



# The Good News

## of First Presbyterian Church

### for July 2018

“For freedom Christ has set us free.”

Galatians 5.1 [NRSV]

### 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. **Mark Mueller** will be partnering with the parish nursing program to lead a series of family friendly group walks this summer. The walks will start at 1 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month July through September. 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](mailto:markmueller@chartermi.net).

#### July 22, 2018 – 1 p.m. – Oxbow Park

Meet at Oxbow Park at 1 p.m. We will gather at the main picnic area and then explore part of the over 620 acres that make up this incredible Olmsted County Park. The park derived its name in reference to the meander of the river. Early settlers noted that the river bent almost on to itself, forming a near circle that reminded them of an oxen harness, or Oxbow. One "oxbow" has been preserved through bank stabilization and now surrounds the main picnic area." Please note that Olmsted County rules prohibit dogs on the trails.

#### August 26, 2018 – 1 p.m. – Essex Park

Meet at Essex Park (5455 West River Road NW) at 1 p.m. Come and enjoy this great green space that once was a farm in NW Rochester. It has plenty of nice walking trails to enjoy.

#### September 23, 2018 – 1 p.m. – College Street

We will start at the First Presbyterian Church parking lot. We will then check out part of historic Third Street, and take a walk to the early days of Rochester on College Street. Be sure to bring your imagination.

~Mark Mueller and Ariel Boswell



#### *July services of worship*

July 1: Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.

July 8, 15, 22 and 29: Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Worship and communion at Charter House is cancelled for July.

### Willet Houser extends invitation to see rose window being restored

As many may know, we are in the process of having our rose window stained glass restored. The company, Willet Houser of Winona, has taken the stained glass elements from our sanctuary to their facility in Winona for the restoration.

The company anticipates working on our glass during the week of August 6 and have offered us the opportunity to witness their artwork that week with a tour of the building at Winona, including several restorations of different locations.

Please let Carol know if you are interested in taking the tour during normal business hours. We could carpool to Winona to take the tour in an afternoon that week. We anticipate leaving mid-day and returning later in the afternoon. This is a rare opportunity to see the true art forms that stained glass presents to congregations.

~Ron Kreinbring / Building and Grounds Committee

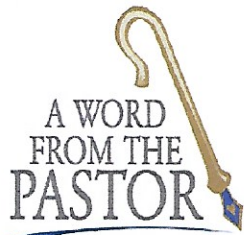
### Bdecan VBS team extends thanks to congregation

The members of the Bdecan Vacation Bible School team would very much like to thank the congregation for their generosity in donated school supplies and underclothing. The congregation has also been very, very generous in donating money to pay for the children's snow pants, boots, shoes and underwear for winter which will be here quicker than you would think!

The Bdecan team will leave July 10 and return on the 15th. We will provide VBS on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 until 3:30 each day and provide a nourishing breakfast and lunch. On Saturday the 14th, we will be having fellowship with the women and children of the Bdecan church and also people from other churches who, like us, are working with the Bdecan Church. **Joe Obermeyer** will be celebrating his 5th year as youth pastor.

The Bdecan Team is pleased to be able to bring a paper "quilt" made by children of the FPC VBS to share with the children of the Bdecan church! Thank you all!

~Marylynn Aalderks / Bdecan Mission Team



July 2018

### Advent Devotional Planned

by Rev. T. J. Parlette

This year the Worship and Music Committee is planning to publish an Advent Devotional Guide written by members of the congregation. Each day of Advent will feature an assigned scripture passage based on our Daily Lectionary, and a reflection written by the pastors, staff, and members of the church. I would like to invite you to sign up to write one (or more) of these devotions.

The devotion may be your reflections on the scripture passage or you may write about a favorite Christmas memory, your best (or worst) Christmas gift ever, a special family holiday tradition, or maybe even a poem, a drawing or a recipe for a favorite holiday dish.

In July, the sign-up list will be available through **Sign-Up Genius**. We will need to have all submissions, in the form of a **Word document** or in an **e-mail** (not to exceed **500 words**), by **October 15** so we can have the devotionals ready for distribution by **Sunday, November 18**.

