

The Trumpet

July 2023 Edition

A Monthly Newsletter Publication from Twin Falls First Presbyterian



a letter from the pastor

When I was a child and heard “old people” talking, their speech was filled with words and sentences difficult for me to understand. My grandmother spoke in such a way. Those “old folks” did not speak as we kids spoke or our parents or other kid’s parents spoke. In my young mind I wondered, will I need to learn how to speak English differently when I become old? Eventually I figured it out. The “old folks” of our community were immigrants from Italy, Germany, Poland, Ukraine, Russia etc. and unlike me, their first language was not English, so they spoke English with an accent from their first language.

As a boy, I attended Sunday school and listened to other “old people” speak about things that were equally unusual to understand. They told stories of people from long ago. They were ancient people who did strange and bazaar things like turning into salt pillars for looking the wrong way, selling a younger brother into slavery (even though I would have done the same with my brother at that time) and some fringe guy named John who ate locust (grasshoppers) for lunch. All of that was odd and difficult to understand, I wondered; will I need to speak and behave oddly when I become old?”

Those “old people”, Sunday school teachers, also told stories about other people from long ago. I liked the stories of Jesus loving little children, his care for the poor, the ill and the neglected as well as his love for fortunate people. I heard that accent and because of it,

I had my first sense of how I wanted to speak when I became “old”. I wanted my primary language to have accents of “love”. I suppose the “old folks” teaching those stories in my Sunday school did breakthrough to me.

We all speak with “accents”, the option we are given as Christians is to choose what accent we will use? Jesus’ accent was strong with love. Is “love” your accent? How will you speak when you are “old?”

Love, Don



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Session Summary - June 2023

- * Members of the Session continued their discussion about hopes and dreams for First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls.
- * A congregational meeting will be held on July 9, 2023, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing members to the Pastor Nominating Committee. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.
- * Repairs to the Sanctuary and Church office caused by water damage are continuing.
- * Roof drains have been cleaned.
- * The sound system in the Sanctuary is being evaluated for its usefulness with hearing aids. (Bluetooth capacity will be considered going forward)
- * The piano in the Fellowship Room will be tuned.
- * Worship in the Fellowship Room will continue, until repairs to the Sanctuary upstairs are finished.
- * Pastor Don recognized Carol Benson's years of service to the Church in advance of her move to Oregon.
- * The next Stated Session meeting will be July 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

**July 9, 2023
Congregational Meeting
to elect the Pastor
Nominating Committee
following worship.
Everyone welcome to stay!**

Melanie Halsell
Clerk of Session



Finance - January thru May 2023

Total Member Contributions - \$54,084
Per Capita - \$960
Total Other Income - \$13,873
Volley Ball Rent - \$7,000
Total Income - \$67,957
Total Expenses - \$64,591
Administrative - \$39,999
Office - \$13,253
Per Capita - \$7,265
Facility - \$11,339
Insurance - \$
Net Gain - \$3,366



CHURCH 1917



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

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 bags are provided for 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.



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

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|---------------------|------|
| 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 |



Anthony & Bailey Allred
July 2

Don & Nancy Hammond
July 11

Deskin & Susan Waters
July 17

Jeff & Janice Geist
July 28

Howard & Marsha Neibling
July 30



*Lord Jesus,
Thou who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life; hear us as we pray for the
truth that shall make all free.*

*Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty
is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to
be hoarded.*

*Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the
opportunity to do what is right!*

-Peter Marshall

Flooding at Church

Due to clogged drains and heavy rain downpour on June 11th, the Church was flooded causing damage to the Sanctuary and offices. As a result Pastor Don and Susan will be working from home until the damage is fixed.

As you know God's Church is his people not a building, we will continue to worship together in the Fellowship Room until further notice. Hopefully we will be back in the Sanctuary soon. We are blessed to have a wonderful Congregation!

We appreciate everyone's understanding during this time of repair. Any questions or concerns you can email Pastor Don or Susan at churchoffice@twinfallsfpc.org.



