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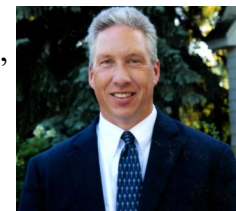


2023

Pastor's Pen

"Rolling into the Fall Season"

Momentum, by definition, is the "strength or force gained my motion or by a series of events." As your pastor, I am pleased with the momentum we have gained over the past several months. We have a great church filled with many people who use their time and talents for the glory of God. Our summer worship attendance has been very strong, Nichole Bodalski is doing good things as our new children's and youth ministry coordinator, and we are about to roll into our busy fall season. More families are attending church and we have more children taking part in our youth and Sunday school programs. FPC is a place where people come to be encouraged, to experience the presence of God, and where grace is shared and forgiveness is extended.



Our fall schedule officially kicks off on Sunday, September 10 as we return to two worship services (8:30 and 10:30 AM) and Sunday school at 9:30 AM. Our youth group for middle and high school youth will resume on Wednesday, September 13 at 6 PM. Our Awana kid's club for ages kindergarten through the 5th grade will resume on Wednesday, September 20 at 4:45 PM. In addition, our Bible study groups, Refuel small group ministry, men's and women's groups, Presbyterian Women's groups, and Bible Study Fellowship will begin in the coming weeks.

I look forward to the fall season that is quickly approaching and all that God has in store for us. What a blessing to have a Savior who redeems us, a Counselor who knows us, and a Friend we can lean into to find strength and guidance. Come and join the momentum God is creating by taking an active part in our church family.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Coming Attractions:

Fall worship schedule resumes on Sunday, September 10 with worship at 8:30 and 10:30 AM
Sunday school classes resume on Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 AM
Youth Group for middle and high school youth resumes on Wednesday, September 13 from 6-8 PM
Bible Study Fellowship begins on Thursday, September 14 at 9 AM
Awana Kid's Club resumes on Wednesday, September 20 at 4:45 PM
Presbyterian Women's Lunch in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, September 20 at 12noon

FPC Youth News

This summer our youth ministry started strong with Vacation Bible School and our mission trip taking our VBS to the rural town of Denton, MT. Overall we had around 65 students learning God's word through both youth and adult volunteers, filled with games, music, crafts and fun! After VBS we headed to the Presbytery's summer camp at Hyalite Reservoir where we met with other kids, leaders, and pastors from all over the state. In late July some youth joined me in volunteering at the Optimist Children's Camp, which is a recreational camp for developmentally delayed children at the Lions Club Camp. In August we reunited for a build your own pizza/ game night for our highschoolers, FPC's annual golf tournament, and later in the month for a Lake Elmo BBQ for both middle and highschoolers. Since then, I have been revamping our Highschool room to build up excitement for our youth group to begin Wednesday, Sept. 13th. Awana will start up the following week, Sept. 20th, at a slightly earlier time of 4:45pm-6pm. Volunteer information will be out soon and feel free to reach out with any questions.

I want to personally thank everyone for being so welcoming and supportive as I come into this role. I have a lot of excitement for this fall and continuing to grow our youth ministry!

Blessings,
Nichole Bodalski



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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!

Church Info

Office Hours:
 Mon—Thurs
 8:30 AM— 4 PM
 406-252-3434
 mainoffice@fpcbillings.org
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Sunday Worship:
 8:30am & 10:30am
Sunday school @ 9:30
Livestream at face-
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STAFF

Pastor:
 Dave Thompson
Office Manager:
 Jeanne Raney
Children's and Youth:
 Nichole Bodalski
Music Director:
 Sandi Rabas
Choir Director:
 Janie Sutton
Custodian:
 Kent Fellingham
Preschool Directors:
 Karen Gerbase and
 Karen Norsworthy
Ministry Intern:
 Maicyn Russell
Nursery Care:
 Lily Ascheman and
 Lauren Bauer
Bus Driver:
 David Sanderson

Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Mara Duncan | 15 Deanna Hansard | 14 Bud & Joanne Leuthold |
| 3 Jo Ausk | 16 Robin Bauer | 19 Skip & Charlene Hayes |
| 4 Carla Bracken | 17 Michael Tallmadge | John & Melanie Dyce |
| 5 Zach Morrow | 18 Kallie Nagel | 20 John & Debbie Oliver |
| Peggy Cluff | Lila Spring | Michael & Loreen Tallmadge |
| 6 Cathie Bell | 19 Diane Noddings | 21 Joe & Judy Gerbase |
| Kathy Butler | 20 Grant Linde | Travis & Cassandra Harr |
| Jack Mahan | 21 Greg Wiens | 25 George & Heather Rosenfeld |
| Sara Lind | Jane Brewington | 26 Clayton Davis & Marilyn Morris |
| 7 Robert Anacker | 23 John Stewart | 29 Jase & Karen Norsworthy |
| 8 Jacob Schoenberger | 27 Jenna Thayer | |
| Jeri Lamerton | 30 Helen Hall | |
| 10 Bart Freitag | Margie LaFountain | |
| 12 Mary Grabow | | |
| Sarah Luse | | |
| 13 Jennifer Cole | | |
| 14 Heather Rosenfeld | | |
| Kathy Braun | | |

Anniversaries

- 2 Louis & Kathy Dubs
 3 Jeff & Kerry Gruizenga
 David & Robyn Bauer
 4 Cook & Kelly Murch
 Tracy & Kathy Carey

