



July 2016



DESERT PULPIT

Interim Pastor update

The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee is very excited to announce that we have signed a contract with Reverend Tom Holslag. Reverend Holslag is an experienced Interim Pastor having served as an Interim Pastor in such diverse locations as: Uniontown, PA; Lyndhurst, OH; Anchorage, AK; Aberdeen, SD; Ontario, OR; and Glenwood Springs, CO. Reverend Holslag will be joining us in late August or early September after he gives notice at his current location and relocates to Elko, NV. Calling an Interim Pastor is the first step in the process of finding a new Called Pastor. As a Church there are a number of things we will need to do as we continue down our journey of finding a new Called Pastor. Reverend Holslag is very experienced in this process and will walk with us in our journey.

As a reminder, we continue to need people to please sign up to help with all parts of the service for July and August.

Respectfully submitted in Christ's Love,
Tim Pike and Tara Lounsbery – Co-Chairs of the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee.

- **Melissa Fonder** Director of Family Ministries
fm.elko.firstpres@gmail.com
- **Bertha Lister** Office Manager
- **Christa Bair** Financial Secretary
- **Kay Hess** Nursery Attendant
- **Jim Hill** Organist
- **Jon Butah** Guest Pianist
- **Patty Fisk** Choir Director
- **Bertha Lister** Desert Pulpit Editor
- **Church Office** 775-738-3430
- **Fax number** 775-738-0805
- **Church e-mail address** info@ElkoFirst Pres.org
- **Website** ElkoFirstPres.org

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



Happy Independence Day!

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 sign up on the bulletin board outside the Children's Church room (across from the youth room).

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 see Melissa to order.

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.

Youth Group: Kids 6th grade through college

Youth calendars are available in a folder on the bulletin board outside the youth room.

July 18th through 24th Emily, Anna, and Melissa will be in Indiana for the Triennium (the Presbyterian Youth gathering that happens every three years).

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:

Our Wednesday morning group is doing The War Room Bible Study. Books are \$8.50. Please contact Kathy Reyes know if you'd like one.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Please contact Charlyn Van Slyke if you are interested in FPU this fall.

Have a beautiful 4th of July!

Melissa Fonder

Church Pictorial

CHEESE!



The Membership and Evangelism Committee is preparing a Photo Church Directory. We are hoping to have it ready to

print when we get our interim pastor so we can include his/her photo and have it available for them to use. Melissa is taking the photos in the Solar Room (across from the office) Sundays after church and during her office hours, Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00-2:00. If you are unavailable during those times, please call or text Melissa at 775-397-1832 to schedule a time to have your family's photo taken.

Pray for inspiration and guidance for the leaders of our city, state and nation on this independence day.

Obituaries

Jane Upton passed away on June 1, 2016 after a long battle with cancer. Janie is survived by her husband Bill, daughter Sally, Son Andy and three grandchildren. A funeral service was held in Missouri on June 11 followed by a memorial service on June 25 at the Mountain Road Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Fruit Heights Utah.

Jerry O. Neef passed away June 11, 2016. He is survived by his wife Nancy, daughters Laurie CdeBaca., Diana Van Norman. Services were held at FPC with Pastor Pat officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry's name to the Elks National

Rev. Ralph C. Bolin Memorial Scholarship

The Reverend Ralph C. Bolin Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the 2016-2017 Scholarships have been awarded to these outstanding students. Scholarships in the amount of \$1000, to be used toward college tuition and books, were given to Lexi Freitag, Victor Godina, and Ezra Jones. Our prayers go with them.

The Committee would like to **thank** all those who have make donations to the Ralph's Scholarship Fund. Contributions have been made for birthdays and anniversaries and to thank, honor and remember loved ones. It is our hope that this Scholarship will continue to help students with their education for a long time. Again thank you so very much for your help.

Tai Chi

Come join us for Tai Chi held on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 - 9:30 am in the church fellowship hall. This summer we will begin the Tai Chi for Arthritis Form, a gentle, slow moving set of movements. For more information please contact Donna Gary at 340-4351.



Volunteers Needed

Until the new pastor arrives, we still need volunteers to sign-up for parts of the Worship Service, especially the Sermon. Jen Henry has posted a website

(www.desperatepreacher.com) to login: Firstpres1 – password: angel1. You can download sermons to be read in church. Please volunteer until the new pastor arrives. We also need volunteer musicians for fill in for the Anthem spot while the choir is on their summer hiatus.

Thank you,

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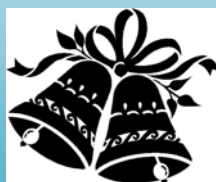
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Gone Fishing

The Mission Committee is currently fishing for food items to be given to local non-profit organizations for distribution. Any canned or packaged food items would be appreciated, such as meat, fruit, vegetables, soup, cereal, etc. Please check the expiration dates on your contributions and place them in the box in front of the office. Thank you for your previous donations to this mission.

Thank you for your contribution



The congregation is invited to a bridal shower for Sarah Nahnacassia on July 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered at zola.com.



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.
Please RSVP to 753-4667
by July 1.

In the news

- Graduating Seniors: **Lexi Freitag, Dustin Baum, & Maria King.**
- **Linda Trontel** presented the Matt Trontel Scholarship to 3 students.
- **Garrett Munson** was among the Elko All-Starts baseball team who competed for the District 3 All –Stars Tournament.
- **Lexi Freitag** received the Ross/Herrera Memorial Award.
- **Ian Nisbet** received a scholarship for the Elko High School Dance Team.
- **Robert Hesson Pearce** was featured in “The People who helped make Elko what it is today.”
- **Chuck Knight** was featured in “The People who helped make Elko what it is today.”



An important part of Heifer International. First Presbyterian Church supports Heifer International through VBS and the annual fall breakfast.

PASSING ON THE GIFT:

The nature of Heifer International’s work allows families to become the cycle of positive change: those who received Heifer gifts become donors and Pass on the Gift of possibilities and shared successes to others in the community.

Session Notes

The Congregation accepted the nominating committee’s recommendations for the following positions at the May congregational meeting.

ELDERS 2016– 2019

Jim Byars
 Tim Winsley
 Susie Jones
 Lynn Bondo
 Anna Thompson, Youth Elder

ELDER FILLING VACANCY 2016-2017

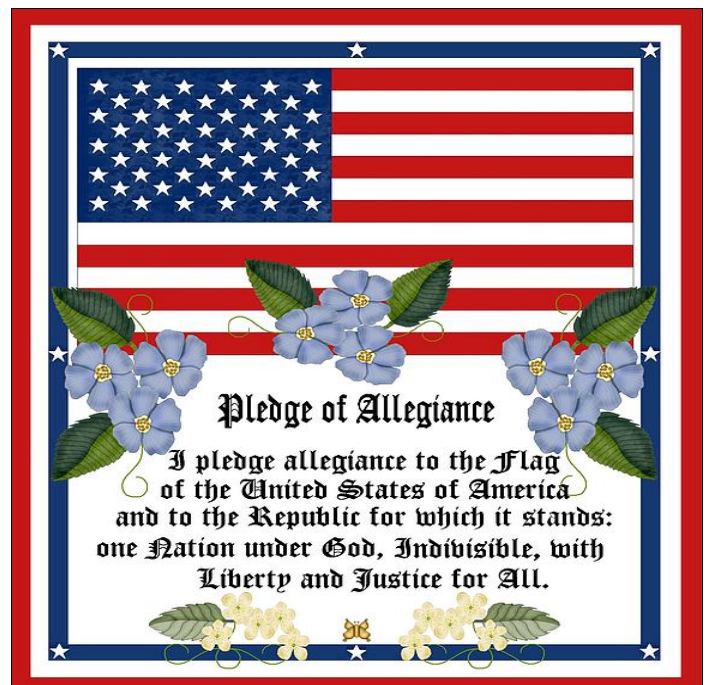
Kathy Reyes

DEACONS

Mike Jones
 Penny Pruitt
 Becky Nahnacassia
 Jan Webb
 Jerry Cooney
 Donna Gary
 Emily Fonder, Youth Deacon

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION will occur on **JULY 17, 2016** and it is imperative those nominees be present. Thank all of you for your acceptance and participation. (If you are **UNABLE TO ATTEND** please **CONTACT** the office at 738-3430 or the Clerk at 738-8242)

Members of Session have stepped up to fill needed positions in the continuation of our church worship and meetings and a special thank you for Elders, Deacons and congregants who have willingly served in the pulpit and



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- 07/03 Hill Family, Henry Family, Tammy Laughter, Paula Bergeron, Vicki Goicoechea.
07/10 Liz Better, Tara Lounsbery, Van Slyke Family, Patty Fisk, Gillins Family.
07/17 Boyce Family, Fonder Family, Arthur Family, Joyce Roberts, S Boyce Family.
0724 Byars Family, Kristi Glass, Bisson Family, Toni Mendive, Vicki Matys.
07/31 Gary Family, Roberta Gallegos, Jerry Cooney, Hall Family, Ann Haglund.



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

Everyone Welcome!



BIRTHDAYS

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|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|
| 07/03 | Harper Wines | 07/17 | Jennifer Kidwell |
| 07/03 | Betsy Basso | 07/23 | Glen Guttry |
| 07/05 | Charline Hull | 07/24 | Mary Craig |
| 07/08 | Leta Collord | 07/24 | Mark Van Slyke |
| 07/09 | Robley Burns Jr. | 07/29 | Joseph Norero |
| 07/09 | Mike Kerna | | |
| 07/10 | Rebecca Thompson | | |
| 07/11 | Mathew Thiel III | | |
| 07/11 | Oliva Howe | | |
| 07/15 | Ann Haglund | | |
| 07/17 | Kay Hess | | |



July 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 9:30 Worship	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 1:00 Hobby Group 5:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Youth Group	6 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 VBS Prep 5:30 College Group	7 12:00 AI-Anon 5:30 NAMI	8 10:00 Youth Outdoor activities 6:00 Bridal Shower for Sarah Nahnacassia	9
10 9:30 Worship Mission Meeting 3:30 Boy Scout District Meeting	11 10:00 Youth Mission Project 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts 6:00 Swim Team	12 1:00 Hobby Group 5:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Youth Group	13 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 VBS Prep 5:30 College Group	14 12:00 AI-Anon 5:30 NAMI	15 10:00 Youth Outdoor activities	16
17 9:30 Worship Deacons Meeting	18 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts	19 1:00 Hobby Group 5:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Youth Group	20 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 VBS Prep 5:30 College Group	21 12:00 AI-Anon 5:30 NAMI	22 NO Youth meet- ing	23
24 9:30 Worship No C.E. Meeting	25 10:00 Youth Mission Project 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts	26 1:00 Hobby Group 5:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Youth Group	27 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 VBS Prep 5:30 College Group	28 12:00 AI-Anon 5:30 NAMI	29 10:00 Youth Outdoor activities	30 9:00 Youth Stock Holders Brunch
31 9:30 Worship						