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2026

Pastor's Pen

"The Joy of Giving"



There is a special kind of joy that comes from giving. Giving can take all kinds of forms and is not just limited to our finances, but we can give our time, our love, and our lives to the Lord. As 2 Corinthians 9:6 reminds us, the seeds we sow through generosity can produce a beautiful harvest of blessings. Recently, we have experienced that joy in wonderful ways as a church family.

Our first ever Drive-thru Prayer event on October 15 gave us the opportunity to share God's love with our community through prayer, encouragement, and caring hearts. It was a beautiful reminder that sometimes the greatest gift we can offer someone is simply taking the time to pray with them and let them know they are not alone. We had a nice group of people drive through seeking prayers for personal , family, community, and national concerns.

Our Blessing of the Animals on October 18 brought smiles, fellowship, and gratitude as we celebrated the beloved animals who bring so much joy into our lives. It was a special opportunity to recognize God's goodness in all of creation and enjoy time together as a church family.

Our recent Halloween carnival gave children and families an opportunity to experience laughter, fun, and fellowship in a welcoming and loving environment. Special thanks to everyone who came to help set-up, help with the games, prepare and serve the food, and clean-up. Through these events, we are planting seeds of kindness and building meaningful connections in our community.

Our all-church retreat was held over the weekend of October 24-25 and was well attended by many in the church. We laughed, prayed, played, sang, worshipped, and grew together in our love for the Lord and one another. Many shared how it helped then develop a deeper faith and appreciation for the Lord.

Ultimately, the greatest joy of giving begins when we give our lives to the Lord. When we surrender our hearts to Him, we discover a deeper purpose, lasting peace, and the blessing of serving others with His love.

Giving becomes more than something we do; it becomes a reflection of who we are in Christ. May we continue to sow generously, love wholeheartedly, and serve joyfully, trusting God to bring forth a wonderful harvest in our lives and in the lives of those around us!

--Pastor Dave

New members welcomed to our church



On Sunday, October 18 we welcomed 15 new members into our church family. We are so happy to have each of them join our church family. They include Debbie Awes, Bret Bennett, Bill Brown, Mike Hastings, Julie Hinkle, Ann Klug, Barbara Krieg, Christina Litherland, Troy & Melinda McInnis, Eric & Carri Krieg-Nelson, Janet Taylor, Karen Tibbs, and Lynn Wegner.

Free Senior Thanksgiving Dinner coming on Wednesday, November 18 at 6 PM

All senior adults (65 years or older) are welcome to join us for our annual free Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 18 from 6-7 PM in the fellowship hall. Sign up by calling the church office or on the sign up sheets in the gallery. Let us know also if you need a ride to the dinner. This meal is provided by the youth group and its leaders as a way we can show appreciation to those in our church family.

Upcoming events:

Time change this Sunday, November 1– set clocks back an hour
Pie auction and lunch this Sunday, November 1 at 11:30 to raise funds for our children's and youth program
Taste of Grace meal coming on Friday, November 13 from 5-7 PM
Noisy Offering received on Sunday, November 22 for Family Promise
Free Senior Thanksgiving Dinner coming on Wednesday, November 18 at 6-7 PM in the fellowship hall

Church Info

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

Pastor: Dave Thompson
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Lane Smith
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Sandi Rabas
Choir Director:
Janie Sutton
Custodian:
Kent Fellingham
Preschool Directors:
Karen Gerbase and Karen Norsworthy
Nursery Care:
Morgan Appelt and Lauren Bauer

Birthdays

1 Jerry Broderson
2 Marlene Schmidt
3 Breana Schmidt
4 Zack Belcher
5 Janet Brown
Cherrie McRae
Tamara Raw
6 Billie Strissel
7 Miranda Campbell
Christina Litherland
Cook Murch
Janice Ward
Marjorie Stewart
Sally Samson
8 Marcy Robinson
9 Beth Morrow
Lynne Bailey
Clayton Davis
10 Chris Eriksen
Bernice Phillips
10 Sarah Rundle
12 Debbie Oliver
14 Marlei Stennerson
16 Julie Michalsky
Norma Smith
Lis TenHarmsel
17 Steve Bentley
18 Donna Bowersox
Sherry Garretson
19 Emma McLean
20 Tricia Harrison
Helen Zottnick
21 Debi Stokke
23 Becky Dixon
24 Jim Hummel
25 Sue Burgan
27 Tessa Keehn
Colleen Lorentz
28 Cheryl Clifton
Kathy Dubs
Heather McLean
28 Suzette Fletcher
30 Bradley Irwin
Cheri Anderson

Anniversaries

11 Jim & Julie Hinkle
17 Charlie & Audrey Reed
18 Grant & Jana Linde
20 Jeff & Barbi Iams
23 Bill & Trina White
27 Jim & Jo Ausk
28 Bruce & Bernice Phillips



Financial snapshot

	Income	Expenses	Net	Total Income	Expenses	Net Income
2026 October	$24,210	$20,669	$3,541	YTD: $598,589	$412,219	$186,369

