

The Trumpet

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Building a Life of Faith

"We plan and God laughs" is identified as a Yiddish proverb, the title of a book or two and the headline of multiple online articles meant to help people navigate periods in life when personal plans seem to disintegrate in front of our eyes. When we hear or read the proverb, it can be difficult not to nod along, especially when the phrase encapsulates something most of us have experienced: a perfected resume or proposal sent, but no word back; a flawless itinerary dissolved by the smallest delay; an event set to begin, upended by a storm; a setback or an entirely "new normal."

As much as we might nod along, or wince at our own experience, the proverb points us in the other direction, too. And if not the proverb, Scripture certainly does.

In the Book of Jeremiah, the tone and task are predominantly focused on God's judgment, but then Jeremiah shares the statement: "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans ... to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). These words were sent by the prophet Jeremiah to the Israelites who had been taken into Babylonian exile. These striking, comforting words reminded them that, despite their experience of the present, God's gesture, thoughts and plans for them — and for us — are peaceful, abundant and hopeful. "We plan and God laughs"? Perhaps. But it is just as possible that "we plan, and God imagines a future with so much more."

At Pentecost, we celebrate that God offers more than we can plan. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. Through the Young Adult Volunteer program, Presbyterian Youth and Triennium, the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" initiative, as well as a locally supported ministry (your Mission Committee chose the Twin Falls School District Angel Fund), we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan.

Please give generously because, when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

God of hopeful futures, make your plans in us. May they be beyond our imagining, so that our children, vouth and voung adults may see your kingdom come and your will done. Amen.



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Session Summary March, 2022

- The Session approved the Annual Statistical Report
- Doors remaining unlocked following worship continues to be a problem. Session members will be more diligent about checking that doors are locked.
- Worship planning took place on Saturday, March 26th at 9:00 a.m. A committee of church volunteers helped to select hymns and generate ideas for services for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter.
- More communion cups will be ordered.

Melanie Halsell, clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

January thru March 2022

Total Member Contributions - \$45,936

Per Capita - \$1,768 (<u>hope for \$7,526</u>)

Total Other Income - \$9,231

Volley Ball Rent - \$6,000

Total Income - \$55,167

Total Expenses - \$50,448

Administrative - \$32,198

Office - \$11,265

Per Capita - \$7,526

Facility - \$6,985

Mission - \$8,131 -- from outside

Net Profit – \$4,719

Please pay your per Capita - \$44 - Thank you!!

MISSION GIVING

2022

- The CSI Refugee Center-\$1,000
- The Twin Falls Humane Society-People for Pets-\$1,000
- Pledge to Presbytery/Synod/GA-\$12,000 to Basic Mission Support + \$1,000 to the Theological Education Fund + \$2,000 to Synod.
 - Christmas Joy Offering- \$1,060
 - Twin Falls School District Food Pantry Program-\$2,000
 - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-\$1,000 for Ukraine
 - Church World Services-64 Hygiene kits

For April our prayer group prayed for: Ukraine area, how our church is making a difference locally, Worship Planning Team, Pastor Phil, Session, Anita Klott, Linda Howar, Kelly Ford and family, Olen and Linda Foreman, Dorothy and Harry Geist,

Darlene Annen, Marjorie Gebauer, and Fran Frost and her family. Wonderful things are happening in our congregation! Join us for prayer the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, noon to 1pm in the All-Purpose Room off the Fellowship Room.

Thank you, Anita Klott





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.

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

<u>CHILDREN ARE WELCOME</u> 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



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 May 26 at noon,
In the Fellowship room
We will be discussing "An Invisible Client"
by Victor Methos
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, May 19 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 May 26 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

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.
Bring your lunch



Contributions of good are deductible for income tax purposes to the extent allowed by law. The Salvation Army doesn't fan evaluation on your gift. That is the privilege and responsibility of the donor. The donor certifies that he/she has received no good nor services for the stated donation.

Thank you for the cross Necklaces the People Loved them.

Blessings to You all.

Patty tt



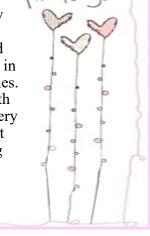
First Prosbyterian Church,

thank you for your generous donation. Your support allows us to provide the care that the animals all need while they are in the shelter.

People for Pets, MVHS

Thank you church family for the many visits and calls or concerns you had during my recovery time in Twin Falls Nursing Homes. I have been home a month now and see progress every day. I am so thankful that everything is progressing well.

Susan Harris



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.





