

Fairbanks First Presbyterian Church

First Light Newsletter

October 2020

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.

THE WELL

First Pres offers free take-out meals each Wednesday. Neighbors, this is our way of expressing our care for you and to remind you that God cares about you.

WHEN: Each Wednesday
TIME: 6-7pm

Pick up a bag of a nutritious, tasty take-out dinner. Meals will be distributed from the Cushman Street entranceway of the church.

Watching Worship Service from Home

At present, the recording of Sunday's Worship Service that is on Facebook is significantly better than the recording on YouTube. You can watch the service on Facebook either in "real time" or "after the fact" without having a Facebook account. Please refer to the following steps:

- Search: First Presbyterian Church Fairbanks
- Select: First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks – Home / Facebook
- When the FPC page comes up, ignore the "Sign In" and "Create Account" boxes.
- Scroll down to where the page says "Posts" and click on the picture of the service you would like to watch. It should begin playing back the service shortly.



David



The following are Notes of Appreciation received after Sunday's celebration of David's 10th Year Anniversary.

Thank you David and Breana for your faithful and steadfast service during this time of turmoil. It is much appreciated! Victor and Denise Wallace

Thank you David, I really enjoy your service and your good messages that helps keep me in tune with the church during my absence. I appreciate your cheery presence, it is always upbeat. Janette Hanneman

David, I admire your faith, gentleness and patience with not only the youth but also the parents. You have been a supportive person with Jerry as Jerry grew. Rachel Perkins

David, congratulations on 10 years at FPC! You were barely shaving when you started, eh? :-). In all seriousness, well done. I've appreciated the energy and creativity with which you've tackled ministry, your compassion for people, the way you've modeled for the youth AND adults discipleship as service- whether it was at the Well, Thanksgiving boxes, moving people, cleaning yards, mission trips. No one can miss the point that Jesus loving people, "Faith expressing itself through love," is the point- when they look at the shape of ministry in your life. I learned much from watching you make friends through Mushing and Ultimate, and keeping your feet both inside and outside the church's walls. Thank you!

As you advance in knowledge and competency through school and practice, keep your eyes on Jesus, continue to grow downward as a servant in humble gratitude to this great and glorious and difficult new life God has wrought for us in Christ. Keep your own apprenticeship of Jesus, and Brenna your priorities, the church a distant third, and may the Lord continue to bless and prosper you this next decade. With much affection in Christ, Reverend J. David Moody

David, you are a gifted and anointed minister of the gospel of Jesus and have blessed this community and our family in so many practical ways. God's blessings be upon you and His Presence be with you as you continue this journey of infectious faith. We love you! The Sirevaag Family

Thank you David for all your hard work and dedication! Perry and Barbara Schneider

David McConnell-Booher!! Thank you thank you so very much for all you are as a man, a husband, a lover of peoples and animals and creation!! Oh...AND a way cool pastor too!! Kathleen Fagre

David, thank you for your 10 years of faithful service to First Presbyterian Church. In particular, your invaluable leadership during these difficult times, both covering for the pastoral absence and the pandemic. Your response to these additional responsibilities has been a sincere blessing to the church. We have enjoyed you and Brenna personally, and look forward to the next ten years+ at FPC (even if from afar). We wish you all the best, love you guys! Dave and Linda Stephenson

What follows is a short summary of the decisions and actions of the Session, at the September 15, 2020 Session Meeting. The minutes of the meeting will contain a more complete record.

ELDERS

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met, virtually via Zoom at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 15th.

- The meeting was opened by Ruling Elder Keith Nore with a devotion.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the agenda as presented.
- After discussion of the process required, it was moved, seconded and passed to discontinue efforts to hire the proposed candidate for Director of Spiritual Care.
- Minutes from the August 18, 2020 Stated Meeting, and vital statistics from August 19th to September 18th were received and approved.
- Consent Calendar items were passed as presented. The Consent Calendar items included: Approval of the minutes of Deacons Meeting: July 28, 2020 and a motion from the Personnel Ministry Team to approve amendments made to the Personnel Policy.
- Efforts to improve the audio quality of the online services continue.
- Session discussed the schedule for scheduling Pulpit Supply on the Sundays that David McConnell-Booher is not preaching. Several elders have volunteered to preach and a schedule will be compiled.
- A schedule for Session Devotions was filled out for October (RE Maggie Demers), November (RE Stephanie Rozell) and December (RE Mark Lawson).
- Reports from the Ministry Teams were received.
- Elders spent time in prayer. After making prayer requests known, elders prayed for one another and for First Presbyterian.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on October 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm via Video Conference.



How to Successfully Grow Vegetables In Alaska's interior

The 8-weeks class, taught by Terry Reichardt via ZOOM, will take place each Monday, beginning September 28-November 16, from 6-8pm. The fee is \$20. Sign up for the class by calling the Fairbanks First Presbyterian Church at 907-452-2406.

THANK YOU!

Words cannot express my gratitude for all the cards, gifts, memories, and blessings shared with me for my tenth anniversary with FPC. Thank you all so much for your kindness, generosity, friendship, and encouragement! I am working on personal thank you notes, but for now please know that I am so blessed to be at FPC and serving in God's Kingdom here on earth. I am looking forward to how God will guide us as a church into the coming season.

Grace and Peace,
David McConnell-Booher



Small Group Bible Study. Small group bible study is an important part of our walk with the Lord. It is a chance to come together in a small community of believers to study God's Word and its application to our lives - just as the early church did. If you are interested in either joining or leading a small group bible study, please contact Jim Aldrich at 378-2582 or jwaldrich@gmail.com. We anticipate that some groups will be meeting on ZOOM while others may choose to meet in person.



SERMON SERIES

Deep Roots, Living Water, Good Fruits. These are the requirements for a plant to truly thrive. Throughout scripture, God reminds us to root ourselves firmly in His instruction, to draw nourishment from healthy sources, and to carry good works to the world that waits just beyond our branches. In this sermon series, we will explore how we can be a church with Deep Roots in our Father's promises, drawing on the nourishment of the Living Water of Christ, and sharing the Good Fruit of the Gospel in action by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Please join us every Sunday for the next two months as we journey across scripture discovering how we can better thrive in the abundant life promised by Christ Jesus.



Good Fruits

Living Water

DEEP ROOTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Adam Benson
- 1 Micah Rozell
- 2 Brenda Satterberg
- 2 Ray Karns
- 3 Leah Mackey
- 5 Michelle Harpole
- 9 Carol Gray
- 11 Adam Kohl
- 13 David Henry
- 15 Lynn Hull
- 16 Bunnie Boykin
- 17 Norah Kohl
- 18 Stuart Young
- 21 Oki Albrecht
- 21 Jenna Dreydoppel
- 21 Linda Wells
- 21 Rebecca Sirevaag
- 24 Marcus Cogley
- 24 Luke Sunderland
- 27 Bill Brewer
- 29 Glenn Brummond
- 29 Emily Kohl
- 31 George Repasky