



a letter from the pastor

William Willimon, the former Duke University Chaplain, told the following story.

“I know a man who was minding his own business in a rather humdrum job in a large company. He spent his days in distribution or something like that. One day he was summoned to the president’s dreaded ‘front office’. He was horrified. He had only met the president on a couple of occasions. This could not be good.

Imagine his shock when the president got right to the point. “Lewis, I want you to take charge of a big project of ours, a new market we’re developing in the Midwest.”

“Me? Why?” He asked in amazement. What were his qualifications for such a task?

“People tell me that you are honest, that you can be trusted and you think more about the good of the company than you think about yourself. You are just the sort of person we need for this job.”

He was delighted, but the complexity of the assignment caused him nearly to give up before he began. Then he reminded himself, “The boss chose me – me – for this job. He must see things in me that I haven’t seen in myself. The boss is not a fool. He knows what he’s doing, so if he thinks I can do this, maybe I can.”

Each person of First Presbyterian Church is being given the same challenge – we’ve got a big job for you and you are the right person needed for this job. The year ahead will be exciting and challenging and could feel overwhelming. Dreams for the congregation will be explored. A Pastoral Search Committee will be established. Sometime later this year or early 2024, it is likely a new pastor will be called by the congregation. That person will bring new skills and interests. Also, the normal work of the church will continue and dedicated members who are able to say “yes” will serve on committees and leadership positions that will carry out the ministry of the church. The hopes and needs before us may be new and challenging but not impossible. Perhaps some are cautious about the challenges and asking; “Me?” Yes, you, and remember that our “boss” sees something in each of us that might be invisible to our eyes, but “the boss is not a fool”. The “boss” knows what is going on and believes in each one of us. If you can embrace that the “boss” is talking to you, then you will be up to any challenge that comes before you and the congregation.

Peace to all, Don

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Session Summary for November, 2022

The stated session meeting for The First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls was held on November 15th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

Eric Price will be given the other half of his scholarship for Boise State University in the amount of \$750.

Judy Pollow will now be serving on the personnel committee

Susan Riswold has been hired as our new Administrative Assistant. She will be in the church office Tuesday through Friday. Don Hammond will be there Monday through Thursday.

Kristen Keller's term of service as Elder of Christian Nurture on session is ending. She is seeking a replacement.

It was decided that Pledge Cards should be in by December 4th and December 11th would be Pledge Card Sunday.

The next stated session meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

Melanie Halsell, clerk

January thru November 2022

Total Member Contributions - \$129,498
Per Capita - \$2,696 (**hope for \$7,526**)
Total Other Income - \$13,122
Volley Ball Rent - \$6,000
Total Income - \$142,620

Total Expenses - \$128,311
Administrative - \$91,259
Office - \$21,156
Per Capita - \$7,526
Facility - \$15,896
Insurance - \$4,005
Net Income - \$14,309



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

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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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.

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, and board books.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

Sunday, January 8

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is observed annually. It falls on the Sunday after January 6, so this year the date is January 8. It commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. It is also known as "Theophany". The Baptism of the Lord memorializes the baptism of Jesus Christ in

the Jordan River by John the Baptist at the start of His ministry. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is seen as God revealing Himself to man as people identify with Jesus. It reminds the believer that just as Jesus moved from the baptism waters into ministry, they need to move

2022 SESSION ELDERS

Mark Crothers
(Worship)

Phil Winn
(Stewardship)

Bob Parkinson
(Mission)

Judy Wright
(Fellowship)

Lawrence Flournoy
(Building & Grounds)

Chris Talkington
(Fellowship)

Carol Benson
(Worship)

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

COMMISSIONED DEACONS

Darlene Annen & Candee Hawk
(Memorial Dinners)

Charlotte & Bill Eberlein
(Mission | Christmas Project)

Carol Benson
(Card Ministry)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Darlene Annen & Susan Harris
Co-Moderators

Joan Leir – Secretary
Colleen Miltenberger –
Treasurer

MEN'S BREAKFAST

**At 7:00 am every Wednesday morning
at Idaho Joe's**

for breakfast & topical discussion.

Contact Phil Winn

CIRCLE FIVE

Thursday, January 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

Thursday, January 19 at 1:00pm

In the Fellowship room.

All are welcome to join us. If you are interested
contact Deanna Baxter, Susan Harris, or Joan Leir

LUNCH WITH GOD

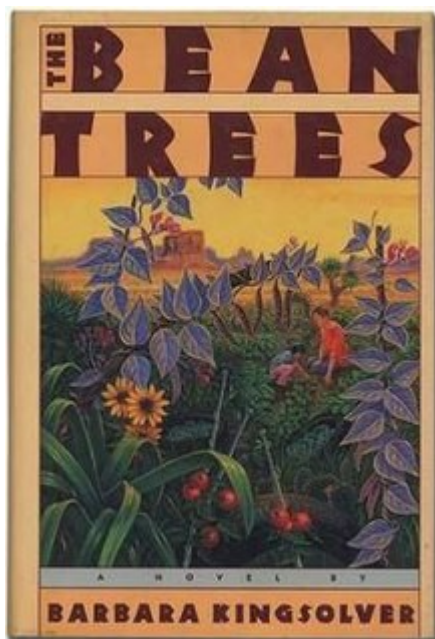
Wednesdays at noon in the Fellowship room

BOOK CLUB

Thursday, January 26 at 1:00pm

at Great Harvest Bakery

We will be discussing The Bean Trees by Barbara
Kingsolver



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 dcanen@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
January 7 and January 21.**

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday 10am Worship <i>New Years' Day</i>	2 7-9pm NA (MPR) 10-11Yoga (SSR) <i>National: 'Thank God it's Monday' - Day</i>	3	4 7am Men's Breakfast 10-11Yoga (SSR) 12n Lunch w/ God (FR)	5 6-11pm Adult Volleyball	6 6-11pm Adult Volleyball	7 <i>10:30am Sandwich Saturday</i> 
8 10am Worship	9 7-9pm NA (MPR) 6-11pm Adult Volleyball <i>National: Law Appreciation Day</i>	10 1pm Building & Grounds (FR) 6-11pm Adult Volleyball	11 7am Men's Breakfast 12n Lunch w/ God (FR)	12 6-11pm Adult Volleyball	13 6-11pm Adult Volleyball	14
15 10am Worship <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday</i>	16 7-9pm NA (MPR) 6-11pm Adult Volleyball <i>National: Human Rights Day*</i>	17 5:30pm Stated Session (FR) 6-11pm Adult Volleyball	18 7am Men's Breakfast 12n Lunch w/ God (FR)	19 10am Circle 5 (Marjorie Gebauer's home) 1pm Abigail Circle (FR)	20	21 <i>10:30am Sandwich Saturday</i> 
22 10am Worship <i>National: Celebration of Life Day*</i>	23 7-9pm NA (MPR)	24 PEO Chapter BP 10:30-4pm (FR)	25 7am Men's Breakfast 12n Lunch w/ God (FR)	26 1pm Book Club -Great Harvest Bread	27	28
29 10am Worship	30 7-9pm NA (MPR)	31	<i>Just for Fun: National Dates</i> 1/4 Spaghetti Day 1/5 Bird Day 1/14 Dress Up Your Pet Day – I'm sure they will love it! 1/19 Popcorn Day 1/21 Squirrel Appreciation Day 1/27 Chocolate Cake Day			

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED