



The Trumpet

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a letter from the pastor

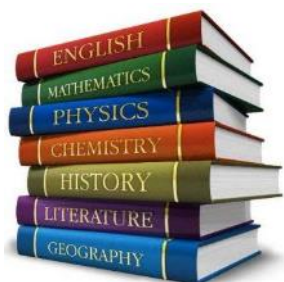


Have you ever noticed the smell of that book you recently bought? I don't know if it's the ink, glue or paper, but a new book has a smell to it, much like a new car or house has a unique smell. Sometimes the new book smell will take me back to early school days when the class text was passed out to each student. Even in college, the bookstore always had the same smell. Getting the books was always enjoyable but then came the difficult part; reading and understanding what the book contained. History, math, science, social studies, art, literature were all filled with new and good information, but they required reading, effort, thinking and understanding. Sometimes great efforts were given, but understanding didn't develop.

A fifth-grade boy had been sorting through a stationer's stock of greeting cards for a long time when a clerk asked him; "Can I help you find what you're looking for, young man - anniversary card for your mom and dad?" "Not exactly," said the boy, shaking his head. Then wistfully, "You got anything in the line of blank report cards?"

Sometimes Christian life is difficult to understand. The Bible is filled with new and good information, but it is sometimes difficult to understand and can even appear to be contradictory. Sometimes, I suspect people take Christianity in directions Jesus never intended it to go.

There is, however, one thread that is consistent throughout the Gospels and it is the one thread that brings everything together and makes sense of it all – God's love for us and this planet is greater than we are able to fully grasp and all God wants of us is to accept God's enormous love and live accordingly. When that is understood, then everything fits and makes sense. There is no need to look for a blank report card. Because you get it, you get an "A+".



Peace, Don

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Session Summary - May 2023

Session members spent some time considering how Twin Falls has changed as we contemplate the future for FPCTF.

Session welcomed Monica Youree as our newest member.

Work continues on the process of selecting a new pastor. There are multiple steps in this process; Session is receiving advice from Presbytery as we proceed.

At his request, Pastor Don's hours have been reduced to part-time. He will likely be in the office at times on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but suggests calling ahead to make an appointment if anyone would like to visit with him. The office is closed on Monday; Don's Sabbath is on Friday.

Pinecrest Academy has requested a one month lease extension to last through July 1, 2023.

Members of the Faith Committee are seeking this year's high school or college graduates for recognition. Please contact Judy Pollow or Mark Crothers if someone you know is graduating.

The Resources Committee is exploring the possibility of FPCTF hosting a refugee family.

Personnel evaluations will be distributed in the near future.

Our next Fifth Sunday gathering in the Fellowship Room will be in July.

We are looking for more volunteer drivers to bring church members to worship on Sunday. Please call the church office (208-733-7023) or speak to Mark Koffer if you could provide this valuable service occasionally or more regularly.

Pastor will be on vacation week of May 28th through June 5th.

The next Session meeting will be on June 20th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

Melanie Halsell, Clerk

Finance - May 2023

Total Member Contributions - \$37,832

Per Capita - \$628

Total Other Income - \$13,847

Volley Ball Rent - \$7,000

Total Income - \$51,679

Total Expenses - \$56,616

Administrative - \$34,422

Office - \$12,232

Per Capita - \$7,265

Facility - \$9,962

Insurance - \$

Net Loss - \$4,937

Mission - \$7,553 - from outside



NEW

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

9:00am to 2:00pm

Please call the office

to make an

appointment with

Pastor Don

208-733-7023



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
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



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

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

Summer Sillies

What happens when you throw a green rock into the Red Sea?

It gets wet!

What's gray, has four legs and a trunk?

A mouse on vacation!

What do you call a snowman in June?

A puddle!

What's the best day of the week to go to the beach?

Sunday!

Why didn't Noah fish on the ark?

He had only two worms!

Give a man a fish, and you'll feed him for the whole day.

Teach a man to fish, and you'll get rid of him for the whole weekend!

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



Abigail Circle Bible Study

June 15th 1:30pm
Fellowship Room

Gerrie Hansen will lead discussion for a one time study on the Book of Esther titled "For Some Time", before we break for Summer.

All can join us for this discussion, you don't have to be a member of Abigail Circle. We ask you read the Book of Esther and come ready to discuss the book.

Any woman in the FPC Community is welcome to join Abigail Circle. Please contact Susan Harris if interested.

*Perhaps this is the moment for which you have been created
Esther 4:14*

Upcoming Sandwich Saturdays

June 10 and 24
10:30am

Free sandwich lunches given away outside the Church entrance on 5th Ave North



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

On Summer Break Resumes Sept. 21

ABIGAIL CIRCLE

Thursday, June 15 at 1:30pm
Fellowship Room at Church

Last Study before Summer Break

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

BOOK CLUB

Thursday, June 22 at 1pm
at Great Harvest Bakery

Book Choice

Running with Sherman
by: Christopher McDougall



Blessing Box

Did you know we have a group of people who take turns checking on the blessing box and adding food as needed throughout the week? The Blessing Box is being utilized by our Community almost daily - what a blessing and a great example of the Church helping those in need!

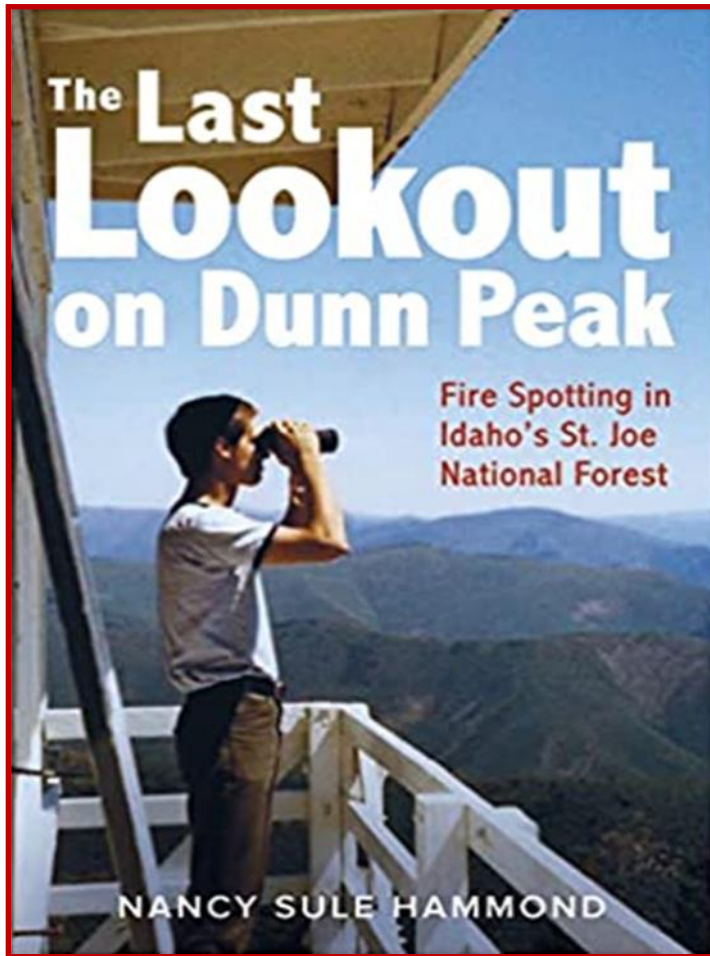
We are always in need of donations, it's easy to bring a non-perishable food item on Sunday before worship and place in donation bin in lobby. We appreciate everyone who helps and donates to keep this important charity going strong.

Thank you!



LUKE 3:10-11

"What should we do then?" the crowd asked. John answered, 'Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.'"



Coming Soon

Our own
Nancy Hammond
has written a book,
how exciting!
June 15, 2023
Pre-Ordering
available on
Amazon

← *That's Pastor Don on the cover !*

Description:

Don and Nancy Hammond spent three exciting, magical fire seasons in Idaho's St. Joe National Forest. Interspersing personal stories with regional fire history as well as dangers and details of the work, Nancy journeys back to the narrow catwalks and stunning panoramas - a place where a single lightning strike could ignite a raging wildfire.

Some summers are destined to generate cherished memories. For married high school sweethearts Don and Nancy Hammond, they happened in 1972 and 1973, when Don's lifelong dream of being a United States Forest Service fire lookout came true.

