



# The Good News of First Presbyterian Church for February 2019

For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence  
of your faithful people" (Psalm 52:9, NIV)

## Housing needed for Bemidji Choir

A Festival of Music (AFOM) is asking for help to house the Bemidji Choir coming to perform their concert on Sunday, March 24.

Please consider hosting 2, 3, or 4 choir members overnight on Sunday, March 24. There are approximately 40 members in the choir. We will be providing a dinner after the concert for the choir at the church.

We wanted to let you know now of this opportunity to give you time to think about a chance to be a one-night B&B in March! AFOM would really appreciate your help and think it will be fun to get to know the choir on a more personal level.

If you have any questions please talk to **Lee Afdahl** (282-1618) or **Jan Hosier** (507-202-1859).

## CWS Blanket+ Program aids victims of disasters

It's Blanket Sunday again! Sunday, February 10, our church will once again participate in the Church World Service Blankets+ program (commonly known as Blanket Sunday).

This worldwide program coordinates disaster relief and refugee assistance to people in need.

Emergency supplies such as tents, clean water, food packages and health kits as well as thousands of blankets were distributed throughout the world in 2018. Through donations from congregations across the country, people in need can recover from disasters, get a fresh start, and their communities can be rebuilt.

Envelopes for your donation will be in the pew racks or you can mail a donation to the church office anytime in February and mark it "Blanket Sunday."

Please remember to donate to this worthwhile mission. Your contribution will give hope for a brighter future to those who have been through a disaster.

~ Britta Youmans / Missions Committee

When disaster strikes, people need blankets – and much more. They need food, shelter, safe water. And, as the recovery process unfolds, they need tools, training and other resources to help them rebuild their lives.

Contributions to Blankets+ mean that Church World Service is there for the long haul as families recover from a disaster or struggle against grinding poverty.

## "Lee and Friends" Concert returns to A Festival of Music

**Time: Sunday, February 24 at 4 p.m.**

**Place: First Presbyterian Church sanctuary**

A Festival of Music Concert Series was begun by Lee Afdahl when he became Director of Music and organist at First Presbyterian Church in 1991. Now in its 28th season, one of the series' highlights is the annual "Lee and Friends" concert.



Joining Lee this season will be

**Ronald Beitel**, horn; **Christopher Boswell**, handbells; **Dwight Jennings**, saxophone; **Katie Kuisle**, saxophone; **Kristina Lantz**, violin; **Lois Marsh**, organ; **Jan Matson**, piano; **Mary Schneekloth**, harp and **Janine Yanisch**, saxophone.

The program for this year's "Organ-plus"/"Piano-Plus" program include works by Felix Mendelssohn (saxophone trio and piano), Charles Callahan (organ duet), Sparre Olsen (several sweet Scandinavian pieces for violin and organ), Paul Dukas (horn and organ), J. S. Bach (first movement of a Double Concerto for piano and organ), Bach (organ), Louis Vierne (organ), plus works for handbells and piano, and harp and organ.

A graduate of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, Lee Afdahl has forty years of experience in leading choral and handbell ensembles in Michigan and Minnesota. A past president of the Handbell Musicians of America, Lee is frequently a conductor and clinician for handbell



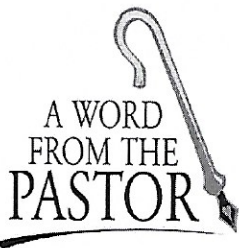
Lee J. Afdahl in  
Organ-Piano Plus  
Program

February 24, 2019

conferences, choral workshops, and church music conferences locally, nationally, and internationally. Lee is an active organ recitalist, published composer and arranger of handbell, instrumental, and choral music with over seventy compositions and arrangements in print.

The concert is open to the public and will be followed by a reception in the social hall. There is no admission fee, but a freewill offering will be accepted.

~ Connie Larson and Britta Youmans / FOM



February 2019

by Rev. T. J. Parlette

Believe it or not Lent is just around the corner, with Ash Wednesday coming up on March 6.

