

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

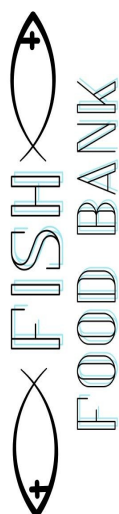
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

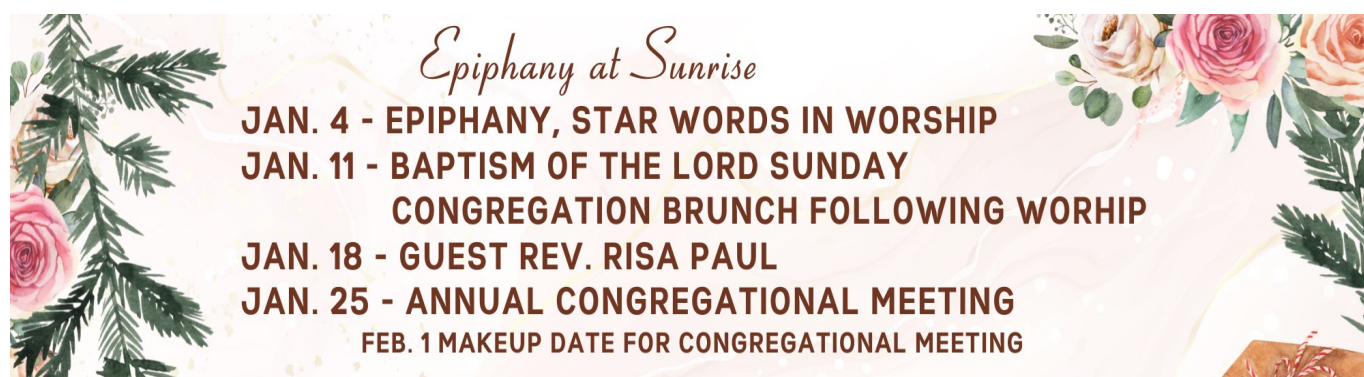
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Great Falls, MT 59405

3900 5th Ave S

Dan & Val Agnew

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

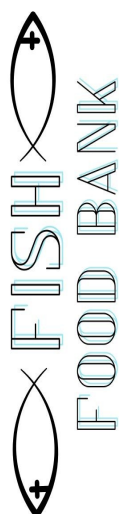
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

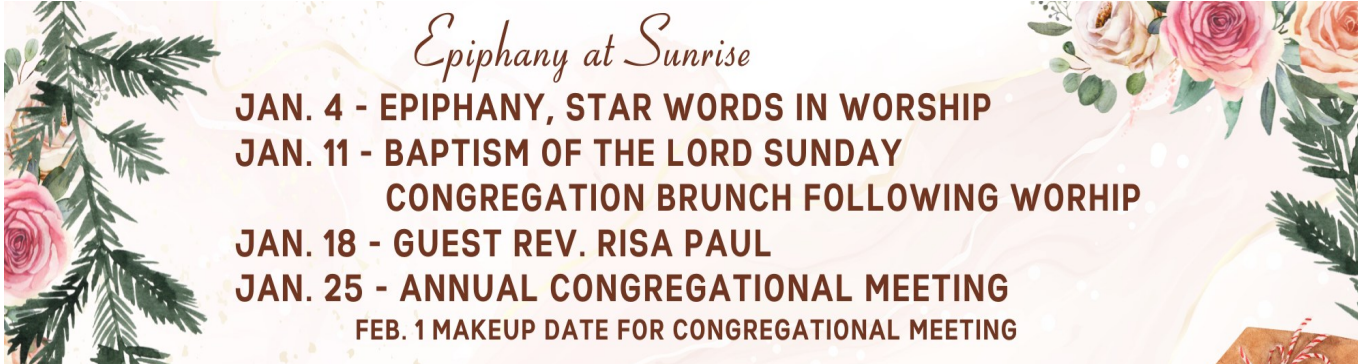
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Richard Benson  
2531 Vaughn Road, #15  
Great Falls, MT 59404

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

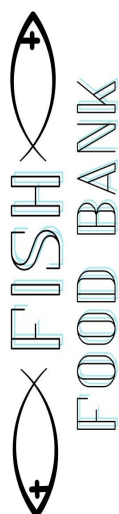
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

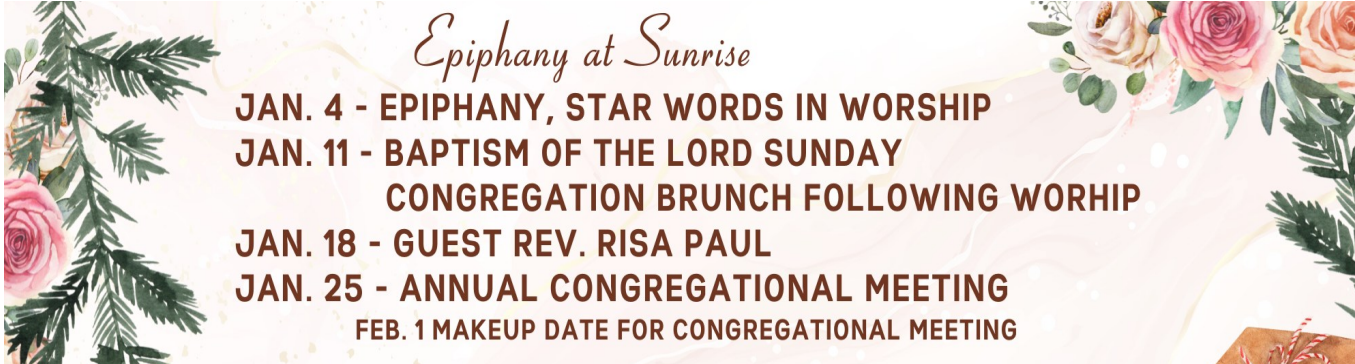
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Betty Bielen  
1 Prospect Dr  
Great Falls, MT 59406

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

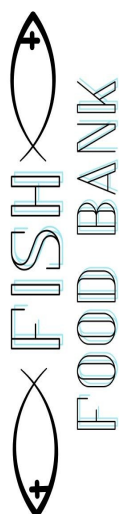
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

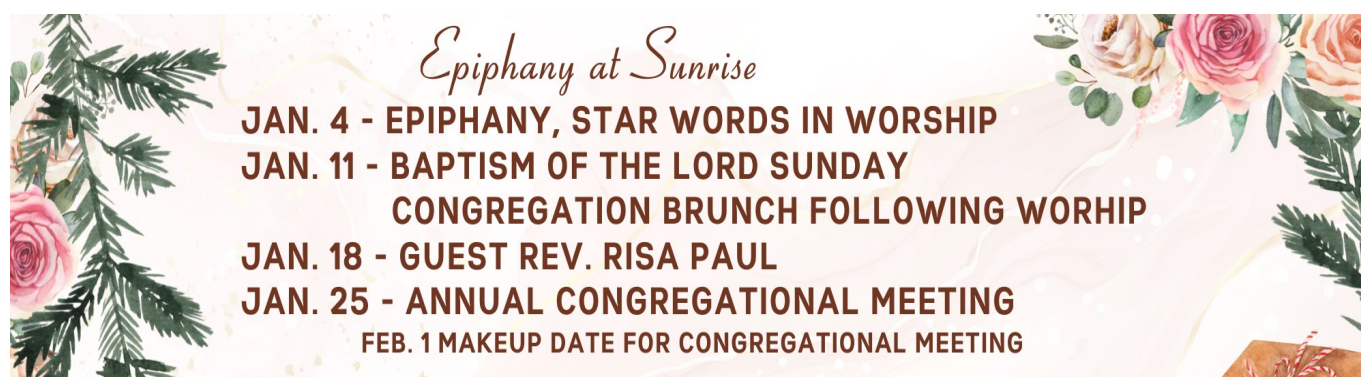
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Tim Brewer  
1313 N El Molina Ave  
Pasadena, CA 91104

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

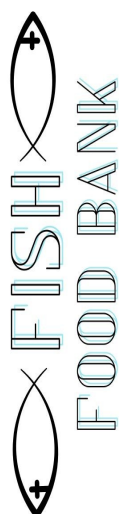
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

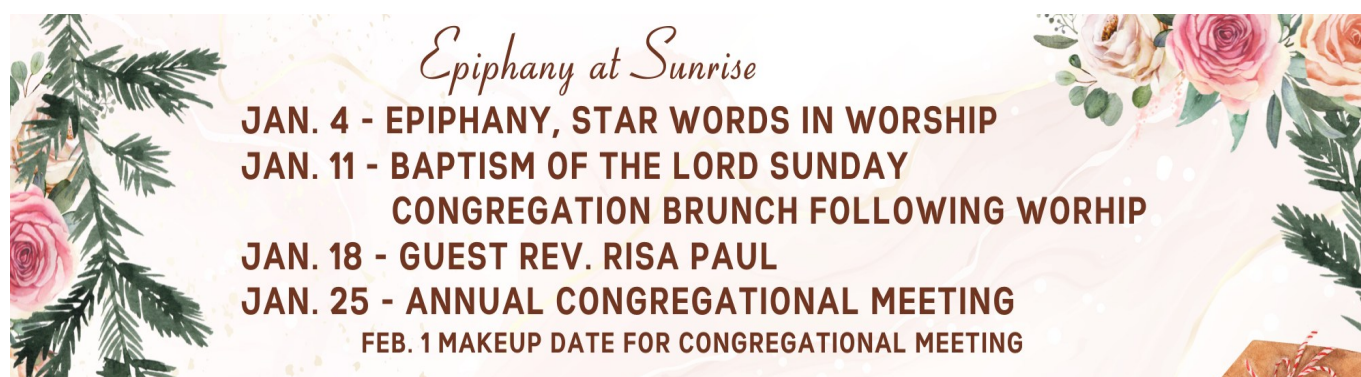
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Gail Bucko  
3000 11th Ave. So. #104  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

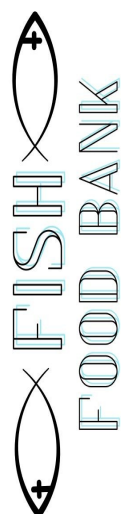
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

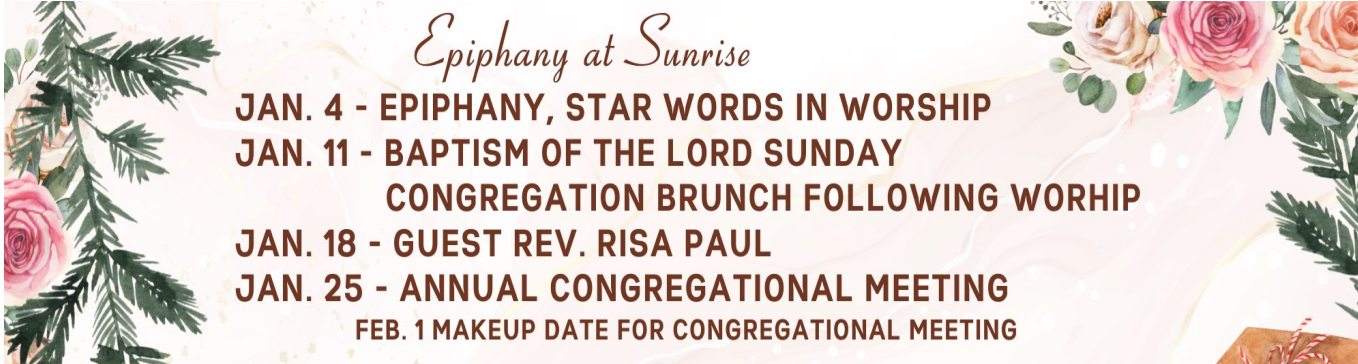
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Eric & Pam Chigbrow  
700 52nd Ave S.  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

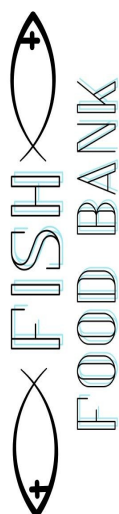
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

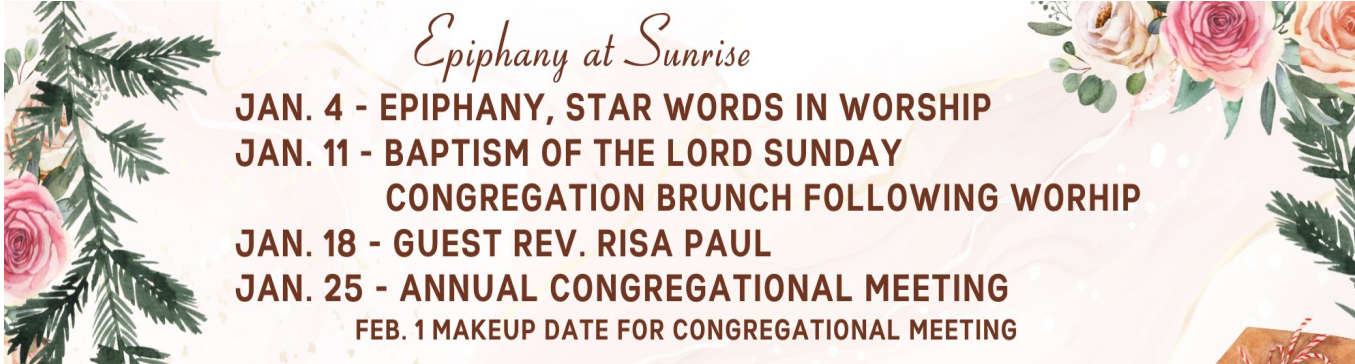
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Stan & Lena Cornell  
PO Box 450  
Belgrade, MT 59714

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

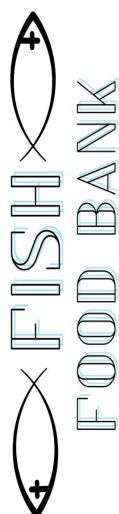
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

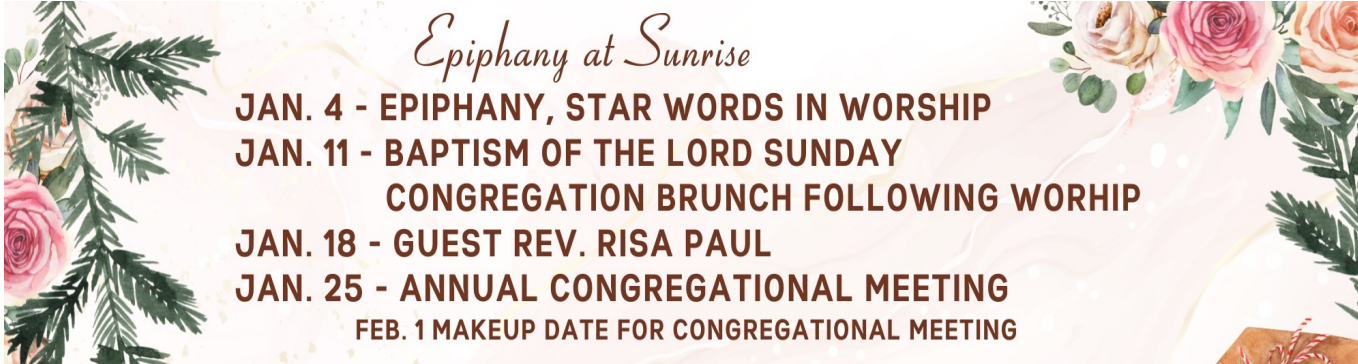
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Neva Crane  
311 East Watson Street  
Lewistown, MT 59457

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

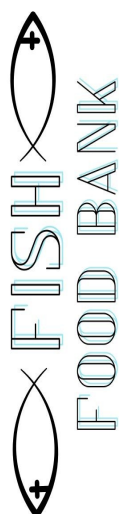
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

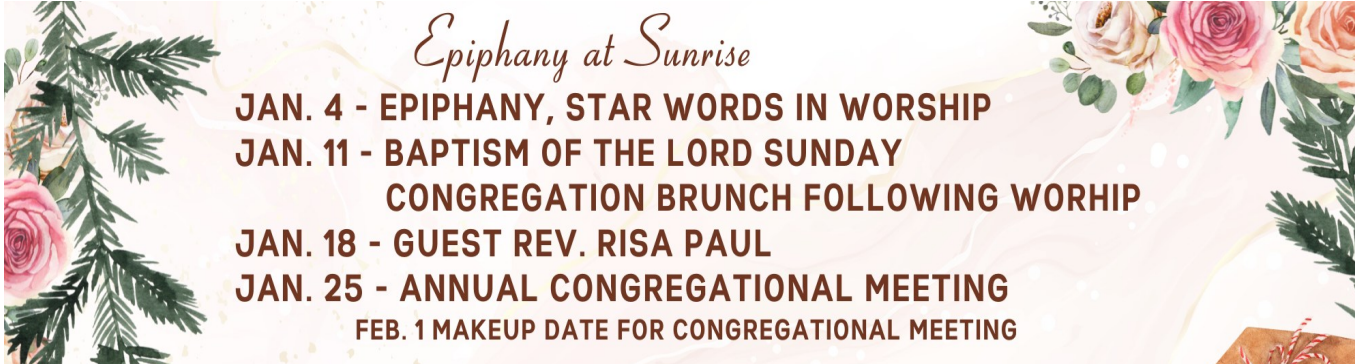
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

John D. & Helen DeVoss  
824 53rd St S  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

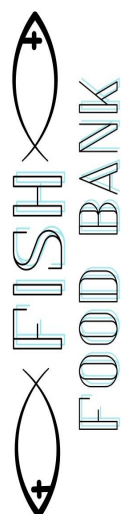
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

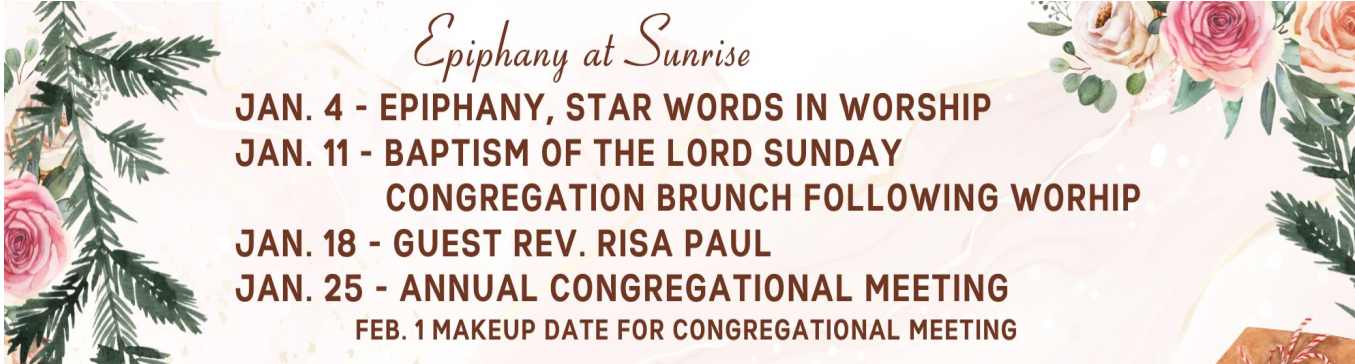
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Great Falls, MT 59405

408 51st S S

Maribeth Doan

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

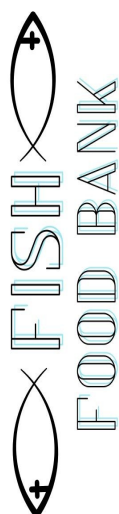
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

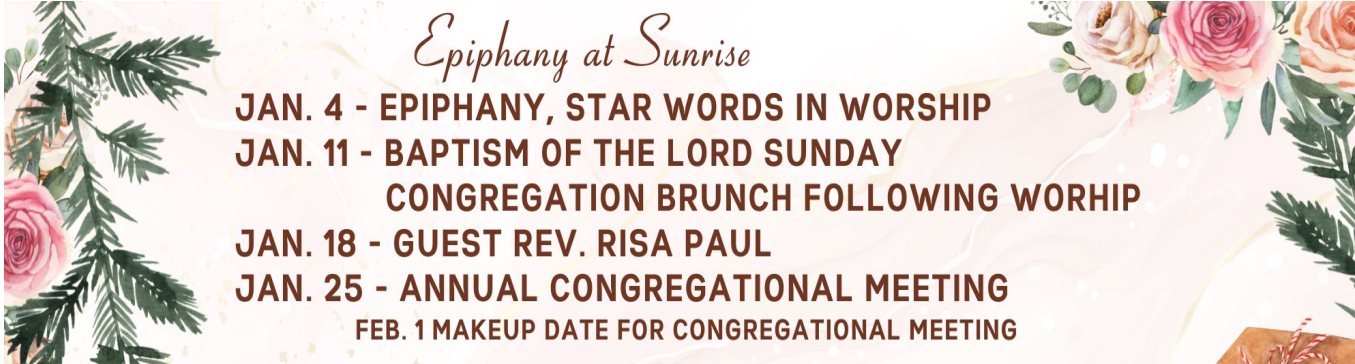
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Donald & Emily Edmonston  
1008 Choteau Ave.  
Great Falls, MT 59404

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.



How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica

January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

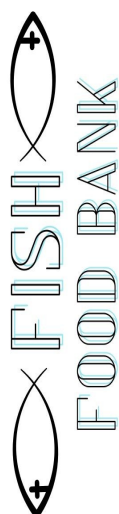
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

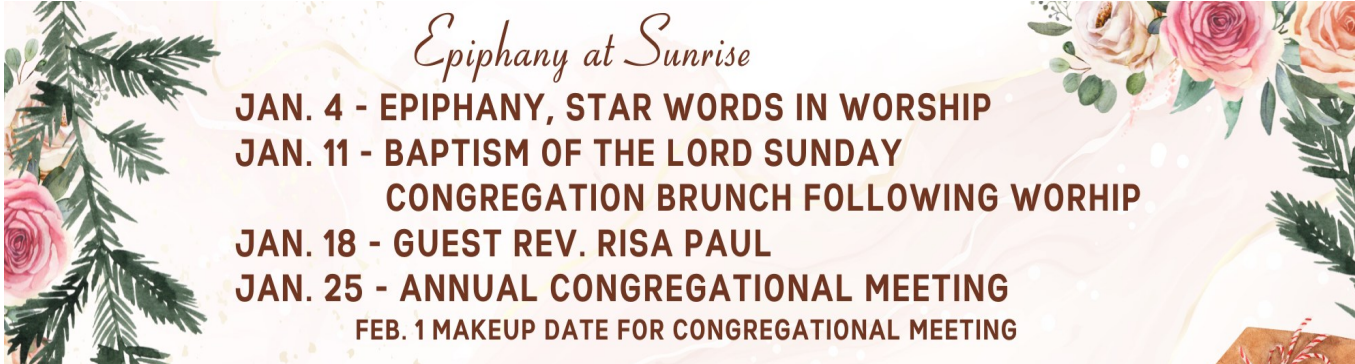
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Jack & Gervaise Ferry  
3528 7th Ave S  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

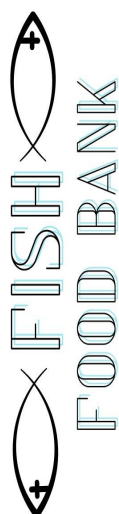
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

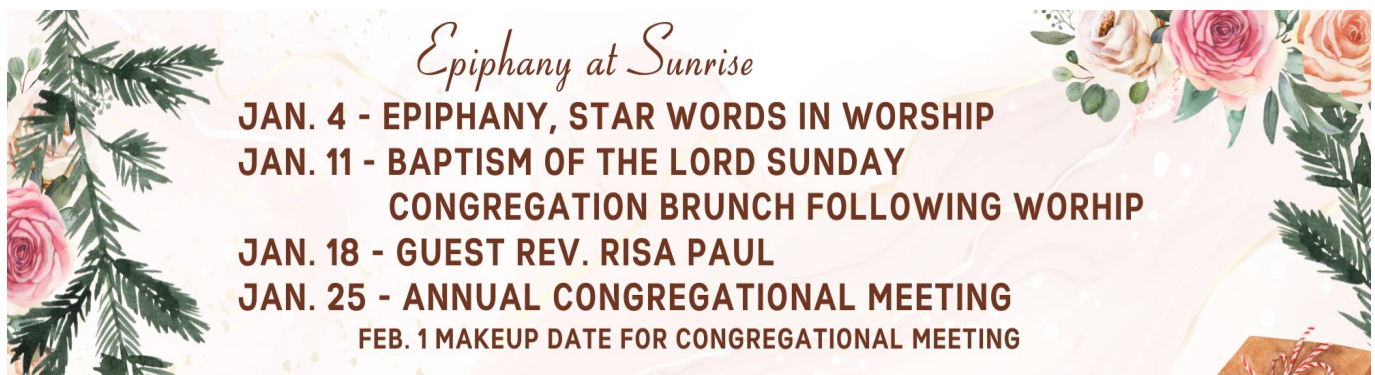
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Patricia Freeman  
200 13th Ave. So. #3  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

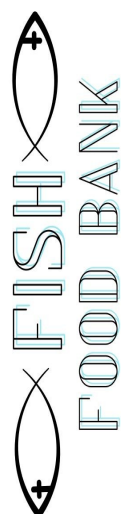
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

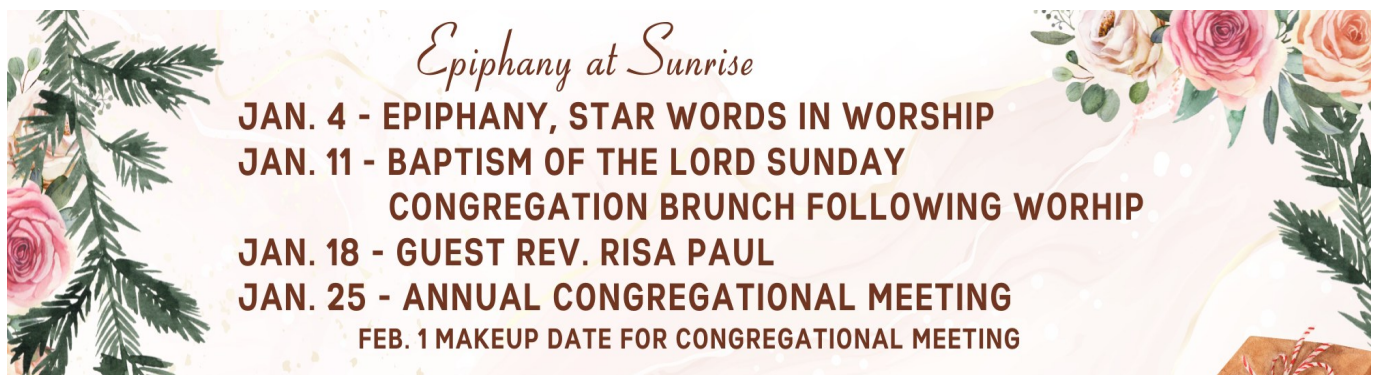
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Helena, MT 59601

314 Fifth Ave #6

Trisha Gardner

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.



How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica

January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

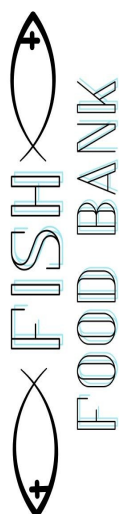
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

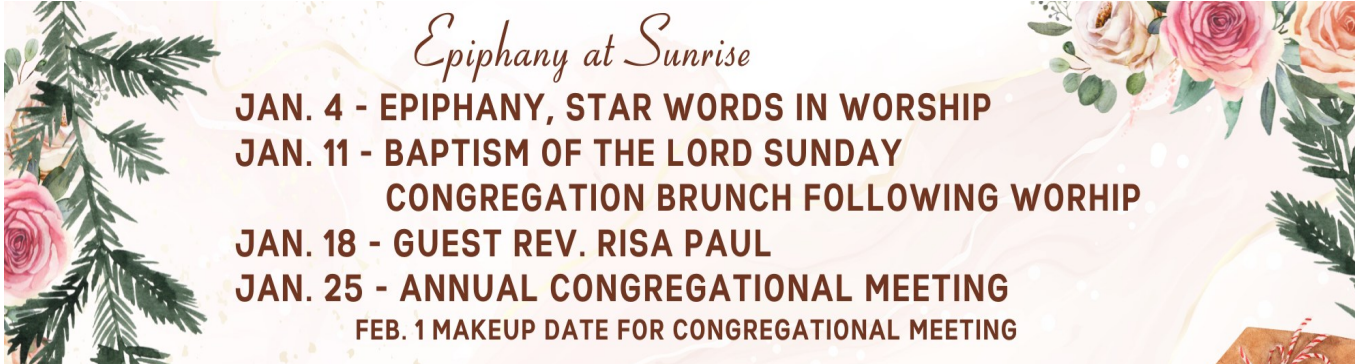
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Shirley Gearhart  
1621 7th Ave N  
Great Falls, MT 59401

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

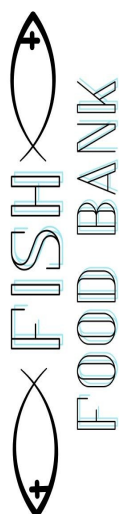
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:

Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

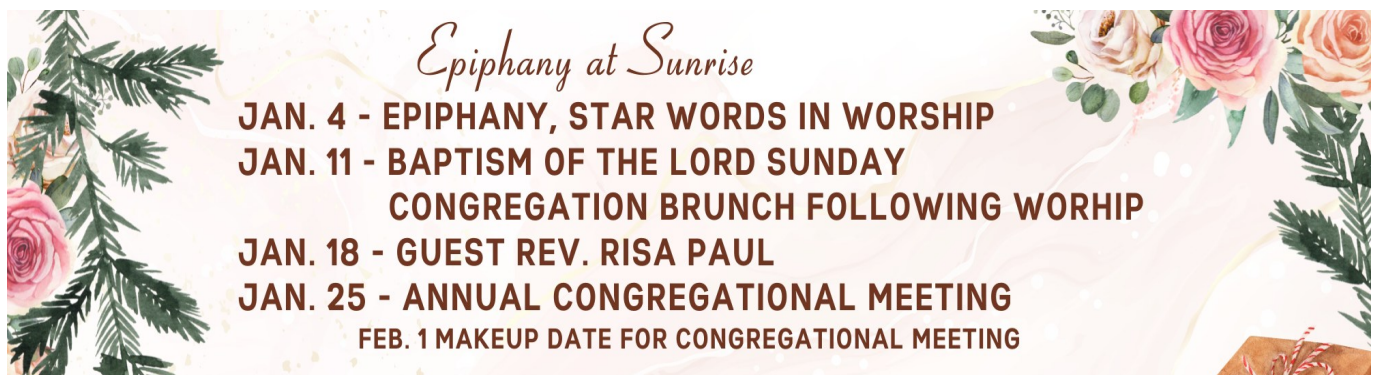
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Great Falls, MT 59401

1104 6th Ave N #219

Joan Green

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

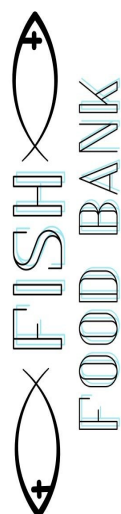
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

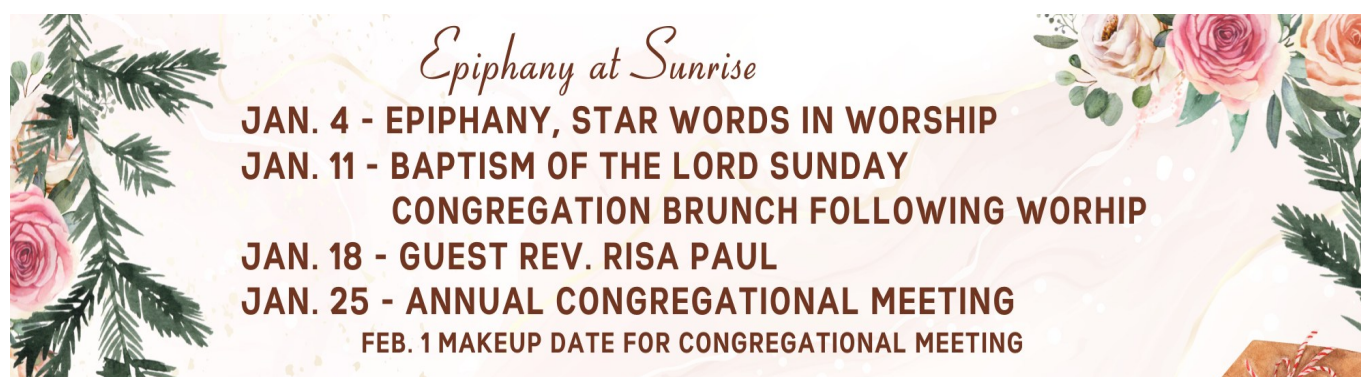
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Rosalie Hall  
2707 1st Ave N  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

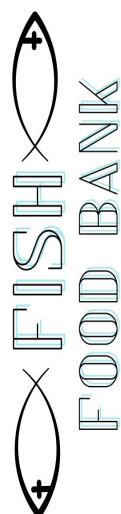
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

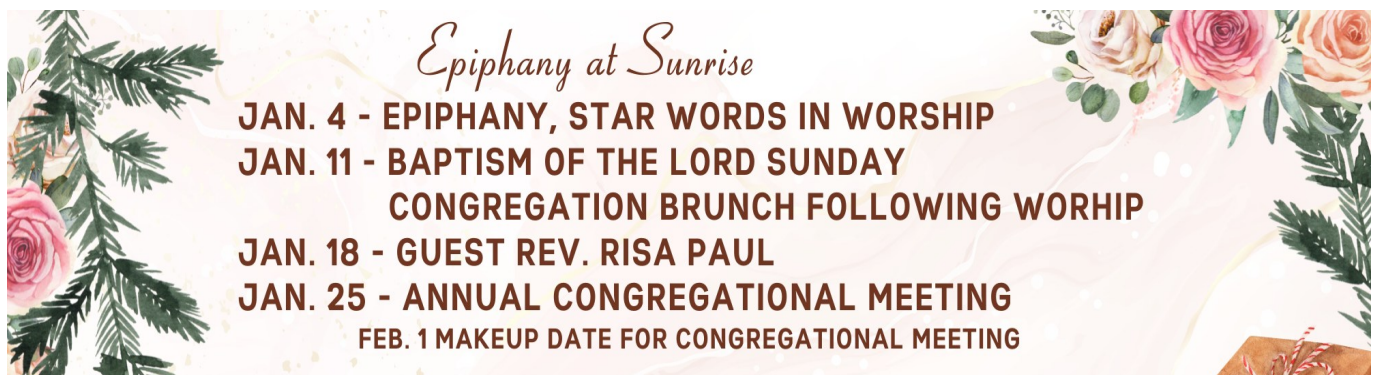
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Tamara Harp  
8955 North Leonard Street  
Portland, OR 97203

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

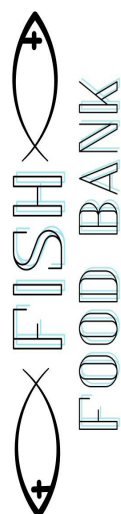
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

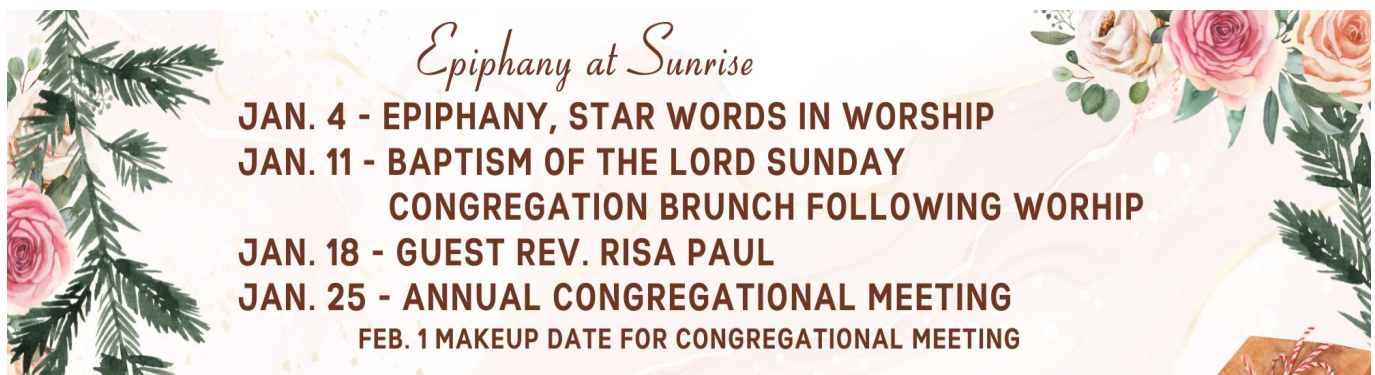
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Great Falls, MT 59405

2708 7 Ave S

Travis & Erica Harp

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

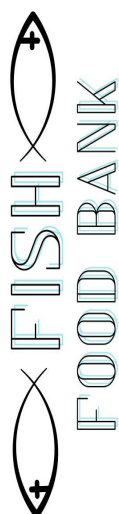
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

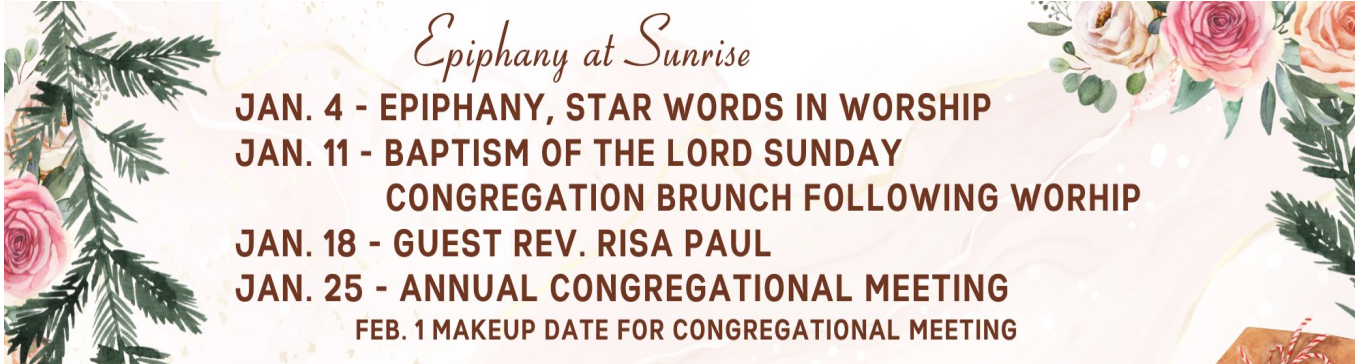
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Trevor & Kim Harp  
446 Princeton Place  
Bozeman, MT 59718

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

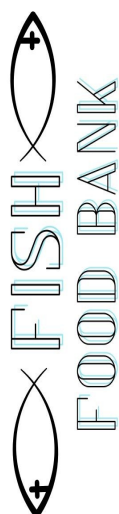
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

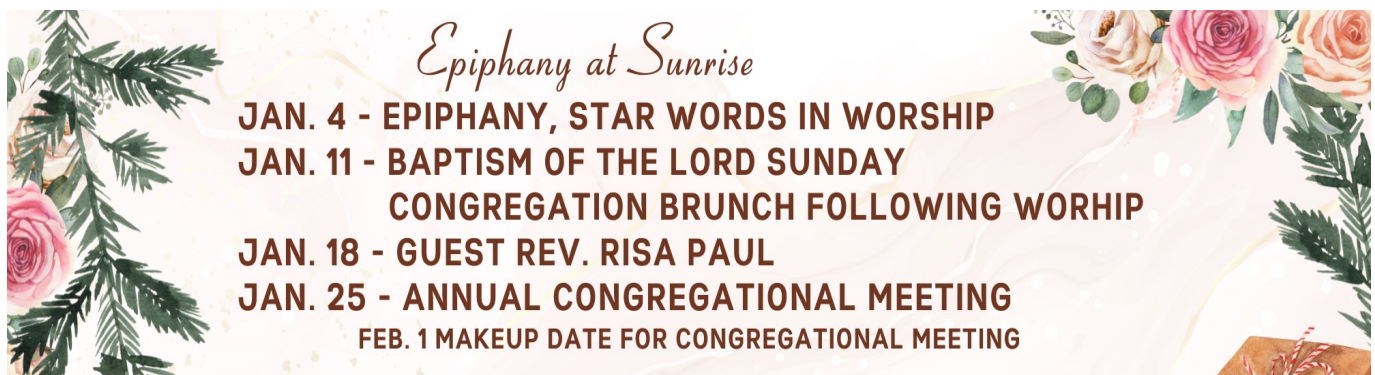
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Doug & Tammie Hickey  
413 23rd St S  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

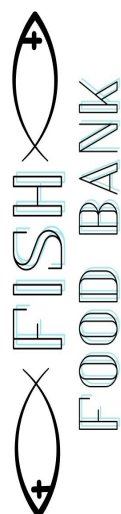
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

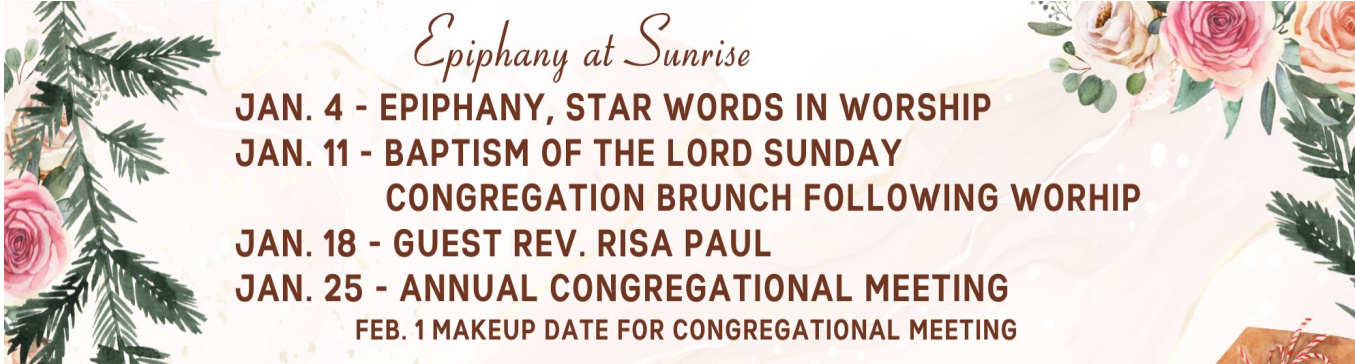
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Joe & Beth Hoseck  
1009 Carlos Drive  
Great Falls, MT 59404

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

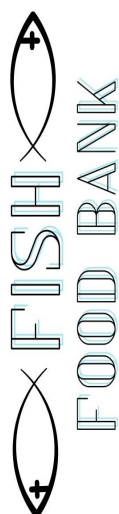
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

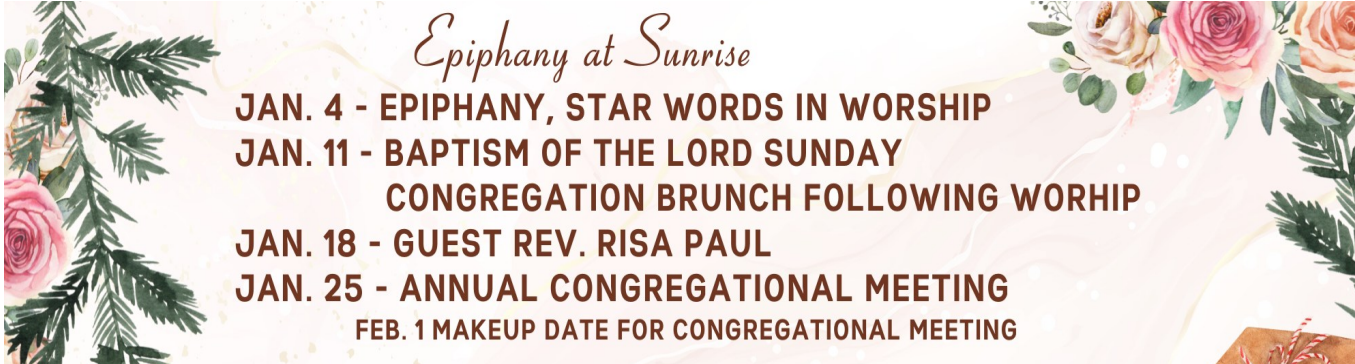
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Alex Kallstrom  
2813 6th Ave S  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

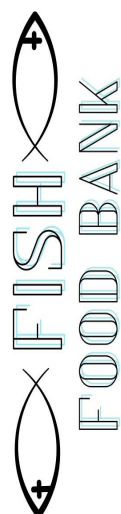
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

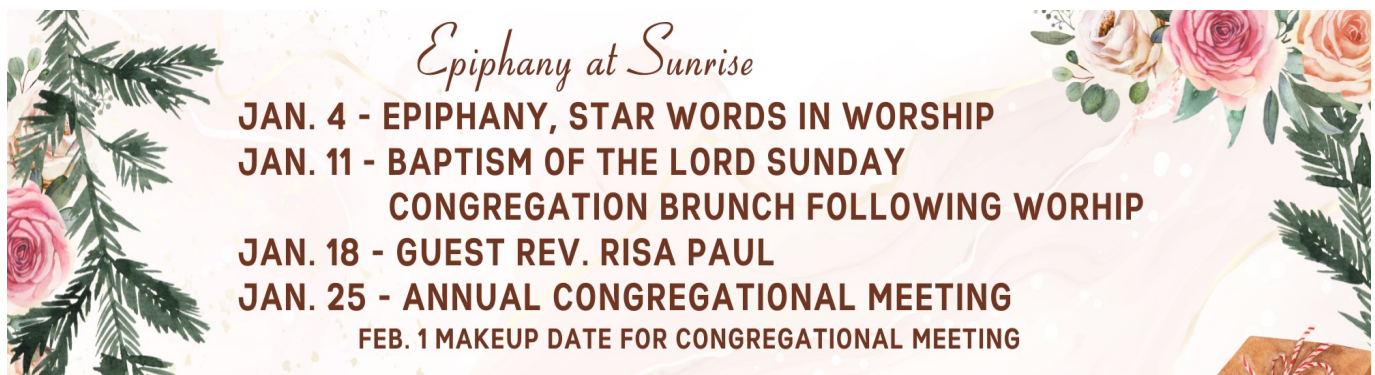
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Ty & Kendra Kallstrom  
2725 1st Ave N  
Great Falls, MT 59401

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.



How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica

January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

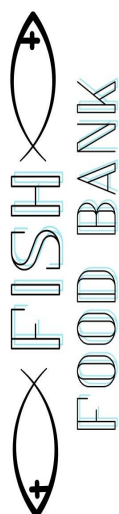
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

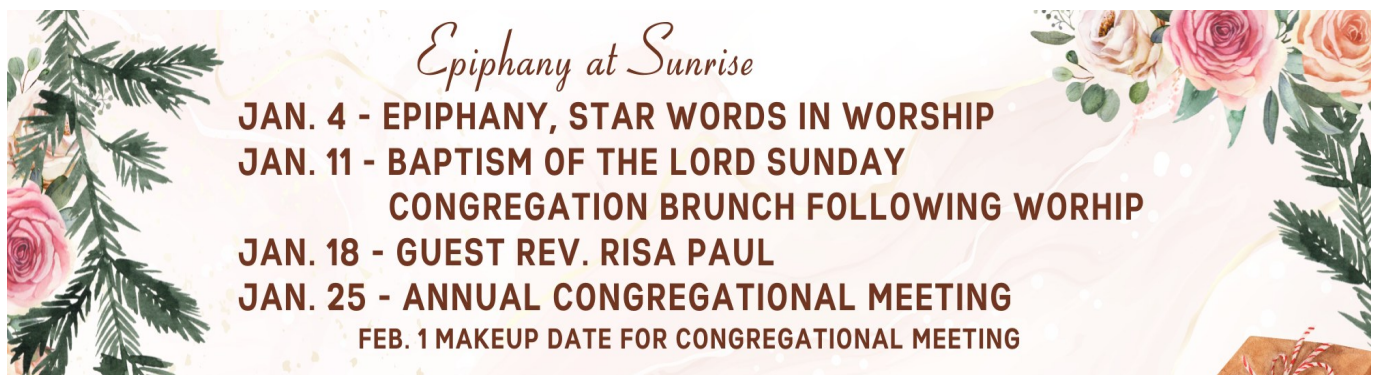
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Bob Kamper  
629 Swan Court  
Great Falls, MT 59404

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.



How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica

January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

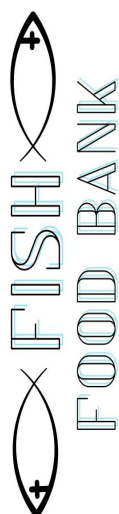
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

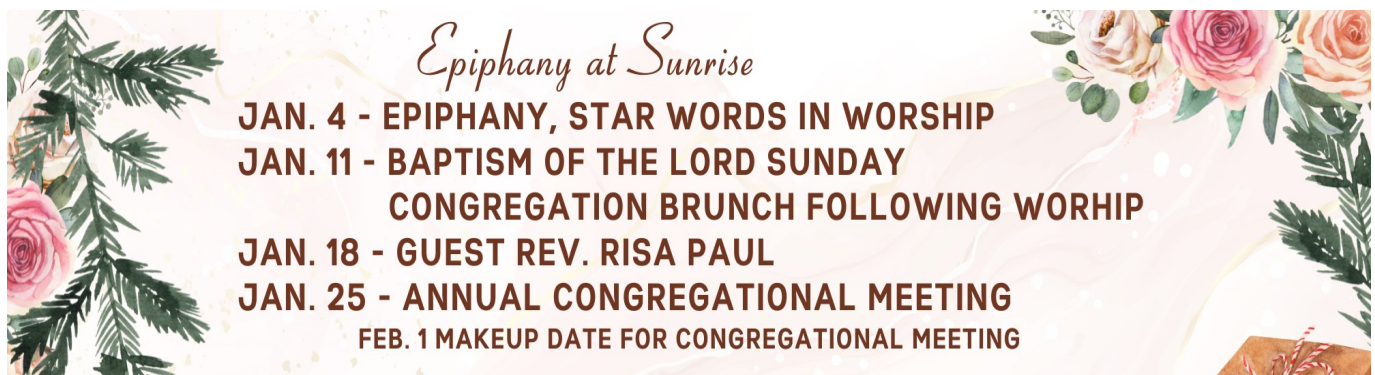
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Fort Benton, MT 0

PO Box 1178

Rosemary Koch

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.



How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica

January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

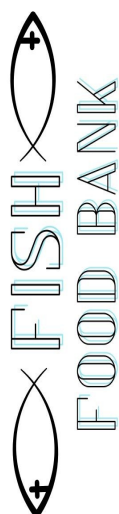
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

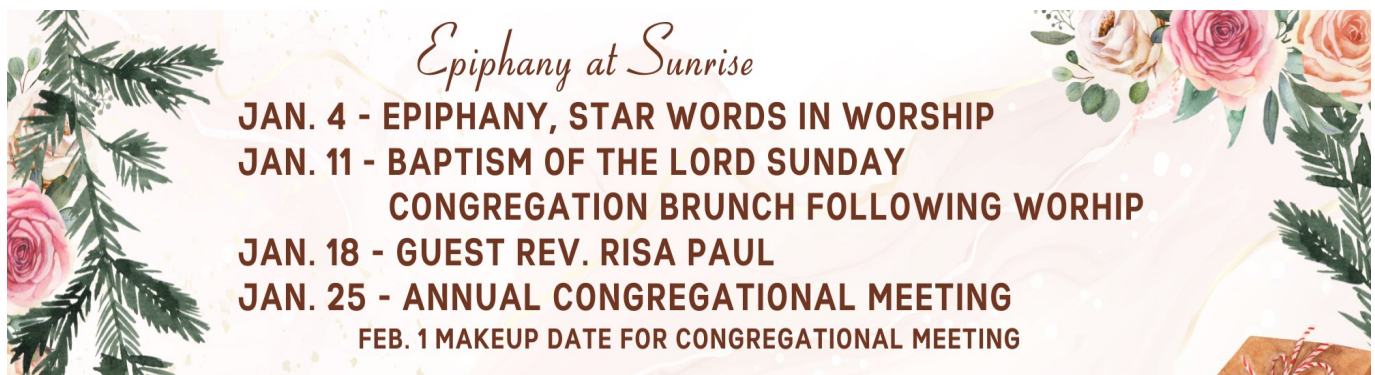
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Dale & Sandy Lambert  
112 37th Ave NE  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

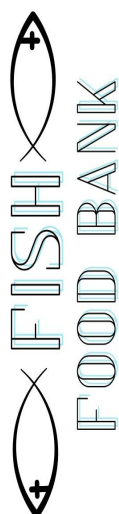
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

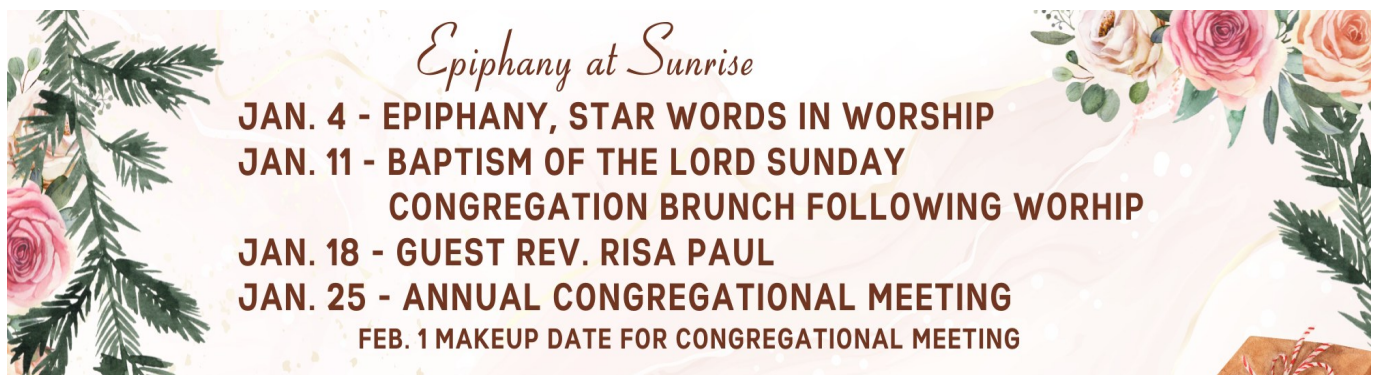
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Great Falls, MT 59401

1104 6 Ave N #105

Fran Lindstrand

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.



How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica

January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

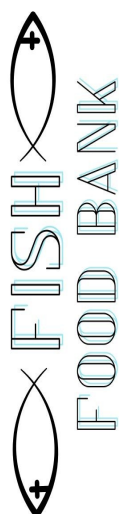
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

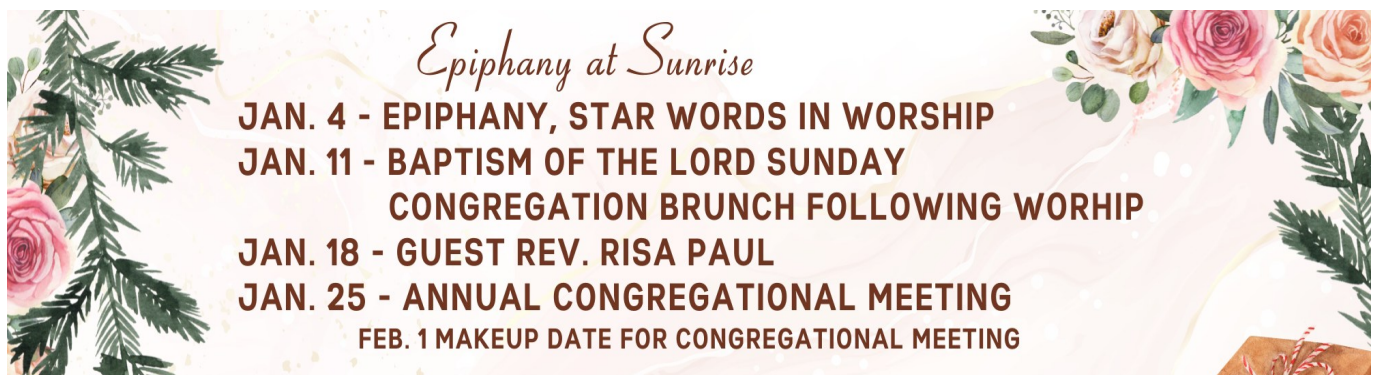
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Great Falls, MT 59405

3232 Arbor Way

Lorrie Maki

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

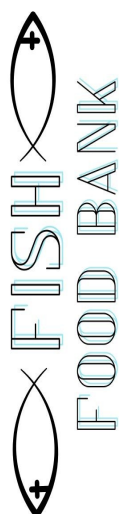
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

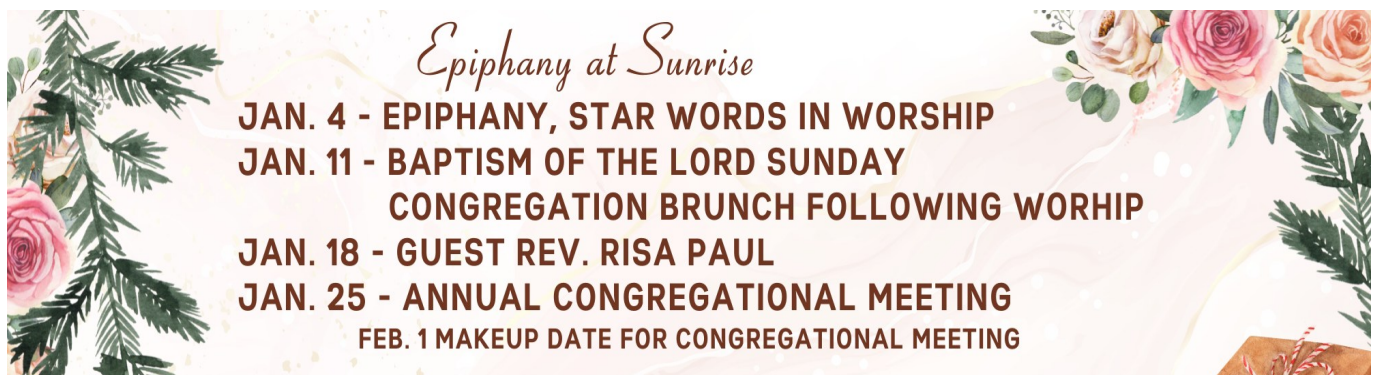
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Great Falls, MT 59404

2209 11th SW

Jane Mart

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.



How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica

January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

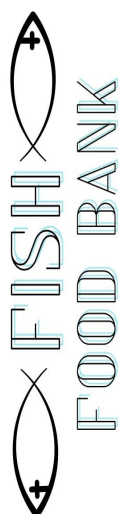
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:

Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

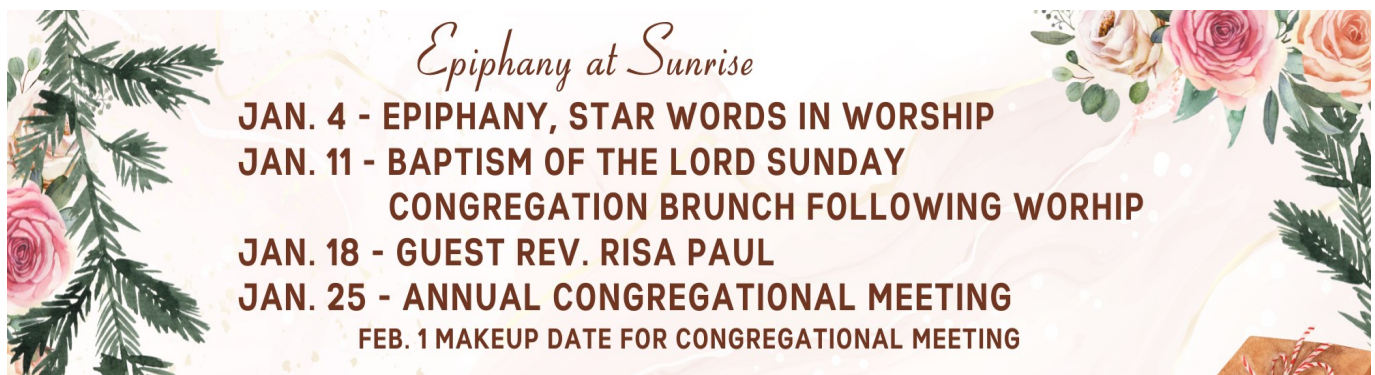
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Bob & Nancy Maynard  
10390 E 26th Ave  
Aurora, CO 80010

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.



How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica

January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

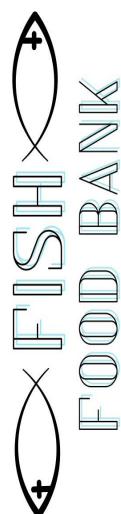
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

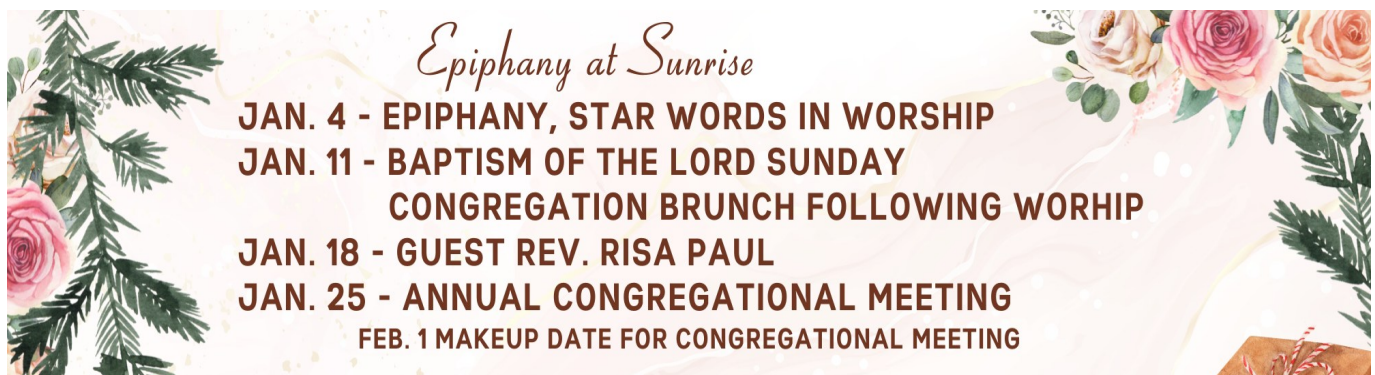
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Billings, MT 59102

3140 Sweetwater Dr Rm 107

Marlene McCaulay

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

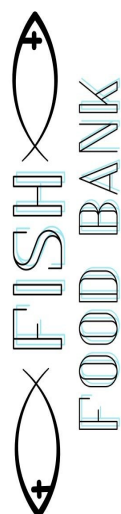
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

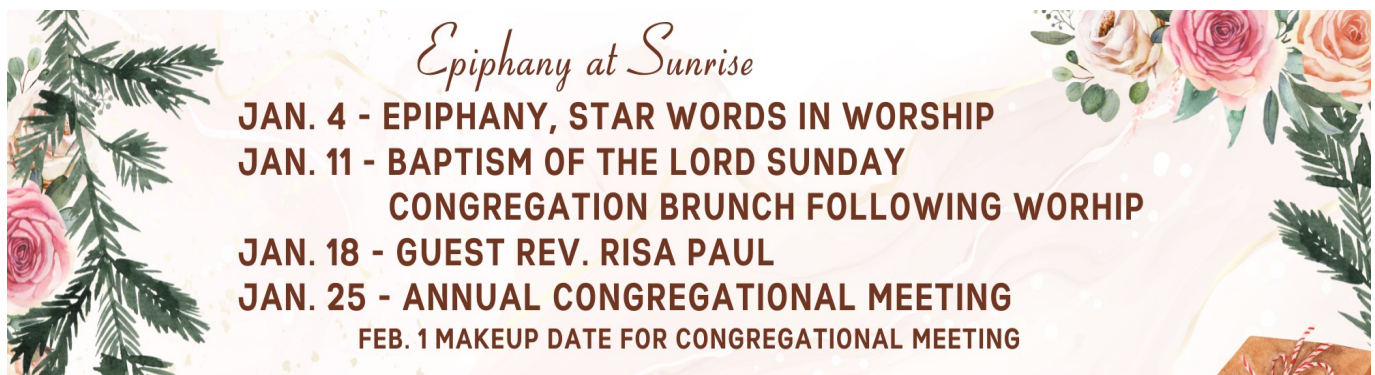
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Benna McGeorge  
Reflections at Grandview Beneth, 3015 18th  
Ave. S  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

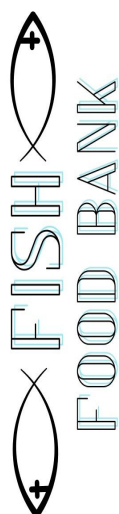
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:

Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

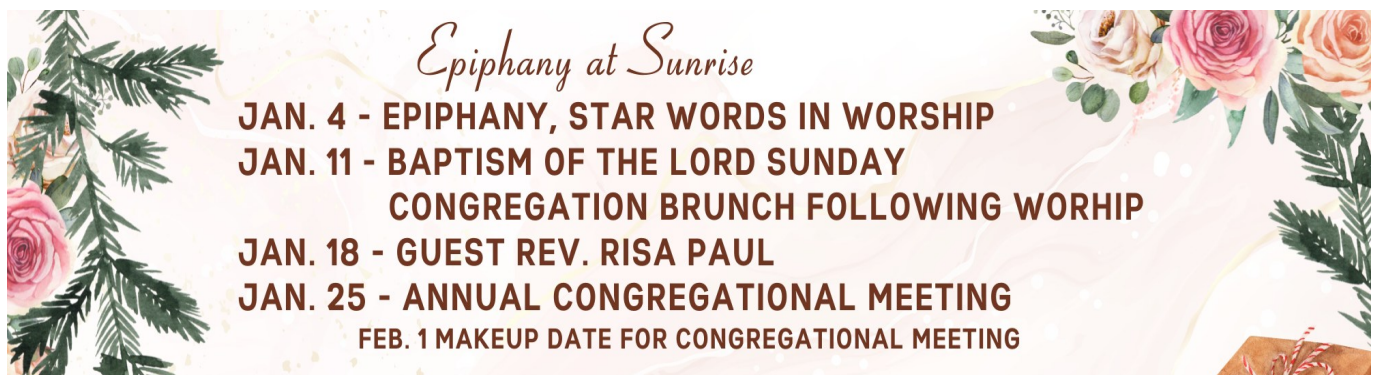
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Moscow, ID 83843

640 N Eisenhower St, Apt 203

Joyce Newman

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.



How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica

January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

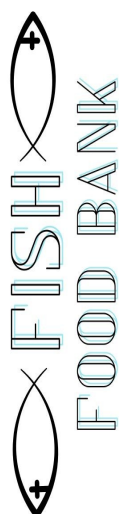
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

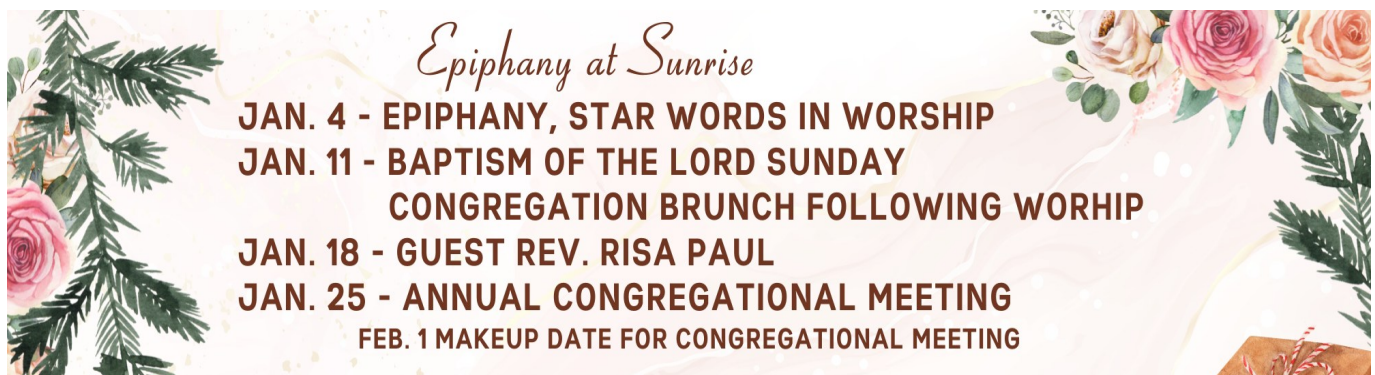
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Margaret Nitschke  
1200 32nd St S #98  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.



How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica

January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

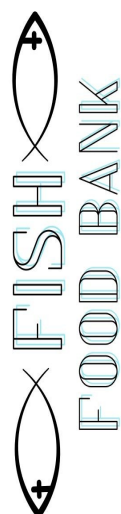
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

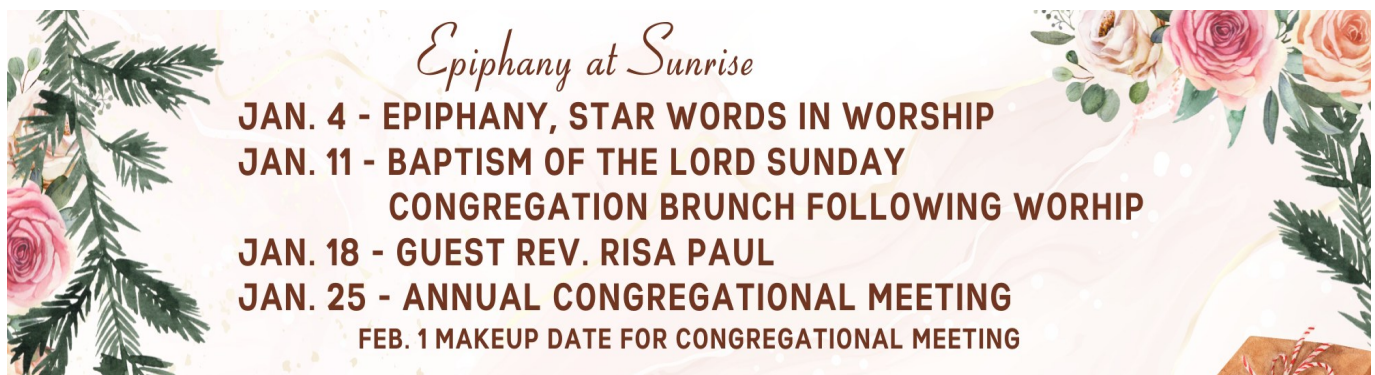
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Great Falls, MT 59401

3508 4th Ave North

Dixy & Rod Paronto

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

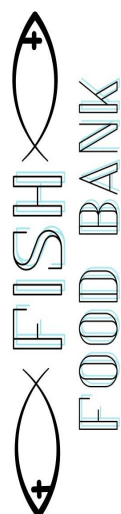
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

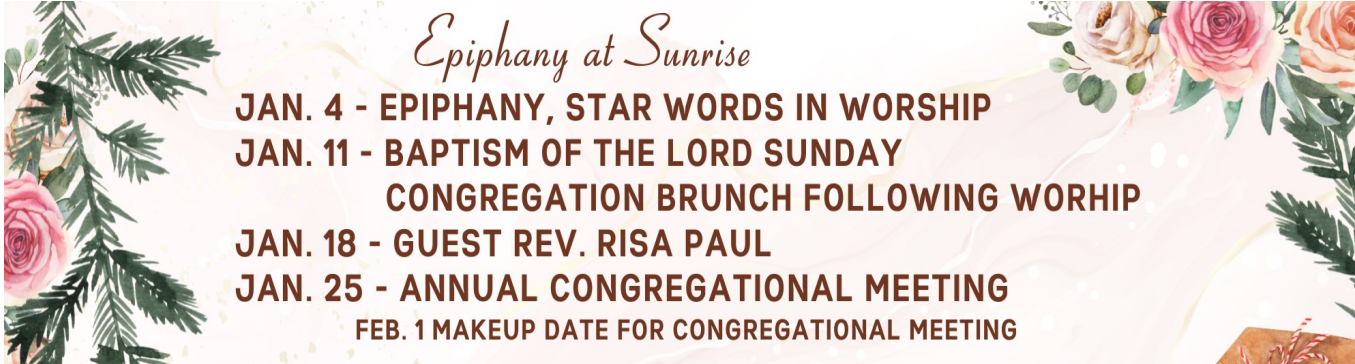
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Kim Peachy  
1712 Meadowlark Dr  
Great Falls, MT 59404

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

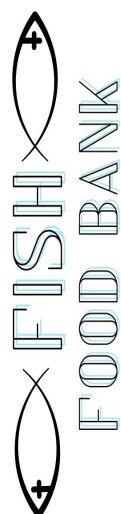
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

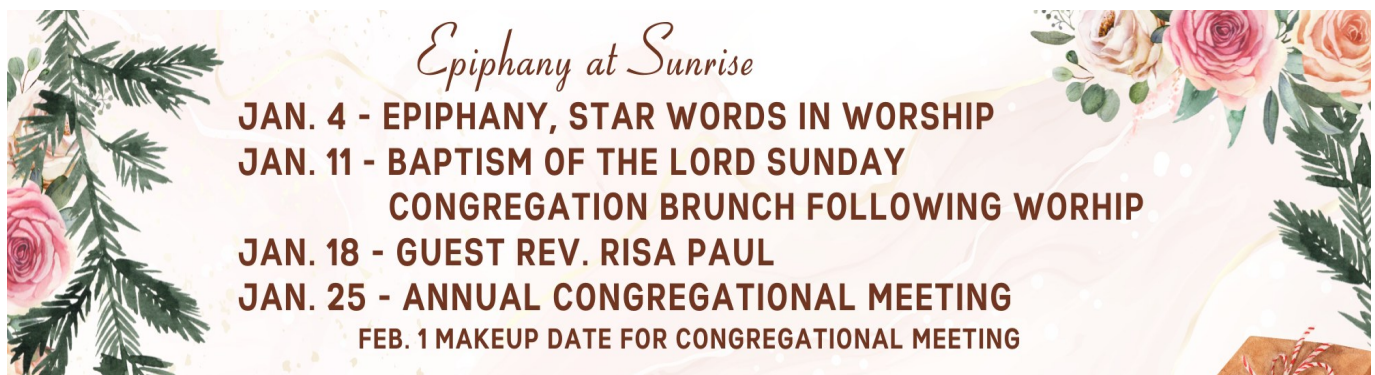
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Velarde, NM 87582

PO Box 546

Mary Perkins

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

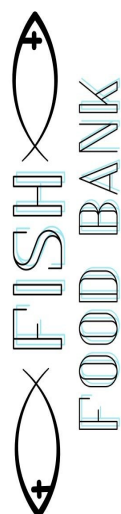
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

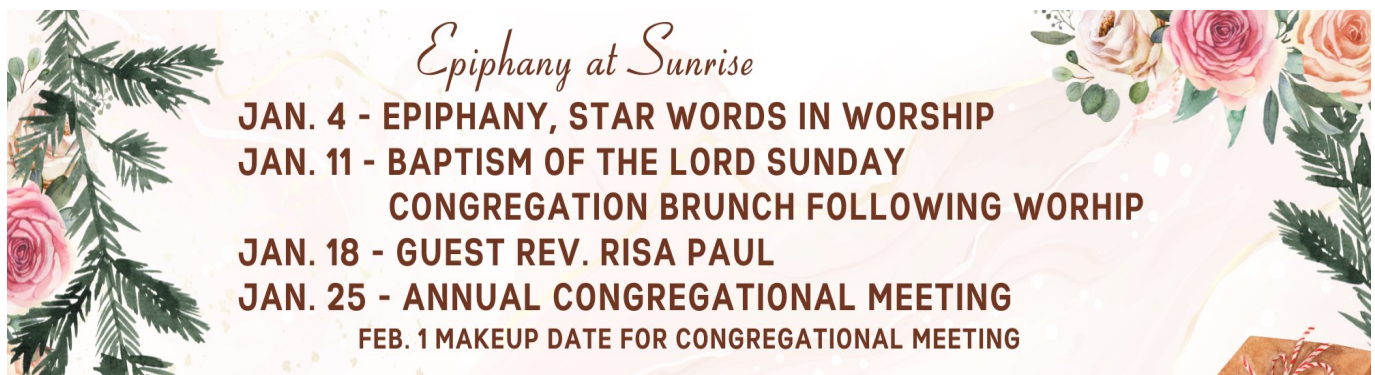
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

### We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:

Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Dan & Sue Peterson  
1018 36th Ave NE  
Great Falls, MT 59404

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

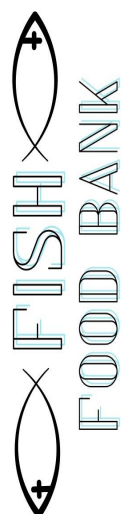
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

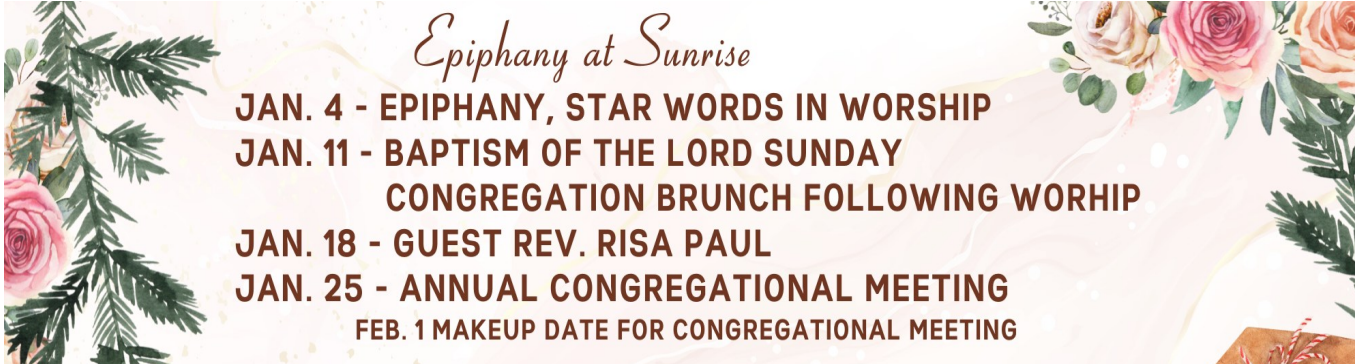
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Ryan & Janna Pfeifle  
224 Sun Loop Lane  
Great Falls, MT 59404

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

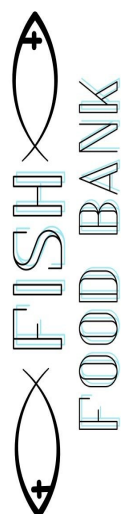
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

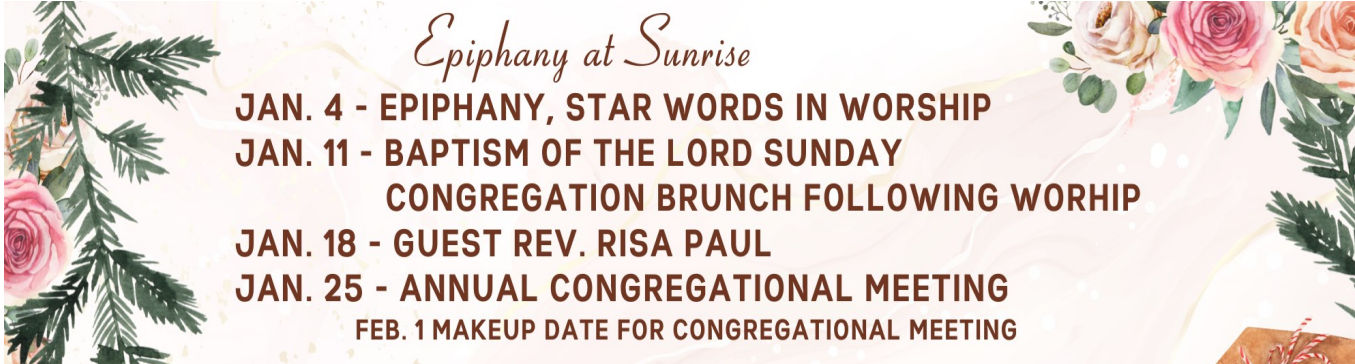
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Bryan & Melanie Robinson  
614 36th St N  
Great Falls, MT 59401

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.



How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica

January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

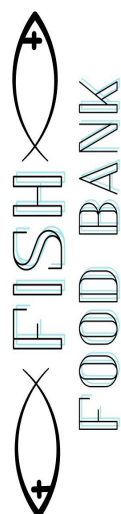
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

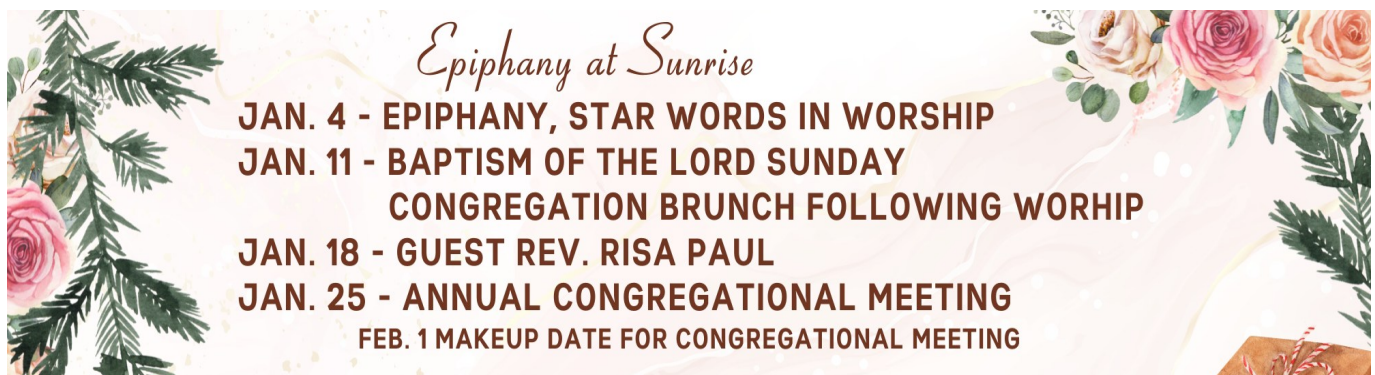
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

David & Claire Roehm  
531 Prairie Nest Road  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

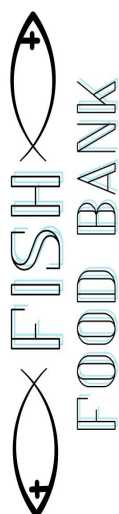
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

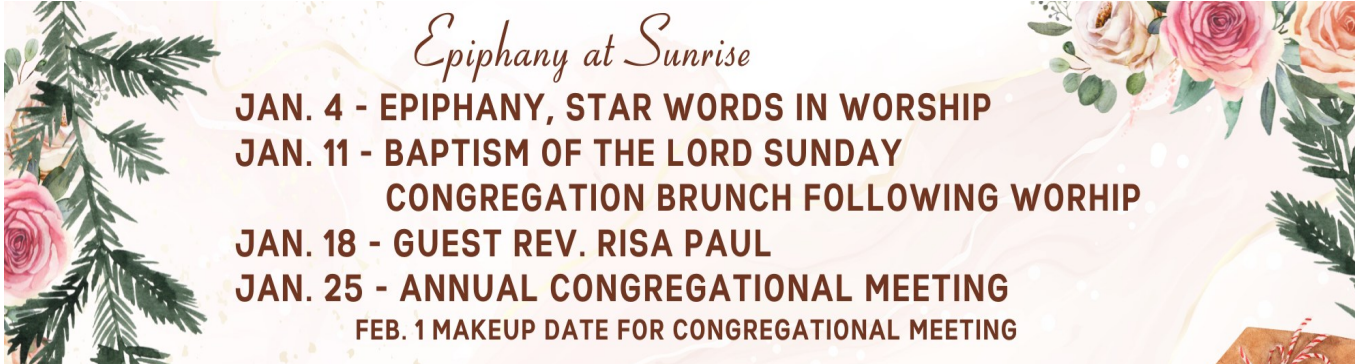
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Don & Shirley Roehm  
654 Milligan Rd  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

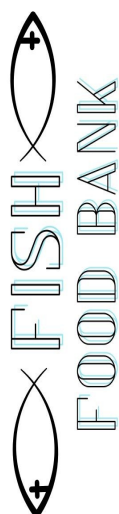
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

