



**THE GRAPEVINE**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SANDPOINT, IDAHO**  
 June 2019

From the Pastor...

The season of spring invites us to notice things around us, such as the emerging green on new growth for trees, flowers, and shrubs. "Spring green" has a vibrant brightness, a fresh look breaking winter's gray and the brown of decay. It's in the spring when we notice blossoms start to form on fruit trees. I really enjoy seeing the first signs of pollen showing up on honey bees as they get active in foraging. In spring we notice firsts: the first time we mow the lawn, wash the car, plant the garden, open the windows, sweep the porch, wear shorts, go out in a boat, jump in the lake, or a host of other things that mark the change in season.

Most of these "firsts" have actually been done before. Although I may have relief as the lawn mower starts without any issues, it's hardly the first time I've mown a lawn. It may be satisfying, looking at rows of garden beds freshly planted with seeds, now watered and waiting. But it is not my first garden and I've seen generations of plants come and go.

Taking a larger view of time, a longer arch to history, is part of discovering the power of God's creativity. While we celebrate the living Christ in each moment, with each breath, we also know that air itself was present long before we arrived and will be here after we're gone. Participating in life's deeper purposes is a gift, and helps us when we seem distracted by mundane or even painful aspects of daily experience.

Finding God in the big picture may also help train us to see God in the details. Awareness of how God becomes vulnerable to reveal love can be developed in our lives. Nature is a great entry point to cultivating this awareness. We can use our senses, like listening for birds singing, smelling the scent of trees or blooms, feeling the warmer air in the evening as winter's chill subsides, touching the soil with our hands as we prepare the garden for planting, and seeing the shiny plumage of a hummingbird as it returns to take sips from a familiar feeder after traveling thousands of miles. God is not an abstract or distant object, but is present in these details as the very Subject which lives through life unfolding each moment.

Faith is also not intended as a static commodity, something we have. Faith is dynamic, and leads us into "firsts," again and again. Maybe our health fails, but it's not the first time we've faced disappointing news or challenges. When we experience a loss, it's not the first time life has led us through grief into redemptive outcomes that are shaped by that very loss. Faith is a dynamic. As a living reality, faith's Spirit-grounded quality guards our heart and actively intends to shed everything but love. Love is the ground of being.

Happy spring! Enjoy this new season, again.

Pastor Andy



## ONGOING CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

This is a reminder that there are a number of ways to make a difference in the lives of people without spending money. Please contribute to whichever you can, and always remember that every little bit helps. Here are the on-going ways you can give:

### **Box Tops for Education (Bright pink. Look for them on food products)**

Each is worth 10 cents and is a help to local schools. Because they have expiration dates, please don't hold onto them. Leave them in the decorated box on the table in front of the Church Office.

### **Plastic grocery and produce bags and egg cartons**

These are used by the Food Bank. Leave them on pew in Alder Street foyer.

### **Used computers, keyboards, flat screen monitors, mouse, and printers**

The all-volunteer North Idaho Computer Users Group in Coeur d'Alene refurbishes these before donating or selling at an affordable price to the disadvantaged. Leave them in Office or call Anna Bates (208-263-8126) for pick up.

### **Used cell phones, chargers, manuals, cases, and accessories**

Hope Line from Verizon refurbishes these before donating to domestic violence victims. Please include the phone's telephone number (so I can delete your personal information). Leave them in Office or give to Anna Bates.

### **Pop Tops for Ronald McDonald House Charity**

This is a national fundraiser. The tabs from cans are a high-grade aluminum which command a good price, and the proceeds are used to purchase linens. Leave them in basket on table in front of the Office.

### **Food for Bonner County Food Bank**

Leave them in blue bag on pew in Alder Street foyer or in basket by the front entrance.

### **Sweet Magnolia**

This is the women's residential addiction recovery program located kitty-corner from the church. They have asked for toilet paper and paper towels, but they sincerely appreciate whatever you can donate. Leave them in box on pew in Alder Street foyer.

### **Used Bibles**

We are a collection site for the Bible Foundation in Oregon, which distributes Bibles nationally and globally. The Foundation gladly accepts damaged Bibles, because the need is so great. Leave them in box on pew in Alder Street foyer.

### **Used eyeglasses, sunglasses and cases**

These are used by volunteer doctors and others on annual medical missions to El Salvador. Leave them in Office or give to Anna Bates.

### **Living Waters for the World**

This is the one mission project that requires a monetary donation. Volunteers have gone to over 30 countries to install clean water systems to replace existing polluted water sources. A donation of \$5.00 per month will go a long way. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church with a note on Memo line: Living Waters.

