

# The Good News

## of First Presbyterian Church for August 2017

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“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these  
... you did it to me.”  
(Matthew 25:40 [NRSV])

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*Forums@First*

*Faith in Action*

### **CRISIS: Your Future Independence**

*“And my God will supply every need of yours  
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”*  
(Philippians 4:19)

Having just celebrated our Independence Day on July 4, we tend to think in terms of not being a slave to others, or of not relying on others. It can also apply to the young person who leaves home for college and his or her ‘independence’ for the first time. Or when we pay off the mortgage and are independent of the bank. There is yet another form of independence – one that applies to those in their 30’s, 40’s — 90’s. It is the thought of living independent.

The present world is full of unknowns. How long will I live? How long will my loved ones live? Will I develop some incapacitating condition at some point? Who will take care of me? Will I have funds to pay for my or my spouse’s expenses? Will there be any government programs available, considering the possible elimination or decrease of funding given today’s political environment? These are the concerns of those 65 and older, but, “also,” the increasing concerns of the young people of today: and rightly so! Because it is that population that can do something about their prospects.

In 15 years, the population of Olmsted County is expected to have increased by approximately 18,500. Given the ratio of growth over the years of 2010 to 2015, the proportion of those 65+ is increasing dramatically faster than any other segment of the population (12.6 % of the population in 2010; 14.4% in 2015). Of the population increase from 2010 to 2015, 51.1% were over 65. From 2015 to 2035, that population will increase 59%. Remember, if you are 47 today, you will be 65 in 2035!

There is more than sufficient reason to be concerned if you live in Olmsted County. As indicated above, a dramatic increase (over and above that of the state of Minnesota) in the 65+ population is about to occur. And in an alarming manner. More people, from all over the country and world, are moving to the Med City because of Mayo Clinic's high ratings in health care. The 65+ population is dramatically outpacing the working population, i.e., meaning more individuals are needing assistance of various forms with a decreasing number of individuals to provide the necessary attention. Government funding is decreasing as states and the country tighten budgets. Younger members of society have demonstrated less ability to save adequately for retirement.

On Tuesday, August 29, the *Social Concerns Committee* will present their 10th Forum @ First, a special panel on CRISIS: Your Future Independence. The panel will include **Dr. Susan Brower**, the State of Minnesota Demographer, making a rare appearance, given her very busy schedule. In addition to Susan, the Forum will include **Ms. Emily Ties**, Director of Adult and Family Services, and **Mr. Scott Maloney**, Executive Director of Rochester Family Service.

This invitation is to encourage you to attend and participate in a very relevant conversation. Remember to save the date.

**Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Location: First Presbyterian Church**

*~ Social Concerns Committee / K.J. Aalderks*

### *August services of worship*

August 2: Worship and communion at Charter House

August 6: Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.

August 13, 20, and 27: Worship at 9:30 a.m.

September 3: Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.

*Coffee and donuts will be available in the atrium  
both before (beginning at 8:45) and after the service.*

September 10: Kickoff Sunday / We return to services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

# A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

by Rev. T. J. Parlette

August 2017

One of the great joys of Rochester in the summer is the Thursdays on First and Third gatherings. The food vendors, the arts and crafts merchants and of course, the live music, make summer special. I'm sure that many of you have your favorite booths to visit. In the Parlette family, our

favorites include the animals made from rocks – since we buy a new one every year, we have quite a menagerie by our front door. We also enjoy the crystal and rock vendor – Thomson has quite a collection of “gems” going. We always stop at the pottery booth and the soap shop. My personal favorite is the merchant who makes handmade pens. I think I've bought one every year (or actually Juliet buys them for me as gifts – I'm notoriously hard to shop for, but I love interesting pens).

On a recent trip downtown on a Thursday, I stopped by the pen booth and something caught my eye. I found a pen that had been made from a rifle cartridge. At first I thought, “No, I don't want anything to celebrate guns.” I'm not a hunter or gun owner – I have nothing against those who are, it's just not something I'm comfortable with. But as I stood there rolling that rifle cartridge pen in my fingers, I thought, “You know, I like the metaphor of this pen.” I like the idea of taking ammunition, so often used to kill – in anger or in sport – and crafting it into something used to make words and express ideas.

