

Courier Newsletter

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Community Worship Service 9/3 10:30am at Clark's Park. Bring a lawn chair and potluck side or dessert. A special offering will be collected for the Salvation Army.

Dropping off kids at West? We will host a weekly **Drop-Off Breakfast** on Wednesdays at 8am beginning September 13 for parents/caregivers to get to know one another over good coffee and rolls. Spread the word!

Students of all ages and educational staff will be recognized and prayed for during our worship service on September 17. Feel free to bring your school backpacks for a special **Blessing of the Backpacks!**

Church Office Hours

Office: T, W, Th 8-12

Pastor's Drop-In Hours

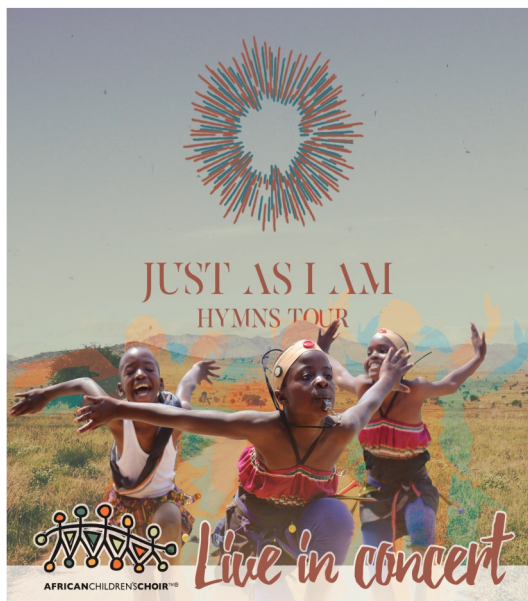
Monday: 10-12
 Wednesday: 10-12
 Closed Fridays
 Hours may vary
 Please call the church office to set up another meeting time if needed.
 (406) 782-6595



Sunday, October 1 following the worship service we will hold the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off. Dust off that chili recipe and join in the competition.

Watch for the sign up sheet in the parlor or call the office for joining the competition or if you would rather bring a side dish or something to pare with chili such as cheese, crackers, etc.

Traci Ruschetti holds the championship from 2022. Who will dethrone her in 2023?



**Sunday,
 October 8, 2023
 7:00 pm**

Butte, Montana

First Presbyterian Church
 901 W Platinum St
 (406) 782-6595

AFRICANCHILDRENSCHOIR.COM

We need homes to host the African Children's choir in October. Please let Carole know if you are able to host.



Parson's Ponderings

¹¹ The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. ¹² When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

¹³ "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

¹⁴ The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

¹⁵ "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

¹⁶ The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."

(Judges 6:11-16).

As a small congregation, we may find ourselves asking, "How can we minister to Butte? Has the Lord abandoned us?"

God responds, "Go in the strength that you have. I am sending you."

All God requires of us is to take what strength we have and trust that God will do mighty things through our weakness. What a wonderful gift that is for us. We do not need to concern ourselves with our size, with our finances, or with our abilities. We only need to take what we have and go, trusting that God will be with us and do the work for us.

This fall we will begin new ministries which require little strength but have great potential. Our leadership sees God going before us and wants to be ready with volunteers to work in the nursery and to teach youth Sunday school, to drink coffee with West Elementary parents, to help minister to Tech students, to help lead youth and young adults, and to participate in worship. God is already at work in these places and waits for us to take a step of faith, to trust that God has gone before us, and to participate in the work. All we need is the strength we already have and a willingness to go where God is sending us.

Grace and peace,

Karolee

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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.

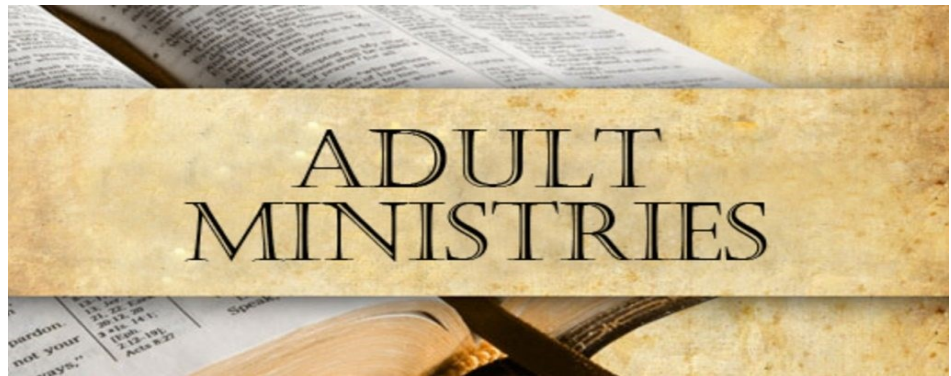
The **Mile High Bell Ringers** rehearse Wednesdays at 9am . If you can read music...you can learn to play the bells!

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

Sept. 18 at noon. Lunch is provided for \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP to Linda Nutter if you plan to attend. Guest speaker: Diana Morris, Real Estate

P.W.* Anna’s Circle

Sept. 21 ~ Noon

All women are invited! Lunch is provided by our members on a voluntary rotating basis, 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)

let's do
lunch



Monday Bible Study: A Monday Bible Study begins 9/11 from 12-1 in the church. We will study the upcoming sermon passages. All are invited to attend.

New Member Class

Beginning September 17, 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 begin September 17. 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. The church is a recipient of a sponsored table with 3 seats still available. To reserve a seat, call the church office, first come, first serve. If you would like to sponsor your own table or purchase your own seat, contact: BSW at <https://butterescuemission.org/>, call 406-782-0925, or contact church office for the form.



HAPPY
BirthDay
TO YOU

September Birthdays

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

- 1 ___ Lucy Turner
- 1 ___ Richard Giuffra
- 4 ___ Donna Harbaugh
- 6 ___ Dennis Noel
- 7 ___ Karen Shipley
- 8 ___ Michael Siler
- 9 ___ Cindi Costin
- 10 ___ Owen Davis
- 11 ___ Curt Link
- 11 ___ Sue Bennetts
- 13 ___ Traci Ruschetti
- 17 ___ Robert Siler
- 22 ___ Sally Bardsley
- 23 ___ Kasen Peltomaa
- 26 ___ Janet Shuttlesworth
- 26 ___ Carter (Siler) Capps
- 28 ___ Cassie LeProwse
- 28 ___ Otto Rodrigues
- 30 ___ Art Hruska



Children & Youth

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 and assist.



Children's Sunday School will begin Sunday, Sept. 17 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

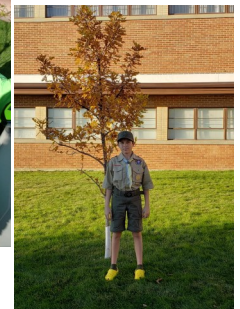
Scouts

Have you noticed the tree in the lower lawn? I (editor) just noticed it a few weeks ago and thought it had just been planted!

Lo, and behold, it was planted May 15, 2018 by Scout Pack 4615. Tina's son Michael is the only pack member left from that original group and continues to care for this tree that he loves!

The scouts also plant and maintain many of the flowers our church enjoys each spring and summer.

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



- The and Support is hosting September Coffee Hour and Education in October (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"

Etcetera

Toni was the hostess with the mostess, hosting 16 ladies (and 2 children!) for **Anna's Circle's Annual Picnic**. The food was fabulous and the fellowship sweet. All ladies are invited to join Anna's Circle (see page 3).



One of last year's **"Fall Event"** activities was a float down the river with the Robisons. The day began with a sack lunch provided by Toni and then—let's float!

Twelve passengers set sail that day, For a three hour tour, A three hour tour; the Skippers brave and sure... Dixon and Kevin kept this from being a fateful tour! Along with the beauty of the river, passengers enjoyed eagles and ospreys fishing, an otter and a variety of song birds. This year's Fall Event is just around the corner. Be sure to sign up for some of these amazing adventures.



Fall Bazaar

Friday, Oct. 13 (3p-8p) and Saturday, Oct. 14 (9a-4p)

Do you have art or crafts to sell? Reserve your booth space today! Details and forms are on the website, or call the office and it can be emailed to you.

Don't have anything to sell? Then come and shop!

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Pianist | Janet Shuttlesworth

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



- **Website** | www.FirstPresbyterianButte.com
- **Facebook Public Group** | www.facebook.com/FPCButte
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- **Facebook Private Group & Prayer** | www.facebook.com/groups/FPCButtePrayer
- **YouTube** | www.youtube.com/channel/UCbcj3AJHXIxXRIdL1AUj4qQ
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