



The Presbyterian *Messenger*

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*I will indeed bless you, and I will make your
offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven
and as the sand that is on the seashore.*

GENESIS 22:17 (NRSV)

3 Habits for Healthy Relationships

For over five years First Presbyterian Church Burley (FPCB) has been without full-time clergy. (Not counting the very short full-time pastor in 2020.) During these years FPCB has been served by a team. The team has included a part-time pastor, and gifted, trained and competent elders, deacons and church members.

How has that been working? In my opinion FPCB has not been simply surviving. FPCB has been thriving! The Spirit of Christ working in and through us has enabled us to continue to be a vital part of Christ's work in the Mini-Cassia area and beyond. The Spirit of Christ has made us into a warm and inviting family of believers.

To continue being a vibrant body of believers we need to practice three things until they become habits. The three habits are:

Habit #1:

Thinking and behaving like family.

The Bible teaches that when we trust Christ as Savior we are born into God's family. This means that all other Christians are our brothers and sisters in Christ. It's not easy to think in terms of being a "family" of believers. At times, we behave like marbles that bump into each other for one or two hours on Sunday morning; then go our own way for the rest of the week with little or no thought for each other. Reinforce the habit of thinking and behaving like family. How? By working on your attitude towards your brothers and

sisters in Christ. What should your attitude be? Habit #2 answers that question.

Habit #2:

Be humble.

Paul writes in Philippians 2:3: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." (NIV). The closer we stay connected to the Lord Jesus, the more we will be like Him. (John 15:1-17). What was Jesus' attitude? He had a servant's attitude as He related to others. Jesus said: "The Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45). That's what humility is. It's willingly serving others. It's joyfully serving others. It's an attitude that causes us to choose to sit at the foot of the table so that others can have the better seat.

Habit #3:

Be concerned about others.

Paul writes in Philippians 2:4: "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." When we show genuine interest in others (their family, their job, their health, their concerns, etc.) FPCB is being a warm and inviting fellowship.

Join me in praying that our faith in the living Christ will keep growing and our love for others will keep increasing.

In Jesus' love,
Pastor John

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Happy Father's Day!

JUST LIKE DAD

At the beginning of his ministry career, Jerry Steen supplemented his income by mixing animal feed. When his two young boys greeted him at home, they laughed at his dusty appearance before he headed to the shower.

"I didn't think too much of this until I was washing my car and saw my older son doing something very strange," Steen recalls. "He was picking up the gravel and stones in our drive and rubbing them into his pants." Curious, the father asked what the boy was doing. "I want to be dusty like you, Dad!" his son replied.

For Steen, that was an eye-opener. "I realized that if a child would look up to his father for being dusty and want to copy his father," he says, "a child could look up to his father and follow him for anything." What traits and qualities are you modeling and passing on — to your own kids and to anyone else who looks up to you?



Being good sports

When gestures of sportsmanship go viral, they often feature young athletes. In 2022, a Little League baseball player who took a pitch to the head later hugged the distraught opposing pitcher. Evangelist Ken Weliever says pro athletes, politicians, media personalities and everyday Americans should follow that example rather than focusing on revenge.

"Sadder still is when entire churches are disrupted by petty squabbles, partisan politics and overzealous opinions," he writes. "Relationships have been ruptured, marriages dissolved and families torn apart due to a harsh response to hurts instead of a spirit of forgiveness and an attitude of reconciliation."

Christians may sometimes feel tempted to seek payback, but Jesus calls us to live differently. "We need to be reminded that we are to be a transformed people, not conformed to the attitudes and actions of this world (Romans 12:1-2)," says Weliever. "To be light in a world of darkness. And to be the pure, preserving salt in a society that's become corrupted and impure (Matthew 5:13-16)."



The engine of marriage

Being in love is a good thing, but it is not the best thing. Love is a deep unity, maintained by the will and deliberately strengthened by habit; reinforced by the grace which both partners ask and receive from God. On this love the engine of marriage is run; being in love was the explosion that started it.

—C.S. Lewis

Session Highlights

With the passing of our good and faithful servant, Kathy Poulton, and author of Session Highlights, we would like to take this opportunity to pay homage to a great lady, a great leader, and a great servant. Kathy did so much for our church, it is hard to know where to begin to fill her shoes, she wore *many* hats! Kathy has left a hole in our church that will not be easily filled.

Aside from our loss, we pray for Kathy's family, that God will strengthen and encourage them and give them peace and wisdom for the future.

Session Highlights will resume next month.
Be watching for church news and updates.

Please pray for First Presbyterian Church of Burley as we navigate the future.



Katherine Schorzman Poulton
October 9, 1945 - May 27, 2023

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me,
but also to all who have longed for his appearing.*

2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV



During this time we remember those who have left us a great heritage, who have left their print on our church family. Indeed, we have been surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who have passed on to us their faith..

A Service of Remembrance

June 4, 2023

In Memory of:

Frieda Armilda Gebauer

June Maxine Stoller

Bob G. Bay

Brent LeRoy Germann

Marianne Bohon

Jason Lee Matlock

Katherine Schorzman Poulton

*And in Memory and Honor of
all Military Men and Women
around the world—Past & Present*

June Scripture Lessons *from the Lectionary*

June 4 [Trinity Sunday / Communion Sunday]

Gen. 1:1-1:4a; Ps. 8;
2 Cor. 13:11-13; Matt. 28:16-20

June 11 [2nd Sunday after Pentecost]

Gen. 12:1-9; Ps. 33:1-12;
Rom. 4:13-25; Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18 [3rd Sunday after Pentecost]

Gen. 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19;
Rom. 5:1-8; Matt. 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 25 [4th Sunday after Pentecost]

Gen. 21:8-21; Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17;
Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt. 10:24-39



*Farewell Dottie—
Good and Faithful Servant!
You will be missed!!!*

*For I know the plans I have for you,
says the LORD, plans for good and not
for evil, to give you a future and hope.*

JEREMIAH 29:11

**2023 Year to Date****Tithes and
Expenses****April**

Tithes \$11,112.00
Expenses \$6,153.16

YTD Totals:

Tithes \$36,585.00
Expenses \$28,366.60

Committees & Chairpersons

Building & Grounds:

Paul Pugh

Fellowship:

Sandra Clayville

Finance:

Carleen Clayville

Missions & Evangelism:

Dan Wittman

Personnel & Nominating:

Dan Shockey

Worship & Christian Ed:

Erika Wittman

Deacons:

Tyson Germann,
Susan McGee,
Linda Smith,
Julie Germann,
Susi McCall &
Valerie Frazier

05 Karl Fuelling
08 Zailey Germann
09 Hazel Vegwert
10 Max Thomas
10 Steve & Marcia Lynch
15 Travis Frazier
17 Michael Behr



God Bless Your Special Day!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June Servers ~ Thank You! Head Usher: Susi McCall Head Greeter: Carleen Clayville Liturgist: 6/4 Gary 6/11 Dan S., 6/18 Gary 6/25 Dan S. Coffee Hour: 6/4 Fellowship, 6/11 _____, 6/18 Fellowship, 6/25 _____				1 7:00pm Boy Scouts	2	3
4 TRINITY SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship & Communion Cupcake Sunday Memorial Service of Remembrance Scholarship Presentation	5	6	7	8 1:30pm Mt. Harrison Quilt Guild 7:00pm Boy Scouts	9 11:00am Kathy Poulton's Funeral at First Pres. in Burley Burial will follow at Oakley Cemetery Luncheon following at Oakley Stake Center	10 10:00am Presbytery Meeting, Soda Springs 11:00am Celebration of Life for June Stoller at Paul Cemetery
11 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Deacons meet	12	13	14 7:00pm Session	15 Newsletter Articles Due 7:00pm Boy Scouts	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Father's Day Picnic after worship	19	20	21 	22 Newsletter Article Deadline 7:00pm Boy Scouts	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Camp Sawtooth begins (6/25—7/21)	26	27	28	29 7:00pm Boy Scouts	30	

Come glorify God together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshipping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly—Just come!—Monica L. Wilkinson



Darla Holl having fun at the Deacon's Yard Sale, May 18th



Dan Wittman having fun at the Deacon's Yard Sale, May 20th



Presbyterian Women in the News

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.....WHO ARE WE?

Presbyterian Women, Inc., is the women's organization in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

We *are* a community of more than 200,000 women who participate in Presbyterian Women (PW) and align our ministry and hearts around a shared purpose, the PW Purpose.

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

These commitments are lovingly carried out in Presbyterian Women groups in congregations, presbyteries and synods. At the national level, Presbyterian Women provides the resources, direction and opportunities to fulfill the organization's mission and ministry.

Presbyterian Women's connectional structure allows you to participate as deeply and/or broadly in the organization and its commitments as you wish.

(from Presbyterian Women, Inc May 2023)

You are all welcome to join us!

Yours in Christ's Service

Carleen Clayville, Moderator

PARTING THOUGHTS TO PONDER . . .

"Rest is not idle, is not wasteful. Sometimes rest is the most productive thing you can do for body and soul."
—Erica Layne

"The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image." —Thomas Merton

"Earn your success based on service to others, not at the expense of others." —H. Jackson Brown Jr.

"The [person] who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones." —Confucius

LOOKING AHEAD ... MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JULY

04: Independence Day
29: PW Ecumenical Brunch—TBA

AUGUST

13: Outdoor Worship
29: Election Day *we are a poling place

SEPTEMBER

03: Season of Peace begins
04: Labor Day
16: PW CT Planning—TBA
17: National Back to Church Sunday
23: First Day of Autumn



Committee Reports

FINANCE REPORT

The following is part of an article I found about giving. I think you might find it interesting. "One of the curious things about Presbyterians and stewardship is that those who have the least tend to give the most. Percentage-wise more people with incomes of less than \$25,000 tithe (give 10 percent) than those with a greater income. The same is true of the way they give their time and talents to the church. Perhaps it is because they have learned one of the great theological and Biblical truths that Malachi taught the Hebrew people about the reward of the faithful: "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, ... see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing" (3:10)."

(This is a re-run, I can't improve on the message!)

We hope all these blessings pour down on each of you.

Yours in Christ's Service
Your Finance Team

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Life is awesome because of you!



FELLOWSHIP REPORT

June 4th Cupcake Sunday
June 18th Father's Day Picnic after worship
Respectfully submitted,
Terrie Shockey

SEASONAL HUMOR

For summer weddings:

- The wedding was so beautiful, even the cake was in tiers.
- Did you hear about the two spiders who got engaged? They met on the web.
- Two cell phones got married. The reception was terrific!
- Why did the King of Hearts and the Queen of Hearts get married? They were perfectly suited.

For baseball season:

- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger and bigger. Then it hit me.
- What did the baseball glove say to the ball? "Catch ya later!"
- Why are frogs good baseball players? Because they're good at catching flies.
- Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team? She ran away from the ball.

And for Father's Day, some dad jokes:

- My dream job is to clean mirrors because I can really see myself doing that.
- We're renovating the house. The first floor is going great, but the second floor is another story.

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Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:45 am

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See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come.
Song of Solomon 2:11-12 NIV

June 2023

PRAYER CORNER

We offer up prayers for . . .

- All who are fighting cancer and those recovering from various illnesses and injuries
- Prayers of thanksgiving for God's Son—his indescribable gift (2 Cor. 9:15).
- Prayers of support and encouragement for all our shut-ins and those in care facilities
- All who have lost loved ones
- The poor, lonely, abused, or struggling with addiction
- All who have lost jobs
- Those facing financial uncertainties
- Wisdom for those making difficult decisions
- Our church leaders
- Our military
- Our government leaders
- Our partnership ministries: Hope Community Food Pantry, Operation Christmas Child and Crossroads Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter

Prayers: If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please contact the church office.

Prayer Chain: If you have an emergency prayer request, or would like to join the prayer chain, please contact Susan McGee at 208-312-3864