

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25**

### **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING OCTOBER 25**

*May the God of peace give you peace at all times in all ways.*

*— 2 Thessalonians 3:16*

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. 25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community through the Latah Human Rights Task Force. 25% will go to our mid council (Synod), joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region. 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians in the U.S. and across the globe. Please give generously by mailing your check to First Presbyterian Church, 405 South Van Buren, Moscow ID 83843, or online via Tithe.ly at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246> by October 25. There are also special offering envelopes in the pews for those attending in person.

### **REMEMBERING DEPARTED LOVED ONES ON ALL SAINTS DAY, NOV. 1**

Next Sunday, November 1, is All Saints Day. We will take time in the service to remember those who have passed on, particularly in the last year. If you would like to have a friend's or loved one's name read and a candle lit in their memory, please call 208-882-4122 or email [office@fpcmoscow.org](mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org) by Friday this week. You don't have to be present at the service for your loved one to be remembered.

**10 DAYS OF KINDNESS** The Moscow Interfaith Association is sponsoring "10 Days of Kindness," a campaign to promote kind acts on the Palouse to counter the anxiety and divisiveness which seem to be on the rise. The idea is that individuals and families will commit to finding something kind to do each day from November 1<sup>st</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. If people choose, they can report on what they've chosen to do either on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/10-Days-of-Kindness-102929454948836/>) or via email ([Palouse10daysofkindness@gmail.com](mailto:Palouse10daysofkindness@gmail.com)). Pastor Norman is inviting our family of faith to rise to this challenge and join the local faith community in offering acts of kindness each day November 1st through November 10th.

**TAIZÉ WORSHIP ONLINE** A pre-recorded video service of scripture, prayer, music, and meditation will be posted on YouTube at 5 p.m. each Wednesday for you to watch at your convenience. You can join Taizé on our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCzTiJBUB4fHAgVPGn5rgag>

## **DEACONS' BENEVOLENCE OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER**

The Deacon's November benevolence offering will go Christmas for Kids, a local organization which provides clothes and toys to children in our community who might otherwise not have Christmas gifts. To give to this cause, you may mail a check to First Presbyterian Church (memo: Christmas for Kids), 405 S. Van Buren, Moscow, ID 83843 or give online <https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246>

## **WE ARE BACK IN THE SANCTUARY FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

All who want to attend the 10:30 a.m. service will be **required to make a reservation each week**, since attendance will be limited to one person/couple/family per pew to allow for proper distancing between individuals/families. Reservations can be made online at <https://forms.gle/XeQYFCLaGxXPFsgP9>, or you may call 208-882-4122 and leave a message. Masks must be worn. You may find more details on our website: <http://fpcmoscow.org/covidworship.aspx>. The Sunday morning in-person option will be in addition to the online worship livestream of this same in-person service. We will monitor the spread of COVID-19 in Moscow and follow recommendations from Public Health as well as City leaders to determine whether it is safe to continue to meet in the weeks ahead.

## **SEEKING FEEDBACK ON IN-PERSON WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

As we continue to refine new COVID protocols in Sunday morning worship, we would love to hear about your experience. Please send your comments by email to the church office, <mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org>. Thanks for your input.

## **SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

The sanctuary will be open for personal prayer and meditation on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to drop in for up to an hour of silent reflection. Masks and social distancing required. Please sign in and out, and follow posted safety protocol.

## **NEW KEYLESS BUILDING ACCESS – DO YOU HAVE YOUR PIN YET?**

Those who need access to the building must be set up with a PIN number to punch into the keypad located next to each door in order to enter. This will take the place of our traditional keys, which will be obsolete on November 2. If you need to enter the church to conduct church business, do volunteer work, pick up/drop off supplies, attend meetings, etc. you may request access by completing the form in the [October newsletter](#) and mailing it to the church or calling Kathy at 208-997-8837. There are also PIN Request forms on the information table in the narthex, along with a collection box where you can deposit your completed form, and a container to collect old keys for recycling.

**LIBRARY/CHAPEL AREA AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT** Session is opening the Library or Chapel Room to the congregation for small church-related gatherings. COVID protocols apply. Anyone wanting to use the space must make a reservation at least one day in advance by contacting Kathy at <mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org> or calling 208-882-4122 or 208-997-8837.

### **SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL**

- Pastor Norman will facilitate **Going Deeper**, at noon on Mondays. Each session will provide time for discussion of the sermon theme for the previous day. To request the Zoom link from Pastor Norman, send an email to [fpcmoscowid@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmoscowid@gmail.com).
- The **Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday to study the messages for us in the books of the Old Testament. Each week's discussion is initiated by a short explanatory video from The Bible Project ([bibleproject.com/explore/](http://bibleproject.com/explore/)). To join, email [leerozen@gmail.com](mailto:leerozen@gmail.com) for weekly updates and the Zoom address.
- The **Women's Bible Project** meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. to study the New Testament. Group members will need to view the Bible Project video ([bibleproject.com/explore/](http://bibleproject.com/explore/)) each week prior to the group meeting. Kathy Pitman is the facilitator. Email her at [kbpitman@roadrunner.com](mailto:kbpitman@roadrunner.com) for weekly updates and the Zoom address.
- The **Anti-racism Learning Circle** meets Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm (via ZOOM). We are discussing the book *White Supremacy and Me* by Layla Saad, and other resources, in order to better understand and practice anti-racism. If you would like to join the reading group, our Facebook community page, or simply learn more, contact Delaney at [delaneypiper19@gmail.com](mailto:delaneypiper19@gmail.com).
- **Children's Sunday School** meets online at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays. David Roon leads music, and Jeremiah facilitates fun and lively discussions of the lesson for the day. If your pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grader wants to give it a try, contact [Jeremiah](#) for the link.

Watch for information about more groups starting up soon.

**CARING ANGEL NETWORK** If you become ill, contact the church so we can pray for you and, if needed, bring meals or run errands. Please contact your deacon, Deacon Moderator Susan Billin at 208-310-1151 or [susan.billin@gmail.com](mailto:susan.billin@gmail.com), or the church office at 208-882-4122 or [office@fpcmoscow.org](mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org). Our caring volunteers are ready to help.

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING**

We are grateful to all who have been sending in contributions, ensuring the continued financial health of our church and the continuation of our ministry, both within our church and out in our community. Offerings may be made in one of these ways:

- Give online using the GIVE button on the FPC website or <https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246>
- Mail your check to First Presbyterian Church, 405 S. Van Buren, Moscow, ID 83843

## **STAFF AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT**

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the church staff is working remotely, and will be available by appointment. If you need to schedule an appointment, call 208-882-4122 and leave a message, or call or text the church cell phone at 208-997-8837 to reach Kathy. You may also email the staff member directly:

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