



THE GRAPEVINE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SANDPOINT, IDAHO
 April 2022

From the Pastor...

It always amazes me how the church calendar fills up, especially in spring and fall. April is no exception, with May also exciting. The increased daylight, the warmer temperatures, and the (hopefully) reduction in Covid cases all lure people to get out and get active. Especially gardeners...

The other morning, I met with 20 other people, mostly in-person but several were online for this gathering of gardeners. People representing organizations from throughout the community met to discuss how we can coordinate garden growing to support the food bank and other groups to address hunger in our area. Not only are people hungry, but education is needed on how to grow food, and how to cook the food that is grown.

First Presbyterian Church has five raised garden beds to help with this endeavor. There were also people from Panhandle Health, Sandpoint Teen Center, Bonner County Gardener's Association, Kaniksu Land Trust, Christ Our Redeemer Community Garden, Bonner Community Food Bank, the Waldorf School, the county Library, early Head Start, University of Idaho extension, Bonners Ferry Organic Gardens, Priest River school gardens, a school nutritionist, and members of our church as an Earth Care Congregation. When I mentioned to the group that I see all the Community Gardens as one garden, and

our raised beds are one "row" of that united garden, people liked this.

The Community Peace Garden is waking up from the winter hush. At First Presbyterian Church, the design plan continues, and we still hope for a walking prayer labyrinth as a prominent element of this lovely outdoor sanctuary. The garden beds are coming to life as the frost leaves the soils. We are one part of a larger community, and our spiritual contribution is an important part of the conversation.

Peace and All Good,
 Pastor Andy Kennaly



PER CAPITA

Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly are other governing bodies of the church. They have expenses to cover, but no offering plate to pass. This is where Per Capita comes in, an assessment for each person listed on a congregation's Active Member Roll from two years prior. This year the amount is \$37. This is distributed among these groups by approved percentages. To help offset this part of the church budget, make a notation in your giving for this designation. Thank you.

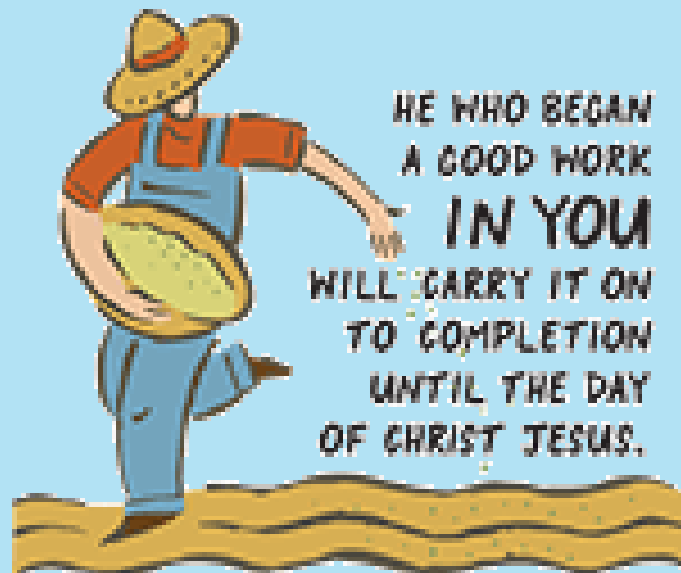
ONLINE PRESENCE

Contemplative faith resonates with many people. There is a group in Portland, Oregon that coordinates activities, retreats, and reflections from the wider community through an online presence called The Companioning Center. I recently submitted an article for their weekly email devotional. Here is a link:

<https://www.companioningcenter.org/blog/meditations-of-the-heart>

When my family moved to Sandpoint, we bought a place one mile out of town. The two acres I came to name: Honey Frame Place. As a part-time pastor for 30 hours a week, in the other time I (aka Farmer Humble) give focus to a beekeeping hobby, gardening, and orchard efforts. I have created Honey Frame Place LLC and hope to sell honey and other farm crafts. Writing is also one of the things I enjoy doing, and Farmer Humble's adventures are fun to explore. I recently launched a website, www.honeyframeplace.com and it's online if you want to check it out.

Andy Kennaly, Pastor



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THE SESSION SUMMARY

What's on the Agenda?