This year during the Lenten season, I will be offering a study by Adam Hamilton on the apostle Peter called "Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple." Peter was an ordinary fisherman who was transformed into a follower of Jesus. He was the first to profess Jesus as the Son of God, yet he also denied knowing him at the end. But Jesus met him on the beach after his resurrection and gave him the charge to "feed my sheep." Peter went on to give his life for the sake of his call.

In this study we will consider how God can take our ordinary lives and use our special gifts, talents and abilities to further God's Kingdom in this world. Come join us on Wednesday evenings beginning March 13 at 6:30 p.m. through April 17. Books can be ordered through the church office for \$15.00, due by February 25.

Peace, T. J.

## Stewardship Alive!

### The church as a mosaic

A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in [the church] is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: "I make God visible." But others who see us together can say: "They make God visible." [Christian] community is where humility and glory touch.

~ Henri J.M. Nouwen

### First Presbyterian Church Financial Statement January 2018 / December 2018

#### General Operating Budget

Balance (1/1/2018)	
Receipts (2018)	+ 785,111.41
Disbursements (2018)	- 783,242.08
Balance (10/31/18)	\$ 1,869.33



### Take note for May 3 celebration

May 3 we will celebrate and honor the 28 years Lee Afdahl has directed multiple choirs, Festival of Music, orchestras, and the Madrigal Feaste ...

plus many other events which required music...at First Presbyterian.

A catered dinner and inspiring program will be held at the church with arrival between 5:30 and 6 p.m. If you are not available for dinner, you are welcome to join us for the program at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations will be taken on Sundays only (please don't call the office) March 17 thru April 14.

A celebration committee is working diligently to make this an enjoyable and memorable evening for everyone. If you have questions or suggestions, contact **Jan Hosier** or **Connie Polk**.

~ Jan Hosier and Connie Polk / Co-Chairs of the Committee

### Thanks for a Supplemental Pledge

Thanks to everyone who dug a little deeper and was able to make a Supplemental Pledge to support the 2019 General Budget of the church. You are appreciated beyond belief! With your help the Session was able to adopt a budget that was (almost) balanced and at the same time allow committees most of what they had requested. The other good news is that we ended 2018 in the black with a tentative balance of about \$1900.



First Presbyterian Church  
512 SW 3rd Street  
Post Office Box 906  
Rochester, MN 55903  
Telephone: 507/282-1618  
FAX: 507/288-0809; e-mail: RochesterFPC@msn.com

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
Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	Susanna L. Stone
Office Administrator	Susan K. Kruger
Facility Manager	Harry E. Coleman
Custodian	Tyler Sczurek
Part-time music assistants	Katie Kuisle (Calvin and Cherub Choirs) Janine Yanisch (First Players)
Part-time custodians/security	Vera Brooks, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn
Child Care Workers	Esther Lebron, Margie Schaaf, Brenda Thorson
Newsletter Editor	Carol J. Evans
Parish Associates	Roger Ring, Carol Shaffer, James Walker

Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
Education classes: Sundays at 9:40 a.m.  
Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;  
Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-noon

**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.**

Saturday, February 16, 11 a.m. in social hall

## Learn the significance of NOROC from Richard and Carol Schempp

The Mission Committee and Presbyterian Women invite you to a presentation on NOROC (New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children) on Saturday, February 16 at 11 a.m. in the social hall.

NOROC facilitates the spiritual, social, physical, and emotional development of Romanian children who have been abandoned, abused, or orphaned. PW has supported this project for many years.

**Richard and Carol Schempp**, who are presently mission co-workers in Romania, will be here to make the presentation. Rev. Schempp was a pastor at First Presbyterian from 1978-1981. Coffee and donuts will be served.

~ Sylvia Swede / Mission Committee and PW

### Save March 23 for FPC Women's Retreat

**Bread of Life:  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

The 2019 PW Women's Retreat will be Saturday, March 23 at Assisi Heights. Come for a time of spiritual refreshment and good fellowship in the inspiring environs of the Assisi community. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Registrations forms will be in the office, fill one out and leave it with a check for \$25 made out to Presbyterian Women in the PW box in the office.

## Shrove Tuesday pancake supper marks beginning of Lent

Join us March 5 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper when we celebrate "getting the fat out" before we begin the season of Lent. We'll have delicious pancakes and sausage, not to mention wonderful fellowship! See you there!

No reservations are necessary and there's nothing for you to bring. The supper is sponsored by the Welcoming and Nurturing Committee.

~ Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

*A big thank you to everyone who helped decorate and then dismantle the halls of the church for Advent and Christmas. Your willingness to give of your time and enthusiasm is appreciated by all.*

~ Bev Lewis

## First Presbyterian Church celebrates 158th anniversary, recognizes 50+ -year members

The First Presbyterian Church of Rochester was founded on February 17, 1861, by Sheldon Jackson. Since then we have traveled the roads of 158 years. Some of these roads have been rough, some smooth, some straight, some winding, but each one has helped reveal to us the love of God working through our lives.

On February 17 we will honor and say "thank you" to 92 "golden" people who have been members for at least 50 years. Their names have been in our bulletins and newsletters as Sunday School teachers, ushers, choir members, stewardship campaign workers, elders, and deacons. Many of them still appear on the church's doorstep regularly as volunteers.

Our most senior member, **Ursula Thedens**, was confirmed at First Presbyterian in 1942. Our oldest "golden," **Margaret Harris**, joined in 1951. Our youngest "golden," **David Smyrk**, was confirmed in 1968.

The list of 50+ -year members includes

<b>70+ -year member</b>	<b>50+ -year members</b>	James Martin
Ursula Thedens	Gail Baker	Robert McClocklin
Lonnie Martin	George Bayrd	Susan McClocklin
<b>60+ -year members</b>	Lucille Bill	Peter McConahey
Louise Bastron	Corene Bernatz	Marikyn McKay
John Brandrup	Mary Beyerle	Neil McKay
Nancy Brandrup	Kay Boege	James Miner
Jane Destro	Constance Bowen	Jean Miner
David Ellefson	Kenneth Boyer	Douglas Nelson
Lynn Ferschweiler	Carol Breen	Joyce Nelson
William Haas	Sally Brooks	Norman Nelson
Margaret Harris	Barbara Cain	Ruth Pexton
Sandra Holloway	Don Cain	Mary Ress
Charlene Kyle	Sondra Danielson	Alan Sessler
Robert Kyle	Charlotte Davis	Martha Sessler
Donna Lee	Elaine Davis	Fr Frank Sharbrough
Robert MacCarty	Allen Dollerschell	Lynda Sharbrough
Donald McIlrath	Marcia Dollerschell	Roger Shepherd
Lowell Meyer	Char Ellefson	Carol Smyrk
Dan Moore	Ann Groover	Charles Smyrk
Jennie Orvis	Robert Groover	David Smyrk
Lynn Postier	Mary Jo Harper	Sylvia Swede
Janet Purnell	Melvin Hicks	Kiyomi Takekawa
Ruby Rose	Judy Hunter	Marilyn Theismann
Donald Scholz	Kenneth Irvin	Jon Thiem
Mary Sheridan	Laura Irvin	Johnson Thistle
Naomi Spiekerman	Rose Johnson	Judith Thistle
Ralph Spiekerman	Elaine Jones	Jane Tietjen
Alfred Thedens	Nancy Kreinbring	Dan Tolman
Elmer VanDerHeyden	M. Pauline Krieger	Suzanne Tolman
Mary VanDerHeyden	Judy Kruesel	Donald Wiegert
Patricia Whisnant	Jacqueline Kruger	

Congratulations and thank you for your part in shaping our church! You are an inspiration to all of us. When the rest of us have been members for 50 years, may yet newer members look on us as gratefully and appreciatively as we look on you.

Mission Team returns to Bdecan

## Can you help?

In June, First Presbyterian Church is planning to send a mission team to the Bdecan Presbyterian Church in Tokio, North Dakota for the fifth year. While there the team will provide Vacation Bible School for the children on the Spirit Lake Reservation.

In preparation for the trip, there are two projects you can help with:

**Are you a sewer?** The team would like to take **35 cloth bags** for the students to store their VBS papers and projects. Later the children can use them for school. At February circle meetings the team provided the pre-cut cloth pieces and instructions on how to sew the bags together.