Don's first post, the Dunn Peak Lookout, was located eight miles northwest of Avery in Idaho's St. Joe National Forest. Once they arrived, they breathlessly lugged provisions and water up steep stairs to its fifteen-by-fifteen-foot cab two stories above the forest floor. Furnishings included a single bed, small bookcase, cabinet, and table, and a wood stove. There was no electricity or running water. A battery powered two-way Motorola radio would be their only connection to the outside world. That night, engulfed by lightning strikes and filled with adrenalin, they faced their first storm.

Unless it was foggy or raining, the Forest Service required Don to conduct binocular searches from the catwalk at least twenty minutes of every hour while he was on duty. He watched for smoke during the day and the glow of fire at night, and learned to distinguish between blue smoke plumes and white wisps of fog. Despite the primitive conditions, Don, Nancy, and their Dalmatian, Misty, settled in and came to love their lookout life. They spotted wildfires, were startled by their first cougar scream, encountered a wide variety of human and animal visitors, discovered delectable huckleberry patches, and simply enjoyed the enchanting beauty all around them.

Summer

God wrapped the Summer in sunshine, then painted the skies brightest blue,
He added the cloudscape so high up above and sprinkled the green grass with dew.

The green leaves sparkled so softly, kissed by the raindrops of June.
While birds in the treetops delighted as they sang every magical tune.

Summer—the season of wonder, of butterflies, roses and bees.

Of hilltops that reach to the heavens and every soft whispering breeze:

It's baseball, vacations and children happy for freedom from school.

Beautiful hours of daylight and fun in the old swimming pool...

Days filled with peace and contentment, rainbows of magical hue.

Gardens now kissed by the sunbeams and stars shine when day hours are through;

God smiling down from His Heaven, lending a beauty so dear.

Blessing His world with Summer most wonderful time of the year.

Garnett Ann Schultz



Cook's Night Off June 5th at 6pm

Janitzio Mexican Restaurant 2096 Kimberly Road

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. And, bonus we support a local restaurant!

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



R.S.V.P.

John Howar

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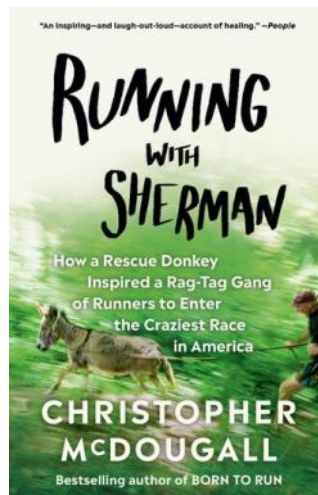
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Book Clubbers

June 22—1pm

Great Harvest Bread
727 Blue Lakes Blvd, North
Everyone is Welcome!

This month's book is a sweet true story of how a rescue donkey named Sherman inspired a rag-tag gang of runners to enter the craziest race in America!





June 2023

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>Note: Pastor Don on Vacation May 29 - June 5</p>  <p>Circle 5 on Summer Break resumes Sept. 21</p>				1	2	3
<p>4 <i>Communion Sunday</i> Worship 10am</p>	<p>5 <i>Cook's Night Out 6pm</i> NA 7-9pm (FR)</p>	6	<p>7 <i>Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes</i></p>	8	9	<p>10 <i>Sandwich Saturday</i></p>
<p>11 Worship 10am</p>	<p>12 NA 7-9pm (FR)</p>	13	<p>14 <i>Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Abigail Circle 1:30pm</i></p>	16	17
<p>18 <i>Bible Dedication</i> Worship 10am</p>	<p>19 NA 7-9pm (FR)</p>	<p>20 <i>Slated Session Meeting 5pm (FR)</i></p>	<p>21 <i>Summer Begins Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes</i></p>	<p>22 <i>Book Clubbers 1pm Great Harvest Bread</i></p>	23	<p>24 <i>Sandwich Saturday</i></p>
<p>25 Worship 10am</p>	<p>26 NA 7-9pm (FR)</p>	27	<p>28 <i>Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes</i></p>	29	30	



FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 18TH

Father's Day is the day to recognize, honor and celebrate the sacrifices and accomplishments of fathers. In 1910, Washington State Governor declared Father's Day on the 19th of July. It then became a permanent federal holiday in 1972 when President Richard Nixon proclaimed that the third Sunday in June would be further known as Father's Day. On this day, children celebrate their fathers and father figures to show their love and appreciation. We love you Dad!



