



The FPC Newsletter

601 Pine Street Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

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Do you need a new hat?

The term “old hat” is by definition; “something considered uninteresting, predictable, tritely familiar, or old-fashioned.”



Sometimes life feels this way and sometimes church life feels this way. Same old thoughts, ideas and stories. Essentially “an old hat”. We are in the heart of the 40 days of Lent and fast approaching Holy week and Easter.

What if we ask God to make it a “new hat”? What if we ask God to give us new eyes and ears that help us to see and hear in fresh ways? And what might happen if God actually did what we asked Him for? Jesus did say “anything is possible for him who believes.” (Mark 9:23)

And just so we are clear, Lent is a 40 day period of time that leads us to the Cross and Resurrection of our Savior Jesus. These 40 days represents the time Jesus spent in the desert overcoming temptation by Satan. They are essentially 46 days - as we do not count the Sundays that fall within the season of Lent - they are considered “remembrance of Christ’s Resurrection days.” Historically and currently many churches encourage people to make space in their lives in preparation for Holy Week.

The “new hat” just might be making space in your life for the spiritual practices of daily Scripture reading, daily times of prayer and fasting. **The “new hat”** might be giving up something (time wise) that will give you the space for time with God. Please remember we don’t participate in spiritual practices to earn favor with God. Rather they are to come out of our love for God. Spiritual practices encourage us to recognize, to hear and to follow after Jesus.

Lastly, as Easter and our celebration of Christ Jesus’ Resurrection draws near, will you prayerfully ask God whom you might invite to church who might not normally attend church?

Holy Week Schedule:

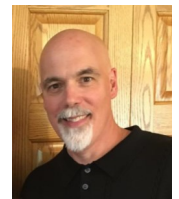
Maundy Thursday: March 29 7:00 p.m. at FPC.

The Lord’s Table will be part of this service.

Easter Sunday: April 1 9:00 a.m. Contemporary
11:00 a.m. Traditional

In God’s amazing grip, because His is always the strong one.

Pastor John





**Jesus commanded us to go and make disciples. (Matthew 28:19-20)
Part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ is to be baptized,
which is one of our sacraments as Presbyterians.**

**In the near future we will have baptism during worship on Sunday.
If you have never been baptized and you would like to do so or
you have children you desire baptism for
please contact the church office at (541) 884-7781.**



Senior Luncheon
The next Senior Luncheon is March 19th at noon in our Fellowship Hall. We always have great food (pot-luck) and speakers and fellowship.

Mark Your Calendars! **Lifetouch Photography is coming** **Friday, May 4th!**

For those that had pictures taken last time, there is no need for you to schedule, unless you want a new picture taken. If you have added new additions to your family or your children have grown a lot, it might be time to update your pictures. Also, if you are new to FPC, we would love to include you in our church directory.

Anyone that attends FPC can have their picture taken. You will receive a free 8X10 photograph and also have the option to purchase photograph collections.

Everyone's picture and information that is currently in the church directory will carry forward unless you have a re-take and then your new picture will be in the new directory. To schedule an appointment please go to our website: www.KlamathFPC.com and click on the link or call the office at (541) 884-7781.

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The Physical Resource Team Volunteering at the New Gospel Mission Prepping and Painting

At the end of January, our Physical Resource team members met at the Gospel Mission's New Women's Shelter to help with applying the first base coat of primer. Our members with painting experience that were able to help were: Jeff, Leslie and



Blayne Boersma, John Mumford, Jeff Newsom, Don Boyd and a friend of Don's; Pete the Painter, and pictured are Scott Dickson and Brian Stone. Klamath Christian Center volunteers came the last couple week-ends and applied the second and third coats of primer. There are other churches signed up to help as well. Each week-end has used more than 65 gallons of primer.

There is still much work to be done to finish these three buildings for our community. If you would like to help please contact Don Boyd at (541) 887-2329.



For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:
"Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14



*The New Women's Prayer Group meets every **Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.** in the Women's Prayer Group Library.*

We pray for our church, individuals, our community, and any special requests. For more information please contact Donna Herndobler at (541) 772-7507 or the church office at (541) 884-7781.





Young Adult "Meet & Greet" with Pastor John

Sunday Evening March 18
5:00- 6:30 P.M.

- All young individuals, couples and families are invited to a special meet and greet.
- We know that a lot of you are working during the day, busy during the week and need childcare.
- We hope this time works for you, and we will provide childcare.
- If it does not work for you, please let the church office know and we will try to schedule another one that will. (541) 884-7781

The sign up sheet is in the foyer or check the box on your connection card and the office will verify with you.

