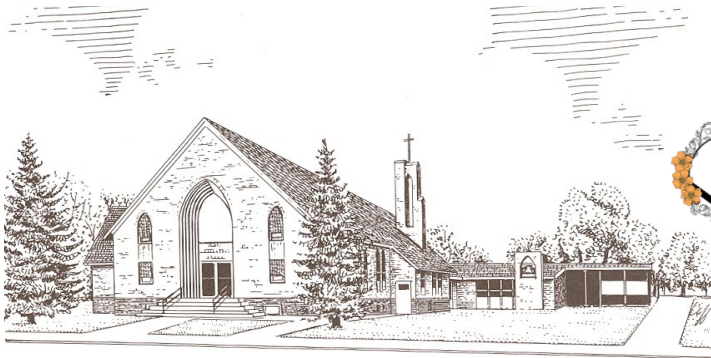


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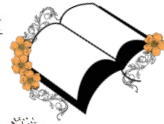
If you have any articles to contribute to the **May Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than the morning of **Thursday, April 23rd**. This should provide enough time for article placement and proofreading if all articles are received by the due date. Any articles received after the due date will need to go into next month's newsletter and/or bulletin if it is time sensitive. The newsletter will be printed and mailed out Monday of 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 compres@3rivers.net or mail to:
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123 4th Ave SW
Conrad, MT 59425



Sunday Worship @ 11:00 AM

Secretarial Office Hours
Monday through Friday
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM



Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00AM
***Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays**
Exercise Class @ 10:00AM*

Monday Handbells @ 6:00PM
***1st, 3rd, & 5th 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!

Saturday Choir @ 10:00AM

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

Mark Your Calendars!!

Come and enjoy a home cooked meal and an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new friends on Friday, April 3rd, starting at 11:30AM to 1:00PM in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Conrad. The menu will be Shrimp Fettucine, Chicken Linguine, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert. Everyone is welcome at our tables.



PASTOR'S CORNER



Have you ever felt brittle—as if your bones would break if you twisted another upper body rotation or posed one more yoga contortion? My niece asked me to help her with a school project. I never want to say no to that young woman, so now I am on an exercise regimen, after having completed questionnaires that imply how well I will or will not comply to an exercise program specifically designed for my history and temperament. Now, I know (and my dogs know) that my enthusiasm for inconvenient, winter wrapped or sweat inducing movement is close to zero! But Abby asked and I'm trying to breathe life into these aging, brittle bones because I don't want to disappoint her.

I feel kind of like Ezekiel must have felt when God took him to the valley of dry bones and asked, "Mortal, can these bones live?" And Ezekiel answered, "O Lord, only you know!"

Sometimes our faith can be like the scene described by Ezekiel 37:1-14. Dry brittle bones lying across an expanse as far as the prophet could see without any idea how to make them live again. Only by the grace and mercy of God can exhausted dry faith be resurrected. That grace may take the form of a faithful friend or partner who believes in us enough to confess to them our lack of hope, our despair that nothing good can come to our personal world...that we lack the energy or motivation to regenerate our belief in a loving God who will save us from ourselves. We need a partner who will encourage us and say over our self-obsessed moaning, "You've got this! Let's pray together. Tell me how you're doing today. You are not lost!"

When John Wesley, a brilliant Anglican priest, upon returning to England from a disastrously unsuccessful mission to the American colonies confessed his fear that he lacked adequate faith to continue preaching, his Moravian shipmate replied, "When you lack faith to preach faith, continue preaching faith until you have faith." When we lack faith to pray for faith, sometimes the best advice is to pray for faith until you have faith. Our persistent, never failing God will breathe life into your prayers and put muscle back into your faith.

Gracious God, help us be more like Jesus.

Pastor Judy

GLORIOSO RINGERS

Three of our members plan to attend the annual Bell Festival April 24th and 25th. Jan Carter, Glenda McKeone, and Kimberly Hueske will travel to Livingston this year. We will rehearse Friday night and all day Saturday and conclude with a concert Saturday night. These gatherings are always enjoyable with 200+ ringers in one gym under the direction of a guest conductor. Our clinician this year is Kathryn Jurado from Florida.

MOTHER'S DAY BABIES RECOGNITION

Mother's Day is on May 10th this year and the Worship Committee is gathering the names of babies born with family ties to our congregation since last Mother's Day. It is a tradition here at First Presbyterian to honor and recognize the babies born into the families and friends of our congregation. A rose will be placed in the sanctuary on Mother's Day to honor each baby. All babies may be recognized, whether living near or far away, and all family members are invited to attend the 11:00AM church service. If a baby has been born into your family or extended family this past year and you would like a rose placed in the sanctuary, contact the church office or one of the persons listed below with the baby's name, date of birth, the parents' names, and place of residence.

