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Catching up On The Latest News

Prayer For October

Heavenly Father, as October unfolds with its vibrant colors and crisp air, we're reminded of

Your ever-changing yet constant hand in creation. As the trees release their leaves, help us let go of burdens and trust in Your perfect timing.

Protect and guide our loved ones this month. In

every challenge, draw us closer to You, strengthening our faith. As we celebrate the season of harvest, inspire in us a spirit of generosity and gratitude.

Lord, in the quiet of this month, speak to our hearts and remind us of Your unwavering love. With gratitude for Your many blessings, we trust in Your plans and promises for us.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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October 2026 Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 4 , 2026

Speaker: Rev. David Bierschwale

Liturgist: Sandy Welch

Music: Jo Chatman

AV: Martha Krebill

Communion: Dave Kimball

Greeters & Ushers: Bob Wood, Mary Wood, Don Johnson

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Speaker: Rev. Jody McDevitt

Liturgist: Bob Wood

Music: Martha Krebill

AV: Kristin Kochner

Greeters & Ushers: Sandy Welch, Mike Paterson

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Speaker: Blue Grass Group Members

Liturgist: Cynthia Kessler

Music: Jo Chatman and the Bluegrass jam group

AV: Martha Krebill

Greeters & Ushers: Judy Anderson, Janie Wendland, Dave Kimball

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Speaker: Lisa Evans

Liturgist: Patti Johnson

Music: Martha Krebill

AV: Brendan McCann

Greeters & Ushers: Cynthia Kessler, Jeff, Stan Bayley, Annette Bayley



October 1

October Schedule of Events

Garage Sale begins

October 2

Al-Anon 8 p.m.

Al-Anon 7 p.m.

Bluegrass Jam Group 7-9 p.m.

Garage Sale Continues

October 3

Last day of the garage sale

October 6

Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.

October 7

Garden Committee at 10 a.m.

Quilters 12 p.m.

October 8

Al-Anon 8 p.m.

October 9

Al-Anon 7 p.m.

Bluegrass Jam Group 7-9 p.m.

October 10

Eternal Church of God

Private Wedding and reception 4:30 p.m.

October 11

Harvest Dinner

October 13

Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.

October 14

Facilities 10 a.m.

Worship Committee 11 a.m.

October 15

Writers group 10 a.m.

Al-Anon 8 p.m.

October 16

Fam 1 p.m.

Al-Anon 7 p.m.

Bluegrass Jam Group 7-9 p.m.

October 17

Homeward Bound Upper Room

Central Cluster Meeting 10:30 a.m.

October 18

Deacons meeting after worship

Liturgist meeting

Bluegrass Sunday

October 20

Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.

October 21

Quilters 12:00 p.m.

October 22

Al-Anon 8 p.m.

October 23

Al-Anon 7 p.m.

Bluegrass Jam Group 7-9 p.m.

October 24

Eternal Church of God meeting

Homeward Bound

October 27

Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.

October 29

Al-Anon 8 p.m.

October 30

Al-Anon 7 p.m.

Bluegrass Jam Group 7-9 p.m.

October Birthdays

1 Jo Chatman

10 Sandy Welch

20 Keith Hanson

22 Mike Paterson

27 Dan Kimball

Updates and Announcements

Deacons' Special Assistance Fund

The Board of Deacons has established a Special Assistance Fund to help provide financial support to members of our St. Andrew church family who are experiencing unexpected hardships or urgent financial needs. If you feel called to help, donations to this fund are gratefully welcomed. As with all gifts made to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law, and every gift will be used to assist members of our church family in times of need. If you have any questions about the fund or would like more information, please contact a member of the Board of Deacons or Gail Kimball.

Women's Bible Study Fall 2026 schedule

Oct. 6	2 Chr. 20:1-12	Jehoshaphat's Prayer for help - Jody
Oct. 13	Matthew 6:5-15	The Lord's Prayer - Cynthia
Oct. 20	Eph. 1:15-23, 3:16-19	Paul's Prayers for the Ephesians - Patti
Oct. 27	Craft	Cynthia
Nov. 3	Luke 18:9-14	A Prayer for Mercy - Jody
Nov. 10	Numbers 6:24-26	The Power of Blessing - Susan
Nov. 17	Col. 1:9-12	Paul's Prayer for Enlightenment and Strength - Patti
Nov. 24		Craft
Dec. 1	1 Kings 3:3-14	Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom - Sandy
Dec. 8	Psalms 139	Patti
Dec. 15	Luke 1:26-38	Mary's Prayer - Susan
Dec. 22	Craft	Christmas Week

Calling Presbyterian Churches of the Central Area!

Central Cluster Meeting — Saturday, October 17 at 10:30 a.m. St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

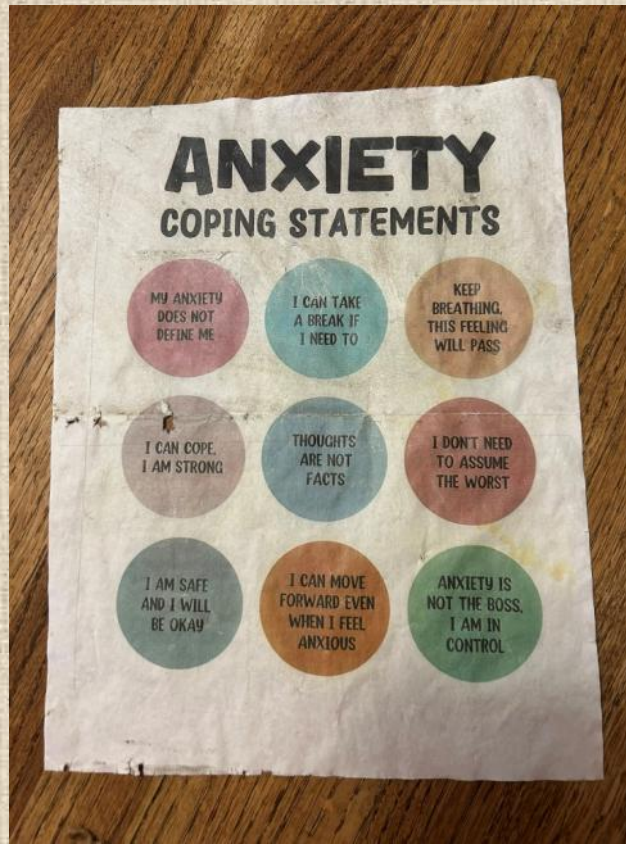
Presbyterian churches from across central Montana are invited to gather for an initial Central Cluster Meeting. This will be a time to pray, share, and talk about the future of our churches. Together, we'll consider where our churches are today, where God may be calling us, what we hope for the future, and how we can work together to pursue those dreams. The gathering will include prayer, Scripture, and discussion, with a taco salad lunch provided. We will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Please bring your Session, Deacons, members, and anyone interested in the future of our Presbyterian churches in central Montana. All are welcome!

Adult Sunday School Fall 2026

The Adult Sunday School class will study the Parables for the fall season. "Drawing on a wide range of archaeological findings and historical sources, R. Alan Culpepper offers a vivid and readable portrait of daily life in Galilee. In clear, nontechnical language, he describes how various groups lived, worked, worshiped, and navigated the pressures and expectations of their environment. Chapters introduce readers to children and parents, women and widows, landowners and tenants, day laborers and debtors, farmers and shepherds, fishermen and merchants, Pharisees and priests, and even describes Jesus himself as a first-century Galilean." Our Sunday School classes are moderated by fellow members of the class. We meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. This year to accommodate our mobility challenged members we will meet in the Garden Room. Whether this is your first bible study or 100th, everyone is welcomed and your interpretations help us view the scriptures in a new light.

God's Help Arrives in Unexpected Ways
by Susan Thomas



When weather permits and it is not too hot or not too cold, Curt and I like to walk on the rims. We park across from the airport and take the Swords Park Trail east. It is a lovely, paved trail overlooking Billings and provides a bit of wilderness within minutes of our home. We feel blessed every time we are there.

It's become a habit for us to pick up scattered trash along the way and unfortunately, we usually find a bag's worth—beer cans and bottles, Twisted Tea cans (which seems to be the beverage of choice along that path), fast food detritus.

A few days ago, I was walking solo as Curt was helping to close camp for the season. I'd recently had my yearly doctor's check-up, and just that morning I had taken a medical test she had arranged as a precaution. Of course, my fear and imagination were running wild. Was everything OK?

Amid my anxiety, I was praying and walking and picking up bits of trash left along the trail and blown down from the highway. I picked up a mud-spattered piece of paper and just as I was about to crumble it and toss it in my bag, I looked at it. The heading read: "Anxiety Coping Statements". It was an unbelievable find and quite helpful as I read through the coping circles. Thoughts are not facts! I didn't need to assume the worst!

"I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?" asks Psalm 121.

Sometimes help comes from the most unexpected places!

BLUEGRASS COUNTRY

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Bluegrass comes to St. Andrew

By: Cynthia Kessler

Sunday, October 18, a group of musicians from the Yellowstone Bluegrass Assoc. will be providing gospel music for our worship service.

The mission of the group is to promote the education and enjoyment of Bluegrass and Old Time Music. Their goal is to make available information about activities such as concerts, jams, workshops and other happenings in our community and region.

You can check out their website at: yellowstonebluegrass.com

The group has a “jam” at our church every Friday night from 7pm to 9pm. Several people from our congregation have come to listen and could not help tapping their feet.

We have the privilege of hearing some Gospel Music on Sunday morning, Oct. 18. Bring your feet! You’ll need them



GARDEN GLEANINGS

by Dave Kimball

This is being written on the first day of autumn as we transition from the long days of summer and heat to the shortening days and cooler temperatures. And, oh, how the garden responds to these seasonal changes.

The heat of summer brought some crops to full maturity, but others prefer a little cooler environment and just hang back. Tomatoes are a good example: they grew lots of vines but were slow to put on fruit. Now, they are turning it on! And you should check out the whole bed of Daikon radishes that savor the shorter, cooler days.

We have delivered just over 2,000 lbs. of fresh produce to Family Service thus far. Not sure where we will end up, but that is a good benchmark. We are looking forward to having a representative from Family Service be in our pulpit in late October.

We tip our hat to Spud Kessler and his digging partner, Stan. They just finished harvesting all the potatoes, and the total came to 687 lbs. And these were very nice spuds this year. Congratulations!

The garden plots are amazing. Most of them are overflowing their boundaries, and there are so many beautiful flowers scattered throughout the garden.

Remember that the annual potluck Harvest Dinner is coming up on Oct. 11 following the worship service. Come join the celebration and enjoy all the great food!



A giant pumpkin hiding in the corn patch



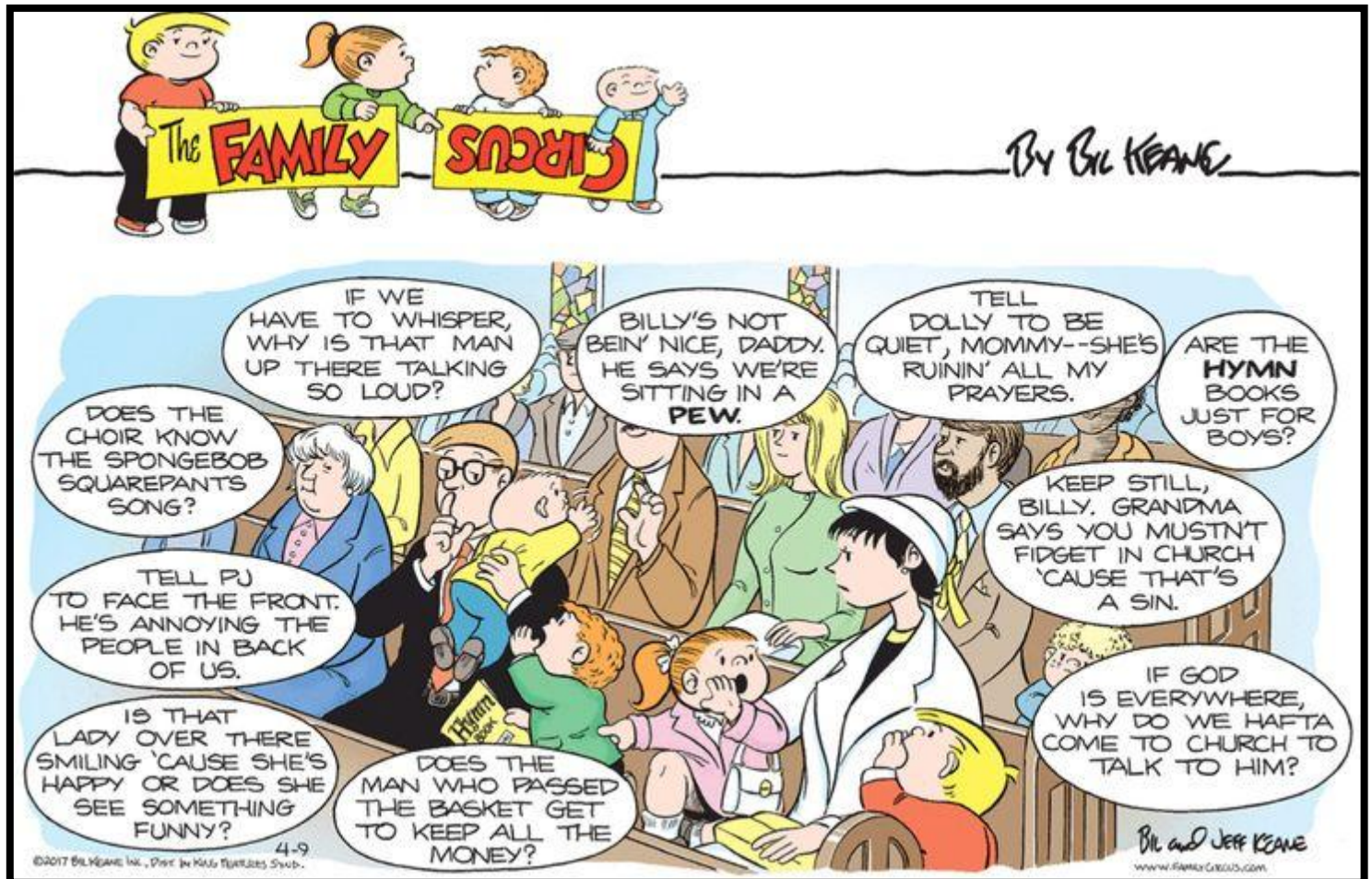
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