**Do you prefer to shop?** The second project is **hygiene bags** for the children who are sent to residential school without soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, etc. The team wants to provide each child with a bag of products just for them. At the February circle meetings the team will provide a list of needed supplies and a plastic bag to put them in. You can shop individually or pair up with a friend.

Bags and hygiene items can be brought to March circle meetings or turned in to the office by March 24. If you are not a circle member but would like to help, please contact **Marylynn Aalderks** (641-420-0348),

Marylynn Aalderks / Mission Team leader



**Calling all FPC families and VBS volunteers: VBS will be back at FPC in 2019!**

**Vacation Bible School: Who is My Neighbor?  
Learning to Love Like Jesus**

**Monday, June 10-Friday, June 14, from 6-8 p.m.**

We are adding a new dimension to VBS this year by moving it to an evening program and making it intergenerational!

That means Vacation Bible School will be open for ALL, from the youngest to the oldest. There will be traditional VBS programming for youth entering kindergarten-grade 5, while adults will have separate educational offerings, and middle and high school youth will have an opportunity to assist with VBS and have time for fellowship with each other.

*Save the date: VBS will be held **Monday, June 10-Friday, June 14 from 6-8 p.m.**, with 30 minutes of snacks and group fellowship each night from 8-8:30 p.m.*

from the FPC Parish Nursing program

## Advanced Directives Class



As we enjoy the beautiful but fleeting lives God has given us, we also must reflect on the end. We are all dying at some rate. While our souls may be prepared, we need to have our minds and affairs prepared as well.

Our church will again partner with the Kasson Parish Nurses to hold a workshop on the "5 Wishes Advanced Directives." This year the workshop will be at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kasson, 301 8th Ave NW, Kasson, on Sunday March 10 from 1-2:30 p.m.

The 5 wishes is a user-friendly advanced directive to help guide your family members regarding end of life decisions. If you have a chance, let me know if you are coming at [fpcparishnursing@gmail.com](mailto:fpcparishnursing@gmail.com) so I will know to look for you.

If you can't make it to the meeting, but would like a booklet, please send me an email at [arbugosh@gmail.com](mailto:arbugosh@gmail.com) and I can get you a copy and help explain it as needed. There is a \$2 fee for the booklet.

Join us to talk about end of life - the thing we most avoid, and most need to discuss.

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing coordinator

**Note: Blood pressure readings will be taken the second week in February (February 10) instead of the first week.**

## Love and laughter go hand in hand!

*Share these jokes on February 14 —  
or whenever some humor can brighten a day!*

Q: What valentine did the French chef give his wife?

A: A hug and a quiche

Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

A: "I find you very attractive."

Q: What did the pencil say to the paper?

A: "I dot my i's on you!"

Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?

A: He gave her a ring.

Q: What do you call a very small valentine?

A: A valentiny



## Something to think about:

The church concerns itself with "come structures" while the Scriptures dictate a "go structure." Is it any wonder that to the world, and to most Christians, the church is merely the building on the corner of Tenth and Main rather than God's special people permeating all culture? (Elwood D. Bass)

# ♥ Financial Fitne\$\$: giving is good for your heart ♥

## Session adopts \$827,250 budget

At its January meeting Session adopted a budget of \$827,250 for 2019. This is a 3.9% (\$30,924) increase over the 2018 budget. The increase was driven primarily by 2.7% across the board staff raises, and allowances for search committee expenses and the celebration dinner.

The budget will be underwritten by general budget and outreach pledges (\$711,959), supplemental pledges (29,838) (thank you), one-time gifts (\$18,538), contributions over pledge (\$42,000), plate offering (\$10,000), miscellaneous income (\$7,000), and interest (\$1,000). We also included a faith factor of \$6,915.

Budget area	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
Building/Grounds, incl CapM Fd	91,700	91,450
Christian Education	6,626	7,000
Youth Ministry	3,366	3,800
Mission (including designated projects, Unified Mission, Theological Education Fund)	48,406	50,500
Office Services	22,305	25,500
PCUSA Per Capita assessment	24,383	25,000
Personnel/Administration	522,651	560,000
Social Concerns	20,751	21,000
Stewardship/Finance	23,054	23,600
Welcoming/Nurturing	3,743	5,500
Worship/Music	<u>12,580</u>	<u>13,900</u>
Total	\$779,581	\$827,250

## Special Offerings raise \$58,544

What a congregation! On behalf of the many people who will benefit from your generosity, we are happy to announce and thank you for the special donations you made in 2018. In addition to the \$58,544 listed, donors supported the anthem fund, Easter brunch, and implementation projects.

