



First Presbyterian Church—Elko Nevada

DESERT PULPIT

October 2016

Tom's Corner



Well it's official now. I was received into the Presbytery of Nevada few weeks ago at Zephyr Point. I tagged along with Mike and Susie Jones and have come to know them better, just as I hope to get to know many of you also. Mike was able to enrich me with some new and interesting stories that I just might be able to use in some of my upcoming sermons, that is with a little discretion of course. It was a delight getting to know both of them as well as several other ministers and lay people from across our Presbytery here in the great state of Nevada.

Thank you again for allowing me to be absent for a few weeks for my son's and new daughter-in-law's wedding in Colorado, and some vacation time that I had planned for several months. I will return sometime on September 30th. I hope that many of you will be in church on Sunday October 2nd as we will be celebrating "World Communion Sunday" along with Christians throughout the entire world.

On the following Sunday October 9th through October 30th my sermons will be focusing on stewardship for the 2017 calendar year. The name of the program the church will be following is called "Extravagant Generosity" I'll be preaching a four week sermon series encouraging everyone to embrace the concept of 'extravagant giving'. For when we learn to give extravagantly God will change, enrich, and bless us in ways that we've never considered before. In the next few weeks we will be e-mailing some letters that will help better explain the process we'll be following during the month of October. For those of you that do not have e-mail, we will mail out your letters. Mark your calendar on **October 30th** when the campaign will wind up with a 'Reaping of the Harvest' and consecration "potluck meal" after worship.

May God's blessings be upon each of you and your loved ones as we find ourselves in the fall season.

In Christ's Service,

Reverend Tom Holslag - Interim Pastor

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Director of Family Ministries



I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

L.M. Montgomery

Anne of Green Gables

What's New In Family Ministries:

Acolyte Training: Sunday, October 2nd we will have an acolyte training for anyone in 3rd through 6th grade who'd like to be one of the kids who lights the candles at the front of the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Christmas Program: Our Christmas Program this year will be during church on December 4th.

The show is called "The Tiniest Christmas Star" by Tina English

Our director this year is Alisa Culp. For more information, please call her at 775-340-6159

College Group: Our college group will begin meeting on the second Wednesday of each month beginning October 12 at 12:30 pm at the GBC Sweetbarrel.

The College Sunday School Class has changed their meeting time to 8:30.

Men's Bible Study: Our Men's Bible study group has decided to stop meeting for a while.

Nursery: Kay Hess has given her notice. She said she is happy to fill in when we need her. Heather has volunteered to attend the nursery for now.

Youth: We are having a "**24 Hour Fall Team-Builder**" lock-in starting Friday, October 21st at 4:00 pm and ending Saturday, October 22nd at 4:00 pm. If your (or your child) is planning to attend please plan on attending the ENTIRE lock-in. We are doing activities that will require the full 24 hours.

WINTER JAM BOISE Winter Jam is November 17th! We will meet at the church at 7:00 am on Thursday, November 17th and be home by 5:00 pm on Friday, November 18th. The cost is \$100 per participant and includes the concert, hotel, Friday lunch and supper, and Saturday breakfast and lunch. Registrations and payment are due to Melissa **October 14th**.

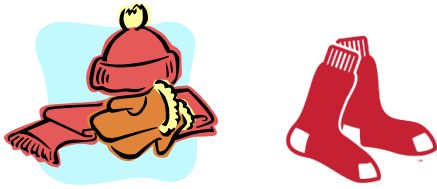
Melissa Fonder

My Office Hours:

Mondays 8:00 - 3:00

T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)



There's a Nip in the Air

The Mission Committee is now collecting cold-weather items for men and women in need. Suggested items are hats, gloves, scarfs, socks, sweaters, jackets, or anything else to help stay warm this winter. Your donations will be given to a local non-profit organization for distribution.

Please place your donations in the box in front of the church office. Thank you for your contributions of school supplies for Communities in Schools.

Thank you for your previous donations.

New Financial Secretary



Welcome Caren Hernandez McBride. She was born and raised in Elko. Grew up in the Elko First Presbyterian church from grade school thru high school. Baptized in this church also. Left Elko in Fall 1981 returned Fall 2015. "So glad to be home and serving the church that was a huge part of my upbringing!"

MISSION

The Mission Committee recently sent \$500.00 for the support of Missionary workers Jeff and Christi Boyd. Jeff is the Regional Liaison For Central Africa and Christi is the Africa Facilitator for Women and Children's Interests

As regional liaison for Central Africa, Jeff Boyd facilitates support for the relationships, programs, and activities of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partners in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, and Equatorial Guinea. He also resources PC(USA) mission personnel and helps connect partner churches with PC(USA) congregations that want to be involved in ministry in the region. Christi Boyd serves as the Regional Facilitator for Women and Children's Interests in Congo and in three other French-speaking African countries - Madagascar, Niger, and Rwanda - and in one non-French-speaking country, South Sudan. She works where African women's and children's interests meet Presbyterian World Mission's critical global initiatives of poverty alleviation, evangelism, and reconciliation. Christi accompanies global partners as they seek to strengthen their ministry to women and children and remedy the marginalization of women and children in their communities. She also engages with Presbyterian constituencies in the U.S. that wish to come alongside and promote those efforts.

Men's Bible Study Group has decided to suspend their study meetings for now.

FPU Classes

Link to the new **Dave Ramsey FPU class: [Dump Debt and Change Your Future – daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com)**. You can also purchase materials for the class at this web-site. Classes are held at 6:00pm. For more information contact Charlyn Van Slyke at 775-934-3593.

Stewardship drive will begin on October 9, 2016. Look for letters in your e-mail.

IN THE NEWS

Matt Trontel—was featured in “The people who helped make Elko what it is today” article.

Dr Hugh S. Collett-was featured in “The people who helped make Elko what it is today” article.

Jerry Cooney was present during the presentation of the Elko GOP awards scholarship.

Jan Petersen was featured in the Western Heritage Festival Set at the California Trail Center.

Reserve Champion Market Steer exhibited by **Mary Tomera** at the Elko County Fair. Bought by Newmont TS Ranch.

A donation from the Elko County High School class of 1950s Reunion Committee was made to help keep the American Flag flying overlooking Elko. Those present for the presentation were: **Janet & Bill Strickland** and **Clarice Gamboa**

OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 28 IN OBSERVANCE OF NEVADA DAY

Home Communion.

Please let Rev. Tom know of anyone who would like to receive home communion. Rev. Tom would also like for an Elder or a Deacon to accompany him. If you are interested, please call the church office at 738-3430.

To The First Presbyterian Family:

Nice thing always come to mind when you are in our thoughts. We know that God has blessed us through you... and this note comes to say Thank You All, We enjoy our cards so much. We will see you when we can make it back.

Bernie & Jean Powell

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God. 1 John 4:7

HeiFer

Our Annual Heifer Service and Brunch was a great success. Even the weather cooperated to provide a beautiful morning. The Kiwanis brought their cooks and the van full of grills, and they also donated eggs and sausage this year! And we owe a big thanks to the loyal friends who bring animals. The turkeys vocally joined the service; the rabbits were lovingly carried around most of the morning; the sheep was a great example for the children's sermon; and everyone enjoyed the calf, goat and chickens. Brad, Baylee, and Bryce Green and Jan Webb's family are very generous to share their animals with us. Surely this was a great introduction to our unusual traditions for our new interim pastor, Tom Holslag.

You donated over \$2104 to supply bees for Honduras and heifers, chickens, and seeds for Vietnam. Thank you from the Mission Committee and Heifer International.

2016 FALL CONNECTIONS GROUPS AND PEOPLE IN CHARGE

Session – Rev Tom Holslag
 Administration & Personal - Jim Byars
 Buildings & Grounds – Tim Winsley
 Business & Finance – Tim Pike
 Christian Education – Sally Winsley
 Membership & Evangelism – Roberta Gallegos
 Mission – Liz Better
 Worship & Music – Kathy Reyes
 Youth – Anna Thompson
 Deacons – Becky Schaffner
 Communion – Vicki Goicoechea
 Community Outreach – Bev Klem
 Concern/ Charlie’s Angels – Becky Schaffner
 Fellowship – Mike Jones
 Taping – Alisa Culp
 Sound System - Jenifer Henry
 Transportation – Mike Jones
 Youth -- Emily Fonder
 Director of Family Ministry – Melissa Fonder
 Acolytes
 Children’s Church
 Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups
 Sunday School
 Presbyterian Women – Judy Bondo
 Esther Circle – Frances Schain
 Hobby Group – Carol Hall
 JOY Circle – Ann Hagland
 Adult Choir – Patty Fisk
 Boy Scouts – John Daniel
 Cub Scouts – Heather Norero
 College Group – Charlyn Van Slyke
 Financial Peace – Charlyn Van Slyke
 Handbells – Ann Nisbet
 Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study – Jim Hill
 MOPS – Becky Schaffner
 NAMI – Jenifer Henry
 Sanctuary Guild – Kathy Reyes
 Women’s Monday Morning Bible Study – Becky Schaffner
 Women’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study &
 Tai Chi – Kathy Reyes

Nevada Day

Nevada Day is an annual state holiday celebration in Nevada. Celebrated on the last Friday of October. It commemorates the statehood of Nevada which took place on October 31, 1864.

In 1859 Nevada was an area that was not well known among settlers. Following Henry Comstock’s discovery of gold in 1859, with his Comstock Lode producing over a billion dollars from silver and gold mining, settlers flocked to Nevada. Within two years it became a territory. Nevada then became a state on October 31, 1864.

