

The Presbyterian *Messenger*

Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church Burley, Idaho

May 2016

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From the Desk of the Pastor

- By Rev. Josyph Andrews

Grace to you and peace in the name of our Risen Lord. It seems like only yesterday we were beginning the year, and here we are in May.

That is how life is sometimes. It moves fast and if we are not careful, things come and go and sometimes pass us by. We get so busy that we neglect the things that are truly important attending to things that make us happy or make us feel secure. Easter is behind us and we anxiously move on to the next thing on the list.

We get so busy living life that we forget to enjoy it. We work so hard making a living that we tend to overlook the things that make life worth living. It is easy to overlook the freely given gift of Grace which is what Easter is really all about. We forget, or take for granted, that we are saved through this grace and this grace alone.

As we work through our Confirmation class it has been interesting to see how the confirmands have responded to things they have discovered about our faith. The Westminster Shorter Catechism asks us in Question 1; What is the chief aim of Man. The response is quite revealing in how we are to live and love. For those that do not know the answer, the answer is: The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

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From the Desk of the Pastor - continued

We often spend so much time trying to be happy or make others happy that we forget that it is because of God that we are able to truly enjoy life and anticipate life eternal. We believe that we should be the focus of all things, when in reality, we are happier when we focus on God.

The Second Heidelberg Confession asks us in question 1: what is your only comfort in life and in death? The answer: That I belong – body and soul in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

When life begins to be too hectic, or you lose sight of, or forget, what is truly important, I urge you to turn to the confessions to remind you just how blessed we are, and what is really important. Remember that without God, none of the things we think are important would be available – including us. Take time to thank God, and everything else will fall into place.

God Bless and keep you,

Special Dates to Remember:

May

- 01: Communion / Cupcake Sunday
- 07: PW Spring Gathering in Buhl 9:30 am
- 08: Mother's Day
- 08: Reception of New Members
- 11: Session
- 12: Pastor Josyph surgery, out of office 12—13
- 14: Deacon Yard Sale 10am—2pm
- 15: Register for Camp Sawtooth
- 17: Election Day
- 22: Presbyterian Heritage Sunday
- 27: Camp Sawtooth Work Weekend 27-30
- 29: Sunday school ends for summer break
- 30: Memorial Day—Office Closed
- 30: Pastor Josyph vacation 5/30—6/13

June

- 05: Memorial Day Service
- 18: General Assembly convenes, Portland
- 18: Relay for Life 11am-11pm
- 19: Father's Day
- 20: First Day of Summer
- 25: General Assembly ends
- 26: Camp Sawtooth 6/26—7/29



Folks enjoying the annual Sausage Supper
Tuesday, April 26, 2016

“We are not here to be successful.
We are here to be faithful.”
—Mother Teresa

In all your ways
submit to Him, and
He will make your
paths straight.
—Proverbs 3:6

Chapter and verse

In its original format, the Bible contained no chapter and verse divisions or numbers. Those are entirely a human convention, intended to make reading easier.

The first modern system of dividing Scripture occurred in the 13th century. Interestingly, the New Testament was first separated into verses in 1551—by the son of a French printer, as he rode on horseback!

Pastors Report April 2016

Miles Driven Last month: 928
Visits: 10 (Home 7, Hospital Visits 1, Nursing Home 2)
Communion Served: (1st Sunday, Shut Ins 0)
Worship Services Conducted: 5
Weddings: 0 Baptisms: 0
Funerals: Randy Holl Headstone dedication
Committee Meetings Attended: 1
Presbytery Meetings—
Synod Meeting May 11—13, will not be attending due to surgery
Vacation and Study Leave—
Study leave—Planning study leave (3 days) April 22—24 KAIROS Outside
Pastor John to preach

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Greeting from the Session,

The Session met for its regular monthly meeting on April 13, 2016. Five elders were present. One elder was excused. The Session spent time sharing our concerns, needs, and how we can improve our service to the congregation.

The minutes from the March meetings were approved with corrections. There was discussion about how to improve our communion service. The suggestions will be forwarded to the Deacons.

After discussion it was allowed that Trinity Lutheran Church from Nebraska would be allowed to stay over night in our church on July 3rd. They are on their way to do mission work in Boise. Pastor Josyph thought we should feed them breakfast July 4th.

The Presbytery sent us a thank you note for hosting the February meeting, serving lunch and conducting the Worship service. We were glad to be of service.

