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Committees and Elders:

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

Sunrise Board of Deacons:

Chair: Ember Woods
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Committees and Elders:

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

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Sunrise Board of Deacons:

Chair: Ember Woods
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Dear Friends,

In 1849, French writer Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr wrote "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose" — This translates as "*the more things change, the more they stay the same.*" Writer Mikael Wagner summarized it as: "*despite apparent changes or advancements in society, certain fundamental aspects or patterns remain unchanged over time.*"

As I think about church history, where we have been as Christians and what has led us to this moment, I also see so many things that have filtered down to us over time. This is true for worship: our worship today would be at least somewhat recognizable to a Christian born in 400 CE. We pray, sing, read scriptures, and have someone talk about the scripture. Our sacraments are celebrated with regularity: communion and baptism remain central to our understanding of the practice of our faith. Christian artwork has changed little over the millennia – we are still striving to make spiritually moving images of Jesus interacting with crowds, with children, and performing miracles. We hold solemn services at Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday as we remember the suffering and poignancy of death.

There are things that have changed as well. We can now worship over airwaves, TVs, and the internet. We have more access to Christian scholarship, commentaries, and critiques than any Christians who have lived before us. There are more Christian denominations, groups, sects, and off-shoots than we can count. We understand Christianity as a global religion – spread to each continent and manifest in a myriad of ways.

When I look at what has changed and what has stayed the same, I like to take my focus back to what it is that Jesus says in Matthew 5 – commonly known as the Beatitudes. Jesus lifts up here those people who God takes special notice of: the poor in spirit, those who are mourning, those who are meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, those who are merciful, those who are pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness.

If God takes special notice of these people, then we, too, should take notice of these people. Who among us are mourning? Who among us are merciful? Who are the peacemakers? Who are the pure in heart? Who are the poor in spirit?

God does not take notice of these people for the same reasons – some need our help, some need to be emulated, some may need special attention. All are considered blessed by God. When we think about the church and change, or the church and staying the same, here is where we need to focus. Are we continuing to put our focus where Jesus put his focus? Are we paying attention to those Jesus has considered blessed? Do we continue to seek peacemaking and righteousness? Do we continue to stand with those who are mourning and those who are spiritually depleted? Do we help people who are seeking God in their midst?

Art from Alondra @ redbubble.com

When we look at the church and change, these are the fundamental pieces we should be looking at. Do we still act as Christ acted in the world? Do we lift up the lowly? Do we bring in those who are on the margins of life?

February is the month of love – let us act as Christ acted in the world by showing our love to others through acts of kindness, compassion, and mercy.

May God's blessings be upon you,

Jessica

Pastor Jessica

SHARING OUR SUNRISE JOYS AND CONCERNS"

"Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous --- Praise the Lord with the lyre --- Sing to Him a new song. For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord." Psalm 33:1-5

February is quickly approaching and at least for me it is kind of a period where everything just seems routine amidst the cold and gray days of winter. The celebration of the birth of the Christ Child is but a memory. The reflection of the cross on the wall in the sanctuary from the stained glass – once fully reflected during advent – is slowly waning as the sun's path gradually gets higher in the sky. Not yet Lent; with Easter and the Lord's resurrection almost 3 months away, So where are we?

The church calendar calls it "ordinary time". Throughout the year this ordinary time encompasses more than half of the church calendar. In our lives ordinary generally means routine or everyday. In the Christian calendar it is used to count the Sundays between days of preparation and celebration and the next such as between Epiphany and Lent. These ordinary weeks are meant to focus on Christ's calling of disciples and His early ministry. Advent and Lent are about preparation. Christmas and Easter about celebration. Most of our faith is lived out in ordinary time. Do we just sit and wait for the next preparation and celebration? In my mind this is when we are called to "do something" with our faith in the world; growing in our faith through study and action. What will you do with your ordinary time?

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for; the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

As we live out our faith in the world we remember those sick or hurting. We pray this month for Ruth Hickey dealing with heart issues. She is home after two stays in the hospital over the holidays. Maribeth Doan is headed to Missoula this week where she will undergo a procedure on a heart valve. Ben and Janette's grandson, Ripley Forsyth, continues to recover from a concussion. Prayers for healing graces. Members who live far away but remain close to our hearts are in our thoughts. Longtime member, Don Bedker, is in hospice care in Washington after suffering a stroke. Joyce Ziegenhagel is now at home after a serious infection in her legs. She turned 90 on Christmas day and was determined (as we know she is!!) to leave rehab and head home. Ruth Hickey's brother, Terry, is under hospice care. We pray that God's hand will hold them fast.