Session met on March 15, with typical agenda items involving updates and discussion on Sunday worship format and protocols; building use requests; finances; and buildings and grounds. Let me summarize each of these beginning with recommendations from the Worship and Music Committee regarding Sunday services.

During our monthly discussion on COVID protocols, we focused upon reinstating certain elements of Sunday worship services that had been temporarily abandoned to ensure the health and safety of the congregation. Following our February meeting, we implemented the monthly Noisy Offering, signing the friendship pads, standing while singing and posting the bulletin on-line. In moving another step toward resuming our normal worship service, we will add the following elements:

- Passing the offering plates along with offertory piano music;
- Resume using juice for Communion the first Sunday of the month;
- Hosting a Fellowship Time coordinated by the Deacons on the fourth Sunday of the month;
- The choir will sing on Easter Sunday;
- A Moment for Mission coordinated by the Mission Elder will begin on the third Sunday of the month;
- The Maundy Thursday service will begin with a soup supper.

We will likely include the Prayers of the People in the on-line Sunday service at some time in the future.

Session approved requests from the Music Conservatory of Sandpoint for a violin concert on May 6, and a summer music academy on August 1-12.

In presenting the monthly financial report, Paula Vincent pointed out that revenues for the first two months of 2022 have exceeded the budget projections while expenditures have been slightly below budgeted amounts.

If you have spent time in Fellowship Hall recently, you most likely notice that the heater operates with a distinct noise. Yes, the unit that has warmed us for years needs replacing. And, it will be expensive. Don Deters, Building and Grounds elder, is exploring new and more efficient units that will both heat and cool the large room. You will be hearing more about this later. It's always something isn't it? But as the current stewards of this historic sacred space, the responsibility to maintain it falls upon us.

Peace as we continue our walk through this Lenten season,
Bill Love, Clerk of Session

DEACONS REPORT

Attendance: Millie Rinker, Victoria Oliver, Carol Curtis, Mary Bauer, Pastor Andy Kennaly, & Lynn Pietz

Meeting began with a prayer at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes February 13 Meeting: accepted

Treasurer's Report: accepted

Committee updates:

MISSION: donations to Senior Center, Teen Center, and Food Bank.

Session: discussed and decided not to donate to Good Samaritan at this time.
Bike & Build, August 17 at First Presbyterian for two breakfasts and one dinner.
Discussed heating system problems.
Will be sending Judy Labrie to grant writing seminar.

Communion: April 3, dark bread and May 8, white bread

Church Calendar: Lois Scott's funeral April 2, 2022
Noisy Offering second Sunday
Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022, Soup & Bread supper
Easter Sunday April 17, 2022
Coffee Hour & Pastor Andy's 11th Anniversary April 24, 2022
Anna Bates' last Sunday with farewell reception May 1, 2022

New Business: Writing grants for Clean Water and French drain for roof runoff

Meeting adjourned with a prayer at 12:55

Lynn Pietz

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

As most of you know, I'm the new Worship and Music elder for 2022. I will be sending out a monthly request for volunteers to help with a few duties to make our worship experience run smoothly. We need four volunteers each Sunday, worship assistant, 2 ushers, and a person to record our Facebook Live Service. We are still looking for a couple more people who would be willing to train for recording our service on Facebook Live.

The choir will be singing for Easter, and we have special music for Palm Sunday. We are hoping to have a beginner Bell Ringer series sometime in the near future. If you know of someone who enjoys sharing their musical gifts with our church community, please let me know.

We are planning a special Maundy Thursday Service on April 14th. We'll have a Simple Meal of Soup and Bread at 5:30, followed by our service at 6:30.

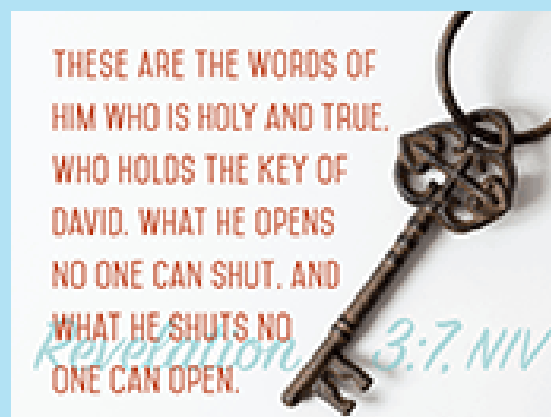
Making a Joyful Noise

Sue Helander



KEYS

The keys for the church are getting low, so if you have a master key and are not using it please return it to the office. If we do not get some keys back, we will need to have some made which will cost money.