ARCHIE

Welcome to the World!

Introducing baby boy alpacas
Archie Goodwin Born June 18, 2023

&

Oliver Beans Born June 22, 2023

These cuties belongs to Susan, in the Church office. Archie and Oliver are already running, playing and best friends! They are both very curious, follow their Moms around and like to know what their Grandmas and Aunts are doing.

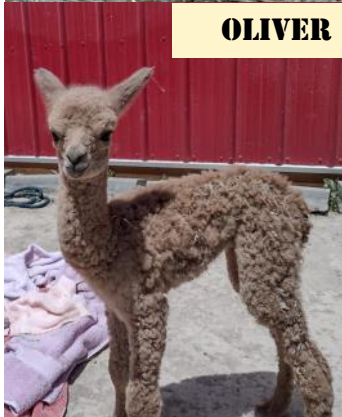
Archie and his Mom, LahDe communicate by humming and she keeps a good eye on him.

Oliver's Mom, Jasmine is never out of eye site and is an experienced Mom of two.

We have 5 adult female alpacas, one is still pregnant, they have all welcomed the boys into the herd and help the Moms keep an eye on them. Archie and Oliver are excited to have another playmate soon.

Did you know an alpaca is pregnant for a year!
We were waiting for these precious little boys for a long time.

Both Moms and Babies are doing well.



OLIVER

Cook's Night Off
Idaho Joes
598 Blue Lakes Blvd.
July 24th at 6pm

Join us for a dinner out - good fellowship, great food, support local restaurant and no dishes!
Please RSVP to ensure enough seating at restaurant.

Everyone Welcome!

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SMALL GROUPS
DISCIPLESHIP • FELLOWSHIP • MINISTRY

ABIGAIL CIRCLE

On Summer Break Resumes Sept. 21

All are welcome to join us
Contact Deanna Baxter,
Susan Harris, or Joan Leir.

BOOK CLUB

Thursday, July 27 at 1pm
at Great Harvest Bakery

CIRCLE FIVE

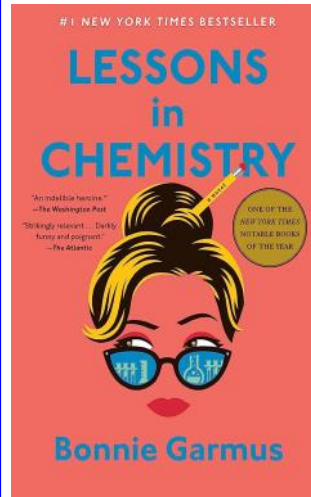
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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every Wednesday at 7am
at Idaho Joe's Restaurant
Join us for breakfast & fellowship
Contact Phil Winn

Book Clubbers

July 27 -1pm
Great Harvest Bread
727 Blue Lakes Blvd, North
Everyone is Welcome!



July book selection
"Lessons in Chemistry"
by Bonnie Garmus.

Please join us for food, fellowship and to discuss this great book.

Book can be found on-line, local stores and the Library.

Blessing Box

Our Local Outreach Ministry is Working!
Everyday someone from our local community is visiting our blessing box taking food or leaving some. What a blessing to be helping our local community. If you would like to contribute please bring food to Church before worship on Sundays.

Financial donations are always welcome!

Church Office Hours Tuesday - Friday
9:00am to 2:00pm

Please call the office to make an appointment with Pastor Don
208-733-7023

5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK - JULY 30TH
THE PEOPLE COMMITTEE IS PLANNING AN "OLD FASHIONED" POT LUCK FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON JULY 30TH. MORE DETAILS TO COME. EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Upcoming Sandwich Saturdays

July 8 and 22 - 10:30am
Free sandwich lunches given away outside the Church entrance on 5th Ave North



**Apple Pie
American since the 1700's!**

American settler's were looking for new traditions and new deserts, they left behind their British pastries and were taught to preserve apples and make pie crust by their fellow Dutch and German immigrants.

