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THE NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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**Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am - 4pm
Closed Friday and Saturday**

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Sermon Teaser

"What is Love?"

Text: John 10:11-18

1 John 3:16-24

Celebration of Life Barbara Hicks

Friday, April 19th, 2024

In the sanctuary, 10 a.m. In person and live streamed.
A reception in Lindsay Hall will follow the service.



Children's Chapel Help Needed

We have five more children's chapels that need volunteers. Can you help us finish out the season? The lesson will be provided for you. Here is sign up link:

<https://link.fpcboise.org/ChildrensChapel>

Thank you!



Calling All Graduates!

Are you (or your child) graduating from High School, College, or Graduate School this year (Winter semester counts too)? Your church community wants to celebrate YOU and your accomplishments!

Please email Cindy - cindy@fpcboise.org by May 10th with the following information:

- Your name
- The institution that you're graduating from
- Which degree you'll be receiving
- Your plans for the "next step"
- Your photograph

We'll take a moment in worship to recognize you and put your name in the bulletin, so please make sure you get this information to us so that we don't inadvertently leave you out!

Save The Date, May 19th, to Celebrate our Volunteers Everyone's Invited to our All Church Meal



Please plan to join us for a tasty lunch to celebrate all of the volunteers who come together to help FPC in a myriad of ways.

If you can help, please contact Susan Knights (text 208 860 9385 or email sknights@fiberpipe.net) or Pat Dautel (text 208 867 5182 or email swdautel@q.com).



Denim Day WEAR JEANS for a PURPOSE *this* Sunday (4/21)

National Denim Day is a campaign against sexual assault, celebrated annually in April during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Denim Day is officially on April 24 - FPC will be supporting this awareness-raising effort by wearing jeans *this* Sunday, April 21.

Learn more about Denim Day at denimday.org

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

April 20, 2024 9:30 am



- Where: Kirkpatrick Memorial Community Church, 302 N. 3rd Street, Parma, ID
- When: Saturday, April 20th, 9:30 am
- Worship: Rev. Charlie Conway

Featured Speaker: Rev. Mother Marta Conway - "Spiritual Practices with Mother Marta"



FACES
of **HOPE**

Faces of Hope

Faces of Hope is the first step to healing, providing immediate help with no wait lists and no fees. They meet the mental health, legal, safety, education, and basic needs of people experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, stalking, or human trafficking. Last month, they helped men, women, and children in crisis from 14 different cities in Idaho. They are currently located in Meridian and will have two locations soon. Faces of Hope will be with us in worship this Sunday.

Upcoming Musical Events



- April 18th - **Boise High School Chamber Concert**, 7:00 - 9:00pm
- April 20th - **Men's and Women's Choruses Spring Concert**, Matinee - 2:00pm; Evening Performance - 7:30pm.
- April 27th - **Con-Graz Benefit Concert** - 7:00pm - see information below.

We are excited to announce that one of our Choral Scholars, Anthea Fisher, has been selected to study voice this summer in Graz, Austria. Anthea hails from San Juan Capistrano, California and will graduate from Boise State University next year as a double major in International Business and Music.

The **Con-Graz Benefit Concert** will take place on **Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.** in the FPC sanctuary to raise funds for Anthea Fisher and fellow student, Sarah Smith, who have been accepted into the Opera Studio program through the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS). This is a 6-week summer program held in Graz, Austria from July 8 through August 18. The program is highly competitive, as auditions are open to anyone over the age of 18 worldwide. The estimated cost per person to attend is \$9,000. The concert will also feature vocalists Alex Lundquist, Katie Hansen, and pianist Chad Spears. Please plan to attend and help support Anthea in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Congregant Spotlight

Martha Owen

Includes Updated Information

This month Martha Owen is our featured congregant. Martha is the third longest tenured member of First Presbyterian Church. She and her husband, Ivor, were married at First Presbyterian on October 8, 1948. Rev. Dr. Rearick officiated their wedding. Martha provided a bit more about her life history:



"I grew up in Colorado. After getting my degree in Physical Therapy at Stanford I went to Jersey City to work at the Jersey City Medical Center. After a few years I knew I wanted to go west so I moved to Boise and worked at St. Lukes hospital during and after the polio epidemic. Two years after coming to Boise I met the love of my life, Ivor, at a friend's wedding. He was the best man, and I was the maid of honor. After a second meeting at some friend's home for dinner, a game or two of poker and a couple of trips to Bogus Basin (even though I didn't know how to ski) we were married eight months later on October 8, 1949. When our kids were five and four Ivor died suddenly in a car wreck. Our kids were the most precious thing he could ever have given me. I remarried four years later, and it was the biggest mistake of my life. Dr. Rearick asked me if I had ever considered divorce and so I did. I had been to Boise State to get my teachers certification so I could have the same hours as my kids. I taught at Borah, South Jr. High and, finally, Fairmont Jr. High. With a break for one year to get my master's degree in Natural Science at the University of Wyoming, most of my teaching career was at Fairmont Junior High. My mother and siblings were all teachers, and my father was a superintendent. I said being a teacher was the last thing I would ever do and it turns out it was!

Martha answered a few questions posed by Rev. JoAnn Thiry who chatted with Martha during a home visit.

