



Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front

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*Love the quick profit, the annual raise,
vacation with pay. Want more
of everything ready-made. Be afraid
to know your neighbors and to die.
And you will have a window in your head.
Not even your future will be a mystery
any more. Your mind will be punched in a card
and shut away in a little drawer.
When they want you to buy something
they will call you. When they want you
to die for profit they will let you know.*

*So, friends, every day do something
that won't compute. Love the Lord.
Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it.
Denounce the government and embrace
the flag. Hope to live in that free
republic for which it stands.
Give your approval to all you cannot
understand. Praise ignorance, for what man
has not encountered he has not destroyed.*

*Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias.
Say that your main crop is the forest
that you did not plant,
that you will not live to harvest.
Say that the leaves are harvested
when they have rotted into the mold.
Call that profit. Prophecy such returns.*

*Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees
every thousand years.
Listen to carrion – put your ear
close, and hear the faint chattering
of the songs that are to come.
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts.
So long as women do not go cheap
for power, please women more than men.
Ask yourself: Will this satisfy
a woman satisfied to bear a child?
Will this disturb the sleep
of a woman near to giving birth?*

*Go with your love to the fields.
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.
As soon as the generals and the politicians
can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go. Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.*

New Membership Classes



for the Curious at Heart.

If you are interested in attending one class or them all, please sign up with Pastor Catherine. We will be teaching from the “What’s Up With That?” digital curriculum with Rev. Becky Anderson.

They will be Sunday afternoons in the Fireside Room. 12:30-2pm

- ♦ April 19 at 12:30pm — Our History (Methodist and Presbyterian)
- ♦ April 26 at 12:30pm — Our Theology
- ♦ May 3 at 12:30pm — Government (PCUSA and Methodist)
- ♦ Skip Mother's Day (May 10)
- ♦ May 17 at 12:30pm — Worship & Lingering Questions



Session Notes March 11, 2026

The March Session meeting occurred a week earlier than normal due to our church hosting the current Ezra 3 Project Cohort 2 Team, which conflicted with our normal meeting date. The church was busy on March 18 with the Rainbow Kitchen welcoming visitors to enjoy a meal. The choir rehearsed downstairs while the Ezra visitors toured our facilities and met in the sanctuary. Others meandered in and out of the building for various activities throughout the day.

Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

Pastor Catherine reported on the successful Faith Leaders Who Support the Separation of Church and State and the Impacts of Christian Nationalism program presented by the Bonner County Human Rights Task Force and hosted by the United Methodist Church on March 7. A well-prepared panel of local pastors, including Catherine, answered questions in two-minute increments moderated by Rev. Steve N.

Pastor Catherine announced a new members instructional class with a tentative schedule of three sessions beginning on April 19. Rev. Becky A., our liaison from the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry, will assist Catherine. Anyone interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church should contact Catherine for more information. It is always a joyous occasion to welcome new members to our congregation.

Session approved a request from the Earth Care Congregation team to participate in an Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration on April 25 at the East Bonner County Library. The team anticipates leading an Earth Care theme for a Sunday worship service in conjunction with Earth Day.

Our church will celebrate ten-years of certification as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation this year. In reaching this important milestone, we recognize the leadership of Marilyn R. in shepherding us for almost a decade. At the same time, we appreciate Lex de F. for continuing this noteworthy accomplishment and leading us forward in stewarding God's great creation. By the way, we were Idaho's only Earth Care Congregation until FPC Coeur d'Alene met the requirements last year.

Following the adjournment of the regular meeting, session members informally discussed the progress in preparing a Church Mission Study which is the first phase of calling a permanent pastor. We are in the process of selecting a model template to follow and gathering information from several sources to include in the study. One of the requirements calls for conducting interviews with members, friends and neighbors of the church. We will be sharing more details about this process in the coming weeks.

We last embarked on this process about 17 years ago with an interim pastor from Iowa who served our congregation and guided us in calling a permanent pastor. On his first Sunday, Rev. Bob B. assured us that God had already selected a pastor, but that it required our discernment to prepare for that person. Two years later, we welcomed Rev. Andy K. who faithfully pastored FPC for 14 years.

Remember, we are on God's time, but it shouldn't take 40 years wandering in the wilderness to call a pastor. While on this journey, we will continue to appreciate Pastor Catherine's leadership and guidance.

Peace,
Bill L., Clerk of Session

Missions

The annual St. Patrick's Dinner, cohosted by FPC and SASi, was another rousing success. The evening raised \$2734.00, with \$1149.89 going to each group after expenses. Sixty-eight dinners were served, along with about 12 to-go meals. The meal was delicious, Chef Brenda, and the entertainment a joy, emcee Wesley! Thank you to the cast of volunteers who stepped up to help out (in no particular order):

Mary S., Pamela H., Lindsey H., Robbie G., Weslie K., Linda Z., Sue P. Judy M., Victoria O., Paula V., Sue & Don H., Judy L., Sally M., Nova D., Carol C., Tammy H., Wesley D., Kirsten T., Connie & Millie R., Pastor Catherine L., et al.





