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"I Love All Beauteous Things"

August 15-18, 2022

12:30-4:15 pm | First Presbyterian Church

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The Good News of First Presbyterian Church for August 2022

PASTOR'S QUILL

“Rejoice in Our Suffering”



A few weeks ago one of my favorite coffee mugs broke. Years ago, we bought a set of Disney mugs while at Disneyworld and we drink out of them almost every morning. Well, after a rough ride through the dish washer, our green mug featuring Minnie Mouse broke at the handle. I can't bear to break up a set, so I got out the old Gorilla Glue, and glued the handle back on. Now it seems as strong as ever. Sometimes brokenness makes us stronger.

Sally Smith Holt, writing in *Connections*, tells about a Hindu friend of hers who helped her think about her Christian faith in a different way. Her friend says that in Hinduism “the goal of life is completion, not perfection. Moreover, human flourishing is tied to being complete, and being complete entails wisdom gained through experience and through hardship...” To illustrate her point further, my friend relayed a story about how Ganesha, a Hindu deity, is portrayed in iconography. Ganesha has an elephant head and one broken tusk. He holds that broken, imperfect tusk in one of his hands. Hindu tradition teaches that it is with the broken tusk that Ganesha wrote down, at Vyasa's dictation, the Mahabharata, one of the most beloved texts in Hinduism. Only with brokenness is completion found. Only through suffering do truth and beauty emerge.”(1)

Sounds like something the Apostle Paul might say. In Romans 5: 3-4, Paul wrote “We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character and character produces hope...” I don't think Paul had any contact with Hinduism, but he certainly experienced a lot of suffering in his own life. And based on his experiences, Paul appears confident that we do get stronger as a result of our sufferings and brokenness.

Summer is a time of fixing things. Whether it's coffee mugs, the window that sticks, or the squeaky screen door, summer seems to be the season when we get to dealing with some of our household brokenness. Summer is also a good time to come to grips with our spiritual brokenness as well. What areas of our life need a little more attention? Where in our life might we need a little superglue to put things back together? Where might we need a little WD-40 to ease the squeaks of conflict, disagreement or misunderstanding? In this season of fixing things, keep Paul's words in mind – “We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character and character produces hope...”

Blessing and Peace to you all!

Peace,

1) Sally Smith Holt, *Connections*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2019, p 249.

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7	10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion In-Person & Livestreamed	8	DEADLINE CAT Survey		1
14	10:00 a.m. Worship In-Person & Livestreamed 4:00 p.m. Kevin M. Ko in Concert	15		16	7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
21	10:00 a.m. Worship In-Person & Livestreamed 11:00 a.m. Dollerschell Reception	22	FPC Music / Arts / Drama Camp — 12:30-4:15 p.m.		23
28	10:00 a.m. Worship In-Person & Livestreamed 1:00 p.m. Group Walk	29	First Players Band Camp — 9:00 a.m. — Noon		30
		31	6:30—8:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study		
		17	1:00 p.m. Crafters Group 6:30—8:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study		18
		10	1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group 3:00 p.m. Anti-Racism Discussion Group		11
		11	PW Fundraising Sale for Mission 130 Elton Hills Dr (former Valentino Pizza location)		12
		12			13
		13	2:00 p.m. Rinsless Car Wash Demonstration		





Music Ministry

John Stender, Director of Music
Janine Yanisch, First Players Bands

S have been heartened by the singing I've heard in our sanctuary (and over the livestream when I've been away) this summer. There is nothing like hearty hymn-singing with a collective spirit of willing joy, conviction, togetherness. I will always say that I am best able to accompany when a worshipping congregation is singing with a full heart. When there is a cushion of sound between us—that is when the Spirit joins our dialogue. When we sing the Word of God, or hear the Word of God sung, we are engaging with centuries of tradition, all the saints who ever sang faith in Christ, and we commit an act of hospitality to anyone worshipping with us. Sharing our tradition of hymnody, and encouraging every person (of every age) gathered to invest in and own it, is hospitable. It is discipleship. It is essential.

Maybe it's that our clergy have selected hymns that are particularly worth singing. Maybe it's that the points of connection between Word, Song, and Prayer have been deep. Maybe it's that we're all in one room together at the same time during one summer service. Or maybe it's that there is a collective sense of the work we do in our liturgy, what it means to us in our time, and that we are presently concerned about its future importance. Whatever 'it' is— I've enjoyed your singing this summer, and it has been a privilege to accompany it. I urge people not to forget that the hospitality of your engagement in worship, not only singing but all of it, can affect those around you profoundly.