With thanks, Anna Bates

## SUMMER WORSHIP TIME

The summer worship begins at 9:30, starting on June 2. The Sunday school classes and choir are taking a break. If you know of any special music opportunities, contact Mickey Quinn or Pastor Andy. Sign up to volunteer for hosting Fellowship Time, setting up the coffee and having a few munchies (nothing fancy needed, keep it simple). Remember that worship at City Beach is Sunday, July 21. Bring a lawn chair and something to share for the potluck, along with table ware. Summer has a unique pace to it. May God bless you in this time.

## PEACE GARDEN

The Peace Garden is an ongoing project and continues to take shape as more and more elements of the design are implemented. This spring, two picnic tables were purchased through contributions to the Peace Garden Fund. They are round to facilitate conversation and connection as people from the church and larger community enjoy their time together. One of the tables intentionally lacks a bench on one side so someone in a wheelchair can share space at the table. Judy Labrie placed the order, and had them delivered to her home in boxes. Don Helander took the boxes and assembled the tables, and also brought them to the church, setting them on the Catering Patio. The metal tables are pretty heavy. Pastor Andy was working in the Peace Garden on a Wednesday afternoon and asked some young men who were working next door if they would be interested in helping move a couple of tables. They came over, picked them right up, and placed them into position under the birch tree. The first official picnickers were some young girls from the Dance Studio next door enjoying their snacks in the sunshine.

People continue to use the Little Free Library, placing or taking a book on their way past the church. While winter storms blew down the church sign, a replacement is in the works. Lynn Anderson, who built the Little Free Library, is constructing a new sign, based on a Slovenian design, in his woodshop. Sharon and Lynn have walked through the permitting process with the City of Sandpoint, and Dave Thompson donated his time to give an engineer's stamp of approval. Pastor Andy cut out the dead limbs from the birch tree which would catch on the American Flag, and work to install less environmentally impactful lighting is ongoing. Dave Sturgis hauled away the limbs. A dedication event to officially "cut the ribbon" for the front steps, the community gazebo, and honor memorial plantings, is set for Sunday, September 8 following worship. We will have a potluck that day, which is the first day back at the 10:30 time slot for worship.

Many thanks to all those who have worked on projects, like watering and weeding, such as the Sturgis', Marilyn Robertson, and Sue Helander, along with those who come and go unnoticed.



## **REACH OUT TO THOSE IN NEED**

A woman in the grocery store is laboriously counting pennies and does not have enough to pay for her purchases (lacking a dollar). What do you do? Do you pay the dollar and be glad you could help?

A man in a parking lot is trying to navigate a motor driven grocery cart across a patch of ice. He is failing. What do you do? Do you help him across?

Two women put a toddler in a stroller, and the stroller collapses pinning the child inside. Do you help the stroller and secure it?

All of these situations have happened to me, and luckily I have had the presence of mind to be helpful. But there have been plenty more that I have walked by, and later wished I had thought of what to do in time to be effective: an obviously lost dog; a child begging on the street recently in a third world country; a family of geese starting to cross the highway; I remember those too.

Situations like this require split second decisions. Pondering over them 3 hours later and wishing I had done something doesn't help. It is too late.

After thinking about this a lot, I believe the best way to be helpful "in the moment" is to train our minds to look for "I can help" situations. By concentrating on helping and thinking about it often, we can become more aware of what is happening around us, and what we can do to make a difference.

But what if I am not a physically strong person? What if I am late to a meeting? What if...What if... If we drive by an incident thinking about all of the "what ifs" we have lost the moment. We have to make it important to connect with others- strangers, maybe dirty strangers, or cars with offensive bumper stickers—and be there for them.

An automobile slides off the road in a snowstorm and we are witnesses. Do we just drive by because we don't know what to do? We don't know first aid? We are afraid we will see an injured person, and blood. I guess we all have to decide what to do. It would be a growing experience though, to stop our car and see if we can render some kind of aid. If nothing else, we can speak with the people in the car, and call 911.

I work on this daily, and hope you will give it some thought...

Lynn Pietz

Membership & Outreach Committee Member

## **KIDS ALIVE DAY CAMP**

Save the dates of July 22-25 for Kids Alive Day Camp! The theme, "Adventure Awaits!" is guided by Ephesians 5:1-2b, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Jesus loved us." If you feel led to volunteer for this grand adventure, please contact the church office.

There are several ways to participate. We do background screenings for the Presbyterian leadership involved in working directly with the children. This ministry to the community is in partnership with First Lutheran Church and Sandpoint United Methodist Church, and each year blesses our community with a joyful way to learn about Jesus.

KIDS ALIVE SUMMER DAY CAMP 2019

JULY 22nd TO JULY 25th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
First Lutheran Church of Sandpoint, ID



**First and Last Name of camper you're signing up:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in Fall 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

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**First and Last Name of 2nd camper you're signing up:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in Fall 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

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**First and Last Name of 3rd camper you're signing up:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in Fall 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent/Guardian**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work # (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Parent/Guardian**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work # (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Emergency Contact**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work # (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Does your camper(s) have any life threatening or severe health-threatening allergies that require an epi-pen or emergency medical services? If so, please list. (Please specify which camper if signing up multiple campers)

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Any other notes to help us best care for your camper(s)?

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**Publicity Release:**

I agree to allow the use of my minor child's/ward/s photos, quotes, and/or likeness' in brochures, ads, web pages, video tape and other media as deemed useful by **Lutherhaven Ministries** for marketing purposes. I waive rights to any royalty or fees that might be applicable for the use of such images, quotes, or likeness'.

Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to allow the use of my minor child's/ward/s photos, quotes, and/or likeness' in brochures, ads, web pages, video tape and other media as deemed useful by **First Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, & Sandpoint United Methodist Church** for marketing purposes. I waive rights to any royalty or fees that might be applicable for the use of such images, quotes, or likeness'.

Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of parent or guardian of minor camper(s)**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

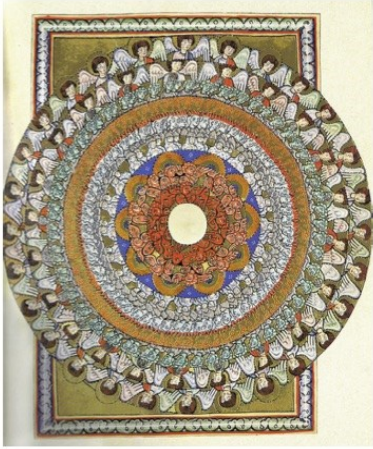
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# Adventure Awaits



"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Jesus loved us." ~ Ephesians 5:1-2b

DAY	TITLE/THEME	BIBLE TEXT	FOCUS POINTS
<b>MONDAY</b>	Jesus Loves	Luke 19:1-10 <i>Zacchaeus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God's love for us in Jesus is for everyone.</li> <li>• Jesus came to seek us and save us.</li> <li>• Jesus shows us a way of living that invites us on the adventure of loving our neighbors, strangers, and even our enemies.</li> </ul>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Jesus Forgives	Luke 7:36-50 <i>Woman Anoints Jesus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus died on the cross to rescue us from our sins. Through His death and resurrection, we are forgiven and saved.</li> <li>• God's forgiveness for us in Jesus restores broken relationships, and invites us on the adventure of forgiving others.</li> </ul>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Jesus Cares for Our Needs	Matthew 15:29-39 <i>Feeding 4,000</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God created us and loves us. God cares about our needs.</li> <li>• Jesus shows us how to care for the needs of God's people, and invites us on the adventure of caring for others.</li> </ul>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Jesus Humbly Serves	John 13:1-17 <i>Washing Feet</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God's love is surprising, upside down and different from what we expect!</li> <li>• Jesus shows us a way of living that builds community through humility and sacrificial service.</li> </ul>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Jesus Prays	Matthew 6:5-15 <i>Lord's Prayer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through Jesus, God has established a relationship with each of us.</li> <li>• Jesus shows us how to live in relationship with God through prayer.</li> </ul>



## Hildegard von Bingen: Mystic, Musician, Theologian, Artist, Scientist, Preacher

Retreat at the First Presbyterian Church  
Corner of Alder St and Fourth Ave, Sandpoint

Free Presentation Friday, July 26, 6 - 8:00 pm  
Day Retreat Saturday, July 27, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm\*  
Worship Service Music Sunday, July 28, 9:30 am  
Facilitated by Robin Garner

Hildegard von Bingen was born to a noble family in Germany in 1098. She was the tenth child and at a young age was given as a tithe to the church. This 12th century female figure captured the world in which she lived with her profound ideas regarding our humanity and our relationship with the Divine.

We will explore how her life, music and writings are not merely something of the past, but a significant force for creativity and devotion in the 21st century. Join in the conversation of her fascinating music, her deep and influential spirituality and how the two are inextricably linked.

\*Register for Saturday before July 5 for a \$45.00 suggested donation. After that the suggested donation is \$55.00. Registration ends July 19. The Saturday retreat includes lunch.



The retreat experience Saturday will include walking a labyrinth. For more info and to register contact Judy at [registration@fpcsandpoint.org](mailto:registration@fpcsandpoint.org) or 208-290-3119.







# Peace Market in the Garden

**First Presbyterian Church  
417 N. Fourth Ave, Sandpoint**

**Saturday, June 22  
8:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Want to simply your life, downsize, or reduce clutter? Not enough stuff for your own yard sale? Simply rent a space on the church lawn and join in with others doing the same!

Join in on Saturday, June 22, 8:00 - 2:00. A 10' x 10' space can be reserved for a suggested donation of \$20 and, if needed, a 6 ft table will be available for a \$10 donation. There are a few spaces left! It's not too late to register!

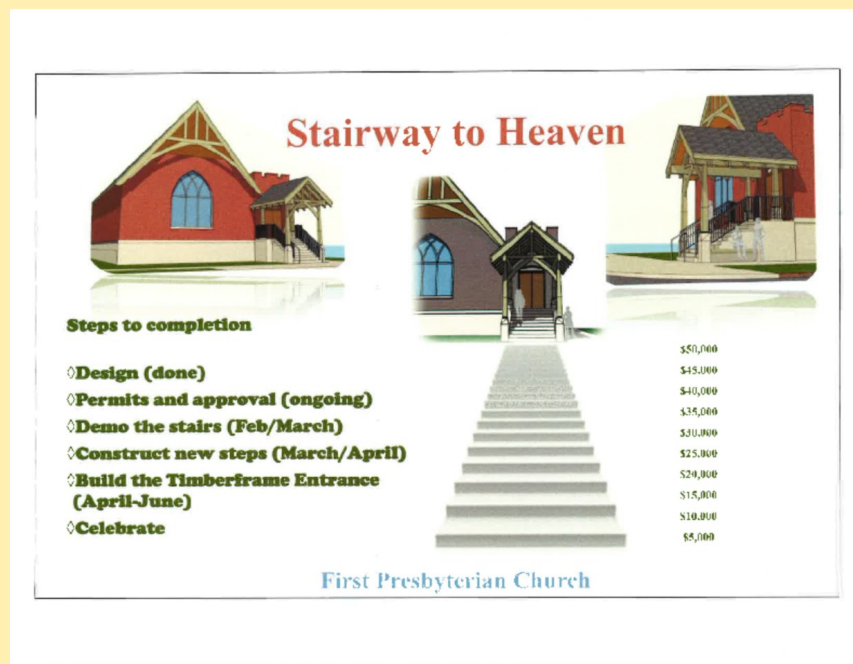
The community is invited to sell, shop and simply enjoy time together with a goal to simplify, recycle and repurpose. There will be garden supplies, tools, plants, vintage collectibles, clothing, furniture, arts & crafts and more.

Registration for space and table is required and closes June 10. Contact Judy at 208-290-3119 or [registration@fpcsandpoint.org](mailto:registration@fpcsandpoint.org).



## STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN UPDATE

The Stairway to Heaven, front entry project, is moving right along as the footings are in, the steps are poured, and the project continues. Portions of the sidewalk will be replaced to bring us up to code with the American Disabilities Act, railings will be installed along the steps, and the roof will be installed on the pillars. Todd Vorhies, as General Contractor, and Reid Weber of Boden Architecture have done fabulous jobs seeing the vision and coordinating the work. Todd has been assembling the wood framework in his shop, and will set it in place in the days ahead. The congregation is within 2,300 dollars of meeting the stated financial goal of 25,000 dollars, with the other half coming from the Building Fund. The only unanticipated, extra expense so far is a 3,000 dollar change order to address the sidewalk condition, but the result will be pleasing and beneficial. If you are able to help take those last steps, your giving will certainly help. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project. Gifts have come from church members, participants in groups that meet at the church during the week, community members who value the people and purpose of First Presbyterian Church, and even people living in other towns who know that, together, we serve God and make a difference in the community.





### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Frankie Clouse  
9 Cynthia Dalsing  
9 Jean Babcock  
11 Dana Stockman  
14 Sue Helander  
19 Bart Casey  
22 Jackie Windju  
25 Millie Rinker  
26 Margaret Ann Maricle  
29 Eunice Knaggs  
29 Sharon Anderson

## Calendar Announcements

### June

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| 2  | Summer Worship Hours          | 9:30 a.m.              |
| 9  | Deacons Meeting after Worship |                        |
| 18 | Session Meeting               | 6:30 p.m.              |
| 22 | Peace Market                  | 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. |

### July

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| 18    | Ernie & Jason Couch Revival Concert in Sanctuary | 6:00 p.m. |
| 21    | City Beach Worship Service and Potluck           | 9:30 a.m. |
| 22-25 | Kids Alive Day Camp                              |           |
| 26-27 | Hildegard von Bingen Retreat                     |           |

## Regular Monthly Events

**Sunday Worship**—Switching to 9:30 a.m. on June 2

**Adult Christian Education**—We are breaking for the summer. Plan on participating beginning September 8, 2019.

**Monday** 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon

**Tuesday** Book Study Group—1:30 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer Group—3:00 p.m.

Choir Practice—5:30 p.m.

PFLAG—Second & Fourth Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday** 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

7:00 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous



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