I hope you'll consider sharing a bit about the holidays with your church family as we prepare for our Savior's birth this Advent season.

Peace, *T. J.*

### Father's Day celebration scores a success

Thank you to all who helped make our Father's Day/ Juneteenth celebration a success.

Setup, serving and cleanup helpers included **Jane Murl, Holly Ebel, Susie McClocklin, Phyllis Schmidt, Jane Hallman, Jan Hosier, Sandy Carroll and Sarah Edgerton**. We had wonderful food and drink, crafts, several tributes to fathers and a special treat from **Grafton and Thompson Parlette** – a hilarious "Who's on First" reenactment.

~ *Allyson Maurer / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee*

### Congratulations, graduates!

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

**Daniel J. Luna** graduated from the University of Minnesota.

**Lucinda Mae Cutrer** graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota with a BA in political science and a minor in race and ethnic relations.



## Stewardship Alive!

### A prayer for the 4th

Lord Jesus, thou art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

~ Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate

### Financial Statement / May 2018

#### General Operating Budget

Balance (4/30/18)	\$ 102,134.61
Receipts (May)	+ 79,324.88
Disbursements (May)	- 71,704.25
Balance (5/31/18)	\$ 109,755.24



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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	Susanna L. Stone
Office Administrator	Susan K. Kruger
Facility Manager	Harry E. Coleman
Custodian	Joseph Knopp
Part-time music assistants	Katie Kuisle (Calvin and Cherub Choirs)
	Janine Yanisch (First Players)
Part-time custodians/security	Vera Brooks, Sally Evans,
	Jason Kluck, Tami Rinn, Bob Schalaus
Child Care Workers	Esther Lebron, Margie Schaaf,
	Taylor Smith, Brenda Thorson
Newsletter Editor	Carol J. Evans
Parish Associates	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, office 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.**

## Dare to NOT Compare



Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Comparison is the thief of joy." Comparing ourselves has always been a dangerous temptation; consider Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau, or Rachel and Leah. Yet in our

social media age, it is harder to avoid than ever! There is always someone more attractive, more accomplished, smarter, wealthier, or happier than ourselves. As Proverbs 14:30 (NIV) notes, "A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones." How do we avoid falling into what Dr. Sood, director of Mayo's Integrative Health and Medicine program, terms the "comparison trap?"

1. Focus on our own and others' intrinsic worth - what God values, not what other people value
2. Celebrate others' accomplishments and do not allow jealousy to get in the way of learning from them
3. Live positively and lovingly. "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7 [RSV])
4. Give ourselves grace. We all have weaknesses that we need to know, confront - and forgive. We are flawed human, loved and redeemed by God's grace.

Have a wonderful summer, enjoy the great outdoors (See the notice about Mark Mueller's monthly walks!), and don't worry about keeping up with the Joneses!

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing coordinator

## Thank Offering raises \$5000 for Medical Missions

Thanks to Alice Kerr and Barbara Boyer for their presentation on their experiences as Global Volunteers in Tanzania earlier this year.



The Thank Offering in May raised \$5000 for Medical Missions, part of Presbyterian Women's national Thank Offering. Thanks to Alice Kerr for hosting the annual Medical Missions Coffee and to Jane Hallman, coffee organizer, and her helpers.

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

June 10, 2018

"...getting to know you"

**James and Janiece Claire** (2718 26th Avenue SE / Rochester 55904 - 507-288-2165) are joining by reaffirmation of faith after attending FPC for a number of years. Jim served in the Air Force from 1961-1965, stationed in Chandler, Minnesota. He and Jan moved to Rochester in 1965 when he began working at IBM and Jan began as an RN at St. Marys Hospital. Following his retirement from IBM in 2003 Jim drove for Olmsted County for 14 years, then retired a second time. Jim and Jan are the parents of six children, including a daughter they adopted from Bogota, Columbia. Gardening is a big part of their activities and they also follow the activities of their grandchildren. Jan enjoys crocheting and reading and Jim enjoys vacationing, driving, hunting, fishing, and reading.



**Thomas Theismann** (2243 Baihly Hills Drive SW / Rochester 55902 - 507-282-2105) is also joining by reaffirmation of faith. After college Tom came to Rochester and taught kindergarten, a kindergarten intervention program, first grade, second grade, and fourth grade. As an administrator, Tom had a two-year leave to be the director of Aldrich Nursery School, served as District 535's early childhood director, the district's co-administrator of the Graduate Induction Program with WSU, and finally staff development coordinator. Currently, he loves being a crossing guard at a local elementary school, which keeps him in touch with young children. Tom says his next volunteer role is to hold babies for a childcare center or hospital nursery. Tom is impressed with FPC's inclusion of children and would love to help with babies during or between services. Tom and his wife, Marilyn, already a member of FPC, are the parents of Rebecca, Chad, and Brian, who were confirmed at FPC.

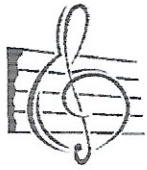
## Calling all gardeners: we need your help watering the flowers

Have you seen the flower pots at the entrances to the church? We need people to help water them during the summer months. Last summer we had six helpers and we ended up taking 2-3 weeks each spread out over the summer.

If anyone is willing to take a week or two this summer, please contact Judy Felten (282-7128).

Thank you - and the flowers thank you - for considering this opportunity.

~ Judy Felten / Master Gardener



## Ministry of Music

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

“O music ... thou hast taught us  
to see with our ears  
and hear with our hearts.”  
(Kahlil Gibran)

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

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All youth and adults are welcome.

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We meet at 9 a.m. and review 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 8 and/or August 12.

## First Players has a new director!

*Katie Kuisle is stepping down as director of our elementary band program, First Players, but is retaining her position here at First Presbyterian Church as director of the Calvin and Cherub Choirs. Thank you for your years of energizing music ministry with First Players, Katie!*



Janine Yanisch  
Director,  
First Players

We welcome **Janine Yanisch** as the new director of First Players! Janine was born and raised on a farm in Ellsworth, Wisconsin. She has a Bachelor of Music in Education degree from Lawrence University Conservatory of Music in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Janine taught middle school band and some form of classroom music in public schools in Wisconsin, New York, and Minnesota. Most recently she taught music and band at Rochester Montessori School, and previously taught band for Southeast MN Youth Orchestra,

played in 37<sup>th</sup> Street Gold, and continues to give private saxophone lessons. Janine has performed with the Rochester Orchestra and on Lee Afdahl and Friends concerts as a part of our *A Festival of Music* Concert Series. She currently plays with the Notochords Jazz Band and in the pit orchestra for the Honors Choirs' production of "The Wizard of Oz."

When not doing music, Janine has enjoyed being involved with daughter Maria's activities, serving on the Board of Honors Choirs, training Biscotti-the-wonder-dog, exercising and baking/eating chocolate!

## A Festival of Music announces 2018-2019 program series

FESTIVAL  
OF MUSIC



A Festival of Music will launch its 28th year in October and will present performances by artists in a wide variety of musical expressions.

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| October 14, 2018  | David Baskeyfield,<br>English organist<br>Rochester, New York  |
| November 11, 2018 | A return engagement by<br>Brass Roots Trio<br>(Piano, horn, trumpet)<br>Flemington, New Jersey                                 |
| February 24, 2019 | Lee J. Afdahl and Friends<br>Annual program of music for organ/piano   |
| March 24, 2019    | Bemidji State University Choir<br>Dr. Dwight Jilek, director<br>Bemidji, Minnesota   |
| April 28, 2019    | A return engagement by<br>Bells of the Lake Handbell Choir<br>William Mathis, conductor<br>Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota |

The 2019 Lenten organ recital series (Wednesdays during Lent at 12:15 p.m. beginning March 13) will feature **Graeme Shields** (Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, South Haven, Michigan) and **Tyler Pimm** (St. Peter Catholic Parish, Ashton, Wisconsin); **Brian Williams** (Director of Music and Arts, Calvary Episcopal Church, Rochester, Minnesota); **Ruth Benning** (Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota); **John Varona** (Associate Organist, Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, Minnesota); and **Lois Marsh** (freelance organist, Rochester).