Special prayers for those with anxiety/depression or those things they carry in their heart. We especially remember Estelle's family as they adjust to changes in their family structure.

With thoughts of a life well-lived we remember our friend Jo Walden, a longtime member of Sunrise. Condolences and prayers for peace for the family.

As always we celebrate the joy God sends to our Sunrise family. As always, the music from the hands of pianists Kim and Margaret fills our souls and was especially beautiful through Christmas and Advent. Lisa Shull blessed us with her talents on the viola during advent as well. Thanks to them all. Our wonderful children graced us with a special Christmas program led by their teachers Erica and Rowena. The Deacons were definitely blessed when they went to visit our homebound members with goodies along with reading of the Christmas story and favorite hymns – and lots of visiting. They were delighted to have a 7 or 8 Sunrise friends with which to share the joy of the season. And finally we welcome the new daughter of Amanda Dedmon, Seema, who arrived home just before Christmas. Amanda and her mother Faye traveled to India to bring her home. Her aunt, Carol Stilli, was delighted to meet her. What a joyous Christmas they had!

While the coming days may seem ordinary to us, these are the days God has given us to strengthen our faith and have it become an action verb in our lives and the lives of others.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever." 2 Peter 3:18

Seeing God's rays of sunshine through the clouds, Tana

COFFEE HOUR: Fellowship Time at Sunrise

It isn't really an hour. Coffee hour, or Fellowship time, or whatever you may call it, is the time immediately after church when we gather as friends. It is an important time for many of us to connect with friends and family that we might only see at church. It is a time to talk about the sermon, make plans for the upcoming week, share stories about grandkids. The most important part of Coffee hour is the fellowship. Don't get me wrong, the cookies and snacks are great, we have some very good bakers in the church. As long as we have coffee and tea no one will complain – they seem to make us all chattier.

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Make the coffee and tea, talk to your friends, and clean up afterwords, that is all you need to do. You can always bring treats but don't let that stop you from being a host. Fellowship is the main ingredient of Coffee Hour. Don't forget to invite a friend to co host with you. Invite a friend, it is better when there are more voices. ~ Eric Chigbrow, elder

FISH Food Bank

We only worked two days at FISH in January. Thank you to Jacinte McCullough and Carol Stilli for helping those days. Our next week to volunteer will be March 17-21. Donations through January 20th totaled $95.00.

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute to FISH!

~ Maribeth

An update from the fall Town Pump matching funds challenge. FISH was able to raise $25,000 in total donations and Town Pump matched it! Thank you to all who contributed.

	Dec 23	2023 YTD	Dec 24	2024 YTD
Families (non-singles)	44	593	47	604
Singles	59	575	54	675
Adults	128	1,594	133	1,755
Children	47	663	56	719
Meals	2,625	33,855	28,365	62,235
#s of Food	6,936	76,538	6,368	82,911

Keeping Tootsies Warm:

February has been designated by the Faith-Life, Outreach and Mission Committee as Sunrise's "Warm Hearts to Warm Feet" Sock Campaign for the Cameron Women's Center. Collection items shall include socks for women and children of all ages.

The Campaign will run from Sunday, February 2 through February Sunday, February 23. We appreciate your support in this campaign.

Friends,

I would like to share with you a little information about the progress of the Synergos Pastoral Residency Program through Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation. Since I was hired February, I have worked to put together a two-year pastoral residency program that places first-call PC(USA) pastors into churches within the Synod of the Rock Mountains - Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado in particular.

At the end of January, we released details that the first residency churches have been selected - these are: First Presbyterian Church of Gillette, WY, First Presbyterian Church of Helena, MT, First Presbyterian Church of Conrad, MT, and Pine River Calvary Presbyterian Church of Bayfield, CO (near Durango). During the spring I will be visiting each of these congregations in advance of their residency placements. I am currently recruiting residents to apply for the program by sending information out to all the PC(USA) Seminaries as well as non-Presbyterian seminaries that have Presbyterian students. I'm also reaching out to presbyteries who have significant numbers of seminary students within the call process.

