

May 2011



Corner Connection

Whitefish First Presbyterian Church

The Church on the corner of downtown Whitefish since 1921



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

- May 4:** Last Day to Order
May 6-7: Group to Spokane
To pull flowers for sale
May 13: 7am Unload Semi Trucks
9-5 Flower Sale
May 14: 8-4 Flower Sale
May 15: 11-1 Clean Up

National Day Of Prayer

THURSDAY, May 5
6-7:30 am

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

In our Fellowship Hall we will host about 75 people from the community for breakfast and prayer.

National Day of Prayer is organized by Pastor Don Dukes. We will have prayer for several topics.

The theme this year is Founding Freedom.

Please contact Leslee Washer if you'd like to be on the breakfast team.

May: Preparation for the Harvest

As a people of GOD who are preparing for the harvest, there are "7-UPS" that need your attention and focus.

- (1) **Shut-UP.** Sometimes I need to take my mouth off of what GOD is doing and listen to HIS voice. Not my own. More of GOD and less of me. Rise UP ...in me.
- (2) **Look-UP.** (Psalm 121:1,2) - I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- (3) **Pray-UP.** Praying always without ceasing. There is never a time not to pray.
- (4) **Grow-UP.** Desire the meat of the WORD. It is time to stop sucking on the milk and grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- (5) **Get Fed-UP.** Now is the time to say "Enough is Enough." I am armed and dangerous full of the HOLY SPIRIT and I am a child of the Most High GOD. It's time to take back all that the locusts have eaten;
- (6) **Never Give-UP.** GOD didn't give up on us. I will continue to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling which is in CHRIST JESUS. I will be steadfast and unmovable always abounding in the work of GOD. I will reap if I faint not.
- (7) **Be filled-UP.** Filled with the HOLY SPIRIT. GOD left us a comforter. To guide us and lead us into all truth. Be filled with praise. Blessing GOD at all times for HIS praises shall continually be in my mouth. Blessing and praising GOD causes me to forget about myself and concentrate on HIS goodness and mercy.

We invite you to be part of the journey toward the harvest at First Presbyterian Church and as always we hope to see you in Church, not only on Sundays but throughout the week!

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." Abraham Lincoln

Women's Retreat

Save the Date: August 22, 23 and 24 are dates not to be missed for Presbyterian Women. It is time for the annual PW Retreat at Glacier Camp and the Rev. Tracy Keenan, pastor of the Church of the Covenant in Columbus, OH is the worship leader. Two years ago, Tracy was the worship leader at the National Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, KY. She is a gifted preacher, songwriter/musician, creative worship leader and an all around fun person. She is taller than Shelle and drives a Mini-Cooper! Our connection? Tracy was Al's cohort in crime (read a fun 10 years of ministry) at Southminster Church in Pittsburgh, PA. We have finally convinced her that Maine is not the ONLY beautiful place in the U.S. What she doesn't know is that in addition to blue waters, green pines, wildflowers, waterfalls and mountains we also have wonderful people out here. Come meet Tracy and prove us right! Miriam Foster

Presbyterian Women

On May 19th our business meeting starts at 12:15 and everyone is welcome as we make decisions for PW. We will be talking about Women's Sunday scheduled for June 5th when we will be conducting the worship service. From 1:00—2:00 Arline Hankins and Marlene Barnes will host our gathering and devotions will be given by Flossie Fletcher. We will have a program and dessert.

We will also be taking our birthday offering. Bring your pennies!

We encourage every woman in our church to join us!

Thanks to Pastor Don Dukes

FPC Whitefish was blessed to Have Pastor Don with us during the Lenten Season.

Don brought a wonderful energy, filled with the Spirit on Tuesdays and Sundays.

Our congregation honored him with an monetary expression of gratitude on his final Sunday, Easter Sunday.

Please keep Pastor Don and his family in your prayers as he continues his ministry in our valley. To keep in touch www.prayerfortheharvest.org Pastor Don will be leading the National Day of Prayer hosted at our church on May 5th.



High School Lunch

Our Church will be serving lunch to over 125 high school students during Free Lunch Wednesday at the Nazarene church. We team up with the churches in Whitefish to provide a hot meal and a time of prayer and fellowship for the students. This is our last lunch for the school year. Join us Wed. May 4th.

Shepherd's Hand Medical Clinic

Our church serves dinner on Monday, May 9th at 5pm during the free medical clinic.

If you'd like to help prepare or serve the meal, please sign up in fellowship hall or contact Claire Strickler.

A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts. ~ Washington Irving

Session Highlights

April Meeting:

Voted to call Rev. Dudley Rose as Interim Pastor

Reviewed funds available for Interim Pastor salary package.

Chose April 30th to clean the church interior. Will choose a date in May for exterior work.

Hired a new custodian as an independent contractor to the church, who will begin May 1st.

Hired a new pianist who will rehearse with the choir and play for worship on the second and fourth Sundays.

Approved One Great Hour of Sharing offering in May.

Learned about the Flower Sales and the opportunities for community involvement.

Learned that the new windows are installed! The exterior work around the stained glass windows will begin soon!

Voted on a Thank You gift to Ann Tarr for being our Clerk of Session.

Voted on a Giving Opportunity by the congregation in gratitude to Pastor Don Dukes for his time spent with us in Worship and Tuesday night study.



Klean the Kitchen Scrub the Sanctuary

Polish the Parish

April 30 at 9 a.m.

You are not only invited, you're needed to help get all the nooks and crannies cleaned up!

Big Jobs and Little Jobs for all comers! Let's make it shine!

Bring your vacuum, your buckets, your dust rags, and your elbow grease!

The list will be posted and crews disbursed!

Annual Flower Sales For Mission Projects

Flower Orders are being taken until May 4th. **You can help** by giving an order form to a friend or emailing the address for our church website! All of the money raised is for Local Mission.

Sign Up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall to help with the actual days that the flowers are picked up and sold. You can help by sitting at the table and taking money, watering plants, fluffing plants, delivering coffee.... There is something that EVERYONE can do!

The sale will take place May 13-15.

Contact Shelle Kuntz.

God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers. ~Jewish Proverb

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Children's Ministry

Do you delight in young children? Can you speak the good news of Jesus Christ in simple terms? We provide all of your curriculum, your crafts, your songs! You just provide your presence!

Helpers this Month:

May 1: Claire Strickler

May 8 : Pat Cole

KC Slikerveer

May 15: Jean Petersen

Allyce Street

May 22: Susie Moore

May 29: Evelyn Peterson

Gayle Bax

Please find your own replacement if you're unable to participate on your designated date.



Prayer Requests

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thes 5: 16-18

Lift up to the Lord:

The family of Dee Strickler, Jancie Maddux, John Dunagan, Ann Tarr, Pat Rice, Chris Umbach, Phyllis Schroeder, JP Krona, Jerry Barnes, Dot Ann Ricker, Art Peterson, Dan and Marcia Davis, John Petersen, our church leadership, our elected officials, and our armed forces.

If you are on the prayer chain and our prayers have helped you in any way, we would love to hear all about it.

Prayer Chain

We are a faithful and praying congregation. To get your prayer concerns and requests on the prayer chain, call:

Arline Hankins 862-9065

Phyllis Bjorsness 862-3355



From the Pulpit in May

May 1: "A Faceless Jesus"

Matthew 25:31-46

Thrust: Recognizing Jesus in every day experiences.

May 8: "Homemade"

Proverbs 31

Thrust: A son's Mother's Day letter of gratitude.

May 15: "Fox Tail or Sharp Thorn?"

Hosea 11:1-4, II Kings 17, John 14: 8-11, Matthew 16: 21-23

Thrust: Jesus' use of different spiritual strokes for different spiritual conditions.

May 22: "Encouragement Givers"

Romans 1:12, Philemon 7, Hebrews 10:24-25, I Thes 5:11-18

Thrust: God's people: Whiners and complainers or smilers and encouragers?

May 29: "Remember"

Deut 8:11-20, Revelation 3:3, Philipians 3:12-14, I Cor 11:23-26

Thrust: Memorial Day message... We are what we remember.

Stewardship Ministry

We have replaced the windows in the church, both on the ground level and in the fellowship hall. The Pastor's office and the stairwells have been painted!

Upcoming Building Legacy Fund projects we have planned are to reconstruct the front steps to the sanctuary, repaint the sanctuary front doors, replace and improve exterior window frames and stained glass window protection, and replace and upgrade sanctuary ceiling tiles and carpet.

If you are interested in giving to specific upcoming projects, our electric bill, water bill, or specific ministry projects, please make a designation on your check and we'll make sure your donations are logged in the appropriate account.

Happy Birthday In May

Lynda Nelson May 1st

Donna Lee May 2nd

Marcia Davis May 5th

Pat Rice May 8th

Jake Colvill May 13th

Jacob Washer May 13th

Albert Hull May 22nd

Susan Tate May 25th

Jerry House May 25th

Pat Cole May 29th

Leona Hileman May 29th

Kevin Kuntz May 30th

Beth Dunagan May 31st

Evelyn Peterson May 31st

If you know of someone whose name should appear in the birthday column, please contact the church office!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

During the month of May, FPC Whitefish will be learning about the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering.

OGHS supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self Development of People.

Following the Haiti earthquake, the program provided seeds and tools for thousands of Haitian farmers to grow enough food for hundreds of thousands of displaced people.

In Detroit, SDOP partnered with the city to use vacant lots to cooperatively grow and produce food and provide a base for long-term sustainable income and community redevelopment.

Fellowship Committee will be sponsoring a potluck on Sunday, May 15th after church. There will be information on the tables that explain in detail what great things our money does!

The offering will be taken on May 29, 2011.

LET'S CELEBRATE GOD'S GENEROSITY WITH PRAYERFUL GIVING.

News from the Transition Team

Welcome Rev. Dudley Rose

Session has called The Reverend M. Dudley Rose as our Interim Pastor to begin his ministry with us May 1st.

Having celebrated his 70th birthday this past March, Dudley brings us 45 years of experience as a clergyman in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Mrs. Rose (Dorothy, Administrative Assistant in the Counseling Office of a middle school) and Dudley are parents of three daughters with nine grand children.

Rev. Rose, a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, has served a rural

parish, as a college Chaplain and Professor, was the organizing minister of a new church development, has served a large suburban congregation, and has served as a trained interim with two churches. His interests are wide spread, having coached high school football for ten years in Western Pennsylvania while serving a Presbyterian Church (he attended college on a football scholarship), as a certified Chaplain with the police department, an amateur chef with a book published, "Life Lessons from the

Table - Recipes to Feed the Body, Stories to Nourish the Soul," as a volunteer with a Christian Free Medical Clinic, and is trained as a conflict management specialist.

He retired on March 1, 2010 after twelve years as the Head of Staff/Senior Minister of McDonough (Georgia) Presbyterian Church. Dudley spent 2010 as the Moderator of our denomination's largest Presbytery, Greater Atlanta, as well as preaching throughout the Presbytery.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) met on April 20th to begin their journey toward finding a permanent pastor. They elected Terry Nelson as Moderator, Jerry House as Vice-Moderator and Shelle Kuntz as Secretary. Their first task is writing the Church Information File, which is officially used in the search for a Pastor.

Please Pray for the PNC: Terry Nelson, Bob Paulus, Dale Bax, Shelle Kuntz, Miriam Foster, Jerry House, Bob McConnell, Leslee Washer, and Karen Rosenberg.

May God guide us toward the GREAT things He has planned for us!

A Look at a Book from our Lending Library

This is a special month at FPC as we move into the weeks of Easter, our Spring weather, and a new Interim Pastor, M. Dudley Rose. Rev. Rose is a retired (but certainly NOT tired!) Minister in the Presbyterian Church and has served a wide variety of ministries in the American Northeast and the South. He wrote a wonderful book in 2007 that was shared with me by his friends, Al and Miriam Foster. What a treat to read! Obviously, Pastor Rose enjoys cooking and entertaining and has written "LIFE LESSONS from the TABLE", a easy to read(and treasure) cookbook based on Jesus' assertion that we feed and welcome all, thereby, welcoming Him. With absolutely fabulous recipes dear to his heart, Pastor Rose

has written stories, ponderables, scriptures, prayers, and wise words, both ancient and contemporary, to illustrate the essentials of life---nourishment for the body and the soul. My favorite review expresses how important the sharing of a meal is---"more than the satisfaction of a basic need....it embraces the love, care, and bond people express to each other". This book truly feels as though your soul as well as your body is being fed! Here is a wonderful and easy recipe from Pastor Rose's book that I ADORE.
Gayle Bax

CHICKEN MEDITERRANEAN
1/2 pound skinned and boned chicken breast halves, cut into cubes
4 garlic cloves, minced
2 TBSP. olive oil

1 (14-1/2 oz can diced tomatoes, undrained
1/4 cup kalamata olives, pitted and chopped
1/2 tsp each of dried parsley, basil, oregano
1/3 cup feta cheese
4 oz. penne pasta, cooked

Combine first 3 ingredients in a heavy-duty Ziploc plastic bag. Seal and chill 2 hours. Cook chicken mixture in a skillet over medium-high heat 8 minutes, or until chicken is done; remove from skillet. Add tomatoes and next 4 ingredients to the pan. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring often. Return chicken to skillet. Sprinkle with feta cheese and remove from heat. Cover and let stand 5 minutes. Serve over hot pasta.
Yield: 2 servings



Neighbors in Need

SPRING BRUNCH:

May 1, 9:30 - 1:30 Hampton Inn Kalispell. This organization's purpose is to give aid in the name of Jesus Christ, who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, freed the oppressed and met people's physical and emotional needs. Neighbors in need is a fund of last resort, funded by local churches and run entirely on donations and volunteer efforts. Referrals are made through the Help Network. Tickets for the Spring Brunch are \$15.

Church Staff

Pastor:

Rev. Dudley Rose

Secretary:

Erin Sibley

Treasurer:

Leslee Washer

Organist:

Kathy Murphy

Pianist:

Judi Ficken

Elders Serving on Session

Stewardship:

Leslee Washer, Turner Askew, John Petersen

Christian Education:

Pat Cole, Miriam Foster

Worship:

Michelle Kuntz, Miriam Foster, Chuck Paulus

Fellowship:

Deb House, Gayle Bax

Mission:

Frank Leftwich

Deacons Serving

Chris Washer

Willo Harris

Flossie Fletcher

KC Slikkerveer

Diana Stephens

Jean Peterson

Dale Bax

Allyce Street

Sandy Hartman

Evelyn Peterson

May Deacon of the Month:

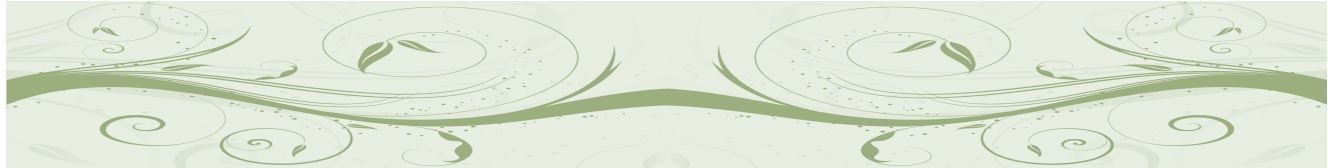
Jean Petersen & Joe Fagan

MISSION STATEMENT of WHITEFISH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The main purpose of the First Presbyterian Church is to glorify God and enjoy God forever.

To fulfill this purpose, we affirm three God-given responsibilities:

- To know, love and worship God through Jesus Christ
- To serve and build up one another in love as members of the body of Christ
- To go into our community, our country and the world, empowered by God's Holy Spirit to make disciples, teaching them all that Christ commands



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