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

~Lee Afdahl / Director of Music

## We need your talents for Madrigal Feaste on December 1

Success of our Madrigal Feaste depends on lots of participation from YOU! Scripted and improvised parts are available for the program. We also need table performers, including musicians, jugglers, magicians and more!

There are also opportunities for helping with serving, scenery, costumes, make up, promotion and other supporting roles. Please contact **Gayle Jones** [(507) 993-2443] or **Allyson Maurer** [(507) 259-3878].

He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love. (St. Basil)

# Congregation acknowledges work of music participants

*choristers - handbell ringers - instrumentalists - accompanists - Choir School staff  
Festival of Music - Worship and Music Committee*

*Music is an integral part of our worship services. On May 20 the congregation said "thank you" to over 100 people who participated in the past year. All this is possible through the dedicated efforts of our patient Director of Music and Organist **Lee Afdahl** and enthusiastic music assistant **Katie Kuisle**, who shepherd all their charges and bring out the best in each. Special thanks goes to **Sharon Nichols**, volunteer music librarian.*

\* Zoe Abrahamson \* Lee Afdahl \* Carolyn Beck \* Mary Beyerle \* Ariel and Chris Boswell \* Clara Braun \* Jeremy Braun \* Jonas Braun \* Matthew Braun \* Colin Buchanan \* Zachary Buchanan \* Alyssa Carroll \* Shay Carroll \* Casey Clements \* Edra Clements \* Joy Clements \* Roslyn Clements \* Michael Cutrer \* Barbara Depman \* Allen Dollerschell \* Cameron Domnick \* Brielyn Doppler \* Cody Duncan \* Elizabeth Dunn \* Lettie Eckberg \* Becky Erickson \* Gus Erickson \* Millie Erickson \* Olive Erickson \* Carol Evans \* Kinley Folkens \* Lincoln Folkens \* Lois Fye \* Jane Goodfriend \* Melbourne Grovesnor \* Anne Gyura \* Jane Hallman \* Cheryl Hann \* Beth Herr \* Paul Herr \* Harper Hesby \* Kristina Hesby \* Janet Hosier \* Jen Jacobson \* Robert Jacobson \* Dwight Jennings \* Alyssa Keller \* Katie Keller \* Judy Kereakos \* Alice and David Kerr \* Paul Kingsbury \* Katie Kuisle \* Cindy Kunzman \* Anna Larson \* Connie Larson \* Otis Laurberg \* Ashley Loeb \* Mya Loeb \* Lois Marsh \* Charles Matoush \* Jennifer Matoush \* Allyson Maurer \* Helen Monsees \* Jane Murl \* Sharon Nichols \* William Oehler \* Grafton Parlette \* TJ Parlette \* Peg Parsons \* Gabe Perkins \* Kristen Perkins \* Maddie Perkins \* Ryan Perkins \* Jo Rockwell \* Chelsea Rostad \* Lyle Rozeboom \* Ruth Saling \* Robert Scoggin \* James Sessler \* Karen Sessler \* Carol Shaffer \* Lynda Sharbrough \* Laura Smith \* Judy Smithson \* Keith Soderbeck \* Paul and Shelley Steger \* Susanna Stone \* Sylvia Swede \* Kay Tate \* Andrew Thoreson \* Dee Tiedeman \* Asa Van Buren \* Charmian Van Buren \* Jay Van Buren \* Guy Vig \* Kristen Willaman \* Jacob Wobig \* Marilyn Wobig \* Melissa Wobig \* Elizabeth Anne Woolner \* Britta Youmans \* Calista Younge \* Inga Zetsche \* and everyone who fills the sanctuary with song each Sunday.