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		2026				
1 Communion 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship 4 Small group 6 Small group	**2** 9 Kiwanis Club 9 Monday crew 2 Small group 7 Christian Ed meeting	**3** 9:30 WBS 11 Refuel Zoom 11:30 Small group 12 PEO Fireside	**4** 9 Preschool 9-11 BSF Leaders 10 Grief support 10 Men's Group 4:45 Awana Club 6 Youth Group	**5** 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship 7 Square Dancing	**6** 9 Preschool 9-1 CPR class in C & S Room Presbytery in Deer Lodge	**7** Presbytery in Deer Lodge 7 Square dancing
8 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship 4 Small group 6 Small group	**9** 9 Preschool 9-12 Kiwanis 9 Monday crew 10 Worship Com-mittee 2 Small Group	**10** 9 Preschool 9:30 WBS 11 ReFuel Zoom 11:30 Small group 12 PEO group 12 Finance Mtg 7 Session Mtg	**11** 9 Preschool 9-11 BSF Leaders 9:30 PW Board 10 Men's group 4:45 Awana Club 6 Youth Group	**12** 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship 12 PEO group 7 Square Dancing	**13** 9 Better Together Preschool 5 Taste of Grace dinner In Fireside Rm	**14** 11-4 Pasty sale in parking lot 7 Square dancing
15 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship 4 Small group 6 Small group	**16** 9 Preschool 2 ReFuel Grp 12 Mission Ridge 5 Deacons 5:30 Deb Circle	**17** 9 Preschool 9:30 WBS 10 Grief support 11 ReFuel Zoom 11:30 Small group	**18** *PW Groups* 10 Men's group 4:45 Awana Club 6 Youth Group 6 Senior Dinner	**19** 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship 12 Cong. Care Team 7 Square Dancing	**20** 9 Better Together Preschool	**21** 7 Square dancing
22 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship 4 Small Group 6 Small group	**23** 9 Preschool 9 Kiwanis 9 Monday crew 2 Small group	**24** 9 Preschool 9 Bible Study Fel. 9:30 WBS 11 ReFuel Zoom 11:30 Small group	**25** No Men's group No Awana Club No Youth Group	**26** 	**27** Church Closed for Thanksgiving	**28**
29 8:30 Worship No Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship	***30*** 9 Preschool 9 Kiwanis 9 Monday crew					

Presbyterian Women's Organization:

The Presbyterian Women's organization in our church has four different groups which meet monthly for study, fellowship, and often food. Consider joining one of our groups to grow in your faith in God and one another. For more information about the Presbyterian Women's organization, please talk with either Pat Hastings or Diane Ascheman.

The Presbyterian Women's board will meet on Wednesday, November 11 at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. Three of our PW circles will meet on Wednesday, November 18 at 9:30am and 1pm and the Deborah Circle will meet on Monday, November 16 at 5:30pm.

We Are Grateful for Hygiene Kits

Thank you so much to all who contributed and helped with our summer mission project to supply feminine hygiene kits for teen girls across the United States. With your help, we were able to assemble 40 kits and get them shipped off to a Church World Service distribution center in Arizona. Through your generosity we also had an abundance of Ziplock bags which were donated to the Better Together Preschool and kitchen. Several large bags of body wash, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, wet wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouth wash, makeup wipes, shoes, socks, underwear and many more items were taken and donated to Tumbleweed. A wonderful way to reflect Christ's love and light in our world.

Noisy Offering will be received on Sunday, November 22

On November 22, we will receive our Noisy Offering to support Family Promise, an organization dedicated to helping families experiencing homelessness. This special offering invites everyone to bring their spare change and make a meaningful difference in the lives of families in need. Every coin counts, and together, our small gifts can provide hope, encouragement, and support to those working toward stable housing and a brighter future. As we gather our coins and make a joyful noise, we are reminded that even the smallest gifts can have a big impact. Thank you for giving generously!

Children's and Youth News

Our programs for children and youth are well underway. Our Awana Kids Club meets every Wednesday afternoon from 4:45-6 PM for children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade. Each evening includes worship, snacks, games, and Bible memory time. Our program is growing and we could use more help from adults. Talk with Lane Smith or Pastor Dave if you have an interest in helping.

Youth group for all middle and high school youth meets on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 PM for dinner, games, worship, and small groups. We are looking for volunteers to provide meals to our youth group on Wednesday nights. A sign-up list is available on the youth bulletin board. Thanks to Marv & Janet Brown, Dave & Vicki Thompson, Aaron & Lis TenHarmsel, and Sandi Schoenberger who provided meals during the month of October.

Our annual pie auction and lunch will be held this Sunday, November 1 at 11:30 AM with all funds going to support the programs of our children's and youth ministries.

Flowers donations

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. You can also sign up by contacting the church office.

Special thanks to those who donated flowers during the month of October. They were Joe & Betty Roy in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary; Better Together Preschool in celebration of their 11th year with our church; Heather Clutts in memory of her father Steve Clutts' birthday and in honor of her mom Sherry Clutts' 70th birthday; Mike and Dan Ehlang in memory of their mom Dorothy; Jerry Koch and his girls in memory of Jerry & Bobbie Koch's anniversary; Russ and Laura Gause in memory of their daughter Missy and their grandson Junior; Cathy Culbertson in memory of Bob Culbertson's birthday on November 19; Avice and Ivan Hoff in memory of their 53 years of marriage; Carol Vegge in memory of her brother Don; Tom Stoner in memory of his father Gayle Stoner; Sheryl Hampton in memory of her father Lloyd Hampton; and Mike & Pat Hastings in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.