

# Courier Newsletter

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**Church Office Hours**

**Office:** T, W, Th 8-12

**Pastor's Drop-In Hours**

Monday: 10-12  
 Wednesday: 10-12

*Closed Fridays*

Hours may vary

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

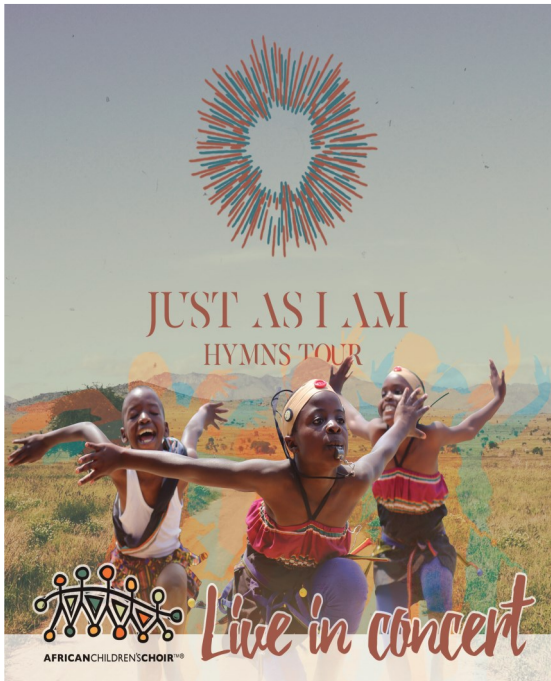
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will be **Celebrating Jean!**

There will be a basket available for cards of appreciation.

**Sunday, October 1** following the worship service we will hold the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off. Traci Ruschetti holds the "Golden Ladle Award" from 2022. Who will dethrone her in 2023? Bring a potluck dish to share. Dessert will be provided. During the potluck we



**Sunday,  
 October 8, 2023**

**7:00 pm**

Butte, Montana

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**Salt Shakers 2023/2024**

Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet in the Parlor for Salt Shakers. We plan to once again meet in individual homes for dinner. No need to have a partner. If you can host a dinner, great...if not no worries (we have plenty of host families).

For those that are new to the church, Salt Shakers is a time of Christian fellowship. Once a month, we get together for dinner at the host homes. The host provides the main course and bread. Others bring salad, vegetables or dessert.

Any questions, please ask Sheryl Mayo (406-490-0193)



## Parson's Ponderings

Jesus' disciples ask, "Who is the greatest in heaven?" and Jesus answers, "Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven... Whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes me" (Matthew 18:1-5).

Children, in the ancient world, were not valued like they are today. Their only contribution to society came when they were old enough to contribute to the economic welfare of the family through income earning and childbearing. One could say they were the original "be seen and not heard" generation.

Sound familiar? I grew up with parents who often told their children that we were to "be seen and not heard." We grew up with strict rules of how we were to behave around adults, and often those rules implied that we were to remain in another room. If we fought or laughed too loud, we would receive a tongue lashing when we were alone with our parents, often hearing the phrase "be seen and not heard."

We did not institute that policy with our children. As a homeschool family, we often participated in activities that involved all generations. Having kids with us was a natural part of our daily life. But I noticed that many of the churches we attended did not feel the same way. While we kept our kids with us during the service, we were often asked if they would like to go to "children's church." The premise was for them to gain an understanding of the gospel at their level of understanding, but it felt like a "be seen and not heard" situation. While other parents worshipped, I quietly answered the whispered questions of my children.

I am not alone in wondering if our churches have suffered from an unintentional "be seen and not heard" policy. In a book I am reading about intergenerational worship, the authors believe the practice of separating generations during worship, whether through children's church or a contemporary service, was a "perfect recipe for generational isolation [which arose] from an individualistic outlook that emphasizes personal needs rather than communal needs" (Intergenerational Christian Formation by Allen, Lawton, Seibel; 2023 InterVarsity Press, page 39). In other words, why are we surprised when the kids, who were separated from us during worship, do not want to worship with us as adults?

The authors contend that we are not only saved to a private faith, but we are saved to community (page 40). Within community, we learn how to love God and love one another. If our faith is strictly personal, we become individualistic and self-centered. We must worship and participate within a community of faith filled with people of all generations.

With this in mind, we are intentionally bringing the generations together. We will have a "quiet corner" in the front of the sanctuary where children can see what is happening during the service. We brought the nursery upstairs so parents can easily choose to have their children in either the service or in the nursery. We plan to bring the generations together in intergenerational Sunday school classes where we will focus on outreach activities. We look forward to becoming the church that "welcomes children in Christ's name" (Matt 18:5).

Grace and Peace,  
Karolee

# Prayers please

- ◆ Art & Dorothy Hruska
- ◆ Marjorie Kautzman
- ◆ Robert Noel
- ◆ Patty Mikesell



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.

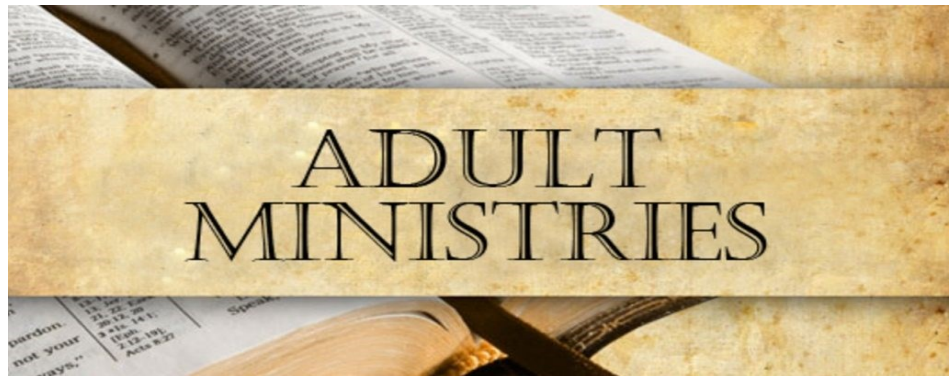
The **Mile High Bell Ringers** rehearse Wednesdays at 9am . If you can read music...you can learn to play the bells!

**Play** an instrument?

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

“And it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever,” the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud.

2 Chronicles 5:13



## No-Name Lunch

**Oct. 16** at noon. Lunch is provided for \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP to Linda Nutter if you plan to attend. Guest speaker: Tom & Judy Waring, The Galapagos Islands.

## P.W.\* Anna’s Circle

**Oct. 19 ~ Noon**

**All women are invited!** Lunch, followed by a brief business meeting and a Bible study. Our purpose is to Glorify and serve God as we grow in Him and raise funds for local charities. The Fall Event in November is our biggest fund raiser this year will be on 11/5.

(\*Presbyterian Women)



**Monday Bible Study:** A Monday Bible Study from 12-1 in the church. We will study the upcoming sermon passages. All are invited to attend.

## New Member Class

Sundays 9:00 a six-week class will be held for anyone interested in learning more about PCUSA membership. Please let Karolee know if you are interested in attending. No obligation to become a member.

## Sunday School

Classes for adults and children Sundays at 9:00 am . Adults will join the New Member class. Kids will meet in the parlor before heading to their classroom.

## Butte Rescue Mission Banquet

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 5:30pm. If you would like to sponsor your own table or purchase your own seat, contact: BSW at <https://butterescuemission.org/>, or call 406-782-0925,



let's do lunch

# HAPPY *Birthday* TO YOU

## October Birthdays

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

- 5\_\_Rusty Turner
- 6\_\_Tanner Robison
- 7\_\_Carol Harvey
- 10\_\_Will Cheman
- 14\_\_Loren Baker
- 16\_\_Lorrie Gates
- 16\_\_Brian Wilkins
- 24\_\_Marjorie Kautzman
- 30\_\_Carole Meltzer

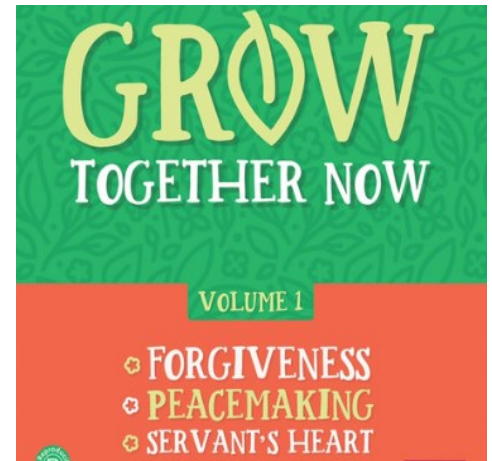


- Christian Education is hosting October Coffee Hour and Witness in November (see page 5 for more details)
- 2023 Per Capita is \$58.00
- Tithes & Donations can be mailed to:  
First Presbyterian Church  
901 W. Platinum  
Butte, MT 59701
- You can tithe online!  
Go to our website & click "Donations"



## Kid's Night Out Returns

Kid' Night Out will begin November 10 at 5:30 pm (Now on the 2nd Friday of each month). The evening begins with dinner, and then we can **Grow Together Now**, allowing kids of all ages to learn about the character qualities of forgiveness, peacemaking, and servant's heart. For children preschool to 5th grade. Older children are invited to come



Children's Sunday School, Sundays, at 9:00 am. Kids will meet in the parlor before heading to their classroom.

A nursery is available for children 0-5.

**Volunteer teachers & nursery attendants needed**

## Scouts

Remember Cohen, the young man who did his "Duffle Program" for Foster Children as his Eagle Scout project? He received his Eagle Scout award and has started his college career. It was such an honor to be part of his eagle scout project.

For more info on the scouts, contact Scout Leader, Tina King at 406-593-8020.



## Halloween

The church will be handing out candy again this year on Halloween, October 31 (time TBD). We will be collecting full size candy bars in a basket in the foyer. This was such a fun event last year and invite anyone who would like to participate to join us. Time TBD

# Etcetera

***Dropping off kids at West?*** Join us for Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour! All are welcome. Let's get to know one another over a cup of good coffee from the Mining City Mud coffee hut and home made goodies.

***"Fall Event"*** November 5 following the worship service. Sign up for special activities and support Anna's Circle's **FUN**raiser for local charities. Activities in the past have included a Float Trip, Gourmet Dinners, Wine Tasting, Pysankas, Pasta Making, Painting, Willow Bark flowers, Computers 101, etc. Be thinking of what **YOU** might wish to donate. What **FUN** things will we see this year? If you plan to donate an event, submit a sign up sheet stating the activity, cost, date of event if you know when you want it held and how many people you can have. You can also submit baked items to sell. For more information, contact Toni or the office.



The nursery has been moved to the main floor in what was the library (the library moved to conference room). If we build it they will come! So now we need volunteers to be available to staff the nursery. A background check is needed for this position. If interested, let the office know or sign up in the parlor.

## ***Presbytery Meeting and Karolee's Ordination***

Butte will host the Yellowstone Presbytery meeting on November 3-4. Host homes are needed on Friday night for attendees from around the presbytery. The meeting will close with Karolee's installation and ordination worship service, which is open to the public. Rev. Dr. Beth McCaw, Rev. Dr. Tim Slemmons (both from UDTs), and Rev. Dr. Lanny Rounds will be preaching during the service. A reception will follow. Mark your calendars! Specific times will be posted in the November courier.

## ***Coffee Hour***

October will be hosted by Christian Education Ministry Unit. On Sunday, Oct. 1, we'll gather in the Fellowship Room for the Chili Cook-Off and potluck. The rest of the month, fellowship will take place over coffee, tea and cookies in the parlor. In November, coffee hour will be hosted by Witness/Congregational Life with the Fall Event and refreshments in the Fellowship Room on Nov. 5 and Thanksgiving Meal on Nov. 12.



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**Pianist** | Janet Shuttlesworth

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**Deacons** | Milo Coladonato, Donna Harbaugh, Mike McNamee, Jean Peterson, Janet Shuttlesworth



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