## Thank You, Christian Educators!

*Christian educators come in all shapes and sizes. They may be young or old, tall or short, male or female. They may have taught for 42 years or never led a group before. They may prepare for groups of 2 or 52 people. They may teach students who are 4 or 24 or 94. At the end of the school year, we thank all the faithful educators in our church who serve as Sunday school teachers, adult educators, nursery attendants, children's time leaders, youth leaders, and members of the Christian Education Committee. Special "thank yous" go to **Susanna Stone**, coordinator of Youth and Christian Education Activities, and **Jay Rowland**, who is staff liaison with the education program. Special thanks goes as well to all who serve as substitute teachers (sometimes at the last minute!) and chaperones for special events. Each one of you has helped our congregation grow in faith!*

\* Karin Braun \* Tammy Buchanan \* Jamie Carroll \* Lucinda Clements \* Al Depman \* Joe Doppler \* Barry and Lori Folkens \* Jane Goodfriend \* Diane Grill \* Anne Gyura \* Jane Hallman \* Vera Herr \* Kristina Hesby \* Mary Huie \* Lea Jennings \* Cindy Kunzman \* Otis Laurberg \* Esther Lebron \* Lisa Lee \* Jennifer and Leo Matoush \* Jean Marvin \* Allyson Maurer \* Susan McClocklin \* Mark Mueller \* Terry Narr \* Grafton Parlette \* Juliet and T.J. Parlette \* Cindy Pauley \* Marion Pitts \* Connie Polk \* Jay Rowland \* Margie Schaaf \* Phyllis Schmid \* Carol Shaffer \* Taylor Smith \* Judy and Tony Smithson \* Susanna Stone \* Nicole Thoreson \* Brenda Thorson \* Katie Van Buren \* Ruth Walts \* Dan Wentz \* Jason and Melissa Wobig \* Lindsey Zetsche \* and the many other adults who served as chaperones and leaders for youth programs and as substitute Sunday School teachers \* and those who stepped in at the last minute to help!

# Vacation Bible School reaches children here and in Bdecan community



On Friday, the kids celebrated at a party where they sang the songs they learned, recited the prayers they wrote, and shared their reflections from the week.

Vacation Bible School 2018 was a resounding success! The VBS focused on stories of food and eating in the Bible so each day's theme was based on a different meal, with all of the day's activities centered around this theme. From 9 a.m.-noon on June 11-15, kids aged kindergarten to 6th grade enjoyed singing, making crafts, hearing Bible stories, planting seeds, and learning about plants.

The VBS kids took part in an extra-special craft project, by creating paper "quilt squares" which were then connected to form a quilt. If you haven't already seen the "quilt" they made, it is currently displayed on the welcome desk. The B'decan mission team will take the quilt when they head up to the Spirit Lake Reservation in North Dakota later this month and present it to the kids at the B'decan Church as a gift from our VBS kids.

## Volunteers were amazing!

Our VBS volunteers were AMAZING and I am so grateful for their help. Many thanks to all the VBS volunteers, including our craft specialists **Jane Hallman** and **Christine Keller**; marvelous storyteller **Jay Rowland**, recreation supervisor **Lea Jennings** and recreation leaders **Westin Fisher**, **Tyson Fisher**, and **Adam Gyura**; talented music leader **Laura Klever**; incredible shepherds **Kristina Hesby**, **Sara Kluck**, and **Phyllis Schmid**; caring kitchen clean-up crew **Allyson Mauer**, **Susie McClocklin**, and **Marion Pitts**; super snack provider **Becky Erickson**; overall outstanding helpers **Jean Marvin**, **Tyrah Rostad**, and **Olive Erickson**; and nursery supervisor **Margie Schaaf**.

During the week the older group of kids at VBS wrote the following prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for letting us come to VBS.

Thank you for bringing us here safely.

