



THE GRAPEVINE

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho
June 2025



Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. starting June 1

Weekly Office Hours starting June 2

- Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SESSION NOTES

May 21, 2025

Rev. Becky Anderson moderated our Session meeting as Pastor Andy Kennaly used vacation time prior to his formal retirement on May 31, 2025. In her role as our Committee on Ministry liaison, Becky has become a familiar face in guiding us through the pastoral transition.

Rev. Catherine Lyle attended the meeting as we look forward to welcoming her as our interim pastor beginning June 1. Our agenda scheduled ten minutes to visit with Catherine; however, we spent over an hour and that still short-changed the lively discussion.

The idea of a half-time Methodist pastor serving as half-time pastor of a Presbyterian congregation has been embraced by officials of both denominations as well as the two churches. The process has proceeded surprisingly well except for one detail involving health insurance coverages. Paula Vincent, finance elder, is revising the Terms of Call compensation package in order to comply with Methodist policies.

The primary change for us will affect our traditional winter/summer schedule for Sunday worship services. Since the Methodist service begins at 9:30 AM, our session approved migrating to an 11:00 a.m. service year-round. In turn, the Methodist service will begin at 9:15 to allow Catherine more transition time between her two services.

Catherine outlined her summer schedule including vacation time along with several obligations to the Methodist Church. The Presbyterians require that she take a week-long interim pastor training session. This will occur in mid-July at the Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center at Zephyr Cove, Nevada (south Lake Tahoe).

While this get-acquainted conversation with Catherine occupied much of our meeting, we also conducted other business as well.

Session approved three financial items recommended by financial elder Paula Vincent. These included the following:

- Extending Pastor Andy Kennaly's prepaid Health Savings Account of \$2,725 until May 31, 2025, with any unused balance automatically refunded to First Presbyterian Church.
- Moving \$20,000 from the savings account to a certificate of deposit.
- Modifying the 2025 Budget to reflect the Terms of Call for the new interim pastor. This revision will adjust the budget from \$138,000 to \$120,000.

Session approved use of church facilities for several events including a Northwest Opera performance on September 14 and the Bonner County Human Rights Task Force for two events on June 19 and 26.

The Presbytery of the Inland Northwest received a grant from the Lilly Endowment to implement the Ezra 3 Project. This program provides financial support for churches with decreasing membership to explore opportunities to utilize their aging facilities to better the local community while continuing to maintain church's primary mission. While it requires a substantial commitment to participate in the Ezra 3 Project, we have been moving in this direction for the past several years. The recent increase of groups using our facilities following the closure of the Gardenia Center is just one example. We have until August 2 to decide whether or not to participate.

Whew! It was a busy and productive meeting.

See ya'll in church at 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, June 1,
Bill Love, Clerk of Session

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

Session approved a modified church budget at the May meeting which aligns with the pastoral transition and anticipated gifts and expenses through the end of the year.

The modified budget summary is listed below.

FPC MODIFIED BUDGET 2025 INCOME	
General Contributions	\$36,500
Loose Offering	\$3,000
Per Capita	\$1,000
Pledge Contributions	\$65,000
Building Use	\$8,000
Interest/Grants/Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Special Offerings	\$1,500
<i>Total General Contributions</i>	<i>\$120,000</i>
EXPENSES	
Facilities, Grounds, Utilities	\$22,000
Operations & Finance	\$19,000
Mission Outreach	\$2,750
Ministries	\$3,100
Special Offerings Distribution	\$1,500
Staff	\$71,650
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$120,000</i>

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

FPC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT through May 26, 2025

Modified Budget through May 31st **\$50,000**

Received through May 25th **\$65,773**

Expended through May 25th **\$59,030**

Per Capita Received: \$863

Per Capita Expended: \$2,379
(\$39 dollars per member)

FPC TOTAL ASSETS	DEC. 2024	MAY 2025
CD-1	\$51,717	\$54,487
CD-2	25,000	26,343
Savings	26,572	26,584
*Checking	29,214	46,200
Petty Cash	61	61
Prepays	6,958	
Balance	\$139,162	\$153,675

* Checking includes the following restricted funds

Checking Restricted- <i>Building Fund</i>	\$14,742
Checking Restricted- <i>Memorial Fund</i>	\$14,630
Checking Restricted- <i>Peace Garden</i>	\$3,888
Checking Restricted- <i>Mission/Care</i>	\$3,821

Thank you for your support of FPC missions and ministries!

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Vincent

MISSION

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On Easter Sunday, along with Presbyterian Congregations around the world, our congregation participated in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Between March 30 and April 27, 2025, our congregation provided \$784 to support OGHS. Thank you for your generosity!

Several times a year, we share our blessings in the community by donating to local nonprofit organizations. In December, we responded to a variety of needs in the community by donating to the following organizations:

- Homelessness: Bonner Homeless Transitions
- Illness: Community Cancer Services
- Mental Health: NAMI Far North Idaho
- Domestic violence/child abuse: Priest River Ministries Advocates for Women

On May 28, the Missions committee will meet. Two items are on the agenda:

- donations to local organizations
- begin planning to host the Bike the US for MS riders who will be in Sandpoint from Augst 6 to 8.

As the elder for Missions, I am interested in learning about areas that church members and friends think we should support. Please join me and others on the Missions Committee in supporting the missions work of our church!

If you are interested in being part of the Missions Committee, contact Judy McComish at jfmccomish@wayne.edu.

UPCOMING *Events*

- 6/1** **New worship time, 11:00 a.m. Sheryl Kinder-Pyle will be our guest in the pulpit.**
- 6/2** **Office hours change to Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00-12:00**
- 6/8** **Interim Pastor Catherine Lyle's first Sunday; It's Pentecost—wear **red!****
- 6/15** **Happy Father's Day!**
- 6/24** **July/August Grapevine articles due, 9:00 a.m.**



6/9 Cynthia Dalsing
6/11 Dana Stockman
6/14 Sue Helander
6/19 Bart Casey
6/22 Jackie Windju
6/25 Millie Rinker
6/29 Sharon Anderson

*Did we miss your birthday or get the date wrong?
Email the office and let us know!
office@fpcsandpoint.org*

Regular Monthly Events



Sunday

- 11:00 a.m. Worship, In-Person and Livestream (<https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresbyteriansandpoint>)
- 7:00 p.m. AA meeting

Monday-Saturday

- 7:00 a.m. AA meeting

Monday

- 9:00 a.m. TOPS meeting (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon meeting

Tuesday

- 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Book Study and Contemplative Prayer Group
- 7:00 p.m. AA meeting

Wednesday

- 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Rainbow Soup Kitchen community meal
- 7:00 p.m. AA meeting

Thursday

- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA meeting



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Monday 9:00-12:00

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