

The Trumpet

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What Is Juneteenth?

By Reverend Phil Price

According to the Presbyterian Historical Society's website "Juneteenth Day (June 19th of every year) marks Major General Gordon Granger's announcement of the abolition of slavery in Galveston, Texas on June 19th, 1865. His arrival came two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation; this was big news to those still enslaved in the state. The day was recognized as a federal holiday on June 17, 2021."

General Granger's proclamation says: "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

Juneteenth is a day to recognize our forebears' efforts to make this nation more perfect than the one envisioned by the founding generation who left in-tact our nation's original sin: slavery. By recognizing this national holiday we are not only commemorating the sacrifices made to remove the stain of human bondage from our country's heritage, we are also living into a more just and equitable world based on who God in Jesus Christ calls us to be.

And so, late in 2021 a group of church members got together and began discussing how we could commemorate this newest national holiday, especially since it falls on a Sunday. I shared with the group a small book titled simply, "On Juneteenth" by Annette Gordon-Reed, and what we came away with was the need to find ways of educating ourselves and community about this new holiday since it has not been part of our collective experience. With that in mind we started to think about how we would go about such an educational endeavor.

What we eventually decided to pursue, with Session's approval, is a three-session educational opportunity titled "Juneteenth: American Equality, Freedom Sets a Larger Table" on Wednesday June 1st, 8th, and 15th at 7 p.m. Three different speakers will present three different angles: CSI Assistant Professor Dounia Matthews will present an anthropological perspective; Dr. Jeff Fox will present either a musical or literary perspective, and CSI Instructor Justin Vipperman will present an historical perspective. Then on Sunday, June 19th (Juneteenth) Pastor Phil and Justin Vipperman will engage in a dialogue sermon based on Galatians chapter 3:23-29.

As a Matthew 25 congregation committed to the work to dismantling structural racism and working towards God's dreams of justice, jubilee, and liberation for all people, it is my hope that we can grow in our understanding of Juneteenth as part of our country's history.

It is also my hope that as we explore this new national holiday we will be engaging not only our commitment as a Matthew 25 church but also living into our congregation's long-standing mission of being living examples of God's love in the world. In the meantime, please feel free to ask to borrow my copy of Annette Gordon-Reed's "On Juneteenth" or any number of volumes in my personal library that will prepare our heart, mind, and spirit to grapple with "Juneteenth: American Equality, Freedom Sets a Larger Table". Also, please take the time to mark your calendars for June 1st, 8th, and 15th at 7 p.m. so that you can join in the discussion!



Session Summary

April 19th, 2022

Church Staff

Pastor Rev. Phil Price

Office Manager Cheri Pollard

Organist &
Handbell Director
Barb Mix

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© First Presbyterian Church, Twin Falls, Idaho A Congregation Meeting will be held on May 22^{nd} to apprise church members of ideas being discussed regarding future use of Buildings 2 & 3. Pinecrest Academy's lease will be expiring in June of 2023.

Pastor Phil will be coordinating Reckoning with History: Why Juneteenth Matters", a lecture series being held on three consecutive Wednesday evenings in June 1st, 8th and 15th. Speakers from the community will speak on topics in advance of a worship service on June 19th, 2022 which will be an observance of the holiday.

Distribution of 3rd Grade Bibles, scheduled for May 29th, has been postponed to a later date. The PW Birthday Offering will also be held on another Sunday.

Pastor Phil will be attending a conference on Homiletics in Denver during the Session's next stated meeting time. The Session voted to cancel the May meeting.

The next stated Session meeting will be held on June 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

Melanie Halsell, clerk

FINANCIALS

January thru April 2022

Total Member Contributions - \$55,308 Per Capita - \$1,944 (<u>hope for \$7,526</u>) Total Other Income - \$11,385 Volley Ball Rent - \$6,000

Total Income - \$66,693

Total Expenses - \$62,859

Administrative - \$42,864

Office - \$12,365

Per Capita - \$7,526

Facility - \$7,630

Mission - \$8,131 -- from outside

Net Profit - \$3,834

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



Preaching Schedule

June 5th Day of Pentecost (communion—separate elements)

Genesis 11:1-9 The Tower of Babel
Acts 2:1-21 The Day of Pentecost

Sermon Title "Empowered"

1st Reading

2nd Reading

June 12th Trinity Sunday

1st ReadingRomans 5:1-5Results of Justification2nd ReadingJohn 16:12-15The Work of the Spirit

Sermon Title "Connections"

June 19th 2nd Sunday after Pentecost & Juneteenth

1st Reading Luke 8:26-39 Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

2nd Reading Galatians 3:23-29 Clothed with Christ

Sermon Title "Dialogue"

June 26th 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Elisha Becomes Elijah's Disciple
2nd Reading Luke 9:51-62 Would-Be Followers of Jesus

Sermon Title "Seeing the Future"

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

<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 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 June 23 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, June 16 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 June 9 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



Our prayer group
"Prayers for Us"
held it's final
meeting May 19.
During May we
prayed for Session,

Pastor Phil, several leaders in our church family, several members of our congregation, and friends of our congregation.

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





On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of Holy Spirit which draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

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.



JOIN US! To Register: twin.church/habitat

Help Build Hope This June

Crossroads Missions - Help Build Hope is partnering with UMC of Twin Falls and Boise to build the interior and exterior walls for two homes. These projects will assist families living in substandard housing as they are donated to Habitat for Humanity. We are blessed to be able to partner with this great organization twice this summer to build the walls for the Juarez and Edwards family homes!

Saturday, June 18th 10:00 Downtown Twin Falls Splash Pad Register at: twin.church/habitat

Saturday, June 25th
10:00
Cathedral of The Rockies - Amity Campus
Register at:
cathedraloftherockies.com

Thank you to all the new volunteers that showed up to help for Sandwich Saturday on May 28th. What fun we all had!















JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte Long	6/1
Linda Foreman	6/2
Ruby Petersen	6/2
Deanna Baxter	6/5
Phil Winn	6/6
Anthony Ippolito	6/13
Dorothy Geist	6/14
Nikki Daisher	6/15
Susan Waters	6/18
Tina Flournoy	6/20
Jerry Green	6/29
Steve Knott	6/29
June Argyle	6/30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

Mark & Cyndie Koffer	6/4
Lynn & Kathy McMaster	6/6
Tom & Jeannie Billington	6/8
Jon & Michelle Myers	6/9
Leonard & Alice Anderson	6/11
Phil & Kathy Price	6/15
Allan & Fran Frost	6/13
Terry & Phyllis Fletcher	6/15
Doug & Hillary Frost	6/16
Erik & Lacey Long	6/28
Brent & Debbie Bergen	6/29
Harry & Wanda Sanders	6/30

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@twinfallsfpc.org to help update our records!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00am Men's Breakfast	2 4-5:30pm Support Group	3 National Gun Violence Aware- ness	4 8:30am Worship Comm. Meeting (MPR) 9:30am Kathy Price (FR)
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	6 7-9pm Narcotics Anonymous (MPR)	7	8 7:00am Men's Breakfast	9 1:30pm Abigail Cir (FR) 4-5:30pm Support Group	10	11 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
12 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	13 7-9pm Narcotics Anonymous (MPR)	14 1:00pm Building & Grounds (FR)	15 7:00am Men's Breakfast	16 10:00am Circle 5 4-5:30pm Support Group	17	18
19 Father's Day 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship Juneteenth	20 World Refugee Day 7-9pm Narcotics Anonymous (MPR)	21 5:30pm Stated Session (FR)	22 7:00am Men's Breakfast	23 12:00pm Book Club (FR) 4-5:30pm Support Group	24	25 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