HISTORY TRIVIA

June 6 - D-Day Anniversary: Day of awareness & appreciation for everyone that fought in Normandy to defeat the Nazis and re-establish freedom.

June 14 Flag Day: Americans celebrate the meaning of their nation's flag, honor the traditions associated with its care. The Flag of the United States is to be honored and carries with it both history and tradition. On June 14, 1777 the Flag Resolution was signed, making the current stars and stripes the National Flag of the United States of America. On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson called for the nation-wide observance of Flag Day. In 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed congress' decree, making June 14th of each year National Flag Day.

June 24 - St. John the Baptist: This day commemorates the life of John the Baptist, a Jewish preacher who baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. In the first chapter of Luke, the father of St. John, Zachary, is approached by an angel who tells him that he and Elizabeth, even though they were old, would have a child. Zachary didn't believe the angel right away, and was unable to speak until after John was born. St. John has two feast days in the Roman Catholic Church. The first, held June 24, acknowledges his birth. The second, August 29, commemorates his death.

I know that the Lord is always on the side of right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side.

-Abraham Lincoln

JUNE 27 - PTSD AWARENESS DAY

Brings awareness to the disorder known as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

PTSD is a disorder which triggers anxiety and flashbacks due to experiencing or witnessing terrifying events.

PTSD was mainly associated with veterans who returned from combat, but recent studies show that about 20% of Americans suffer from PTSD.

PTSD Awareness Day was established in 2010 after Army Staff Sgt. Named Joe Biel took his own life in 2007 after returning home from duty in the Iraq War and suffering a PTSD attack.

Biel's birthday was chosen as PTSD Awareness Day to honor him and those who suffer with the disorder.

NATIONAL DAYS

- June 2 - Donut Day
- June 4 - Cheese Day
- June 7 - Chocolate Ice Cream Day
- June 8 - Best Friends Day
- June 14 - World Blood Donor Day
- June 21 - Summer Begins
- June 23 - Take your Dog to Work Day
- June 27 - Ice Cream Cake Day
- June 29 - Handshake Day

Note from Bob Parkinson

After a recent conversation with Pastor Don, he has decided to work part time. Don sees our monthly financial reports and is concerned for us financial especially with Pinecrest Academy School moving to their new building next school year and losing the monthly rent. Don also mentioned we may have a large expense next year with moving our next called pastor to Twin Falls and he so generously wants to help us prepare financially.

Don is happy to go part time and will continue doing the duties as a Pastor he is expected to do. This change means the Church office will be closed on Mondays and he will not have regular hours. He will come into office as needed and continue taking Fridays as his sabbath. If you want to meet with Don, please call Susan in the office to make an appointment 208-733-7023.



Thank you for your understanding in this time of change,
Bob

Roger Keller Retiring from Magic Valley High School Congratulations!



Magic Valley High School principal announces retirement Roger Keller, who has been the principal of Magic Valley High School for 10 years, has announced his retirement, drawing a 36-year career in education to a close.

“Roger Keller has been a tremendous leader and has lead Magic Valley High School as they support students who have overcome so much to continue their education,” Superintendent Brady Dickinson said in a statement. “We are proud of his work and are excited to see where his next adventure leads.”

Prior to leading the MVHS team, Keller served as principal at Buhl High School for four years, and as associate principal at Twin Falls High School for one year. He served as dean of students at Kimberly High School from 2000-08.

His education career began in 1987 at Twin Falls High School where he taught consumer economics and was an assistant basketball and football coach. In 1994 Keller took a position at Kimberly High School where he taught accounting, business law, economics, and fitness. He also served as the head boys basketball coach and assistant football coach during his time at Kimberly.

Keller was named Idaho Secondary School Principal of the Year in 2021. Keller also holds accolades for his coaching. He was named Idaho Distinguished Basketball Coach of the Year in 2007.



June 18th Bible Presentation to High School Seniors



During our June 18th Worship Service Pastor Don will be presenting NRSV Study Bibles to our graduating seniors Dorothy Daisher and Brendan Mix. Dorothy is graduating from Lighthouse Christian School and is attending Boise State University in the fall. Brendan is graduating from Jerome High School and is Barb Mix's grandson!

Please join us to celebrate Dorothy and Brendan's momentous achievement
we are so proud of them!





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