



First Presbyterian Church—Elko Nevada

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Interim Pastor

Hello one and all to everyone there at FPC in Elko, NV. Tonight is Monday July 18th and I am starting to pack for my trek out west. This coming Sunday July 24th will be my final time in the pulpit here at Trinity United Presbyterian Church here in Uniontown, PA. I would ask for your prayers as I say good-bye to these fine and fellow believers here in Pennsylvania. They have been faithful members of this church just as I'm sure you have been faithful followers of Jesus there in Elko since your last pastor left. I look forward to my new adventure with each of you as we seek together the future direction of the church there in Elko. I will be hitting the road so to speak on Wednesday July 28th in a U-haul with most of my belongings as I head first for Longmont, CO to pick up the rest of my stuff that has been in storage for a few years now. Once I get the rest of my earthly belongings I'll be making my final leg of the journey as I cross the Rockies and head into the Great Basin and Elko, NV. I'm excited about coming west again and I look forward to meeting all of you as the Holy Spirit guides us together in this next step of all our life's journey. Please pray that my parting from Uniontown goes well as I'm sure it will, and that my journey to Elko is a safe one. I hope to arrive in Elko sometime between August 4-6th. Until we meet in person God's peace to each of you.
In Christ's service,
Rev. Tom Holslag - Interim Pastor

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118-24

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.

Vacation Bible Study—August 1 through August 5 for children age 3 and those entering 6th grade. Registrations forms available in the church office.



Church Pictorial

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.



Kim Bolin presented The Rev. Ralph Bolin Scholarship to: Victor Godina, Lexi Freitag & Ezra Jones

Next Session Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm. If you have events that needs Session's approval you will need to get it in writing and delivered to the church office

Smith's Grocery Store - Elko

Church supporters of the Smith's rewards program who shopped at Smith's between 4-1-2016 and 6-30-2016 have earned a total of \$52.91. Smith's has send a check in that amount to be used on church projects. For more information on how to join log on their web-site:

www.smithscommunityrewards@sfdc.com

In the news

- **Garrett Munson** makes a run for home plate during the baseball game played in Spring Creek.
- **Spencer Jones** with the Elko 11-12 All-Stars baseball team competed in the District 3 11-12 All Star Tournament against Fernley.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

The church computer was hacked and we lost all information. We are in the process of entering all that information back into church windows however we need some help with the following: Date of membership, baptism dates, anniversary dates, marriage status. Call the church office at 738-3430.



Volunteers are 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.

T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)



Back to School

Help area students have a great school year. The Mission Committee is collecting new items students need but families may not be able to purchase. Suggested items are:

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| Pencils | Spiral notebooks |
| 24 count box crayons | Erasers |
| Elmer's glue | Small pencil sharpeners |
| Glue sticks | Dry erase markers |
| School scissors | Boxes of Kleenex |
| Pocket folders | Backpacks |

These items will be given to Communities in Schools for distribution to area students. Please place your contributions in the box in front of the church office. Thank you for supporting these children, and thank you for your previous donations.

Thank you for your support

LET US CELEBRATE OUR LONG-TIME FAITHFUL MEMBERS

On August 28, 2016 we will be celebrating the people who have been Members of the Elko First Presbyterian Church for 50 years or more! We will be having a Pot Luck after Church in the Fellowship Hall to honor these important people. Please everyone be sure to bring a main dish, salad or fruit to share. The Membership and Evangelism Committee will provide rolls and butter. The people assigned to Fellowship Hour that day (Vicki Goicoechea, Becky Nahnacassia, Daniel Family, Strickland Family and Hays Family) will provide desserts and help with clean-up. Please come and help us show these strong and faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ our appreciation.

Those being honored are:

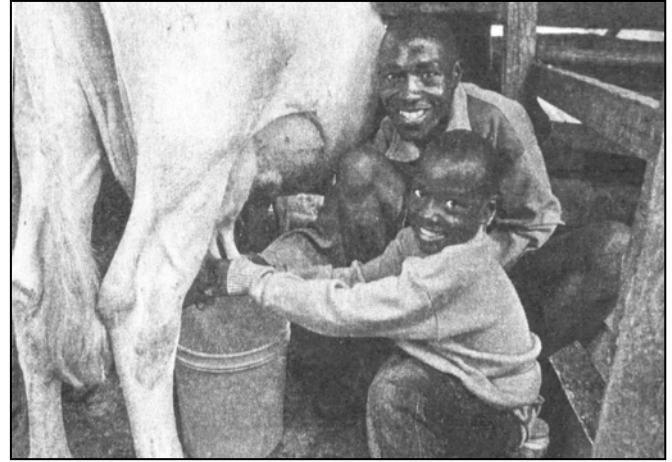
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John Collett	03-11-51
Alice Babcock	05-08-53
Birney Powell	12-11-53
Hugh Collett	03-10-54
Jean Powell	04-09-54

Carol Cuthbertson	04-09-54
Louise Collett	10-10-54
Donna Bellinger	11-02-55
Chilton, Mark	05-12-57

Kathryn Chilton	05-12-57
Hull, Charline	05-08-57
Diana Jones	03-26-58
Charles Harper	05-09-58
Mary Harper	05-09-58
Mavis Morley	03-26-58
Judith Johnston Boyce	05-06-60
Clarice Gamboa	11-15-60
Bill Nisbet	04-08-62
Elaine Knight	05-11-62
R. E. Burns	05-10-63
Gladys Burns	05-10-63
Ann Moren Nisbet	11-15-63
Sharon Packer Rhoads	12-29-63



Heifer Brunch September 11, 2016



It's not hard to understand why young Ronny Onyango likes doing his chores so much. After all, milk from the family cow saved Ronny's life—and keeps him healthy and active today. Four years ago, Ronny came down with measles. In many places like tiny Ulafu village in western Kenya, a disease like that could kill a child, breaking his family's heart forever. Understandably, Ronny's mother, Faith, was scared. After the spots began covering his face, he was terribly sick. He had trouble eating and was losing weight rapidly. Faith took him to the village hospital, where a doctor urged an immediate regiment of abundant milk and eggs. Just a few years earlier, an emergency diet of milk and eggs would have been nearly impossible for Faith and her husband, Samwel, to afford on their subsistence income. They were one of the poorest families in their village, living in a small hut with a grass roof and mud walls. Foraged greens and a still cornmeal paste was a typical meal. But all that changed when Faith and Samwel received a cow from Heifer International.

"Bahati," (the cow) as she is called (it means "lucky" in Kiswahili), she produces more than 20 liters of milk per day—far more than the Onyango family needed for themselves. (4 liters) was saved for Ronny and the Onyango family, the rest was sold at the local market. That unfamiliar income enabled the family to purchase a flock of chickens, whose eggs bring important protein to the Onyango children's diet and additional income for his newly self-sufficient family. Bahati and the chickens helped Ronny recover from his measles. Faith fed him warm milk with egg yolks three times a day. You can see in the picture above how strong the once undernourished boy became; he's even stronger today. It's a hopeful story that could easily have ended in tragedy. But it's typical of what happens when a struggling family receives the gift of a Heifer International animal. Abject poverty becomes true productivity. Hopelessness gives way to optimism. The need for a hand up transforms into the ability to help other.

Multiply the story of Ronny Onyango and his family by almost two million, and you'll have an idea of Heifer International's impact on global poverty in this past year. It's the kind of impact you can make possible right now with a gift.

Poverty and malnutrition are burdens facing millions of families in the developing world. Perhaps an even greater burden is hopelessness—the inability to see a way out. In approximately forty countries around the world, hope arrives when a Heifer cow, goat, chicken, llama, pig, rabbit or other animal appears on a family's doorstep. It comes with a trained Heifer expert, who has helped match the choice of animal to a family's particular needs and circumstances. Our expert then teaches family members how to care for their new animal and integrate it into their lives and future planning.

The Onyango's cow, for example, produced benefits that most people would never associate with a cow:

- . **Milk was just the start. More than 20 liters a day.** Dozens of liters a week to sell at market after the children are fed. About \$6.00 of income per day for the Onyangos.
- . What we politely call "fertilizer" come soon after—in equally impressive amounts! Bahati's manure became the foundation of the family's vegetable gardening. **Hard work and nutrient-rich soil produced an amazing abundance of maize (corn), kale, tomatoes, sugar cane and other crops from their land—without chemicals.** These nutritious foods transformed the family diet and enabled them to earn even more income through the sale of the extra produce.
- . **The earnings enable Faith and Samwel to buy a flock of chickens.** Their eggs provide more healthy food, which is affordable enough for other families to buy.
- . Best of all, Bahati and the chickens all reproduced—in Bahati's case, two heifers and a bull. That's when the real "Heifer magic" happens: **Every family that receives a Heifer animal agrees to give away its first female offspring to another family in need.** It's what we call Passing on the Gift, a defining cornerstone of Heifer International's mission.

Passing on the Gift has been a Heifer hallmark since we gave away our first cow more than 70 years ago. Since then, with the compassionate support of people like you, we have gifted livestock to millions of families. And the families we gave them to have given away ever more.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

08/08 Mike Jones Family, Alyssa Culp, Byars Family, Lee Reiersen, Betsy Basso.

08/14 Bondo Family, Pruitt Family, Doris Toothman, Jan Petersen, Nickel Family.

08/21 Pike Family, Winsley Family, Jill Phillips, Pearson Family, Nisbet Family.

08/28 Vicki Goicoechea, Becky Nahnacassia, Daniel Family, Strickland Family, Hays Family.



You will also need to help set up and clean up

Everyone Welcome!