If you would like to submit an article for the April FPC Newsletter, please have it to the office by March 19th.

Children's Ministry



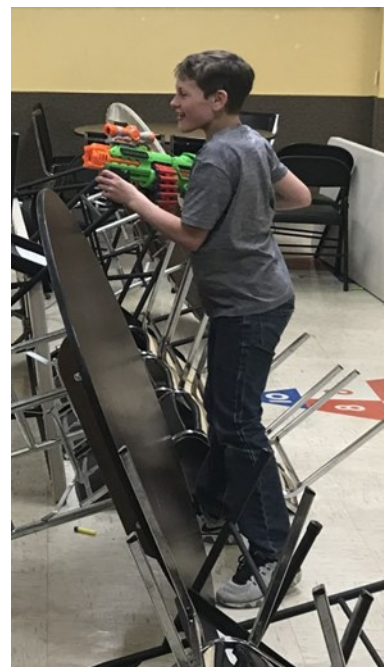
Children's Ministry invites you to our Family Movie Night. Join us for food, fun and fellowship on Wednesday, March 14th from 5:15-7:15p.m. Our church family will enjoy pizza, popcorn, and fun. Bring your friends.



Children's Ministry Sunday School

We have been working through *What's In the Bible* by Veggie Tales' creator Phil Vischer. February we learned about Kings Saul, David and Solomon.

We will return to this series after Easter. This curriculum is full of fun lessons that teach us about the Bible and help us grow in our faith and relationship with Jesus!



Our middle and high school YOUTH GROUPS had their first get-together of the year. They ate pizza, had Nerf wars and played Minute to Win It Games. It was a great night!

Healthy Ideas for You in 2018!

by Valerie Picard



Last month I covered why our intentions are well meaning but reasons we might fall short of our goals ie to lose weight, exercise more, eat healthier, etc. The key word in that sentence is GOALS. You have probably heard it said that a goal not written down is nothing more than a dream. So how to go from dream to reality?

Think of goals as destinations on a map. If you were driving somewhere you had never been before, you would consult a map or your navigation system, right? And just as important as your destination is your origination! You have to know you are in Klamath Falls in order to plot out a course to Medford. Your health destination is no different, you have to know your "current" reality is where your health stands now and then what your goals are. Your current reality might be a bit painful, your weight on the scale, or the number of medications you take or your lack of energy to do anything. However, it is that pain and discomfort that will provide the motivation for change! So take some time to really think about how you feel, physically and mentally; do you have good energy, do you sleep well, do you take medications for chronic conditions, do you have joint pain which could improve with the loss of some weight? These are some things to think about and once you get started;

I bet you will discover there are other ways that your health is impacting your life.

Now take some time to think about your goals; this may sound easy but I caution you to pick goals that you will always be working towards. Creating health is a work in progress and very different than a diet. You may have experienced this where you reach your weight loss goal, feel really good, folks are noticing and you think, I have got this but then some of the old habits begin to show up and soon the weight starts creeping back. The problem was not with you but rather with your goal.

You may have seen this acronym used to describe goals; **SMART**:

S-pecific: Your goal needs to be clear and defined.

M-easurable: Your goal needs to be quantified, if you want to have more energy; what is that going to look like for you?

A-chievable: Your goal needs to be reasonable; choose something you can stick with.

R-ealistic: Your goal needs to be based on reality; you will probably not compete in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing if you've never laced on a pair of ice skates!

T-ime oriented: Your goal needs to have a timeline to keep it fresh.

Next month we will begin breaking out some specific health goals but in the meantime, pull out paper and pen and create your own "current reality" and goal using the above criteria. Hopefully, you will begin to create a roadmap for your own health!



Community
Wide
Conference

This Changes EVERYTHING!

With guest speaker Rick Thomas
author, speaker, consultant, teacher, and podcaster

Purchase your ticket
online @
rickthomas.net

**Klamath Evangelical Association
And Christian Women of The Basin**
invite all men and women,
teens to senior adults to attend.

Rick will be teaching on:

Communication-why it's so
difficult and why it's important

Suffering-why do we suffer
and how does God use it
in our lives.

Change-how do we change and
how does God and the Bible
help us.



Date & Time
March 16-17

Fri- 7pm to 9pm

Sat- 9am to 3pm



Bible Baptist Auditorium

4849 S. 6th Street, Klamath Falls

Times:
Friday,
Mar. 16
7pm and
Saturday,
Mar. 17
9am-3pm;
with
lunch
break,
lunch on
your own.

Doors
open 1
hour early
Cost:
\$15/each;
\$25/couple

Men &
Women

Teens &
Seniors

Getting To Know You!

(A monthly article to share about our members & families)

Six things you might want to know about Karen Bortis

1. My favorite season is Spring because I enjoy the slow changes each day - I treasure God's beauty.
2. My favorite TV show is "The Voice".
I love the music and growth of the contestants.
3. My favorite food is Italian and my favorite restaurant is the Olive Garden.
4. I collect crosses. After I read and watched "The War Room" I was motivated to put all my crosses in my hallway and I love seeing them there and remembering what Jesus has done for me.
5. I have a cat named "Peaches".
6. Favorite author is: Richard Paul Evans. I read his "Walk Series" and they are hard to put down.



A Note from Barb Carlson

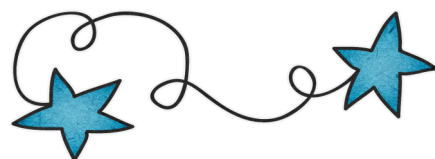


A big thank you to the members of FPC who assisted me when I really needed it. Even though they were busy with holiday plans of their own, they found time and energy to run errands, bring food and gifts to me at home or at Sky Lakes Hospital. I especially want to thank the Deacons, Barb Dehlinger, Shirley Voight and Lee Woods. These are Christians with abundant compassion for others.

I have Reactive Airway Disease so that when others get a cold, I am subject to pneumonia. Along with this year's nasty flu and a kitchen remodel project at home, my plate was really full. FPC is a church that really shares the love of Jesus and His message.

Your sister in Christ,

Barb Carlson



Holy Week



Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The people shouted Hosanna which means, "save us all." The people laid their palm branches and coats down as Jesus rode into town on a donkey. Jesus' entry was celebrated by the Jewish people even though he knew what was in store for Him. "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life" (Luke 9:22).



MAUNDY THURSDAY

The fifth day of Holy Week is Maundy Thursday. We share communion to remember Jesus' last supper with His disciples. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19). After Jesus shared the bread and the cup with His disciples, He went into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. "He fell with His face to the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will'" (Matthew 26:36).



GOOD FRIDAY

The sixth day of Holy Week is Good Friday, but it was anything but good. What was good about Jesus carrying a cross while He was spat and cursed at? What was good about Jesus being nailed to a cross after being betrayed by His people? The Jewish people who had just celebrated by waving palms and cheering days before, now shouted and turned their backs on the King (Mark 15:18-19).



EASTER SUNDAY

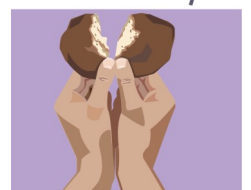
Easter Sunday brings an answer to the question, "what was good about Friday?" Even though Jesus was betrayed, tortured and killed, God's goodness prevailed as Jesus was raised from the dead. The tomb was empty when Mary Magdalene, the "other" Mary, Simon Peter and the "other disciple" arrived. The angel confirmed that Jesus was gone "He is not here; He has risen" (Matthew 28:6). The Holy Week recognizes the end with the celebration of Easter and Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus has risen and brings new life to all believers. This is good news: Jesus *did* save us all!

Join us for our Maundy Thursday service on March 29th at 7:00 p.m. This service will combine elements of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.



Our Easter services are at 9:00 and 11:00 on Sunday, April 1st. See you there!

**MAUNDY
Thursday**

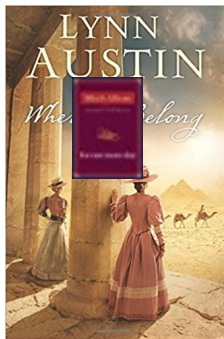




Library Donation Policy

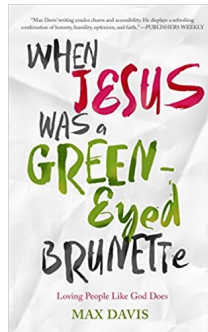
Due to the size limits of our church library, books and media accepted for donation must be in good condition and have a copyright date after 2005 and may not be a title already owned by the library. Items donated will be evaluated by the Library Committee for addition to the collection based on the appropriateness for a Christian library as well as on the above criteria and the interests and needs of the library users.

If the material is not accepted they will be offered back to the donor, if known. The congregation will be offered the opportunity to select items not added or withdrawn from the collection for their personal library in the library display area located outside of the library. Other materials will be offered to the Klamath County Library or the Senior Center Library or elsewhere as appropriate.



