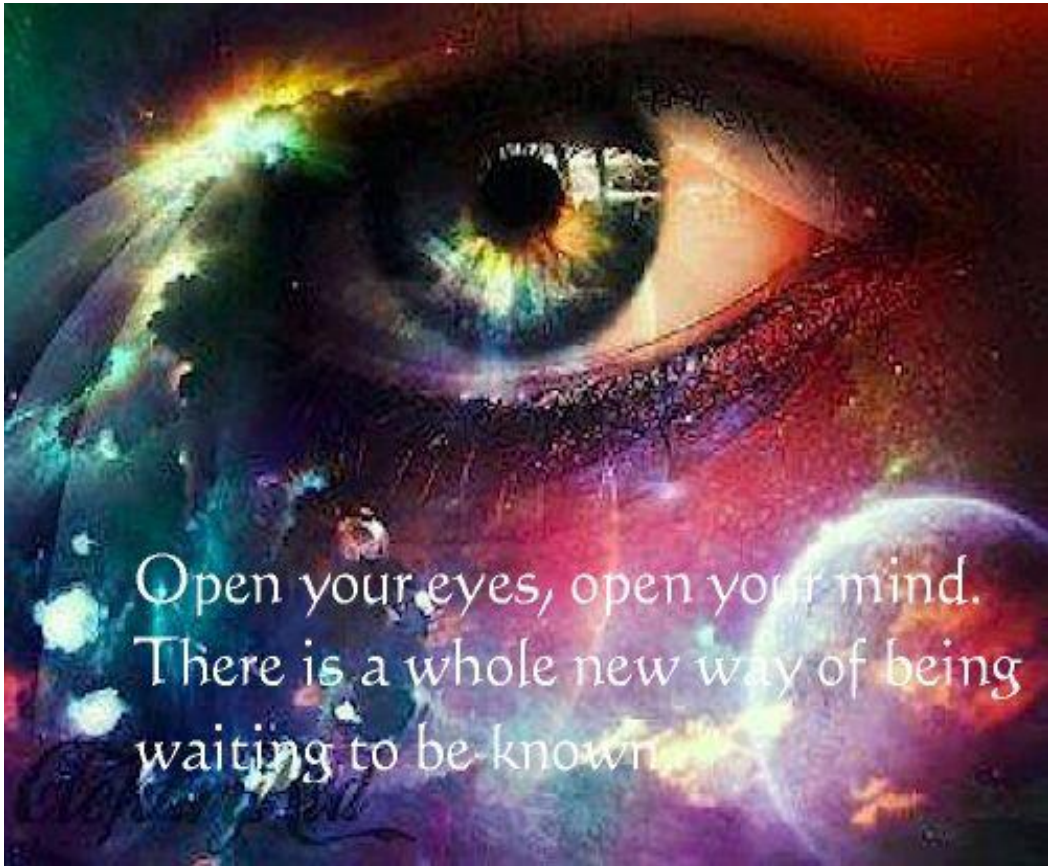


Spreading the Good News of Christ
Through Our Love, Words, and Actions

“Opening Eyes and Minds”



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

535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601

April 15, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Easter

APRIL 15, 2018

Lay Liturgist – Arlyn “Butch” Plowman

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “Easter Fanfare” *by Robert Lau*

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS *a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Beloved, we are God’s children now;

People: When Christ is revealed, we will be like him.

* GATHERING HYMN: “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” See screen

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us, yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead, yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude both the great gift of love you offer, and lives as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”

*by Michael W. Smith
Performed by Christopher Duffley*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ACTS READING:

Acts 3:12-19

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EPISTLE READING:

1 John 3:1-7

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GOSPEL READING:

Luke 24:36b-48

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SERMON:

“Opening Eyes and Minds”

Rev. Scott Wipperman

*RESPONSE HYMN:

“Be Thou My Vision”

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THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“An Easter Blessing” *by David H. Hegarty*

*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:

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **“God Be With You”**

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POSTLUDE:

Fantasia on “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *by John E. Boalt*