Church Office 406-278-3043
Jan Carter 406-278-5409
Martha Orcutt 406-868-1890



APRIL LAY READERS

April 5 Jane Arends
April 12 Amy Zimbelman
April 19 Arelene McHenry
April 26 Martha Orcutt



DEACON'S LIST

April 2 Volunteers
April 3 Volunteers
April 5 Kim & Carol
April 12 Karla & Mike
April 19 Volunteer & Roma Lee
April 26 Jeanne & Arlene



The Membership Committee is preparing for Senior Recognition Sunday. We are looking for 2026 graduating seniors that have attended our church or have a family connection to our church.

Do you have a grandchild or relative you would like honored? Please let us know as soon as possible by contacting the Church Office at 406-278-3043 or by email to conpres@3rivers.net with the graduate's name, address, and school attended.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE

Youth Group Has Been Fun! We are winding down on our great '25-'26 Wednesday Night Programs. Please note that our last meeting will be Wednesday, April 8th.

In the meantime, a lot of opportunities are available. Please join us on Sunday, March 29th, for our Palm Sunday service at 11:00AM and stay for our Youth Fundraiser lunch afterwards. David is preaching that day and our Youth are invited to join the service with singing, a Gospel sketch, and readings. We hope that families from our program will join us too. Also on March 29th, we need some volunteers to help serve Tacos -in-a-Bag with homemade desserts. We need help to set up, serve, and clean up afterwards. This is a fundraiser to help get our students in grades 1-12 to Glacier Camp this summer. The meal is by donation. If anyone would like to contribute a homemade dessert, please contact Jane Arends by phone or text at (406) 450-4163.

Did your children enjoy our Wednesday Night Programs? It was our pleasure to provide tasty dinners, Bible teachings, games, and crafts. We reached out to our community by gathering food for the Food Pantry. We provided gifts of crafts and singing to the Horizon Lodge and Logan Extended Care. We also had an opportunity to get some of our Youth to Winterfest. Your children have/and had the opportunity to participate in church services. Thank you for your part as parents in getting your kids to and from the church on Wednesdays and Sundays. We hope you will sign them up for our program in the fall. We also ask you to consider finding a week in June or July to let us send your children to Glacier Camp this summer.

Please join me in thanking our volunteer staff for committing their love of the teachings of Christ through serving your families. Let's thank Pam and Karla Wittmier, Carol and Michael Dayrider, Liz and Jake Shorna, Nathan Sanders, Pastor Judy, David Arends, and those of you who provided a meal for making this program happen.

Please join us in the next two weeks to finish well!

Jane Arends

Italian

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Spruce Lodge at Glacier Camp



MAY 10TH

ADULTS \$20
CHILDREN 7-14 \$12
6 & UNDER FREE

TWO SEATINGS 11:30 AM & 1 PM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY MAY 6TH

CALL: 406-844-2114

EMAIL: INFO@GLACIERCAMP.ORG

17482 O'NEIL RD, LAKESIDE, MT

Menu: Spinach Tortellini, Spaghetti w/Meatballs, Chicken Alfredo
Side Salad, Breadsticks, Roasted Vegetables,
Lemon Cake, Cannoli



GLACIER CAMP NEWS



It's time to start thinking about attending Glacier Camp this summer. The theme for this year's camp is "Abundant Life" and is based on the scripture Psalm 25:5-6: "You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." Camps are available for youth, Grade 1-12. Below is a list of camps, dates, age levels, and prices.

June 21 - June 26	Classic Camp 1	Junior, Jr. High	\$675
This is what an authentic summer camp is all about.			
June 21 - July 3	Leader-in Training	Sr. High	\$1,200
A two-week program (including weekends) for budding young leaders.			
June 28 - July 1	Mini-camp	Grades 1-2	\$375
A first taste of sleepaway camp. Just 3 nights away packed with a whole lot of fun!			
June 28 - July 3	Adventure Camp	Junior, Jr. High, Sr. High	\$675
Based at our tent site where campers experience the relaxation and beauty of outdoor living.			
July 5 - July 10	Classic Camp 2	Junior, Jr. High, Sr. High	\$675
Classic Camp with a Christmas in July twist.			
July 12 - July 17	Outbound Camp	Junior, Jr. High, Sr. High	\$775
Off-site adventures to experience Glacier Country & the Flathead Valley.			
July 19 - July 31	Counselor-in-Training	Grades 11-12	\$1,200
Two weeks of exclusive programming, privileges, & responsibilities for wannabe counselors. (LIT a prerequisite)			
July 19 - July 24	Classic Camp 3	Junior, Jr. High, Sr. High	\$675
The fun never stops: if it ain't broke, don't fix it.			
July 26 - July 31	H2O Camp	Junior, Jr. High, Sr. High	\$750
Boat trips, tubing water games, and water activities.			

For more information for any of these camps, or to register for camp, go to the Glacier Camp website at glaciercamp.org. Scholarships are available. **REGISTER TODAY!!!** Some camps fill up quickly.

SPRUCE LODGE AT GLACIER CAMP



Glacier Camp is not just for the youth of our Presbytery. There are events scheduled for the next few months that are not a part of the regular camp activity, which will be ramping up in a couple of months.