UKRAINIAN EGG EVENT

April 3rd, 11:30—1:30 p.m. show your solidarity with our Ukrainian neighbors by learning how to make Ukrainian Eggs. This is a fun and satisfying project. Go online to familiarize yourself with the process. There are a couple of great youtube sites that are helpful, as well as directions. There are many different easy to draw items that symbolize Christ's resurrection and unique forms of the cross that can be used in your design. The process involves using beeswax to draw your image on the egg, then dipping eggs in assorted dyes that are very vibrant. It's not a good project for younger kids, but a 11—12 year old would probably enjoy it. Bring a friend if you like.

Items to bring:

Lunch or snack

A couple of raw eggs (extra in case one breaks).

A couple of small terry cloth rags, to cradle your egg in.

A pencil to draw design (don't use an eraser on the egg).

A smaller candle to use to heat up the kistky (copper writing tool).



SHOCKING NEWS ON RECYCLING IN SANDPOINT, & BONNER COUNTY

The Earth Care Team was alerted by a recent Daily Bee article featuring the story of a research voyage and related plastics research by Dein Harlocker. An article about Dein's findings of extreme plastic pollution in the world's oceans was published in the Daily Bee and the Coeur d' Alene Press on March 20. He encouraged follow-up communication; I sent him an email, asking, among other questions, what happens to the plastics put in the blue "Recycle" bins in Sandpoint & C d' A. For some time, Lynn Pietz & I have suspected that plastics being deposited in those bins end up in landfills. However, his reply was much worse! He believes that NONE of the materials put in Waste Management blue bins in these communities is recycled or reused in any way. He believes that All of it goes to landfills. If you would like to read about the world-wide problem of plastics in our oceans, there is a major article in the current issue of National Geographic.

I spent several hours trying to find out if Waste Management (WM) wanted to refute Dein's claims, by phone and online searches. Nationwide, WM does accomplish recycling. They held a Sustainability Forum recently & reported that in 2018, 10 Million tons of materials were turned into other products, with increases since then. They operate a Renewable Energy facility in Texas. This year they are increasing investments in Recycling Recovery facilities. They have fleets of trucks using renewable natural gas. Their uniforms and some collection bins in some regions are made from recycled plastics. None of these efforts change the apparent lack of REAL recycling in our local communities.

These are my current recommendations for all of us who want to help Mother Earth & waste less resources. (I believe I speak for the entire Earth Care Team.) We can take cardboard, newspapers, office paper, "tin" cans, & aluminum to Pacific Steel & Recycling. They need to be separated, and contain no plastic. Since this is a business, the materials do become useable products. Since there is no apparent local market for plastics, we should avoid single use plastic as much as possible. Plastic bags & containers can often be used several times. When we have a choice, we should buy containers and wrapping products of other materials: silicone, bees' wax, glass, etc. There is helpful news about glass recycling. In Coeur d' Alene, glass is not accepted in the blue bins. There are 2 drop-off spots for glass -at Ramsey and Cherry Hills Parks. These are sponsored by C d' A Garbage, (not Waste Management), who collects it & takes it to a glass crusher. The crushed glass is hauled to another location "for use in other projects".

Submitted by Marilyn Robertson,

For the Earth Care Team



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women coordinating team is putting together a morning of activities for the women of the presbytery:

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 28, 2022, 10am – 12pm.

Manito Presbyterian Church

401 E 30th Ave

Spokane

Join us as we “Restore our Connections” and participate in service activities and fellowship.

And if you would like to participate in the 100th Anniversary of Presbyterian Women 's birthday offering, you can give your offering online at <http://ow.ly/7GOB50I8hxU> or send your offering to Tracey Fletcher, our PW Presbytery Treasurer, at 1521 N Argonne Rd C209, Spokane Valley WA 99212. As your congregational PW has disbanded, we are asking that you send in your offering to one of these places, rather than your church office. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Murphy at murphy.christine53@gmail.com.

EASTER LILLIES

The Deacons will be ordering Easter lilies for Easter Sunday church service at the cost of \$13.00 each. If you would like to order one or more for yourself or in memory of a loved one, please email me at Millierinker@gmail.com or call at (509) 979-3813. Orders must be placed by April 7th.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

A Special Offering

On Easter Sunday, along with Presbyterian Congregations around the world, we will participate in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). This offering supports three Presbyterian programs described below: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. This year some of these funds will go toward relief efforts for the people of Ukraine. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after devastating events such as natural disasters, human-caused disasters, and global support for refugees. This year, OGHS will provide refugee support for the people of Ukraine by providing emergency humanitarian aid such as food, water, shelter, medicine, and hygiene items.

Receives 32% of OGHS funds raised.

Presbyterian Hunger Program

Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation and systemic causes of poverty so that all may be fed.

Receives 36% of OGHS funds raised.

Self-Development of People

Invests in communities that are responding to experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice, and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

Receives 32% of OGHS funds raised.



HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

April 22nd is Earth Day so what better day to show how much we care for our beautiful earth by cleaning up our stretch of highway at mile post 463 - 464 in Westmond on Hwy. 95 south. Please meet at the Westmond Store at 10:00 am. Please wear gloves and appropriate shoes. Vests and bags will be provided. The pick-up may take two hours since the weather kept us from doing this in the fall. It's been a tradition to meet after at the Humes' home at 2004 Winchester Way, Sandpoint for lunch and fellowship. Please call me if you plan to take part. We look forward to seeing you.

Sylvia Humes 208-304-2995



Does Anyone Have This DVD?

I am missing a DVD from a six-DVD series by Zondervan used by the Adult Bible Class earlier this year. I may have lent it to someone to view and haven't received it back. It is in a 7-1/2"x5-1/2" plastic case, is Volume 4, and is titled *Faith Lessons on the Life and Ministry of the Messiah*. Please let me know if you have it. Thanks, Anna Bates



Lois Scott Funeral April 2, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

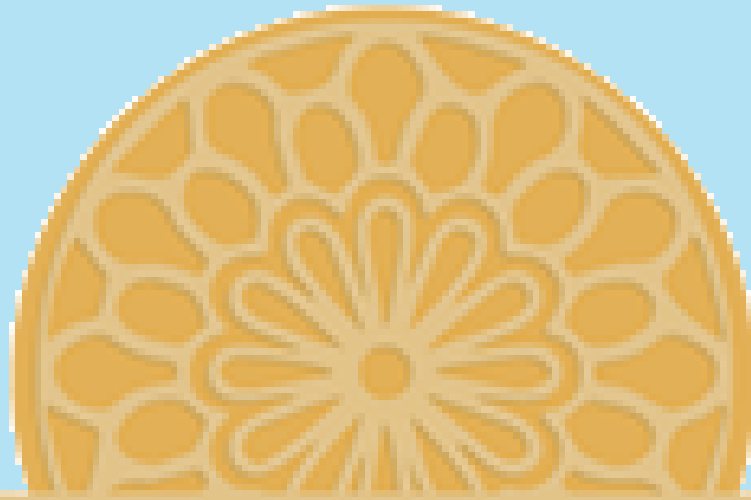
Ukrainian Easter Egg Decoration April 3, 2022 after Services

Vision and Ministry Task Force Meeting April 5, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at Pastor Andy's house

Lent Devotional Tuesday April 5, 2022 from 5:30 p.m to 6:00 p.m. on zoom

Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022 Soup and Bread at 5:30 and worship at 6:30 p.m.

Highway Clean-up April 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Westmond Store



APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

April Birthdays

2 Bill Love

7 Anne Marie Casey

30 Andy Kennaly

30 Dave Pietz

Regular Monthly Events



Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. In-Person and Facebook Live

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

Tuesday - Book Study Group 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer Group 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Choir Practice postponed

Second and Fourth Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. PFLAG

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon

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

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous



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