

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

# **“What Have We Not Seen?”**



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

535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601

**October 8, 2017**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
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*Lay Liturgist - Patti Borsberry*

\* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" by J. Bert Carlson (b. 1937)

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS *a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

**People: The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

**People: The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

Leader: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

**People: The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.**

\* GATHERING HYMN: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #97

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Lord, you warn us about how attractive the lures and sirens of this world are to us: money, possessions, comfort, status, and power. But these are attractive; we are easily hooked and your teachings recede from our minds. Unfortunately, these attractions do not bring life, but death. Help us to remain focused on your life-giving and enhancing teachings; grant us the ability to see through to the lies of the lures and sirens. *(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

CHOIR ANTHEM

**“Love Grows Here”** by *Don Besig*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING:

**Psalm 19:1-4**

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EPISTLE READING:

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

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SERMON:

**“What Have We Not Seen?”**

**Rev. Scott Wipperman**

\* RESPONSE HYMN:

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

**#562**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY:

**“Piu mosso”** by *Piet Post (1919-1979)*

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. Amen.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\* SENDING HYMN:

**“Let All Things Now Living”**

**#794**

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**“God Be With You”**

**#232**

POSTLUDE:

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** by *Piet Post*

# CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9</b>	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b>	10:00 am	Worship Committee meeting
		11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>P.W. Mission Luncheon - Richardson Hall</b>
		5:30 pm	Administration Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Mission Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	Building & Grounds Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11</b>	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12</b>	11:00 pm	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band
		5:30 pm	AA - District #11 meeting
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book - AA Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13</b>	9:00 am	P.W. Bazaar Cookie Bake - Kitchen / Richardson
		1:00 pm	Hall
			Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group

## Deacons-On-Call

<b>Need a ride, a meal or a home repair? Call a Deacon on Call:</b>	Carol Gneckow	(442-9309)
	Ward & Mary Stiles	(443-4953)

## Ushers

**Ushers Today (8)**  
 John & Carol Gneckow  
 Sheryl Eriksen

**Ushers Next Week (15)**  
 Elroy & Lucille Letcher  
 Matthew Richards

# Come and enjoy a low-impact exercise that's easy, free and available to EVERYONE!



Each Tuesday & Thursday, at 10:00 am in Centennial Park by the flagpole next to the YMCA, a group from our church family ventures out into the fresh open air (*now that there is no forest fire smoke*) to enjoy a time of exercise and fellowship as they walk along the park walking path. Come and join them if you're looking for walking partners...or even if you're not, because **EVERYONE** is welcome to join and it's **FREE!!**

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## 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  
Wayne Boulton  
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  
Nicole McAllister, Pastor Scott's grand-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.

## **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" began 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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## **ATTENTION!!**

Starting October 9<sup>th</sup> we will be defrosting, cleaning and cleaning out the refrigerators and freezers in the church. If you have anything you want to save, be sure to have it clearly marked with your name and date. It may disappear. Also, we will be cleaning all the counter space in the kitchen, because we will be using 6 roasters to make soup and will need the space.

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## **PRAYER REQUEST**

We are continuing to be in prayer for our denomination's six agencies that work on behalf of the whole church. This week, we are praying for the Presbyterian Foundation. These wonderful people help congregations in a multitude of ways: resources for wills, endowments, estate planning, online giving, stewardship and generosity and financial health assessments.

Our regional representative is Rob Hagen who can be reached at 888.211.7030 or by e-mail- [rob.hagan@presbyterianfoundation.org](mailto:rob.hagan@presbyterianfoundation.org). Rob is always available to meet in person with your session or finance committee.

You can learn more about the foundation and access their resources at <http://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/> Please keep Rob and these faithful servants of God at the Presbyterian Foundation in your prayers.



# 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!**

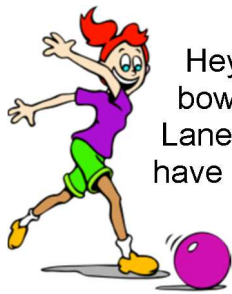
Lucille Letcher  
Bazaar Chair

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## PW Mission Luncheon

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017**, the Presbyterian Women will have their Annual Mission Luncheon. Lunch will be served at **12:00 Noon** & a program will follow. Pastor Scott will talk about the many mission activities that our Church Family is involved within the community that are not budgeted for at budget time & that you may not even know about.

We will be celebrating Presbyterian Women's contributions to Local, National, & World Wide Missions & we also will be recognizing the Fellowship of the Least Coin. John & Carol Gneckow thank our First Presbyterian Church members and friends for your messages of love and healing. We have been blessed by prayers, cards, telephone calls, e-mails, gifts of food and personal visits with love and hugs. May God's love be with you to bless you and keep you. Peace of the Lord to all. **John & Carol**



## **BOWLING WITH CHURCH FRIENDS!**

Hey, you sports enthusiasts -- don't miss our first (?) group bowling activity -- Saturday, October 21st at Sleeping Giant Lanes, east of town. Time: 5:30-8pm. Cost: \$10 each (if we have 4 people per lane). Please let me know if you (and family members) are planning to attend by signing up at the coffee table after church service, or by calling 431-5854. Hope to see you there! Barb Leland



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### **Memory Verse**

Let all that you do be done in love.

**- 1 Corinthians 16:14**

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### **Thought for the Week**

We must love God, but let it be in the work of our bodies, in the sweat of our brows. For very often many acts of love for God, of kindness, of good will, and other similar inclinations and interior practices of a tender heart, although good and very desirable, are yet very suspect when they do not lead to the practice of effective love.

**- St. Vincent de Paul**



# 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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