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MOSCOW, IDAHO

# News & Views

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We are in the Easter season, the 50 days following resurrection day. We remember the resurrection of Jesus, his taking on death and giving new life. Even as we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our experiences continue. This year my mother's death was on Easter Monday. This is the first day of the week of the Easter season. My mother, Grace Fowler, was in her nineties and seemed reasonably healthy though declining in recent months. So the call I received was a surprise – yet not totally unexpected. Perhaps that is the way we think of mortality – a surprising aspect of life, but one we really know is a reality.

Certainly, my sisters and I have started our grieving processes. That is plural because we each have our own set of memories and our own complex relationship with our mother. We each feel the loss, though each of us will work through it a bit differently. I know that for me, both my faith and my mother's make a difference. We opined in the obituary that "Grace taught us all to walk in the light and grace of God." We have received emails that suggest we were not the only ones that saw things this way. We also saw our mother's humanity, and that while dedicated to her life of faith, the life in the world sometimes led her to her own struggles as well.

Yet, isn't this the way of life? None of us are perfect, and all are susceptible to the vicissitudes of life. We all are in need of the grace of God – including my mother, Grace. I don't expect that she should have been perfect nor more than human. What I did see was one who tried to love her children and, as well as she could, all God's children. She paid attention to what it meant to be faithful and it showed.

That is one reason that, though I am sad she is no longer in my life, I do have a confidence that she is in the hands of God and I find solace in that confidence. At the same time I believe those of us still inhabiting the earth are also in the hands of God. Perhaps in a different way, but no less real. We have been given the hope we know in Christ's resurrection – that death does not have the final say.

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**Begins May 26**  
**Worship at 9:30 a.m.**

## From the Pastor *...continued from Page 1*

*2 Corinthians 4:16-18 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.*

These verses invite us to become aware of God at work in our lives, renewing us in the face of all the uncertainties and struggles. My daughter, Jessa, and her husband, Chris, just bought their first home. It is a 1903 farmhouse. A well-built house, yet it has not been updated in many years. So, they are in the process of doing some renovations, most of which are to the interior of the house. This term *renew* is also described as *renovate* in the Greek dictionary. Thinking about how they are renovating and thinking about how God offers to renovate my life invites me to accept that God also can do some updating of my spiritual life, my relationship with God through the resurrection of the Son.

I see the work my daughter and son-in-law are putting into their house and think about the work the Holy Spirit puts into renewing and renovating our relationship with God. Death is perhaps the ultimate renovation – the eternal life beyond our earthly experience. So, my mother experiences the eternal weight of glory and those of us still living here are invited to open our lives to continued renewal of our inner nature, that God might align us with what is eternal. Then Paul continues in 2 Corinthians chapter 5:16-21:

*From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

May we live into the resurrection and become the righteousness of God by grace through faith.

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## Sunday Schedule Changes Coming Up

The Wired Word adult Sunday School class has concluded for the spring. The Bible Project classes and children's and youth Sunday School will wrap up the semester on May 19.

**Starting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, worship moves to 9:30 a.m.**

As we move into summer, the earlier start time has the advantage that it is cooler in the sanctuary earlier in the day. Summer schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend, September 1. Sunday School and our regular 10:30 a.m. worship time will return on September 8.



## Wednesday Supper Fellowship Spring Wrap-up

### WEDNESDAY SUPPER FELLOWSHIP MAY 8



Brand new Scouts BSA Girls Troop 333, chartered through Moscow First Presbyterian Church, will be preparing and serving dinner May 8<sup>th</sup> as a fundraiser by donation, to help purchase gear needed for activities including patrol boxes, propane stoves, canopies, tents, and lanterns. Come by and meet the amazing young women who will be among the first females to be able to earn the rank of Eagle Scout! We have an Italian theme for food and hope you will come enjoy it with us! On the menu: spaghetti (gluten-free option available) with choice of sauce, meatballs, salads, veggies, fruit, garlic bread, and lots of dessert. This is the last Wednesday Supper of the semester.

### IN APPRECIATION

Thank you to all our Wednesday Supper volunteers who have prepared and served a variety of delicious meals this semester, or helped with set-up and clean-up. You have made it possible for our church family and guests to come together each week to build relationships and enjoy dinner together. Thanks, also, to all who attend and support our Wednesday Suppers. We look forward to resuming our suppers in the fall.



## Family Promise Host Week is Right Around the Corner!



Our next host week for Family Promise is May 26-June 2. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4daaad22aaf94-family14>, or on the paper signup board at church. When you use the online signup through SignUp Genius, you will receive an automatic email reminder prior to your commitment. If you are new to this ministry, and need help signing up, please contact Mary Read, [idahoreader@gmail.com](mailto:idahoreader@gmail.com).

## Family Promise Volunteer Gathering on May 11

All FPC Family Promise volunteers are invited to get together May 11 in the Chapel Room to share stories, give feedback on your experiences, ask questions, and reflect on this important ministry. New volunteers are also encouraged to attend to learn more about Family Promise from current volunteers and participate in a short training session. We will begin with a light brunch at 9:30am in the Chapel Room, with training to follow at 10:30am. It takes 30+ people to set up, cook, serve as dinner hosts, stay overnight, take down, and do laundry each time we host, so new volunteers are welcome and needed! Advance RSVPs for this event are helpful but not required. Please email [idahoreader@gmail.com](mailto:idahoreader@gmail.com), or call the church office, 882-4122. Child care can be arranged as needed with advance notice.



## News Briefs

**TAPESTRY WOMEN'S CHOIR** presents *A Hatful of Spring: Songs to Celebrate the Season*. FPC is pleased to welcome Tapestry in their first spring concert following an 8-year hiatus.

- Friday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 405 S Van Buren St., Moscow
- Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 1410 NE Stadium Way, Pullman
- Monday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Colfax United Methodist Church, 109 S Mill St., Colfax

**CAROL RENFREW CIRCLE** will meet May 23, at 1:30 in library. We will share insights from Janice Capel Anderson's introduction and study guide to *Colossians*. Discussion will be facilitated by Susan Roberts. Sally Amador and De Bush are hostesses. This will be our last meeting until September. All women are welcome for study and fellowship.

**TAIZÉ WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE THROUGH MAY 8** All are welcome to this quiet service of scripture, prayer, and song in the chapel room on Wednesday from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

## Fall Women's Retreat at Clearwater Lodge, September 27-29

What does it mean to live like a saint as we walk through our very ordinary, very flawed lives? What is holy about your day-to-day life? How often do you experience yourself as a *saint* as you brush your teeth or look for the keys you know you put somewhere? Join Laura Harbert as she uses Tish Warren's book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, as a guide to help us open our eyes to ways that God is speaking, inviting and transforming us through the very extraordinary ordinary lives each of us is living!

Moscow FPC has 8 spaces reserved in the Clearwater Lodge (at Camp Spalding) on a first come/first serve basis. Additional space will be available in the classic cabins. To reserve your space, please send an email to [office@fpcmoscow.org](mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org) or call 882-4122. If you have questions about the retreat, contact Mary Read, [idahoreader@gmail.com](mailto:idahoreader@gmail.com). The women who have attended over the last several years have enjoyed the speaker, the times of worship, and especially the opportunity to get to know each other more.

## Happenings at the Campus Christian Center

The academic year for the Campus Christian Center will be wrapping up in May. The Center will host a Cinco de Mayo graduation party beginning at 5 p.m. on May 3. During finals week, we will offer lunch and supper to all comers.

This semester we served 5 free meals per week with either Bible Study or fellowship offered by our member churches. Our facility is being used more and more by students and professors across campus. Having the Moscow Food Co-op housed in the Center has been a boon to us, and we look toward a dynamic future.

### New Church Directory is Ready

Directories are available in three formats: a digital (PDF) file, a full-size 8.5 x 11 book, or a 5.5 x 8.5 booklet size. Printed directories are currently available in the church office. To reserve a copy or to request an electronic version, send an email to the church office at [office@fpcmoscow.org](mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org).

### Finance Report

As of March 31, 2019



	March	YTD
Receipts	\$ 27,052	\$ 80,608
Disbursements	\$ 28,065	\$ 80,812
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$204)
Cash Balance (checking/savings)		\$26,164*

\*Includes prepaid pledges @ \$19,600

# FAMILY MINISTRY

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE SOON-TO-BE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO GRADUATES

Danica Jean Davis will graduate with a BS in Accounting and BS in Management Information Systems. She will pursue her Master's Degree in Accounting at the University of Idaho, graduating in May 2020.

Mallory Ann Cullen will graduate in Biotechnology and Plant Genomics, and will continue with graduate school in Southern Illinois.

Jasper Wallen will graduate with a BA in English – Linguistics & literacy with a minor in teaching English as a second language. He is planning to continue to work at Spence Hardware for now, and also work as an online professor for English as a Second Language (ESL).

Megan Rich will graduate with a Master's of Music in Piano Performance and Pedagogy. Next year she will continue to work at the university, teaching piano lessons and accompanying (and working as accompanist at the church as well!). After that, she plans to move on for work or to start a doctoral program.

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Attention parents! How does a night out on the town with free child care sound?

We are partnering with the Unitarian Church to provide child care once a month through the summer and fall so that parents can have some kid-free time while kids get to have fun with their friends under the watchful eyes of experienced child care providers.

The first Parents' Night Out (PNO) is set for Friday, May 17, from 5:30—8:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. For details, or to register your kids, please contact Jeremiah at [aslanscountry@gmail.com](mailto:aslanscountry@gmail.com) or call the church office (208-882-4122) by May 15. Space is limited, so reserve your child's spot today!

## CAMP SPALDING REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Camp Spalding is an important part of the spiritual development of students in our church. Registration for this summer is open now. If you need financial assistance, PLEASE CONTACT JEREMIAH. We have camperships available, but we need to ask the Spalding registrar for codes PRIOR to your registering. Camp sessions fill quickly, so register soon!

## KNOW ANY GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS?

We would like to recognize our graduating high school seniors in worship on June 2. If you know of any students connected with our church who will be completing their secondary schooling this spring, please contact [Jeremiah](#) or the [church office](#) by May 20.

## LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS MAY 19

# Camp Spalding Mission Weekend

## June 7-9, 2019

This is an experience with something for all ages and abilities – a great family activity. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings, fellowship, fun, and worship with your church family while helping Camp Spalding prepare for the summer season.

### WORK PROJECTS TYPICALLY INCLUDE

Light Construction \* Trail Maintenance  
Bike Tune-ups \* Cabin Preparation  
Painting \* Landscaping \* Minor Repairs

### ALSO ENJOY

- The natural beauty of Camp Spalding
- Inspirational worship
- Fun, fellowship, and relaxation with your church family
- Comfortable, accessible, heated lodging and great food!

### Pick up a Registration Packet in the Church Office

Registration cost: \$30 per person/\$100 family for Friday-Sunday or  
\$20 per person/\$65 per family for Saturday-Sunday  
Registration fee includes transportation, meals, and lodging.

### Scholarships Available

Join your church family for a weekend of fellowship and service in support of Camp Spalding and the hundreds of children and youth who attend.

**SIGN UP BY MAY 27!**



# May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10a Women's Bible Study 10:30a Men's Bible Study 5:30p Taizé 6p Supper Fellowship 6:30p Youth Group 7p Choir	2 6:30a Men's Group @ Shari's 12:30p FOON 5:30p Praise Team	3	4
5 (communion) 9:15a Sunday School all ages 10:30a Worship 4p FNB community meal	6 7p Scouts BSA T344 (boys)	7 6:30p Stephen Ministers 7p Scouts BSA T333 (girls)	8 10a Women's Bible Study 10:30a Men's Bible Study 5:30p Taizé 6p Supper Fellowship 6:30p Youth Group 7p Mother's Day Men's Choir 7:15p Chancel Choir 8p Troop Committee	9 6:30a Men's Group @ Shari's 12:30p FOON 5:30p Praise Team 6p Kid Power training	10 10a rehearsal 7:30p Tapestry Women's Choir concert	11 9:30a Family Promise review and training
12 Mother's Day 9:15a Sunday School all ages 10:30a Worship (with Men's Choir) 2p Nursing Home Services 4p FNB community meal	13 7p Scouts BSA T344 (boys)	14 7p Scouts BSA T333 (girls)	15 10a Women's Bible Study 10:30a Men's Bible Study 6:30p Youth Group 7p Choir	16 6:30a Men's Group @ Shari's 12:30p FOON 4:00p Wedding rehearsal 5:30p Praise Team	17 4p Alex Doyle/Darcey Stephenson wedding 5:30p Parents' Night Out	18
19 9:15a Sunday School all ages (last day) 10:30a Worship 4p FNB community meal	20 7p Scouts BSA T344 (boys) 7p Deacons	21 3:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30p Stephen Ministers 7p Scouts BSA T333 (girls)	22 10:30a Men's Bible Study 6:30p Youth Group	23 6:30a Men's Group @ Shari's 12:30p FOON 1:30p Carol Renfrew Circle	24	25
26 <b>START OF SUMMER SCHEDULE</b> 9:30a Worship 2p Family Promise guests arrive 4p FNB community meal	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28 7p Scouts BSA T333 (girls)	29 6:30p Youth Group	30 6:30a Men's Group @ Shari's 12:30p FOON	31	
<b>Family Promise Host Week</b>						

## Calling All Men!

Men of the church, we are singing on Sunday, May 12th (Mother's Day) so that the mothers can relax and enjoy the service from the pews. All men/boys are welcome, no previous singing experience necessary!

We'll rehearse a simple hymn on two occasions: Wednesday May 8th from 7-7:15 pm in the sanctuary, and Sunday morning May 12th at 10 am in the choir room. No RSVP necessary—contact Madeline with questions: [Madeline\\_smith@live.com](mailto:Madeline_smith@live.com)



## Lael Retreat Center Update

Lael is looking good after all the heavy snow we had this winter, and we are already off to a good start. We opened the facility on April 6th and have hosted three events this past month.

Our first work day is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st. We are going to finish siding the upper ends of the barn. Other projects are also planned for those of us who have no desire to be hoisted up to the top of the barn in a lift. If you feel like spending the day sprucing up Lael, come on out. Anyone and everyone is welcome from 9:00 a.m. on. Spoiler alert... Ed Schaper usually brings donuts!



As the weather warms up and the ground dries out, feel free to come and hike around the grounds. Bring a picnic lunch and dine while you enjoy the serenity of the pond area from our new gazebo. We have two padded rocking chairs and even lap blankets to use if you happen to get chilly. It's a great place to relax, unplug, and enjoy nature's quiet.



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## First Presbyterian Church

*"Growing in Christ"*

### Through May 19:

*Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.*

*Followed by coffee fellowship*

*Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m.*

### Summer Schedule Begins May 26:

*Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

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