Fellowship

If anyone has greeting cards that they are not using, it would be appreciated if you could bring them to the church office during Office Hours (Monday and Wednesday, 9-12).

We also need volunteers for Fellowship for April 26 forward into spring and summer. Sign up on the clipboard that is available during Fellowship after church each week or in the office during office hours.

With much appreciation,
Sylvia H., Elder



An Invitation to Partner in Changing Lives

Dear Church Family,

I'm reaching out with both gratitude and an invitation. Many of you have walked alongside Bonner Homeless Transitions over the years through prayer, encouragement, giving, and service and I want you to know how deeply that support matters. You are part of every life that is being changed through this work.

As we continue our mission to break the cycle of homelessness for women and children in our community, I would love to invite you into a deeper level of partnership.

One of the ways you can come alongside us right now is through our upcoming Little Black Dress: Cocktails & Conversation event on April 30, 2026. This evening plays an important role in sustaining our program and directly supporting the families we serve.

There are a few meaningful ways you can partner with us:

- Attend the event and be part of a special evening of community and impact
- Sponsor the event as a business, family, or small group
- Share this opportunity with others who may feel called to support

Attached you'll find the event invitation and sponsorship information.

More than anything, I want you to know how grateful I am. This work is not done alone, it is carried by a community that believes in restoration, hope and second chances.

If you feel led to partner with us in any way, I would love to connect with you.

Take good care,

--

Rebekah Little, Executive Director

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LITTLE BLACK DRESS

COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION

Enjoy an elegant evening of connection and impact supporting Bonner Homeless Transitions.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

THE IDAHO CLUB
151 Clubhouse Way, Sandpoint, Idaho

Early Bird Tickets \$75
Available through March 31, 2026
\$80 beginning April 1st.



SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS
All adults are welcome



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 Bonner Homeless Transitions

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

LITTLE BLACK DRESS Cocktails & Conversation

5PM | APRIL 30, 2026

PLATINUM \$2,000

- logo on a rotating video screen during cocktail hour
- Own page
- Auctioneer Will mention business by name, have stand
- Listed in program with logo
- Highlight event sponsors on our social media posts
- published as community partners on our website and logo in donor area

GOLD \$1,000

- logo on a rotating video screen during cocktail hour
- Half page
- Auctioneer Will mention business by name, have stand
- Listed in program with logo
- Highlight event sponsors on our social media posts
- published as community partners

SILVER \$500

- logo on a rotating video screen during cocktail hour same page as other Silver level donors
- Auctioneer will thank Silver level sponsors
- Business name listed in program
- List as sponsor in social media

BRONZE \$200

- logo on a rotating video screen during cocktail hour same page as other Bronze level donors
- Auctioneer will thank Bronze level sponsors
- Business name listed in program
- List as sponsor in social media

Family Favorites

Do you have a treasured (non-copyrighted!) family recipe that you'd like to share with the church family? Drop them off in the church office or email them to Dana at Office@fpcsandpoint.org. Please share a little info about the person who created the recipe, if you can.

This month's recipe comes to us from Julie S. who made it for fellowship a few weeks ago. It had everyone raving, so we asked her to share it with us. Julie says that she found it in Sunset Magazine back in 1976. "Good things stand the test of time!"

Zucchini Jack Casserole

2 pounds zucchini (5 small)
4 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1 tsp salt
2 tsp baking powder
3 T all purpose flour
1/4 cup chopped parsley
1 clove garlic-minced or pressed
1 small onion-finely chopped
1 lg. can (7oz) diced green chilies
3/4 lb. shredded jack cheese (4 cups)
1 cup seasoned croutons
3 T melted butter of margarine

Slice zucchini crosswise, 1/4 inch thick: you should have about 7 cups.

In a large bowl, beat together eggs, milk, salt, baking powder, and flour until smooth.

Stir in the rest of the ingredients; stir well it will be thick. Spoon into greased 9x13 dish.

Melt butter & toss croutons; sprinkle on top. Bake uncovered 350 for 35 to 40 minutes or until set in the center and squash is tender. Let stand 10 minutes. serves 10 to 12





APRIL

Birthdays

4/2 Bill L.
4/7 Anne Marie C.
4/20 Kirsten T.
4/30 Andy K.

Did we miss your birthday or get the date wrong? Please let the office know at office@fpcsandpoint.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



4/1 April Fool's Day
4/2 Maundy Thursday, soup supper 5:30, worship service 6:30
4/5 Easter Sunday
4/15 Session Meeting, 1:30-3:00, Fireside Room
4/19 New Member Class, 12:30-2:00, Fireside Room
4/20 Grapevine articles due, 9:00
4/26 New Member Class, 12:30-2:00, Fireside Room

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. 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
- 12:00 p.m. Church choir practice
- 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

Wednesday 9:00-12:00