Part of the spring work will entail helping Synergos churches to access data through the MissionInsite program. This is a big-data sourcing company that helps churches to know more about their communities and neighborhoods in terms of age, race, socio-economic status, home ownership, education levels, job opportunities, debt levels, and more. A bonus for Sunrise is that we will be able to access this data for free through my OPSF position - it normally costs $4,000 for a church to procure this data through MissionInsite. It will be exciting to work with the Sunrise Session to see how the data helps to inform us about who are neighbors are.

Pray for great residents! I am actively praying that we get some great candidates to serve these churches as residents for the next two years and I would love to have your prayers as well.

In Christ, Pastor Jessica

2025 Per Capita:

Per capita is the amount churches pay per member to support our higher judicatory/mid council bodies. This includes Glacier Presbytery, the Synod of the Rocky Mountains, and the PC (USA) national office. This year's per capita is $70. Thank you for your support of our denomination through your per capita giving.

February

The Biblical Meaning of Love

This month's readings are courtesy of:
www.biblestudyprintables.com

- Day 1: 1 Cor. 13:1-2
- Day 2: 1 Cor. 13:3-4
- Day 3: 1Cor. 13:5-6
- Day 4: 1 Cor. 13:7-8a
- Day 5: Prov. 17:9
- Day 6: 1 Cor. 16:14
- Day 7: Col. 3:12-14
- Day 8: 1 John 4:7-8
- Day 9: 1 John 4:9-10
- Day 10: 1 John 4:11-12
- Day 11: 1 John 4:13-14
- Day 12: 1 John 4:15-16
- Day 13: 1 John 4:17-18
- Day 14: 1 John 4:19-21
- Day 15: Rom. 8:37-39
- Day 16: Eph. 4:14-15
- Day 17: Mark 12:29-31
- Day 18: Matt. 5:43-44
- Day 19: Matt. 5:45-46
- Day 20: Matt. 5:47-48
- Day 21: Psalm 94:18-19
- Day 22: Psalm 63:1-2
- Day 23: Psalm 63:3-5
- Day 24: John 13:34-35
- Day 25: 1 John 3:1
- Day 26: Romans 13:8
- Day 27: John 15:12-13
- Day 28: 1 Peter 4:8

Women's Bible Study Group

Our Women's Bible Study group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 10 am. Anyone is welcome to join!

February's study will be *The Gospel of Mark* by Amy-Jill Levine. (She's a great theologian!)

Welcome Brittany!

Our new church secretary

From Brittany:

I am a Montana Native. I was born in Great Falls and raised here on and off throughout my youth. I graduated from Great Falls High School. I am enrolled in the Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation. One of the things I enjoyed being art of growing up was the Great Falls Young People's Choir. We got to travel a little around Montana and sing in some churches. I enjoy basketball, skiing, singing and being with my family in my free time.

Sunrise Park has been adopted by Sunrise Presbyterian Church! This FREE program which will begin in February was approved by the Faith-Life, Outreach and Mission Committee following a presentation by Jessica Compton, Deputy Director, Great Falls Park & Recreation Department. We are working on a "Fellowship/Walking Club" name. Any suggestions are welcome!

When you visit the Park and see anything that is not in proper order or have a picture you would like to share, please let Carol Stilli know. Our church will be included in the list of those who have adopted parks in our city, and in the future an article to feature Sunrise Presbyterian Church. We are excited about this program, embracing our "own" park to enjoy for families, children and individuals while helping to improve our environment, one park at a time!

Feb 2	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:45 am	Fellowship Time, Sunday school
		11:00 am	Deacons' Meeting
Feb 4	Tue	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Feb 6	Thu	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Feb 8	Sat	9:00 am	Session Training – *send in meal info now*
Feb 9	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
		10:45 am	Fellowship Time, Sunday school
Feb 16		9:30 am	Worship
		10:45 am	FISH Collection; fellowship time, Sunday school
Feb 17-20			Pastor Jessica will be out of the office – OPSF
Feb 19	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Mission & Outreach
Feb 20	Thu	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Feb 22	Sat		Glacier Presbytery Meeting via Zoom
Feb 23	Sun	9:30 am	Worship with Communion; Ordination and Installation of Elders & Deacons (wear red!)
Feb 25	Tue	5:30 pm	Session meets
	Deacons on call for February: Sandy Lambert and Pam Chigbrow		

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