**ARTICLES & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
THE MAY MUSTARD SEED & APRIL 29th SUNDAY BULLETIN**

All items need to be turned into Bruce before 3:00 pm, April 24.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	15	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	16	10:00 am	Bazaar Planning Committee meeting
		11:00 am	Staff meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	17	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:30 pm	Session meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	18	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday	19	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band practice
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
Friday	20	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
		6:00 pm	Bingo night
Sunday	22	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		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: Art & Rena Bumgardner (468-8341 or 468-8342)
Ward & Mary Stiles (443-4953)

Ushers

Ushers Today ⁽¹⁵⁾
Elroy & Lucille Letcher
Matthew Richards

Ushers Next Week ⁽²²⁾
Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman
Mary Wright

Prayers for Strength and Healing

Bob Burns
B. J. Burns
Donna Carey
John Gneckow
Bev Donaldson
Elroy Letcher
Doris Casebolt
Mazie Radcliffe
Gale Johnson
Yvonne Moody
Steve Granzow
Linda Granzow
Louise Cramer

Newell Anderson
Jennifer Massman
Amanda Grimmett
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
Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law
Heather McAllister, Pastor Scott's daughter
Dave Westenbarger, Carol Carpenter's father

Please keep the Military in your Prayers

Dan Boyer

Rick Kosticki

Barry Mattson

Robbie McCain

Prayer Requests - let us know how we can help:

If you have PRAYER NEEDS, please take advantage of our Prayer Chapel after worship, a peaceful place to commune with God. If you would like to have someone pray with you, please seek out an Elder, Deacon or the Pastor, and they will join you or find someone who will pray with you. Other options to make your prayer needs known are:

1. Prayer request cards are found on the shelves behind each pew in the sanctuary, in the Prayer Chapel, and in the youth room. Completed cards can be put in the offering plate, dropped in the prayer request box in the Prayer Chapel, or nailed to the cross in the Youth Room. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can—God knows! If you want the youth of our church to pray for you, nail the prayer request to the cross in the Youth Room.
2. Online prayer requests – go to fpchelena.com and select the button for “prayer” OR send an e-mail to admin@fpchelena.com . Your request will be directly sent to the coordinator of our prayer chain for distribution.
3. Call the church – Anyone who answers the phone can either pray with you, direct you to the Deacon on call, and/or pass on the prayer request to the prayer coordinator.

First Presbyterian Church is having VBS again!

June 11th - 15th, 12PM – 3PM

Weird Animals VBS connects with children when they feel different by introducing them to wonderful and weird animals around the world. When "weird" means special, unique, and one-of-a-kind, kids are reminded of Jesus' special love for them and that being different is a GOOD thing!

Available for all children entering grades 1-5
Contact Lexsey Carpenter at 406-442-4775 to register
Accepting early registration NOW!
\$10.00 Fee (*No child turned away if fee cannot be paid*)

Prayer Opportunity

This week we are praying for our Committee on Ministry (COM).

This is a group of hard-working people! They have many ministries, some of which are:

- To facilitate the relationships between congregations, teaching elders, commissioned ruling elders and to settle difficulties in those relationships.
- To guide and supervise those who are seeking to become a pastor.
- To examine and welcome pastors who come into Glacier Presbytery.

As you can tell their ministry is often complex and sometimes challenging!

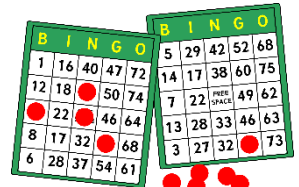
The membership of the COM is always balanced between Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders. The current members are:

Butch Plowman (co-moderator), Glenn Burfeind (co-moderator) Courtney Arntzen, Tim Dalstrom, Dave Dobbs, Bob Kampfer, Tim Lanham, Terilyn Lawson, Rose Leavitt, and Hap Peters.

Please keep these wonderful people and their important ministries in your prayers.

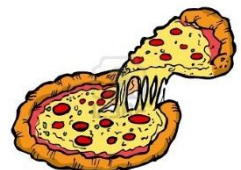


BINGO NIGHT



Mark your calendars for another
Bingo Night, Friday
April 20th, 6 pm
at the Church!

Pizza, snacks, pop, prizes,
and lots of fun!



*** You're Invited! First Presbyterian's Inquirers' Class, Sunday, April 29th at 11:30 am.** It's a Potluck Lunch, so please bring an item to share. Join Pastor Scott and our Session for an informational talk about the life of our church and how we came to be Presbyterians. This event is open to everyone, whether you're thinking about joining the church, have recently joined, or have been a member for a long time. Attending this class is not a pre-requisite for becoming a member. It promises to be informal, relaxed, and Pastor Scott and Session will be there to answer any questions that you may have. For more information, contact Pastor Scott at 442-4775

* Brush your teeth, comb your hair, put on a colorful shirt, it's Directory Picture Time! Three Sundays in April, our own Les Cramer will be photographing us for the new Church Directory, so be sure to sign up next time you're in church. The sign-up sheet will be at the coffee table. Choices are: **April 22**, or **May 6**, after the church service and continuing until approximately 12:30 pm. If none of these dates works for you, call Les at the church office and he will arrange a different time with you. Bring your kids and/or grandkids to be in the picture with you, the more, the merrier! Picture packages are going to be offered at reasonable rates!



HELENA NEW HORIZONS CONCERT BAND

Proudly presents its Spring Concert

**Sunday, April 22, 7:00 pm,
at St. Paul's Methodist Church**

corner of Logan & Lawrence

Special Guest Appearance - The Queen City Swing Band

IT'S FREE!!!



Bible Study

An 8 week study on the book of Ephesians will be held beginning Sunday, April 22nd at the home of Jim and Charlotte Meyer from 7-9:00. Call Marsha Davis 443-1287 to indicate your interest in participating or for more information.



CHURCH POTLUCK

Church potluck, followed by Inquirers' Class
Sunday, April 29th, upstairs after the church service.
Bring an item to share and join in the fellowship!

The Parables of Jesus

This is the Next SFTS class being presented at Glacier Camp. It will be led by Rev. Dr. Eugene Eung-Chun Park. Rev. Dr. Park has been a professor of New Testament Studies at SFTS since 1996.

Dates: *May 6 - 8* **Location:** *Glacier Presbyterian Center (the camp!)*

Professor: *The Rev. Dr. Eugene Eung-Chun Park*

Description: *This lecture series explores the rich reservoir of meanings of the parables of Jesus in the synoptic gospels. We will place the parables of Jesus in the socio-economic realities of the advanced agrarian society and interpret them through the perspectives of the target audiences as they are suggested in the gospel narratives. We will also experiment various forms of reader-response criticism on the parables to see what new meanings have emerged or can be generated over and beyond the "original" meaning.*

Cost:

Commuters

(includes Sunday Dinner, Lunch on Monday and Tuesday) \$55/person

Single Room (all meals included) \$160/person

Double Room (all meals included) \$97/person

Mission Work In Action

At the recent Presbytery Retreat held here at FPC (February 24-25) the Presbytery voted to help out Indian tribes around Browning that were experiencing a very hard winter: 72 inches of snow (at that time), high winds and drifting snow, very cold temperatures, difficulty getting in or out of the area, etc.. The Presbytery of Glacier was joining with the Methodists to by contributing \$2,200 to the efforts to get needed supplies to them. This donation wasn't in the Presbytery's budget, but all the commissioners voted to support this effort hoping the church communities in the Presbytery would contribute towards this effort. At our last Session meeting in March, the Elders voted to hold a special offering to collect funds to be donated to the Presbytery in support of this cause. If you would like to make an offering to this mission cause, please mark "Browning Donation" on you check or envelope.

BTW, after Glacier Presbytery sent \$2,200, Marsha Anson contacted the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and they donated an additional \$7,500 to the effort!

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, 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
Director of Music and Media
Administrative Assistant
Financial Coordinator
Organist
Nursery Care Attendant

Every Member
Rev. Scott Wipperman
Arlyn "Butch" Plowman
Lexsey Carpenter
Les Cramer
Bruce A. Luke
Jill Lloyd
Ann Swisher
Nicole Carpenter

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
Mary Craigle - 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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