The first apple pie recipe in America was published in a cookbook in 1796.



The 50th star was added to the American flag on July 4, 1960. It symbolized Hawaii's admission as the U.S.'s 50th state.

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

Galatians 5:1

If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

Ronald Reagan

Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out because this is your Country. This is your Democracy. make it, protect it, pass it on!

Thurgood Marshall

**AMERICAN'S
SPEND
OVER
1 BILLION
ON
FIREWORKS
FOR THE 4TH OF
JULY
CELEBRATIONS!**



*God
bless
America*



Shoes for School Campaign 2023

FPC Presbyterian Women's groups Abigail Circle and Circle 5 are continuing the tradition of supporting the local mission of "Shoes for School". This mission provides school shoes for needy children her in our own Twin Falls.

The number of homeless students, kindergarten through 12th grade continues to grow. Many families struggle to provide enough food let alone school shoes, clothes and supplies.

We are asking for support again this year, with your donations we will purchase \$30 gift cards from The Shoe Department. The cards will be given to the At-Risk Services Coordinator for Twin Falls School District. The Coordinator will disperse the gift cards directly to qualifying students and their families on an as needed basis.

If you would like to donate to this worthy local mission, please place donation in collection plates or baskets on tables in Fellowship Room.

- * Donations accepted through month of September
- * Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with "Shoe Project" in memo line
- * Put cash in envelope with "Shoe Project" written on outside
- * Any questions contact Darlene Annen



Thank you for helping make a huge difference for children right her in Twin Falls!



PREAMBLE TO THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Why do we fold an American Flag is in the shape of a triangle?

Reason behind the triangular shape is so it replicates the iconic “tri-cornered” hat soldiers wore in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE HISTORY



July 4, 1776 - Commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by delegates from the 13 colonies. This is the day we celebrate the birth of the United States of America. Here is the journey the document went through.

April 19, 1775 - Start of the American Revolution. First shots were fired between colonists and British troops during the Battles of Lexington and Concord. After these first military conflicts, tension between Britain and her American colonists continued to mount.

July 2, 1776 - The 2nd Continental Congress voted for independence from Britain.

July 4, 1776 - Congress approved the final draft of the Declaration of Independence, drafted by Thomas Jefferson and edited by John Adams and Benjamin Franklin.

July 8, 1776 - First public reading of the Declaration of Independence took place at the Pennsylvania State house (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia. Later that same day other readings occurred in Trenton, New Jersey and Easton Pennsylvania.

**Did you know? Printer John Dunlap made about 200 copies of the Declaration with the date of July 4, known as the “Dunlap Broad sides” these were distributed throughout the 13 colonies.*

August 2, 1776 - Declaration of Independence as officially signed. John Hancock, President of the Congress was the first of 56 delegates who signed a enlarged version of the document.

August 4, 1776 - After all delegates of the Continental Congress signed the document, the Declaration of Independence was made official.



July 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  | | Pastor Don on Vacation July 6-8 | | | | 1 |
| 2 Communion Sunday Worship 10am | 3 NA Meeting 7pm (FR) | 4  | 5 Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes | 6 | 7 World Chocolate Day Yeah! | 8 Sandwich Saturday |
| 9 Worship 10am Congregation Meeting | 10 NA Meeting 7pm (FR) | 11 Cow Appreciation Day  | 12 Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Worship 10am | 17 NA Meeting 7pm (FR) | 18 Session Meeting 5pm (FR) | 19 Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes | 20 | 21 | 22 Sandwich Saturday |
| 23 Worship 10am Grandparents Day | 24 Cook's Night Out 6pm Idaho Joes NA Meeting 7pm (FR) | 25 | 26 Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes | 27 Book Clubbers 1pm Great Harvest Bread | 28 | 29 |
| 30 5th Sunday Worship 10am Potluck | 31 |  | | | | |



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED