

# The Good News

## of First Presbyterian Church for July 2017

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*"Moses once sang: 'The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him.'"*

(Exodus 15:2 [NIV])

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### 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).

#### July 23, 2017 – 1 p.m. – Cascade Meadow Wetlands

The group walk for July will take place July 23 at Cascade Meadow Wetlands. Meet at Cascade Meadow (2900 19th Street NW) at 1 p.m. Cascade Meadow sits on a 100-acre site of which 90 acres of natural areas have been restored. A system of approximately 2 miles of trails winds its way through seven different types of wetlands and three upland communities. Renewable energy systems on site include electric generation with wind and solar, as well as solar thermal hot water and geothermal heat pump for heating and cooling. Remember to bring a hat and water and wear sunscreen. Please feel free to invite a friend.

#### 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

*Sunday, July 16 - 10:30 a.m.*

### It's time for summer - join us for worship and a barbecue!

A summer is not complete without the gathering of friends and family for a good old-fashioned picnic and barbecue. Join us Sunday, July 16 for worship at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch and activities as we come together for a summer picnic.

Please bring a side dish, vegetable, salad, fruit, or your favorite pie. Beverages, hotdogs, and hamburgers will be provided. Lunch and games will follow the service. Sign up in the atrium on Sundays July 2 and 9 or call the church office.

~ Jane Murl / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

### Thank you and best wishes to Rick and to Vera

It is with sadness that we announce that Rick Morris and Vera Herr have resigned their positions at First Presbyterian Church. We wish them well in their future endeavors. Rick's last day with us will be June 23; Vera has agreed to help out until we find a replacement. Thank you both for your faithful service in the past months!

#### A "farewell" from Rick

At the end of the month, I will be leaving my position as the coordinator of youth and Christian education. I have loved joining in ministry with our amazing crew of volunteers and especially getting to know our students. It's therefore with a heavy heart that I share this news. Fortunately, I will not be leaving Rochester. You may see me around town in my role as an environmental advocate with the Sierra Club, so please do say "hi"!

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#### *July services of worship*

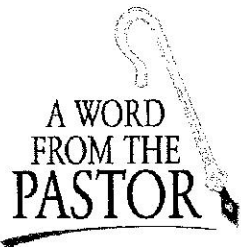
July 2: Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.

July 5: Worship and communion at Charter House at 1 p.m.

July 9, 23 and 30: Worship at 9:30 a.m.

July 16: Worship at 10:30 a.m.

followed by food, fellowship, and games



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

July 2017

For those of you who have ever served as an elder or a deacon, you've probably heard the term "connectional church." This is an idea very much central to who we are as Presbyterians. We believe that we as a congregation do not stand

alone. We serve God and Jesus Christ together with the other PCUSA congregations in our Presbytery and beyond. Most of the time we experience this connectionalism when we go through periods of transition (such as searching for a new pastor), conflict (such as a congregational dispute or wishing to leave the denomination, etc...), or even growth (such as when one of our members is interested in pursuing the ministry, or if we want to take out a mortgage).

But our connectionalism is actually on display every time we meet as a Presbytery and whenever one of the committees of the Presbytery meet to do their work. At the current time, there are many opportunities to experience connectionalism in our Presbytery. Many of the committees of the Presbytery are in need of people to help do the work of the church.

The greatest needs are with the Committee on Ministry, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the Nominating Committee and the Committee on Ethics. Please consider whether God might be calling you to serve the PCUSA on a larger stage.

I encourage you to visit the re-designed Presbytery website – just search Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. Committee descriptions, with meeting times and places, can be found there under "For PTCA members only." Current Committee membership and vacancies can be found in the "Directory" section. To access, you must log in – click on "For PTCA members only" and go from there.

Peace, T. J.

### Thanks so much!

Dear Revs. TJ and Jay, Sue, Cynthia and all the terrific volunteers,

The phrase is simple and the words are few, but behind them is a whole lot of appreciation.

Thank you so much for helping to make our presbytery meeting in May the success it was! We truly appreciate all your efforts.

The staff of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area  
Jeff Japinga, William Davnie, Risa Anderson

## Stewardship Alive!

### The pastor is in

Every Tuesday morning on New York City's Upper East Side, Gregory Fryer sits in a *Peanuts*-style booth offering prayer and a listening ear to passersby. Initially the pastor wanted to draw attention to his church, but instead he ended up noticing all the "hungry hearts" in the neighborhood. Fryer has been pleasantly surprised by all the people who open up to him. "I think they like the idea of a pastor being on the sidewalk," he says.

Although a sign on the booth reads "Spiritual advice 5¢," the pastor keeps a plate of nickels handy if people want to put one in his jar. Some people donate much more — and some even pay for Fryer.

The pastor says he was inspired by *Peanuts* character Lucy van Pelt, who has the "audacity, the courage to brazenly sit there out in public and offer to deal with important matters."

### Financial Statement / May 2017

#### General Operating Budget

Balance (4/30/17)	\$ 120,603.93
Receipts (May)	+ 59,073.47
Disbursements (May)	- 61,995.31
Balance (5/31/17)	\$ 117,682.09



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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
Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	
Office Administrator	Susan K. Kruger
Facility Manager	Harry E. Coleman
Custodian	
Music Assistant	Kathleen M. Kruger
Part-time custodians/security	Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn, Margie SchAAF
Child Care Workers	Kelly Bock, Woo-Jung Ra, Margie SchAAF
Newsletter Editor	Carol J. Evans
Parish Associates	

Anneliese Opitz, Roger Ring, Carol Shaffer, James Walker

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"



**Kevin and Sally Evans** (2715 East River Road NE / Rochester 55906 – 507-319-1582) are joining by reaffirmation of faith. Kevin grew up on a farm near Elgin and was an auto mechanic for many years before joining the custodial staff at Mayo. Sally was born and raised in Rochester and is well known to most of you, having worked in evening security and Sunday custodial at FPC since

2003. Her daytime job is in network development at Mayo. Kevin and Sally have two adult sons and in their free time enjoy fishing, sightseeing, traveling, and spending time with their family.

**Betty Hanson** (607 3rd Avenue NW / Byron 55920 – 507-624-0181). We will introduce Betty next month.

**Laury Schalau** (948 23rd Street SE / Rochester 55904 – 507-282-7887) is a speech/language pathologist at Madonna Living Community of Rochester. Laury was born and raised in Whittier, California and lived in Sacramento until she and her husband, Bob, moved to Rochester in 1990. Her favorite hobbies include gardening and reading; Bob loves to hunt and fish. Laury previously belonged to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sacramento and is particularly looking forward to Bible study at FPC. Bob and Laury are the parents of an adult daughter and son.

**Kristen Willaman** (9122 Vallyhigh Road NW / Byron 55920 – 206-550-3817) grew up and was confirmed at First Presbyterian in Rochester. She's returning via stops in Minneapolis, Bozeman, Montana and Seattle and Everett, Washington. Kristen is a Patient Appointment Coordinator at Mayo and lists her hobbies as singing, knitting, crocheting, yard work, walking, dancing, and travel. She's already made a connection with our music program. Kristen is coming by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Everett, Washington.

## Habitat for Humanity team continues work in July

FPC's Habitat for Humanity team will work Saturday, July 15 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 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

*God's mission in Cuba*

## David and Josey give people new hope for the future

FPC has been supporting missionaries David Cortes-Fuentes and his wife Josey Saez Acevedo in Cuba for the past year. This summer they are in the United States and we will be privileged to meet them and hear more about their work on August 1. We anticipate this will be an evening meeting and will have more details on the time when we know when they will arrive in Rochester.

~ Phyllis Schmid / Mission Committee

*"Our first year has been of much listening, learning and praying. These students and future pastors are amazing! We have come to respect and honor their sacrificial commitment to their faith, church, communities and vocation."*

(Josey Saez Acevedo)

The Rev. David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo are in their second year of a four-year mission co-worker appointment, serving alongside the 15,000 member Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba. They are the first Presbyterian mission co-workers sent from the United States to live and work in Cuba since the 1959 revolution led by Fidel Castro.

David is professor of New Testament and Greek at the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas, Cuba. Josey assists the Cuban church's Christian education ministries. They both lead devotions in the seminary chapel and speak as invited by Cuban Presbyterian churches and groups visiting the seminary.