Volunteers are needed for an inside work week April 13th - 18th. Projects include spring cleaning cabins, lower Lodge and Chapel, painting, minor maintenance, and ground clean-up. Times available are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The next Volunteer Week will be May 11th - 16th and we will be working on projects, including downed tree cleanup, sticks and branch pick-up, and plant areas freshened. Contact the camp at (406) 844-2114, or at terri@glaciercamp.org if you have any questions.

The first TIM Talks of the year will be held April 19th - 21st. We will be studying the "I Am" statements that appear in John's gospel. Our time together will begin Sunday evening with supper at 6:00 PM and will conclude with worship and communion on Tuesday morning. Contact tim@glaciercamp.org to register. Watch for further information at a later date.

Need something to do for Mother's Day? Spruce Lodge is hosting an Italian Mother's Day Luncheon on May 10th. There are two seatings, 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM. The menu includes spinach tortellini, spaghetti with meatballs, chicken alfredo, side salad, roasted vegetables, lemon cake, and cannoli. Prices are Adults - \$20 and Children 7-14 \$12. Children under 6 eat free. Reservations must be made by May 6th. To RSVP, call (406) 844-2114 or email info@glaciercamp.org.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CONRAD



Session Highlights - From Meeting Held on March 16

THE CHURCH FINANCES FOR FEBRUARY 2026:



Operating Income:	\$7,223.50
Operating Expenses:	<u>(\$10,269.02)</u>
October Balance:	<u>(\$3,045.52)</u>
Year-to-Date Balance:	<u>(\$4,876.02)</u>



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

- March 22 – 5th Sunday in Lent; Judy will preach.
 - March 29 – Palm Sunday – David will preach.
- April 2 – Maundy Thursday – 6 PM Seder Meal in Fellowship Hall – David.
 - April 3 – Good Friday – 7 PM worship – Gary.
- April 5 – Easter Sunday – Communion; Judy will preach.
 - April 12 – Gary will preach.
 - April 19 – Judy will preach.
 - April 26 – Gary will preach.

The Youth will hold a fundraiser lunch after church on Palm Sunday to raise money for Glacier Camp scholarships.

David Arends will explain the Maundy Thursday Seder Meal to the congregation.

A light meal will be served after church on Easter Sunday.

The next Session meeting will be Monday, April 20, 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

Easter Word Search



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- SOLDIERS
- SON OF GOD
- SPEAR
- STONE
- TEMPLE
- THIEVES
- THREE DAYS
- TOMB

Kid's Corner Coloring Time

Jesus Is Risen



BE HAPPY!
IT'S EASTER!
JESUS IS WITH US!



The Easter Story

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a very important day of the Christian religion.

John 15:13 Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (AKJV)

Luke 24:1-6 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher. 3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said to them, Why seek you the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen. (AKJV)

WHAT IS EASTER?



April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10AM Exercise Class 3:30PM Learn 2 Sew Class 6PM Adult Discipleship Class 6:15PM Youth Program	2 6PM Seder Meal 	3 10AM Exercise Class 11:30AM to 1PM Free Community Meal 7PM Good Friday Service	4 10AM Choir
5 Worship 11AM Easter - Communion 10AM Bible Study An Easter Lunch will follow after service 	6 10AM Exercise Class 6PM Handbells	7 10:30AM Worship Committee 12PM Prayer Ministry	8 10AM Exercise Class 3:30PM Learn 2 Sew Class 6PM Adult Discipleship Class 6:15PM Youth Program	9 10:30AM PW Meeting	10 10AM Exercise Class 	11 10AM Choir
12 Worship 11AM 2nd Sunday of Easter 10AM Bible Study 12:30PM Deacons' Meeting	13 10AM Exercise Class 6PM Handbells	14 10AM Finance Committee	15 10AM Exercise Class 3:30PM Learn 2 Sew Class 6PM Adult Discipleship Class	16	17 10AM Exercise Class 	18 10AM Choir
19 Worship 11AM 3rd Sunday of Easter 10AM Bible Study	20 10AM Exercise Class 6PM Handbells 7PM Session	21 12PM Prayer Ministry	22 10AM Exercise Class 3:30PM Learn 2 Sew Class	23	24 10AM Exercise Class	25 10AM Choir
26 Worship 11AM 4th Sunday of Easter 10AM Bible Study	27 10AM Exercise Class 6PM Handbells	28	29 10AM Exercise Class 3:30PM Learn 2 Sew Class	30		

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April Birthdays

- 3 Martha Orcutt
- 6 Karla Wittmier
- 7 Joanie Brown
- 10 Jennifer Baringer (Dixon)
- 11 Michael Clarke
- 16 Jim Meier
- 17 Don Perry
- 20 Todd Mellinger

- 21 Patti Mellinger
- Dana Ahmed
- 26 Claudia Martin
- 28 Claire Bucklin
- 30 Brittney Rauscher



April Anniversaries

- 4 Bernard & Patty Ries

Happy Anniversary!

