



## LOOKING FORWARD

THE NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**April 24, 2024**

**Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am - 4pm  
Closed Friday and Saturday**

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**Sermon Teaser**  
**"Eustress"**  
**Text: Acts 8:26-40**

### Children's Chapel Help Needed

We have four more children's chapels that need volunteers. Can you help us finish out the season? The lesson will be provided for you. Here is sign up

link: <https://link.fpchoise.org/ChildrensChapel>

Thank you!



## Calling All Graduates!

Are you (or your child) graduating from High School, College, or Graduate School this year (Winter semester counts too)? Your church community wants to celebrate YOU and your accomplishments!

Please email Cindy -[cindy@fpcboise.org](mailto:cindy@fpcboise.org) by May 10th with the following information:

- Your name
- The institution that you're graduating from
- Which degree you'll be receiving
- Your plans for the "next step"
- Your photograph

We'll take a moment in worship to recognize you and put your name in the bulletin, so please make sure you get this information to us so that we don't inadvertently leave you out!

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## Save The Date, May 19th, to Celebrate our Volunteers Everyone's Invited to our All Church Meal



Please plan to join us for a tasty lunch to celebrate all of the volunteers who come together to help FPC in a myriad of ways.

If you can help, please contact Susan Knights (text 208 860 9385 or email [sknights@fiberpipe.net](mailto:sknights@fiberpipe.net)) or Pat Dautel (text 208 867 5182 or email [swdautel@q.com](mailto:swdautel@q.com)).



## Luther Heights Bible Camp Registration Begins May 1st

The Summer Bible Camp is hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church. It will take place June 24-28 at 707 West Fort Street. Monday -

Thursday, 9am - 3pm; Friday, 9am - noon. \$40 per child, \$100 family max. Bring your own sack lunch. Questions? Contact Mary Riedl 208-344-3011; Link for registration - [youth@ilchurch.org](mailto:youth@ilchurch.org).

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## Sunday Funday This Sunday, April 28th



Join us this Sunday, April 28, after church for our last Sunday Funday for this school year. Taco bar, sugar cookie decorating and a piñata! Thank you to the Worship Committee for hosting this week. All are welcome.

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# Faces of Hope

Faces of Hope is the first step to healing, providing immediate help with no wait lists and no fees. They meet the mental health, legal, safety, education, and basic needs of people experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, stalking, or human trafficking. Last month, they helped men, women, and children in crisis from 14 different cities in Idaho. They are currently located in Meridian and will have two locations soon.

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## Upcoming Musical Events



- Friday, April 27th - **Con-Graz Benefit Concert** - 7:00pm - see information below.

We are excited to announce that one of our Choral Scholars, Anthea Fisher, has been selected to study voice this summer in Graz, Austria. Anthea hails from San Juan Capistrano, California and will graduate from Boise State University next year as a double major in International Business and Music.

The **Con-Graz Benefit Concert** will take place on **Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.** in the FPC sanctuary to raise funds for Anthea Fisher and fellow student, Sarah Smith, who have been accepted into the Opera Studio program through the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS). This is a 6-week summer program held in Graz, Austria from July 8 through August 18. The program is highly competitive, as auditions are open to anyone over the age of 18 worldwide. The estimated cost per person to attend is \$9,000. The concert will also feature vocalists Alex Lundquist, Katie Hansen, and pianist Chad Spears. Please plan to attend and help support Anthea in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

- Saturday, May 4th - **Critical Mass Vocal Artists Spring Concert** - 7:30pm

- Sunday, May 5th - **Community Worship Service** - Part of Boise Music Week - 7:00pm  
Boise Music Week's Community Worship Service at First Presbyterian. This ecumenical service will feature the choirs of The Cathedral of the Rockies, First Presbyterian, Critical Mass Vocal Artists, Combined Choirs from the Eagle 8th and 9th Wards, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Chords on Delivery Barbershop Quartet, Glory Brass, and homily by the Rev. Dr. Meggan Manlove, Bishop of the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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## Congregant Spotlight Martha Owen

**\*Includes Updated Information\***



This month Martha Owen is our featured congregant. Martha is the third longest tenured member of First Presbyterian Church. She and her husband, Ivor, were married at First Presbyterian on October 8, 1948. Rev. Dr. Rearick officiated their wedding. Martha provided a bit more about her life history:

"I grew up in Colorado. After getting my degree in Physical Therapy at Stanford I went to Jersey City to work at the Jersey City Medical Center. After a few years I knew I wanted to go west so I moved to Boise and worked at St. Lukes hospital during and after the polio epidemic. Two years after coming to

Boise I met the love of my life, Ivor, at a friend's wedding. He was the best man, and I was the maid of honor. After a second meeting at some friend's home for dinner, a game or two of poker and a couple of trips to Bogus Basin (even though I didn't know how to ski) we were married eight months later on October 8, 1949. When our kids were five and four Ivor died suddenly in a car wreck. Our kids were the most precious thing he could ever have given me. I remarried four years later, and it was the biggest mistake of my life. Dr. Rearick asked me if I had ever considered divorce and so I did. I had been to Boise State to get my teachers certification so I could have the same hours as my kids. I taught at Borah, South Jr. High and, finally, Fairmont Jr. High. With a break for one year to get my master's degree in Natural Science at the University of Wyoming, most of my teaching career was at Fairmont Junior High. My mother and siblings were all teachers, and my father was a superintendent. I said being a teacher was the last thing I would ever do and it turns out it was!

Martha answered a few questions posed by Rev. JoAnn Thiry who chatted with Martha during a home visit.

- **What do you consider your greatest achievement?**

My son and daughter. My son, Donald, is a very caring individual, kindhearted. My daughter, Susan, is very strong and equally caring. I also have two granddaughters and one great granddaughter.

- **What is your most treasured possession?**

My kids.

- **What is your favorite journey?**

My honeymoon, partly in McCall and then to Grand Cooley Dam in Eastern Washington.

- **Which living person do you most admire?**

Living: Janice, a quilting friend, and PEO sister who overcame physical difficulties to become a mechanical engineer. She remembers everyone she has ever met. She is like another daughter to me. Not living: I admire my mother. When my father died, she was 46, with four children – three girls and a boy, ages from eight years old to sixteen years old. My mom taught school and helped all four of her children through college. I admire her grit – I don't know how she did it. All of her children ended up being teachers.

- **If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?**

I played the piano and the organ for my church when I was younger but never felt I had musical talent. I would like to have real musical talent.

Martha is an accomplished quilter. The photos below are examples of her exquisite work.



A Bargello patterned quilt by Martha.



A beautiful Bargello quilt by Martha.

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## Habitat for Humanity Work Day, April 27th, has been **Cancelled**

The event or an event that is similar will hopefully happen in the future. Thank you to all who volunteered.

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# Hosts Needed for May 5th Community Worship Service

First Presbyterian is the host for the Community Worship Service on Sunday, May 5th as part of Boise Music Week. We need volunteers to greet concert goers from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. If you are interested in helping please contact Cindy at [cindy@fpcboise.org](mailto:cindy@fpcboise.org).

Worship Service Schedule:

- The Rev. Dr. Meggan Manlove, Bishop of the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will present the Homily
- First Presbyterian Chancel Choir directed by Ryan Dye
- Cathedral of the Rockies Cathedral Choir directed by David Johnson
- Critical Mass Vocal Artists directed by Dr. Michael Porter
- Combined Choirs from Eagle 8th and 9th Wards, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Chords on Delivery Barbershop Quartet
- Glory Brass Ensemble

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## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 5:30pm. In-person and on ZOOM

<https://link.fpcboise.org/WednesdayNightBibleStudy>

We are studying the book of Acts using videos of Princeton Seminary professor Eric Barretto. No advance participation necessary.



## Walk-N-Talk Every Monday, 10 AM

Join us at Julia Davis Park, meet just upriver (east) of the band shelter. We go as slow as we should go, a loop just over 2 miles. Our conversations range across everything - usually multiple things at once! Questions - Andrew at

[andrew@fpcboise.org](mailto:andrew@fpcboise.org); 208-345-3441.

## ONGOING events

### • **Sundays**

**First Light Contemporary Worship Service** - In-person and online. Join us for an informal conversation time of worship with live music. To join this conversation, use this Zoom link: <https://link.fpcboise.org/FirstLight>.

**Children's Sunday School - 9:45 - 10:30am** - in the Conference room.

**Traditional Worship Service - 10:45 am**. In-person and online. View on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)  
A copy of the weekly worship bulletin can be found on our [website](#) or in the description section of the YouTube video. The live stream will also be stored on our [YouTube](#) page for later viewing.

**Bell Choir Practice - 12:15 - 1:00 PM** - in the chapel

### • **Mondays**

**Walk-n-Talk - 10:00 am**, Julia Davis Park, meet just upriver (east) of the band shelter. Everyone is invited to Monday's Walk N Talk. We go as slow as we should go, a loop just over 2 miles, and topics range across everything - usually multiple things at once! Questions - Andrew at [andrew@fpcboise.org](mailto:andrew@fpcboise.org); 208-345-3441.

**FPC Food Pantry - 5:00-7:00 pm**, North door, off alley. Each Monday evening our food pantry continues to feed the food insecure. Volunteers are always needed. Please contact the office, 208-345-3441, if you can help.

- **Tuesdays**

**Scout Meetings** - 6:30pm - 8:00 pm.

- **Wednesdays**

**Adult Bible Study - 5:30 - 6:30 pm**, in the Conference room.

**Chancel Choir Practice - 6:30 - 8:00 pm**, in the sanctuary.

**Youth Group - 6:30 - 8:30 pm**, Lindsay Hall/5th floor.

- **Thursdays**

**Stitch Group - 10:00 - Noon**, Lindsay Hall, stitching and conversation; Open to all.

**Quilting From The Heart - 10:00 - 3:00pm**, 6th floor. Volunteers meet to create quilts for those in need. Questions? Contact Pat Kluckhohn, [pjkluckhohn@gmail.com](mailto:pjkluckhohn@gmail.com).

**Friendship Meal - 5:00 - 7:00 pm**, Lindsay Hall. Coordinated volunteers plan, prepare, deliver, and clean up a meal on the 1st Thursday of every month for Boise's food insecure.

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## *Birthdays*

04/23 Nancy Kirk  
04/25 Elizabeth Bauske  
04/25 Sandra Mccullough  
04/25 Ben Sherrill  
04/25 Nancy Taggart  
04/26 April Miech  
04/27 Annette Matlock  
04/28 John Pickrell  
04/28 Myunghee Lee  
04/30 Susan Knights



**Please continue to remember  
in your prayers:**

- Dorothy Ware (hospice)
- Charles Ruch (hospice)
- Susan Block's recovery from her surgery

If you would like to add anyone to this prayer list please email or call the office 208-345-3441 or JoAnn Thiry at 208-340-8222.

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**Sunday April 21, 2024**  
**Sermon- "What is Love?"**



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