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Dear Friends,

Lately I've found myself looking carefully at prices. For some things, it is a sigh of resignation that ground beef has gone up another dollar per pound. For other things, like summer travel, it is weighing whether or not a trip or activity is affordable and worthwhile. The cost of going somewhere—anywhere—can make us pause before we commit.

It's always been the case that leaving home costs money, whether it's for a few days' trip or a long journey.

This spring, as we've talked together about journeys in worship, it's become apparent that the journeys that matter in Scripture were never cheap.

We see this in the Samaritan on the road to Jericho. He gave his time, his oil and wine, his own animal to ride upon, and two days' wages to an innkeeper—for a stranger. We see this with Mary and Joseph returning to Jerusalem, retracing a day's walk and then scouring the city to find the boy Jesus. These were not light undertakings. They had cost: physical, emotional, and yes, financial.

Sometimes we feel very separated from the people in Biblical stories, but in some aspects of traveling and journeying, we are the same. Our journeys in life don't go as planned (more often than we'd like), and the cost is often more than financial. We imagine that things should go smoothly - especially when we've planned things down to the last detail - and when it goes completely sideways, it's both frustrating and disconcerting.

Yet simultaneously, we can see and recognize how God is with us in these travels, guiding our ways and marking our steps. What a blessing and a comfort to know that God is along for the journey.

Psalms 139 seems like an apt message as we consider travel and journeying. "O Lord, you have searched me and known me," the psalmist writes in Psalm 139. "You discern my thoughts from afar... you search out my path."

It brings me to our message from Pentecost. The disciples didn't know where they were going or exactly what they would be doing. But they departed from their gathering in Jerusalem, they left assured that God would be with them.

As I consider what my summer might look like, I am already searched and known. Every road I might take, every place I could go, God is already there. So whatever this summer holds, planned or unplanned, smooth or sideways, may you be assured in the knowledge of being fully known and never alone.

May the peace of Christ be with you in this summer season.

Jessica



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SHARING OUR SUNRISE JOYS AND CONCERNS

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the spirit." John 3:8

"The disciples were gathered together when suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing wind, and it filled the whole house." Acts 2:1-2

Wind. It seems like lately it's all we talk about. And mostly when we speak of it is in a negative manner; a cold wind; a destructive wind; a wind bringing a booming thunderstorm. We sometimes forget that the wind is almost always with us; the gentle breeze cooling us off on a hot summer's day; the breeze that makes the stalks of grain move like waves in the field; and even the stronger chinook winds that send the subzero temperatures away.

And so it is with the Holy Spirit. Sometimes letting us know quite plainly that it is among us. Sometimes gently blowing through our daily lives. Yet, decidedly, always among and with us. The Holy Spirit blows through us, filling us anew each day. Ever with us.

"The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course." (Eccl. 1:6)

This month we remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died and gone to their eternal reward. We remember Jennie Graham, a close friend of Loren Smith's; with Ember Woods we celebrate the life of her longtime friend and neighbor, Judy, and pray for Judy's daughter Melissa. On May 30th we will celebrate the life of Barb Brewer who was a longtime member of Sunrise and servant of God. While the winds of grief blow through our lives as we remember them, we know too that God's gentle breezes will bring comfort.

Those in our midst who are suffering from illness or facing surgery are in our prayers. We continue to pray for Loren Smith as he returns to Kalispell for skin grafts on his leg following recent surgery. Kim Peachy is undergoing more evaluation before surgery in June in Billings. Continued prayers for Tim Lanham as he regains strength. Jacinte requests prayers for her Aunt; Marcia for her brother-in-law; Ember for friend Berta; and Sandy for her brother. Lorrie Maki has recovered and is back in her assisted living sharing her piano talents with the residents. Carol Stilli gives thanks for good test results. May God abide with all of them.

We share our joys in our family at Sunrise. Congratulations to Erica Harp for her dedication and hard work as a nurse in our schools as she was named School Nurse Administrator of the Year by the Montana School Nurses Association. And we send our Best Wishes to Bill and Jacinte McCullough's granddaughter, Ambria, and to John and Helen DeVoss's grandson, Colter, on high school graduation. We were blessed to have our children sing for us in worship on Mother's Day and continue to applaud our young people for all their accomplishments this year as we attend year end concerts and programs.

Sometimes as we enter the more non-structured time of summer we tend to forget that it also signals a time of change. Retirements. Graduations. Youth spreading their wings at summer camp away from parents for the first time. New jobs. Travel. And through all the winds of change the Holy Spirit blows through our lives. Hear these words from Joshua as we travel wherever the winds of change take us.

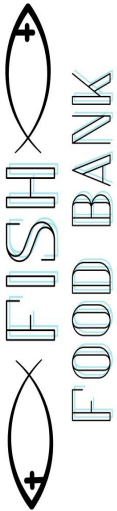
"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

In the sunshine of summer may the Holy Spirit live in you and through you, Tana

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“What’s Happening”

You may have noticed a new dry erase board on the wall outside of our office. This will be the Sunrise message board. If you have anything that is happening in your life that you want the congregation to know about and possibly attend, please write your name & the date/time plus what the event is. This is a great way for all of us to keep up with all of the happenings going on in your life!



Food Suggestions for Summer:

- + Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- + Boxed/Bags of Cereal
- + Canned Goods: Chili, Corn, Green Beans, Black Beans, etc..
- + Healthy Snacks (Granola Bars, Dried Fruit, Jerky, Nuts, Trail Mix, etc..)
- + Peanut Butter & Jelly
- + Soup
- + Otter Pops (Unfrozen)
- + Summer Snacks

Our next week to work at FISH will be July 20-24

FISH Numbers for Year 2026

**“We will need volunteers!”
Thank you in advance-**

Maribeth Doan

FISH Statistics First Quarter 2026

Families: 212
 Adults: 294
 Children: 118
 LBS of Food: 14774

FISH Bowl Sunday, April 26, brought in \$129. Very special thank you to our fine volunteers, who helped at FISH the week of May 11-15. They were Tana Harp (who helped two mornings), Sue Petersen and Karen Sanders. Your help is much appreciated! “Thank you to all who faithfully contribute to FISH!”

Maribeth Doan

Remember you can always visit our current bulletins and newsletters on our website.

Visit www.sunrisegreatfalls.net

If you want to view our bulletins, those are on the home page, scroll down to worship and click on the bulletins.

If you want to view the newsletters, click the About Us button and scroll to the bottom to view this month and prior month newsletters.

Per Capita for 2026 is \$71 per member. Funds will be distributed: \$ 11.26 General Assembly, \$3.00 Synod of the Rocky Mountains, and \$56.74 Glacier Presbytery. Thank you for your support.

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June Deacons : Janette Forsyth & Beth Hoseck

June 1 –July 6			Product Exchange; Please see Announcements for Details
June 3	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
June 5	Fri	All Day	Last Day of GFPS School
June 7	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
June 8	Mon	All Day	Crayon Pickup around town
June 14	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Crayon Sorting
June 15	Mon	All Day	Newsletter Items Due
June 17	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach, Mission Meeting
June 19-20	Fri/Sat	All Day	Presbytery Meeting in Hamilton
June 21	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Crayon Sorting
June 21-26	Sun/Fri	All Day	Pastor Jessica at Glacier Camp
June 23	Tues		<i>No Session in June; next meeting July 28 @ 5:30 pm</i>
June 24	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding
June 28	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
June 27-July 3	Sat/Fri	All Day	Jessica in Milwaukee for PCUSA General Assembly

Gathering at the Sunrise Park

We will be gathering at Sunrise park on Thursday, June 11th @ 6pm. This will be a BYOF (Bring Your Own Food) type picnic. We will chat and eat!
 We will also be deciding if we want to make this a monthly event. Weather Permitting

Mark Your Calendar: Our Annual Church Picnic will be held at Lion’s Park on August 19 from 5pm to 8:30 pm. More details will be included in the next newsletter.

June 2026 Reading List: Sent Forth

1. Genesis 12:1	2. Exodus 3:10	3. Exodus 3:13-14	4. Isaiah 6:8	5. Isaiah 52:7
6. Isaiah 61:1	7. Jeremiah 1:7	8. Jeremiah 1:9	9. Micah 6:8	10. Luke 4:18
11. Luke 4:43	12. Luke 9:1-2	13. Luke 10:1-2	14. John 17:18	15. John 20:21
16. Romans 10:14-15	17. 2 Corinthians 5:20	18. Ephesians 6:19-20	19. Genesis 22:11	20. Psalm 57:3
21. Mark 3:14	22. Mark 6:7	23. Matthew 9:37-38	24. Matthew 10:5-7	25. 1 Samuel 3:10
26. Psalm 68:11	27. Proverbs 13:17	28. Matthew 10:40	29. Psalm 43:3	30. Psalm 147:15

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We have SIX KIDS* going from Sunrise to Glacier Camp this summer during the first session, starting June 21. Please pray for our campers, other campers, the summer staff, and year-round Glacier Camp Staff as they embark upon their summer activities and programs. This year’s summer theme is: **Overflowing Life**.

Pastor Jessica will transport kids and be at the camp (or nearby) while our campers enjoy their summer camp adventure. You can still reach her by cell phone, text, or email during the week she is at the camp.

**Five member-children and one school friend who has attended before. Awesome!*

Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation Upcoming Organization Name Change

Pastor Jessica will be attending the PCUSA General Assembly, held this year in Milwaukee, WI. She will be there as OPSF staff in the convention center at the OPSF’s info table. At the General Assembly, OPSF will be officially presenting the organization’s new name: **Presbyterian Leadership Collaborative**. The name change is to better reflect the work and mission of the organization - equipping and bringing together faith leaders of Presbyterian churches. Starting later summer or early fall, you will see this new name appearing in publications from the organization. It will remain OPSF for now; the new name is in the paperwork and approval process.

“You are doing great with your volunteers hours, keep up the good work!!”

“70 for 70” - Each month this year, we will track the number of volunteer hours that Sunrise members are doing in our community. Whether it’s serving as a group filling backpacks, or going on your own to visit homebound folks, or working at home on quilts for kids - we have so many ways that Sunrise has a positive impact on our community.

Help us to track this good work!

Email the office or drop a note in the offering tray each month to let us know how many hours you have volunteered. We will have a chart on the bulletin board next to the office that will track our hours. You can also text Kris (Office Administrator) your volunteered hours, 541-974-2534.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for re-use in a variety of ways	Aluminum cans are recycled and the money collected goes to cover shipping costs for pill bottles	Plastic grocery bags are collected and dropped off for recycling	1-dozen size egg cartons in good, clean condition are reused by the Great Falls Food Bank as they split eggs out from pallets to smaller quantities

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The Manse remodel is underway. With the help of Scott, Bill, Eric & Raul, the manse is coming along nicely. There has been a couple of hiccups here and there, but other than that it is going very well.



The black floor on the left shows where 4+ layers of flooring were removed



Two short walls were removed between the kitchen, dining, and living rooms. You can see on the ceiling where three support beams were installed.

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DO YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU DON'T USE HANGING AROUND YOUR HOUSE? DON'T KEEP IT UNTIL IT GOES BAD, BRING IT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO ENJOY!

JUNE 1ST - JULY 6TH
 BRING ITEMS TO CHURCH AND PUT THEM ON THE EXCHANGE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.
 SEE SOMETHING YOU LIKE? TAKE IT HOME!

Products must be:
 >In the original containers
 >Half or more remaining
 >No products intended for use on eyes or lips
 >No Food

Items may include:
 shampoos, conditioners, bar soaps (unused), gel soaps, lotions, after shave products, perfume/cologne, nail polish, hair products, household cleaners, etc.



The Crayon Initiative

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Bring used crayons (no new crayons, this is a recycling program).
- Join us for Fellowship on June 14 & June 21 when we will be sorting crayons by color and boxing crayons for shipping. Or come down and drink a cup of coffee and visit with those who are sorting.
- Take information to an organization you are associated with and ask them if they will put out a crayon collection box.
- Spread the word to friends and family about the Crayon Initiative and invite them to participate.

Let's plan a celebration!

Our 70th anniversary celebration will take place on Saturday, September 12th, from Noon until 4:00 PM. We will be inviting the public to join us. To make the event fun, we have planned games for all ages and a light lunch. To make this happen, we will need lots of help. There is a need for people to organize the setup of the event on the morning of the 12th. Others are needed to plan the games and the prizes and prepare the lunch. Mostly, we need volunteers to work the event; several of these positions can be performed while sitting down, so everyone can contribute in some way.

Please contact Carol or Eric for more information.



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Committees and Elders:

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Scott Shull, Dan Petersen, Marcia Anderson

Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough

Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough, Rowena Milton

Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Carol Stilli, Eric Chigbrow

Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials:, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen

Nominating: Eric Chigbrow, Marcia Anderson

Worship: Carol Stilli, Marcia Anderson

Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



Sunrise Board of Deacons:

Chair: Ember Woods

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