



## DESERT PULPIT

**June, 2016**

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### Interim Pastor update

The interim pastor search committee has received applications from 24 potential candidates. Four self-referrals and 20 computer matches. We have reviewed the applications and reached out to the candidates and narrowed the list down to our six top choices. We are currently in the process of conducting phone/video interviews. Please continue to pray for guidance as we work through the process of finding a new pastor.

*Tim Pike*

### 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.

## Director of Family Ministries



### Here's what's new in Family Ministries:

#### Vacation Bible School!!!:

Summer is in the air at First Pres and that means VBS!!! This year our theme is Son Quest Rainforest! VBS is August 1-5 from 8:45 to 12:15 and is available to children 3 years old through entering 6th grade. We need volunteers!!! All the volunteers we can get!!! If you are interested in volunteering or making food/supply donations please give your sign up sheet (in the bulletin) to Melissa.

**Sunday School:** Children 3-years-old through Adult - Sunday School will resume in September. If you are interested in teaching Sunday School next year please let Melissa know. Gospel Project Fall Sunday School materials are available to order. Please give your order forms to Melissa.

Adults & College/Young Adults: 18 Years/H.S. Grads and Up Leader Book \$7.00

Large Print Participant Book \$5.00 - Regular Print Participant Book \$4.00

Students: 6th Grade through 12th Grade - Leader Book \$7.00 - Participant Book \$4.00

Older Kids: 3rd through 5th Grade Leader Guide \$7.00 - Participant Materials \$3.00

Younger Kids: Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Leader Guide \$7.00 - Participant Materials \$3.00

Preschool: 3 and 4 Year Olds Leader Guide \$7.00 - Participant Materials \$3.00

\*These prices reflect a 5% discount through June 16th.

**Children's Church:** Children 4 years through 2nd grade. Children's Church is also available right after the Children's Message on Sunday mornings. Please contact Melissa if you are interested in teaching Children's Church on a rotating schedule this summer or fall.

June 5th we will begin reviewing The Gospel Project where we left off last spring.

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

June 14th the youth group will have their annual end-of-the-year party at Melissa's.

June 20th we will begin our Summer Youth Schedule:

Mission Mondays - Monday mornings at 10:00, we will meet at the church.

Youth Night - Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00

VBS Prep - Wednesdays at 10:00 at the church.

Outdoor Bible Study - Fridays at 10:00 we will leave the church.

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

The college group is invited to join the youth group for all summer activities.

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

#### Adult Bible Study:

Men's Bible Study group and the Women's Bible Study group will not meet during the Summer months.

The Wednesday morning Bible Study group will be starting The War Room Bible Study in early June. Books are \$8.50. For more information, please contact Kathy Reyes.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Please contact Charlyn Van Slyke if you are interested in FPU this fall.

## Newmont Legacy Fund

FPC has received \$2,820 from the Newmont Legacy fund. Also, Boy Scouts Troop #52 received \$60. - Cub Scouts received \$60.

Thank you to Newmont employees who have pledged their financial support to our church and scout troops. A special "Thank You" to Nancy C. Ostler Legacy Fund

## Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale on May 7<sup>th</sup> was a great success thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to display the "Treasures" and supply and sell the food in the snack bar. You raised almost \$1200!

The church's rummage sale is really a mission on many counts – this year nice coats were saved for the Salvation Army, blankets for bedding for the Animal Shelter, good clothing for the second hand store raising money for Joshua Tree, and the family whose house burned was able to choose supplies before the sale. Many Elko residents count on our treasures and low prices to clothe their families.

And then the profits raised by the sale will also help Presbyterian Women to reach out in your name to support local needs such as Veteran's trips to Salt Lake City, Joshua Tree, and the Family Resource Center as well as contribute to the hospitality fund at the church and repair kitchen faucets when needed!

## Wednesday Morning

### Bible Study



### Bible Study

This group will be starting a new bible study called "War Room Bible Study" in June.

Anyone interested in the study can contact Kathy Reyes at 738-6894 to purchase a book. Books are \$8.50. The bible study group meets every Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the church parlor.

## Wonderful fathers

Fathers are wonderful in a million different ways, and they merit loving compliments and accolades of praise.

Cherish your own father and esteem all Fathers. Fathers are educators, models, providers, and sources of love for their children. Daily they uphold the role of hero in their children's eyes.

Father's day is June 19, 2016

**SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016, AT 9:30 AM.**

## In the news

- **Doris Toothman** was present for the Mother Daughter Tea Party held by the Ruby Mountain Symphony.
- **Glen Guttry** and other Elko Commissions proclaimed May as Nevada Wildfire Awareness month
- **Eric Fonder** and **Emily Fonder** were part of the EHS Jazz Band playing for the Emil Matys Jazz Festival.
- **Pastor Pat** returned to play trumpet for the Emil Matys Festival.

## T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)



### Staying Healthy

Let's continue to 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 contribution*

## Esther Circle

Esther circle had it's last meeting for the year in May. Our next meeting will be Sept. 15th, 2016. If we follow the course we have been following, we will study Horizons Bible Study. The new subject is 'Who is Jesus?' written by Judy Siker. We will start off with a no-luck-pot-luck at noon in the fellowship hall followed by our meeting at 1:00 in the parlor. All women of the church are invited. We would love to have you join us. If you have any questions you may call Frances Schain. at 738-6322.



## Music

**Sign up for summer special music. Sign up sheet is located on the window outside the church office**

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4

To our Church family:

The Families of

Cassi Van Slyke

and

Travis McKenna

invite you to join them in the celebration

of their wedding at an

Open House reception

Saturday, September 17, 2016

from 4-7pm

in the Church fellowship hall.

**First Presbyterian Church  
Congregation:**

**Pack 52 Invites One and All  
To Our Cross Over Event—June 4**

**We want to Thank You for hosting  
our Cub Scout Pack**

**Please join us for activities and  
games from 1pm - 4pm**

**Cross over ceremony is at 3:30pm**

**Please stay for dinner 4:30pm -  
5:30pm. RSVP to church office or**

**email to cubmas-  
ter52elko@gmail.com by May 28 for  
planning.**



**The Mission Committee continues FPC's support of  
Jeff and Christi Boyd, Mission Workers in Central**

**Jeff and Christi Boyd work with partners to  
build a brighter future in Central Africa.**

Thanks in part to the work of Presbyterian mission  
worker Jeff Boyd, about 30 school buildings in  
Central Africa have been constructed that serve  
more than 9,000 children annually.

Meanwhile, his wife, Christi, has helped develop  
41 grain banks in the arid North of Cameroon.

While their roles are different, Jeff and Christi  
share a common commitment to work alongside  
African partners in ministries of empowerment.  
They have been mission co-workers for more than



\*National Donut Day is celebrated on Friday  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Donut Day event was created by  
The Salvation Army in 1938 to honor the  
women who served the donuts to soldiers  
during World War 1. The Salvation Army and  
Donuts N' Mor are teaming up for this lip  
smacking day! Please come see us at Donuts  
N' Mor from 7:30 -9:30! ALL purchases made  
during this time will come back to The  
Salvation Army of Elko!!!



**Due to computer  
problems some of  
our e-mail  
addresses were  
lost. Please call the church  
office at 738-3430 with your  
current e-mail address.**

*Thank you*

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- 06/05 Jan Webb, Patty Fisk, Clarice Gamboa, Pearson Family, Henry Family.
- 06/12 Thompson Family, Bev Klem, Hall Family, Diana Jones, Cress Family.
- 06/19 Cooney Family, B.J. Hurley, Atiemo Family, Strickland Family.
- 06/26 Mike Jones Family, Freitag Family, Betsy Basso, Pryzmont Family, Frances Schain.



**You will also need to help set up and clean up**

*Everyone Welcome!*



## BIRTHDAYS

Sheila Halton 06/02  
Dee Pruitt 06/02  
Breanna Byars 06/03  
Bob Hays 06/05  
Eric Fonder 06/05  
Lee Reiersen 06/06  
Joan Zunino 06/07  
Cheryl Randall 06/07  
Carter Kidwell 06/08  
Jeanette Tognini 06/09



Roberta Gallegos 06/10  
Jim Byars 06/10  
Michaela Stevens 06/15  
Donna Bellinger 06/17  
Melissa Mecham 06/18  
Melissa Fonder 06/19  
Jenny Byars 06/21  
Emily Schaffner 06/21  
Reed Moseley 06/23

*Happy Birthday*



# June—2016

| SUN   | MON  | TUE  | WED   | THU   | FRI                                       | SAT  |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|
|   |  |  | 1<br>9:00 Tai Chi<br>9:30 Bible Study<br><br>5:00 Cub Scouts      | 2<br>12:00 Al-Alon<br><br>5:00 Cub Scouts<br>5:30 NAMI      | 3   | 4<br><br>1:00—4:00 Cub Scouts event            |
| 5<br><br>Communion<br><br>10:15 Worship   | 6<br><br>5:30 Cut Scouts<br>6:00 Boy Scouts  | 7<br><br>1:00 Hobby Group<br><br>5:00 Cub Scouts<br>6:00 Youth   | 8<br><br>9:00 Tai Chi<br>9:30 Bible Study<br><br>5:00 Cub Scouts  | 9<br><br>12:00 Al-Alon<br><br>5:00 Cub Scouts<br>5:30 NAMI  | 10  | 11<br><br>11:00 Youth cooking for the homeless |
| 12<br><b><u>9:30 Worship</u></b><br><b><u>Summer Service</u></b><br>Mission<br>Senior Sunday<br>3:30 Boy Scout District Meeting<br>11:45 Youth feeding homeless | 13<br><br>5:30 Cut Scouts<br>6:00 Boy Scouts<br><br>6:00 Swim Team                         | 14<br><br>1:00 Hobby Group<br><br>5:00 Cub Scouts<br>6:00 Youth—party at Melissa's   | 15<br><br>9:00 Tai Chi<br>9:30 Bible Study<br><br>5:00 Cub Scouts | 16<br><br>12:00 Al-Alon<br><br>5:00 Cub Scouts<br>5:30 NAMI | 17  | 18   |
| 19<br><br><b><u>Father's Day</u></b><br><br>9:30 Worship<br>Deacons Meeting   | 20<br><br>10:00 Youth Mission Projects<br>3:00 M & E<br>5:30 Cut Scouts<br>6:00 Boy Scouts | 21<br><b><u>Deadline for Desert Pulpit Articles</u></b><br>1:00 Hobby Group<br>5:00 Cub Scouts<br>6:00 SESSION<br>TBA Youth- | 22<br><br>9:00 Tai Chi<br>9:30 Bible Study<br><br>5:00 Cub Scouts | 23<br><br>12:00 Al-Alon<br>5:00 Cub Scouts<br>5:30 NAMI     | 24<br><br>10:00 Youth outdoor bible study | 25   |
| 26<br><br>9:30 Worship<br>C.E. Meeting  | 27<br><br>10:00 Youth Mission Projects<br>5:30 Cut Scouts<br>6:00 Boy Scouts               | 28<br><br>1:00 Hobby Group<br>5:00 Cub Scouts<br>6:00 Youth  | 29<br><br>9:00 Tai Chi<br>9:30 Bible Study<br><br>5:00 Cub Scouts | 30<br><br>12:00 Al-Alon<br><br>5:00 Cub Scouts<br>5:30 NAMI |   |  |