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News & Views

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Take Note...

This month,
communion
will be celebrated on
April 11



I was reminded in our Bible Project discussion today of our Christmas reading in Isaiah that points us to Jesus as Immanuel, God with us. And as we move out of Lent and walk through Holy Week, through the passion into resurrection, I wonder about how God with us includes such a week. Jesus does no big, theatrical reveal of his power and might in front of a huge crowd.

His most spectacularly public event is his crucifixion, which was meant to be torturously demeaning. In the Mark version we are reading this year, there are no large crowds at his resurrection. The women bringing spices were the first to know about the resurrection and they "fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." God with us, Jesus, the Christ is described as a teacher, a healer, and eventually a crucified figure with this incredible capstone we call the resurrection. God seems a little subtle for most folks.

While we are invited to find great hope, the hope is not given in splashy, over the top ways. Is there something about Jesus entering into our lives in a way that looks like our lives that has an element of grace to it? If we are called to be his disciples, it is not to be supernatural in some way, but to be the human beings we were created to be, with the capacity for real love and compassion. Jesus' passion shows how far awry we can go as humans. We also have the capacity for great vilifying, vicious, and violent actions toward one another. Jesus, as the innocent victim, is the recipient of this evil side of human action.

We are invited to see the contrast between the best in Jesus and the worst in what humanity does to him. And in that, we see both our ability to follow Jesus to great heights of goodness and, in our rejection of him, to plumb the depths of evil. Through grace, God, in Jesus, not only invites us to make the journey to goodness, but offers us the forgiveness we need to open up to the goodness and guidance Jesus brings to us.

Moving into resurrection morning is finding the living Jesus, the love of God, still with us. This description of Jesus not only reminds us that the love of God is still alive, but that we also may still experience that love. In this grace, we see Jesus, as well as our need for the freedom from sin and despair he offers. We need the resurrection. We need a time to recognize that God does not

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change how the world works, but changes our relationship to God and each other. When we begin to live these out, the world changes. Jesus did not overpower the world, but invites the world, invites us, to see that nothing prevails against him, against the love of God. Jesus invites us to know that the forgiveness, grace, and presence of God with us changes us, and works change in the world as well.

So, as we come to worship and fellowship, as we receive the grace of God, and as we find the love of God in Jesus Christ is alive, we are not invited into a supernatural place removed from our world, but into the very issues and events of our lives. We are invited to receive the goodness of God and be agents of that goodness through the very real grace we receive. We are invited to find our hope in the one that death cannot suppress and who leads us to find new life expressed in the daily lives we lead. We are invited to love one another even as Jesus loves us here and now, not just in the place Jesus prepares. This is the work of mitigating and restraining the ways in which we can vilify, can be vicious, and can use violence. It is the work of bringing mercy, building one another up, and using love to manage life. For we have a Savior that faced the depths of human evil and, in resurrection, supersedes these with the power of God's love and grace. We are invited to live in the power of the resurrection.

Grace and peace,
Norman

Easter Lily Dedications

The Easter lilies that will grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday have been lovingly given by:

- ♥ Sally Amador (1), in memory of her parents
- ♥ De Bush (3), dedicated to Ryan & Obsidian Bush,
Lorraine & Neal MacArtor, and Marian Wise
- ♥ Jackson and Mindy Davis (3), in memory of Harry Davis,
Jerome Peer, and Jack & Chlora Cox
- ♥ Dale Everson, Vicki Stevens, and Sharon Everson (1), in memory of Darlene Everson
- ♥ Richard Gayler (2), dedicated to Berna Jo Hynes, Richard & Jeanne Gayler
- ♥ Karen Huntington (1), in memory of Bryan Huntington
- ♥ Nadine Morton (2), dedicated to Rev. Fowler & Helen Brown,
and in memory of Ronald H. Morton
- ♥ Bruce and Kathy Pitman (2), dedicated to Doris Billingsley and Dale Everson
- ♥ Suzanna Trail (1), in memory of David Trail
- ♥ Jon and Mary Jo Van Gerpen (1), in memory of Lynda Troka



Holy Week and Easter

Good Friday, April 2

A **pre-recorded Tenebrae Service of Darkness** will be available at 5 p.m. on YouTube at this link: <https://youtu.be/LHizE0pK5pw>. The service will use passages from the Gospels to tell the story of Jesus' final hours, interspersed with musical offerings from our Music Director, Thomas Pearson, and an anthem from Praise Team.

There will also be a shorter **in-person Tenebrae service in the sanctuary** at 7 p.m. No reservations needed for this live service.

Saturday, April 3

Family Ministry **egg hunt** at 10:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the church for kids thru 5th Grade. Masks, distancing, and other Covid protocols will be in place. Questions? familyministryjulie@gmail.com.

Easter Sunday, April 4

We will celebrate the resurrection together **in the sanctuary** at 10:30 a.m. If you are planning to attend the Easter morning service, **please let us know before noon Saturday** (the 3rd) that you will be there so our safety team can make plans in advance to seat everyone safely.

To **RSVP** for Easter Sunday:

- Online <https://forms.gle/mVYGBev3JPVjJLt28>
- Call 208-882-4122 (leave a message)
- Email office@fpcmoscow.org

This service will be streamed live online (and will remain available for viewing later) for those who prefer to worship from home:

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/moscowfirstpres>

YouTube: [First Presbyterian Church of Moscow - YouTube](#)

Please bring a flower to add to the Easter cross. The congregation will be able to flower the cross before entering the building, and the cross will remain outside so those who could not attend in person can stop by later to add flowers.

A pre-recorded "Sunrise Service" with a message from Pastor Norman and musical offerings from several individuals will be available at dawn on YouTube (link above, "videos" tab) in addition to the livestream of the regular 10:30 Sunday morning service.

Deacons' Spotlight

Delaney Elliandi

Delaney Piper Elliandi grew up with younger twin sisters in Denver, Colorado. There she attended grades 1-12, graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. She has been in perpetual motion ever since. Before her move to Moscow, she earned a BA in Environmental Studies from Seattle University, where she met Ames Fowler. More on that later!

Delaney came to Moscow with AmeriCorps, working with the Clearwater Environmental Institute. She soon found a church home at First Presbyterian, helping with college ministry, Bible study at The Center on the UI campus, and teaching Sunday School to little ones. Delaney is also a Stephen Minister, and has just begun her second term as an Elder on Session.

Delaney and Ames were married at Lael on August 26, 2017. Delaney's parents, Craig and Marilyn Piper, joined us for the occasion, giving us a chance to meet them as well. We see Marilyn via Zoom on the Anti-Racism Learning Circle, which Delaney and Anna Daley-Laursen began during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Delaney is nearing completion of her Masters in History at Washington State University, wrapping up her thesis on the Environmental History of Poor Farms in Western Washington. Already substitute teaching in the Moscow School District, Delaney has been working with the Adventure Club, primarily with Special Education students at McDonald and Russell schools during the pandemic year. She teaches two days in person in the hybrid learning system.

Seeing a need for community outreach with the onset of COVID, Delaney developed the Mutual Aid Network, supported by the Moscow Interfaith Alliance. This group helps community members with rides, picks up groceries, helps with vaccine sign-ups and rides to vaccine sites.

Delaney sees her future at a theological seminary TBD. She is currently an Inquirer in the ordination process, planting seeds for a future move with Ames and Mordecai, their herding breed. For now, Delaney and Ames are planting seeds for their Hands and Hearts produce enterprise at the Farmers Market this summer. Be sure to wave at them as they whiz by!



Julie Hopper

Many of you have seen Julie Hopper around our church or been in the adult Sunday School she was facilitating before our church had to stop meeting in person. Now we will be seeing her in her capacity as Interim Family Ministry Director.

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The Hopper family moved to Moscow in 2003, but it wasn't until 2012 that they started attending FPC regularly. Julie's husband, Brian, is a psychologist in private practice in Moscow. We have seen their family expand and grow in the last nine years. Myrtle is now in third grade, Rowan is a sophomore in high school, and Adelia is a freshman at University of Idaho. Covid has been challenging for them, with some family members getting the illness while trying to do work and schooling from home.

Julie grew up in small towns where her father pastored with Village Missions, an interdenominational organization that sends pastors to rural churches. Julie met her husband at Western Baptist College (now Corban University) in Salem, Oregon. While Brian was getting an advanced degree at George Fox University, Julie worked in the admissions department at the George Fox Seminary, where she participated in several Spiritual Formation classes.



A wonderful travel experience Julie had was going to the Czech Republic to visit her sister, who was living and teaching English there. They visited a monastery and were able to see a part of the monastery most people don't see, which they realized after they encountered a very surprised monk. Luckily, in this visit they were accompanied by her sister's future husband, who is from Czech Republic and speaks Czech, so he reassured the startled monk.

Julie is getting used to the challenges of doing ministry through Zoom. One advantage of her new position is her familiarity with the children and parents of our church. Julie's favorite verse in the Bible is 1 John 2:1-2:

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

In the Mailbox

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all of your continued support. Your kindness and generous spirits provide HOPE to all of our families, our team, and our mission. We couldn't do it without you! You are loved and are undeniably Essential!



With love,

Family Promise of the Palouse

Finance Report



As of February 28, 2021

	February	YTD
Receipts	\$ 45,925	\$ 82,999
Disbursements	\$ 21,625	\$ 45,925
YTD Surplus		\$37,074
Cash Balance (checking/savings)		87,887*

*Includes pre-paid pledges for 2021 of \$21,200 paid in 2020.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Julie Hopper, Interim Director of Family Ministry familyministryjulie@gmail.com



I'm happy to take this occasion to introduce myself as the Interim Family Ministry Director at FPC. I first attended a Bible Study here led by Donna Scott starting in late 2010 or early 2011 and began attending Sunday services regularly in 2012. It is hard to believe how time has flown since then. I have been involved in various church activities through the intervening years, and it is my pleasure now to serve as the Director of Family Ministry.

Although programs and activities for families are dramatically limited by Covid, we have continuing online Sunday School and youth group. I'm also excited that we will be able to have more outdoor activities with the arrival of spring, longer days, and warmer weather. We kicked this off with some impromptu outdoor palm branch waving for Palm Sunday, and we will continue it with an outdoor egg hunt on Saturday, April 3. Also, whether we can meet in person or not, my desire is to be a help and encouragement to our kids and families.

The Covid pandemic has put all of us in uncharted territory in our work, school, and family lives. If you have ideas for safe, socially distanced outdoor activities or for creative ways to encourage kids and families in this milieu, please tell me about them. While it is challenging to maintain and adapt old traditions, we also have the chance to make new memories and traditions. This is a great time to remind ourselves and our children that we can trust God in all circumstances.

~ Julie

This trio of lighted crosses in front of our church provides a reminder of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Thank you to Ed Schaper for coming up with the idea and working with Bill Twigg to construct the display. Be sure to drive by to see it one evening soon.



100 Years of Scouting at Moscow First Presbyterian

Hello First Presbyterian Church of Moscow,

The Scouts that you sponsor as a charter organization would like to inform you that our boys' troop, Troop 344, is turning 100 years old this summer. This is a momentous occasion, as Scout troops rarely make it to their Centennials.

As such, we would like to let you know that there will be a late summer picnic planned for current and past scouts and scouters as well as you, the congregation of our beloved First Presbyterian Church. The reason for a later summer event is to provide ample time for the majority of the congregation and scouts to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations. That way we can have a great outdoor celebration for all to enjoy at their leisure. The exact date of this picnic is still in the planning phase, but is tentative for a Saturday in September. We would also like to make this event special for everyone involved in these amazing scouts' lives.

Last year the scouts of Troop 344 participated in a logo drawing contest and the troop voted on their new logo. This new logo is tied to the centennial event in many ways, one of which is that the Troop is looking at getting new neckerchiefs made. These will be fully embroidered and will be handed out at the picnic. Some will be Centennial themed with a grey body and red, white, and blue piping. A second neckerchief will be an updated version of our dark green and yellow troop standard.



Scout Sunday February 2020

You may recall that last August we held a rummage sale. That fundraiser was very successful and the proceeds were split evenly between the boys' and girls' troops. The boys' troop unfortunately does not have enough funds to cover the cost of new neckerchiefs for all past, present, and future troop members plus the overall cost for a picnic. This is where we need your help. Any size donation or sponsorship you deem fit will be greatly appreciated, and may be sent to Troop 344 in care of Tammy Wallen, Troop Treasurer, 1289 Wallen Road, Moscow ID 83843. For more information, contact Assistant Scoutmaster Tim Mathews, tdmathews5121@gmail.com.

Your Sponsorship as a charter organization has helped your Scout Troops do many great things over the years. We couldn't have done it alone and you are an integral part of our program. We thank you so much for being a long standing partner of the scouting program and we look forward to celebrating our troop's centennial together in September, as well as to many more shared events in the future.

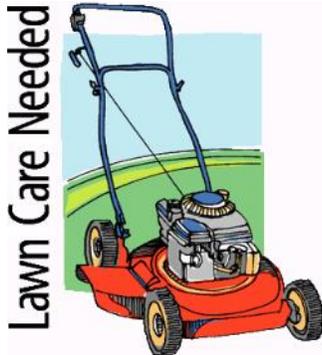
Yours in Scouting,

The Scouts and Scouters of Troop 344

A Scout is:
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent

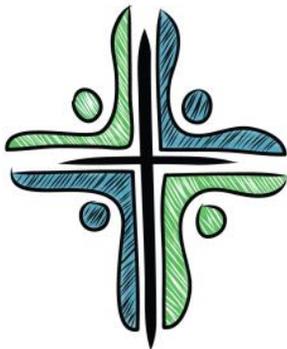
Work Day at the Campus Christian Center on April 10

We will be helping to build storage shelves, organize the work room, paint an office, and do some general spring cleaning at the Center (our campus ministry location at the University of Idaho), on Saturday April 10th starting at 9am. We would love to have a few extra folks to build, paint, and clean. If you would like to help (even for an hour), please come! If you have a moment to contact Pastor Debbie Sperry at the First United Methodist Church so she can plan on your help, she can be reached at pastor@moscowfirstumc.org or 951-966-6161.



Help Wanted—Lawn Care for Our Church

First Presbyterian Church is seeking someone (traditionally a high school student) to provide lawn care from April through October. Duties include mowing lawn and parking strips on all sides of the church building, picking up sticks and other debris, trimming areas inaccessible to the mower, and sweeping grass cuttings from the sidewalks. Mowing will be done weekly on Fridays or Saturday mornings, or as directed. Qualifications include the ability to communicate with others and to receive appropriate direction, knowledge of basic safety considerations, and the ability to lift 25 pounds. Mower, trimmer, and tools provided. Pay rate: \$25 per mowing. To apply, contact the church office office@fpcmoscow.org.



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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

We are open for in-person worship with COVID safety protocol in place, and welcome those who have been vaccinated, as well as all others who are feeling well and haven't been recently exposed to the virus. Call for reservations.

We will continue to livestream the service for those who prefer to worship at a distance:

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/moscowfirstpres>

YouTube: [First Presbyterian Church of Moscow - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Office Hours: By appointment—call 208-882-4122

Pastor Norman Fowler

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