



The Trumpet

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

225th General Assembly

By Rev. Phil Price

The first part of my July is going to be spent in-person and online as Kendall Presbytery's Teaching Elder Commissioner to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s biennial denomination wide meeting. The meetings of the 225th General Assembly will be a blend between in-person Assembly committee meetings held at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville and online plenaries (to be attended by all participants at a conference or assembly, who otherwise meet in smaller groups) convened via Zoom between Friday, June 17, 2022, and Saturday, July 9, 2022. We have been told to expect up to **12 hours each day** (including breaks) in worship, plenary gatherings and other Assembly functions!

Committee assignments, where I will be from June 29th through July 2nd, were assigned at random; I will be serving on the General Assembly Ministry Coordination committee. The description for the committee's work is: "Items related to the outward facing actions of A Corp/Administrative Services Group, Presbyterian Mission Agency, and the Office of the General Assembly." I'm not quite sure what to make of that, but the one piece of business that most interests me is a recommendation for "Determining the Format for the 226th General Assembly (2024)".

In addition to the work of the Ministry Coordination committee, as a commissioner to the 225th General Assembly, there are 15 more committees deliberating on business to reject, table, or pass on for action in plenary sessions the first week of July. With that in mind, I thought you might be interested in some of the business before the assembly.

Ecumenical statements: in particular a study document on antisemitism and Islamophobia will be considered. Part of the rationale for this material states, "When Christians do not know the antisemitism and Islamophobia woven into our history, we are unable to come to our Jewish and Muslim siblings with repentance, and seek repair for this history."

Racism: a specific committee will be examining issues of race and gender justice, in particular an overture from southeastern Missouri asking the assembly to "offer an apology to African Americans for the sin of slavery and its legacy, and to adopt a litany of repentance" as well as a report from a task force examining disparities experienced by Black women and girls.

Gun violence: perhaps it is not surprising that the assembly would be asked to take positions on gun violence after so many high profile incidents of late; among those is an overture from the Synod of the Covenant (Michigan and Ohio presbyteries) directing the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for a number of gun control policies.

New confessions: three different topics are under consideration. One speaks of the need "to investigate the extent to which our own institutions and common life have benefited from the sins of racism and racialized supremacy." A second includes the question: "What does it mean to be a human in the 21st century?" And a third was written by youth ministry leaders in the Synod of the Northeast, titled: "A Confession for Such a Time as This."

International issues: concerns about human rights and justice issues around the world, expressed in overtures to the General Assembly include: humanitarian support to sub-Saharan Africa, work for human rights in the Philippines, a response to those suffering in Syria, and a call for Presbyterians to support the Korean Peace Appeal. All such overtures were due prior to Russia invading Ukraine.

Other issues to be considered by this assembly include equity for the LGBTQIA+ community both within the church and society; a proposed amendment to the PC(USA) Book of Order requiring 12 weeks of paid family medical leave for called and installed ministers of Word and Sacrament; how to address the lack of full-time ministers for our congregations of color; and a number of changes to the standing rules that regulate how the General Assembly conducts its business.

So, as you can see, there will be a lot for your sisters and brothers, both Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders to consider the first week of July. Some of those decisions will impact our life and ministry in Twin Falls. I ask that you be in prayer throughout the week, praying for commissioners to seek the mind of Christ in all that is said and done for the glory of God.



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Church,
Twin Falls, Idaho

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

**Per
Capita?**



FINANCIALS

January thru May 2022

Total Member Contributions - \$67,187
Per Capita - \$2,032 (**hope for \$7,526**)
Total Other Income - \$11,436
Volley Ball Rent - \$6,000
Total Income - \$78,623
Total Expenses - \$75,908
Administrative - \$53,130
Office - \$13,775
Per Capita - \$7,526
Facility - \$9,003
Mission - \$10,231 -- from outside
Net Profit - \$2,715

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
 - Twin Falls School District Angel Fund-\$1,444

Preaching Schedule

July 3rd	4th Sunday after Pentecost (<i>communion—separate elements</i>)
1st Reading	Isaiah 66:10-14 <i>The LORD Vindicates Zion</i>
2nd Reading	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 <i>The Mission of the Seventy</i>
Sermon Title	“Ordinary Heroes”
July 10th	5th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading	Psalm 82 <i>A Plea for Justice</i>
2nd Reading	Luke 10:25-37 <i>The Parable of the Good Samaritan</i>
Sermon Title	Luke 10: 25-37 "Goodness Knocking on the Door"
July 17th	6th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading	Psalm 15 <i>Plea for Help in Evil Times</i>
2nd Reading	Luke 10:38-42 <i>Jesus Visits Martha and Mary</i>
Sermon Title	“Listening to Jesus”
July 24th	7th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading	Psalm 138 <i>Thanksgiving and Praise</i>
2nd Reading	Luke 11:1-13 <i>The Lord's Prayer & Perseverance in Prayer</i>
Sermon Title	“Concerning Prayer”
July 31st	8th Sunday after Pentecost
	<i>Pastor Phil, Kathy, and Eric will be on vacation with family in Oregon.</i>