- **What do you consider your greatest achievement?**

My son and daughter. My son, Donald, is a very caring individual, kindhearted. My daughter, Susan, is very strong and equally caring. I also have two granddaughters and one great granddaughter.

- **What is your most treasured possession?**

My kids.

- **What is your favorite journey?**

My honeymoon, partly in McCall and then to Grand Cooley Dam in Eastern Washington.

- **Which living person do you most admire?**

Living: Janice, a quilting friend, and PEO sister who overcame physical difficulties to become a mechanical engineer. She remembers everyone she has ever met. She is like another daughter to me. Not living: I admire my mother. When my father died, she was 46, with four children – three girls and a boy, ages from eight years old to sixteen years old. My mom taught school and helped all four of her children through college. I admire her grit – I don't know how she did it. All of her children ended up being teachers.

- **If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?**

I played the piano and the organ for my church when I was younger but never felt I had musical talent. I would like to have real musical talent.

Martha is an accomplished quilter. The photos below are examples of her exquisite work.



A Bargello patterned quilt by Martha.



A beautiful Bargello quilt by Martha.

Hosts Needed for May 5th Community Worship Service

First Presbyterian is the host for the Community Worship Service on Sunday, May 5th as part of Boise Music Week. We need volunteers to greet concert goers from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. If you are interested in helping please contact Cindy at cindy@fpcboise.org.

Worship Service Schedule:

- The Rev. Dr. Meggan Manlove, Bishop of the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will present the Homily
- First Presbyterian Chancel Choir directed by Ryan Dye
- Cathedral of the Rockies Cathedral Choir directed by David Johnson
- Critical Mass Vocal Artists directed by Dr. Michael Porter
- Combined Choirs from Eagle 8th and 9th Wards, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Chords on Delivery Barbershop Quartet
- Glory Brass Ensemble



Lenten Prayer Chain

During Lent, people wrote their prayers on our prayer chain. We invite you to pray over these prayers. These are typed as they were written, except that we left off any last names. Link for [Lenten Prayers](#)

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 5:30pm. In-person and on ZOOM

<https://link.fpcboise.org/WednesdayNightBibleStudy>

We are studying the book of Acts using videos of Princeton Seminary professor Eric Barretto. No advance participation necessary.



Walk-N-Talk Every Monday, 10 AM

Join us at Julia Davis Park, meet just upriver (east) of the band shelter. We go as slow as we should go, a loop just over 2 miles. Our conversations range across everything - usually multiple things at once! Questions - Andrew at

andrew@fpcboise.org; 208-345-3441.

ONGOING
events

- **Sundays**

First Light Contemporary Worship Service - In-person and online. Join us for an informal conversation time of worship with live music. To join this conversation, use this Zoom link: <https://link.fpcboise.org/FirstLight>.

Children's Sunday School - 9:45 - 10:30am - in the Conference room. **No Children's Sunday School this Sunday.**

Traditional Worship Service - 10:45 am. In -person and online. View on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)
A copy of the weekly worship bulletin can be found on our [website](#) or in the description section of the YouTube video. The live stream will also be stored on our [YouTube](#) page for later viewing.

Bell Choir Practice - 12:15 - 1:00 PM - in the chapel

- **Mondays**

Walk-n-Talk - 10:00 am, Julia Davis Park, meet just upriver (east) of the band shelter. Everyone is invited to Monday's Walk N Talk. We go as slow as we should go, a loop just over 2 miles, and topics range across everything - usually multiple things at once! Questions - Andrew at andrew@fpcboise.org; 208-345-3441.

FPC Food Pantry - 5:00-7:00 pm, North door, off alley. Each Monday evening our food pantry continues to feed the food insecure. Volunteers are always needed. Please contact the office, 208-345-3441, if you can help.

- **Wednesdays**

Adult Bible Study - 5:30 - 6:30 pm, in the Conference room.

Chancel Choir Practice - 6:30 - 8:00 pm, in the sanctuary.

Tree of Life Group - 7:00 - 8:30 pm, in the library.

Youth Group - 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Lindsay Hall/5th floor.

- **Thursdays**

Stitch Group - 10:00 - Noon, Lindsay Hall, stitching and conversation; Open to all.

Quilting From The Heart - 10:00 - 3:00pm, 6th floor. Volunteers meet to create quilts for those in need. Questions? Contact Pat Kluckhohn, pjkluckhohn@gmail.com.

Friendship Meal - 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Lindsay Hall. Coordinated volunteers plan, prepare, deliver, and clean up a meal on the 1st Thursday of every month for Boise's food insecure.

Birthdays

04/17 Linda Rowe
04/23 Nancy Kirk
04/25 Elizabeth Bauske
04/25 Sandra Mccullough
04/25 Ben Sherrill
04/25 Nancy Taggart
04/26 April Miech
04/27 Annette Matlock
04/28 John Pickrell
04/28 Myunghee Lee
04/30 Susan Knights



**Please continue to remember
in your prayers:**

- Dorothy Ware (hospice)
- Charles Ruch (hospice)
- Susan Block's recovery from her surgery

Please keep Barbara Hicks family in prayer upon her death Sunday, March 3rd. Services will be on April 19th. More information will follow at a later date.

If you would like to add anyone to this prayer list please email or call the office 208-345-3441 or JoAnn Thiry at 208-340-8222.

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Sunday April 14, 2024

Sermon- "Hidden in Plain Sight"



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