



Update on Interim Pastor search

The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee, co-chaired by Tim Pike and Tara Lounsbury, met in March to start working through the steps to find an Interim Pastor. The committee is comprised of several deacons, elders and members at large.

We expect to submit the required paperwork in the next few days. The process will take some time. It is an exciting time, and we appreciate your prayers as we start this search.

Until we successfully find an Interim Pastor, we would love to have people from our congregation step forward to help and participate in the services. Perhaps you feel comfortable leading prayers, giving a sermon, doing the announcements, or doing the children's message. Whatever you feel called to do, please sign up. There are sheets on the bulletin board before the Fellowship Hall listing the various worship activities by week. We all have the opportunity to serve and grow during this time while we search for our Interim Pastor.

Blessings,

Tara Lounsbury

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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:

Sunday School: Children 3-years-old through Adult

- The Christian Education Committee voted to return to the Gospel Project Sunday School curriculum for the 2016-2017 school year.

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 April our teachers are Tara Lounsbury (4-3), Becky Schaffner (4-10), Bev Klem (4-17), and Vicki Goicoechea and Alisa Culp (4-24).

Youth Group: Kids 6th grade through college

- April 15 and 16 our Teens Working with Christ will be participating in the **30-Hour Famine!** On Friday kids will stop eating at 1:00 and then meet at the church at 5:00 to begin our games and activities. We will break the Famine on Saturday at 7:00 with a church-wide soup and bread potluck.
- April 9th the youth group will cook for our area homeless, and Sunday, April 10th they will serve lunch at the Ruby Mountain Resource Center. Our youth serve the homeless on a monthly-basis April through August.
- Our youth group meet Tuesdays at the church at 6:00 for games and activities, Thursdays at Melissa's house at 4:30 for a movie, and Sundays after worship at the church for lunch and a Bible Study.

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:

- Our Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study group, Tuesday morning Women'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 April.

Melissa Fonder

In The News

- McMullen Insurance made a donation to the Boys & Girls club. **Jan Baum** helped with the Crab feed fundraiser.
- **Toni Mendive** was on hand to accept the Ruby Mountain Future Farmers of America document which donated their charter document to the Museum.
- Elko senior **Dustin Baum** hit three triples in the first half of the Clark vs Elko basketball game.
- **Lexi Freitag** poses with the Elko Lady Indians softball team.

Joy Circle

JOY Circle meets on Monday, April 11th at 7 PM in the Parlor. Carolyn will present Lesson #8 and Ann has refreshments and devotions.

Obituary

Joan Zunino's daughter, Kathryn Michelle (Crapo) Guzman, 55, died Friday, February 26, 2016 at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, NV following her long battle with Lupus. Funeral services were held at the Catholic Church on Thursday, March 4, 2016.

Pam Cartier's Son passed away in Oregon on Feb. 29, 2016.

Communion Sunday

Communion will be held on April 3, 2016. Jim Byars has been approved to perform Communion by the Presbytery. Elders need to sign up to help serve. Call the church office at 738-3430.

Please remember to lock all exterior doors and give them a tug to make sure they are latched when leaving the church.



MILITARY

Our military bulletin board needs some updating. Please submit current pictures of our loved ones in the military to Vicki Goicoechea or bring them to the church office.

PW Spring Tea

PW Spring Tea will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 11:30. Bring Tea Sandwiches or Desserts to share. Drinks and Salads will be provided by PW. For more information contact Ann Haglund at 934-8124.

RUMMAGE SALE – MAY 7

Volunteers are needed for table set up and help with sales. You can bring in your donated items starting May 1. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Jones at 340-4956 or 738-3069.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

To all members of the congregation. We have sign-up sheets outside the youth room bulletin board, to have volunteers take parts in the worship service. Please sign-up so that one person doesn't have to do the whole service. We need volunteers for every Sunday in April.

Thank you,
Music and Worship Committee

Upper Room devotionals are located in the back of the sanctuary and in the hallway. Please feel free to take one. They each contain devotions for 2 months.

The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. Psalm 145:13

MEANINGS ASCRIBED TO THE FOLDS OF THE FLAG

The **1st fold** of our flag is a symbol of life.

The **2nd fold** is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The **3rd fold** is made in honor and remembrance veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The **4th fold** represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The **5th fold** is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country", in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The **6th fold** is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The **7th fold** is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The **8th fold** is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The **9th fold** is a tribute to womanhood, and mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great as been molded.

The **10th fold** is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for defense of our country since they were first born.

The **11th fold** represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrew's eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The **12th fold** represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

The **13th fold**, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nations motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely fold and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers when served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Force of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

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.

T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)



April Showers

Let's shower those in need with products to stay healthy. The Mission Committee is now collecting personal items to be distributed to local non-profit agencies. Suggested items are shampoo, soap, shaving cream, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, deodorant, band aids, combs, brushes, tampons, hair ties, etc. Please place your donations in the box in front of the church office. Thank you for your previous contributions.

Thank you for your contribution to this service

CHURCH CALENDAR SCHEDULING

In March, Session members reviewed the calendar standard of usage of the church and ask all member to adhere to the system to avoid conflicting and unapproved functions.

It is imperative that all activities be cleared through the Session outside of already approved scheduled regular functions for them to be placed on the church calendar. (i.e. PW members hold Spring Tea and Rummage Sale plus their regular meetings, but have always cleared it through Session and calendar). The purpose of this is to be respectful to those who might have already been approved for that date and time. This also applies to the usage of tables in order that we not interfere with previously scheduled events. Pastor Pat had been able to bring such requests for Session approval and clear it with the calendar whereupon the church calendar was assessed and updated as needed.

NEED TO USE CHURCH FACILITY?

Please CONTACT the church office and submit request through secretary Bertha and she will forward it to the Session. If it is urgent, it will be dealt with by e-mail or special meeting or if it is a future time activity, it will be addressed at the next Regular monthly Session meeting.

Submit request to office with the following information:

Group or persons
Purpose
Date and time

Remember – IF IT IS NOT ON THE CALENDAR, IT IS NOT SCHEDULED.

FPU – Financial Classes will start on April 5th at 6:00 pm in the Church Parlor. You can register and purchase your kits at the following link. www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1018267. Call Charlyn Van Slyke at 934-3593 for more information.

MARCH SESSION MEETING

Session was moderated by Elder John Daniel, elected by the Session for this meeting under Presbytery guidelines. Christa Bair, bookkeeper, attended in order to meet the Session members and introduce herself. In her overview presentation, she referred to the budget and areas to be addressed. Her information was well received and questions were answered. Session is strengthened in their resolve to maintain the budget and work together in attaining that goal.

Business items were taken into consideration and then the Session began discussion regarding the Interim Pastor position. Tara Lounsbury presented in depth information on the process and Tim Pike complemented the information with reference to Reverend Bob Kelley's advisory role in his availability to assist in queries.

Session will meet again the third Tuesday in April.

April 15 and 16 our Teens Working with Christ will be participating in the **30-Hour Famine!**



Thank You

Thank you to the Newmont Employees and the Newmont Legacy fund for their generous contribution made to the church and to the Boy Scout Troop #52.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- 04/03 Henry Family, Daniel Family, Diana Jones, Lorelee Justus, Bondo Family, Kay Hess
- 04/10 Pruitt Family, Byars Family, Hill Family, King Family, Vicki Matys, Merschel Family
- 04/17 Tara Lounsbery, Boyce Family, Betsy Basso, Linda Trontel, Gillins Family.
- 04/24 Toni Mendive, Nahnacassia Family, Nickel Family, Diana Sackey, Anderson Family, Lee Reierson

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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| 04/02 | Kristi Lyn Glass | 04/15 | Michael Boyce |
| 04/03 | Linlian Petersen | 04/16 | Bertha Lister |
| 04/06 | Sarah Henry | 04/17 | Larry Plumb |
| 04/06 | Megan Henry | 04/18 | Brett Pearson |
| 04/08 | Sharon Rhoads | 04/19 | Kim Bolin |
| 04/08 | Carol Hall | 04/19 | Cooper Cavaness |
| 04/09 | Kelly Hobbs | 04/23 | Josh Hays |
| 04/10 | Alice Babcock | 04/24 | Shawn Cavaness |
| 04/12 | Gladys Burns | 04/29 | Marilyn Pennington |
| 04/12 | Patty Fisk | 04/30 | Trenton Freitag |
| 04/13 | Doris Toothman | | |



APRIL - 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion Sunday 8:30 Choir Practice 9:00 Sunday School for all ages 10:15 Worship NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES	4 5:30 Cut Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts	5 10:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible Study 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 FPU in Parlor	6 9:00 MOPS - Steering 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 12:15 College Lunch 5:30 College Group	7 12:00 Al-Alon 4:00 Youth at Melissa's House 5:30 NAMI	8	9 11:00 Youth Cooking for the Homeless
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