Financial snapshot

2023	Income	Expense	Net
August	\$ 52,646	\$ 53,283	\$ (638)
YTD:	\$ 375,423	\$ 327,506	\$ 47,917

The higher expenses are due to exterior painting

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			2023		1 6 Family Promise Meals	2 6 Family Promise Meals
3 9:30 Worship Communion served 11 Dave at West Park Village	4 Church Closed 	5 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6 United Campus Ministry meeting downstairs	6 9-1 Preschool 9 BSF Leaders 10 Grief Support 10 Men's study	7 9 Bible Study Fellowship 1 PEO in C & S 6 PEO group	8 9-1 Preschool 7 Square dancing in Fellowship Hall	9
10 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship	11 9 Kiwanis 9 Work crew 9-1 Preschool 10 Worship Com	12 9-1 Preschool 9:30 WBS 12 Finance meeting 7 Session meeting	13 9-1 Preschool 9:30 PW Bord 10 Men's study 12 PEO in Gym 6 Youth Group	14 9 Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 Christian Ed Committee	15 9-1 Preschool 7 Square Dancing	16 9:30 Square Dancing
17 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship 6 ReFuel Groups	18 9 Kiwanis 9 Work crew 9-1 Preschool 12 Men's Group 2 ReFuel Group	19 9-1 Preschool 9:30 WBS 10 Grief Support 11 ReFuel Zoom 11:30 Refuel Grp 6 Iris Club	20 9-1 Preschool 10 Men's study 12 PW lunch 4:45 Awana Club 6 Youth Group 7 Refuel Group	21 9 Bible Study Fellowship 12 PEO Group	22 9-1 Preschool	23
24 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship 6 ReFuel groups	25 9 Kiwanis 9 Work crew 9-1 Preschool 2 ReFuel Group 6 Deacons meet	26 9-1 Preschool 9:30 WBS 11 ReFuel Zoom 11:30 Refuel 6 Stephen Ministry Supervision	27 9-1 Preschool 10 Men's study 4:45 Awana Club 6 Youth Group 7 Refuel Group	28 9 Bible Study Fellowship 12 Congregational Care Team 7 Mission Comm	29 9-1 Preschool	30 1 Retirement party in the fellowship hall

"Destination Heaven" class begins on Sunday, September 10

Most of us spend some time in planning a trip before heading out on a journey. We map out our route, purchase our plane tickets, book our hotel rooms, and learn of special places of interest before our arrival. If heaven is our ultimate destination, our final trip, shouldn't we know something about it before we get there? We should ask questions like: what will it be like, who will I see there, and how should I prepare for my departure to heaven?

Join Pastor Dave, beginning on Sunday, September 10, at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room for this four week class. All are invited as we take a biblical look at this most fascinating and beautiful place. Dave will also be using the book *Heaven and the Afterlife* by Erwin Lutzer as a resource for this class.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women's board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13 at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. All women are invited to attend the women's lunch on Wednesday, September 20 at 12noon in the fellowship hall. Talk or text Pat Hastings (406-696-0281) for further information. Circle meetings will follow the lunch that day.

Church & Society class will resume on Sunday, October 8

Church and Society class will resume on Sunday, October 8. The class schedule will come out in the October newsletter. Shari Dayton coordinates different guest speakers every week and the topics range from a variety of things. This class meets in the Church & Society room, which is in our education wing on the main level.

Special thanks!

Family Promise meal appreciation: Thanks to Michelle Cormier, Betty & Joe Roy, Jeff & Tonya Appelt, Jennifer & Donny Cole, and Dave & Vicki Thompson for providing meals to the Family Promise program during the week of August 27-September 2. Our church provides weekly meals to this community program about five times a year. The meals are delivered to the FP Center between 5:30-6 PM.

FPC Golf Tournament appreciation: Thanks to everyone who helped with our 4th annual FPC Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 19. \$5,326 was raised and after expenses about \$4,500 will go to support our church's Awana and youth ministry programs. We had 63 golfers play and others who were designated putters and helpers. Special thanks to Dan Ehlang and Barb Whittle for organizing the event and Michelle Cormier for cooking the meal. Lots of people came together to make this a successful event.

Book sale coming in February

Presbyterian Women's **BOOK SALE!!** Not until February but start cleaning out your books and leave them in the Children's Library, next to the Church & Society Room.

On a Personal Note

Ruth Ewen will be turning 100 years old in October. You are invited to join her and her family for a special birthday open house on Thursday, October 12 from 2-3:30pm in the Chapel Court Dining Room on the campus of St. John's United. No gifts are requested.
 Fred Henslin is in the Intensive Care Unit at the Billings Clinic with pancreatic cancer.
 Priscilla Laird is home after having a stroke earlier this summer.
 Jean Davis has returned home after being hospitalized from a recent fall.
 Pat Clark has returned home after being hospitalized several weeks ago.
 We extend our condolences to Jim & Christie Woolyhand on the recent death of Jim's mom, Grace, who

Flower sponsorship appreciation for August

Special thanks to those who donated flowers during the month of August. They were: Marcia Spalding in memory of her and Dick's wedding anniversary; Linda Luse in honor of John's birthday; Thelma Riggs in honor of the congregation; Marlene Spencer in celebration of family birthdays; Jacob Lawson in memory of his wife and their wedding anniversary; Len & Bonnie Richards in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary on August 29; and Chuck & Cindy Leggate in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on August 11.