

The Trumpet

August 2023 Edition



A Monthly Newsletter Publication from Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church



a letter from the pastor

“Sacrament”, the word, derives from the Latin word *Sacramentum* which means “holy”. The Roman Catholic Church recognizes seven sacraments while the Protestant Church recognizes two; baptism and communion. Jesus directed his disciples to preach the Gospel to all nations and to baptize and teach them to observe all that he commanded (Matthew 28: 19). There are three Gospel accounts where Jesus gives the communion meal to his disciples (see below).

Some traditions of the Church developed long after Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. Good theological reasons are usually the basis for church traditions but some traditions

are practical. An example of a practical tradition is the covering of the bread and drink (which is not done at First Presbyterian) on the communion table. Some believe the cover enhances the holy mystery of the event. The reason for the cover originated for practical reasons in the great cathedrals of Europe. Pigeons roosted and flew inside the building. To protect the communion elements from what pigeons do, the wine and bread were covered. The cover’s original purpose was practical, not theological.

Baptism is considered the first and most important sacrament because Jesus directed it. Though I suspect all the disciples of Jesus were baptized, however, there is no Biblical reference that speaks directly about his 12 disciples’ baptism. Jesus did command the taking of the communion meal, the other sacrament. What must not be ignored when reading any of the three Biblical accounts of the meal: (Matthew 26: 26-27, Mark 14: 22 and Luke 22: 19-20), is what Jesus did not say or require. His words did not include a requirement for baptism to receive communion. The only requirement he placed was to “*do this in remembrance of me*” which can easily be understood as belief in him as the Christ. Though traditions of the Church are often based upon strong foundations, it is not heretical to question them and ask if they are truly serving the people as Jesus directed.

A question often asked of me has been about children taking communion. Accepted tradition is only after their confirmation. It is my opinion the parent or other adult family member is to decide if the child will eat and drink or to wait for another time. However, the parents’ responsibility is to help the child understand the meals meaning. It is not the responsibility of the church to make that decision. It is my belief the church has no authority to withhold the communion meal from any person who desires it. It is also my opinion that the church is in no position to judge another person’s beliefs about Jesus. The church is responsible for offering the body and blood of Jesus and to let God be the judge of all else. As Jesus offered the meal freely and lovingly, so must the Church. There are some who can present a challenge to this position, but this is how I understand the sacrament of bread and wine. Jesus said “*eat and drink in remembrance of me and for the remission of sins*” and nothing more. Oh, he did say something about letting the children come to him.



Peace, Don

Session Summary - June 2023

Church Staff

**Pastor
Rev. Don
Hammond**

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Susan Riswold**

**Organist &
Handbell Director
Barb Mix**

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- The meeting opened with prayer.
- Session members discussed the question, 'How willing are you to partner / participate with other congregations of both Christians and other faith groups to do ministry in the community? What kind of missions do you see as viable possibilities for cooperation?'
- Members of Session will talk with several non-profits about the needs in the Twin Falls area as well as consider the use of buildings 2&3 for such endeavors. Funding would come from both partners and grants.
- Lynn and Kathy McMaster's transfer to the Hollister Presbyterian Church was approved.
- A Congregational Meeting was held July 9th to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee. Members are Harry Geist, Linda Howar, Roger Keller, Mark Koffer and Monica Youree. The group will meet to elect a chairperson on Sunday, July 23rd. The PNC will be talking to members of the congregation to learn about their dreams for FPCTF.
- Clerk Melanie Halsell has asked Session to search for a replacement for this position as she will be moving to the Bellingham, WA area.
- Pinecrest Academy will continue to pay rent through August 15th, as they have been delayed in vacating buildings 2 & 3.
- The Building and Grounds committee will be installing a new towel dispenser in the women's restroom once a suitable device is decided upon.
- Members of the Faith Committee are considering applications for college scholarships.
- The Resource Committee has donated a check for \$1,000 to the Twin Falls School District for its Angel Fund.
- The People Committee will have a Parent's Day activity in the Fellowship Room on Sunday, July 23rd. Church members are asked to bring photos of their parents; others will try to match the church member with their parents.
- A Potluck Lunch will be held following our Fifth Sunday worship on July 30th in the Fellowship Room. Please bring a dish to share.
- The next Stated Session Meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. *(No August Meeting)*
- The meeting closed with prayer.

Melanie Halsell
Clerk of Session

January thru June 2023

Total Member Contributions - \$58,365

Per Capita - \$960

Total Other Income - \$16,374

Volley Ball Rent - \$7,000

Total Income - \$74,739

Total Expenses - \$72,314

Administrative - \$45,533

Office - \$14,392

Per Capita - \$7,265

Facility - \$12,389

Insurance - \$

Net Gain - \$2,425

Mission - \$10,195 - from outside



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.



August Birthdays

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!

Dorothy Daisher	8/1
Monica Youree	8/1
Roger Keller	8/2
Leona Watson	8/4
Aryn Probasco	8/5
Ian Probasco	8/5
Colleen Miltenberger	8/7
Barb Powers	8/7
Vivian Wells	8/7
Scott Hawk	8/8
Sophie Knott	8/8
Ashley Geist	8/10
Leah Jones	8/14
Nick Sharp	8/17
Sophia Long	8/18
Andrew Ippolito	8/19
Hillary Frost	8/21
Judy Wright	8/24
Elbert Davis	8/26
Brian Harris	8/28
Joe Ippolito	8/28
Allan Frost	8/29



George & Melanie Halsell	8/4
Lawrence & Tina Flournoy	8/13
Bob & Barb Powers	8/19





Church Update

The Church office is re-opened after the flooding that occurred on June 11th, with normal hours Tuesday thru Friday 9am - 2pm. Worship is back to being held in the Upstairs Sanctuary.

There is still work to be done at the Church and School; painting, baseboards and plaster work.

The church cost for the flood was about \$3,500. Our church insurance deductible is \$2,500.

Cleaning the Fireside Room in building 3 cost us about \$1,000. The church received a check from the insurance company for more than \$22,000. It may be another few weeks before completed.

Thank you for your support as we continue to get back to normal.



PURPLE HEART DAY

August 7 Purple Heart Day

Purple Heart Day seeks to honor the individuals that were wounded or killed in action while serving in the military.

The Purple Heart Medal is given to those who displayed not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way.

According to uso.org, as of 2019, about 1.8 million Purple Heart medals have been given to service members since its inception in 1782.

George Washington is credited with the origin of the Purple Heart medal. It was originally known as the Badge of Military Merit.



Did you know...

August 16 is National Tell a Joke Day? (No kidding)

**Two artists had an art contest.
It ended in a draw.**

What has 4 wheels and flies? A garbage truck!

What is grey and can't fly? A fat pigeon.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

My super power is holding on to junk for years and throwing it away a week before I need it!

I thought it was the dryer that shrank my clothes, turns out it was the refrigerator!

Why do hens lay eggs? Because if they were throwing them, they'd break?

August 26 Women's Equality Day

Women's Equality Day is dedicated to celebrating the achievements and progress women have made in their fight for equal rights. This day serves as a reminder of the continuous struggle for gender equality and women's empowerment, while honoring the courageous efforts of those who fought tirelessly to secure women's right to vote.

Women's Equality Day also stresses the importance of continuing to work towards comprehensive equality, recognizing the persistent disparities in areas such as income, education, and political representation that still affect women today.

The roots of Women's Equality Day can be traced back to the early 20th century when women suffragists campaigned to grant women the right to vote in the United States. Their unwavering efforts eventually culminated in the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920, which guaranteed women's suffrage. This historic event marked a significant milestone in the journey towards gender equality in the United States.

Women's Equality Day was officially established by joint resolution of Congress in 1971, introduced by Rep. Bella Abzug, as a way to commemorate this landmark accomplishment and remind Americans of the ongoing struggle for women's rights.




Women's Equality Day

Cook's Night Off
There will be a cook's night off
in August...more details
coming soon!

