

# *First Presbyterian Church - Elko, Nevada*

## DESERT PULPIT

### March 2016



#### What's Next

After the Session meeting with Bob Kelley on Sunday, we all realize we have a lot to do over the next few weeks.

1) The Elders and Deacons must establish a plan for keeping our church family thriving without a pastor. 2) We need to find an Interim Pastor. An "Interim Pastor Nominating Committee" was established. Co-Chairs will be Tara Lounsbery and Tim Pike. Members include: Session members Cody, John, Jim, Roberta, Sally, Tim W, Bev, Liz, and Emily, and Deacons Melissa, Becky, Christine and Mike, and Clerk of Session Judi. Patty and Kim asked to be excused from the committee. A meeting date has not yet been set.

Our first priority will be to complete and file the Ministry Information Form (MIF). If there are certain parts of the form you feel like you would like to complete, such as the Narrative, please let us know. I think a subcommittee of 2-3 people to prepare a draft to the Narrative questions would be ideal. Another 2-3 people could review competencies, and 2-3 people to review compensation and housing. If we have a starting point for each of these areas to review with the committee, it might make large group meetings go much more smoothly.

Blessings;

Co Chairs - Tara Lounsbery and Tim Pike

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### Our Mission

We are called to do God's work both for ourselves as a church family and for others in the community. We believe God calls the First Presbyterian Church of Elko to:

- Nurture programs that emphasize faith development and strong Christian Values.
- Commit to develop strong inter-group communications and organizational structure.
- Commit to membership growth through friendliness, tolerance and by developing programs that meet individual, family, and community needs.
- Encourage each member's gifts and talents to be used for full participation in church activities.
- Proclaim our faith and strengthen outreach programs to our community.
- Continue to support the Presbyterian Church, USA, and global ministries.

# Director of Family Ministries



## **What's New in Family Ministries:**

### **Easter:**

Maundy Thursday practice will be at 6:30 on Tuesday, March 22nd

Maundy Thursday Service is at 7:00 on March 24th.

Easter Sunday there will not be Sunday School or Youth Activities.

We will have two Worship Services: An early service at 8:30 then another service at our regular time, 10:15.

Pastor Rick Glass will be preaching Easter Sunday.

We will have a 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt in the church yard.

### **Sunday School:** Children 3-years-old through Adult

The adult classes, college, and youth will combine for an Easter Sunday School lesson lead by Melissa Fonder in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 20th.

### **Nursery:** Babies 6 weeks to 3 years old

The church nursery with Kay Hess is still available to little ones after the Children's Message Sunday mornings.

### **Children's Church:** Children 4 years through 2nd grade

Children's Church is also available right after the Children's Message on Sunday mornings. In March our teachers are Becky Schaffner (3/6), Vicki Goicoechea & Malissa Bisson (3/13), Alisa Culp (3/20), and Heather Norero (3/27 during the 10:15 service only)

### **Youth Group:** Kids 6th grade through college

March means **Purple Potty Month** for our T.W.C (Teens Working with Christ) youth group! Tuesday, March 1st the kids will be delivering purple potties to the yards of the first lucky recipients. This is our annual project to raise money for the World Vision 30 Hour Famine. Potty Insurance is available in Melissa's Office or the Fellowship Hall after Worship.

### **College/Young Adults:** Kids out of high school through 25 years old

Our college kids and young adults meet Wednesdays for lunch at 12:15 at the GBC Bighorn Bistro. The cost is just \$2.00 for lunch and fellowship.

Our college kids and young adults also meet at Charyn's house on Wednesdays at 5:30 for fun, fellowship, and food.

### **Adult Bible Study:**

Becky Schaffner is leading a Women's Bible Study Tuesday mornings at 10:00 in the classroom across from the office. They are currently studying "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. It is a Lenten study.

Our Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study group and Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study groups are still meeting and having fun!