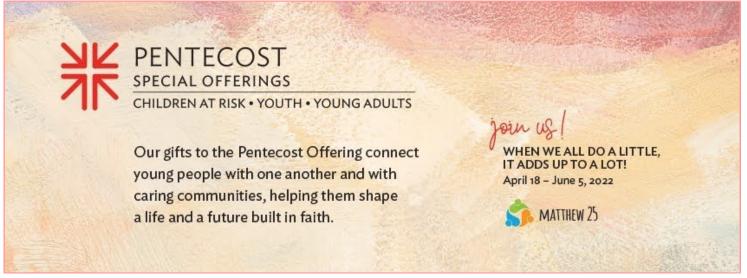
Mission at the Eastward (MATE)
McCleary House Transitional Housing
missionattheeastward.org
Farmington, Maine
\$80,000

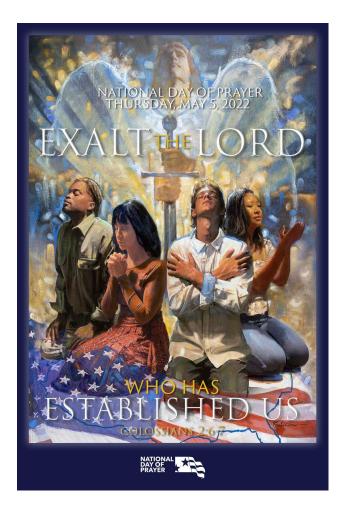
The Birthday Offering grant will help renovate McCleary House for people experiencing homelessness. Poverty has been increasing in Maine, with a growing number of vulnerable people losing their homes due to job loss, eviction, sickness or economic hardship—all complicated in the last years by the pandemic. This transitional home will provide a warm and healthy place to live for 3-4 families or 6-8 individuals over the course of the year, as most guests stay just a few months. The renovated home will provide a safe space for individuals to begin the psycho-social, educational and vocational work needed to move forward with their lives.

Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares, Puerto Rico Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand facebook.com/iglesia.lares Lares, Puerto Rico \$105,000

Following Hurricane Maria in 2017 and the January 2020 earth-quakes in Puerto Rico, the Presbyterian Church in Lares has become the go-to location in the community for food, purified water and personal items. With much of the population elderly and infirmed, they rely on the church for help with necessities. Because the church's kitchen is small, dated and not code compliant, upgrades are needed to continue providing this ministry. With funding from the Birthday Offering, all appliances, wiring, lighting and plumbing will be replaced and the facility will be made ADA accessible. Solar panels and a heavy-duty generator will be installed to provide uninterrupted electrical service and water availability.









God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.
~ Pat O'Reilly



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Adam Mix	5/1
Marty Mead	5/2
Karen Ippolito	5/3
Bob Wright	5/5
Gene Senkbeil	5/5
Margaret Vawter	5/5
Ron Watson	5/13
Ann Vogt	5/13
Monica Youree	5/13
Bob Parkinson	5/14
Steve Irwin	5/14
Rick Horner	5/17
Deck Waters	5/18
Dounia Matthews	5/19
Carol Benson	5/20
Kristin Keller	5/20
Ron Hardy	5/22
Eli Daisher	5/23
Stephen Ippolito	5/27
Marilyn Jensen	5/27
Marjorie Jackson	5/28
Rene Horner	5/29
Janet Houfburg	5/29
Kerm Leir	5/31
Faye Potthast	5/31
Bentley Probasco	5/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

Ron & Barb Hardy	5/5
Steve & Sarita Irwin	5/21
Adam & Leanndra Mix	5/27

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!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	2 7-9pm Narcotics Anonymous (MPR)	3	4 7:00am Men's Breakfast	5 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 12:00pm Prayers for Us(MPR)	6	7 8:30am Worship Committee Meeting (FR)
8 MOTHER'S DAY 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	9 7-9pm Narcotics Anonymous (MPR)	10 1:00pm Building & Grounds Mtg. Fellowship Rm	11 7:00am Men's Breakfast	12 1:30pm Abigail Cir (FR) 4-5:30pm Support Group	13	14 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
15 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	16 7-9pm Narcotics Anonymous (MPR)	17	18 7:00am Men's Breakfast	19 10:00am Circle 5 12:00pm Prayers for Us(MPR) 4-5:30pm Support Group	20 PAI last day of School	21
22 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	23 7-9pm Narcotics Anonymous (MPR)	24	25 7:00am Men's Breakfast	26 1:30pm Abigail Cir (FR) 12:00pm Book Club (FR) 4-5:30pm Support Group	27	28 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
29 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship in Fellowship	30	31				

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