There will be exciting activities happening during and after worship on Mothers' Day. Please come and be apart of it. Be sure and bring all of the ladies in your life.

We celebrate with Darla Holl and her family as they were able to dedicate Randy's headstone.

Burying those we love is a difficult task! May the family be comforted as they mourn.

Keep Josyph and Jean in your prayers. Josyph will be having sinus surgery on May 12th in Boise.

Thank you to all who gave to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. We will be sending \$395 to support Presbyterian Mission.

The financial statement was presented. Tithes for March were \$5242 and expenses were \$10,218. All of the bills have been paid and the staff compensated. Thank you for your continuing support of First Presbyterian of Burley.

Thank you to all who came and helped on yard clean up day. The grounds look great! We still need to trim the Arborvitae on the south end of the parking lot. The heavy spring snow caused damage to the shrubs. If you have suggestions or can help with the problem, talk to Dale Martin. We will also need help planting and weeding the flowerbeds. If you can donate some time, please call Kathy Poulton.

Our next Session meeting will be on May 11, 2016. If you have concerns, contact the pastor or the church office or any elder. All of the meetings are open. Just let us know if you want to attend.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Poulton, Clerk



Open House...

Please join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of

Norm & Ruthy Rayburn

at an Open House given in their honor

Sunday, June 12th

1:00—4:00 pm

Maple Grove Grange
11692 W. President Dr.
Boise, ID 83713

Questions? Please contact Denise Rayburn at 972-3993

Scripture Lessons

In preparation for Pastor Josyph's ministry of the Word, we encourage you to read the scripture verses for each Sunday.

May 1 [Communion Sunday]

Acts 16:9-15; Ps. 67; Rev. 21:10; 21:22-25:5; John 5:1-9

May 8 [Mother's Day]

Acts 16:16-34; Ps. 97; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

May 15 [Day of Pentecost]

Acts 2:1-21; or Gen. 11:1-9; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b;
Rom. 8:14-17; or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

May 22 [Trinity Sunday]

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps. 8; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

May 31 [2nd Sunday after Pentecost]

1 Kings 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39; Ps. 96; Gal. 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

May Birthdays

07 Terrie Shockey
15 Madison Wittman
15 Mason Wittman
22 Richard Kicklighter
24 Jarred Burns

God Bless Your Special Day!

2016 Year to Date Tithes and Expenses
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March

Tithes \$5,241.91
Expenses \$10,218.05

YTD Totals:

Tithes \$21,378.91
Expenses \$32,276.80

Committee Chairpersons

Building & Grounds

Dale Martin

Christian Education

Kristi Pugh

Fellowship

Dan Shockey

Finance

Carleen Clayville

Missions & Evangelism

George McGee

Personnel & Nominating

Larry Mulholland

Worship

Kristi Pugh



April 2016						
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May 2016

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26	27	28	29	30		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship / Communion Sunday	2	3 7:30 Men's Breakfast	4 7:00 Scouts	5 Ascension of the Lord National Day of Prayer 2:30 pm Bible study 4:30 pm Choir	6	7 9:30 am PW Spring Gathering, Buhl
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22 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Trinity Sunday Presbyterian Herit- age Sunday	23	24 7:30 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am Election Day *we are a polling place	25 7:00 Scouts	26 2:30 pm Bible study 4:30 pm Choir	27 Camp Sawtooth Work Weekend 27-30	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Sunday school ends for summer	30 Memorial Day— Office Closed Pastor Josyph vacation 5/30-6/13	31 7:30 Men's Breakfast	<i>A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:...Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. -Proverbs: 31:10-11, 28, 30</i>			

Servers for May ~ Thank You!

Head Usher: Lee Bay **Head Greeter:** Gerald Stoller

Communion Servers: George McGee, Carleen Clayville, _____, _____

Lay Reader: 5/1 Linda Culley, 5/8 _____, 5/15 _____, 5/22 _____, 5/29 _____

Coffee Hour: 5/1 Fellowship, 5/8 Men's Bible study, 5/15 _____, 5/22 _____, 5/29 _____

If you are able to serve on any of the unassigned days above please let the office know.



Boy Scout Troop 678

Troop 678 scouts have finished up their Citizenship in the Nation merit badge and are starting our Citizenship in the World merit badge. We are also working on our Fishing merit badge where we have been learning certain knots that are used to tie fishing line for various types of fishing. Last week we practiced our casting on the back lawn. We will be helping at the Sausage supper also.