# Director of Family Ministries

**Have a blessed March.**

**Melissa Fonder**

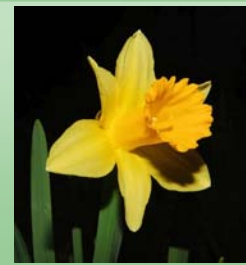
# In The News

- **Heather Norero** participated in the Adult Spelling Bee held at the Library.
- **Dustin Baum** scored 11 points in the first half of the Elko Basketball game.
- **Copper Cavaness** was pictured doing a layup during a drill in practice for the Spring Creek Spartans.
- **Alyson Freitag** was named to the University of Jamestown Athletic Director's Honor Roll.
- **Pastor Pat** was featured on the front page of the local paper.
- **Glenn Guttry** was among the commissioners who was present for an award recognition for Lt. Marvin Morton.
- **Alexis Freitag** was mentioned in the local paper for her Photography Work.



**Maundy Thursday** is the Christian holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Maundy and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles as described in the Canonical gospels. It is the fifth day of Holy Week, and is preceded by Holy Wednesday and followed by Good Friday.

**Maundy Thursday Services will be held on March 24 at 7:00pm. The reenactment of the Last Supper will be presented.**



Easter Lilies will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday in Memory of or in Honor of Loved Ones. Place your order using the order forms provided in the upcoming bulletins. Order forms are due back in the office by March 18, 2016. An \$8.00 donation will be appreciated.



## **Daylight Saving Time Begins.**

**Set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 12th before going to bed.**

### **PRAYER FOR LENT**

Dear God, just as the rains from heaven prepare the lands to flourish, we know that your blessings are bestowed upon us. In this season of preparation, help us grow closer to you as we make time for prayer, solitude and reflection. Make ready our ears to hear your loving call amidst the stressful and hurried days that make up the storms of our life. Loving Father, we know that we do not face such days alone; your divine strength is our unflinching aid as we await the joy of the Easter season. AMEN.

**World Day of Prayer • March 4, 2016**  
*Receive Children, Receive Me*



World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. The 2016 World Day of Prayer service will begin at the first sunrise on March 4, 2016, in the Pacific region and, following the Earth's orbit, will spread around the world.

For 2016, the women of Cuba invite us to consider these words: *Receive Children, Receive Me*. The women of Cuba share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance. We will learn how Jesus responds to his disciples when the little children come to him, exploring Jesus' adoring and passionate acceptance of the children, saying: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Mark 10:14-15). As we listen to the women of Cuba throughout the worship service, we are invited to seek Jesus with childlikeness and boldness. And we are challenged and encouraged to wholly receive others, as Jesus calls us, into the kingdom of God.

WDP's motto, "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action," affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence. As we observe WDP 2016, millions of God's children, adults and the elderly suffer from violence, exploitation, the effects of a global economic crisis and the hardships of emigration. We encourage you to begin thinking about actions that you can take to further expand God's kingdom. Throughout the service, the women of WDP Cuba invite us to accept Jesus' infinite blessing and exhort us to receive others into the kingdom of God. Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!

**Hosted  
by:**

**Crozier**  
  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
777 Sage Street  
Elko, Nevada 89801

**March 4,  
2016**

**738-3264**

**12 Noon - 1 PM**

New Members received on January 31, 2016

Victor Godina, Rebecca Thompson, Vicki Matys,  
Rigoberto Quintero, Bradley Burkett



**T G I S**

(Take Groceries In Sunday)



### March Maid-ness

Help others clean! The Mission Committee is collecting cleaning products during the month of March. Suggested items are dish soap, liquid cleaners, sponges, cleansers, etc. Your contributions will be distributed to local non-profit organizations. Please place your donations in the box in front of the church office. Thank you for your food donations during January and February.

*Thank you for your contribution to this service*

### REV. RALPH C. BOLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

At the time of Ralph's passing in 1996, monetary gifts were given to Elko First Presbyterian Church in his memory. A committee was established and it was decided to remember his Ministry of serving, loving and caring through the Reverend Ralph C. Bolin Memorial Scholarship.

Scholarship Application Forms for 2016 will be available in the Church office by March 1, 2016. All instructions on the application MUST be followed. Applications MUST be submitted in **ONE** sealed envelope and received by Noon on Friday, April 22, 2016. Application Envelopes can be delivered to the Church office or mailed to: FPC at 1559 Sewell Dr., Elko, NV 89801. This scholarship, of up to \$1,000, is open to anyone with an affiliation to Elko First Presbyterian Church. One does not need to be a "new graduate" to apply. It is open to all who are seeking to continue their education. For further information and questions please contact Jeannie Gillins at 738-8159 or Ann Haglund at 738-7072.