Thank you for the yummy, delectable snacks.  
Thank you for the shelter we have.  
Thank you for the wonderful camp teachers and great helpers.  
Thank you for all the fun we have had together.  
Thank you for Miss Laura and her jazzy music.  
Thank you for the colorful arts and crafts.  
Thank you for Pastor Jay and the Bible stories and interesting characters.  
Thank you for Tyrah who takes pictures.  
Thank you for keeping us safe.  
Thank you for the fun we had in recreation. We loved Sharks and Minnows!  
Thank you that it didn't rain...SO FAR!!!  
Thank you for all of the people who helped us plant vegetables and made our delicious snacks.  
We are so thankful for all we learned and all of the new friends we made.

Dear God, we love you so much. Amen.

~ Susanna Stone /

Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education

## Presbyterian Women plan 2019 trip to Finger Lakes Region, New York

A group of Presbyterian women will travel to the Finger Lakes Region of New York July 12-22, 2019 for the fifth USA Mission Experience. They will explore the rich history that Presbyterian women have in the women's and civil rights movements. The experience equips women with an understanding of the region's history and culture, the existing ministry of the church there, and the challenges faced by women and children living in the area. Participants serve as ambassadors for the region during two years of itineration following the experience.

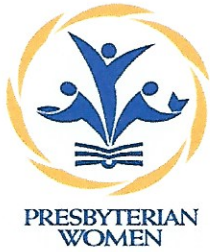
To learn more,

visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/mission](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/mission) or call the PW associate for mission, 502-569-5402. Applications are due by August 15, 2018. See *Sylvia Swede* if you're interested.

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

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 summer study is continuing the "Apocrypha of Jesus" in July. The class is led by **Al Depman**.

**July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22**



## News from Presbyterian Women

✧ *Sylvia Swede, facilitator*

New members are always welcome to join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. Circles will resume monthly meetings in September.

- ✧ 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!

## PW Circles support national Birthday Offering

Circle members contributed \$1200 to the national Birthday Offering. The offering supports three projects, one of which is in our own Presbytery.

- ✧ **The Dwelling Place, Minneapolis and St. Paul.** The Dwelling Place was established in 1998 to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of women and their children following their escape from a violent partner. The grant will help them to purchase a vacant lot where they can construct a multi-use building. With this building they will be able to serve more women and children seeking safety.
- ✧ **Cottage Village, Cottage Grove, Oregon.** The grant will be used to help build 13 tiny houses which will provide affordable housing for individuals and families with very low incomes.
- ✧ **Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.** The grant will allow the Presbytery of Honduras to purchase this center, which will offer international hospitality for retreats, workshops, and mission teams.



### FPC Softball Schedule - July 2018

Come, join us at the *old ball game* and cheer FPC to victory. All games are on Thursday night at McQuillan Field #1 (1 mile south of Cub Foods on Marion Road SE, turn right at stop light).

Date	Time	Opponent	Field
July 5	8:00	Conquerors #1	McQuillan #1
July 12	8:55	Evangel UMC-Lightning	McQuillan #1

Watch for the playoff schedule following the regular games!

## 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 59th wedding anniversary July 4.

Congratulations to **Douglas and Joyce Nelson** who will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary July 8.

Congratulations to **Ralph and Naomi Spiekerman** who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary July 12.

Congratulations to **Jon and Karen Thiem** who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary July 18.

Congratulations to **Donald and Ardith Ottman** who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary July 19.

Congratulations to **Ed and Frances Gomez** who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary July 24.

Congratulations to **Dale and Jane Goodfriend** who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary July 24.

Congratulation to **Dudley and Peg Parsons** who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary July 24.

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Margaret Harris** who will celebrate her 108th birthday July 1.

Happy Birthday to **Ursula Thedens** who will celebrate her 90th birthday July 9.

### Deaths

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Rev. Anneliese Opitz**, who died June 6. The memorial service for Anneliese will be Saturday, July 21 at 2 p.m.

## Crafters Group welcomes young and old!

Crafters Group will meet on Wednesday, July 18 in the social hall to make cards for our C.A.R.E. members of the congregation. All card supplies are provided. Bring that unfinished project if you prefer. All are welcome.

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

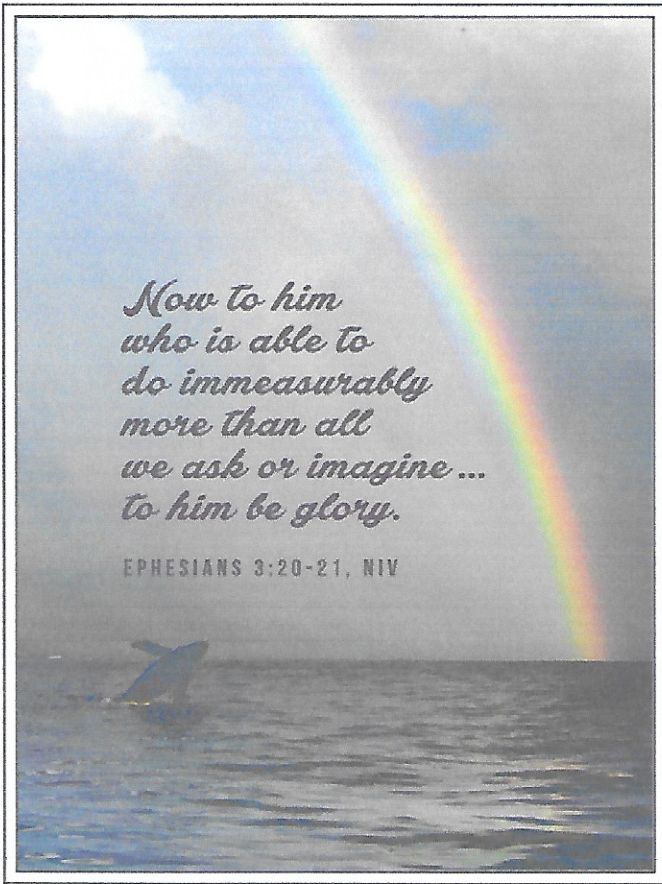
## Join the Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

The Welcoming and Nurturing Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. We would love for you to join us! Help us plan and carry out special events like June's Father's Day Celebration. Be part of prayerfully finding ways to make every person who attends FPC know they are loved and cared for. Contact **Allyson Maurer [(507) 259-3878]**.

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

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*Now to him  
who is able to  
do immeasurably  
more than all  
we ask or imagine ...  
to him be glory.*

EPHESIANS 3:20-21, NIV

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## July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b> Communion 10:30 AM Blood Pressure reading / Parish Nursing	2 FPC@Community Food Response	3 NO Deacons meeting Most cmtes do *not* meet 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp	4 <b>Independence Day</b> Cancel Charter House worship and communion  <b>Church closed</b>	5 8:00 PM Softball- Conquerors 1 @McQuillan #1	6	7 6:00 PM First Players play @ Honkers game (game @ 7:05 p.m.)
8 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b> Commission Bdecan Mission Team 9:00 AM Summer Choir rehearses 9:30 AM Summer Choir sings	9	10 Presbytery meeting (TBA) 9:30 AM Staff meeting	11 Youth / tubing on the Zumbro 6:30 PM Summer Bible Study/lounge	12 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 8:55 PM Softball-Evangel Methodist-Lighting @McQuillan #1	13	14
Mission Team at Bdecan Presbyterian / Tokio ND (7/10-7/15/18)						
15 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b>	16 Newsletter items due	17 NO Session 9:30 AM Staff meeting	18 3:00 PM Crafters Group/ SHall	19	20	21 2:00 PM Memorial service for Anneliese Opitz
Mission Team at Bdec... What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others. (Pericles)						
22 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b> 1:00 PM Group Hike/ Oxbow Park	23	24 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Mission presen- tation w/ Lisa Wagstaff and Ice Cream Social	25 6:30 PM Summer Bible Study/lounge	26	27 Mail newsletter	28
Synod School @Buena Vista University/Storm Lake IA (7/22-7/27/18)						
29 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b>	30 7:00 PM Endowment Cmte	31 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild				