

Courier Newsletter

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Church Office Hours

Office: T, Th, F 8-12

Pastor's Drop-In Hours

Tuesdays: 10:00-2:00

Thursdays: 10:00-2:00

Hours may vary

Please call the church office to set up another meeting time if needed.

(406) 782-6595



Missionary Speakers at FPCButte

Rev. Bob and Kristi Rice, Missionaries in South Sudan

Bob & Kristi will be our guest speakers on Sunday, August 6, with a lunch following the service. The main course will be provided, please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

Bob teaches theology, church history and discipleship at the Nile Theology College, a Presbyterian undergraduate institution that prepares men and women to serve South Sudan's churches which are growing in spite of being situated in contexts of high conflict. As an economic and development advisor for the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church, Kristi supports projects that help meet the financial goals of the church and improve the health and well-being of communities, including the exploration of Community Health Evangelism and trauma healing ministries. Their home Presbytery is in San Francisco, CA.

FPCButte Welcomes Permanent Pastor!

Karolee Larson was installed as permanent pastor on Sunday, June 4. Rev. George Goodrich, Rev. Chuck Carlson, and Rev. Lanny Rounds were all part of this special, long awaited ceremony.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the party, the food, the cake, the flowers, the gifts, the cards of encouragement, and especially for your trust and support in hiring me as your pastor. I wish my sabbatical did not fall on the heels of this vote, for I am excited about serving God alongside you and cannot wait until August when we will worship together again. God is doing great things in and through FPC and the community of Butte. Let us be in prayer this summer, asking the Holy Spirit to show us how we can join in God's good work.

Love you all! Karolee

Save the Courier!

Do you read the Courier? Let us know what you think. We may be eliminating it or going to a quarterly issue instead of monthly. We need your input in order to better serve you. Send the church an email (fpcbutte@gmail.com), give us a call, or talk to Pastor Karolee or Carole about it on Sunday. If we keep it, what would you like to see in it?



Worship
Sundays 10:30 am
Next Communion
July 2

Pastor's Ponderings

In Karolee's absence, this is from CCES



Celebrate Freedom!

I Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures . . .

July fourth is Independence Day, and all across U.S.A. people will celebrate the tremendous freedom we enjoy. Truly we are blessed! We who know Jesus Christ as our Savior have another kind of freedom to celebrate. We are free from the bondage of our sin and death.

I Corinthians 15:1-4 gives a concise picture of the freedoms we have in Christ. First, "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." He died for one reason: to pay the penalty necessary for our sins. He took our place. Because of His death, we are made free from the death penalty of sin and stand righteous before God. This is our justification.

Second, "that He was buried." Romans 6 tells us that through faith we died with Him and were buried with Him and are now dead to the power of sin over us. Sin no longer has dominion over us, so we can choose to live righteous, holy lives. We are free from sin's control over us! This is our sanctification.

Third, "that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures." His death alone could not save us; it was the resurrection that showed God's acceptance of Christ's sacrifice, and that gives power unto salvation. In Colossians 3:1 we read that we are risen with Christ. His resurrection guarantees a future in Heaven for us where we will be free from the presence of sin. This is our glorification.

From that past moment when I truly believed, I am free from the penalty of sin . . . Free from the present power of sin over me . . . And guaranteed to one day be free from the presence of sin. Now that's cause for celebration—every day!

Lord Jesus, let me never forget the great gift of freedom that You give to me as Your follower.

By Ann Shorb

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Men's & Women's Bible Study

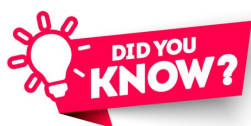
Suspended for summer months. See you in the Fall.

HAPPY
Birthday
TO YOU

**July/August
Birthdays**

If we missed your birthday this month, please let us know so we can get it added.

7/2__Helena DeOliveria
7/2__Fran Wright
7/3__Mike McNamee Jr.
7/6__Dustin Gates
7/10__Cole LeProwse
7/13__Pastor Chuck Carlson
7/15__Laurie Shuttlesworth
7/26__Larissa Siler-Capps
7/27__Ruby Anderson
7/28__Linda Fulton
7/31__Hazel Metcalf
8/1__Jaxon Wilkins
8/5__Chuck Wright
8/11__Susie Neill
8/12__Tanner (Siler) Capps
8/13__Ron Hanson
8/16__Melissa Ruschetti
8/18__Andrew Helming
8/19__Norman Metcalf
8/23__Eileen Greb
8/29__John Leland
8/30__Laura Clark
8/30__Diana Morris



- The Education Ministry Unit is hosting July Coffee Hour and Witness/CL in August (see page 5 for more details)
- 2023 Per Capita is \$58.00
- Tithes & Donations can be mailed to:
First Presbyterian Church
901 W. Platinum
Butte, MT 59701
- You can tithe online!
Go to our website & click "Donations"

Children & Youth



The nursery is being moved from downstairs to the "library" room. As we do not have a need at this time, we do want to be prepared to receive children ages 0-5 should they come. If the Lord is calling you to help in this ministry, please see Kathy Murray.

Full-Circle Speaker Speaks at FPCButte!

The Central Montana Area Team for Operation Christmas Child hosted special celebration and kick-off events in four communities. Our church hosted the event on June 3 with guest spokesperson, Kim Vance from Cambodia to an enthusiastic crowd. At 14, Vance was invited to a Christmas celebration at a house church. She was excited to come because the church offered food. There, she received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. Inside were the school supplies she needed. She also received a colorful booklet called The Greatest Gift explaining the story of Jesus Christ. She shared how she was in a war torn country, had abusive parents, and at age 14 was actually a victim of trafficking in Malaysia. A simple shoe box changed her life and brought her hope—in her words,



"It **saved** my life." If you were not able to come and hear her in person, the video is on our FB page at <https://fb.watch/11FNa7Vjty/>

Also **see page 4** for photos of the event.

If the Lord is calling you to be part of this ministry, please contact Carole Meltzer



Prayers Please

- ♦ Karolee Larson
- ♦ Art & Dorothy Hruska
- ♦ Marjorie Kautzman
- ♦ Robert Noel
- ♦ Patty Mikesell (Beehive)



Is the Lord calling you to a music ministry? We have a few opportunities:

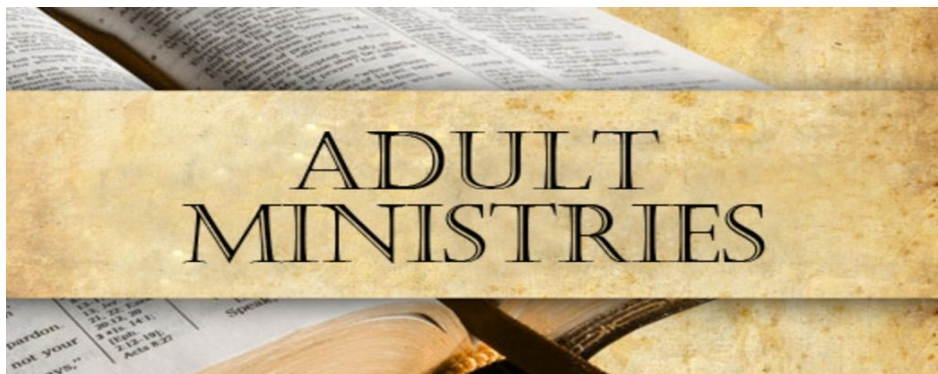
The **Chancel Choir** rehearses Thursdays at 7pm from Sept. through May. Although the choir takes a break for the summer, we still try to have solos, small ensembles, instrumentals, etc.

The **Bell Choir** rehearses Wednesdays at 9am and also takes the summer off. If you can read music...you can learn to play the bells!

The **Worship Team** leads the opening hymn in our Sunday worship service.

Play an instrument?

For more information, see Jean or call the church office.



Kim Vance from Cambodia comes to Butte to share her story of an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox (cont. from page 3)



Carole introducing the Central Montana Area Team



Kim Vance telling her story, Carole asking if any questions, and Traci and Kim closing in prayer



Enjoying the brunch following the presentation.



Happenings !

New Deacons Installed

Welcome new actively serving Deacons: Milo Coladonato, Donna Harbaugh, Mike McNamee and Jean Peterson

Coffee Hour

July will be hosted by Education Ministry Unit. On Sunday, July 2nd we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for full refreshments. The rest of the month, fellowship will take place over coffee, tea and cookies in the parlor. In August, coffee hour host will be hosted by Witness/CL Ministry Unit with a full lunch on August 6.



Salt Shakers



The August church service and picnic that is traditionally held at the Mayo home will look a bit different this year. The church service will be held at the church at the regular time on August 20 and the picnic will be held at the Mayo home at 5pm. Sheryl will provide the main dish; please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)



The theme for July is "Girly Girls" (all things girly), and August is "Boys Will Be Boys" (all things boy). We will also be accepting cash donations all year for the shipping costs. Please note on check or envelope: OCC.

Our goal this year is 160 boxes. Ages 2-4 and 10-14

Let's share the Gospel to the ends of the earth!

The theme verse for this year is: **ILLUMINATE!** "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Isaiah 60:1-2



May YOUR light shine as you pack shoeboxes!

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Deacons | Janet Shuttlesworth



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