As natives of Puerto Rico, David and Josey share ethnic and cultural affinities with the people of Cuba. They developed an appreciation for the country through Cuban friends and mentors in the years prior to their mission appointment. David and Josey sense a call to be a part of a new sense of hope that's emerging in the Cuban church and society.

~ excerpted from *Mission Crossroads* /  
Presbyterian Mission Agency Summer 2017

## Job openings

First Presbyterian Church has two job openings:

- Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education
- Custodian

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



## 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)*

## Volunteer summer choir sings on second Sunday of month

On the SECOND SUNDAY of July and August, we encourage you to join us for the WALK-IN Choir.

*All youth and adults are welcome.*

We meet at 9 a.m. and review or learn an easy anthem for the 9:30 a.m. worship. If you are in the city those weekends, please join us and bring friends or family members who do not usually sing with us. This is a short-time commitment with high impact! See you July 9 and/or August 13.

*from the FPC Parish Nursing program*

## Don't get 'ticked' off this summer



One of the best parts of summer in Minnesota is being outside - hiking, gardening, and playing on the lake.

However one of the worst parts of summer is also lurking in nature... ticks! Ticks carry unpleasant illnesses like Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and several other unpleasant diseases.

- ★ Prevent tick bites and illnesses by wearing long pants and sleeves in thick woods, applying an insect repellent with DEET, and removing brush where ticks like to hide. Check yourself and your kids and animals after being in a tick zone, watching out for warm and hairy areas. Remove ticks promptly by grabbing them close to the skin with a tweezers and pulling them out gently (try to keep them intact).
- ★ After a tick exposure, watch for symptoms such as a bulls eye rash at a tick bite, rash on palms and soles, joint aches and pains, headaches, or unusual fever.
- ★ Tell your provider if you have symptoms or concerns. Lyme Disease is a relatively common illness and has a safe and effective antibiotic treatment. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is more rare and serious so if you have fever, headache, or a rash on palms and soles, get it checked out quickly.

Enjoy the outdoors this summer!

*~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing coordinator*

## A Festival of Music announces 2017-2018 program series

FESTIVAL  
OF MUSIC



A Festival of Music will launch its 27th year in October and will present performances by artists in a wide variety of musical expressions.

- October 15, 2017     *Gabriel Preisser, lyric baritone*  
Orlando, Florida  
accompanied by *Lee Afdahl, pianist*
- November 19, 2017     *Rachel Laurin, concert organist*  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- February 11, 2018     *Duo Neglia-Khachatryan*  
*Dr. Dina Maria Neglia-Khachatryan, concert violinist*  
North Dakota State University School of Music  
Fargo, North Dakota  
*Dr. Grigor Khachatryan, concert pianist*  
Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota
- March 18, 2018     *Wartburg College Castle Singers*  
*Dr. Nicki Toliver, director*  
Waverly, Iowa
- April 15, 2018     *Lee J. Afdahl and Friends*  
Annual program of music for organ/piano  
and other instruments

The 2018 Lenten organ recital series (Wednesdays during Lent at 12:15 p.m. beginning February 21) will feature **Jeffrey Daehn** (freelance organist, Rochester), **Sebastian Modarelli**, (organist, Church of St. John the Evangelist, Rochester), **Lois Marsh** (freelance organist, Rochester), **Ceri Benson** (organist, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Rochester) and **Paul Kosower** (freelance organist, Eau Claire).

Watch for the concert series flyer in September to learn more about next season's programs.

*~ Lee Afdahl / Director of Music*

## Congratulations, graduates!



In addition to the graduates listed last month, these members recently completed college degrees:

**Sawyer Bock** graduated the University of Wisconsin/ Madison with a degree in communication arts and journalism.

**Olivia Kemp** graduated Western University in London, Ontario with a Bachelor of Health Science with Honors and a specialization in Health Studies.

**Alex Luna** graduated the University of Minnesota/ Minneapolis with a double major in astrophysics and physics.

**Many thanks to everyone who brought glassware for our Pentecost celebration. You can pick up your items in the church office.**



Sally and Sara

# Blankets for Bdecan April 29, 2017



Jane



Naomi

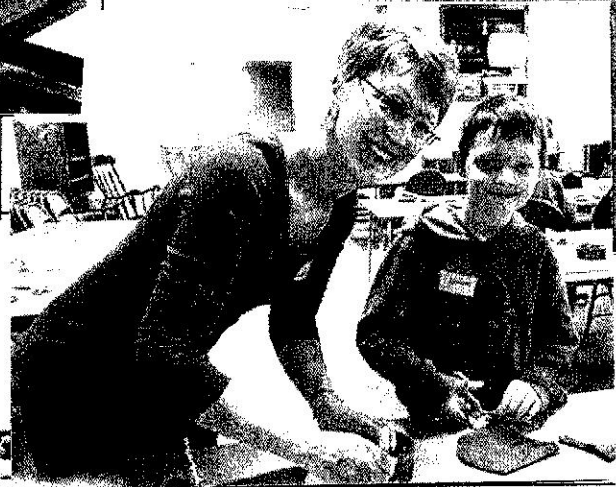


Lois



Ginger

Phyllis, Cindy, Bev, Sylvia



Bev and Dmitri

## **Bdecan team ties blankets, gathers supplies for babies going into foster care**

The Bdecan VBS team is collecting sleepers, onesies, little socks, rattles, baby shampoo and other baby supplies for babies who live on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation who go into foster care right after birth. The VBS team will take them to North Dakota with them later this month. Please have them to the church by July 5.

If you would rather help financially, we would welcome funds to buy diapers while we are in Devils Lake. Please make the check out to FPC with "baby program" on the memo line. Thank you for your generous support for these little ones.

Members of the Bdecan team this year include Marylynn Aalderks, Jean Abels, Heide Buettner, Jane Hallman, Ginger Kirby, Sara Kluck, Cindy Kunzman, Susie McClocklin, and Phyllis Schmid.

*~ Marylynn Aalderks / Bdecan mission team*



Though we often hear only the dark and disturbing stories coming out of the Middle East, on February 26 there was an historic moment of celebration. The Presbyterian Church in Tripoli and the National Evangelical (Presbyterian) Synod of Syria and Lebanon ordained the **Rev. Rola Sleiman** as the first Arab woman to serve as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

- † **Pastor Liz** of our partner church in Jagüey Grande, Cuba, writes that the church is doing well and has begun a program with breakfast and recreation for more than 20 elderly folks.
- † **Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan** are back in Bangladesh.

### South Sudan on verge famine

More than 1.5 million citizens of South Sudan have fled the country since the civil war began and more than 1.8 million people have been displaced internally. Most recently the United Nations has deemed South Sudan as a famine state, as millions are in danger of starvation. Some argue that South Sudan's violence constitutes genocide. Yei, where **Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather** were working, has been the epicenter of violence for months. Consequently Shelvis, Nancy, and their three children are now living in Arua, Uganda, where they continue helping RECONCILE's ministries of peace building and trauma healing reach the South Sudanese now living in refugee camps such as Rhino Refugee Camp and Bidi Bidi Camp, now considered the largest refugee camp in the world.

Many citizens remain in South Sudan's capital, Juba, where the church continues to focus on education. Since the schools often do not have access to water, students come for only a few hours in the morning. They either bring their own plastic chairs from home or stand in the back of the class. The South Sudan Education and Peacemaking Project (SSEPP) remains committed to the students. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working on this problem.

### PW Circles support national Birthday Offering

PW recently gave \$1300 given by circle members and pledge money to support three projects of the 2017 Birthday Offering:

- \* **Navajo Water Project, New Mexico.** This grant will provide a running water system for forty families that do not have access to running water in their homes.
- \* **The Family Justice Center, South Carolina.** This grant will assist Family Justice Center in achieving its goal of constructing a new domestic violence shelter for victims of abuse living in Georgetown and Horry Counties in northeastern South Carolina.
- \* **First Hand Aid, Cuba.** The Rural Clinic Development Initiative is designed to establish six medical clinics in partnership with, and located at, Presbyterian churches in rural Cuba that will provide medicine and care not available, or difficult to get, from Cuban sources in these communities.

## Presbyterian Women support local, national, and international projects

This year's rummage sale receipts and pledges provided \$8000 for local, national, and international projects. Many thanks to organizers **Judy Kruesel** and **Sally Brooks** as well as all who worked to sort, sell, and cleanup.



- ▶ \$400 for **Hawthorne Helps Mini-Store** where students, mostly immigrants living below the poverty level, may shop for necessities twice a month
- ▶ \$600 for **Friendship Place** for food
- ▶ \$100 for **FPC** for kitchen supplies
- ▶ \$400 for **Community Food Response** for plastic containers
- ▶ \$400 for **LINK** (Living Independently with Knowledge), which serves homeless teens
- ▶ \$400 for **Channel One** for their summer food program
- ▶ \$400 for **Civic League Day Nursery** to provide financial aid for those who can't afford daycare
- ▶ \$400 for **Mission 21**, which provides resources and restoration services to victims of human trafficking under the age of 16



- ▶ \$1000 to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** for use in the United States
- ▶ \$500 for **Su Casa de Esperanza**, a Presbyterian border ministry whose mission is to improve the quality of life of children through a faith-based family education program



- ▶ \$500 to **NOROC**, which facilitates the spiritual, social, physical, and emotional development of Romanian orphans
- ▶ \$450 to **Haiti Education Foundation** to provide for the education of six students
- ▶ \$450 to **IMA World Health** to support the IMA Medicine Box and Safe Motherhood kits, which provide essential medicines and supplies to clinics and people who need them
- ▶ \$684 through **Presbyterian Mission Agency** to provide six families of chickens and three pairs of goats to families who need them
- ▶ \$300 to the **Hope for Haiti Orphanage** for a month's food
- ▶ \$1000 to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** for international needs
- ▶ PW also provides for the education of two students in Niger through Remember Niger Coalition.

~ Sylvia Swede / Presbyterian Women facilitator



[Nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:39





PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

## News from Presbyterian Women

\* *Sylvia Swede, facilitator*

Good news! The Prayer Shawl group will continue to meet during the summer on the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in the lounge. Even if you aren't able to participate during the school year, you're welcome to come during the summer!

*Wednesday, July 26, 1-3 p.m.*

### Medical Missions Coffee supports Presbyterian Health Ministries

Since 1949 the women of First Presbyterian Church have supported Presbyterian Health Ministries, part of the national Thank Offering, with a summer get-together. The 68th annual Medical Missions Coffee will be held this year at the home of **Bev Lewis** on July 26 from 1-3 p.m. **Shelley Steger** is the coffee organizer.

Our speaker will be **Johanna O'Neill**, the Supportive Housing Site Director at Gage East Apartments, which is a new facility for homeless youth and homeless families in Rochester. Her topic is "Homelessness: The Gage East Project." Before this job, Johanna spent four years managing the volunteer program for Safe Passage for Children and contributing to legislative advocacy efforts that resulted in sweeping child protection reforms.

Join others for dessert, fellowship, and information. Bring a friend!



### Calling all crafters!

Crafters will meet Wednesday, July 19, 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) / coordinator*

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

#### July 12 and 26

The Wednesday Bible Study will continue 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 July 12 study will continue "What we believe - The Apostles' Creed." The class is led by **Al Depman**.

**Mark Mueller** will lead the Bible study July 26. The topic will be selections from the Revised Common Lectionary for the upcoming Sunday.

## Church Family News

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to these couples who will celebrate fiftieth (+) wedding anniversaries in June.

Congratulations to **Alan and Martha Sessler** who will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary July 4.

Congratulations to **Douglas and Joyce Nelson** who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary July 8.

Congratulations to **Dan and Sunny Moore** who will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary July 10.

Congratulations to **Ralph and Naomi Spiekerman** who will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary July 12.

Congratulations to **Jon and Karen Thiem** who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary July 18.

Congratulations to **Donald and Ardith Ottman** who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary July 19.

Congratulations to **Ed and Frances Gomez** who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary July 24.

Congratulations to **Dale and Jane Goodfriend** who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary July 24.

Congratulation to **Dudley and Peg Parsons** who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary July 24.

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Margaret Harris** who will celebrate her 107th birthday July 1.

Happy Birthday to **Sunny Moore** who will celebrate her 91st birthday July 19.

Happy Birthday to **Jean Peterson** who will celebrate her 90th birthday July 24.

Happy Birthday to **Beverly Thoma** who will celebrate her 97th birthday July 31.

### Death

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Allen Bryce Benson**, who died May 16.

We extend our condolences to **William Karnes** on the death of his wife, **Jeannine Little Karnes**, May 25

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Donnelly Johnston Heinekamp**, who died May 29.

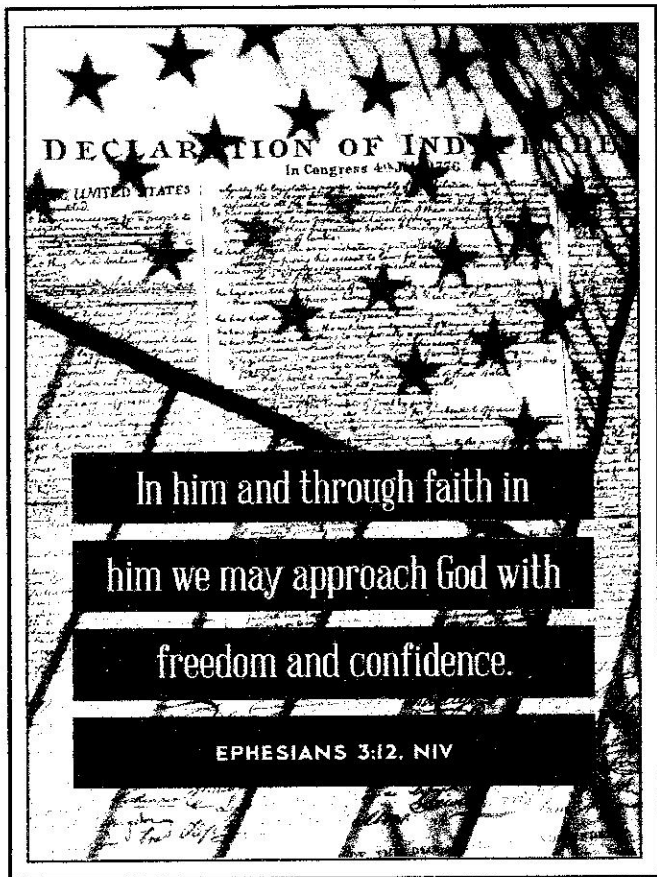
## Softball

### FPC Softball Schedule - June/July 2017

This is a great activity for you and your family. Come, join us at the old ball game and cheer FPC to victory. All games are on Thursday night at either McQuillan Field (1 mile south of Cub Foods on Marion Road SE, turn right at stop light) or the Assembly of God field (18th Avenue NW just north of Cedarwood Strip Mall).

Date	Time	Opponent	Field
July 6	6:30	Assembly of God (yellow)	McQuillan #2

Watch for the playoff schedule following regular games!



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## July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Challenge</b> None of our acts of worship gain the affirming attention of God unless our lives are soaked in the mighty waters of righteousness and justice.						1
2 <i>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</i> Communion 10:30 AM Blood Pressure reading / Parish Nursing	3 FPC@Community Food Response	4 Independence Day	5 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion	6 6:30 PM Softball- Assembly of God @McQuillan #2	7	8
Church closed						
9 <i>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</i> Summer Choir (rehearse 9 a.m.)	10	11 Presbytery not meeting 9:30 AM Staff meeting	12 1:00 PM Kitchen Guild 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	13 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group	14	15 9:00 AM FPC Work Group at Habitat for Humanity
Mission Team at Bdecan Presbyterian / Tokio ND (7/11-7/16/17)						
16 <i>Worship and barbe- cue - 10:30 a.m.</i>	17 Newsletter items due	18 NO Session 9:30 AM Staff meeting	19 3:00 PM Crafters Group/ SHall	20	21	22
Take your victories, whatever they may be, cherish them, use them, but don't settle for them. (Mia Hamm)						
23 <i>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</i> 1:00 PM Group Walk/Cascade Meadow Wetlands	24	25 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	26 1:00 PM PW/MedMissions Coffee @B Lewis 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	27	28	29
Synod School @Buena Vista University/Storm Lake IA						
30 <i>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</i>	31 7:00 PM Endowment Cmte.	"May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please but as the opportunity to do what is right." (Peter Marshall)				