There are times when I want to sing my lungs out, join boldly in congregational responses, and so on. There are times when I would rather listen more: let the spoken, sung, or played sounds of worship wash over me and feed my spirit somehow. In whichever way I come ready to worship, I know that my engagement might lift me up. I pray that it might lift someone else up. And, I pray that my faith and my living will be edified by someone else— I am grateful for a community with which to gather and worship.

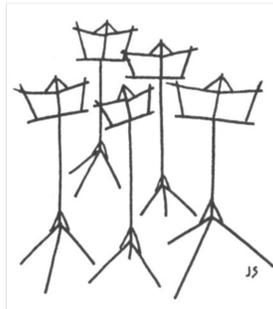
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"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to God, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Praise the Lord!"

— Psalm 104:32

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There will be one last opportunity this month to sing as a non-committed member of a choir. On August 21st, join us at 9am to be a part of the choir. If you were born and you like to open your mouth and let sound come out, you are qualified (and you might be the one to inspire someone)! You need not ever have been a member of any choir. You need only desire to share in the hospitality of singing God's Word. Look for more information for the "y'all come" summer walk-in choir.

Sunday August 14th @ 4PM Handbell Concert Fast Approaching!

FPC will host premier handbell musician, Kevin M. Ko, on Sunday, August 14th. He will offer music in worship that morning, and he will perform a free program at 4:00 p.m. as an early opening to our 2022-2023 Festival of Music season. Kevin's varied program of familiar hymn tune solo arrangements and popular songs will feature duets with collaborator Yo-yo Chan and with the support of Lee Afdahl, accompanist.



Kevin is visiting the U.S. from Hong Kong, where he is the chairman of Hong Kong Asia International Handbell Association in addition to his many commitments as a leader in the handbell and sacred music community in South China, Taiwan, and other parts of Asia. A graduate of Hong Kong Baptist University and Concordia University Wisconsin, Kevin has performed and led seminars throughout the world.

Youth & Christian Education



Our July Youth Group outing was a success! Twelve youth and five adults headed down to Lanesboro on a sunny and hot



summer afternoon for some tubing on the Root River. The water was fast, refreshing, and relaxing. We braved multiple areas of fast currents, rapids, and even waves! We enjoyed ice cream afterwards and loved the time spent in fellowship with one another and the beauty of God's creation.

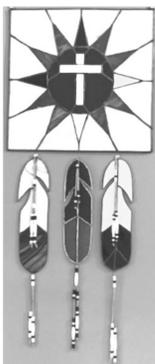


Our August Youth Group outing will be held on **August 24 (time & activity TBD)**. Further details will be communicated via email!

Susanna Stone, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education
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Bdecan VBS Program a Success

Marylynn Aalderks, Mission Committee



Vicki Wintheiser, Ginger Kirby, Marion Pitts, Larry Boutelle, Marylynn Aalderks and Kaylene Geiger have returned from providing a church service and fellowship at the Bdecan Church as well as two full days of Vacation Bible School!

On Sunday, Larry Boutelle lead the church service including communion. Several of the hymns and songs were sung in the Dakota language by the church members and two VBS songs were introduced to the kids. Lunch was provided by our mission team to all attending the church service. In the afternoon, the children completed a Bible School craft and the children and adults enjoyed bingo as a fellowship opportunity.

The VBS program on Monday and Tuesday included Bible stories, prayers, craft activities (which they LOVE), games, songs and mindfulness exercises. Breakfast and lunch were both provided for the children each day. We had between 15 and 18 children attending.

Yvonne Georgeson (a Bdecan church member) and Rosie Helland (the youth and out-reach pastor) worked with us to provide VBS. Rosie's husband, Bob, and Louie Garcia (the patriarch of the church) transported the kids for us.

It was wonderful to be back at the Bdecan Church to see our friends and especially to have the opportunity to provide VBS to the children.

We wish to thank everyone for the support that First Presbyterian Church provides to the VBS team and also for your donations for the people of the Bdecan Church. You are most generous!!



