

FALL IS COMING

CHURCH AT 11:00AM

SEPT. 1, 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

SEPT. 8, 2019 9:45AM

THE MUSTARD SEED
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
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Pastor Anne's Message, August 2019

Pastor Anne's Message for August 2019

"And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons."
Mark 1: 33-34

Jesus could draw a crowd. Often the Gospels talk about these crowds following Jesus, listening to him teach, and asking for help. It appears that Jesus was rarely alone, rarely had time to rest. Crowds of people trailed around after him and the disciples. They wanted to learn, they wanted to be fed, and they wanted him to give them hope.

Where we might have thrown our hands up and said, "That's it! Enough! I need a break," Jesus generously taught, fed, healed, and forgave.

God the Father generously sent his Son to walk the earth, generously healing and forgiving people. Then Jesus generously gave up his own life for you. Jesus died and rose again to heal you. This is the Good News!

Because of Jesus' generosity, you are free to share his unending love with others. It's our joy: To glorify our Lord by sharing the love and grace of our Savior, Jesus, with a hurting world. Regardless of whether our gifts are expressed through words or actions, together, by his Spirit, we create a tapestry of God's love.

May you feel blessed by God's love and the love of family, friends, and neighbors around you.

Keeping you in my prayers ~

In Christ's love,

Pastor Anne



TRUSTEE REPORT

The Trustees were busy this past two months with more maintenance and repairs.

The sprinklers are up and running after finding broken lines and heads that needed replaced after the winter. The west lawn area is still “under construction” with more work to be done along the north side of the kitchen to prevent water from leaching down along the foundation. The additional water this year brings the ground water level up in the Town of Collbran and this is also adding to the water problems, though not much to be done about that.

Ben Franklin Plumbing of Montrose was contacted for a review of plumbing issues in the building and work began the next week. There are new toilets and grab bars in the basement bathrooms, hopefully to make use of the facility more comfortable to the community.

Ben Franklin Plumbing also installed the Back-flow Preventer that is now required by the State of Colorado/Town of Collbran.

The steel sink in the kitchen has been reinstalled and will be up and running soon. It will have a disposal and new metal legs in the near future. Please do not get anxious and use the sink until the signs are removed. That would be another mess....

Handicap accessibility is an issue and we will continue to work toward making the changes necessary to meet the needs of everyone in the building.

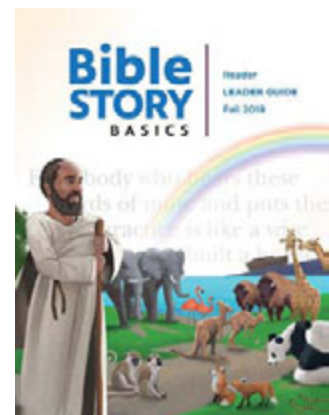
Cindy Price, Nancy Karlson, Sue Bellotti, and Julia Cox

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School will begin for the coming year on Sept. 8, 2019 at 9:45 AM. All children are welcome. We have ordered the curriculum for the Fall and Winter quarters. We will be using material from Cokesbury. If you would like more information on the material we will be using please email me at bellotti4@msn.com or call Julia Cox. We are excited about the upcoming Sunday School year.

Classes will be organized when we know the ages of the children we will have in attendance. Love to see you there. Watch for your invitation post card in the mail.

Director – Sue Bellotti



COMMUNITY NEWS



We are so proud of the children in our community and the work they do on their 4-H projects. This beautiful needlework was done by Ailis Yanez and was prizewinning work.



The pigs get a good cool down before going to bed. The Murphy girls and their brother, Tage, all had a chance to go before the judge and show the pigs. Everyone



learned so much about all the hard work it takes to raise and show pigs for 4-H.

Sammi Addison and her sister, Lexi, both showed animals at the Fair. Sammi has participated in the Fair for several years. This was Lexi's first year as a full-fledged 4-H member.

The Plateau Valley area has a very high number of children between the ages of 5yrs. and 18yrs. who participate in 4-H and FFA. These programs provide a life learning experience for these kids that will serve them the rest of their lives.

It takes a lot of hard work from the kids and their parents to make these projects successful. Thank you everyone for the time and effort you expend to make these kids so successful.

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship has not met over the summer but has already begun their Fall Mission Projects.

Homeward Bound asks for mismatched socks. These socks are those odd socks that collect on the top of the dryer after the washer has eaten one of them.

If you have mismatched socks in good shape that you would like to donate please leave them with Nancy Karlson or at the Congregational Church.

A second mission project that will take place this fall will be collecting smaller knit hats and mittens or gloves for the Preschool and Kindergarten at Plateau Valley. Often, as the weather gets cooler, the children don't have hats and gloves to play outside at recess. These hats and gloves are shared with the children who need the fresh air and exercise during the cold weather. These can also be dropped at the Congregational Church or Collbran Supply.

The Winter Coat Drive collection has begun for the coming winter. Collbran Supply graciously allows the coat rack to be set up for easy access by the people of the valley. We are in need of coats of all sizes. Snow pants, gloves, hats, and boots are also accepted. Please do not drop off general clothing. We do not have the display space for anything but heavier winter clothing. The coat rack will be set up early in October.

We want to thank the community for supporting these missions. We hope we are filling a need for our friends and neighbors.

Upcoming events for the Fall:

First Women's Fellowship meeting for the Fall is Sept. 10, 10:00AM at the church:
Annual Turkey Dinner November 16, 2019.

President – Nancy Karlson,

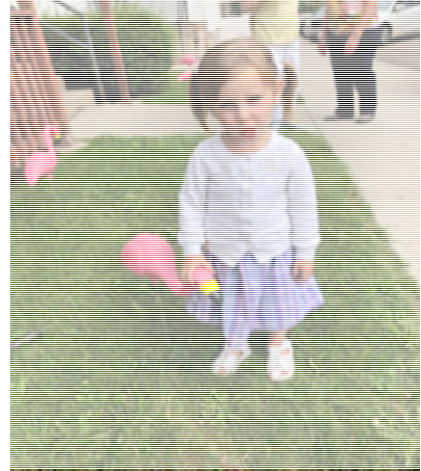


WE GOT FLOCKED!!!

The Plateau Valley Cancer Fund left their beautiful



flock of Flamingos on the front lawn of the church Sunday.



This amazing non-profit provides a service to our valley that is much needed and so appreciated.

Please support the PV Cancer Fund.

The flamingo flock shows off the work that has been done on the sign at the front of the church. Cindy Price practiced her skills with replacing the ballast on the light bringing back a glow in the dark letting everyone know they are WELCOME HERE!!

We got a nice response from our church and community family about receiving their Mustard Seed on their email. If this would work for your family please contact me at bellotti4@msn.com to be added to the email list.

Look at the Collbran Congregational Church website at collbrancongregationalchurch.org. We would love to add your historic photos or articles to the site. Contacts for the pastor, secretary, treasurer, or moderator can be made from the website.

