



The Trumpet

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

Being a Brave Church

By Reverend Phil Price

Are we a safe church? That is, can people of different and varying opinions experience understanding, comfort, and belonging when they walk through our doors and gather for worship, fellowship, learning, and mission?

Safe places are a huge benefit in our highly fractured society where opinions are just as likely to elicit arguments as they are to encourage thoughtful exchanges of ideas. And so, wondering whether or not our congregation is a safe place is worthy for our consideration. But sometimes being a “safe place” means that we expect others to accept our beliefs without question and so we can forget how to listen to new perspectives and cease to grow as those who are called to be loving examples of God’s love in the world. When we expect others to simply believe what we believe, then our safe place can become a church that values silencing over sincerity.

As we look to the beginning of Lent, this year Ash Wednesday falls on March 2nd, I would like for us to consider what it would look like to not only be a Safe Church but to strive for being a Brave Church. It turns out we need both safe spaces and brave spaces if we are going to grow who we are called to be as followers of Jesus and together as a community of faith. That is the premise of a new resource written by Elizabeth Hagan, titled “Brave Church: Tackling Tough Topics Together.” In this six-week small-group study, Pastor Elizabeth Hagan weaves together personal and theological reflections with scripture, discussion questions, and real-world examples to move us from exploration to action following the example of Jesus who embraced all people—even the messy, painful parts of their lives. The outline of the study is as follows:

- March 2nd “Let’s Talk: Creating a Brave Church Covenant”
- March 9th “Let’s Talk About Infertility and Miscarriage”
- March 16th “Let’s Talk About Mental Illness”
- March 23rd “Let’s Talk About Domestic Violence”
- March 30th “Let’s Talk About Racism”
- April 6th “Let’s Talk about Sexuality”

What I hope you will consider doing is either signing-up or letting me know that you are interested in participating in a Wednesday evening soup-supper and discussion at church reading along in Rev. Hagan’s book, “Brave Church.” The goal is not to debate or argue, but to learn how engage in meaningful dialogue about tough topics so that we are better prepared to engage with one another in figuring out where God-in-Christ is leading us both individually and together as a congregation. The plan will be to gather for a simple soup supper at 6 p.m. and then convene in one or more small group to learn how to bravely put aside our fear and discomfort to become a brave church.

By taking the time to strive for becoming both a safe and brave church during this coming Lent, I believe we will grow more fully into becoming both living examples of God’s love in our congregation and in all the ways we are called to follow God-in-Christ out into the world where the Spirit leads us.



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Session Summary for December 2021

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls held its regularly scheduled meeting on December 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

Church Staff

Pastor
Rev. Phil Price

Office Manager
Cheri Pollard

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Barb Mix

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- Session voted to accept the proposed 2022 budget. It will be presented to the congregation at the congregational meeting on February 6th, 2022.
- Pastor Phil will be offering a New Members class on Saturday, January 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Terry Fletcher, Bob Parkinson and Judy Pollow will represent the Session at this meeting.
- Session approved the communion schedule for 2022. Separate elements served in the front of the sanctuary will be the method of distribution until further notice.
- Session approved the motion recommending that the Hallelujah Handbells go on hiatus until further notice. Their status will be reassessed at the end of 2022.
- With Session approval, the choir loft risers and chairs, along with handbell tables and handbells in cases will be placed in storage so that the organ console and grand piano can be placed behind the communion table. This project will be coordinated with the Building and Grounds committee.
- Committee reports were received from Building & Grounds, Worship, Mission, Nominating, Personnel, and Stewardship. The treasurer also submitted a report. These are available for perusal in the church office.
- A scholarship has been presented to Eric Price for his second semester at Boise State University.
- The Fellowship Committee expressed appreciation to Judy Wright for coordinating refreshments following worship.
- Persons using the church building must be diligent about closing and locking all doors after use.
- Pastor Phil will be offering a DVD study, “Marcus Borg: Beyond Belief” for the Adult Sunday School beginning in January. Materials for a Lenten study are under consideration.
- Annual Reports due January 15 2022. Committee chairs are asked to submit electronic reports using the form emailed to them.
- The date of the next stated Session meeting is Tuesday, January 19th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Room.

Melanie Halsell, clerk

Preaching Schedule

<p>February 6th 1st Reading 2nd Reading Sermon Title</p>	<p>5th Sunday after Epiphany (<i>communion—separate elements</i>) Isaiah 6:1-8 <i>A Vision of God in the Temple</i> 1st Corinthians 15:1-11 <i>The Resurrection of Christ</i> “God Calls”</p>
<p>February 13th 1st Reading 2nd Reading Sermon Title</p>	<p>6th Sunday after Epiphany Jeremiah 17:5-10 <i>Sin and Punishment</i> Luke 6:17-26 <i>Blessings and Woes</i> “God’s Blessings”</p>
<p>February 20th 1st Reading 2nd Reading Sermon Title</p>	<p>7th Sunday after Epiphany Genesis 45:3-11 <i>Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers</i> Luke 6:27-38 <i>Love for Enemies</i> “Enemy Love”</p>
<p>February 27th 1st Reading 2nd Reading Sermon Title</p>	<p>Transfiguration of the Lord Exodus 34:29-35 <i>The Shining Face of Moses</i> Luke 9:28-43 <i>The Transfiguration</i> “Meeting Jesus”</p>

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

Condensed Version of Budget for 2022

Giving -- \$146,000	
Building Rental -- \$6,000	
Permanent Endowment Earnings -- \$8,000	
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>\$160,000</u>
Pastor and Staff Compensation -- \$124,124	
Support Services -- \$22,526	
Facility -- \$17,930	
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$164,580</u>

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 Janu-
 ary and February
 The Twin Falls Humane Society will receive funds for March and April

Per Capita is a set amount of money per member that all congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church USA to support the coordination and evaluation of mission, and the performance of ecclesiastical, legislative and judicial functions of our governing bodies. It is an opportunity for everyone to feel a sense of community and participate equally and responsibly by sharing the cost of the General Assembly, Synods, and Presbyteries.

Put another way, it is similar to

- contributing one's dish to a potluck meal
- paying to be connected to the internet
- paying for the benefit of utilities such as telephone, water and electricity
- pitching in with other passengers to pay for gas for a road trip
- participating in a co-op program

Our church's per capita for 2022 is \$7,526 or \$44.00 per member (not household). If everyone would pay his/her share of per capita, we would have a balanced budget!

Won't you please pay your \$44.00.....or round up to \$50.00 as soon as possible to help our local finances while supporting the larger Presbyterian Church USA??

**Thank you,
 Your Stewardship Committee**

What is
 Per
 Capita?





Fellowship

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 February 24th at noon,
In the Fellowship room
We will be discussing "Girl, Stolen"
by April Henry

Please bring your own lunch and we will see you there!

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, February 17th at 10:00am
at Marjorie Gebauer's house
775 Mountain View Dr. TF
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 February 17th 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
worship and fellowship.

Starting 1/20/2022 in the Fellowship Room
1st & 3rd Thursdays at 12:00pm

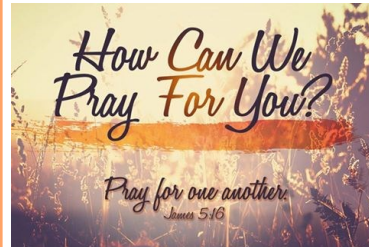
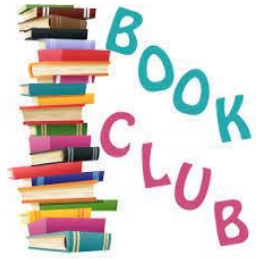
Contact Anita at 208-329-2293 for more info.

COOK'S NIGHT OUT

No information for February at this time

CHANGE IN BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be
moving to the 4th Thursday
of the month so that the new
prayer group can have the 1st
and 3rd Thursdays! Please
consider joining this new
group as well.



The prayer group
"Prayers for Us"
met on Thursday
January 20. We
prayed for elders
Carol Benson, Mark
Crothers and Terry
Fletcher. We also

prayed for Melanie Halsell, Deanna Baxter,
Darlene Annen, Candee Hawk, Susan Harris,
Barb Mix and Cheri Pollard. As we offered up
prayer concerns, we had a lively discussion on
how our church could become a vibrant part of
downtown Twin Falls.

Join us for the next meeting February 3 in
the Fellowship Room from noon to 1pm. Bring
your lunch!



Deacons,

Thank you so much for
the beautiful throw, sock of cozy
and the hand lotion.

This is so kind of you
all.

Bobby Riedesel

I just wanted to let you know I just met with the family that lost their home and all their belongings in a fire a couple of days ago. They were so thrilled with the gift cards. I also met with a mother that just moved into Valley House. She was equally excited to have a gift card for her daughter. Thanks so much Darlene and your congregation.

Becky Jaynes, LCSW
At-Risk Services/McKinney-Vento Liaison
Twin Falls School District



Thank You



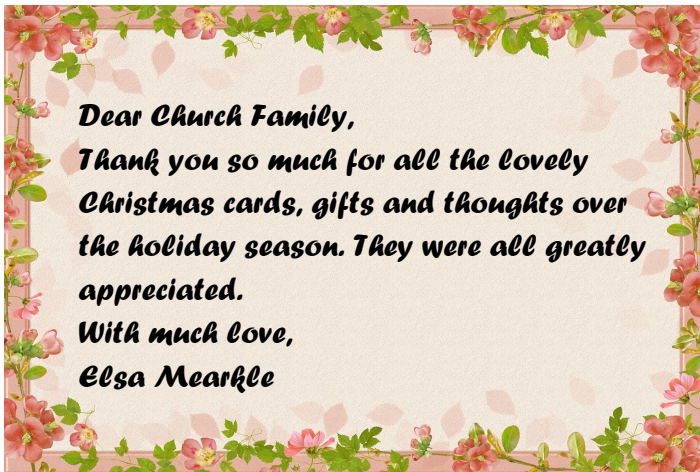
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kelly Probasco	2/1
Harry Geist	2/6
Fran Frost	2/11
Mark Crothers	2/20
Lacey Long	2/15
Camilla Ippolito	2/18
Herma Watson	2/21
Bear Probasco	2/26
Wanda Sanders	2/28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Miles & Nikki Daisher	2/14
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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@twinfallspc.org to help update our records!



My Dear Church Friends
I pray you all had a Blessed Christmas & have a Happy New Year
I want to thank you for the Beautiful Thank. I really do appreciate the thought. Nice & comfy for me & my dog Beau & throw over us in the evenings when we watch T.V.

My love & prayers
to you all

Herma Watson



SO VERY MUCH!
The joy of the Lord is your strength.
Nehemiah 8:10

Herma

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.



The Twin Falls 1st Presbyterian Church is honored to welcome our newest members:

Lyn and Cathy McMaster
Leonard and Alice Anderson
Llew and Dounia Mathews





Please welcome Lyn McMaster who received the holy sacrament of baptism on Sunday, January 9, 2022.



We believe that **baptism is a sign and seal of God's divine claim upon our lives.** In baptism, we are promised “deliverance from sin through Christ's blood” and “the Holy Spirit who produces faith” (Heidelberg, 4.074)

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:19-25

Circle 5 enjoyed making 5 polar fleece blankets which we donated to a family that lost everything in a fire.



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:00-1:30pm PEO Mtg- Kathy Price 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	2	3 12:00pm Prayers for Us (MPR) 4-5:30pm Support Group 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	4 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	5 8:30am Worship Comm. Mtg (FR) 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
6 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	7 11:00 Keeping Clean begins Bldg. 1 6:00-11pm Adult Volley- ball	8 1:00pm Building & Grounds in Fellowship Room 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	9 7:00am Men's Breakfast 1:00pm Mission Mtg (MPR)	10 4-5:30pm Support Group 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	11 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	12
13 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	14 Valentines Day 6:00-11pm Adult Volley- ball	15 5:30pm Stated Session (FR) 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	16 7:00am Men's Breakfast	17 10:00am Circle 5 (FR) 12:00pm Pray- ers for Us (MPR) 1:00pm Abigail Circle (FR) 4-5:30pm Sup- port Group 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	18 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	19 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
20 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	21	22 11:30-3:00pm PEO Chapter BP Vivian Wells	23 7:00am Men's Breakfast	24 12:00pm Book Club (FR) 4-5:30pm Support Group	25	26
27 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	28					

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