



The Trumpet

A Monthly Newsletter Publication from Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church

May 2023 Edition



In college, I worked for the US Forest Service in Northern Idaho. I lived on mountain tops in fire lookout towers searching for fires. As many know, Nancy has recently written a book about the fire lookouts and it will be available in mid-June. It was a lonely job with isolation from people for long stretches of time. Occasionally I developed “fire lookout fever” (kind of like island or cabin fever) and I would need to get off the mountain. One-day Nancy and I decided to take our old, decrepit pick-up truck and follow a logging road we had not been on. It was lined with conifer trees. The road was extremely narrow with steep drop-offs down the mountainside. We crept along the road for several miles until a fallen tree blocked our way. There was no room to turn around neither was it reasonable to back the truck for several miles. I made the terrible mistake of not bringing a saw for such a problem. What was I to do? The only tool I had was the truck. I positioned the vehicle against the tree, put it in the granny gear (the lowest gear) and pushed hoping the truck would be capable of moving the tree. Fortunately, the truck did its job and we were able to continue.

Occasionally, on one of life’s roads when a barricade blocks the way we wonder, “What am I to do?” A death occurs, a relationship is broken, a job or career ends, a friend moves away or retirement begins.

Even in the church something can happen causing us to ask the same question. “What am I to do?” I have frequently asked myself that question in challenging times and my first inclination has normally been, “turn back”. Unfortunately, “turning back” is often the most un-useful of options. My mountainside road experience helped me to understand the best direction when facing obstacles, is forward. Push forward with all the courage and strength you can gather. Inevitably, forward is always the best option.

As you face obstacles that cause anxiety, it is okay to look back, but never attempt to go back, for backwards is likely to be the most un-useful of directions. Go forward and that is the message of the Gospel. Though going forward is filled with uncertainty, going backwards is filled with what no longer exists. We walk with our God and God’s direction is not reverse. God’s direction is always forward. It must be the same for us and the church. Forward, for that is the direction God is moving.

Peace, Don

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Session Summary May 2023

- ◆ The Mission Committee made donations to Presbytery / Synod and General Assembly.
- ◆ FPCTF is now contributing pertinent church information, on a weekly basis, to the Times News. This appears in the Saturday edition of the newspaper.
- ◆ The January 'Fifth Sunday' event was well-attended, with many expressions of 'dreams' for FPCTF. The next Fifth Sunday service will be on April 30th.
- ◆ Due to Covid concerns, delivery of Home Communion will be limited to one home or one care facility resident per day.
- ◆ Volunteers to provide transportation to church each week are still needed.
- ◆ No Session meeting was held in March, due to illness among Session members.

Finance - March 2023

Total Member Contributions - \$31,996
Per Capita - \$628
Total Other Income - \$4,680
Volley Ball Rent - \$0
Total Income - \$36,676
* Total Expenses - \$45,628
Administrative - \$25,722
Office - \$11,377
Per Capita - \$7,265
Facility - \$8,529
Insurance - \$0
Net Loss – \$8,952
* Mission - \$4,789 - from outside



May 28 - Pentecost Sunday

The day Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with His Disciples (Acts 2).
With the Holy Spirit among the Disciples the Church was born.
In honor of this joyous occasion, it is popular tradition to wear red to Church, **to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit in our community and our unity in Christ.** Hopefully, our church will be blazing in red.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.





MAY BIRTHDAYS

Adam Mix	5/1
Marty Mead	5/2
Karen Ippolito	5/3
Bob Wright	5/5
Gene Senkbeil	5/5
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



**Sunday Worship 10:00am
Adult Bible Study 8:30am**

Please join us after Worship for fellowship and a light snack in the downstairs Fellowship Room.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

To worship with their families in the sanctuary. Fun worship bags are provided children to use in their pew.

WIGGLE ROOM FOR CHILDREN

The Family Room at the back of the sanctuary offers rocking chairs, a changing table, books and toys for the very young.

Downstairs in the Fellowship Room, children's corner off to the left with toy bin containing puzzles, soft toys, and board books to keep young ones busy.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

Please let the Church office know if we are missing your birthday or anniversary or need to make a correction - thanks!

First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls

2023 SESSION ELDERS

Mark Crothers
(People Committee)

Phil Winn
(Resources Committee)

Bob Parkinson
(Resources Committee)

Judy Wright
(People Committee)

Lawrence Flournoy
(Property Committee)

Chris Talkington
(Property Committee)

Carol Benson
(People Committee)

Judy Pollow
(Faith Committee)

Mark Koffer
(Faith Committee)

ELECTED OFFICERS

Melanie Halsell
Clerk of Session

Bob Parkinson
Treasurer

GIFTS, MEMORIALS & ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Phil Winn — Chair

COMMISSIONED DEACONS

Darlene Annen & Candee Hawk
(Memorial Dinners)

Charlotte & Bill Eberlein
(Mission | Christmas Project)

Carol Benson
(Card Ministry)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Co-Moderators
Darlene Annen
Susan Harris

Secretary
Joan Leir

Treasurer
Colleen Miltenberger

Did you Know??

