "loved" dolls (without clothing and hair in disarray) was left under the Blessing Box. Circle 5 decided to refurbish them and donate them to an organization that provided toys for children at Christmas. After a little research, we learned how to use diluted fabric softener and dawn dish soap and a brush to revive their hair. We then began to sew, knit or crochet new clothing and search for shoes and other accessories. Nine Barbie Dolls and four baby dolls were dressed in fashion and have been donated to Voices Against Violence. A special thanks to Sarah Benton for the crocheted doll dresses that she so graciously donated.

Many hours of love, fun, and fellowship have been put in to this project which was especially near and dear to Betty Benefiel's heart. Some of these dolls were refurbished by Betty before she became ill. We like to lovingly call our project "Betty's Dolls".





JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:30am Worship Committee Meeting (FR)
2 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	3 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	4 11:00-1:30pm PEO Mtg- Kathy Price 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	5 7:00am Men's Breakfast	6 4-5:30pm Support Group 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	7 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	8 9:00am-11am New Membership Class (FR) 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
9 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	10 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	11 1:00pm Building & Grounds in Fellowship Room 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	12 7:00am Men's Breakfast 1:00pm Mission Mtg.	13 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	14 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	15
16 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	17 6:00pm Cook's Night Out 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	18 5:30pm Stated Session (FR) 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	19 7:00am Men's Breakfast	20 10:00am Circle 5 (FR) 12:00pm Book Club (FR) 1:00pm Abigail Circle (FR) 4-5:30pm Support Group 5:30pm Prayers for Us-A. Klott 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	21 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	22 11:30am Sandwich Sat- urday
23 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	24 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	25 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	26 7:00am Men's Breakfast	27 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	28 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	29
30th 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship in (FR) Potato Bar (FR)	31 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball					

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED