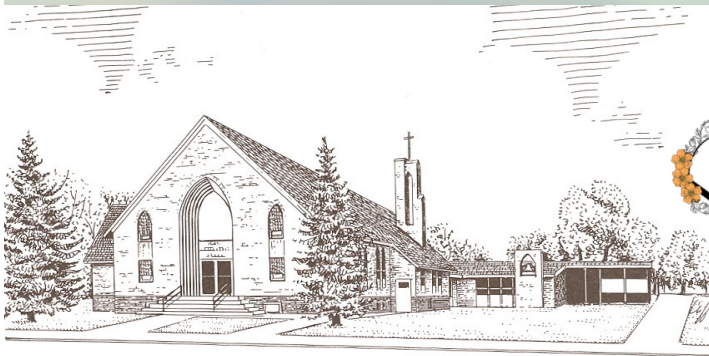


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

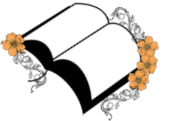
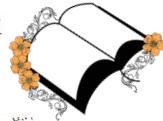
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**\*Sunday Worship @ 11:00 AM\***

**\*Secretarial Office Hours\***

**Monday through Friday  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**



**\*Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00AM\***

**\*Monday Handbells @ 6:00PM\***

**\*1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays**

**Prayer Ministry @ 12:00PM\***

**\*Wednesday Learn 2 Sew Class  
@ 3:30PM to 5:00PM\***

**\*Wednesday Adult Discipleship  
Class @ 6:00PM\***

**\*Wednesday Children/Youth  
Program @ 6:15PM to 7:45PM\***

**\*YOUTH GROUP UPDATE INSIDE!\***

**\*Thursday Bible Study @ Horizon  
Lodge @ 2:00PM**

**\*Thursday Choir @ 7:00PM\***

**\*1st Friday of Every Month Free  
Community Meal @ 11:30AM to  
1:00PM\***



## ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports are due in the church office *the week after Christmas*. If the office is not open when your report is ready, you may put it in an envelope and slip it through the mail slot or you can email your report to [conpres@3rivers.net](mailto:conpres@3rivers.net). We need your reports ASAP so that we can get the Annual Report printed in time to send home for your review before the meeting.



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FACEBOOK**



## ***Mark Your Calendars!!***

***Come and enjoy a home cooked meal and an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new friends on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:30AM to 1:00PM in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Conrad. The menu will be a delicious surprise.***

***Everyone is welcome at our tables.***



## PASTOR'S CORNER



January already! Are we ready for a New Year? I certainly could use a little help. Listen to the words of Psalm 42, according to Eugene Peterson's *The Message* when God says, "Take a good look at my servant. I'm backing him to the hilt. He's the one I chose, and I couldn't be more pleased with him. I've bathed him with my Spirit, my life. He'll set everything right among the nations. He won't call attention to what he does with loud speeches or gaudy parades. He won't brush aside the bruised and the hurt and he won't disregard the small and insignificant, but he'll steadily and firmly set things right. He won't tire out and quit. He won't be stopped until he's finished his work—to set things right on earth. Far flung ocean islands wait expectantly for his teachings..." (v.1-4)

The picture is of a true Servant, Jesus, who has come to teach, guide and help us get through the tough times of our lives. He doesn't bully; he befriends. He doesn't shout; he speaks softly. There's no hard sell with those who dismiss him and no harsh argument with those who deny him. He won't brush aside a person who is bruised and hurt, nor will he disregard the small and insignificant. There is no element of coercion in his approach. Only compassion.

Gracious God, help us be more like Jesus.

Pastor Judy

### JANUARY LAY READERS

Jan. 4	Gary Klette
Jan. 11	Helen Stordahl
Jan. 18	Julie Katana
Jan. 25	Sean McHenry



### DEACON'S LIST

Jan. 4	Arlene & Jeanne
Jan. 11	Nikki & Carol
Jan. 18	Amy & Roma Lee
Jan. 25	Karla & Phyllis

### PER CAPITA FOR 2026



For those of you who wish to pay your per capita for 2026, the amount remains at \$71.00 per member. Per Capita is the way our congregation is assessed for denominational support, which furthers the mission of the whole church, regional and national. It is called "Per Capita" because our fair share of support is determined by the number of active members in our congregation. We thank you for your willingness to make your giving to our congregation go further by including a gift to cover the per capita for each member in your household.

### STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The 2026 Stewardship Campaign is now underway. By now you should have received a letter containing a stewardship letter, brochure, and estimate of giving card with return envelope in the mail. Thank you to those that have already returned their giving cards to the church. To those who have not replied, prayerfully consider what you can give to the church for 2026 and return your estimate of giving card as soon as possible. Thank you!

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE**

Everyone enjoyed our Youth Worship Service on December 14th. The students shared in reading scriptures, sharing songs, and even played chimes to accompany the congregation in singing “Joy to the World.”