May actually has two birth flowers. The Lily-of-the-Valley and the Hawthorn. The Hawthorn flower is a symbol of hope, while the Lily-of-the-Valley represents the return of happiness and sweetness.



Lily of the Valley flowers are pretty but poisonous!



The Hawthorn flower is a symbol of hope. It smells like spicy almonds and used in perfumes!

SMALL GROUPS

DISCIPLESHIP • FELLOWSHIP • MINISTRY

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every Wednesday at 7am

at Idaho Joe's Restaurant

Join us for breakfast & topical discussion

Contact Phil Winn

CIRCLE FIVE

Thursday, May 18 at 10am

at Marjorie Gebauer's house

775 Mountain View Dr. TF

Come and join us for fun and fellowship

Contact Darlene Annen 208-308-6681

ABIGAIL CIRCLE

Thursday, May 18 at 1pm

Held in Fellowship Room

All are welcome to join us

Contact Deanna Baxter, Susan Harris, or Joan Leir.

BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 25 at 1pm

at Great Harvest Bakery

"News of the World" by Paulette Jiles

Everyone Welcome!

Sandwich Saturday

In April we held 3 Sandwich Saturdays, with a total of 324 sack lunches given out.

We appreciate all the volunteers that help make this ministry a success, we are making a difference in our community!

It takes a small dedicated army to get the lunches together. From the shopping, filling the bags, putting labels on outside of bags, hanging banners and setting up tables outside of the Church, delivering lunches and helping with clean up – Wow!

Everyone is welcome to come help us with this ministry, we start at 10:30am and are completely finished by 1pm, with most helpers done by noon.

This ministry is a great opportunity for fellowship with other Church members and a great way to help our local community.

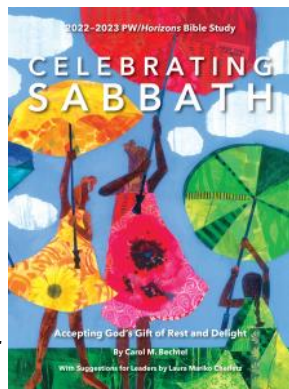
Please contact Darlene Annen at dcannen@gmail.com or 208-308-6681 if interested in helping.

Next Sandwich Saturday Events
May 13 & 27



Abigail Circle Bible Study

We are wrapping up our "Celebrating the Sabbath -Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight" bible study by Carol M. Bechtel. The May 18th study is combining Lesson 8, Sabbath & Justice and Lesson 9, Sabbath & Community.



In June we will do a one time study on the book of Ester, any woman in the FPC Community is welcome to join Abigail Circle for this study.

Please contact Susan Harris if interested.

Address Change:

Ruby Petersen
1828 Bridgeview Blvd.
Apt. 202
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Please let the Church office know of any changes to addresses or phone numbers
Thank you!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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



Memorial Day May 29th

Memorial Day is more than an excuse for a cookout and day off from work. The holiday was created to honor the many American men and women who died in military service. This focus on those who made the ultimate sacrifice sets it apart from Veterans' Day, which honors all military veterans, living and dead.

Why is the Poppy associated with Memorial Day?

Poppies are associated with those who died in wartime since World War 1. The red color of the poppy is not a symbol of blood, death or support of war, instead poppies were the only flowers that grew in war-torn battlefields. When the country sides were only mud and devastation the poppy flowers sprouted and flourished. Colonel John McCrae, Canadian soldier in 1915 wrote the poem "In Flanders Field".

The poem inspired 2 women Anna E. Guerin of France and Miona Michael of Georgia, together they sold artificial poppies to benefit the children left orphaned by the War, and by 1922 the poppy was adopted as the official memorial flower of the VFW.

In Flanders Fields

By: Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
that mark our place: and in the sky the
larks, still bravely singing, fly.
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago we
lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved
and were loved, and now we lie in
Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
to you from failing hands we throw the
torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow
in Flanders Fields.



Looking for a Local Ministry?

Volunteers needed to Drive People
to Church and Church Events

Or

Do You need rides to Church?

Here is an opportunity for people who want to participate in congregational worship and other church events, but are limited by lack of transportation.

We are recruiting people to participate in this important ministry by being available to drive someone to and from the church. If this is a ministry you can participate in, we would like to hear from you as we organize matching drivers with people in need of transportation.

If you are interested in being transported to the church for worship or other church events, please contact the church and we will seek to arrange a driver to bring you to and return you home from worship and events.

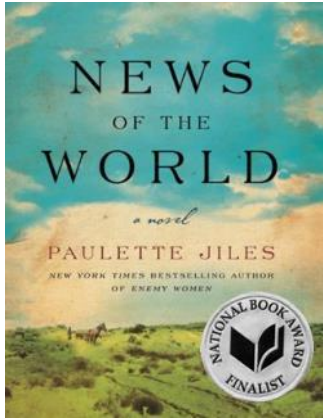
If interested, please contact Susan in the Church Office at [\(208\) 733-7023](tel:2087337023)

Book Clubbers

May 25—1pm
Great Harvest Bread
727 Blue Lakes Blvd, North
Everyone is Welcome!

May's Book is **News of the World** by Paulette Jiles. The Library has several books to read or listen to, there's even a movie starring Tom

Hanks! At this meeting we will collect ideas for the next 6 books (a book a month). Join us even if you don't get the book read. Come and enjoy a cool drink, baked item and fellowship!



Cook's Night Off

Monday—May 8th
Olive Garden Italian Restaurant
1597 Pole Line Road, East

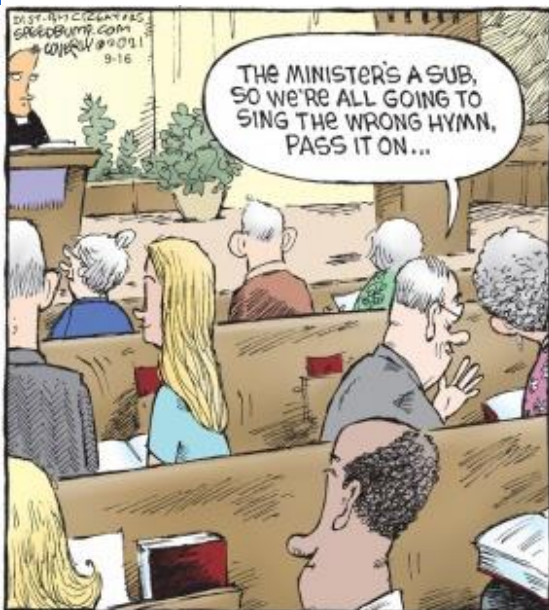
We get together once a month at a local restaurant for fun, food and fellowship!
Who doesn't need a night off from trying to decide what to have for dinner, not to mention the dishes!

Everyone is welcome to join us!
Please RSVP to ensure enough seating at the restaurant.

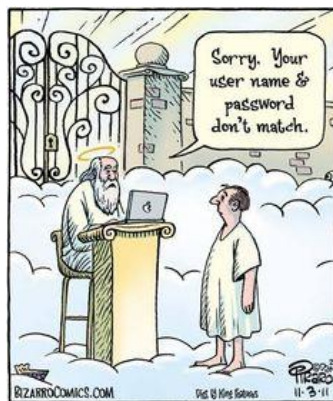
R.S.V.P.
Susan Harris
208-420-4678
Phil Winn
520-705-2656



Just
for Laughs



The famous question is asked for the first time.



UPDATE

CSI Refugee Programs Donations

When refugees arrive in Twin Falls, they are set up in houses or apartments, with only the bare necessities provided by CSIRP. They rely on generous donations from the community. I talked to the refugee coordinator Susan and she wanted me to pass on a big thank you to the Church family for their generosity!

She also said the majority of donations they receive are clothes and while they are appreciated they really only need Men's clothing.

Items greatly needed:

- Large children's diapers and wipes
- New twin and full size sheet sets
- New twin and full size blankets
- Kitchen dishes, Tupperware, utensils, pots and pans
- Men's jeans, new underwear and new socks

*Please remember only donate things that are in good shape and clean.
New items are always appreciated.*

Please take donations directly to

CSI Refugee Center
1526 Highland Ave East
Twin Falls, ID 83301
Phone 208-736-2166
Monday thru Friday 8am - 5pm
Closed for lunch noon - 1pm



Thank You in Advance for Your Generosity!

Be the Love & Kindness Needed in Today's World!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to conduct secret random and planned acts of kindness to help restore people's faith in God and humanity.

Hebrews 13:16 *Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.*



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

988 is Idaho's Behavioral Health Crisis Line - Call or Text 988

Beginning July 16, 2022, 988 became the new three-digit dialing code connecting people to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, where compassionate, accessible care and support is available for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress—whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.



May 2023

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Mon





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Sat

	1	2	3 Men's Breakfast 7am	4 National Day of Prayer 	5 Cinco De Mayo	6
7 Worship 10am Communion Sunday	8	9	10 Men's Breakfast 7am	11	12	13 Sandwich Saturday 10:30am
14 Worship 10am Mother's Day 	15	16 Stated Session Meeting 5:30pm	17 Men's Breakfast 7am	18 Circle 5 10am Abigail Circle 1pm	19	20
21 Worship 10am	22	23	24 Men's Breakfast 7am	25 BookClubbers 1pm Great Harvest Bread	26	27 Sandwich Saturday 10:30am
28 Worship 10am Pentecost Sunday	29 Memorial Day 	30	31 Men's Breakfast 7am			

Happy Mother's Day - May 14th!

**A Mother's Love
Of all the special joys in life,
The big ones and the small,
A mother's love and tenderness
Is the greatest of them all.**

~Anonymous



PENTECOST April 10—May 28, 2023

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Investing in our greatest resource

Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith


Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

Your impact

Nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

To make online donations <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>




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BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST.

— EPH. 4:12, CEB

*Uniting Presbyterians
in support of young people
sharing their faith, ideas and gifts
with the Church and the world.*



Text PENTECOST to 91999 or visit www.pcusa.org/pentecost to support these vital ministries.



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“God, from my youth you have taught me.”



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