

June/July 2011

Corner Connection

Whitefish First Presbyterian Church

The Church on the corner of downtown Whitefish since 1921

EAT
PRAY
LOVE



Tuesdays at High Noon!

12:00: Bring your sack lunch to the Fellowship Hall and join us for 30 minutes of fellowship & enjoying each other's company!

12:30: We'll move to the Chapel for a time of Prayer. If you can't make it to lunch, you'll know when prayer time begins!

Specifically for our PNC, our New Pastor, our Congregation, and our Church.



Is God Calling You?

Her name was Amanda Hill. She was a very tall woman and had two very tall children. That is the immediate picture that comes to my mind as I think back on my Sunday School days in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church in East Palestine, Ohio. A deeper look into that memory focuses on a woman who was there week after week telling me Bible stories and helping me learn "my piece" to say in front of the congregation on Children's Day. From Mrs. Hill I learned the stories of David and Goliath, the loaves and fishes, of Noah and Moses, Jesus and his disciples and so many more. I learned to sing and pray and make things out of paper plates.

Amanda has been gone for many years and I have been gone from my hometown for many years. Wouldn't Mrs. Hill be delighted to hear my story today? She would be happy, I'm sure, to know that I am an active part of my local Presbyterian Church. The hour she gave to me and others on a Sunday morning in the 1940's took root and flowered and is being passed on in Whitefish, Montana.

Would you consider being Amanda Hill for an hour on Sunday morning for one month per year? "You" could be paired up with one other person to spend time with some amazing children and make a lasting difference in little lives. A member of the Christian Ed committee will meet with each team before their teaching month to help them plan and coordinate with previous lessons taught.

We would love to have you consider this opportunity. No experience necessary, just a desire to share your faith and pass on Jesus' love for you. **Please consider that God is sending you to this place for this purpose for just one month out of a year.** Of course, substitutes will always be welcome. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall for the next several weeks.

Children's Church Teaching Schedule:

June: Miriam Foster July: Pat Cole

Submitted by Miriam Foster on behalf of the Christian Education Team

"My Father - He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

~Clarence Budington Kelland



Sunday Sundaes!

July 10, 2011

Lunch After Worship

>"Take Me Out to the Ballpark" hotdogs

>The Fixins

>Sunday Sundae Specials!

Women's Retreat

Save the Date: August 22, 23 and 24 are dates not to be missed for the women of our church! 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 average 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 US. 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

Sunday, June 5th is "Gifts of Women" Sunday.

Many women in our congregation will participate and lead the worship service.

Lynda Nelson will deliver our message and special music will be offered by Karen Leftwich, Shelle Kuntz, & Leslee Washer.

Pastor Rose will serve communion during the service.

Join us for a very special time in praising God!

Happy Graduation

Congratulations to **Molly McConnell**, who graduated from University of Montana in May! Molly's degree is in English with teaching certification and she is already employed right here in Whitefish!

And to **Chris Kirkemo**, who graduated from Montana Tech with a degree in Mechanical Engineering! Chris is also walking right into a job in his profession!

Graduating from Whitefish High School on June 4th is **Sterling Bax**. Sterling will attend Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. She hopes to play her upright bass in the orchestra and jazz groups and is planning to minor in music. She is keeping her options open for her major study.

May God grant blessings upon all of you as you begin a new chapter in your lives!



Wedding Wishes

We offer our prayers of joy to Chris Kirkemo and Marni Hale.

Shepherd's Hand Medical Clinic

Our church serves dinner on Monday, June 13th 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.

What Makes a Dad...

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad
Author Unknown



Flowers

By the Numbers

7

Number of People who travelled to Spokane to choose the flowers from the greenhouses. In the course of two days, we pulled each and every flat and moved it to a storage area in one of the greenhouses! It was so much fun!! Seriously, FUN!!

453 & 397 & 165

Number of pony pak flats, four inch pot flats, and baskets that were sold during the sale!!

162 & 101

Number of veggie flats, and perennial flats sold!

94

Number of pre-orders taken prior to the sales!

37+

Number of Fabulous People who helped to make the flower sale a success! Thank You so much for volunteering!

Unlimited

The number of lives that will be touched as a result of this fundraiser when we donate the profits for mission work in our community!

41

Number of flats left over that will be sold at 'gettem outta here' prices!!

They're still Gorgeous Flowers full of blooms and beauty!

June 3-5 from noon to 3pm at Kuntz's home 250-4645

\$1 pony paks

\$1.50 4 inch pots—geraniums, perennials, colorful flowers.

Session Highlights

For the Month of May:

Approved the Church Information File as written by the Pastor Nominating Committee. It will now go on to Presbytery Committee on Ministry.

Voted to approve a budget of no more than \$4,000 for advertising for New Pastor.

Listened to Rev. Rose's new visitation program: "Every Life Has a Story. Care to Share Yours?"

Discussed the Tuesday night study on Presbyterian Ordination Standards.

Approved Eliana Dukes using Fellowship Hall for a surprise party for Don on May 14.

Heard a proposal from Eliana Dukes for an exercise and wellness class to be taught in the Fall.

Approved the use of the sanctuary for Piano Recital May 26.

Approved the use of the church by Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge June 17, 20-24.

Approved Concert Request in July by John Nilson.

Approved Communion Dates of May 15, June 5, July 10.

Listened about our new custodial hire, Wendy.

Approved Rev. Rose reimbursement expenses as part of his salary package.

Elected Turner Askew as Clerk of Session. Betsy Paugh will be our recorder for meetings.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2011

In Your Travels
Bring Back a Bulletin

The Worship Committee gleans lots of information and ideas from other church's bulletins! Just drop it off in the office!

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:

PRAYERS of JOY FOR:

Ann Tarr and the Great Report

PRAYERS FOR:

Art Peterson, Marlene Barnes, The Reading Family

OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Randy Cheney, Janice Maddux, John Dunagan, Pat Rice, Chris Umbach, Phyllis Schroeder, JP Krona, Jerry Barnes, Dot Ann Ricker, Art Peterson, Dan and Marcia Davis, John Petersen, Pastor Don Dukes and his ministry, our church leadership, our Pastor Nominating Committee, 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 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 June & July

June 5th: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.... "Celebrating the Gifts of Women" (Presbyterian women lead worship with Lynda Nelson delivering the message.)

June 12th: Pentecost Sunday.... "Wind, Be My Friend" (John 3:8, Acts 2:1-3) Thrust: Keeping the sails of our lives hoisted to catch the Spirit/Wind of God in whatever form God moves.

June 19th: Father's Day... "Hugs and Kisses" (Luke 7:36-50) Thrust: Parents and grandparents passionately expressing love rather than curtailing emotions.

June 26th: "Grace Candy" (Portion of Romans 3 and 5) Thrust: We can't earn God's love. It is a gift.

July 3rd: Independence Day.... "America Needs More Salt" (Matthew 5:13) Thrust: A call to take Christian truths and priorities into life's personal and public arenas.

July 10th: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.... "Wounded Healers" (Isaiah 53:4-6, I Peter 2:21-25) Thrust: Using life's wounds as sources of healing for ourselves and others.

July 17th: "By Order of the Secret Service" (I Corinthians 1:26-31, Galations) 3:26-28 Thrust: Jesus' church is a place where everyone is special, but no one has a special place.

July 24th: "A Change of Dreams" (Deuteronomy 31:19-22) Thrust: Living a basic, simple, unadorned, focused Christian lifestyle.

July 31st: "May I Have This Dance?" (Matthew 26:26-32; 28:1-10, 16-20) Thrust: The Resurrected One is waiting for us in Galilee to join Him, The Lord of the Dance.

Happy Birthday June & July

Robert Schwada, Jack Shigo 6/5
Randy Cheney 6/7
Ron Rosenberg 6/13
Hap Peters, Dot Ann Ricker 6/17
Vickie McConnell 6/18
Jenny Atchinson 6/19
Sandra Hartman 6/24
Joe Fagan 6/27
John Petersen 6/29

Sid House 7/4
Miriam Foster 7/8
Flossie Fletcher 7/10
Phyllis Schroeder 7/14
Nan Askew 7/16
Larry Schroeder 7/20
Diana Stephens 7/21
Deb House 7/22
KC Slikkerveer 7/23
Jerold Pfrimmer 7/24
Jack Fletcher, Ed Krona 7/27

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

PENTECOST - WEAR RED!

Sunday, June 12th

The biblical narrative of Pentecost is given in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. As recounted in Acts 2:1-6: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language."

While those on whom the Spirit had descended were speaking in tongues, the disciple Peter stood up with the eleven and proclaimed to the crowd that this event was the fulfillment of the prophecy ("I will pour out my spirit") in Joel 2:28-29. Acts 2:41 reports: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."



The History of Alcoholics Anonymous at FPC Whitefish

Contributed by Chuck Paulus, a member of Whitefish Presbyterian Church

AA began in Whitefish in the early 1950s. One of the first members was husband to a member of First Presbyterian Church. AA soon began holding meetings in the church basement. Unfortunately back in those days there was a lot of stigma attached to being an Alcoholic, in recovery or not.

One day the church asked the AA's to leave. In the words of the man who started the group, "Those damn women don't want us drunks in their building". He had an appointment that day with Rusty Abel at the Whitefish Credit Union. Rusty asked him "why so forlorn?" The man told him AA was asked to leave the church. Rusty said he and Frank Stevens, who owned the Toggery with Rusty, had an unused apartment upstairs in the store and they were welcome to meet there. The AA's began meeting there and did so for the next 50 years. A few years ago the Toggery went through a remodel doing away with the AA meeting place. In the search for another place FPC was approached and AA began meeting in the basement. Some of the members were sad about losing the long-time meeting place at the Toggery but a few old-timers told the story about how they were again meeting in the place where AA began in Whitefish.

AA is an excellent tenant for the church. They meet at least once every day and many days 3 or more times. There are different groups. There is one in the evening, at 12:30pm and a women's only. Some early risers had trouble getting to the evening meetings so they began one starting at 7am.

The beginning of the noon meeting has an interesting beginning. It was started by a lady named Mary Kay, who coincidentally was a member of FPC. Mary Kay was a part time teacher at Bissell School. At the time there were only a few meetings a week and she had difficulty attending any. She began a midday meeting at noon hoping others would attend. It was at 12:30 as that was when she returned to Whitefish after work. Mary Kay sat there alone quite a few days. She continued being there every day. Eventually a few people began showing up mostly so she would have some company. Today that is one of the better attended meetings often with 20 or more people.

One may ask why most AA members continue to attend meetings for many years. One reason is that Alcoholism is a disease which has no cure. It can only be arrested and meeting attendance is an excellent way to "fend off" a relapse. Many times continued attendance is because of the Social element. To quote from the book Alcoholics Anonymous, "I know I must get along without drinking but how can I? Have you a sufficient substitute. Yes we have and it is vastly more than that. It is a fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous."

It has been suggested that we, as a mission church, not charge the AA groups rent to use our facilities. If that were offered AA would have to say thanks, but no thanks, our traditions dictate that we be self supporting. AA cannot even accept donations. If you try to find the leader of AA you will not succeed. The traditions state they have no leaders. To quote one of those traditions, "Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern." This is a safeguard to preserve the fellowship. With no one in charge rifts and splits cannot develop. Also AA can have no opinion on outside issues. Although encouraged to read other literature, such as the Holy Bible, only publications from AA's General Service Office can be used at meetings. Though these traditions seem difficult or even impossible to follow, they have found long term adherence in AA groups around the world. The reason appears to be AA's singleness of purpose. AA members realize that for them it is literally a matter of life or death. It has been shown over and over that for an Alcoholic to continue drinking will result in, death, prison, or insanity. The result is that AA is truly an anarchical yet altruistic society. It is by far the most successful means of recovery yet devised. It is often said at meetings that AA began as a result of prayer, probably from Mothers, and continues thanks to divine intervention.

Stewardship Ministry

We are beginning to scrape old paint, replace and improve exterior stained glass window frames in preparation for NEW Paint! The new color will match the new windows that were installed in the Spring.

Aldo Kuntz met with Flathead Electric to apply for a safety grant to reconstruct the front steps to the sanctuary. The work will begin this summer. Along with the steps replacement, we will repaint the sanctuary front doors and replace the railings along the steps.

Once the steps and windows are completed, landscaping will begin around the church yard.

Upcoming Building Legacy Fund projects we have planned are to 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.



News from the Pews

What's Goin' On with our Members!!

- Thank You Jerry House for your years in education. Most recently the past 11 as our Superintendent! Enjoy Retirement!
- Brad Kuntz is employed in Los Angeles with a real salary and benefits!
- Randy & Jeanette Cheney are grandparents times two last Spring.
- Phyllis Bjorsness just returned from a trip to Ireland!
- Ben Fagan is working in Alaska after spending the winter skiing in India.
- Becca Washer is finishing her Army Officer/Nurses training in Texas before being stationed in Hawaii.
- Steve & Betsy Paugh are grandparents! They've spent a bit of time in Vermont helping out!
- Hap & Pam Peter's daughter is getting married next month!
- Debbi Starr, our travelling nurse, has left the Virgin Islands and will now be working in Oregon.
- Claire Strickler got to see her grand daughter play in the 8th grade orchestra concert in Connecticut.
- Deb House is this year's First Lady of Whitefish!
- The Shigos have returned from a journey that took them from the Mountains to the East Coast. They put over 10,000 miles on their car in two months time!
- Jane Forsberg celebrated her 60th class reunion in Coronado, CA.
- Brad Seaman has retired as Director of the Flathead Land Trust. Congrats!



Beginning June 17th ten college students from San Diego State University will be spending a week of their summer vacation building houses through Habitat for Humanity International's Collegiate Challenge program and staying at our church. These students will work with Habitat of Flathead Valley to construct a home with two local partner families. In addition to donating their time and energy on the build site, these students raised more than \$1,000 for HFHFV's Columbia Falls 5th Street development.

Collegiate Challenge is a year-round alternative break program that offers groups of students, 16 years of age and older, the opportunity to visit one of the 250 Habitat for Humanity host affiliates throughout the United States. Students spend one week working in partnership with the local affiliate, the local community and partner families to help eliminate substandard house in the area.

This year's Collegiate Challenge will take place from June 17 - 24, providing students an alternative break by building simple, decent, and affordable homes for families in need. Students are helping themselves and their own communities as they help others build new homes, new hope and new lives.

COMMUNITY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Cooking Up New Creations

June 27-30 from 9-noon

How 'bout FOUR days of crazy fun with children from Whitefish!!

For the Ninth year in a row, we team up with Whitefish Methodist Church for a wonderful time of sharing Christ's Love!

Registration forms will be showing up at church soon! Invite all the children that you know!

Location

Whitefish Methodist Church
1150 Wisconsin Avenue

Ages

3 years old - entering the 4th grade.

There will be a separate program for those entering 5th - 6th grades.

At **Shake it up Café** your children will carry out God's recipe. The recipe includes heaping helpings of Bible fun and special servings of tangy & tart creative crafts, hands on mission work, food science foodology factory, spork sports, great wok & roll music and healthy snacks.

Pre-registration

Before June 1st

\$7 per child or \$14 per family

After June 1st

\$10 per child or \$20 per family

Registration forms, as well as, scholarships are available at all participating Churches.

You Can Help!

Items that we are in need of are:
napkins, 4 oz cups, plates, wipes, hot dogs, sponsor a child \$10 or sponsor a family \$20

Volunteer your Time

One day, One hour - You choose where you help out!

Boxes for donations and Sign Ups to help will be in Fellowship Hall.

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

June 2011

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Questions to, and Answers from, our Interim Pastor

Q: What shall we call you?

A: Anything polite! I'm comfortable with "Dudley." If you are not, "Pastor, Reverend or Mr. Rose" is fine.

Q: How is the best way to reach you?

A: I do my best to always be available via my cell phone, 770-833-2544.

Q: What is your typical daily schedule?

A: I am a morning person, up about 6am and usually in bed by 10pm. Breakfast, devotions, reading and writing for a couple hours; to The Wave from 9-10am for the water aerobics/fitness exercise program; to the Pastor's study around 10:45am on weekdays; rest of the day involves pastoral calls, administrative responsibilities,

committee meetings, preparing for teaching and preaching opportunities, etc.

Q: What arrangements have you made with the Session to spend time with Mrs. Rose while you are separated by the miles?

A: My contract has me in FPC's pulpit every Sunday, but with about a week off each month. Dorothy will be in Whitefish June 9-14 and I will be home July 4-9 and August 18-25. Months ago I accepted an invitation to preach August 21 in Western Pennsylvania at an anniversary celebration of the first Church I served. I will arrange for a guest Preacher at FPC for that Sunday. Dorothy and I haven't set our September and forward travel dates yet.

Q: How do you understand your role as an Interim Pastor?

A: I believe my calling is to help the congregation feel good about (celebrate) its strengths, and be open to addressing its weaknesses, so that FPC is as strong and healthy as possible for the arrival of your Designated Pastor. My desire includes sharing the following convictions: church people are common folk seeking uncommon divine answers to life's ups and downs; faith questions are welcome, but simple answers to them usually are not satisfying; God loves us just the way we are, but loves us too much to let us stay that way; followers of Christ are not perfect, but our personal friendship with Jesus makes God-pleasing differences in how we live.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is meeting regularly! We have the Church Information File finished and approved by Session and the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry!

The Ad has been written and submitted to three publications and sent to anyone who will include it on their website or in their newsletter!

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!

EVERY LIFE HAS A STORY. CARE TO SHARE YOURS?

Our Interim pastor, Dudley Rose, is eager to get to know you, discuss your faith journeys and hear your dreams for First Presbyterian of Whitefish.

Rev. Rose solicits your invitation to meet with him over a cup of coffee, dinner or dessert, in your home, at a restaurant, on the job, in the pastor's study, etc. at a mutually convenient time.

Simply sign **Sunday Morning's Friendship Register** with your name, phone number and check "Desire A Visit," or call Erin in the Church office with similar information. Dudley then will be in touch to schedule a day, time and place!

PASTOR
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WHITEFISH, MONTANA

We seek an Evangelical Pastor to join us in a dynamic ministry in a historic downtown church in the heart of a ski village. Help us to live out our mission: **TO MAKE JESUS** in real and practical ways.

Are you ready to lead us toward a deeper faith, guide us into discipleship, work alongside us in mission projects, and inspire from God's word and joy in our unique counter culture that we can use to share the Good News with the world?

For a full position description of our future designated pastor, Please visit www.fpcwhitefish.org to find out more about Whitefish First Presbyterian and this fabulous opportunity for ministry!



Summer Worship

AUGUST 14, 2011

We will gather at Glacier Presbytery Camp in Lakeside along the banks of Flathead Lake. Once again, we will join with First Presbyterian Kalispell for a morning of worship, an afternoon of Lunch and fellowship; and take time to enjoy the beauty that surrounds camp.

Church Staff

Pastor:

Rev. Dudley Rose

Secretary:

Erin Kingsolver

Treasurer:

Leslee Washer

Organist:

Kathy Murphy

Custodian:

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

June Deacons of the Month:

Allyce Street and KC Slikkerveer

July Deacons of the Month:

Evelyn Peterson and Flossie Fletcher

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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