As I write this, we've just heard about another shooting in Minneapolis in which an Australian bride-to-be was shot by a police officer. The details have yet to come out, but it is still a tragedy – one that we have experienced too often in recent memory. It makes me think of that cartridge pen. If only we could turn deadly ammunition into instruments that could be used to bring about peace. We've all heard the expression “the pen is mightier than the sword.” Perhaps the pen is mightier than the bullet as well.

I hope I get that cartridge pen for Christmas this year!

Peace, T. J.



## Job openings

First Presbyterian Church has three job openings:

- Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education
- Custodian
- Child Care Worker

If you would like to apply for any of these positions, please pick up an application form and job description in the church office.

## Stewardship Alive!

### The power of weakness

In *Tramp for the Lord*, Corrie ten Boom describes traveling to Russia during the Cold War — when Christians were being persecuted — to thank an old woman who'd been secretly translating Christian books (including ten Boom's). Ravaged by multiple sclerosis, the woman could move only an index finger. Yet with it she typed constantly, translating words while praying for people who'd eventually read them.

Ten Boom's reaction was, “Oh Lord, why don't you heal her?” But the woman's husband said God had a purpose in his wife's suffering. Although the secret police closely watched other Christians, they left this woman alone, assuming she couldn't accomplish anything.

Jesus works through our weaknesses, making his power perfect in them (see 2 Corinthians 12:9). He doesn't ask if we're capable — only if we're willing.

### Financial Statement / June 2017

#### General Operating Budget

Balance (5/31/17)	\$ 117,682.09
Receipts (June)	+ 440,888.98
Disbursements (June)	- 59,368.78
Balance (6/30/17)	\$ 99,202.29



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The Good News is published the first of each month for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church (FPC).

The newsletter tells the story of the church, promotes its programs, and publicizes opportunities to live out one's faith.

Deadline for submission of material is the fifteenth of the preceding month.

#### Church Staff

Pastor	Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette
Associate Pastor	Jay P. Rowland
Director of Music	Lee J. Afdahl
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Sunday service of worship at 9:30 a.m. through Labor Day Sunday

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday, church closed

Visit our WEB site at [www.FPCRochester.org](http://www.FPCRochester.org)

**The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester  
is to reflect God's love for all people  
by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

June 11, 2017

"...getting to know you"



**Betty Hanson** (607 3rd Avenue NW / Byron 55920 – 507-624-0181) grew up in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Although Betty lived for a time in Chicago and Pittsburgh, she lived most of her life with her husband and children in Albert Lea. She attended First Presbyterian there where she was a Deacon. Betty enjoys travel and reading and is particularly interested in Sunday morning worship and receiving communion here. **Vicki** and **Phil Wintheiser** are Betty's daughter and son-in-law.

## Put on your walking shoes and come take a hike

It's summer, and that means it's time again for some fun group walks led by **Mark Mueller**. Partnering with the parish nursing program, Mark is leading a series of family friendly group walks starting at 1 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month through September.

If an activity needs to be cancelled, we will leave a message on the church's answering machine. This is a fun way to get outdoors, learn some local history, and spend time with other church members. Don't forget to bring a hat and water and wear sunscreen!

Please feel free to invite your friends to come along. If you have questions, contact Mark at [markmueller@chartermi.net](mailto:markmueller@chartermi.net).

### August 27, 2017 – 1 p.m. – Willow Creek Reservoir

Meet at the Willow Creek Reservoir in SW Rochester at 1 p.m. The parking lot is at the end of Lone Pine Drive SW. We will hike the trail that goes around the reservoir. We might even get to see the eagles that have a nest in the area.

### September 24, 2017 – 1 p.m. – Root River Park

Meet at Root River Park (4012 80th Street SE) at 1 p.m. The Root River Park is a relatively new park, and is another of Olmsted County's best kept secrets. When we get to the park we'll check out the old stagecoach bridge and the 90-foot tall limestone bluffs. The trail is about 2 miles long, and is a nice wide grass covered trail. The scenery is beautiful. You might want to bring a camera.

~ Mark Mueller and Ariel Boswell

It is with sadness that we announce that **Kelly Bock** resigned her position as a child care worker at First Presbyterian Church. We thank Kelly for her many years of faithful service on Sundays caring for our youngest members in the nursery and wish her well in her future endeavors.

*Tuesday, August 1 - 7 p.m.*

## Mission coworkers David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo visit FPC

Our congregation has a history of supporting Presbyterian Mission Coworkers. Several years ago we hosted Shelvis Smith-Mather, who at that time was serving in South Sudan. Shelvis and his wife, Nancy, are now in Uganda supporting refugees fleeing South Sudan. Most recently Drs. Cindy and Les Morgan, who have served in Bangladesh for years, were here. Also, FPC has had a strong partnership with the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba in Jagüey Grande since 2008.

On Tuesday, August 1 we will have the privilege of welcoming the Rev David Cortes-Fuentes and his wife, Josey Saez Acevedo, mission co-workers serving 15,000 members of the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba. David and Josey, originally from Puerto Rico, are the newest mission co-workers our church is supporting.

The following background comes from the Mission Crossroads and Presbyterians Today publications. "The Presbyterian denomination first had a presence in Cuba in 1890. The Presbytery of Cuba was formed in 1904 and was placed under the Synod of New Jersey. Cuban Presbyterians formed the Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Cuba in 1967. Because of the revolution led by Fidel Castro in 1959 all but one missionary left Cuba in the early 1960's. David and Josey are the first mission co-workers sent to live and work in Cuba since then."

David is on the faculty of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, an ecumenical institution which has been in existence for more than 70 years. He teaches New Testament and Greek, preaches in several churches (Presbyterian and Baptist) and teaches in a program for Cuban Pentecostal pastors. Josey is a Christian Educator who works in educational efforts in churches.

David said "In recent years, the Cuban government has eased restrictions on religious expression. In fact, it has come to recognize the important role churches play in meeting community needs. The government encourages churches to become centers that serve children, youth, and the elderly." David and Josey are also involved in helping to heal what is known as the "Cuban-to-Cuban" issue, which has to do with Cubans who left the island and those who did not leave. David has said that this has created both a challenge and an opportunity for the church.

We plan to use our time with them to get acquainted. We will meet in the lounge at 7:00 p.m. in a conversation-type format so that we can learn not only what they do but also what they need from our congregation. We will have the opportunity to share our interests and our resources. Is there a project that our congregation could focus on? What about travel to Cuba and some details about groups traveling there? What about an intergenerational trip option?

This is a great opportunity for us to get information and insights about a country that has certainly been in our news over the past year or two. Please plan to attend.

~ Jon Closson and Phyllis Schmid / Mission Committee



## Ministry of Music

Lee Afdahl, Director of Music  
Katie Kruger, Director of First Players,  
Cherub and Calvin Choirs

Music expresses that which cannot be said  
and on which it is impossible to be silent.  
(Victor Hugo)

### Handbell Choirs open to new members

We have a few openings in each of the youth handbell choirs this fall. If you have contemplated joining one of our choirs, know that this is a good time, and you are most welcome to join us.

Adult rehearsals begin September 7

Thursdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Children and youth rehearsals begin September 13

Wednesdays, late afternoon and early evening

Please contact me if you are willing to join us.

afdahl.lee@fpcrochester.org or 282-1618

### Vocal Choirs welcome members (always)

We always could use more singers in all age levels of singing:

Cherubs (age 4-grade one)

Calvin Choir (grades 2-5)

Youth Choir (grades 6-12)

Adults (no age limit!)

A complete schedule will be in the September newsletter.

### August 13 last chance for volunteer summer choir

We encourage youth and adults alike to join us for the SECOND SUNDAY WALK-IN Choir August 13.

We meet at 9 a.m. to review or learn an easy anthem for 9:30 a.m. worship that day. Please join us and bring friends or family members who do not usually sing with us. Copies of the music are available in the robe room if you want to review the music ahead of time.

This is the final chance for this year's summer choir. The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals September 7.

**Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
Sheldon Jackson Lounge

August 9 and 23

The Wednesday Bible Study continues through the summer on an every other week schedule. The studies aren't dependent on having attended a previous class, so you are welcome to come whenever you can. The August studies will conclude with the final two parts of The Apostles' Creed. The class is led by Al Depman.

## How do you reach us?

E-mail (and texting) has become a fact of life and in some cases the primary way we communicate. But unlike our \*one\* home on which we pay real estate taxes, many people have several e-mail "homes" and the church staff is no exception.

In addition to other e-mail addresses we may use, we promise we will check these regularly.

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from the FPC Parish Nursing program

## No pressure, but know your pressure

Blood pressure is the force our blood exerts against the veins and arteries that transport it through our body. Just like real pipes, when our vessels get stiff and crusted, steady high pressure can lead to problems. Often with both plumbing and high blood pressure, there is no sign of trouble and we may not know there is a problem until it is too late unless we check. With plumbing these end result incidents (a ruptured pipe, a leak) are often expensive; with blood vessels, they are expensive and lead to devastating life changes like heart problems, strokes, and kidney failure.



How can you find out your blood pressure? Get it checked! Parish Nursing checks blood pressures the first Sunday of the month whenever possible. We have just added a second cuff size to make patients more comfortable. In addition, your primary care clinic can help arrange a blood pressure check with a nurse or a visit with a doctor. Knowing your blood pressure allows your provider to appropriately control your blood pressure, bringing it down to a lower risk zone. What does your number mean? That depends on age and other health factors, but a healthy blood pressure is considered <120/80. I hope to see you soon at our monthly blood pressure drop-in!

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing coordinator

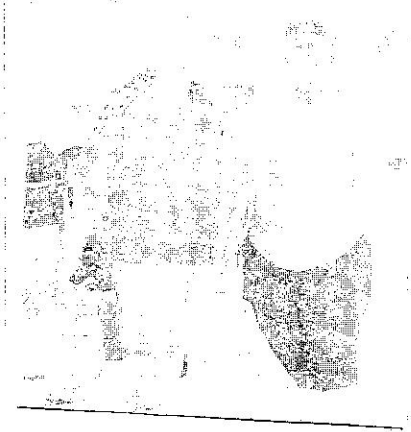
**Reminder:** One of our parish nurses will be in our library the first Sunday of each month (after worship in the summer and between services the rest of the year) to take your blood pressure and answer questions you might have about your health.

## Mission team scores again!

Returning to North Dakota for the third year, the FPC mission team spent four full days in Tokio on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation and then worshiped with the members of the First Presbyterian Church there before starting the long trek back across North Dakota and Minnesota on Sunday. I'm sure we'll hear many reports of their adventures there, but for a beginning here are a couple pictures they sent ahead.



VBS student shows off her butterfly



Ginger and Jean prepare crosses for students to decorate

The Bdecan VBS mission team thanks the members of First Presbyterian Church for their kindness! We will be taking the generous donations of fleece blankets, baby clothing and baby items to the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation this week and will use cash donations to purchase diapers and other needed items for the babies who are starting their lives in foster care. Thank you all for your amazing generosity!

The Bdecan Mission team: Marylynn Aalderks, Jean Abels, Heide Buettner, Jane Hallman, Ginger Kirby, Sara Kluck, Cindy Kunzman, Susie McClocklin, and Phyllis Schmid.

## 2017-2018 calendar in progress, needs your input



We're working on the all-church calendar for the coming program year (September 2017-September 2018). If you or your committee have activities you want included, please contact **Carol Evans** as soon as possible (282-1618 or [fpc\\_carol@hotmail.com](mailto:fpc_carol@hotmail.com)).

We expect to have the calendar ready by the first Sunday in September. Thanks for your help!

## News from Friendship Place: Summer success and ways you can help

Friendship Place ended a successful school year program in June. During the year we served 61 different youth in the afternoon and 72 different students in the evening. At night we averaged twenty or more young people seeking help with everything from basic reading to science courses at RCTC. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make this outreach possible and to First Presbyterian Church for the financial support that enables Friendship Place to continue.

The summer program for the younger children is well underway. Each day the children spend time reading, doing a craft, playing outdoors, and having a snack. On Tuesdays they go to Chester Woods Park for a nature lesson and each Friday there is water fun in the backyard. This summer First Presbyterian partnered with Rochester Community Baptist Church during the week of July 17 -21. The topic of the week was the country of Bhutan. Special thanks to Presbyterian Women for providing the money for healthy snacks. The children love all varieties of fruit!

### Fundraiser planned for August 21 at Pizza Ranch

An upcoming fundraiser that anyone can support is spelled s-u-p-p-e-r! On August 21 Friendship Place volunteers will be at the Stewartville Pizza Ranch. From 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. we will receive 10% of the sales and all of the tips. If you're in the mood for pizza, please stop in. If you've never been to a Pizza Ranch before, you're in for a treat.

### Vote for new basketball court at Friendship Park

The park next to Friendship Place is heavily used and has only a half court basketball area. We're hoping to have the court refurbished through the New Era New Courts program presented by U. S. Bank and the Timberwolves. Please go to [nba.com/timberwolves/NewEraNewCourts](http://nba.com/timberwolves/NewEraNewCourts) and vote for the Friendship Park court. You can vote every day on both your phone and your computer. Voting ends August 6.

Working with the children and young people at Friendship Place is both challenging and rewarding. Many thanks to every one who has contributed to the success of this program! Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Jane Goodfriend (281-3672 or [jane.goodfriend@gmail.com](mailto:jane.goodfriend@gmail.com)) for more information.

~ Jane Goodfriend

## Habitat for Humanity team continues work in August

FPC's Habitat for Humanity team will work Saturday, August 19 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (or whatever hours you're available). There are jobs for every skill level. No construction experience is necessary. Contact **Sarah Edgerton** ([EdgertonSarah@gmail.com](mailto:EdgertonSarah@gmail.com) or 536-9637) for the location.

We'll work the third Saturday of each month through September. Join us when you can!

~ Thanks, Sarah Edgerton / FPC Habitat coordinator



## Travel to Cuba with the Outreach Foundation

Would you like to see God at work through the church in Cuba? The Outreach Foundation is planning another trip to Cuba February 2-12, 2018. You can get more information by contacting Lisa Dill at [lisa@theoutreachfoundation.org](mailto:lisa@theoutreachfoundation.org). Jay Youmans, Bob Sixta and Helen Monsees, and Sylvia Swede have all taken trips to Cuba with the Outreach Foundation and would love to share their experiences with you.

## Lebanon supports education opportunities for Syrian refugees

The National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (Presbyterian) runs five special refugee schools in Lebanon, serving close to 400 children. These schools, in Tyre, Minyara, Kaba Elias, Rayak, and Tripoli, address the needs of refugees in Lebanon who have come across the border from Syria.

Scholarships have also been provided for Syrian students whose educational backgrounds prepared them well enough to enter one of the synod's five "regular" schools in Lebanon. 1.2 million Syrian refugees are registered in Lebanon; 60% of them are children.

The synod would like to expand the scope of this project to include Presbyterian children and young people who are still in Syria and need educational assistance.

~ Sylvia Swede / Mission Committee

## Nominating Committee needs names for new officers for next year

Your FPC Nominating Committee will soon begin to look for candidates to serve the congregation beginning January 2018. Specifically, there are positions available for six Elders to be on the Session, seven Deacons, and an at-large candidate for the Endowment Committee. These are all three-year terms, 2018 - 2020. In addition, there are five openings for next year's Nominating Committee, a one-year commitment.

If you are interested in finding out more about what these positions entail, please contact a member of the current Nominating Committee. If there is someone you'd like to nominate for a position, we will be glad to consider them as part of our outreach. Thank you for helping FPC grow in wisdom and faith!

Members of this year's Nominating Committee are Jane Murl, lead elder; Joe Doppler and Karen Sessler, elders; Rosie Lund, Deacon representative; and Jeremy Braun, Rusty Brown, Gregg Erickson, Cindy Kunzman, and Ruth Saling congregation-at-large members.

## Your generosity brings hope and help to those in need

"When was it that we saw you a stranger...?"  
(Matthew 25.38)

Many causes have come across our desks and our hearts this year. We thank you for your generous responses to all of them.

### February: CWS Blankets

In February our congregation gave \$6,590 and joined over 4000 churches across the nation in Church World Service's **Blankets** program. Besides blankets, Church World Service provides emergency supplies such as tents, mosquito nets, food, bottled water and health kits to places in the world where disaster has struck.

### March: Minnesota Foodshare/Channel One

Each March we partner with other caring people in the Rochester area to help alleviate hunger. Through **Minnesota Foodshare** we joined with food shelves across Minnesota to collect donations of money and food that support local efforts to help feed people in need and reduce hunger in our community. This year First Presbyterian members contributed \$6,820 in cash plus additional donations to the food barrel.

### March/April: One Great Hour of Sharing

The Mission Committee extends thanks to the congregation for their wonderful response to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering collected in April. FPC collected \$7,850 for this special offering that helps support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

### June/July: Bdecan mission project

The **Bdecan Backpack project** is a special program. This year we made fleece blankets and scarves and collected sleepers, onesies, little socks, rattles, baby shampoo and other baby supplies. so the social worker on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation can provide clothing and personal items for babies when they are placed in foster homes at birth. You responded generously and in addition we received \$900 that was used to purchase diapers.

### June: Pentecost Offering

Each year on **Pentecost** Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering help bring God's transforming, redeeming love to children at risk, guide and nurture young people's growing faith, and provide opportunities for young adults to become spiritual leaders – all in the name of Jesus Christ. This year FPC members contributed \$4,474.

*In all these special causes, your dollars really do make a difference and we thank you for your generosity.*



## News from Presbyterian Women

\* Sylvia Swede, facilitator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circles will reconvene in September. All are welcome. Esther Circle meets the third Monday, Priscilla meets the third Wednesday, and Ruth meets the third Saturday. Note the September newsletter for the specific dates.

### Save these dates!

**Saturday, October 7:** Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Twin Cities Area Presbytery at The Church of the Apostles in Burnsville. The theme for the day is "Interfaith Outreach: Understanding our Muslim Neighbors."

**August 2-5, 2018:** Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, Louisville, Kentucky. The theme in 2018 will be "Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come!"

## PW/Horizons Bible study presents Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews

Author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. The community for which the letter, or homily, was written interacts, in a sense, with all communities of which we are a part, as we bring these groups with us wherever we go. This ever-present "great cloud of witnesses" (Heb. 12:1) strengthens and encourages us as we "run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Heb. 12:1b-2).



### Calling all crafters!

Crafters will meet Wednesday, August 16, in the social hall starting at 3:00. Come help us make cards for our C.A.R.E. members, or bring a project of your own. All card supplies are provided. ~ Mary Huie (282-9712)

The **Prayer Shawl group** welcomes anyone who enjoys knitting or crocheting. The next meeting is Thursday, August 10, at 1 p.m. in the lounge. Even if you can't participate during the school year, you're welcome to come during the summer!

## Church Family News

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to these couples who will celebrate fiftieth (+) wedding anniversaries in August:

- 8/3: **Charles and Carol Smyrk** (66)  
**Tony and Judy Smithson** (54)
- 8/7: **James and Judy Seward** (52)
- 8/12: **Frank and Lynda Sharbrough** (56)
- 8/15: **John and Linda Tillotson** (52)
- 8/18: **Allen and Marcia Dollerschell** (55)
- 8/19: **Bruce and Mary Ellen Brown** (61)  
**Neil and Marilyn McKay** (61)
- 8/25: **Ronald and Nancy MacKenzie** (55)
- 8/27: **Warren and Mary Potter** (67)  
**John and Ann Mitchell** (57)
- 8/29: **H. Bryan and Ingrid Neel** (53)

### Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Pat Whisnant** who will celebrate her 93rd birthday August 20.

Happy Birthday to **Omer Burgert** who will celebrate his 93rd birthday August 22.

### Members of Session for 2017

Pastor: Rev. T. J. Parlette  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Jay Rowland  
Clerk to Session: Cindy Kunzman

2017	2018	2019
Chris Bauch	Ken Boyer	Joe Doppler
Casey Clements	Fabian Luna	Bruce Fye
Jacqueline Moen	Mark Mueller	Brent Kaslow
Jane Murl	Sharon Nichols	Allyson Maurer
Gabriel Perkins	Tom Pileggi	Brad Narr
Paul Steger	Karen Sessler	Phyllis Schmid

### Members of Board of Deacons for 2017

Staff Liaison: Rev. Jay Rowland  
Chair: Leslie Litwiller

2017	2018	2019
Sally Brooks	Debra Bauch	Karin Braun
Jamie Carroll	Brett Carroll	Holly Ebel
Amy Dollerschell	David Lewis	Sara Kluck
Leslie Litwiller	Rosella Lund	Anna Larson
Robert Litwiller	Bev Olander	Susanna Stone
Yvonne Nkwelle-Mesumbe	Jeff Remfert	Terry Whiting
Bev Salomonsen	Cindy Sannes	Vicki Wintheiser

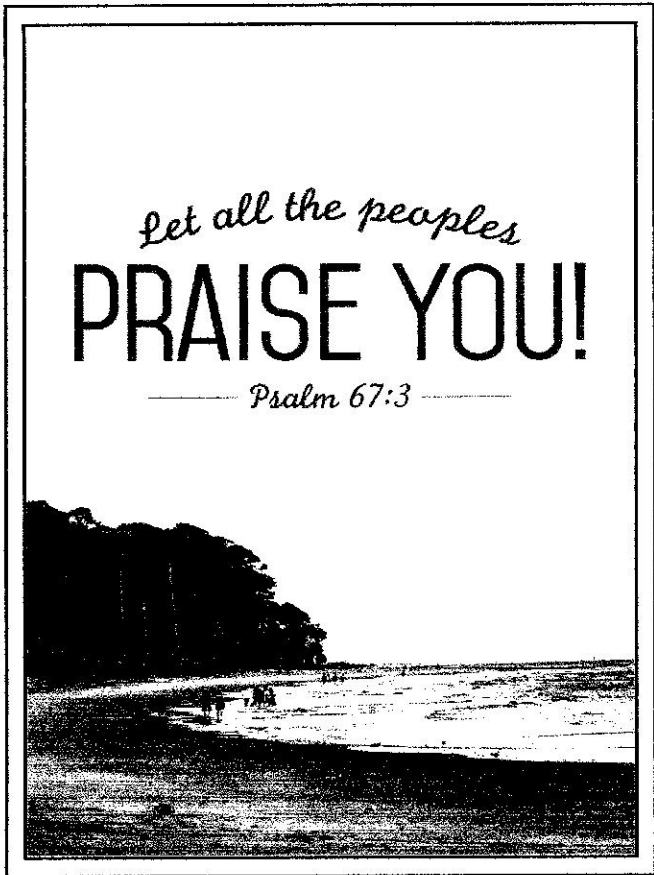
## The log in your eye

This humorous illustration of how *not* to get along at college also demonstrates Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7:3-5.

A young man from Scotland went to study at an English university. A month into the school year, his mother visited and asked how he liked living in the dorm. "It's awful!" he exclaimed. "The fellow in the room next door bangs his head on the wall constantly, and the one on the other side screams all day."

"How do you stand it?" his mother asked in amazement.

"Oh, I ignore them," her son replied. "I just sit here quietly, playing my bagpipes." ~ Newsletter/Newsletter - 8/2017



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## August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NO Deacons meeting Most committees meet/check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 7:00 PM Mission coworkers fr Cuba in lounge	2 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion	3	4	5
6 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b> Communion 10:30 AM Blood Pressure reading / Parish Nursing	7 FPC@Community Food Response	8 9:30 AM Staff meeting	9 1:00 PM Kitchen Guild 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	10 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group	11	12
<b>Sometimes you don't even know what you want until you find out you can't have it. (Meghan O'Rourke)</b>						
13 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b> Summer Choir (rehearse 9 a.m.)	14	15 Newsletter items due 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	16 3:00 PM Crafters Group/ SHall	17	18	19 9:00 AM FPC Work Group at Habitat for Humanity
20 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b>	21 4:00 PM Fundraiser @Pizza Ranch for Friendship Place (4-8:30)	22 9:30 AM Staff meeting	23 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	24	25 12:00 PM FP Band Camp concert	26
<b>9:00 AM FIRST PLAYERS Band Camp (9 a.m.-noon)</b>						
27 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b> 1:00 PM Group Walk/ Willow Creek Reservoir	28	29 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild 7:00 PM Forums@First: Living independently while aging	30	31		