



THE GRAPEVINE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SANDPOINT, IDAHO
 June 2023

A SUMMER SABBATICAL UPDATE

Prior to departing for a three month sabbatical in early May, Pastor Andy Kennaly left two items easily visible in his office: a sign reading “Summer Worship – 9:30 AM” along with a small ratchet tool kit containing an assortment of screwdriver bits and sockets. No instructions were needed as this served as Pastor Andy’s reminder for us to alert passers-by of our change to summer worship time on the first Sunday after Memorial Day.

As I changed the sign at about 10:20 AM on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, a young man approached on the sidewalk. Noticing two signs with different times for the Sunday service, he was pleased to know that the day’s service started in ten minutes. But he was even more pleased to learn that we would advance to a 9:30 AM service the next week. He explained that an earlier time better fitted his night-time work schedule. Some of us struggle to wake up in time for an earlier Sunday service while, in his case, he struggles to stay awake for a later service.

The young man also asked if I was Andy Kennaly as he noticed our pastor’s name on our beautiful welcome sign. I answered, “No, Pastor Andy was away on sabbatical until mid-August. My name is Bill.” I

briefly explained our format for that Sunday’s “simple service” under the leadership of our Adult Christian Education group and welcomed him to attend.

Yes, we are now on our summer schedule with Sunday worship beginning at 9:30 AM. Yes, we will continue to offer a variety of worship formats with a blend of ordained clergy and lay leaders during this sabbatical summer. Yes, every service will be a little different in some regard. Yes, our doors will be open to all to gather to worship or to simply sit under the shade of the magnificent birch tree in our Peace Garden.

Welcome, all.

Bill Love, Elder
 Worship and Music Committee



MISSIONS at FPC

UPDATE ON ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

During the Easter season, our congregation collected \$649.00 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, along with other Presbyterian congregations worldwide. The OGHS offering supports three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Currently, much of the funds for Disaster Assistance goes to Ukraine Relief. Thank you for your generosity!

BIKE & BUILD

Over the past several years, FPC has hosted riders from the Bike & Build program as they rode cross-country to spread awareness of the need for affordable housing and to participate in housing projects in the communities they visited. Last August, they stayed at FPC and helped Bonner Homeless Transitions to repair a structure on their property. A few months ago, we received word that this will be the last year for the Bike & Build program, and that they have eliminated the northern route. Therefore, sadly, we will not be hosting them this year.

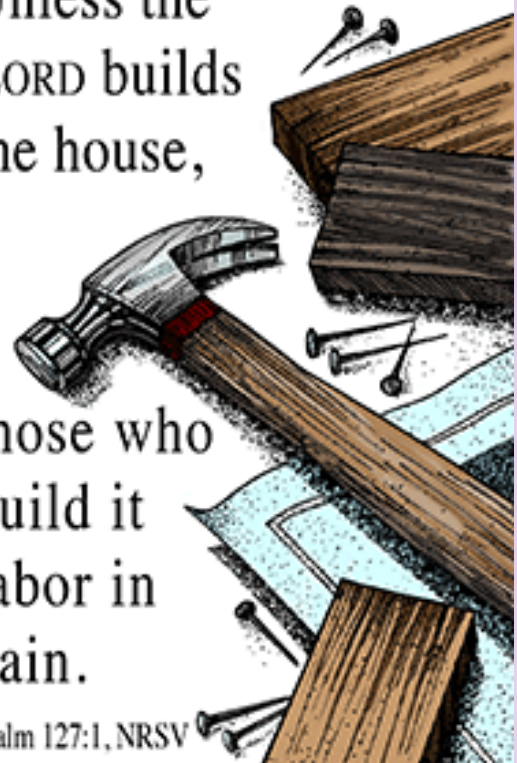
Judy McComish
Elder, Missions



Unless the
LORD builds
the house,

those who
build it
labor in
vain.

Psalm 127:1, NRSV



We hope that you all have a great summer and remember to continue your greatly appreciated donations to the Food Bank!

Thank you, Victoria



RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Dana Stockman will be retiring from her teaching career. We are having a reception to honor her on June 11th, after worship. Dana's AcaDeca students took 3rd place in Division II, at Nationals this year!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

If you happen to know of someone who is available to mow the church lawn on a weekly basis during the summer, please contact Don Deters or Don Helander. Another option would be to have four church members rotate mowing the lawn once a month. We have a lawn mower at the church as well as a blower to clean sidewalks after mowing. Any help would be appreciated.

Garden Angels

If you are interested in helping with ongoing yard care, consider joining our weekly efforts on Friday to tend the garden. The group communicates via group texts as to the time that we will meet. It's a flexible commitment that allows us to work as a group. If interested, contact Sue Helander, Cynthia Dalsing, Judy Labrie, or Mary Sturgis for more information.

THREE CLAPS FOR:

Highway litter crew, who picked up trash in Westmond. Paula Vincent, Patti and Don Deters, Sally Moon, Judy Labrie, Don and Sue Helander, Annie Welle, and Dave and Mary Sturgis.

Sylvia and Chuck Humes for hosting the Highway cleanup crew for lunch at their home on Saturday April 22nd.

Don Deters and Don Helander for mowing the lawn and renting a roto-rooter to remove tree roots in drain pipes under sidewalks on the North side of the building.

Amy Scott and Annie Welle for arranging the performance of handbells on Sunday, May 21st.

Garden Angels for meeting on Fridays to tend to the Peace Garden and the surrounding yard upkeep.

Paula Vincent for donating and distributing bark around the Old Birch Tree in the front yard of the Peace Garden.



Choir Practice Sunday's at 11:45

Bonner County Human Rights Task Force June 3, 2023

Deacon Meeting Sunday June 11, 2023 after worship

Bonner County Human Rights Task Force June 23, 2023



June Birthdays

9 Jean Babcock

9 Cynthia Dalsing

11 Dana Stockman

14 Sue Helander

19 Bart Casey

22 Jackie Windju

25 Millie Rinker

29 Sharon Anderson



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