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- 03/06 Winsley Family, Tammy Laughter, Paula Bergeron, Steve Boyce Family, Halton Family.  
03/13 Jennifer Kidwell, Jan Webb, Clarice Gamboa, Kump Family, Munson Family, Heather Heard.

### Palm Sunday

- 03/20 Patty Fisk, Melissa Mecham, Aida Mathews, Cooney Family, Hugh Collett Family, Tom Tsukomoto.

### Easter Sunday

- 03/27** Bev Klem, Thompson Family, Van Slyke Family, Frances Schain, Hall Family, D'Ette Burgess.  
**8:30**

- 03/27** Freitag Family, Liz Better, B.J. Hurley, Hobbs Family, Heather Norero, Sue Melcher.  
**10:15**

*The above people need to bring healthy snacks, cookies, or treats to share on their assigned date.*



**YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO HELP SET UP AND CLEAN UP**

*Everyone Welcome!*



## BIRTHDAYS

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|--------|--------------------|-------|------------------|
| 03/01  | Janet Webb         | 03/21 | Robert Kerth     |
| 03/04  | Tyson Schaffner    | 03/23 | Jean Powell      |
| 03/06  | Janet Strickland   | 03/24 | Mavis Morley     |
| 03/07  | James Polkinghorne | 03/24 | Barbara Reiersen |
| 03/08  | Curtis Jones       | 03/25 | John Daniel      |
| 03/08  | Alisa Culp         | 03/25 | Emma Barrington  |
| 03/10  | Garrett Tomera     | 03/25 | Mary Harper      |
| 03/11  | Becky Kerna        | 03/26 | Sharon Hughes    |
| 03/.13 | Rebecca Schaffner  | 03/28 | Allen Atiemo     |
| 03/14  | Nate Daniel        | 03/29 | Bev. Gilbertson  |
| 03/14  | Jim Cooney         | 03/29 | Jacob McLeod     |
| 03/21  | Becky Nahnacassia  | 03/30 | Casey Guttry     |

*Happy Birthday*

# MARCH - 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible Study 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Youth	2 9:00 MOPS - Steering 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 12:15 College Lunch 5:30 College Group	3 12:00 AI- Alon NO Youth Meeting 5:30 NAMI	4 <b>12:00 - 1:00 World Day of Prayer at Episcopal Church</b>	5
6 8:30 Choir practice 9:00 Sunday School for all Ages 10:15 Worship 12:00 Youth Lunch 1:00 Youth Studies	7 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts	8 10:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible Study 11:30 Hobby Lunch 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Youth Presbytery in Vegas-	9 9:00 MOPS 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 12:15 College Lunch 5:30 College Group --Presbytery in Vegas	10 12:00 AI- Alon 4:30 Youth at Melissa's 5:30 NAMI	11	12
13 8:30 Choir practice 9:00 Sunday School for all Ages 10:15 Worship Mission 12:00 Youth Lunch 1:00 Youth Studies <b><u>Daylight Saving time begins</u></b>	14 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Joy Circle	15 <b><u>DEADLINE FOR DESERT PULPIT ARTICLES</u></b> 10:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible Study 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Session Meeting 6:00 Youth	16 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 12:15 College Lunch 5:30 College Group	17 12:00 AI- Alon 1:00 Esther Circle 4:30 Youth at Melissa's 5:30 NAMI	18 <b><u>DEADLINE FOR LILY ORDERS</u></b>	19
20 <b><u>Palm Sunday</u></b> 8:30 Choir practice 9:00 Sunday School for all Ages 10:15 Worship Deacons 12:00 Youth Lunch 1:00 Youth Studies	21 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts 6:30 Swim Team	22 10:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible Study 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Youth <b><u>6:30 Maundy Thursday Practice</u></b>	23 9:00 MOPS 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 12:15 College Lunch 5:30 College Group	24 <b><u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u></b> 12:00 AI- Alon NO Youth Meeting 5:30 NAMI <b><u>7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship</u></b>	25 <b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY</b>	26
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