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. We are getting low on
 food, any donations would be appreciated.
*Special **Thank You** to all the volunteers that
 keep this ministry going!!*

Church Office Hours
 Tuesday - Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm
 Please call the office to make an
 appointment with Pastor Don
 208-733-7023




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, August 24 at 1pm
 at Great Harvest Bakery

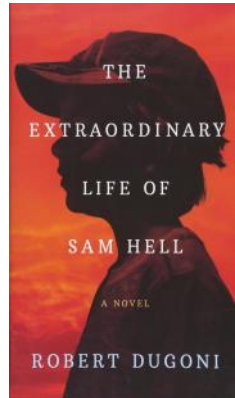
CIRCLE FIVE

On Summer Break Resumes Sept. 21

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

Book Clubbers
August 24th at 1pm
Great Harvest Bread



Book Choice:
**The Extraordinary Life of
 Sam Hell**
By: Robert Dugoni

"Robert Dugoni has a rare and
 brilliant talent for infusing his
 characters with complex emotions.
 It is very hard not to ache for young
 Sam...Frankly, this might be the
 best book of the year."
Bookreporter

Abigail Circle

Facilitator Needed

*Abigail Circle is looking for a facilitator to guide
 them through the 23-24 Bible Study Lessons
 for nine months.*

*The title of this year's study is Sacred Encounters
 the Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in
 Luke and Acts.*

*These studies are in book form with questions and
 discussions following the lessons. There is a
 Leader Guide for each study too.*

*Studies are once a month on the third Thursday
 at 2:00pm, finishing at 3:30pm.*

We begin in September and finish in June.

December is a potluck celebrating Christmas.

Please give this some thought.

Anyone interested, please contact:

Candee Hawk – 208.961.1421

Joan Leir – 208.733.5024

or Susan Harris – 208.420.4678.


In Prayer,

Abigail Circle Members



**Upcoming Sandwich
 Saturdays**

August 5 & 19 - 10:30am
 Free sandwich lunches given away
 outside the Church
 entrance on 5th Ave North



What's
Rene been
up to?

Volunteering with Help Build Hope and Habitat for Humanity Building Walls for a Twin Falls Family

HELP BUILD HOPE IS A PROGRAM OF
CROSSROADS MISSIONS

Help Build Hope brings each construction project for a new home to your local business, organization, convention, church, or school parking lot. Volunteers and our experienced full-time staff frame the walls for a new home donated to one of our partnering organizations. We transport the completed frame walls to the partner organization, which finishes the rest of the project.

These events allow people of all ages to participate. Our partners receiving these walls help others achieve affordable home ownership. The walls provide a way to reduce cost for Habitat for Humanity and Fuller Centers for Housing and allow them to complete the homes faster.

We travel across the United States as subject matter experts in construction. We partner with local affordable housing partners to identify families and individuals needing services. We provide expert oversight in the form of boots on the ground, heavy equipment, vehicles, and many tools and materials. We hold construction projects to build frame walls that become new homes for needy, deserving families. These projects take place right in your hometown

Saturday July 1, 2023

I had the privilege of volunteering for a Help Build Hope project. Over 150 folks showed up at the downtown commons to build the frame walls for a Habitat for Humanity home.

The volunteers had the walls built in about 3 hours. When all the walls were finished, they were held up together in the shape of the house so all could see what we had accomplished.

The walls were then loaded into a truck and delivered to the build site.

For me, this was the experience of a lifetime. I had never seen anything like it!

I cannot tell you how proud I was to participate in such an amazing project.

Rene Horner



School Supplies Needed - Help our Downtown Schools!

We are collecting school supplies for Bickel and Lincoln Elementary Schools for the upcoming school year. This is a local outreach we have participated in for last few years. Many families need help supplying their children the needed supplies to be successful in school, and we are blessed to help them. We will collect supplies through the end of August.

Please bring to Fellowship Room and put on bench under bulletin board.

Items needed

#2 pencils	24 ct. crayons	Black dry erase markers
Yellow highlighters	Color markers	Glue sticks
Kleenix	Hand sanitizer	Disinfecting wipes
All size Ziploc bags	Wide ruled spiral notebooks	Primary color pocket folders



Congratulations to Susan Harris Elected to State Librarian for DAR

DAR State Librarian

I was asked to write a little about my election as State Librarian for DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). This took place at our Annual Conference in Coeur d' Alene this spring.