Where We Belong - Lynn Austin The Adventure of a Lifetime for Two Indomitable Socialite Sisters - In the city of Chicago in 1892, the rules for Victorian women are strict, their roles limited. But sisters Rebecca and Flora Hawes are not typical Victorian ladies. Their love of adventure and their desire to use their God-given talents has brought them to the Sinai Desert--and into a sandstorm.

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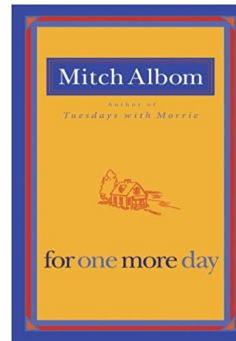
When Jesus Was a Green-Eyed Brunette - Max Davis weaves heartwarming and miraculous stories of Jesus showing up in ordinary people, revealing that He knows us and is fully present in our everyday circumstances, especially in our difficulties. As best-selling

author Max Davis puts it, when we are born again, Jesus lives inside each of us. He is very much alive today and still does incredible things -- sometimes supernatural things -- through us! *Amazon.com*



Choosing to SEE - Mary Beth Chapman Mary Beth's story is our story--wondering where God is when the worst happens. In *Choosing to SEE*, readers will hear firsthand about the loss of her daughter, the struggle to heal, and the unexpected path God has

placed her on. Includes a 16-page full color photo insert. *Amazon.com*



For One More Day - Mitch Albom *For One More Day* is the story of a mother and a son, and a relationship that covers a lifetime and beyond. It explores the question: What would you do if you could spend one more day with a lost loved one?

For One More Day is a book for anyone in a family, and will be cherished by Albom's millions of fans worldwide.

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Session Meeting Summary 2/15/2018

The regular meeting of Session was Thursday, February 15th. Pastor John opened the meeting by reading Psalm 25:4-7 and praying. Keith Stone shared his faith story. We discussed Chapter 1 of Emotionally Healthy Spirituality by Peter Scazzero. We acknowledged that we all have areas of strength and weakness and that as we recognize and discuss those with each other we can all move to greater maturity. We will be discussing a chapter a month with the goal to bring this book to the congregation for small group discussions in the fall.

A joint elder/deacon meeting is being held February 23rd 6:00 pm at FPC in the fellowship hall.

Deanna Geiter has been accepted as a covenant partner of FPC. A request from Ina May and Jim Pollack to transfer their membership to Shelton Presbyterian Church was accepted "with regret."

Bill Kennedy and Brooke Smith have expressed to the nominating committee a desire to fill 2 unexpired terms as deacons. The nominating committee will bring those names to the congregational meeting for voting on.

Thelma Cox was appointed by Session to serve as the elder representative on the nominating committee. Revisions to the documents "responsibilities of elders and deacons" were accepted.

A discussion of the pros and cons of having a children's sermon were discussed. Worship committee made a motion that there is a 3-month period of alternate ways of involving children in the worship service. This was passed by Session.

Agenda items for the congregational meeting include: Annual reports from committees and ministries of FPC, vision casting, presentation of 2018 budget, congregational votes on: continuing John's call to FPC, by-law revisions, nominations for open deacon positions, and one new at-large member to the nominating committee.

From the "meet and greets" John reported that there are people expressing they felt hurt by the process of Stuart's resignation. Elders acknowledged that we are sorry that there had been hurt. It was suggested that individual elders talk with any people who want to share their feelings. John was encouraged to pray with people at the time that they mention their concerns.

New members class will be held on March 4th. The Plexiglas Pulpit is not being used. Since it was a gift to David Dendy, it was agreed it could be given to him if he can arrange to get it.

Reports from various committees included some of the following items:

Finance committee is considering a newsletter article to explain different ways to contribute.

Physical resources committee is looking at options to provide air conditioning in the sanctuary. They are planning to make the main floor restrooms handicap accessible.

Worship committee reported that communion will be served on Maundy Thursday. There will be no communion on April 1st (Easter) since communion will have been served 3 days before.

Mitch reported the endowment fund had 11% fund growth in the last year. The Board of the Klamath Community Foundation, which manages our endowment, approved \$21,677 available for use by FPC without special request.

Having a presentation on what to do in the event of a threat in the church will be discussed more in March.

Next regular meeting is Thursday, March 15th at 6:45 pm. Meetings are open. If there are items a person would like Session to address, please contact an elder in the week prior.

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