Daringer Beck
Troop 678 Scribe

Scouts meet every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the church
Questions? Please call the Dan or Mason Wittman at 678-4846

Procrastinators

A pastor waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but many cars were ahead of the pastor at the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

“Sorry about the delay,” said the young man. “Everyone seems to wait until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.”

The pastor chuckled, “I know what you mean. It’s the same in my business.”

Ruth—a Pentecost story?

The disciples were celebrating Pentecost, originally a Jewish festival, when the Holy Spirit descended on them and birthed the church. Pentecost, which began as a harvest festival, had come to commemorate the giving of the law. The book of Ruth became integral to festival worship.

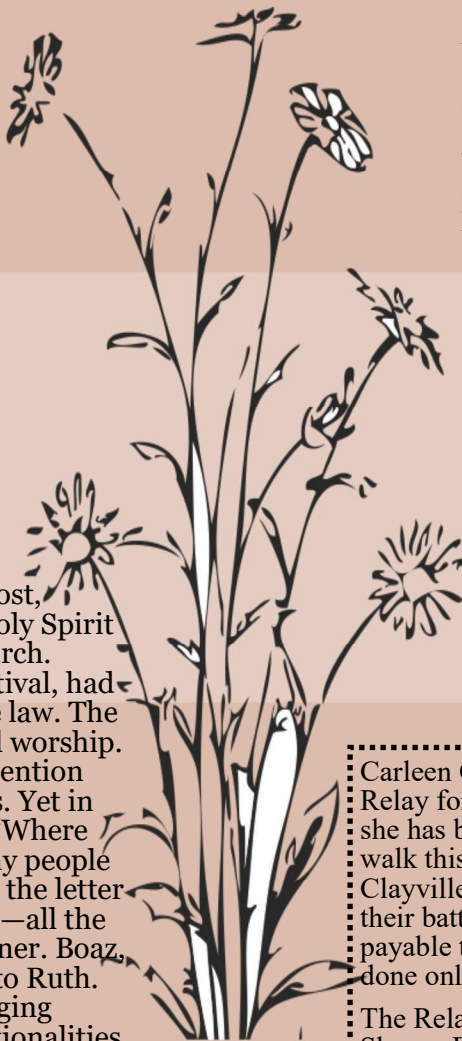
Why Ruth? This short story doesn’t mention the law, let alone God giving it to Moses. Yet in Ruth’s devotion to her mother-in-law (“Where you go I will go ... Your people will be my people ...” [Ruth 1:16, NIV], she fulfills not just the letter but the spirit of the law: lovingkindness—all the more remarkable because she’s a foreigner. Boaz, too, demonstrates exorbitant kindness to Ruth.

As Christians celebrate the Spirit bridging differences in Jerusalem, uniting all nationalities by making the gospel message intelligible to all people, we too can remember Ruth’s story. For in it, God unites two enemy people for his grand purpose: Boaz and Ruth’s marriage leads to King David and, ultimately, to King Jesus. Today, the Holy Spirit continues to unite all categories of people under Christ’s reign for the good of the world.

A taste of God’s love

In *Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise* (Abingdon Press). John Killinger describes a mother’s love—and how it offers a tiny foretaste of God’s love:

“It is stronger than steel, softer than down and more resilient than a green sapling on the hillside. It closes wounds, melts disappointments and enables the weakest child to stand tall and straight in the fields of adversity. I believe that this love, even at its best, is only a shadow of the love of God, a dark reflection of all that we can expect of him, both in this life and the next.”



Relay for Life

Carleen Clayville is again seeking pledges for her Relay for Life Team this year. This is the 18th year she has been a Team Captain. She's dedicating her walk this year to her late daughter-in-law Holly Clayville, and others on our prayer list who have lost their battle, or are still fighting Cancer. Make checks payable to The American Cancer Society, or it can be done online at: www.relayforlife.org/rupertburleyid

The Relay is held this year at the Burley High School, Skaggs Field, on Saturday, June 18 from 11am to 11pm. The Survivor celebration will be held on Wednesday, June 15, at the United Methodist Church at 6 pm. All survivors are invited, but RSVP is necessary to Geri at Cassia Regional Med. Center. The Survivors will be honored again during the Relay at Skaggs Field.

Thanks, Carleen

Presbyterian Women of Burley

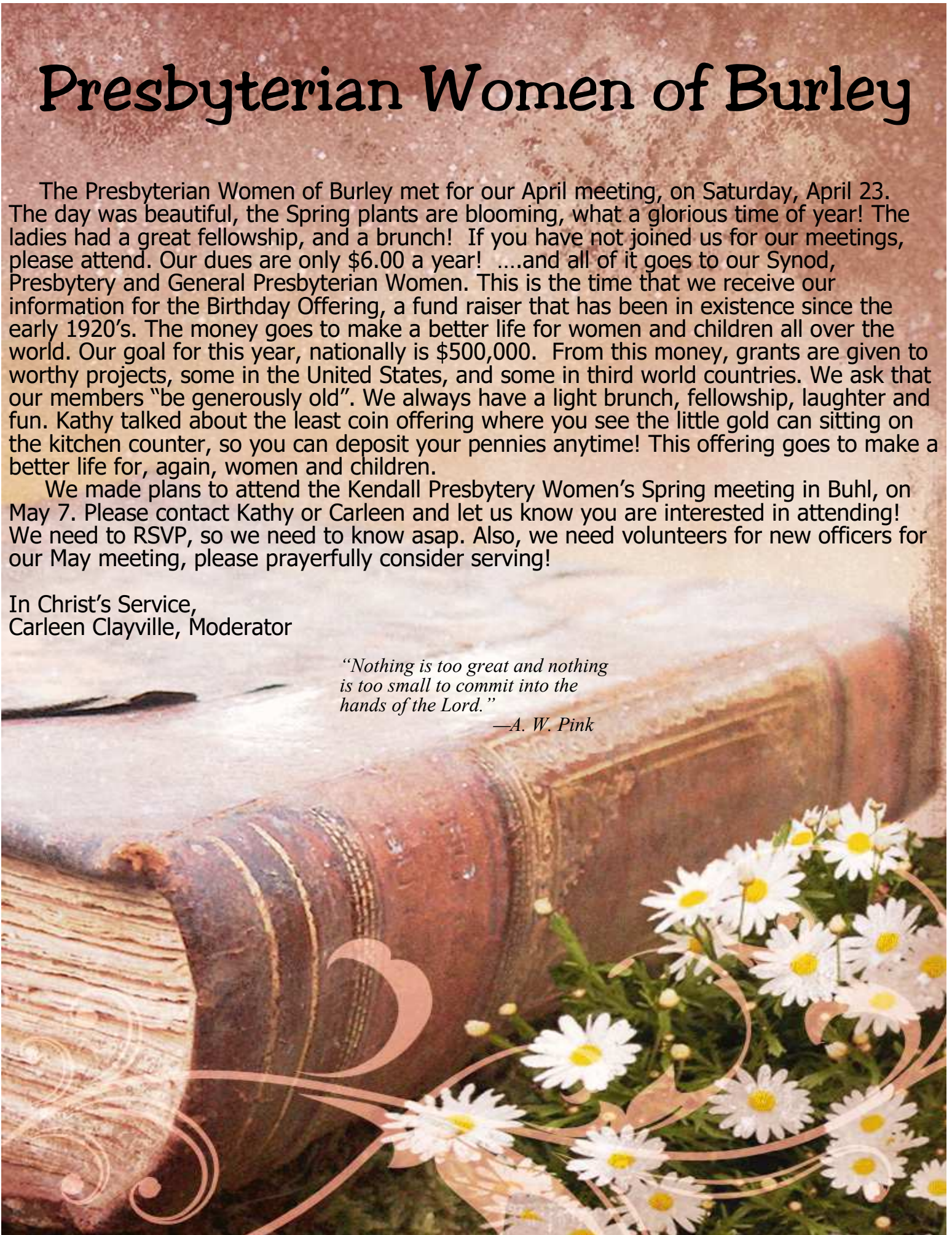
The Presbyterian Women of Burley met for our April meeting, on Saturday, April 23. The day was beautiful, the Spring plants are blooming, what a glorious time of year! The ladies had a great fellowship, and a brunch! If you have not joined us for our meetings, please attend. Our dues are only \$6.00 a year!and all of it goes to our Synod, Presbytery and General Presbyterian Women. This is the time that we receive our information for the Birthday Offering, a fund raiser that has been in existence since the early 1920's. The money goes to make a better life for women and children all over the world. Our goal for this year, nationally is \$500,000. From this money, grants are given to worthy projects, some in the United States, and some in third world countries. We ask that our members "be generously old". We always have a light brunch, fellowship, laughter and fun. Kathy talked about the least coin offering where you see the little gold can sitting on the kitchen counter, so you can deposit your pennies anytime! This offering goes to make a better life for, again, women and children.

We made plans to attend the Kendall Presbytery Women's Spring meeting in Buhl, on May 7. Please contact Kathy or Carleen and let us know you are interested in attending! We need to RSVP, so we need to know asap. Also, we need volunteers for new officers for our May meeting, please prayerfully consider serving!

In Christ's Service,
Carleen Clayville, Moderator

*"Nothing is too great and nothing
is too small to commit into the
hands of the Lord."*

—A. W. Pink



COMMITTEE REPORTS

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

Each month on the first (communion) Sunday we receive gifts in kind, food, paper products and home necessities and deliver them the Helping Hands food bank in Burley.

We received \$395 for the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering supporting the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self Development of People program.

Please consider joining us on the Missions and Outreach Committee. We need your good ideas and cheerful participation to further the ministry. Contact George McGee directly.

Thank you for your continuing cheerful generosity.

Respectfully submitted:,
George McGee

WORSHIP

We had a very busy March!

The Community Easter Egg Hunt went very well. We had the Sanctuary full of people. Jean Andrew's skit went very well and was well received. The kids enjoyed the egg hunt (despite the snow on the ground!). We went through all the hamburgers and only had a few packages of hot dogs left. Thank you to all who donated. Thanks to Falls Brand for donating hot dogs and Thomas Cuisine for donating hamburgers! Easter service was amazing. The Sanctuary was filled with colorful balloons, beautiful music and a wonderful message. The smell of Easter lilies filled the air as well! As the weather warms up we will be looking to have a service or two outside!

Respectfully submitted;
Kristi Pugh, Chair

The Bread That Satisfies

I learned to recite the Lord's Prayer as a boy in primary school. Every time I said the line, "Give us today our daily bread" (Matt. 6:11), I couldn't help but think about the bread that we got only occasionally at home. Only when my father returned from his trip into town did we have a loaf of bread. So asking God to give us our daily bread was a relevant prayer to me.

How curious I was when years later I discovered the booklet *Our Daily Bread*. I knew the title came from the Lord's Prayer, but I also knew it couldn't be talking about the loaf of bread from the baker's shop. I discovered as I read the booklet regularly that this "bread," full of Scripture portions and helpful notes, was spiritual food for the soul.

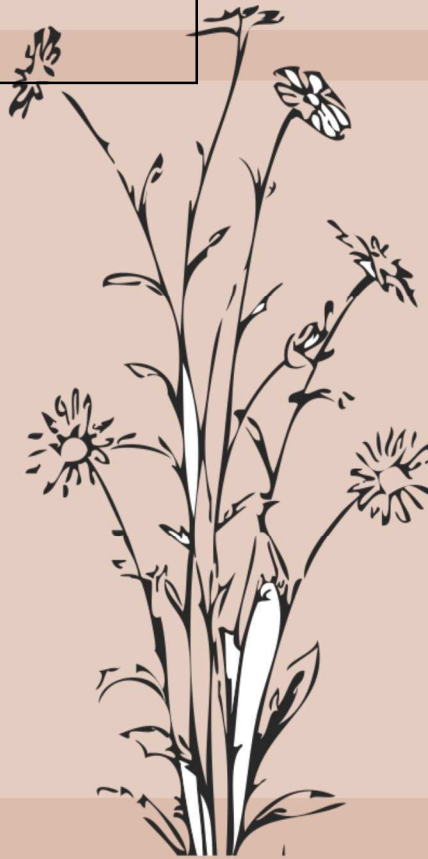
It was spiritual food that Mary chose when she sat at the feet of Jesus and listened attentively to His words (Luke 10:39). While Martha wearied herself with concern about physical food, Mary was taking time to be near their guest, the Lord Jesus, and to listen to Him. May we take that time as well. He is the Bread of Life (John 6:35), and He feeds our hearts with spiritual food. He is the Bread that satisfies. —Lawrence Darmani



Thank You!

A big thanks to our caring church family for Prayers, visits, cards and all the Good Food. We really appreciate all that's being done for us.

With our love,
Harold & Frieda



Choir Notes

Gene Holsinger is back!! The choir is much improved with him providing the base with his bass. If you want to sing in the choir, you are welcome, too. We meet at 4:30 on Thursdays, with the talented Susan McGee at the piano to keep us on pitch, and Paul Pugh trying valiantly to keep us together. Such fun!

Gwen Erickson



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Always with us

Forty days after Easter, we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. This occurred 10 days before Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' followers, as he had promised.

Jesus' ascension reminds Christians that although his body couldn't remain present everywhere, we can universally experience his spiritual presence. In fact, Jesus' final words to his disciples—and to us—contain this key promise: "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20, ESV).

FELLOWSHIP

May 1 - Cupcake Sunday

May 8 - Mother's Day

Flowers for mom and a special coffee hour

*If you are considering hosting coffee hour, please know that it doesn't require anything fancy. We all are just as happy with cookies, store bought or home made.

Respectfully submitted,
Terrie Shockey

A NOTE FROM YOUR FINANCE TEAM

The first half of this year's Per Capita will soon be paid, and we would again like to encourage our members and friends to help with this expense, if possible. The apportionment for this year is \$ 43.00 per member. The breakdown is as follows: Presbytery \$30.76, Synod \$ 5.22, General Assembly \$ 7.02. Monies given to Kendall Presbytery stay here in Kendall Presbytery, supporting small churches with interim pastors, and local mission projects, etc. If you can give your Per Capita over and above your regular tithing, it will be very helpful to us. As you probably know, we have had a lot of expenses recently, with the furnace, water heater issues, etc., so showing your support with regular attendance, and by keeping tithing up to date is essential. We appreciate all that you have done and continue to do for our Church in Burley, Idaho. Don't forget in addition to our regular Sunday service, we also have church school for all ages, and several Bible Studies available, and Presbyterian Women meetings where you can fellowship with your church family.

With thanks and with God's Blessings
Finance Committee

THANK YOU, Thank You, thank you!!!

We would like to extend a great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make MARCH and APRIL a big success. Starting with our Lenten studies to Maundy Thursday Service and Meal to the Easter Egg Hunt to Easter Sunday Service. And to the Annual Sausage Supper and Sale. We could not have done it without you. You are without a doubt the best congregation ever! Thank you and God bless you for all that you do to make this a great church!

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(also available after hours by appointment)

Josyph's email: josypha@aol.com
Josyph's cell: 312-9373

Clerk of Session: Kathy Poulton
Office Administrator: Barbra Moore
Office Hours M—F 9am—1pm
Office phone: 678-5131
Office email: burleypc@pmt.org

Director of Music: Paul Pugh
Pianist: Susan McGee & Judy Meyer
Organist: Mayna McGill
Custodian: Linda Culley
Prayer Chain: Gay Neiwert 678-2760

Service Times:

Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:45 am

Return Service Requested

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15th of the month and Bulletin items by Wednesday.*

*For as the earth brings forth her bud, and
as the garden causes the things that are sown
in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause
righteousness and praise to spring forth
before all the nations.*

—Isaiah 61:11

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

PRAYER CORNER

Healing, Strength and Encouragement for: Gerald & June Stoller, Harold & Frieda Gebauer, Fred & Gay Neiwert, Susan McGee, Judy Meyer, Elaine Victor, Josyph Andrews, The Germann family—father died. Don Bohon, Billie (Hazel Vegwert's sister-in-law), Lewisa, Leanna. All who are sick or injured. All who have lost jobs. Those facing financial uncertainties. Wisdom for those making difficult decisions. KAIROS prison ministry. *And we encourage you to join other congregations in praying for Church in the Tetons.*

Our Church Leaders: Elders Kristi Pugh, Larry Mulholland, Carleen Clayville, George McGee, Dan Shockey and Dale Martin. Deacons Paul Pugh, Gary Hollinger, Sharon Napier, Chris Scott, Susan McGee, and Lee Bay.

- Pastor Josyph and Jean Andrews as they shepherd our flock
- World unrest
- Wisdom for our National and Local Leaders
- Service Men & Women around the world.
- Our Church family; strength & wisdom and to keep our eyes on Jesus

—James 1:2-4 “consider it all joy...”

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