My duties as State Librarian are to maintain records and manage the collection of DAR related documents housed in various Idaho historical archives. To promote projects of the Librarian genealogical value for use by the State or National Society. I am also in charge of 15 librarians from 15 DAR chapters in Idaho. I will be encouraging the chapters to start or continue their Book Clubs and various activities out in their communities. Other activities are in the beginning stages. Each chapter will have a choice to make the project work in their area or not.

The National Society was founded in 1890 to promote Historic Preservation, American History, Education and Patriotism. Its members are descendants from the patriots who won American Independence during the Revolutionary War. With more than 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the largest and most active organizations. We celebrated our 1 millionth member in Oct. 2019.

Anyone interested in joining or see if they qualify to be a member is encouraged to ask Molly Senkbiel or myself. We are both members of the Twin Falls Chapter.

In DAR Service, Susan Harris

Daughters of the American Revolution - FACTS

- **Founded:** October 11, 1890, Incorporated 1896 by an Act of Congress
- **Objectives:** Historic Preservation, Education, Patriotism
- **Motto:** God, Home and Country
- **Membership:** 190,000 Members, 3,000 Chapters in all 50 states and Washington D.C.
More than 1 million women have joined the DAR since it was founded.

Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership.

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!***



*Introducing Baby Boy
Reginald "Reggie" Chesterfield
Born July 17*

Reggie is our 3rd and last baby alpaca that we've been anxiously waiting for. He was our biggest baby weighing 18lbs, born to our smallest alpaca Nutmeg. He has long legs, and pictures were taken same day he was born!

He's a big boy, which is good because he can keep up with his cousins Archie and Oliver.

Nutmeg is a first time Mom, and she's taking good care of him. I love this picture of the 2 of them, she looks so proud of her baby!

Reggie is fitting right into the herd and figuring things out, it's so much fun watching him and the other 2 boys, they are going to be great friends.

We now have 8 alpacas, 5 adult females and 3 baby boys.

*Susan
(Office Admin)*



September 3rd - Western Worship

Just for a little fun on the first Sunday in September, we are encouraging people to attend worship in western wear. Come dressed as a cowboy/cowgirl i.e., boots, hats, shirts, bandanas, chaps etc.

(No guns or spurs please! Also, leave your horse at home, there will be no place to tie it up!).

This is the county fair week and we will enjoy the tradition of being a "Western" community. If western wear is not your forte, it will be okay for you to come as you are, but you may enjoy seeing others who will be dressed up. So, plan to be in church and have some fun on September 3rd!

P.S. You may want to bring a camera!



Jeremiah 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Acts 20:28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

Ode to a Fly

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting flies," He responded.

"Oh! Killing any?" she asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked, "How can you tell them apart?"

He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."



Pastor Nominating Committee Finalized!

Sunday, July 9, 2023 at a special called meeting of the congregation, a unanimous vote was cast by the members of the congregation to elect the following 5 people to the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) for First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls:

**Linda Howar
Harry Geist
Roger Keller
Mark Koffer
Monica Youree**



On July 23rd, the group met and elected Mark Koffer as Chairperson of the Committee.

The PNC will work closely with Cathy Cummins Chisholm of the Kendall Presbytery in the search for a new pastor. This task is a huge undertaking that will take up a lot of their time and energy. Please keep them in continuous prayer as they serve the congregation in this most important responsibility.

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Session Meeting in August		1	2 Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes	3 National Watermelon Day	4	5 Sandwich Saturday
6 Communion Sunday Worship 10am	7 Purple Heart Day	8	9 Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes	10	11	12
13 Worship 10am	14 NA Meeting 7pm(FR)	15	16 National Tell a Joke Day Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes	17	18	19 Sandwich Saturday
20 Worship 10am	21 NA Meeting 7pm(FR)	22	23 Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes	24 BookClubbers 1pm Great Harvest Bread	25	26 Women's Equality Day
27 Worship 10am	28 Cook's Night Out 6pm NA Meeting 7pm(FR)	29	30 Men's Breakfast 7am Idaho Joes	31		





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