BIRTHDAYS

08/04 Buck Boyce
08/05 Karen Kump
08/08 Braeden Anderson
08/09 Gene Schain
08/09 Faye Carrillo
08/12 Susan Freitag
08/14 Barbara Pearson
08/15 Kathy McLeod
08/25 Marv Churchfield
08/31 Linda Moseley



COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE—2016

03-Jul	Hill Family	Henry Family	Tammy Laughter	Paula Bergeron	Vicki Goicoechea	
10-Jul	Liz Better	Tara Lounsbery	Van Slyke Family	Patty Fisk	Gillins Family	
17-Jul	Boyce Family	Fonder Family	Arthur Family	Joyce Roberts	S Boyce Family	
24-Jul	Hall Family	Kristi Glass	Bisson Family	Toni Mendive	Vicki Matys	
31-Jul	Gary Family	Roberta Gallegos	Jerry Cooney	Plumb Family	Ann Hagland	
07-Aug	M. Jones Family	Alyssa Culp	Byars Family	Lee Reiersen	Besty Basso	
14-Aug	Bondo Family	Pruitt Family	Doris Toothman	Jan Peterson	Nickel Family	
21-Aug	Pike Family	Winsley Family	Jill Phillips	Pearson Family	Nisbet Family	
28-Aug	Vicki Goicoechea	Becky Nahnacassia	Daniel Family	Strickland Family	Hays Family	
04-Sep	Becky Schaffner	Jan Webb	Clarice Gamboa	Heather Norero	Heather Heard	
11-Sep	Kathy Reyes	Guttry Family	Aida Mathews	Sheets Family	Linda Trontel	Loralee Justice
18-Sep	Jennifer Kidwell	Thompson Family	Charline Hull	Francis Schain	Jan Atkinson	Beverly Liggett
25-Sep	Bev Klem	Liz Better	B.J. Hurley	Hobbs Family	Hays Family	Harper Family
02-Oct	Winsley Family	Hill Family	Diana Jones	Munson Family	Heather Norero	Anderson Family
09-Oct	Henry Family	Byars Family	Kristi Glass	Patty Fisk	Halton Family	Keihn Family
16-Oct	Tara Lounsbery	Boyce Family	Kump Family	Nancy Neef	Vicki Matys	Sue Melcher
23-Oct	Pruitt Family	M. Jones Family	Nickel Family	Paula Bergeron	Tammi Laughter	Kay Hess
30-Oct	Fonder Family	Pike Family	Kathy Reyes	Lee Reiersen	Nisbet Family	D'Ette Burgess
06-Nov	Roberta Gallegos	Bondo Family	Joan Zunino	Joyce Roberts	Van Slyke Family	Loretta Reed
13-Nov	Jerry Cooney	Becky Schaffner	Toni Mendive	Gillins Family	London Family	Smith Family
20-Nov	Gary Family	Vicki Goicoechea	Pryzmont Family	Pat Pearce	Clarice Gamboa	King Family
27-Nov	Alyssa Culp	Arthur Family	Diana Shakley	Francis Shain	Renee Sawyer	Ann Hagland
04-Dec	Thompson Family	Strickland Family	Pearson Family	Aida Mathews	Doris Toothman	Kristi Tomera
11-Dec	Jan Webb	Bev Klem	Smith Family	Pearson Family	Daniel Family	Bisson Family
18-Dec	Guttry Family	Jennifer Kidwell	Hobbs Family	Diana Jones	Cress Family	Kump Family
25-Dec	Becky Nahnacassia	Fonder Family	B.J. Hurley	Hall Family	Hill Family	Merschel Family



You will need to set up and clean up after coffee hour. If you are not able to provide snacks on your assigned date, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. You will need to call the church office to let them know about the change. Thank you.



August 2016

15SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts VBS	2 VBS	3 VBS	4 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 NAMI 5:30 Cub Scouts VBS	5 VBS	6 10:00 Bridal Shower for Cassi Van Slyke
7 Communion 9:30 Worship	8 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts	9 11:30 Hobby Lunch 1:00 Hobby Group 5:30 Cub Scouts Youth trip to	10 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 College Group Youth trip to Lagoon	11 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 NAMI Youth Trip to	12	13 Youth cooking for the homeless
14 9:30 Worship Mission meeting 3:00 Boy Scout District Meeting Youth feeding the homeless	15 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts	16 <u>DEADLINE FOR DESERT PULPIT ARTICLES</u> 1:00 Hobby Group 5:30 Cub Scouts	17 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 College Group	18 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 NAMI	19	20
21 9:30 Worship Deacons Meeting	22 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts	23 1:00 Hobby Group 5:30 Cub Scouts	24 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 College Group	25 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 NAMI	26	27
28 9:30 Worship C.E. Meeting 50 year celebration potluck	29 5:30 Cut Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts	30 10:00 Women's Bible Study 10:00 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Hobby Group 5:30 Cub Scouts	31 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 College Group			