

Spreading the Good News of Christ  
Through Our Love, Words, and Actions

# “Ready to gRumble”



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601

**September 24, 2017**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

*Lay Liturgist – Rose Leavitt*

\* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: **“Praeludium in Bb Major”** by *Johann L. Krebs (1713-1780)*

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS *a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.

**People: Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.**

\* GATHERING HYMN: **“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”** See screen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Joe Walsh proclaimed in song “Life’s been good to me so far.” He goes on to state, “I can't complain, but sometimes I still do.” Lord of Life, giver of life, prognosticator of the path, you lay before us life abundant. We have no reason to complain, yet we fervently hold on to the right to do so. We ask that you set us on the way of praise for what we have received, to be mindful of the gift of true life we’ve received, and to live each day in response to your glory. (time for silent confession)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you,

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Let us share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.

\*GLORIA PATRI



# CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>25</b>	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27</b>	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28</b>	11:00 pm	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book - AA Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>29</b>	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group

## Deacons-On-Call

**Need a ride, a meal or a home repair? Call a Deacon on Call:**

	Joy Edgar	(202-2200)
	Ward & Mary Stiles	(443-4783)

## Ushers

### Ushers Today <sup>(24)</sup>

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman  
Mary Wright

### Ushers Next Week <sup>(1)</sup>

Linda Bench, Judy Birch  
Mary Wright

# CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP NEWS

◆> "Your ever-busy Congregational Fellowship Committee has been Brainstorming! We've got some fun ideas, but before going ahead with any of them, we'd like your input. Please check out the information sheet on the coffee table, writing your name after any of the events that interest you. There's bowling, an exercise class, a Christmas tea, and Christmas caroling. Feel free to add your own idea for a fun fellowship activity. Thanks!"

# Prayers for Strength and Healing

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Bob Burns  
Sally Luke  
Linda Bench  
Donna Carey  
John Gneckow  
Doris Casebolt  
Mazie Radcliffe  
Yvonne Moody  
Steve Granzow  
Linda Granzow  
Louise Cramer  
Jennifer Massman

Gale Johnson  
Newell Anderson  
Toston LaFournaise  
Heather Voeller Waters  
Court Bourne, Pastor Scott's son  
Vella Raucy, Susan Steffens' mother  
Susan Byasson, Rose Leavitt's sister  
Terry Heinecke, Barrie's sister-in-law  
Jamie Heinecke, Barrie's daughter-in-law  
Heather McAllister, Pastor Scott's daughter  
Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law

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## Please keep the Military in your Prayers

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Dan Boyer  
Barry Mattson  
Grant Demaree

Rick Kosticki  
Robbie McCain

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## Prayer Request Cards

If you have PRAYER NEEDS, please take advantage of our Prayer Chapel after worship, a peaceful place to commune with God. And, should you desire, Prayer Request Cards are available in the Prayer Chapel (leave the card in the chapel, and it will be picked up), as well as in the back of the pews (place card in the offering plate). If you would like someone to pray with you, please see the pastor or any deacon or elder.

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## Memory Verse

He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

- Psalm 147:3

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## Thought for the Week

Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God.

- Bob Pierce

## Adult Studies

**Friday Noon** at the Church: The Coefields will be resuming their Bible study sessions on the book of Acts very soon. All are welcome to join. Contact John at 465-5308 for the starting date.

**Sunday Evening:** Marsha Davis will be leading an 8-session study called "The Prayers of the Old Testament" beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. Location is to be determined based on the size of the group. Contact Marsha to reserve a book and indicate your interest at 443-1287.

**Sunday before Worship:** There are a couple people who have expressed interest in a Bible study before worship. A group of 6-8 would be ideal to facilitate discussion. Contact Marsha at 443-1287 to indicate your interest to go forward with setting something up. Time would probably be 8:30 - 9:30 so choir members could attend.

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## Heavenly Harvest Bazaar

Our annual "**Heavenly Harvest Bazaar**" will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 20th and 21st. Thanks to all of you who have been so generous in contributing to the bazaars in the past. As you know it takes the entire church to make a successful bazaar. **We need your help and donated items.**

Wednesday Willing Workers spend much of their time throughout the year working on a variety of Mission sewing projects which include sewing baby layettes, making stuffed dolls, knitting prayer shawls and lap robes for nursing home occupants and making quilts, just to name a few. We would greatly welcome any sewing or crafts that **you** might have been working on at home.

Be thinking about what you could contribute to the Bakery. (Bestsellers are: pies, candy, bread, rolls and **LOTS** of cookies)! We need at least 50 pies for lunch to go along with the homemade soups that the kitchen crew will be preparing. Extra pies will be sold in the bakery.

If you have been making jams, jellies, pickles, etc., in your own home, they would certainly be welcome.

**Thanks to all for your help!**

Lucille Letcher  
Bazaar Chair

## **Mission Committee News**

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone for donating items/money for Intermountain Children's Home. We will be delivering items for the kids. We appreciate all the support and know the kids will love all of these items for years to come.

We will be wrapping up the **Giving Catalog** giving the end of September. Our current total for piglets and jerry cans is \$160. We want to thank everyone who has given, and if you would still like give, please do so by the end of the month.

**One of our four Special Offerings is happening this month** and will be collected now until World Communion Sunday on October 1st. This is the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Ministries supported by the Peace & Global Witness Offering are working around the world to proclaim Christ's peace - from local churches to war-torn villages to tables where global leaders meet, such as the United Nations. With this offering, 25% stays locally, and we can choose where our money goes.

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## **PRAYER REQUEST**

For the next few weeks we will be in prayer for our denomination's six agencies that work on behalf of the whole church. This week we are praying for the Office of the General Assembly (OGA).

The OGA encourages us to be people of hope: to seek together the mind of Christ, to work for justice and mercy in our neighborhoods and throughout the world, and to participate in God's continual reformation of the church. The OGA is responsible for the church's ecclesiastical activities of the church as outlined in the Book of Order, and communicates and carries out assignments made by each General Assembly (GA).

Please pray for all the good people working in the OGA. Pray for the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly too. They are meeting this week in Louisville. You can learn more about the OGA at: <http://oga.pcusa.org/>

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## **Heavenly Harvest Bazaar!**

If anyone has or knows anyone who has, a dress form or mannequin and would be willing to loan it to the Presbyterian Women (P.W.) for the Bazaar, please call Lucille Letcher at 465-0467 or Rena Bumgardner at 468-8341. Thank you.

# Welcome, Guests!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us. We pray for all of us a spiritually satisfying and challenging encounter with the Living Christ. If you would like to know more about the people and programs of this church, be in touch with our pastor, Rev. Wipperman, 442-4775, visit our website: [www.fpchelena.com](http://www.fpchelena.com), or take a copy of our monthly church newsletter, *The Mustard Seed*. If possible, return next Lord's Day!



## STAFF

Ministers  
Pastor  
CRE of Pastoral Care  
Director of Christian Education & Financial Coordinator  
Director of Music and Media  
Administrative Assistant  
Outside Custodian  
Organist

Every Member  
Rev. Scott Wipperman  
Arlyn "Butch" Plowman  
Lexsey Carpenter  
Les Cramer  
Bruce A. Luke  
Kelly Craigle  
Ann Swisher

## ELDERS

Marsha Davis - 2018  
John Gneckow - 2018  
Melissa Stiles - 2018  
John Warren - 2018  
Linda Bench - 2019  
Kathy Chambers - 2019  
Marvin Carpenter - 2019  
Dianna Goodman - 2019  
Judy Birch - 2020  
Marshall Gingery - 2020  
Matthew Richards - 2020  
  
Elaine Gingery, Clerk

## DEACONS

Carol Gneckow - 2018  
Corky Lord - 2018  
Carole Massman - 2018  
Jim & Charlotte Meyer - 2018  
Rena Bumgardner - 2019  
Joy Edgar - 2019  
Arlyn "Butch" Plowman - 2019  
Ward & Mary Stiles - 2019  
Art Bumgardner - 2020  
Patti Borsberry - 2020  
Rose Leavitt - 2020  
Judy Patton - 2020  
Pearle Plowman - 2020

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