

Celebrate With  
Fairbanks First Presbyterian Church

*As We Welcome Our*  
**NEW PASTOR**

**DAVID**  
**MCCONNELL-BOOHER**

*New Beginnings*



Pastor  
Ordination Service  
May 21, 2023



*\*\* Pictured Above \*\**

Reverend Bruce Booher  
Reverend Dave Moody  
Reverend Andy Ekblad  
Reverend Scott Koenigsaecker  
Reverend Mike McCandless



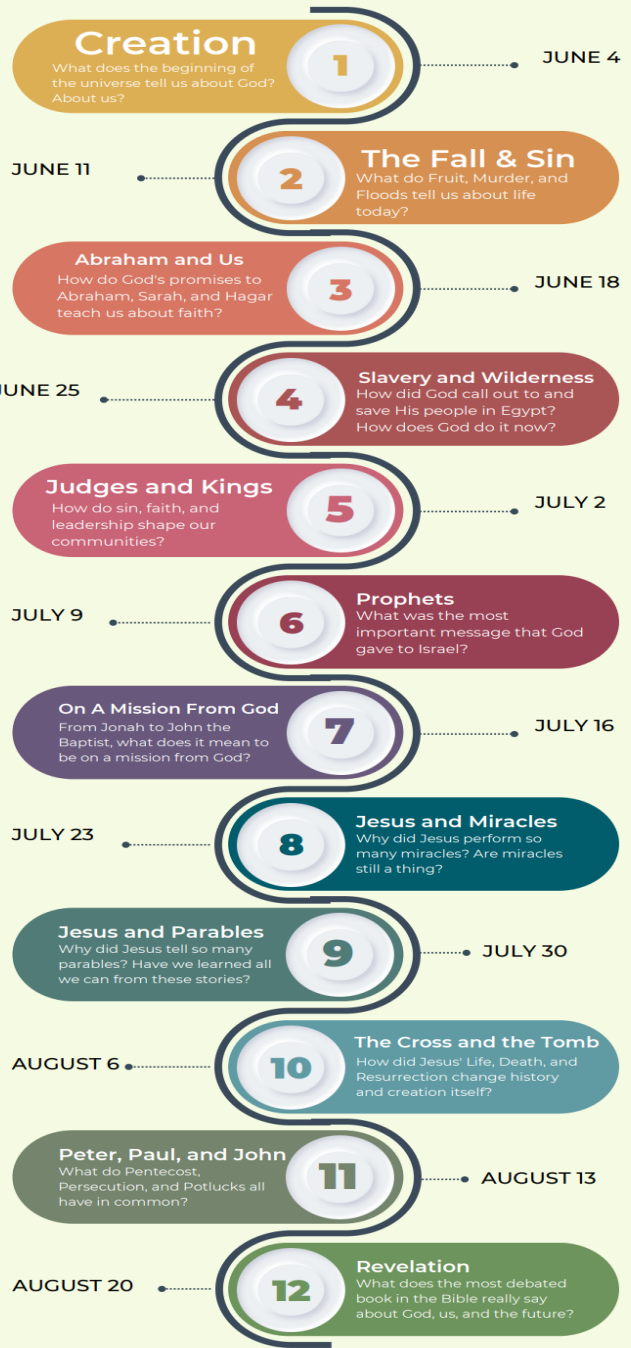
# From Pastor David's Desk

Wow! I've only been your pastor for 12 days, but what a wonderful whirlwind it has been already! Thank you to everyone who attended the worship service and reception for my ordination and installation, it was a truly beautiful and powerful worship service where the Holy Spirit was tangibly present and God was honored and glorified. I was humbled and encouraged to be blessed by so many elders, pastors, and leaders (and all the kids during the Children's Sermon that morning!) Your presence, support, gifts, and encouragement have been overwhelming and I cannot hope to ever fully express my gratitude for that.

Since that evening almost two weeks ago, I have moderated my first Session meeting, met with many church members, leaders, and sisters and brothers in Christ who have questions, concerns, dreams, and ideas. I want to meet with you too! Your pastor's door is open to you. But if you'd prefer to meet with me over a coffee, or come over for dinner with Brenna and I (and at least a few dogs), or have us over to your place for dinner, do not hesitate to reach out. I am awed when I look back and see all that God has done for us as a church. I am inspired when I look forward and see all that God is doing with First Presbyterian Church today and tomorrow!

Pastor David McConnell-Booher

First Presbyterian Church  
**12 Biblical Truths You Can Use**  
(Plus 12 Biblical Things You Might Not Know and 12 More Things You Should Know)



## A New Sermon Series

Starting Sunday, June 4, we will be starting a new sermon series that will take us through the summer season. We will be looking at the narrative arc that runs across all of scripture, but in a way that emphasizes what might not already know about the Bible, and what we can confidently take from Scripture and apply in our daily lives. Our congregation is made up of all sorts of folks, from new Christians and little ones all the way up to biblical scholars who know more about scripture than any pastor in town! I hope that these sermons will give each of us fresh insights into God's Word, as well as invitations to dive deeper into Scripture and how we can utilize it today.

# SESSION

**What follows is a short summary of the decisions and actions of the Session, at the May 23, 2023 Stated Session Meeting, which began at 6:00 pm in the Church Conference Room. The minutes of the meeting will contain a more complete record.**

- Moderator McConnell-Booher presented a devotion from a book entitled: Beyond Words by Frederick Buechner. He then opened the meeting with prayer.
- Those in attendance recited the Vision and Mission Statements.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- Elders spent time in prayer. After making prayer requests known, elders prayed for those needs.
- Minutes from the last Stated Session meeting and vital statistics from the last month were reviewed and approved as presented.
- There were no correspondence received.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve Consent Calendar items, which included the approval of the Deacons April 25, 2023 Meeting and approving the transfer of membership of TE David McConnell-Booher from FPC to the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest.
- A written financial report was received from the church treasurer.
- Session discussed methods of streamlining administrative workflow and records sharing. A training workshop for church leaders is scheduled for June 10, 2023 from 10:00 am to noon.
- Because of the dates scheduled for General Assembly, it was moved, seconded and passed to reschedule the 2023 June Stated Session Meeting from June 20, 2023 to Monday June 26, 2023.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to examine new officer candidates at the June 26, 2023 Session Meeting.
- New officer candidate training will be scheduled and facilitated by Pastor David.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the agenda for the June 4, 2023 Congregational meeting.
- Ruling Elder Brian Sunderland presented a verbal and written report on the recent Presbytery Meeting.
- Session received a verbal report from the Vision Team for our GO Center revitalization process.

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- Written and verbal Ministry Team Reports were received.
- Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for June 26th through 30th.
- The Finance Team brought the following recommended changes to the 2023 Budget; update the budget to reflect accurately the line items for the Senior Pastor for the remaining 7 months of the year; close out the line items for the Transitional Pastor; and refund the line item for the Sabbatical Fund at \$1,800 for 2023. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the recommended changes.
- The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator McConnell-Booher.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on June 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm, in the Church Conference Room.

## Happy JUNE Birthdays

1	Kyle Vanhatten	16	Lillian Ahsoak Fortune
1	Mya Perkins	16	Kyle Sunderland
1	Richard Halfhill	20	Katherine Lubowicki
1	Eileen Griggs	24	Sarah Rozell
2	David McConnell-Booher	24	Liam Brewer
2	Amy Richards-Wiegers	25	Sarah Fortune
3	Aaro Mackey	25	Ezra Mackey
3	Henry Morris	27	George Bowder
4	Ellie Hull	28	Sara Williams
7	Roland Trapper	28	Jim Fuller
8	Steve Beene	29	Jacob Rozell
9	Kathleen Fagre	30	Taylor Young
9	Benaniah Vander Lugt	30	Kyle Lundberg
10	Carla Lundberg		
14	John Waddell		

May Your Day Be Filled With Happiness,  
Love, and Endless Blessings!

**PARK PLAY**

**DATES**

# WEDNESDAY PARK DAY! Weekly 11-1

May 31 Tanana Lakes, Kiwanis Playground

June 7 Funtime Park

June 14 Growden Park

June 21 Sneddon Park

June 28 Vacation Bible School @ 1st Pres. No meet up.

July 5 Pearl Creek School

July 12 Tanana Lakes, Kiwanis Playground

July 19 Funtime Park

July 26 Growden Park

August 2 Sneddon Park

August 9 Pearl Creek School

August 16 Ester Park



**Bring a sack lunch, meet up for Fun and Friendship  
Everyone welcome.**

**Call Carina @ 987-7126 with any questions**



*Save the Date!*

## **CLIMB CLUB SERVICE & LEADERSHIP PROJECT**

**Monday June 19- Friday June 23**

**10am-2pm@FPC**

- ★ Help build our space-themed VBS ★
- ★ lunch provided ★ daily devotional ★
- ★ training to staff the FPC booth  
@Midnight Sun Festival ★

*All incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders invited!*

**VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL**



## **FPC Annual Baby Shower**

**June 10, 2023 10am-12pm**

**Please bring a dish to share as this will be a potluck**

**We have five babies we are honoring this year.**

Katie Griggs & Baby Boy Due in October  
Beverly Neuhs & Baby Boy Due in August

Natalie Cuidon & Baby Silas (Born 10/21/22) Currently in 12-month clothes and size 5 diapers

Tracey Fugett & Baby Theodore (Born 3/1/23) Larger size of clothes or books & toys

Heather McFarland & Baby Coby (Born 3/25/23) Larger size of clothes or books & toys

### **FYNDout Free Pregnancy Center**

We are going to have a basket to bless FYNDout.

Their needs are gender neutral newborn onesies, gender neutral newborn hats, diaper wipes and diapers size 5 and 6.



## **Altar Flowers**

**If you would like to donate flowers in memory of/or in honor of a love one, please log your request(s) on the sign-up sheet (see bulletin board in the**

**hallway). There are many available spots for the upcoming months. Flowers are \$40 per vase. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please make sure to include your name on the sign-up sheet.**

**Does First Presbyterian Church have your correct home address, telephone, contact number, email address on file? Not sure? If you haven't been receiving the weekly announcements and monthly newsletter via email, we probably don't have it or information on file needs to be updated.**

**If this pertains to you, please contact the front office (452-2406) or email at [marta.conner@fpcfairbanks.com](mailto:marta.conner@fpcfairbanks.com)**

# Men's River Regatta

Sounds Like Fun?!!!



## Chena River Regatta

Saturday, June 17th

10am to 1pm

Lunch provided  
BYOB (bring your own BOAT)  
Bring a friend!  
Do you need a watercraft?



For additional information,  
please contact Jim Williams at 907-978-3320

## Men-In-Action

The group meets for lunch on Monday's at 11:45 in the Narthex at FPC. We meet for fellowship, to discuss the previous Sunday's sermon and to discuss upcoming events. Bring a lunch and come join us. For more information contact Jim Aldrich 907-378-2582 or [jwaldrich@gmail.com](mailto:jwaldrich@gmail.com).

## Food Boxes Distributions

In partnership with the Fairbanks Food Bank, food boxes are distributed each Wednesday at the church. To request food boxes, please call the church's front office (907-452-2406) on Wednesday mornings, 10am-12pm

**Our Vision is to see the world transformed to love, worship and serve Christ.**

**We do this through our Mission, which is to welcome all people, equip them for a deep and living faith in Jesus Christ, and send them into the world to share God's love.**

# REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

## Vacation Bible School

### June 26-30

### Preschool-5th grade

Scan to go directly to our registration site:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/fpcfairbanks>



# Prayer Calendar

		Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>Ist Pres Staff</b> David McConnell-Booher Carina Menaker Marta Conner Peggy Nicholas Paul Bonnell  <b>Deacons</b> Janice Cleworth Lindsey Dreydoppel Nancy Dreydoppel Daniel Griggs Joe LaMagna Jeanne Maddux Michele Marney Gayle Meurs Barbara Nore Melissa Prince Kathy Rahmander  <b>Elders</b> David Dreydoppel Keith Nore Barbara Page Brian Sunderland Jim Williams	<b>Healing Prayers for</b>			1	2	3		
	Roland & Joyce Tapper Pat & Sig Fink June Champlin Joy-el Culligan Thelma Pierce Julie Benson Deanna Morris George Shoogukuwrk			Joy-el Culligan	Sam & Susan Craft	McKinley & Jaden Colasscco		
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	Our Pastor	Aurora & Hunter Colasacco	Dawn Curtis and James Curtis	Sarah Curtis	Chris, Maggie & Ridge Demers	Chuck Gray	Jill, Sage & River Gates	
	Congregational Meeting						Baby Shower	
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	Youth and Children's Ministries	David & Nancy Dreydoppel	Jenna Dreydoppel	Lindsey Dreydoppel	Vinnie Eldridge	Sig Ericklook	Dave & Kathleen Fagre	
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	All Fathers	Dale & Janie Feist	Sig & Pat Fink	Merle, Lillian Ahoak, Sarah & Sonny Fortune	Marty, Debby, Logan & Austin Foster	Jerry & Susan Freel	James & Rebecca Fuller	
	****6th, 7th, 8th Graders Climb Club Project****							
25	26	27	28	29	30			
Music Ministry	Joel Gibson	Scott, Sena, Brooks, Bennett & Beau Gilbert	Carol Gray	Daniel, Katie, Sam & Eileen Griggs	Richard Halfhill & Kathleen Rahmandar			
****Vacation Bible School—Shine Jesus Shine****								

The monthly calendar is created each month by Joanne Klaver. If you would like a copy of the calendar mailed to you, please contact the front office.

**Prayer Time, Tuesday, 12:15PM**

All are invited to prayer time each Tuesday in the sanctuary. This is a time for us to intercede for our world, nation, community, and our church family and friends. All are welcome!