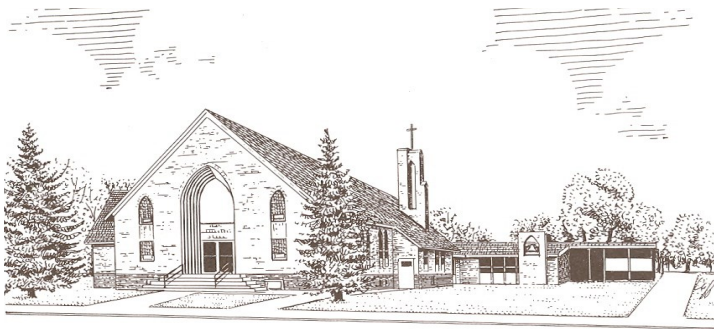


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 2023 Newsletter
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Sunday Worship at 11:00 AM

Christian Education Programs (All Ages)
Wednesday Nights @ 6:00 PM



Office Hours are Monday through Friday
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

SCHEDULED VACATION

The Church Secretary, Wendi will be taking a scheduled vacation Monday, December 26, 2022 and returning to work on Monday, January 2, 2023. During Wendi's vacation there will be no one in the office. If you are in need of pastoral care please feel free to call:

Arlene Newmiller at 406-278-3024, Marla Bruner at 406-271-5713 or 406-750-4499, Phil Springer at 406-450-5492 and they will be happy to assist you.

ANNUAL REPORT

Annual reports are due in the church office *the week after Christmas*. The office will be closed that week of December 26th. 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 compres@3rivers.net. We need as many annual reports in as early as we can, so that the office can publish our annual report booklet in time for members to take home and read it before the annual meeting in January. So please, bring in your reports as soon after.



FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The 2023 Stewardship Campaign is winding down with most of Estimate of Giving cards being returned. There is still time to return your cards if you have not done so. Thanks to all who participated in support of our church for 2023.

PER CAPITA FOR 2023

For those of you who wish to pay your per capita for 2023, the amount remains at \$63.50 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.

JANUARY GUEST SPEAKERS

Jan. 1	Pat Keil & Jan Carter
Jan. 8	Judy Powell Sibley
Jan. 15	David Arends
Jan. 22	Kim Cooney
Jan. 29	Tim Scherer



JANUARY LAY READERS

Jan. 1	Jan Carter
Jan. 8	Julie Katana
Jan. 15	David Arends
Jan. 22	Gary Klette
Jan. 29	Jane Arends

OUTREACH UPDATE

November and December have been busy finishing up projects. We received a nice "Thank You" for the layettes provided to the Pondera Health Department's WIC (Women, Infants, Children) program participants. All twenty of the Operation Christmas Child boxes were sponsored by members of the congregation and we thank those who participated. The PW donated the \$200 for shipping from their Global Mission fund. Their generosity is much appreciated and is a big part of making our outreach possible. In late December or early January, we will be able to track the destination of our boxes and we will share that information with the congregation. Hats, gloves and mittens for the CASA project were collected at the PW Christmas luncheon. This is an ongoing winter project and any donation of these items may be put in one of the Narthex boxes. Thanks to all who continue to donate hygiene items for the School Closets. In November, the Outreach Team served coffee and doughnuts at the Food Pantry for clients and staff. It's an enjoyable time to meet and visit with the staff and with those who utilize the pantry. Air beds, air pumps, sheets, pillows, blankets and towels were delivered to Hi-Line Help for Abused Spouse in December. The items were received with great appreciation for our generosity. These donations are our appreciation for the dedicated service that the staff at Hi-Line offers to our community and

surrounding area. The second Community Meal Lunch was held on December 2nd. It was nice to see different faces join us. We served about 30 people. Our hope is that as we continue this project, more people will stop in. There is no charge for the meal. The menu was chicken alfredo, goulash, green beans, hash brown potato casserole, rolls and brownies. We welcome everyone to stop in for lunch and conversation. Remember to put the first Friday of the month on your calendar. Serving time is from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Hope to see you there! Blessings to all in the New Year.