First Presbyterian Church	
Financial Statement / June 2022	
General Operating Budget	
Balance (05/31/2022)	\$ 22,281.87
Receipts (June 2022)	48,594.44
Disbursements (June 2022)	<u>70,028.53</u>
Balance (06/30/2022)	\$ <u>(847.78)</u>

PW News



— Sylvia Swede, coordinator

The Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women 2022

Six FPC women attended the June 16-19 Gathering at the Holiday Garden Inn on the Missouri River in Sioux City, Iowa. Our worship leader was a Dakota pastor, Rev. Danelle Crawford McKinney, who emphasized our relationship with our Creator and our relationship to all creation. We were pleased that a number of native Dakota women were in attendance along with other women from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota. The Native American Concerns Committee has been active for several years through its Book Club, coordinated by Marilyn Stone, which several members at FPC have participated in. Have you read *The Seed Keeper* or *Beloved Child, a Dakota Way of Life*, both written by Diane Wilson?

The theme of the conference was "Tied Together in Love". There were wonderful plenary sessions and workshops. Some of the topics in the workshops were an overview of the Bible study for 2022-23 ("Celebrate the Sabbath: Accept God's Gift of Rest and Delight"), Dakota history and culture, creative worship, prayer, Palestine, immigration, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and adoption.

The hands-on mission project was sewing school bags for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Gift of the Heart school kits. Gift cards for Target, Walmart, and Hy-Vee, amounting to \$2,065 were designated for *Lila Mae's House* in Sioux City, Iowa, providing a safe, healthy environment for adult survivors of sex trafficking to rest, heal, and develop necessary life skills for empowerment; and *All About You Adoptions* in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They received a Thank Offering grant in 2020 which allowed them to launch *Nevaeh House*, providing temporary housing for pregnant clients who have an adoption plan and are homeless. It is a full service adoption agency.

The Gathering offering of \$3,372 goes to the *Dr. Susan LaFlesch Picotte Center* and *Marion Medical Mission*. Dr. Picotte was the first Native American to receive a medical degree. She built a hospital on the Omaha Reservation. The hospital is currently being restored, including a medical clinic, cultural and educational space, as well as an outdoor amphitheater and community garden.

Marion Medical Mission shares the love of Christ with the poor in Africa by providing a sustainable source of clean, safe drinking water.

The new Synod moderator is Louise Van Poll of South Dakota.

Birthday Offering 2022

\$1,500 (circle offerings of \$1355.70 plus \$144.30 from PW funds) will help to support McCleary Transitional House in Farmington, Maine, which helps people experiencing homelessness, and Iglesia Presbyteria de Lares (Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand), which provides food, purified water, and personal items for the elderly and infirm in Lares, Puerto Rico.

Fundraising Sale for Mission – August 4-5

Have you signed up to help at the PW sale at the former Valentino's Pizza site across from 125 Live on Elton Hills Drive? Many helpers are needed to make the sale successful. Money raised goes to PW mission projects. See you there!

PW/PTCA Fall Gathering – Saturday, October 1

We are excited to share with you that the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area is being resurrected and we are planning a Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater!

Fracture and Cast Care

Ariel Boswell, Parish Nurse

“A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones.”

Proverbs 17:22 (RSV)

If you haven't seen our family lately, Savannah broke her elbow falling off a scooter in Colorado, so she is sporting a very pink cast for a few weeks! Broken bones in children and adults are common and all of us likely have had or will have a fracture or will take care of someone with one during our lives.



Immediately after an incident:

Call for emergency help if the bone is showing, the person is unresponsive, there is profuse bleeding, the extremity is blue or you suspect a broken bone in the neck or back.

If the person is stable:

Stop any bleeding with pressure. Immobilize the injured area as best as possible with a brace or sling until it can be imaged. Treat with elevation, ice and over the counter medication.

After the injury has been splinted and/or casted:

Keep the area dry. Getting it wet may require recasting. As challenging as it is, avoid weight bearing and vigorous activity until fully healed. Keep it clean - no sand or toiletries nearby. Cover with plastic and use tub baths for bathing. Use a hairdryer on cold for itching. Leave adjustments to the provider.

Contact your provider if:

Pain, numbness, swelling, tingling, burning or stinging in extremities or under the cast feels too tight, too loose, has red or raw skin around, or develops cracks, spots, or gets soaked.

While healing is slow and not fun, seeing so many friends and loved ones sign Savannah's cast reminds us all of how loved, prayed for and cared for we are!

Resource: Mayo Clinic

The rinseless car wash demonstration originally scheduled for July 23 has been rescheduled:

Saturday, August 20 – 2:00 p.m.

Contact Mark Mueller with questions.

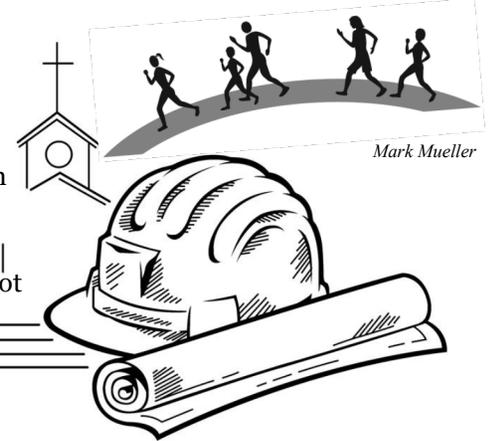


Good News of First Presbyterian Church — 8 — August 2022

A Summer Group Walk ...

For the **August Group Walk**, we will be exploring all the construction in downtown Rochester.

We will start our walk from the First Presbyterian Church parking lot



Mark Mueller

Sunday, August 28, 2022

at 1:00 p.m.

There is huge amount of new construction going on in downtown Rochester, and we will check out the progress of that construction. It's neat to see how they build these huge structures. We need to take advantage of this unique opportunity while it's available. We will also talk about what used to be on these sites, and what the future downtown area might look like.

It will be optional to wear a hard hat and safety vest.

Don't forget to bring a hat and water and wear sunscreen! If the activity needs to be cancelled, a message will be left 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. Please feel free to invite your friends to come along. If you have questions, contact Mark at markmueller@chartermi.net.



Holy Cow!



Time is running out to make your voice heard! There is still time to give us your opinions on the *Congregational Vitality Assessment* survey. Use the QR code below to complete survey online, or pick up and return a paper copy to the church office before August 8.

The question on the table ...

What does the future of FPC look like?

Thank you for your participation!



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/f/FPCROCHESTERMIN>

Good News of First Presbyterian Church — 9 — August 2022

Spotlight on ...

What We Believe

Submitted by Lea B. Jennings

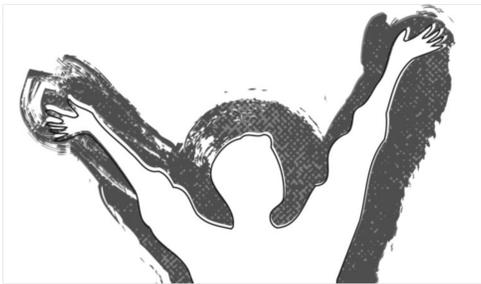
Katie Lenn was born to Shelley and Paul Steger in the Maple Grove, MN area and was baptized at a local Methodist Church. When she was two years old, her family moved to Hayfield, Minnesota, where Katie grew up. Her family joined the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Hayfield and Katie was actively involved in youth ministries, successfully completing confirmation class.

Later, love was in the air when Katie met her future husband, Casey Lenn in Rochester. The couple joined First Presbyterian Church and were married in approximately ten months. Katie appreciates worship at FPC, with a modern message and traditional Protestant values and music. The Church feels like home as her parents also moved to Rochester and became members. Our congregation has come to embrace Katie and Casey's five-year-old daughter, Cecelia, further enhancing their sense of family.



Katie appreciates First Presbyterian Church as a house of worship where Jesus is remembered for who he was and what he taught. She is grateful the congregation is full of smart and faithful people, who uplift others with gifts of time, talent and money.

We are grateful for Katie's membership at FPC and her ability to share positive energy with her presence during worship and other activities. Thank you Katie!



Please join **Allen & Marcia Dollerschell** in the atrium on **Sunday, August 21st** after the service to celebrate their **60th wedding anniversary** with cake, coffee and punch.

Church Family News

BIRTHDAYS ...

August 10—**Ruth Ann Ibach**, 90

August 19—**Dan Tolman**, 91

August 22 — **Warren Fay**, 93

... CONGRATULATIONS ...

John & Suzanne Dinusson, celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary - August 1.

William & Judy Smithson, celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary - August 3.

James & Judy Seward, celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary - August 7.

Frank & Lynda Sharbrough, celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary - August 12.

Allen & Marcia Dollerschell, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary - August 18.

Neil & Marilyn McKay, celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary - August 19.

Ron & Nancy MacKenzie, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary - August 25.

Warren & Mary Potter, celebrating their 71st wedding anniversary - August 27.

John & Ann Mitchell, celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary - August 27.

Harry & Ingrid Neel, celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary - August 29.

... AND CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy to Nadine Luna and her family on the death of her father, **Ron Oyer** on July 3.

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