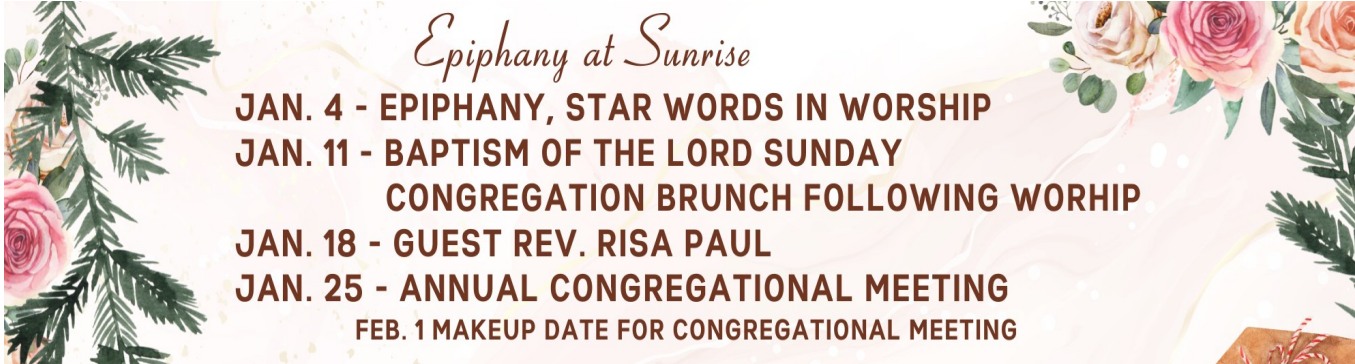
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Great Falls, MT 59401

1614 1st Ave S

John & Linda Roehm

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

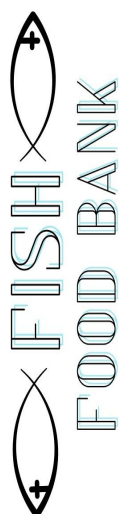
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

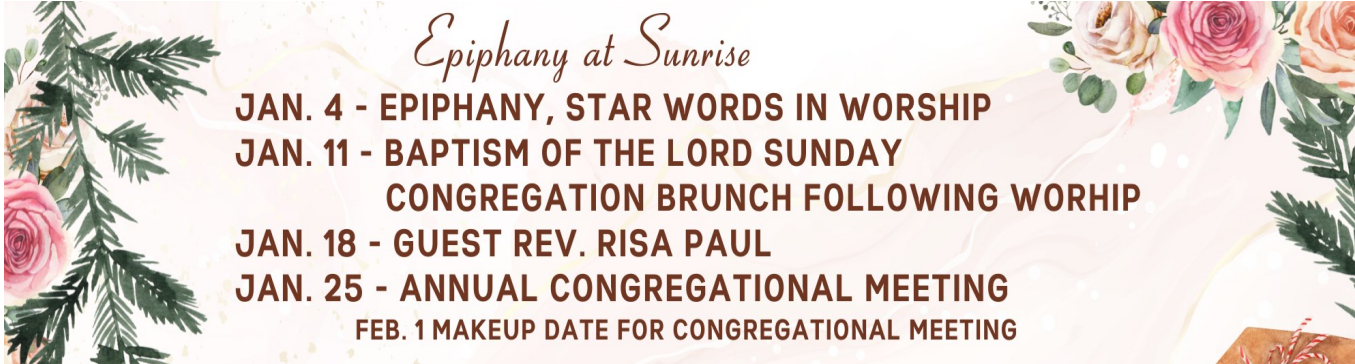
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Jacob & Erica Rusinski  
3601 5th Ave S  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

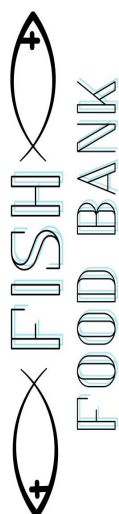
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

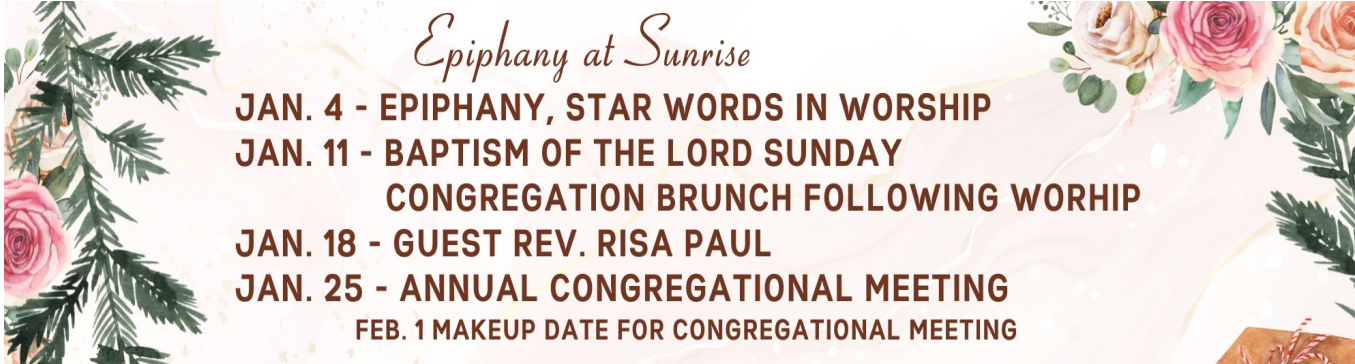
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Karen Sanders  
154 Hawk Drive  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

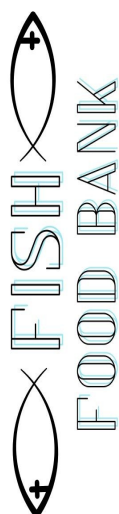
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

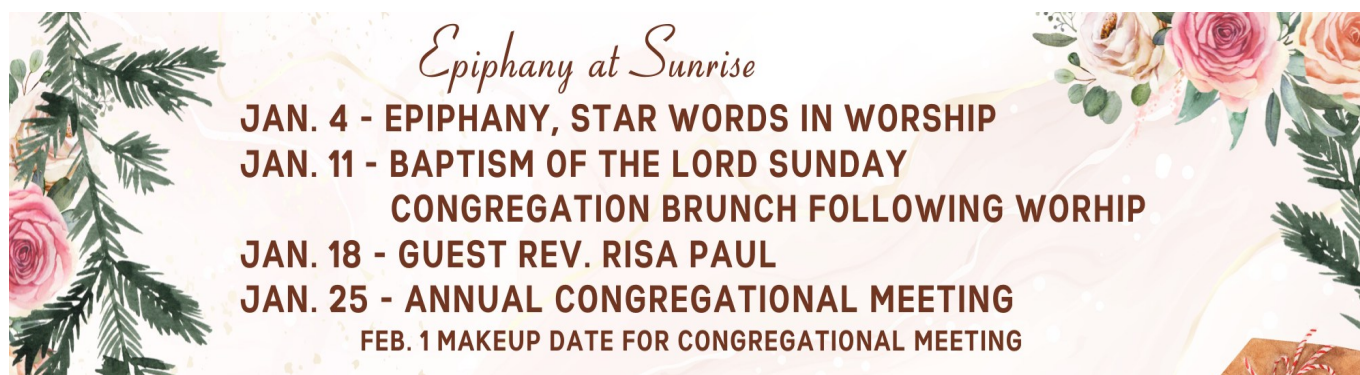
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Millie, Michelle, & Todd Sivak  
357 Carol Drive  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

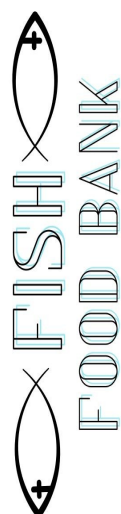
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

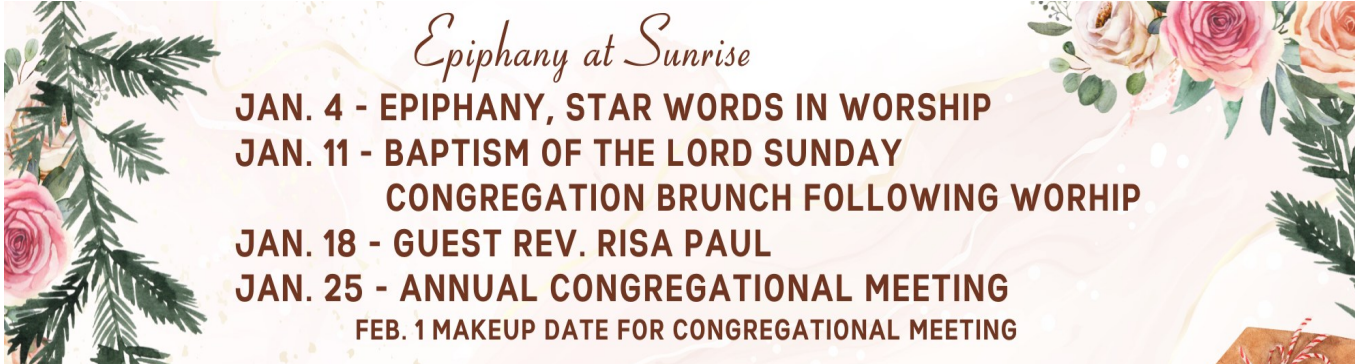
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Great Falls, MT 59405

1500 51st St S

Loren Smith

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

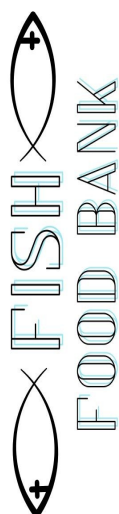
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

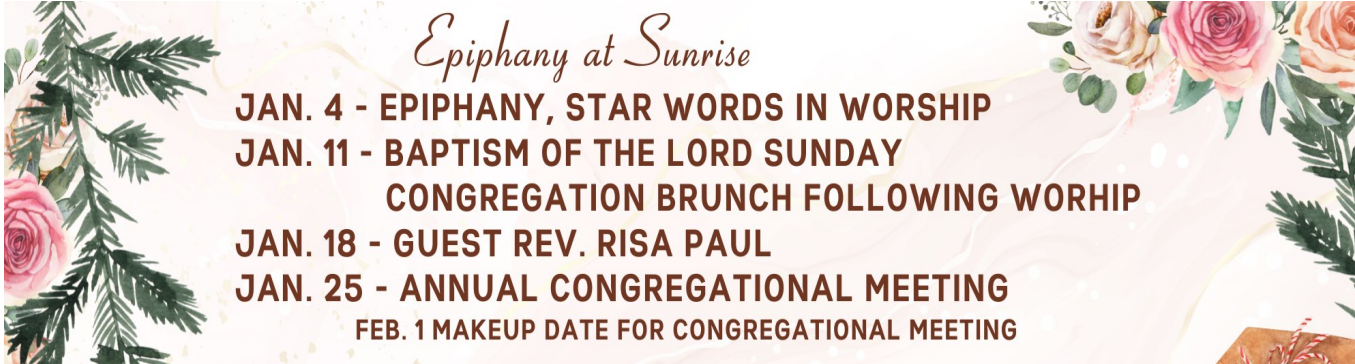
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Great Falls, MT 59404

1908 5th St. NW

Harold Spilde

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

---

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

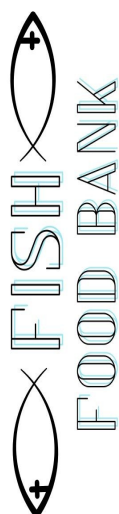
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

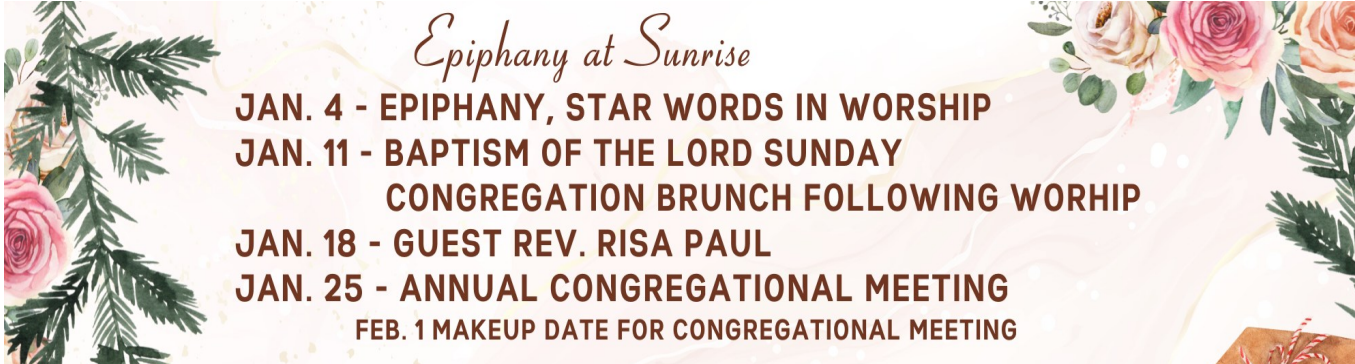
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Stuart & Roba Strandell  
PO Box 1303  
Great Falls, MT 59403

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

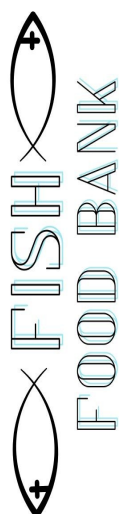
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

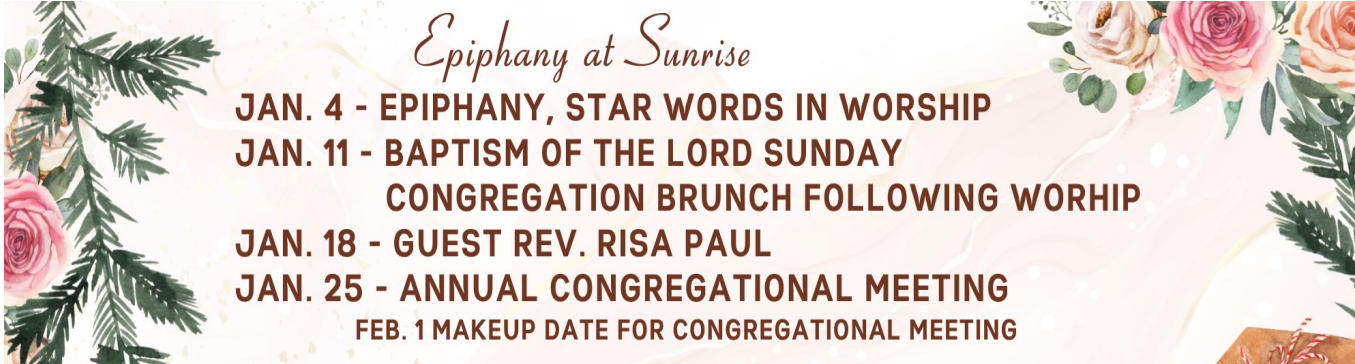
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Lana Sturtz  
1000 Fountain Terrace Drive, Suite 209  
Lewistown, MT 59457

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

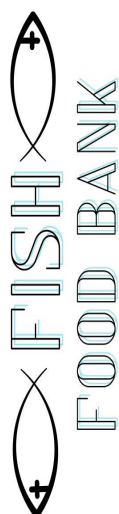
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

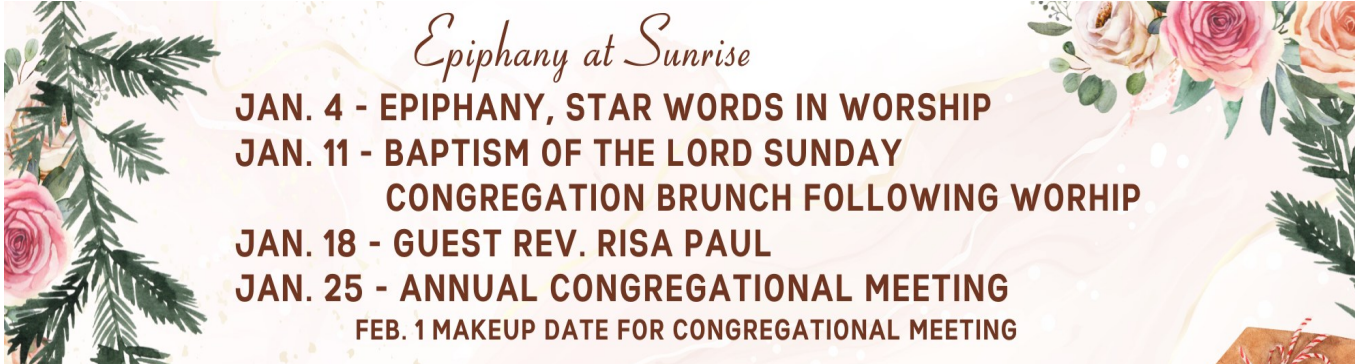
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Great Falls, MT 59404

3209 12 St NE

Shaun & April Tataraka

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

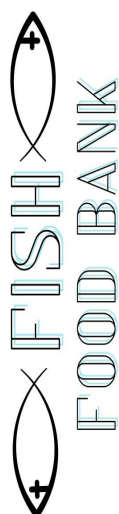
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

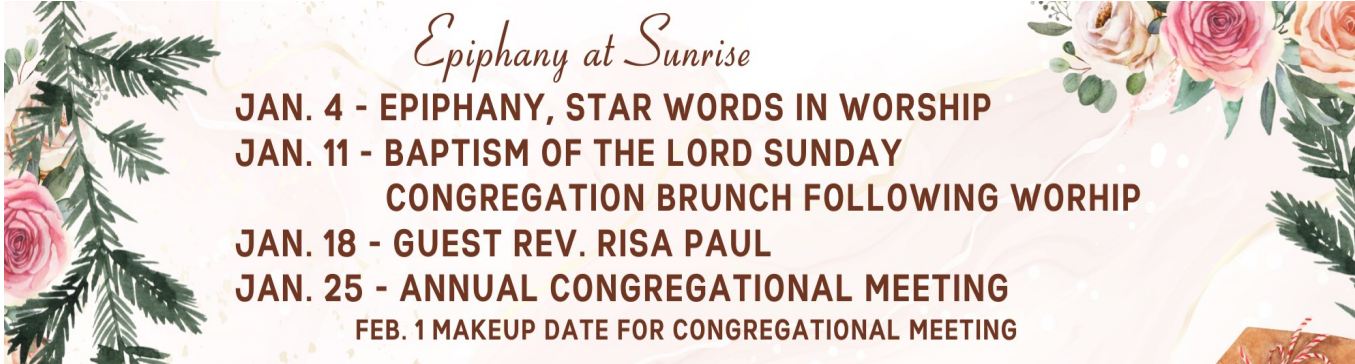
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

# Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Christi Thomas (Kenter)  
2612 Pinkerton Drive  
East Helena, MT 59635

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406

January 2026

---

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dear Friends,

It was sometime in late July when my younger son told me he was longing for snow: snow to eat, snow to make snow angels in, snow to play in. Snow, snow, snow. Admittedly, it was a hot day and I'm sure he wasn't the only one wishing for a bit of a cool-down. It also reminded me of how different we can be as individuals in our preferences, likes and dislikes.

I would like to claim myself to be a spring & fall type person. But I'm not sure that's entirely true. I like all the seasons, though I'm not sure I need several months of each! I'm grateful for so many things that come with each season in turn. And in winter, I'm usually ready for the next season to come along by about January 10<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I know – we aren't even into 'real winter' by then. We still have the whole month of February to get through.

The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" speaks to the depths of the season: *"In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago."* What amazing imagery – earth hard as iron and water like a stone. We can picture exactly what this is like. Montana can have some brutally harsh winter days. I've had times when I've looked out on cold, snow-covered fields and felt bad for those poor cows standing out there in it. I've been grateful for all the people who do outside work and labor that allow many of us to stay tucked in our warm homes or warm vehicles as we travel.

How diverse a world it is that there are people out there who enjoy winter – even winter in Montana!

What a blessing for all of us, truly. I have been thinking about spiritual gifts and how unique they are, but I've also pondered how we have many other gifts God has provided for us as well. We have unique interests and likes and dislikes and specialties that allow for us to work together as a society and a community.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for all the various skills, talents, and abilities that keep our congregation strong. There are too many to list – mission-minded folks, money-savvy folks, kid-tolerant folks, and so much more. Praise God for the wonders of creation and for all those who have gathered together to be part of this church community we call Sunrise.

May God's blessings be with you as we enter into this new year.

Pastor Jessica




January 2026

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JANUARY 2026**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22)

New Year's Eve 2020 was a day filled with hope for the year to come. We had endured a tough pandemic year and gave thanks that we had made it through and looked forward to a new dawn. We ate some of our favorite foods; spoke with family and friends on the phone, grateful for their love; and praised God for seeing us through. 2021 would surely be a better year. But as with all things in life, it did not go as planned. The day dawned to my husband, Bill, leaving this life for his eternal reward. Surely, I did not know how life would be for those of us left behind in this new year. Yet, as 2026 approaches, I realize that while there is still a void in our lives, God's renewing grace had guided us; his enduring love had led us; his mercy molded our moments. And the hope reflected in the above scripture was with us at each new dawn. God gives us strength for the day through His son Jesus.

As the new year dawns we give thanks for our family at Sunrise who share our joys and our sorrows and will continue to be God's hands holding us through it all. We are thankful that the season allows us to reconnect with family and friends. We were blessed to have a wonderful group of children lead us in worship during advent.

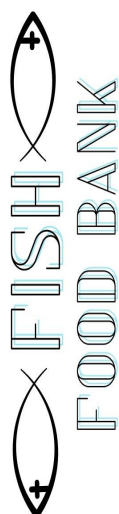
For those who have lost loved ones and are beginning the new year with a heavy heart, we ask that they may find peace in God's enduring love. For those who are alone or lonely during this time of year we ask comfort. We especially remember those from our congregation in care facilities or homebound. May we reach out to them through prayer, cards, calls or visits. Special blessings on those who have been ill or had surgery. We pray for Carol Stilli as she recovers from surgery, for Benna McGeorge who is recovering back at Grandview after a stay in the hospital, with Karen Sanders for successful cataract surgery. Gail Bucko needs our prayers as her MS progresses. We ask that Ruth Hickey finds relief from pain. With Lorrie Maki we send our best wishes as she plans a move early in the new year to assisted living in Shelby after a two month recovery after a fall.

May you greet the New Year knowing that God's love never ceases. My wish for your new year is found in the scripture below. See you in the sunshine of 2026, Tana

*"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

January 2026



### Food Suggestions for September:

- + 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

### FISH Statistics for November:

53 Adults  
39 Children  
139 Total Fed  
3,125 Pounds of Food Distributed

**Our monthly FISH offering continues to be collected after worship on the 3rd Sunday.**

*We have been busy at FISH this winter! Many thanks to the wonderful people that worked the week of Nov 3-7: Volunteers included; Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsythe, Sandy Lambert & Carol Stili. Our next volunteer week is tentatively set for March 2-6. Sunrise donated 12 more lbs of food since Novembers 46 pounds. Cash donations have brought in \$862.40.*

*The Town Pump Challenge of \$25,000 has been met by all the churches together! Thank you to all who have generously given your time, food & money to FISH. -Maribeth Doan*

**--> FISH volunteers will be needed: March 2-6, 2026**

**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.

Here is Pastor Jessica's current schedule:


Day of Week	Organization	Time	Hours
Sunday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
Monday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Tuesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Wednesday	Sunrise	8:30-12:30	4
	OPSF	1:00-5:00	4
Thursday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4
	Sunrise	1:00-5:00	4
Friday	OPSF	8:30-12:30	4

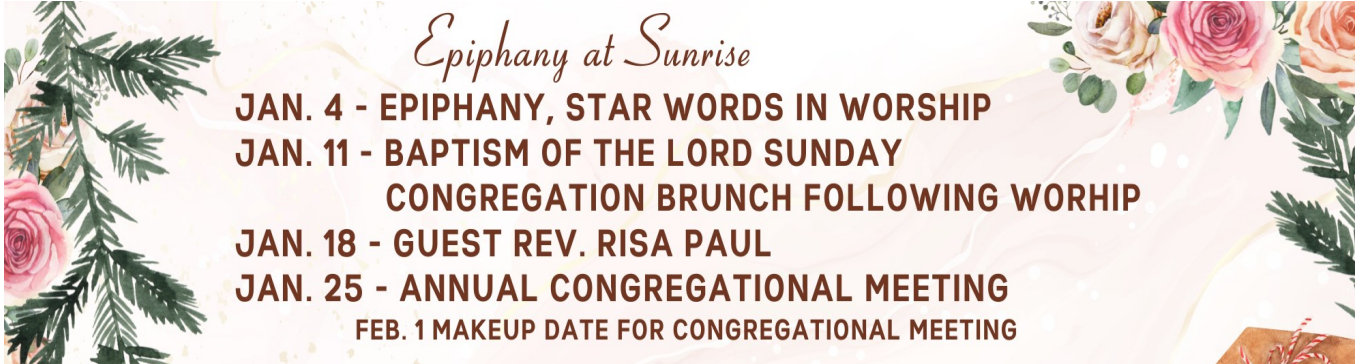
> Evening meetings may create adjustments to Sunrise schedule.

> When possible, OPSF travel will be scheduled toward the end of the week.

January 2026

January Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Sue Petersen

Jan 1	Thu	All Day	Happy New Years!  Office Closed
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Jan 7	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Jan 8	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 11	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship; Breakfast Brunch
Jan 12	Mon	All Day	Annual Reports Due
Jan 15	Thu	12:30 pm	Newsletter Items Due
Jan 18	Sun	9:30 am	Worship: Pulpit Swap; Rev Risa from 1st Presbyterian
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School Resumes
Jan 19	Mon	All Day	Annual Financials Due
Jan 21	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 22	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Jan 25	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Annual Meeting Following Worship
		10:35 am	Fellowship; Sunday School
Jan 28	Wed	10:00 am	Newsletter Folding



*Epiphany at Sunrise*

**JAN. 4 - EPIPHANY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 11 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**CONGREGATION BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
**JAN. 18 - GUEST REV. RISA PAUL**  
**JAN. 25 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 1 MAKEUP DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Visit [www.sunrisegreatfalls.net](http://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.

January 2026

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us for study and fellowship on January 8 & 22 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

January 2026 Reading List, courtesy of [www.hopefilledfaith.com](http://www.hopefilledfaith.com)

1: Isaiah 43:18-19	7: John 15:5	13: Philippians 3:13-14	19: Psalm 40:3	25: Romans 8:31-32
2: Colossians 3:9-10	8: 2 Corinthians 5:17	14: Matthew 11:28-30	20: 1 John 1:9	26: 1 Corinthians 15:57
3: Psalm 139:23-24	9: Isaiah 65:17	15: Revelation 21:5	21: Isaiah 26:3	27: Isaiah 40:31
4: 1 Peter 1:3	10: Romans 6:4	16: Psalm 51:10	22: John 3:3	28: Colossians
5: Romans 12:1-2	11: Ezekiel 36:26	17: Titus 3:5	23: Ephesians 2:4-5	29: Ephesians 4:22-24
6: Galatians 2:20	12: Hebrews 10:23	18: Lamentations 3: 22-23	24: Philippians	30: 1 Corinthians 6:11
				31: Psalm 145:18-19

## Sunrise Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 25 Following Worship

Sunrise's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 following worship. If we need to cancel due to weather, the postponement date will be Feb. 1.

Committees and Groups: Please have your annual report turned into the church office by Monday, January 12. If you are able, please send it as an attached Word file or typed into an email. If you are responsible for the finances for your committee or group, please turn in financial information for 2025 to the office by January 19.

We continue to support a variety of environmental initiatives:			
Pill Bottle Reuse	Aluminum Can Recycling	Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling	*New* Egg Carton Reuse by GF Food Bank
Pill bottles with child safety lids are cleaned and then sent for reuse 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

January 2026

---

## **Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Buildings & Grounds: Eric Chigbrow, Dan Petersen, Scott Shull, Bill McCullough  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski, Bill McCullough  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck,  
Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, Dan Petersen  
Nominating: Norman Anderson, Eric Chigbrow  
Worship: Norman Anderson, Carol Stilli  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak



## **Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen

Bill & Stacey Zins  
2904 Central Ave  
Great Falls, MT 59401

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 6568  
Great Falls, MT 59406