COMMUNITY MEAL FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th AT 11 AM TO 1 PM

At the First Presbyterian Church
123 4th Ave SW in Conrad



All are welcome!

Come in, out of the cold, and share some good food and quality time together.

Bring a friend! See you there!

PRAYER LIST



Please remember to pray for Family & Friends of Margaret Rigby, Dana Ahmed, Ernestine Olson, Brandon Newmiller, June, Jackie Miller & family, Jane & Dwayne Miller, Helen Elliott, Corleen Norman, Pearl Severtson, Gloria Schultz, Barb Malone 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.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

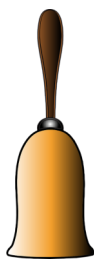
Presbyterian Women held their annual No-Host Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 8th at the Home Café. 16 ladies enjoyed a wonderful luncheon and lots of visiting. The staff at Home Café couldn't have been more accommodating; the meals were served quickly and efficiently by the wait staff. Presbyterian Women continued to support the CASA program by bringing gloves and hats to the luncheon.

Presbyterian Women will meet again on Thursday, January 12th, 2023 at 10:30 AM, with Roma Lee Fuson as hostess.

Ladies, remember we are scheduled to host the PW Retreat at Glacier Camp and Conference Center Spruce Lodge this coming August. We will begin planning for that event in January. We would really love to have as many people as possible help to plan this event and to be a part of the retreat in August.

We would like to wish the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year.

GLORIOSO RINGERS



The Glorioso Ringers have been active this Advent Season. By the end of December we will have played at all the churches represented in our group. We began the season at the Mission Church on November 27th. December 4th we played at the Presbyterian Church; December 11th at New Live Fellowship; and December 18th at Brady Methodist Church.

Joan Kronebusch from the Chamber of Commerce invited us to participate during the Christmas Stroll by playing at Asper Funeral Home on a COLD December 2nd.

It is our wish to play for the Christmas Eve lessons and carols service at Presbyterian Church.

Our Bell Choir wishes one and all a Blessed Holiday Season!

CHURCH SCHOOL & YOUTH PROGRAM NEWS

The Wednesday Night Church School and Youth Programs topped off a successful fall season with the presentation of the Annual Christmas Program. The wonderful program was presented to the congregation on Sunday, December 18th during the regular worship service. Under the supervision of David Arends, Youth Group students from both the Junior High and Senior High classes led the worship service by presenting skits, readings, and words of meditation from two of the students. Both the Youth Group and Children's Church School sang several songs, including "Let There Be Peace on Earth" with the adult choir. The Church School children, under the leadership of Jane Arends and Nathan Sanders presented a delightful skit to close out the program, wishing the congregation a "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year." Church School Superintendent Carol Dayrider presented gifts to each member of the Church School and Youth group. Special presentations were made to David and Jane Arends and Nathan Sanders to thank them for their hard work in preparing and presenting the program.

Church School/Youth Group will recess until after Christmas and will resume on January 11th, 2023.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Sincerely,

Students and Staff

Wednesday Night Church School & Youth Group

FOOD PANTRY



Items needed at the food pantry are detergent and personal items such as shampoo and toothpaste. A box is in the Narthex for your convenience.

DEACONS

Deacons will return to normal 2nd Monday of each month meetings starting with meeting on Monday January 9th 2pm in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to a new year serving our congregation and community.

GLACIER CAMP NEWS

WINTERFEST (at Glacier Camp) will be held February 10th-12th for young people in grades 6-12. You will be staying at Spruce Lodge. There will be great food, singing, games, small group time and much more. The speaker for Winterfest is Aaron Van Brocklin. Camp starts Friday evening at 8:00 PM and will end after lunch on Sunday (approximately 1:30 PM). On Saturday you can choose to go skiing or snowboarding on Blacktail Mountain. Check out the available packages for this retreat at www.glaciercamp.org. Scholarships are available for those in need of assistance.

It's never too early to start thinking about camp! Glacier Camp has the schedule for Summer 2023 camps available on their website, www.glaciercamp.org. Camps run from Sunday through Saturday and are available for all age groups. As always, scholarships are available for those who may need financial assistance. Check out the website and think about spending a week at Glacier Camp on Flathead Lake this summer.



Winterfest 2023

Grades 6-12
February 10-12, 2023

Important Info...

Package A: Conference Only \$100
Package B: Conference w/ Lift Ticket \$140
Package C: Conference w/lift & Equipment \$180
Package D: Conference w/lift/Equipment/Lesson \$250

When: Starts Friday at 8pm and ends Sunday after lunch. (done about 1:30pm)
Where: Glacier Camp, on Flathead Lake, in the Spruce Lodge and on Blacktail Mtn .
Speaker: Aaron Van Brocklin
(Adults in leadership positions get the conference FREE)
(BUT ski at their own cost)

Bring: Friends, Sleeping bag, personal toiletries, towel, winter clothes, boots, things to stay warm, great attitude, & skis if you have them.
Do Not Bring: Things you shouldn't.

Speaker: Aaron Van Brocklin

glaciercamp.org 406-844-2114





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Session Highlights - December 2022

- **The Annual Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, January 29th, 2023, following the worship Service.**
- **All Committees are requested to have their Annual Reports turned into the church office by January 3rd, 2023.**
- **The Session has reinstated the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee to search for an Interim Pastor.**

The Church Finances:

November 2022:

Operating Income:	\$	8,192
Operating Expenses:	\$	3,896
Balance:	\$	4,296
Year-to-Date Balance:	\$	21,586

The Finance Committee reports:

1. The Committee has received approximately half of the 2023 Stewardship Estimate of Giving Cards.

The Worship Committee reports:

1. Communion was served on Sunday, Dec 4th and will be served on January 8th, 2023.
2. Upcoming Church Events:
 - a. Dec 24th – Christmas Eve Services @ 7:00 PM
 - b. Dec 25th – Christmas Day Services

The Discipleship Committee reports:

1. The Wednesday Church School and Youth Group presented the Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec 18th.
2. The 5th – 12th grade students are scheduled to go caroling and give hand crafted ornaments to residents at the Beehive and possibly the Extend Care.
3. The Wednesday Night Programs will be on a break until Jan 11th, 2023.

The Community Outreach Team reports:

1. The Dec 2nd Community Free Luncheon was enjoyed by approximately 30 people.

The next Session meeting will be Monday, January 16th, 2023.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for February's newsletter is no later than Friday, January 20th. The following week will provide time for article placement and proofreading. The newsletter will be printed January 26th and mailed out the following morning on January 27th.

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

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KID'S CORNER



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

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January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Worship 11:00 AM 1st Sunday of Christmas Guest Speakers Jan Carter & Pat Keil</p>	<p>2 1:00 PM PNC Meeting</p>	<p>3 11:30 AM Worship Comm. 1:00 PM Handbells</p>	<p>4 No Christian Ed Programs</p>	<p>5 6:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>6 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Community Meal</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Worship 11:00 AM Baptism of the Lord Guest Speaker Judy Powell Sibley Communion 10:00 AM Bible Study Ordination and Installations</p> 	<p>9 1:00 PM PNC Meeting 2:00 PM Deacons' Meeting</p>	<p>10 1:00 PM Handbells</p>	<p>11 6:00 PM Christian Ed Programs All Ages</p>	<p>12 11:30 AM PW Meeting 6:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Worship 11:00 AM 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Guest Speaker David Arends 10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>16 1:00 PM PNC Meeting 7:00 PM Session</p>	<p>17 1:00 PM Handbells</p>	<p>18 6:00 PM Christian Ed Programs All Ages</p>	<p>19 6:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Worship 11:00 AM 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Guest Speaker Kim Cooney 10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>23 1:00 PM PNC Meeting</p>	<p>24 1:00 PM Handbells</p>	<p>25 6:00 PM Christian Ed Programs All Ages</p>	<p>26 6:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Worship 11:00 AM 4th Sunday after Epiphany Guest Speaker Tim Scherer 10:00 AM Bible Study Annual Meeting of the Congregation</p>	<p>30 1:00 PM PNC Meeting</p>	<p>31 1:00 PM Handbells</p>				

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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



8 Dolores Wittmier

11 Bert Rigby

13 Carly Behr

15 Fred Bergstrom

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

