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## A Little Greek Word Study

The Greek word Ekklesia is used 115 times in the New Testament, and in most modern bibles it is translated as "church" except for three instances in Acts 19 (v.32, 39, and 41), where it is more accurately translated as "assembly" or "the called-out."

Our English word Church comes to us from a variety of languages: Scots Kirk; German, Kirche; Danish Kirke. But the source of each of those comes from the Greek word Kurios meaning Lord, which, in the possessive form, is Kuriakon meaning "A house consecrated to the worship of God; the Lord's house." (Webster's 1828 Dictionary)

So, in our translations of scripture, we have two Greek words: Ecclesia and Kuriakon which mean different things but are usually both rendered in English as Church.

By embracing both words as they are intended in the Greek, I think we can come to a richer understanding of how we think of Church.

As the Ecclesia, we are called out to become part of the body of Christ, of which Christ is the head (Col 1:18). Chapter 5 of Ephesians clarifies this further: verse 23 tells us that Christ is the head (the master) of the ecclesia, verse 24 says the ecclesia is subject to Christ's authority, and verse 30 affirms that "we are members of [Christ's] body."

As part of the Ecclesia, we are those who have been called out, to assemble and worship the Living God. We are part of a congregation. We assemble on Sundays (and other times) in the Lord's house, the Church. By appreciating the differences between the Greek words Kuriakon (church) and Ekklesia (ecclesia), we can see that church means the place of worship that belongs to the Lord, and the ecclesia is made of those who have been called to worship in that place; the congregation of believers; the body of Christ.

We are those who have been called out to become members of a congregation and to meet together to worship God in a building that is dedicated to and belongs to Him.

## Heifer Service – September 12 – Save the Date!

On September 12, we will be marking our last day of summertime service at 9:30 and our annual start-the-new-school year with our Heifer Service. This year the Mission Committee will provide the outdoor brunch after the service and donations will be accepted for the Leveraging Success, Honduras Project.

The project includes 70 farmer field schools where local experts support farmers learning how to improve their yields while protecting local resources and the environment. Dairy farmers who are part of this project have increased production from 2.5 bottles of milk per day to 8.

Heifer is also working with local women beekeepers to build businesses and increase the bee population. Local women are also opening a beekeeping store to sell beekeeping supplies as the women increase their numbers of hives. Almost 8,000 permanent and temporary beekeeping jobs have been created in the honey sector alone.

Coffee, dairy, and honey farmers are receiving support to deliver quality, reliable products for high-value markets so the businesses can thrive after the Heifer project is done.

Esther Circle next  
meeting  
July 15th  
at 1:00 pm



Mystery Island VBS

July 26th - 30th

8:45am—12:00 pm



The nominating committee is still looking for two more volunteers to serve on this committee. Our job is to look at members of the church who would be willing to serve as elders or deacons. If interested in this committee you can let Patty Fisk or

Rev. Alexander know that you are willing to serve



Year to Date Budget  
numbers June 30th

Income 95,431.26  
Expense 83,449.06

+11982.20

Submissions for  
September October 2021  
Desert Pulpit Due  
**August 23rd 2021**



The Church office hours are,  
9:00am-1:30pm  
Monday –Thursday

Worship service are still available Sundays via  
YouTube.

To find the videos, go to  
[https://www.youtube.com/results  
search\\_query=elko+first+presbyterian+church,](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=elko+first+presbyterian+church)  
or open YouTube and search for Elko First Presbyterian  
Church.



# T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)



## Back to School

- |                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 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.

## SESSION

Session met on May 18. Three members were placed on inactive list as per their request.

Mission team sent a check for \$1507.00 to Great Hour of Sharing and \$210.00 to the Navajo Strong project. Christian Ed presented a Bible to high school senior, Harper Wines. VBS will be mornings, July 26-30 and will be joined by the Episcopal and Faith Lutheran churches.

The mask requirement for church attendance was rescinded.

Money counters after church services will resume.

There was no session meeting in June due to low members available. However we can report that the June 6 Sunday brunch was very successful. And Mission reported the following:

The TGIF basket will change to school supplies for July and August

2 Cents a meal will change to Ruby Mountain Resources.

Heifer will be September 12 and will be in support of the project "Leveraging Success- Honduras. Brunch will be provided by the Mission Committee.

We are trying to set a date for serving an Underdog lunch at the train park. So far we are into August or September.

Submitted by Kathy Reyes, Clerck of Session

## Mission and Outreach

Underdog Street Ministries hosts lunch for Elko's homeless people every Sunday at the train park. On September 19, FPC will take a turn providing food and serving this wide range of hungry people. Watch for a future sign-up sheet so you can join us cooking and/or serving.

## Attention Church Members:

We are looking for volunteers who have a passion for filming or taping our worship services. Since the beginning of Covid-19 we are recording the worship services to be seen on the church website. Contact Rev. LaVonne at the church or Patty Fisk @934-4594. Any age is qualified to volunteer for this important job. Thanks! Worship/Music Committee.



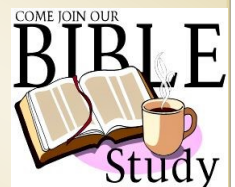
## MISSION STATEMENT

"We believe we are called by God through the grace and love of Jesus Christ to worship joyfully, grow spiritually, love one another, serve those in need and share the good news of the gospel with everyone.."

## Women's Bible Study:

Wednesday morning Bible study current study is Wednesday morning Bible study is now doing a 4 week study on Mary, then a 4 week study on Nehemiah.

We are meeting at 9:30 Please join us.





The Presbyterian Coffee Project is a partnership between the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Equal Exchange, a worker-owned co-operative offering 100% fairly traded coffee, chocolate, tea. You can purchase these items in the church office during regular office hours. They make good gifts.



2¢ a Meal.

If you've forgotten

Is The Mission Committees project to remind us of the abundance we've received. If we, out of gratitude, donate 2 cents for each meal we eat, we can help feed Elkoans who don't share in that abundance.

Next quarter's collection will be sent to

Ruby Mountain Resorce

May collection was \$ 61.50

June collection was \$ 55.50

NOTE: next collection July 18th and August 15th

## BIRTHDAYS!

### July

Mike Kerna 7/09  
 Jordan Norero 7/09  
 Ann Haglund 7/ 15  
 Glen Guttry 7/23  
 Joesph Norero 7/29

### August

Denise Connow 8/1  
 William Strickland 8/2  
 Buck Boyce 8/4  
 Karen Kump 8/5  
 Faye Carillo 8/9  
 Gene Schain 8/9  
 Barbara Pearson 8/14  
 Judy Bondo 8/15  
 Kathy McLeod 8/15  
 John Hobbs 8/27



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 www.familygrouse.com  
 "Today's a good day to eat hot dogs, 'cause that's what our fourth fathers always ate."

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"Writing hymns is harder than I thought! I can't think of anything that rhymes with 'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya' and 'we'll tattoo ya!'"

### ATTENTION!

**IF YOU USE THE CHURCH BUILDING, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THE DOORS ARE LOCKED AND LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF WHEN YOU LEAVE. HELP KEEP THE CHURCH BUILDING SAFE FOR EVERYONE USING IT.**



**Presbytery of Nevada 31.83**

**Synod of the Pacific 5.22**

**General Assembly 8.95**

**Per Capita is \$46.00 per member**

# July - 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>The Sunday School classes available , on Sundays.</p> <p>7:00am Zoom Sunday school , Contact Mike Jones for information.</p>				1.	2.	3.
4. <b>9:30 Worship Service Communion</b>	5.	6.	7. <b>9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study  1:00 Prayer Retreat</b>	8.	9.	10.
11. <b>9:30 Worship Service</b>	12.	13.	14. <b>9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study  1:00 Prayer Retreat</b>	15. <b>Bring Items for Yard Sale (No Clothes or Electronics)  1:00 Ester Circle</b>	16. <b>Bring Items for Yard Sale (No Clothes or Electronics)</b>	17. <b>YARD SALE 6- 8 Set Up 8-1 Sale 11-1 \$1 Bags</b>
18. <b>9:30 Worship Service  Deacons  2 Cents collection</b>	19. <b>5:30 NAMI</b>	20. <b>6:00 Session</b>	21. <b>9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study  1:00 Prayer Retreat</b>	22.	23.	24.
25. <b>9:30 Worship Service</b>	26. <b>8-12:45 VBS  5:30 NAMI</b>	27. <b>8-12:45 VBS</b>	28. <b>8-12:45 VBS 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study  1:00 Prayer Retreat</b>	29. <b>8-12:45 VBS</b>	30 <b>8-12:45 VBS</b>	

# August-2021

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29. 9:30 Worship Service	30.  5:30 NAMI	31.				