We had to postpone our visit to the Extended Care and our Christmas party on December 17th due to the windstorm and power outage at the church. We will have a New Year’s party on January 7th instead.

We look forward to seeing everyone in 2026.



## **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

We have exciting news from the Technology Committee! The session approved an upgrade to our very outdated sound system that has been so problematic in the last year. It was determined that the intermittent problems with our sound system were most likely due to aging components that needed to be replaced. These sensitive electrical units have a finite lifespan and our components are well beyond their expiration date. We have contracted with Electric City Sight and Sound from Great Falls to replace the components of our sound system that are most likely to be problematic but keep some components that still have good operational life. In this upgrade to our system we have some exciting new additions! In keeping with our mission statement to reach our community with the gospel, it was decided that we must start live-streaming our services on Facebook and our church website. Today's generation is technology oriented and in order to reach them, we must approach them where they are. This necessitates new strategies for ministry that must include video streaming. This is how the new generations receive information and we need to get on board to keep the message of the gospel alive and relevant. In keeping with this new vision for ministry and outreach, it was decided to upgrade our system to include 2 new video cameras and the computer system needed to operate them professionally. This will allow us to create professional grade video of our services that could attract many who may not ever consider stepping foot inside our church. The potential for this ministry is huge and quite exciting! We hope to engage our high school youth to operate the system each Sunday and thereby directly utilize their talents in service to the Lord in the church. The potential for direct engagement of our youth in ministry through technology is particularly exciting! And finally, we will be installing a new technology called “Auracast” that is the new standard for broadcasting sound to those with hearing aids through the newest innovations in Bluetooth technology. Unfortunately, not all hearing aids are compatible as of yet, but many already are or simply require a software upgrade from the hearing aid provider. All new hearing aids currently being manufactured will be compatible with the Auracast system as it is the new standard for meeting the needs of the hearing impaired in public spaces. Our new system is set for installation in January! We have so much to look forward to in our church. God has great plans for our congregation. He has given us life, vision, and purpose and through this we will continue to work and thrive. Praise God!



## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

If you have any articles to contribute to the **February Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than the morning of **Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, which should provide enough time for article placement and proofreading if all articles are received by the due date. Any articles received after the due date will need to go into next month’s newsletter or bulletin if it is time sensitive. The newsletter will be printed and mailed out the following week, providing enough time for the newsletter to be delivered with time sensitive articles.

If you have any articles or information you would like to submit, please send them either by email to **conpres@3rivers.net** or mail to:

**First Presbyterian Church  
123 4th Ave SW  
Conrad, MT 59425**





## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS**

The Wednesday Night Adult Discipleship class will begin a new 6-week DVD study in mid-January, “*Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*,” by renowned bible scholar, N.T. Wright. This is a repeat of the book study led by Pastor Andy 5 years ago--without homework! Come and share in scripture-based discovery, discussion and spiritual growth with fellow Christians Wednesdays 6:00PM to 7:00PM in Room# 4. All are welcome!

## **NEWS FROM GLACIER CAMP AND SPRUCE LODGE**

*A Living Hope - Peter and his Epistles: An Epiphany On-Line Bible Study* will begin January 11th, 2026 at 5:00PM. Both the actual person and his adventures/misadventures as Jesus’ disciple and the two New Testament books attributed to him will be the focus of our exploration.



Winterfest returns to Glacier Camp, February 6th-8th, 2026 after a two-year hiatus. The theme for Winterfest is the same theme that will be explored during our Summer Camp season, “*Celebrating God’s Gift of Abundant Life*.” Middle and High School youth will join us starting at 7:00PM on Friday evening, February 6th for fun, games, fellowship, and sharing. On Saturday, the retreaters will have two options: Skiing at Blacktail or participating in outdoor games and activities at the camp. The cost will be \$200/person with a discounted price of \$175 for groups of five or more. Adult chaperones can come at no cost. Scholarships are available. Lift tickets and rental will be an additional charge. Registration will be available after the first of the year. Check the [glaciercamp.org](http://glaciercamp.org) web page or social media platform in early January 2026 for more information.

### **Capital Campaign Launches**

The goal of this capital campaign is to pay off the remaining principal on the Spruce Lodge mortgage and to cover the cost of some of the capital improvements related to the installation of the new KOA cabins and the cottage, which serves as the residence for our Lodge Manager.

Valentine’s Weekend Getaway at Spruce Lodge at Glacier Camp is scheduled for February 13th-14th, 2026. For more information, go to [glaciercamp.org](http://glaciercamp.org).

The promise of Luke 6 was realized in the Spruce Lodge Dining Hall on Sunday, November 16th, as a record turnout for the Donor Appreciation Dinner raised a record amount raised of the Camp’s scholarship/camp ministry fund. These commitments assure our ability to fulfill Glacier Presbytery Camp’s goal of assuring that all children and young people can participate in our residential camp ministry, regardless of our ability to pay. Speakers for this event were Jack Huffine and Matthew McClintic, two young men who have participated in the camp ministry for many years. They both spoke of the importance of camp in their own lives.

There are still open spaces available on the Rome to Reformation Tour group, October 25th - November 7th, 2026, with an optional extension to England and Scotland November 7th-12th. For more information on this tour or the Epiphany Bible Study, contact [timothy@glaciercamp.org](mailto:timothy@glaciercamp.org).

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE - NEW DOOR**

In December, the door next to the chair lift was installed on the west side of the church. It has a coded door lock which uses the same code as the chairlift door. Please make sure you press on the keys firmly to activate the lock and if all else fail, all the exterior doors use the same key. If by chance your key does not work in the new locks, it is probably worn. If your key is worn and unable to work, please let the church secretary know as she is putting together a list of how many new keys we may need. Also, with the new closure on the door, it will hold the door open. Just push the door open until it stays. To release the door to close it, just pull it shut. With it being a new door, the seals are stiff so, please make sure the door is shut closed when you are leaving the building.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CONRAD

## Session Highlights - From Meeting Held on Dec. 15

### THE CHURCH FINANCES FOR NOVEMBER 2025:

Operating Income: \$8,844.47

Operating Expenses: (\$9,090.10)

October Balance: (\$245.63)

Year-to-Date Balance: \$8,537.09

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

- January 4th - Communion and Judy will preach.
  - January 11th - Gary will preach.
- January 11th - Installation and Ordination of Deacons and Elders.
  - January 25th - David will preach.
- Gary Klette is serving home communion to the Zeilers.
  - Our sound system will soon be upgraded.
- Plans are underway to begin streaming Sunday services to the internet.

### FIRST FRIDAY MEAL

WILL BE MOVED TO THE SECOND FRIDAY IN JANUARY.

### ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 18th

The next Session meeting will be Monday, January 19, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.

### *PRAYER LIST*

**Please remember to pray for** Jean Baringer, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Amy Zimbelman, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Dave Perry, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

If there is a name that you would like to add or remove from the prayer list in the bulletin, please call the church office, 406-278-3043. For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-271-5295.

# KID'S CORNER



## ✝ Church is Fun Word Search

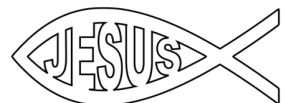
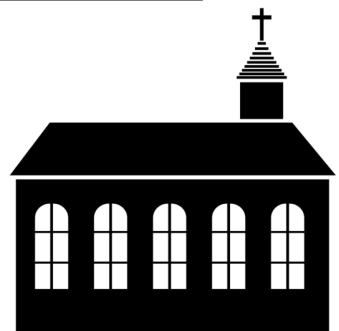
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### Word list:

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ETERNAL  
FAITH  
FAITHFULNESS  
FORGIVENESS

FRIENDSHIP  
GIVING  
GOD  
GRACE  
GUIDANCE  
HEALING  
HEAVEN  
HOLY  
HOPE  
JESUS

JOY  
LOVE  
MERCY  
OBEDIENCE  
PATIENCE  
PEACE  
SALVATION  
SPIRIT  
TRUTH  
WISDOM



# January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			 <i>Happy New Year</i> ★★	1	2 10AM Exercise Class 11:30AM to 1PM Free Community Meal	3
4 Worship 11AM 2nd Sunday of Christmas Communion 10 Bible Study 	5 10AM Exercise Class 6PM Handbells	6 10:30AM Worship Committee 12PM Prayer Ministry	7 3:30PM Learn 2 Sew Class 6PM Adult Discipleship Class 6:15PM Youth Program	8 2PM Bible Study 7PM Choir	9 10AM Exercise Class	10
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**YOUTH GROUP  
UPDATE INSIDE!**

### *January Birthdays*

1 Samantha Mellinger

2 Shawnee Redd

Mike Naylor

4 Ralph Stordahl

Wendy Mobely

5 Patricia Keil

Jane Arends

Patty Ries

6 Molly Jimmerson

Cory Kellogg

7 Keith Kallstrom

8 Kristine Ries

11 Bert Rigby



13 Carly Behr

18 Linda Keil

19 Marla Bruner

Jenny Silvernale

21 Dale Keil

Mellissa Kallstrom

Joseph DayRider

David Ahmed

22 Kenn Hohman

23 Nikki Brummond

25 David Meyer

27 Roma Lee Fuson

28 Adam Sullivan

29 Bonnie Flesch

30 George Yeager

Skylar Orcutt

Dan Nelson

### *January Anniversaries*

11 Ray & Kim Bouma

15 Cooper & Wendy Martin

21 David & Val Elings

*Happy Anniversary!*

