



a letter from the pastor

I read a story about Nantucket, Massachusetts. Nantucket is a summer destination for thousands of tourists and a large number of visitors are people who walk the beaches, streets and shops in bare feet. Bare feet, with sand and other particles from outside make an awful mess on the floors of the local merchants. To prevent such a mess, stores began placing signs near the door that read: “No admission to people with bare feet”.

In Nantucket, another store placed an enormous sign in the front that read “Bare feet welcome!” That store sold sandals. While others were seeing a problem, the owner of the sandal store saw need and opportunity. He was the only merchant in town who welcomed the unwelcomed and business was good.

A church parking lot had a chain draped across the entrance. In the middle of the draped chain was a sign that read “No Trespassing”. That caused me to wonder about the messages we, the church, give to others. Do people read between the lines and hear us say; “some people not welcome”? Do we give messages that say; “you are welcome here if you fit into who we are”. How about a message that says; “no sinners allowed”. The Church becomes strong and relevant when we identify such messages and make a point of getting rid of them. If Jesus gave those messages, there would never have been a following of him or a Church to be built. If we would delete all the Gospel messages of Jesus welcoming the strangers/foreigners, thieves, poor, beggars and everyone who was identified as “unclean” and unworthy, then we would have very little new and valuable, just the same old ways and standards and Jesus of Nazareth would not likely be even a footnote in history. Jesus’ entire ministry was focused upon getting rid of such messages and replacing them with signs, words and actions that announce; “EVERYONE is WELCOME” and if anyone of us is uncomfortable with that, then it is we who have some changing to do.

The sandal shop owner was the only merchant in town that saw opportunity with the unwelcome signs in other places. If the Church is going to live up to the hopes and expectations of Jesus, then it needs to discard the sensibilities of any community standard that gives any obvious or subtle unwelcome messages. The Church has the opportunity to announce the most powerful message ever given and it is; “HERE, EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND WE MEAN IT!” Because God loves everything God makes, we have been given the opportunity to be the living, visible expression of Jesus’ living and teaching. He meant it when he practiced love for

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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 December 2022

Total Member Contributions - \$155,847

Per Capita - \$2,784

Total Other Income - \$17,550

Volley Ball Rent - \$6,000

Total Income - \$173,397

Total Expenses - \$145,200

Administrative - \$105,661

Office - \$22,763

Per Capita - \$7,526

Facility - \$16,876

Insurance - \$4,005

Net Income - \$28,197



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

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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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.

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, February 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

Thursday, February 16 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, February 23 at 1:00pm

at Great Harvest Bakery

We will be discussing The Maid, by Rita Prose



Our next Book club meeting is Thursday,
February 23 at Great Harvest bakery from 1pm
to 2pm. Join us even if you don't get the book
read, have a sandwich or a hot drink, hang out
for awhile. February's book is "The Maid" by
Rita Prose. The library has several ways to read
and listen to this book.

Sandwich Saturday began
serving sack lunches in
October 2020. We have
grown from preparing 25
sack lunches to 108 sack
lunches. Each lunch in-
cludes 2 Smucker's peanut butter and jelly sandwich-
es, an apple or an orange, 2 cookies, a bag of chips
and a bottle of water. Lunches are packed in an assem-
bly 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 apprecia-
tion.



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
February 4 and February 18.**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7am Men's Breakfast 12n Lunch w/God (SSR)	2 6-11pm Adult Volleyball	3 6-11pm Adult Volleyball	4 10:30am Sandwich Saturday 
5 Communion 10am Worship	6 6-11pm Adult Volleyball 7-9pm NA (MPR) *6pm Cooks Night Out	7 6-11pm Adult Volleyball	8 7am Men's Breakfast 12n Lunch w/God (SSR)	9 6-11pm Adult Volleyball	10	11
12 10am Worship <i>Lincoln's Birthday Super Bowl</i>	13 6-11pm Adult Volleyball 7-9pm NA (MPR)	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 7am Men's Breakfast 12n Lunch w/God (SSR) 6-11pm Adult Volleyball	16 10am Circle 5 1pm Abigail Circle (FR) 6-11pm Adult Volleyball	17	18 10:30am Sandwich Saturday 
19 10am Worship	20 7-9pm NA (MPR) <i>Washington's Birthday President's Day</i>	21 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> 5:30pm Stated Session (FR)	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7am Men's Breakfast 12n Lunch w/God (SSR)	23 1pm Book Club Great Harvest Bread	24	25
26	27	28		*Cooks Night Out		



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED