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**Summer**



2023

**Pastor's Pen**

***"Here Comes the Sun"***



May was an exciting month and I am trying to catch my breath from all of the activities that we experienced. We had our final preschool program and graduation on May 26 with lots of families here for that special celebration. We recognized our nine graduating seniors during worship on Sunday, May 21. We celebrated Congregation Appreciation month every Sunday in May as we gave away prizes and special treats to thank the congregation for the joy we have in serving together in God's ministry. We welcomed 26 new members into the life of our congregation.

We also welcomed Nichole Bodalski as our new Director of Children's and Youth Ministry. Nichole brings a lot of experience and enthusiasm to this position, having grown up in our church and helping for many years with VBS, youth group, and mission trips. Here are a few things about Nichole that will help you to get to know her better.

- \*Nichole was married last August to Paul Bodalski at a wedding a Bridger Bowl Ski Area
- \*She is the daughter of Jody Ferestad-Anderson, who has been then face of VBS here for years
- \*She graduated from West High in 2015
- \*Nichole and Paul have a dog named Odin
- \*She has worked at the Montana Fair for years doing face painting
- \*She enjoys fishing, hunting, hiking, and animals
- \*Nichole is very creative and loves painting and crafty things
- \*She is looking forward to working with our kids and families, continuing to build our programs

Let's welcome Nichole to this position with our church as I am excited to have her join our church staff in this new role.

Worship continues at 9:30am on Sunday mornings and we will take a different pace of activities over the summer months. Vacation Bible School will be held June 5-8 and other events for the youth are being planned. Our annual community block party will be held on Sunday, August 13 from 5-7 as a fun way to reach out to those in our neighborhood. Our annual FPC Golf Tournament is coming on Saturday, August 19 along with other events and outings during the summer.

Blessings,  
 Pastor Dave

***Online giving platform offers an easy way to donate***

Our online giving platform through Abundant Ministries provides an easy way to give. Simply text fpcbillings to the number 73256 and it will take you into our secure giving portal. You can also access our giving app online on our church's website at fpcbillings.org. Look for the Give tab at the top of the home page. We appreciate your ongoing and faithful support of our ministry!

***The Great Camp Out VBS coming June 5-8***

Are you ready to have some fun? Are you ready to get some s'more of Jesus? If you are between kindergarten and the 5th grade you will want to join us for our special VBS program this year. Join us at the Great Camp Out VBS from June 5-8 from 9-12noon each day. We will have Bible adventures, music, games, crafts, snacks, and a movie each day. Bring friends and let's have some fun together! Registration forms are available on our church's website under the Children's Ministry tab or you can pick one up in the gallery at the church. Questions can be directed to Nichole Bodalski or Pastor Dave.

**Coming Attractions:**

Vacation Bible School is coming June 5-8 from 9-12noon each day  
 Youth Mission Trip to Denton, Montana, from June 12-14  
 Summer Presbytery camp at Hyalite Camp, south of Bozeman, coming June 19-23  
 Relay for Life at West High School track will be held on Friday, July 14 at 6 PM  
 Annual Block Party on Sunday, August 13 from 5-7 PM  
 Fall schedule resumes on Sunday, September 10 with Sunday school and worship

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**Church Info**

Office Hours: Mon—Thurs  
 8:30 AM— 4 PM  
 406-252-3434  
 mainoffice@fpcbillings.org  
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 Worship: Sundays @ 9:30

**STAFF**

Pastor: Dave Thompson  
 Children's and Youth Minister: Nichole Bodalski  
 Office Manager: Jeanne Raney  
 Accompanist: Sandi Rabas  
 Choir/soloist: Janie Sutton  
 Custodian: Kent Fellingham

**June Birthday's**

- 1 Karen Norsworthy
- 2 Marcia Birge  
Dave Thompson  
Jason Ward  
Christie Woolyhand
- 3 Ronnie Wooten
- 4 Jill Irwin
- 6 Dan Gall  
Loreen Tallmadge  
Bill Banks
- 7 Eric Leggate
- 8 Cathy Goettel  
Zoey Harr  
Susan Watters  
Cheryl Banks
- 9 Kelly Murch
- 11 Kurt McLean
- 12 Jeannette Davis

- 12 Karen Gall  
Chuck Pinnick
- 13 Jim Hall  
Bill Jackson
- 14 Grace Steppe
- 17 Sharon Klovstad  
Boden Buffington  
Addison Norsworthy  
Morgan Applet
- 19 John Thompson
- 21 Bobbie Lauwers
- 23 Carol Limbach  
Junice Wooten
- 28 Linda Luse  
Edna Stauber  
Nahloni Stenneron
- 29 Pat Hastings

**Anniversaries**

- 9 Dan & Deanna Hansard
- 10 Russ & Janet Kline
- 12 Tim & Gail Janiak
- 13 Ronnie & Junice Wooten
- 14 Jim & Christi Woolyhand
- 15 Bob & Meriona Anacker
- 16 Mark & Teri Pattee
- 20 John & Jeri Lamerton
- 23 Rod & Cindy Hessler  
Jim & Jill Irwin  
Jack & Karla Mahan  
Ken & Barbara Gullard
- 27 Dave & Vicki Thompson  
Ernie & Susan Watters
- 29 James & Helen Hall

**July Birthdays**

- 1 Paige Spalding
- 2 Melanie Dyce
- 3 Jean-Anne Bullock
- 6 David Sanderson  
Alex Steppe
- 7 Patricia Clark  
Lois Dalton
- 8 Bonnie Richards  
Bruce Hoffman
- 9 Charlie Reed  
Madison Hinkle

- 11 Sandi Schoenberger
- 12 Jason Ascheman  
Michelle Berger
- 16 Norma Thiesen  
Lynne Erickson
- 18 Daniel Repka  
Wava Knutson  
Mike Michalsky
- 20 Jim Duncan  
Rae Chaney
- 22 Bud Leuthold
- 23 Janet Kline

- 24 Noah Bauer
- 25 Linda Cebull
- 29 Melissa Leggate
- 30 Carlene Taubert
- Anniversaries**
- 3 John & Susan Stewart
- 6 Donny & Jennifer Cole
- 10 Richard & Linda Cebull
- 16 Jim & Cherrie McRae
- 23 Dan & Karen Gall

**August Birthdays**

- 1 Jo Albin  
John Oliver  
Jean Davis  
JoLayne Buffington  
Betty Roy
- 2 Madison Morrow
- 4 Jody Ferestad-Andersen
- 5 Carrie Rigney  
Deborah Keenum
- 7 Russ Kline  
Payton Kouba
- 8 Betty Ann Nesmith  
Jacob Lawson  
Mack Thayer
- 10 Callie Puls

- 11 Deb Wiens  
Jeanne Raney
- 12 Shirley Smith
- 13 Anne Campbell
- 14 Darlene Busch  
Jean Ross  
John Luse
- 15 Earl Kunn
- 16 Vicki Thompson
- 22 Michelle Cormier  
Leslie Blaize
- 23 Hayden Youngbear
- 26 Lucille Lynn
- 27 Lauren Bauer  
Burke Steppe
- 28 Rod Hessler

- 31 Ruth Letson  
Tom Erskine
- Anniversaries**
- 3 Joel & Lila Spring
- 6 Paul & Nichole Bodalski
- 7 Bob & Shari Dayton
- 9 Kevin & Jody Anderson
- 10 Jason & Meghan Ascheman
- 11 Chuck & Cindy Leggate
- 19 John & Linda Luse
- 21 John & Lauren Wright  
Chuck & Bev Pinnick
- 22 Don & Cathy Goettel
- 26 Jim & Heidi Duncan
- 27 Bill & Callie Jackson
- 29 Len & Bonnie Richards

**Financial snapshot**

2023	Income	Expense	Net
May	\$ 52,103	\$ 32,305	\$ 19,798
YTD	\$ 253,684	\$ 203,587	\$ 50,097

Thanks to your continued support and generosity of our church. Your generosity is appreciated as we continue to provide a vital ministry to our community

**Session notes from our May meeting:**

The Session met on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. The Session received 26 new members into the church. All of the new members stated how much they enjoy the friendly atmosphere and being welcomed every Sunday.