The first mention of a grand celebration of Nevada’s admission was in a journalist’s diary in 1873. After that the Pioneer society held a banquet on October 31, 1889. The state of Nevada officially recognized its birthday when Governor Roswell Colcord signed a bill in 1891 making October 31 a judicial holiday when no court business would be transacted on that day. In 1933 the state legislature passed a bill to designate October 31 as Nevada Day, a discretionary state holiday.

In 1948 October 31 fell on a Sunday for the first time since the Nevada Day parade was held (in 1938) so the day was held on the following Monday instead. The law on this holiday was amended in the following year so if October 31 fell on a Sunday then Nevada Day state holiday was held on the following Monday. In 1971, the law governing holidays was amended to designate Friday as the state holiday when October 31 falls on a Saturday.

On November 3, 1998, Nevada voters advised the 1999 legislature that they wanted to celebrate Nevada Day on the last Friday of October beginning in 2000. The legislature eventually complied. Since then, Nevada Day has been celebrated on the last Friday of October. Nevada Day is October 31 but is to be observed on the last Friday in October.



Sunday school for all ages
9:00 am. Sunday Mornings
 We are studying “The Gospel Project”. Book order forms are available in the church office.

Come Join Us

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- 10/02 Winsley Family, Hill Family, Renee Sawyer, Munson Family, Heather Norero, Anderson Family.
- 10/09 Henry Family, Byars Family, Kristi Glass, Patty Fisk, Halton Family, Keihn Family
- 10/16 Tara Lounsvary, Boyce Family, Kump Family, Nancy Neef, Vicki Matys, Sue Melcher
- 10/23 Pruitt Family, Mike Jones Family, Nickel Family, Paula Bergeron, Tammi Laughter, Kay Hess.
- 10/30 Fonder Family, Pike Family, Kathy Reyes, Lee Reierson, Nisbet Family, D'Ette Burgess.



You will also need to help set up and clean up

Everyone Welcome!



BIRTHDAYS

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| Jo Arthur | 10/01 |
| John Cavaness | 10/09 |
| Mike Jones | 10/19 |
| Anna Thompson | 10/22 |
| Jeannie Anderson | 10/27 |



Call the church office if your name is missing from the birthday list.

We are still trying to get all the information we lost back into the system.

REAPING THE HARVEST



POTLUCK—October 30
after worship service
in the Fellowship Hall.
Bring a dish to share

October—2016

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| <p>2 COMMUNION 9:00 Sunday school 10:15 Worship Music & Worship Meeting Alcolye training 12:00 Youth Group</p> | <p>3 6:00am Handbells 9:00 Women's & Men's Bible Study 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts</p> | <p>4 6:00am Handbells 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 FPU 7:00 Handbells</p> | <p>5 6:00am Handbells 9:00 MOPS-Steering 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Handbells 5:30 College Group</p> | <p>6 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 NAMI 5:30 Cub Scouts</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> |
| <p>9 9:00 Sunday school 10:15 Worship Mission Meeting Stewardship Drive begins 12:00 Youth Group</p> | <p>10 6:00am Handbells 9:00 Women's & Men's Bible Study 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts 6:00 Swim Team 7:00 Joy Circle</p> | <p>11 6:00am Handbells 11:00 Hobby Lunch 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 FPU 7:00 Handbells</p> | <p>12 6:00am Handbells 9:00 MOPS 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Handbells 5:30 College Group</p> | <p>13 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 NAMI 5:30 Cub Scouts</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> |
| <p>16 9:00 Sunday school 10:15 Worship Deacons Meeting 12:00 Youth Group</p> | <p>17 6:00am Handbells 9:00 Women's & Men's Bible Study 3:00 M & E 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts</p> | <p>18 <u>Deadline for Desert Pulpit Articles</u> 6:00am Handbells 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 SESSION 6:00 FPU 7:00 Handbells</p> | <p>19 6:00am Handbells 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Handbells 5:30 College Group</p> | <p>20 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 NAMI 5:30 Cub Scouts</p> | <p>21 4:00 Youth lock in</p> | <p>22 4:00 Youth lock in</p> |
| <p>23 9:00 Sunday school 10:15 Worship C.E. Meeting 12:00 Youth Group</p> | <p>24 6:00am Handbells 9:00 Women's & Men's Bible Study 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts</p> | <p>25 6:00am Handbells 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 FPU 7:00 Handbells</p> | <p>26 6:00am Handbells 9:00 MOPS 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Handbells 5:30 College Group</p> | <p>27 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 NAMI 5:30 Cub Scouts</p> | <p>28 OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEVADA DAY</p> | <p>29</p> |
| <p>30 9:00 Sunday school 10:15 Worship Reaping of the Harvest Pot luck 12:00 Youth Group</p>  | <p>31 6:00am Handbells 9:00 Women's & Men's Bible Study 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts</p> |  | | | | |