Fellowship and



Worship Opportunities

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

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 Kristen Keller 208-420-8854

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 July 28 at noon,

In the Fellowship room

We will be discussing "Elevation"

By Stephen King

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

Questions? Contact Kathy Price

CIRCLE FIVE

No meeting in July

ABIGAIL CIRCLE

no meeting in July



You know when you see someone sitting on the corner by the grocery store with a sign that says "anything will help" and you are torn? Your heart says help but your brain says, "Are they going to spend my money on food or **cigarettes**?" Your Mission committee has an answer to your question! FAMILY FRIENDLY GIFT CARDS. The Mission committee has purchased \$5 family friendly gift cards from Winco and Albertson's. The cards cannot be used to buy alcohol or cigarettes. So the next time you see someone on the street corner asking for help, hand them a gift card!

You can pick up the gift cards from the church office or any of the Mission committee members.

Sandwich Saturday Ministry



Sandwich Saturday began serving sack lunches in October 2020. We have grown from preparing 25 sack lunches to 108 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 26 lunches to the Apollo Inn who in turn distributes to families in need living in that group of motels, as well as 18 lunches to Main Street Extended Stay, and 18 lunches to Old Towne Lodge. We also learned that the SureStay Hotel on Blue Lakes has a need and deliver 26 lunches to them. 108 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 10:30 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.

**If you would like to help, join us on
Saturday, July 9th or Saturday, July 23rd.**



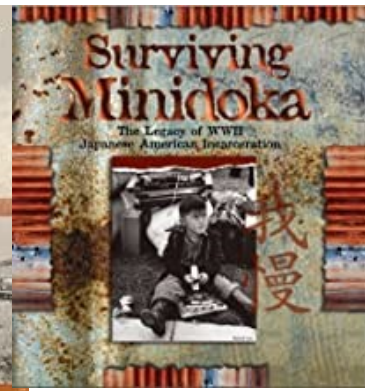
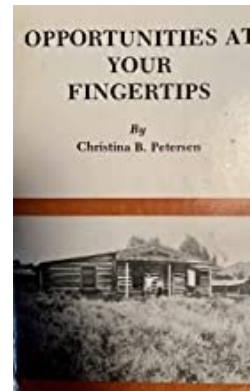
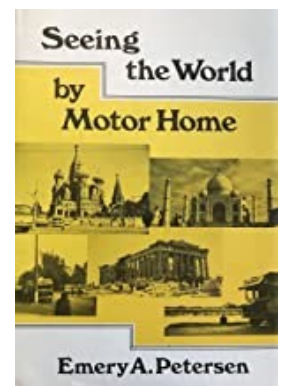
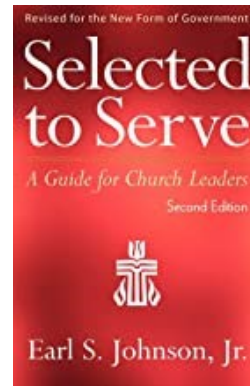
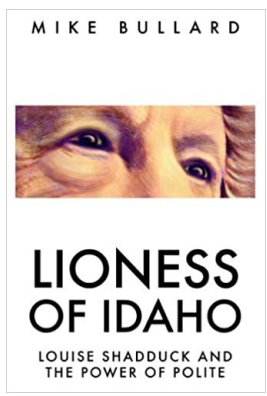
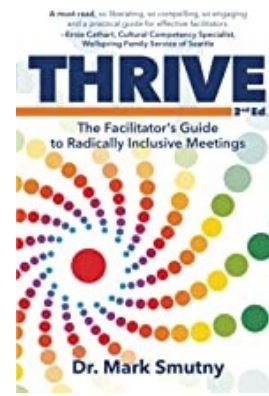
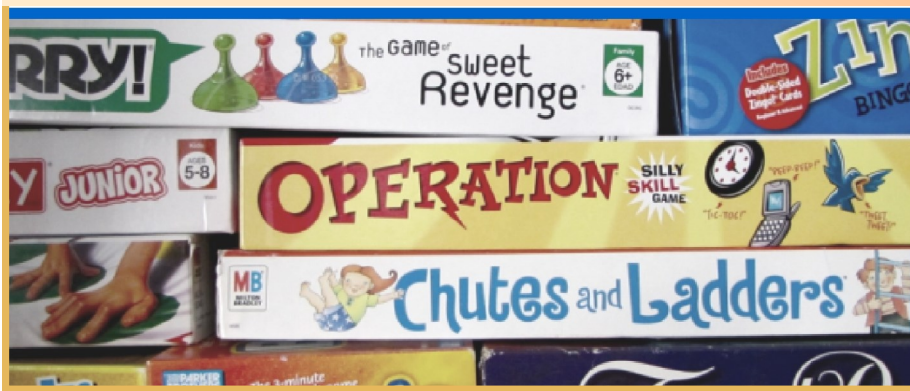
FAMILY GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, JULY 15

6:30 PM UNTIL 8:30 PM

Bring your favorite games to share.

Bring your own snacks. Soda and juice will be provided by your Fellowship committee.



Congregational Connections

Folks associated with our congregation have led amazing lives and a few of them have put their memories to print! Did you know that there are authors in our midst? Towards the end of June one of the children of the church called to say that his father, Emery Petersen, has a book available for download on Amazon.com titled "Seeing the World by Motor Home." Perhaps Emery was inspired by his mother, Christina, who wrote her own book titled "Opportunities at Your Fingertips" which is also available on Amazon.com.

That phone call prompted Pastor Phil to remember a number of other family and friends of the congregation are themselves published as well. At least two of our former pastors Rev. Mike Bullard published a biography about Louise Shadduck titled "The Lioness of Idaho" and Rev. Earl Johnson, Jr., years after leaving Twin Falls, wrote "Selected to Serve: A Guide for Church Leaders" still a popular handbook for Presbyterian church leaders.

More recently, Rev. Dr. Mark Smutny (Al & Jo Smutny's son) with the help of illustrator Mark Gerber (Phyllis & Harald Gerber's son) published "Thrive: The Facilitator's Guide to Radically Inclusive Meetings". And over the past year Russ Tremayne has been worshipping with us; he is the author of "Surviving Minidoka: The Legacy of WWII Japanese American Incarceration".

In addition to authors and an illustrator, Llew Matthews is an accomplished jazz musician and Miles Daisher holds a world record for most unassisted BASE jumps in 24 hours.

God has richly blessed us with many talented people, I wonder, who else among our congregation has accomplished something we all would benefit from knowing?



Presbyterian Mission
**Mission Engagement
 & Support**

June 14, 2022

Thank You!

First Presbyterian Church
 Attn: Clerk of Session
 209 5th Ave. N
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Dear Clerk of Session:

Grace and peace to you and yours through our Lord Jesus Christ, who makes us one.

We give thanks for this Pentecost season as we all celebrate and recognize the gifts of the Spirit. Thank you for your ministry. We also thank you for your faithful support. Your gifts combined with those of so many congregations contribute to building up and strengthening the whole body and the mission that is our calling through Jesus Christ.

On behalf of Presbyterian Mission, please convey our appreciation to your mission committee, pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support. On April 29, 2022, we received \$250.00 for 102 Shared Mission Support; on May 25, 2022, we received \$500.00 for 102 Shared Mission Support.

Thank you, for your witness to the Great Commission and your partnership in mission.

Blessings on your mission and ministry,

Rene

Rene Myers
 Mission Engagement Advisor
 Office of Mission Engagement and Support



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Greg Misbach	7/2
Chris Talkington	7/3
Cassie Miltenberger	7/3
Vivian Wells	7/7
Sarah Benton	7/8
Carolyn Bolton	7/9
Chance Keller	7/12
Eric Price	7/18
Erik Long	7/18
Mary Kuhn	7/19
Melanie Halsell	7/20
Marsha Neibling	7/22
Roo Howar	7/23
Ray Harris	7/24
Terry Ford	7/25
Susan Harris	7/26
Jan Toolson	7/26
Scott Atkins	7/27
Harry Sanders	7/29
Ryan Geist	7/29

JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

Anthony & Bailey Allred	7/2
Don & Nancy Hammond	7/11
Deskin & Susan Waters	7/17
Jeff & Janice Geist	7/28
Howard & Marsha Neibling	7/30

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!



**Meals on Wheels
 Delivery Drivers Needed**

We can't do it without you!

The Twin Falls Senior Center needs your HELP! Drivers are urgently needed to deliver meals to home bound seniors in Twin Falls Monday through Friday. Routes take an hour or less to complete. Your commitment is based on your availability. You must be 18 years of age, have your own car and proof of liability insurance, and have a background check. Drivers currently receive 57.5 cents a mile fuel reimbursement. This opportunity will be self rewarding and life changing. Please help us serve the community one heart at a time.

Call (208) 734-5084 to volunteer.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 COMMUNION SUNDAY	4 Independence Day	5	6 7:00am Men's Breakfast	7 4-5:30pm Support Group	8	9 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
10 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	11 7-9pm Narcotics Anonymous (MPR)	12 1:00pm Build- ing & Grounds in Fellowship Room	13 7:00am Men's Breakfast	14 4-5:30pm Support Group	15 6:30-8:30pm Family Game Night (FR)	16
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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