The Session approved the hiring of Nichole Bodalski as the new Director of Children and Youth Ministry. Her beginning date was May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Permission was granted for Pastor Dave to perform the baptism of Madison Hinkle on Sunday, May 14; the baptism of Levi Vaughn Martin on Sunday, June 11, great grandson of Sharon Moore and grandson of Kevin Moore; and the baptisms of James, Samuel, Timothy, and Hannah Woolyhand, children of Jim and Christie Woolyhand on Sunday, June 18.

**On a Personal Note**



Ruth Drummond's funeral will be held at our church on Wednesday, May 31 at 11am. The funeral service for Fred Reinhart will be held at our church on Friday, June 16 at 10am. Sheri and Brad Nealy would appreciate your prayers as Sheri is now under hospice care. Loreen Tallmadge will be having heart surgery on Monday, June 5 at St. V's. John Thompson and Kenzie Ketchum will be married at our church on Friday, June 2. Cody Gravenhof and Madison Hinkle will be married at our church on Saturday, June 10. A neat way that our congregation has gotten to know one another better is through the "Who's Who?" segment on Sunday mornings. If you would like to participate, get 5-7 pictures to Pastor Dave and they will be shared during an upcoming worship service.

**Music Foundation Update**

It's time for an update on a Music Endowment Fund established by our church's Foundation last fall. Happily, the minimum target for the fund has been met and distributions are eligible to be made early next year. Our music staff is already thinking how best to use these funds to enhance our musical worship. The Endowment is currently open for new contributions at any time. See Jim Hummel, Joe Roy, or any Foundation board member with questions.

**Grief Support Group continues to meet twice a month**

Our church's Grief Support Group continues to meet twice a month in the church's conference room. They meet the first Wednesday of each month at 10am and the third Tuesday of each month at 10 am. This group is facilitated by Dr. Don Harr, who is a retired clinical psychiatrist with many years of experience working in the area of mental health. This group provides support and encouragement to those facing grief and loss.

**Flower Sponsorship Opportunities**

Our flower sign-up sheet is located on the back table in the narthex. We invite you to sign up for a particular Sunday to sponsor the flowers either in honor or memory of someone or a special event such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. Suggested donation is \$30.

Special thanks to those who donated flowers during the month of May, June, and July. They include Pat Clark in loving memory of her daughter Sandra Burns; Bob & Cathy Culbertson in honor of Cathy's birthday and Bob and Cathy's 39th wedding anniversary; Bill and Cheryl Banks in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary; Martha Davidson in memory of her husband Dick; Jeanne Raney & family in memory of her mom Rosalea Thompson; Loreen and Mike Tallmadge in memory of Maschell Dean and David Bell; Dave & Vicki Thompson in celebration of John and Kenzie's wedding; Greg & Deb Wiens and Russ & Janet Kline in memory of Norman & Iris Austin; Jeff and Tonya Appelt in honor of Morgan's birthday and Father's Day; John & Linda Luse in honor of Linda's birthday; Joel & Lila Spring and Janet & Marv Brown in memory of Bebe Spring; Marilyn and Wiley Bland in honor of all of their grandchildren; Judy Cuff in memory of Harry Cuff who passed away seven years ago; Ron Sperry in memory of Phyllis Brown; Jacob Lawson in memory of his wife, Ksenia Lawson; and the Presbyterian Women's group in honor of all the women of our church. Following worship each Sunday, the flowers are distributed to church members and friends in the hospital, nursing homes, or among those who are unable to attend church.