

Announcements

Church Clean-Up: Join us this Saturday, April 27 from 9:00-12noon as we spruce up the church. Your help would be appreciated as we tackle a number of jobs. We will clean gutters, trim trees, weed flowerbeds, clean the parking lot, among other jobs and tasks. Whether you can give an hour or the entire time, come and join us and let's take care of the house of the Lord.

"Proof from the Past" Sunday school series will conclude this Sunday at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. This four week series, led by Pastor Dave, is looking at many of the prophecies from the Old Testament and how they were fulfilled in Jesus. All are invited to join us to grow deeper in your faith.

Youth auction and lunch appreciation! Thanks to everyone who made our youth auction and lunch last Sunday such a huge success. \$11,385 was raised for our youth group's mission trip to Alaska this summer. Special thanks to Jody Andersen who organized the auction and Michelle Cormier who prepared the meal. In total, 53 items were auctioned off and many people contributed it its success. Thanks again!!

"Stay in Your Lane" sermon series continues this Sunday. This five part series is helping us look at boundaries and how we can help others in appropriate ways. This series is based on the best-selling book *Boundaries* by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend and will continue through Sunday, May 5.

Church and Society class guest this Sunday at 9:30 AM will be Nancy Van Maren, Executive Director of Nations to Neighbors Montana (N2N). N2N is a faith-based community organization that has helped with the evacuation of Afghan refugees. In 2024, a national resettlement agency began preparing to welcome refugees from all over the world into Billings. Nancy will discuss how N2N will work to help refugees thrive over the many months it requires to learn all that we take for granted and to develop a sense of belonging—first on providing a summer program for refugee children and mentorship opportunities.

New Members' Class is coming Sundays, May 5 and 12 at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. This class, taught by Pastor Dave and Bill Lorentz, is offered for anyone wishing to join our church and/or to learn more about our congregation.

Alaska Travel Partners: Help our youth get to Alaska this summer for their mission trip by becoming a Travel Partner. Each dollar donated toward the trip gets us a mile closer to Alaska and back. A map of our progress can be found in the gallery. Help us reach our goal. All travel partners will be invited to a banquet when the group returns from their mission experience.

Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are donated by Wiley and Marilyn Bland in honor of their family. Our flower sign-up sheet is available to designate flowers in memory or honor of someone. Please find the sheet on the table as you enter the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$30.

Coming Events:

New members' class: May 5 and 12 at 9:30am in the Fireside Room
Congregation Appreciation Month coming in May



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Prelude

Sandi Rabas

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Pastor: We come into God's house with singing;
People: We come into God's house with praise.
Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Opening Song "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"**

***Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Holy God, we admit our faults and shortcoming before you. We do not always act as you desire and at times our emotions get the best of us. We come this morning seeking your forgiveness and grace. Help us to turn from our sins and find in you the one who can renew and restore us. We pray these things through Jesus Christ, our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend.

(Please continue in silent confession...)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Song #2074 "Shout to the Lord"**

***Passing of the Peace**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Children's Time (10:30 service only)

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 118:19-25 *pg. 565*

New Testament Scripture: Ephesians 4:7-16 *pg. 193*

Sermon Series: "Stay in Your Lane"

Part 4: Having Hard Conversations

***Song of Response #492 "Baptized in Water"**

Baptisms of Mack and Kennedy Thayer (10:30 service)

The Offering:

The Offertory:

***The Doxology** *pg. 592*

FPC Choir

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

***Closing Song #2188 "The Family Prayer Song"**

***The Benediction**

***Postlude**

Sandi Rabas

Music license for use in worship and live streaming is provided via CCLI #20735174

Those Serving in Worship:

8:30 Worship:

Ushers: Chris Eriksen and Gregg and Deb Wiens

Worship Assistant: Jim Irwin

10:30 Worship

Greeters: : Alicia and Erica Nelson

Ushers: Marlene Spencer, Betty Nesmith, Barb Eichenberger, and Jean Schneider

Worship Assistant: Vicki Thompson

Church Staff Information:

Ministers: All Members

Pastor: The Rev. Dave Thompson pastordave@fpcbillings.org

Office Manager: Jeanne Raney mainoffice@fpcbillings.org

Director of Children's and Youth Ministry: Nichole Bodalski

Director of Music: Sandi Rabas

Choir Director: Janie Sutton

Custodian: Kent Fellingham

Preschool Directors: Karen Gerbase and Karen Norsworthy

Children's Ministry Assistant: Maicyn Russell

Nursery Care: Lily Ascherman and Lauren Bauer

Bus Driver: David Sanderson

This Week @ FPC

Sermon Notes

Sunday
(April 28)

Worship service 8:30 AM
Church & Society class with Nancy Van Maren 9:30 AM
Proof from the Past class meets in the Fireside Room 9:30 AM
Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary 9:30 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
Baptisms of Mack and Kennedy Thayer
Refuel small group meets in the Fireside Room 6 PM
Refuel small group meets in the Conference Room 6 PM

Monday

Better Together Preschool 9-1
Monday morning work crew 9 AM
Kiwanis group meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM
Refuel small group meets in the Fireside Room 2 PM

Tuesday

Community Prayer Breakfast at Northern Hotel 6:30 AM
Better Together Preschool 9-1
Women's Bible Study party in the Fireside Room 10:30 AM
Zoom small group meets online 11 AM
Refuel small group meets in the Fireside Room 11:30 AM

Wednesday

Better Together Preschool 9-1
Bible Study Fellowship leaders' meeting 9 AM
Men's group meets in the Conference Room 10 AM
Awana Kids Club 4:45-6 PM
Youth Group for middle and high school youth 6-8 PM
Confirmation class with Pastor Dave 6-8 PM
Refuel small group meets in Fireside Room 7 PM
Choir rehearsal in the Choir Room 7 PM

Thursday

Bible Study Fellowship 9 AM
PEO group meets in the C & S Room 1 PM
Christian Education meeting in the Fireside Room 6:30 PM

Friday

Better Together Preschool 9-1

Saturday

Yoga class meets in the C & S Room 9:30 AM
Habitat for Humanity BAASH at Billings Hotel 5:30 PM

Sunday
(May 5)

Communion served during worship
Worship service 8:30 AM
Church & Society class 9:30 AM
New members' class meets in the Fireside Room 9:30 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
Refuel small group meets in the Fireside Room 6 PM
Refuel small group meets in the Conference Room 6 PM

Last Sunday: Attendance: 283

Offering: \$15,504

Sermon Series: "*Stay in Your Lane*"
Part 4: Having Hard Conversations
Scripture: Ephesians 4:7-16