Bdecan mission trip projects	3,295
Birthday Offering (PW)	1,083
Blanket Program (CWS)	5,410
Channel One/Minnesota FoodShare	8,880
Christmas Joy Offering (PCUSA)	7,470
Deacons Fund	5,609
Medical Missions Offering (PW)	4,990
One Great Hour of Sharing (PCUSA)	10,539
Peacemaking Offering (PCUSA)	4,113
Witness/Pentecost Offering (PCUSA)	4,355
Special mission projects	2,800

We also contributed food and household supplies to Channel One, Hope Lodge, Women's Shelter, and Dorothy Day, Gift of Life Transplant, and Ronald McDonald Houses.

Through the Sharing Tree at Christmas we helped Alternative Learning Center for new and expectant teenage mothers, Brighter Tomorrows for families with a childhood cancer diagnosis, MedCity Foundation to support blood cancer patients and their families, and Family Promise for homeless families.



We exist temporarily  
through what we take,  
but we live forever  
through what we give.  
(Douglas M. Lawson)

## Stewardship 2019: 223 pledging units commit \$711,960

General Budget = \$597,009; Outreach = \$114,951

Range of Pledges	Cumul	Number pledges	Cumulative	Amount pledged	
<i>Per year</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>as cumulative %</i>	<i>amount</i>	<i>as cumulative %</i>	
<i>Per week</i>	<i>pledges</i>	<i>of congregation</i>	<i>pledged</i>	<i>of total pledge</i>	
10000-42000	192-808	14	3.5%	243,748	34.2%
7000-9999	134-192	23	5.8%	317,156	44.5%
6000-6999	115-134	27	6.8%	341,980	48.0%
5000-5999	96-115	40	10.0%	411,383	57.8%
4000-4999	77-96	53	13.3%	468,226	65.8%
3000-3999	58-77	77	19.3%	545,783	76.7%
2500-2999	48-58	85	21.3%	567,103	79.7%
2000-2499	38-48	104	26.0%	609,353	85.6%
1500-1999	59-38	119	29.8%	634,943	89.2%
1000-1499	19-29	156	39.0%	679,023	95.4%
500-999	10-19	192	48.0%	703,743	98.8%
Under 500	.50-10	223	55.8%	711,960	100.0%

Total = 223 pledges/380 potential pledges 711,960

\* Of the 155 units from whom we did not receive pledges, we expect about 65 to make a donation in 2019.



## February Youth Group News

The FPC Youth Group has had a busy start to 2019. We stamped greeting cards, made New Years' Resolutions for the youth group, discussed what we'd like to do in 2019, played games, and had fun!

**Susanna Stone**  
Coordinator of Youth  
& Christian Education

*All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us on Wednesdays from 5:45-7 p.m. for food, fellowship, and fun! We will meet 4 times in February: February 6, 13, 20, and 27.*

**Like us on Facebook!** Stay up to date on all youth group activities by checking out the youth group Facebook page: @RochPresYouthGroup.

### Snow tubing and pizza: Save the date!

All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for a special winter outing. This is a great opportunity for those youth who can't regularly come to youth group to spend some time getting to know the youth group.

**Saturday, February 23, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$12**

(includes two hours of tubing and lunch; scholarships available)

We'll start off with two hours of snow tubing at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch followed by lunch at the Stewartville Pizza Ranch.

Registration and waiver forms are required. Contact Susanna by **FEBRUARY 15** if you are interested in attending and/or chaperoning!



**Save the Date: St. Patrick's Day Dinner**  
sponsored by Christian Education  
**Wednesday, March 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Join us in the social hall for an Irish-themed dinner!  
More details to come.

### Current Issues class schedules guest speaker February 10

**Karen Edmonds**, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Rochester's Project Legacy will lead the Current Issues Class February 10. The Class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the lounge.

Project Legacy provides unique, long-term support to help youth in their journey out of poverty, incarceration and addiction...and set them on a path towards a vibrant and sustainable future for themselves and future generations.



## Ministry of Music

*Lee Afdahl, Director of Music*  
*Katie Kuisle, Cherub and Calvin Choirs*  
*Janine Yanisch, First Players*

*Music is the universal language by which human feelings are made equally intelligible to all.*  
(Franz von Liszt)

Singing and ringing schedule for February			
	8:30	11:00	Both
February 3.	Chancel Choir	Calvin Choir	Jubilate Deo
February 10.	Chancel Choir	Cherub Choir	Joyous Praise
February 17.	Chancel Choir		
February 24.	Special music	Chancel Choir	Alleluia Rngs



Janine Yanisch  
First Players  
Director

### First Players entertain at Homestead

Everyone is invited to a program presented by First Players on Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the 1900 Building Gathering Place at Homestead.

Adult education ~ Sundays / 9:40-10:45 a.m.	
Members have asked for in-depth studies and here are several great opportunities covering a wide variety of topics and interests!	
<b>Bible Study (South Fireside)</b>	The Kerygma Class continues a study of <i>The Jesus Movement and the World of the Early Church</i> . The class is led by <b>Jane Goodfriend</b> and <b>Ruth Walts</b> .
<b>Current Issues (Lounge)</b>	<i>Current Events: Clipped from the papers</i> is the theme for the 2018-2019 year. The discussion is led by <b>Al Depman</b> . For February 10, see the announcement of guest speaker in column 1.
Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-7:30 p.m.	
<b>Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)</b>	February 6, 13, 20, 27 <i>The Life of Christ: an 1899 Bible Study</i> The Bible study is led by <b>Al Depman</b>

*Love is like a tennis match; you'll never win consistently until you learn to serve well.*

(Dan P. Herod)



## News from Presbyterian Women

\* *Sylvia Swede, facilitator*

Circles continue in December. New members are always welcome. Join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The 2018-2019 Horizons Bible study is

*God's Promise: I Am with You.*

**Esther Circle:** February 18 at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

Hostesses: **Ginger Kirby** and **Mary Vanderheyden**.

Devotions: **Susie McClocklin**. Bible Study: **Martha Sessler**.

**Priscilla Circle:** February 20 at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge.

Hostesses: **Leslie Litwiller** and **Marylynn Aalderks**.

Program: MedCity Foundation. Project: Ronald McDonald House.

**Ruth Circle:** February 16 at 9:30 a.m. (Note 9:30 start instead of 10:00 start) in the lounge. Hostesses: **Mary Huie** and **Patricia Talen**. Devotions: **Laury Schalaus**. Program: **Vicki Wintheiser** (Lesson 6 in the Bible Study *God's Promise: I Am with You*).

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. the lounge. Join us Thursday, February 14 for knitting, crocheting and fellowship! Please contact **Elizabeth Remfert** or **Susie McClocklin** if you or someone you know would find comfort from a prayer shawl.

*Thanks to all who provided needed items  
for Hope Lodge in January.*

## "Boxtops for Education" provides school supplies for Kemmerer Village

If you buy General Mills products with Boxtops for Education, please save the Boxtops for Education and put them in the container in the foyer. We send the boxtops to Kemmerer Village in Assumption, Illinois, a Presbyterian child care agency. Kemmerer uses them to get school supplies for their education program.

~ *Phyllis Schmid, organizer*

## Calling all crafters!

The Crafters Group will meet Wednesday, February 20 at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Come join us as we make cards for the C. A. R. E. members of the congregation. All supplies will be provided.

~ *Mary Huie (282-9712) / Crafters coordinator*



## Church Family News

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Warren and LaDonna Fay** who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary February 14.

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Janet Purnell**, who will celebrate her 91st birthday February 2.

Happy Birthday to **Norman Nelson** who will celebrate his 93rd birthday February 9.

### Deaths

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Marie Bolton**, who died December 24 in Sioux Falls.

## Sitter Service plans next parents' evening out February 8

The next Sitter Service will be February 9 from 5:30 to 9:30 with sign up in the church atrium on Sunday, February 3 or by contacting the church office, Sarah Edgerton ([edgerton.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:edgerton.sarah@gmail.com) or 507-536-9637) or **Cindy Kunzman** ([xiandikunzman@aol.com](mailto:xiandikunzman@aol.com) or 507-421-5055) by Tuesday, February 5.

## Diaper bag found in nursery; is it yours?

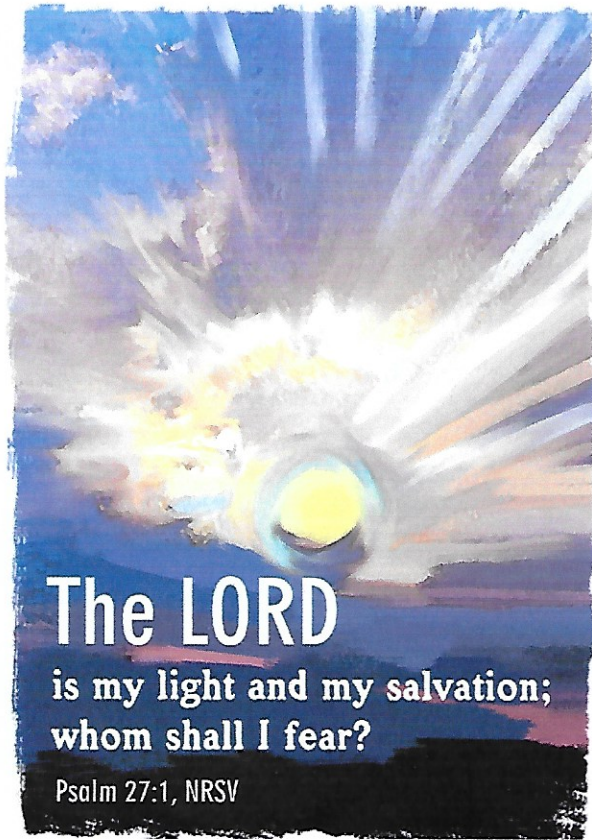
At one of the Christmas Sunday or Eve services someone left a royal blue back pack containing diapers and a pair of tan boys pants. If it's yours, you can claim it in the church office.



---

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

---



First Presbyterian Church  
 P. O. Box 906  
 Rochester, Minnesota 55903-0906

Non-Profit Org.  
 U.S. Postage  
 PAID  
 Rochester, MN  
 Permit No. 111

Address Service Requested



## February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday morning schedule</b> Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school / all ages at 9:40 a.m. Cherub Choir at 10:20 a.m. Calvin Choir at 9:40 a.m.			<b>Wednesday youth schedule</b> 4:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5) 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 6-12) 5:45 p.m. Middle/High School youth 7:00 p.m. J Praise bells (intergenerational)		1	2
<b>3</b> Communion Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Jubilate Deo (both) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:40 AM New Mbr class 11:00 AM Calvin Choir sings	<b>4</b> FPC@Community Food Response	<b>5</b> Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside	<b>6</b> FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	<b>7</b> 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>8</b> 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	
<b>You don't have to walk on water; it's how you walk on land. (Jason Crabb)</b>						
<b>10</b> CWS Blanket Sunday Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Joyous Praise rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:30 AM Blood Pressure/Parish Nursing 9:40 AM New Mbr class w/Session 11:00 AM Cherub Choir sings	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:15 PM FOM Cmte/north fireside	<b>13</b> FPC@Friendship Place 1:30 PM Kitchen Guild 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	<b>14</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b> 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>15</b> Newsletter items due	<b>16</b> 10:00 AM Ruth Circle/ lounge
<b>17</b> <b>158th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church</b> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Recognize 50+-year members 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings	<b>18</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b> 1:00 PM Esther Circle/ lounge <b>NO School/Presidents Day</b> <b>Church closed</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	<b>20</b> FPC@Friendship Place 9:15 AM Priscilla Circle/ lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/ SHall 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	<b>21</b> 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Yth/snow tubing at Ironwood and pizza
<b>24</b> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Alleluia Rngrs rings (both) 11:00 AM Chancel Choir sings 4:00 PM FOM/Afdahl and Friends	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	<b>27</b> FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	<b>28</b> 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir		