



The Good News

of First Presbyterian Church for July 2019

“Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore,
From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.”
(Psalm 113.3 [NRSV])

Put on your walking shoes and come take a hike

Summer is finally here, and that means it's time for some fun group walks. Mark Mueller will again be partnering with the parish nursing program to lead a series of family friendly group walks.

The walks will start at 1 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of July and August. Don't forget to bring a hat and water and wear sunscreen! All activities will be family friendly, but geared to the more physically active folks.

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.

July 28, 2019 – 1 p.m.
Architectural Scavenger Hunt Part 1
August 25, 2019 – 1 p.m.
Architectural Scavenger Hunt Part 2

Both of these walks will start at the First Presbyterian Church parking lot. We will be having our very own Architectural Scavenger Hunts. At the beginning of the walk each participant will be given a sheet of paper with pictures of various architectural features to find along the walk.

The walk on July 28 will cover parts of the downtown area north of FPC, and the August 25 walk will cover parts of the downtown south of FPC. As usual there will be tidbits of Rochester history and awesome conversations.

Also, PLEASE note that the Out of the Darkness Walk to benefit NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness) will be Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Bear Creek Park with the walk starting at 10 a.m.

~ Mark Mueller and Ariel Boswell

Bdecan VBS Mission Team says “thanks” for your support


The Bdecan Bible School team would like to sincerely thank the members of our church for their generous support for our mission at the Spirit Lake Reservation in North Dakota.

PW members made cloth book bags for the Bdecan children to hold their VBS projects. Our PW members also assembled supplies for 48 much-needed hygiene kits for the children from the reservation that must attend a residential school due to family issues or behavior issues. Children attending VBS here at our church made pillow cases to be added to the hygiene bags. Church members donated school supplies and very generously donated funds for the Bdecan children for winter clothing. As cold as our winters are, that is so very much appreciated!!

The FPC Bdecan Bible School Team included **Cindy Kunzman, Jean Abels, Jane Murl, Ginger Kirby, Vicki Wintheiser, Mary Huie, Margie Schaff, Nancy Boutelle, Larry Boutelle, Ron Kreinbring, and Marylynn Aalderks**, coordinator.

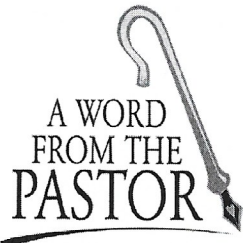
Your kindness and generosity is so very much appreciated! Thank you!!

~ Marylynn Aalderks / project coordinator



Summer services of worship

July 3: Worship and communion at Charter House at 1 p.m.
July 7: Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.
July 14, 21 and 28: Worship at 9:30 a.m.
August 4: Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.
August 7: Worship and communion at Charter House at 1 p.m.
August 11, 18, 25: Worship at 9:30 a.m.
September 1: Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.
September 8:
We return to two services with worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
You are welcome to join us for coffee and donuts in the social hall both before and after the summer services.



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

July 2019

As I write this, the boys and I are anxiously waiting for the new Spiderman movie to open. In our household we are big fans of the superhero movies, especially the Marvel universe with the Avengers (Ironman, Captain America, Thor

and the Incredible Hulk, among others). So we are looking forward to the newest installment.

Whenever the subject of superheros comes up, it isn't inevitable that a discussion will ensue over which super power would you like to have – the ability to fly, super strength, super speed, invisibility, the list goes on. But recently I saw an article that asked the question, "If you could have a useless superpower, what would it be?" Hmmm, a useless superpower?

One response was "The ability to win at rock-paper-scissors every single time," pretty useless I guess. Or this one – "Whenever I pick up a sock, the sock next to it would become the matching one." I like that one actually. Or, for all the English majors, "Always knowing when to use a semicolon." Mostly useless, until you really need to know.

Author Corrie ten Boom once told a story about a woodpecker who tapped against the trunk of a tree just as lightning struck the tree and destroyed it. He flew away all excited thinking, "I didn't know there was so much power in my beak." She goes on to say, "When we bring the Gospel to people there is a danger that we will think or say, 'I've done a good job.' But don't be a silly woodpecker. Know where your strength comes from. It is only the power of the Holy Spirit who can make a message good and faithful."⁽¹⁾

We may not have the power of a superhero, at least the ones we see in the movies. But we are filled with a different kind of super power, the power of the Holy Spirit! And for that, may God be praised. Amen.

Peace, T. J.

1. *Dynamic Preaching*, Vol. XXXV, No. 3, p3.

Habitat for Humanity

Wanted:

Willing Hearts and Able Hands

Did you know that a small but dedicated group of FPC members volunteer with our local Habitat for Humanity one Saturday every month? Together with the Social Concerns committee, current FPC Habitat volunteers invite YOU to join the Saturday work group on July 20.

This is an opportunity for our church family to come together and share God's love by building safe, affordable housing for a family in our community. Come for all or part of the day. No prior construction experience is necessary; however, you must sign up ahead of time.

Email LucindaClements@me.com for details and to sign up.

~ Lucinda Clements / Social Concerns Committee

Stewardship Alive!

A guide for giving

I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures exclude them.

~ C. S. Lewis

Financial Statement May 2019

General Operating Budget

Balance (5/1/19)	\$ 110,275.03
Receipts (May)	+ 75,375.52
Disbursements (May)	- 57,678.54
Balance (5/31/19)	\$ 127,972.01



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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.

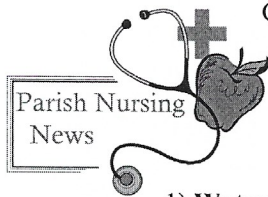
Church Staff

Pastor	Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette
Associate Pastor	Jay P. Rowland
Director of Music Emeritus	Lee J. Afdahl
Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	Susanna L. Stone
Office Administrator	Susan K. Kruger
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Custodian	Tyler Sczurek
Part-time music assistants	Katie Kuisle (Calvin and Cherub Choirs) Janine Yanisch (First Players)
Part-time custodians/security	Than Boutelle, Vera Brooks, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn
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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.

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.

Be safe at the lake!



Our brief, beautiful Minnesota summer is here and everyone is heading to the lake. Here are a few things to remember at the lake this summer...

- 1) **Water Safety!** It only takes seconds to drown so make sure you have life jackets, watch kids thoughtfully, and don't boat under the influence.
- 2) **Sun protection** - nothing affects a vacation like a massive sunburn! Take lots of sunscreen, reapply frequently especially after swimming, and try to stay shaded.
- 3) **Tick tock** - ticks carry all kinds of icky diseases so consider using a DEET-based repellent, bathe frequently and look for ticks. Don't forget your canine companions as well!
- 4) **Fireworks** - Watch kids closely! Even sparklers are dangerous in the wrong hands. Use in an open area, extinguish in a bucket of water, and point away from people and animals.
- 5) **Don't drink or inhale lake water.** You could get a memorable gastrointestinal bug or (though it's rare) a brain-munching amoeba.

Have fun at the lake!

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing Coordinator

Calling all volunteers: 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 the pots 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

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 class is led by **Al Depman**.

- 7/10...A Temperance Lesson
- 7/24...Lot's Choice
- 8/7...The Last Supper
- 8/21...John the Baptiste

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

June 9, 2019

"...getting to know you"



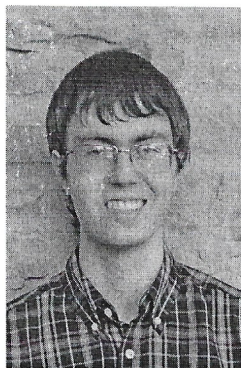
James and Susan Clarida

James and Susan Clarida (1011 33rd Street NW / Rochester 55901) are transplants from the South, having lived in Mississippi, Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico before relocating to Rochester to be closer to their grandchildren. The Claridas are joining FPC by transfer of letter from The Nor'Kirk in Carrollton, Texas. Both Jim and Susan were ordained elders in former churches.

Jim, a retired US Border Patrol Agent, has also been a city police officer, a security officer in U.S. District Court, and an academy instructor with the Border Patrol. Jim's hobbies include woodcarving, reading, and crafting.

Susan is a retired RN with experience in many areas of nursing, including a maternity (labor and delivery) ward, school nurse, home health, and working with mentally and developmentally disabled persons. She enjoys beading, crocheting, and cooking. The Claridas have three adult children.

Peter Thedens (718 5th Street SW #312 / Rochester 55902) grew up in rural northeast Iowa and graduated from Independence High School. He attended Iowa State University, graduating with a B.S. in computer engineering. Peter moved to Rochester last summer when he was hired as a firmware test engineer with Western Digital.



Peter Thedens

You may recognize Peter as a member of the Chancel Choir. His hobbies include hiking, biking, birdwatching, and collecting music CDs. Peter is joining by transfer of

letter from First Presbyterian Church in Rowley, Iowa. At FPC he's most interested in music and music activities.

And to set the record straight, no, Peter is not related to Alfred and Ursula Thedens.

A Festival of Music announces 2019-2020 program series

FESTIVAL
OF MUSIC



A Festival of Music will launch its 29th season in October and will present performances by artists in a wide variety of musical expressions.

- October 13, 2019 Duo B
Hirono Borter, violin, and Philip Borter, 'cello
Luther College / Decorah, Iowa
- November 17, 2019
Chelsea Chen, concert organist and composer
Artist-in-Residence / Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- February 16, 2020 Heartland Marimba Quartet
Upper Midwest, United States
- March 8, 2020 Augustana University Choir
Dr. Paul Nesheim, conductor
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- April 26, 2020 A return engagement by
Ancia Saxophone Quartet
Minneapolis, Minnesota

The 2020 Lenten organ recital series (Wednesdays during Lent at 12:15 p.m. beginning March 4) will feature **James Hammann** (Organist, St. Matthew's by-the-Bridge Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church, Iowa Falls, Iowa); **Harold Vetter** (Organist, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota); **Lee Afdahl** (Director of Music Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, Minnesota); **John Stender** (Director of Music and Organist, First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, Minnesota); and **Melanie Ohnstad** (Director of Music and Organist Emeritus, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota).

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

~ Lee Afdahl / Director of Music Emeritus



Ministry of Music

Lee Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus
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)

Singing July 14: Summer Choir

Volunteer summer choir sings 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 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! In June we had a great turnout to sing "Every time I feel the spirit." The whole church rocked with enthusiasm.

If you cannot commit to choir on a regular basis, this is your opportunity to enjoy singing to the Lord by participating in the summer choir. Hope to see you July 14 and/or August 11.

Weighed down

Many people dream of having the "right stuff" to fly to space. Recently, 18,300 people applied for just 12 astronaut spots at NASA! Fanfare over the moon landing's 50th anniversary is sure to spark even more interest.

Leaving behind earthly troubles and floating in zero gravity must be amazing, right? Not, it turns out, for one's body. Weightlessness takes a heavy physical toll in space. Without resistance, muscles waste away and bones weaken. Bodily systems we take for granted are disrupted, causing disorientation. To counteract these effects, astronauts wear resistance suits while exercising. Ironically, after escaping Earth's gravity, they must replace it.

Similarly, we long for trouble-free days and pray for an end to earthly burdens, not recognizing that exertion, whether physical or spiritual, builds strength. "He who knows no hardships will know no hardihood," said Harry Emerson Fosdick. "He who faces no calamity will need no courage. ... The characteristics in human nature which we love best grow in a soil with a strong mixture of troubles."

Every weighty challenge is a reason to "rejoice ... knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Romans 5:3-4, ESV).

~ Stephanie Martin / NLNL 7/2019



Janine Yanisch
First Players
Director

First Players takes month of July off

First Players is taking the month of July off, after playing at a Honkers baseball game (June 17) and in the Rochesterfest parade (June 29). Fun times!

Band Camp will be here at FPC from August 26-30 in the mornings. All current

First Players are welcome to attend.

Best wishes for a great summer, everyone :-)

Peace,

Janine

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 19 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 assistants **Katie Kuisle** and **Janine Yanisch**, who shepherd all their charges and bring out the best in each. Special thanks goes to **Sharon Nichols**, volunteer music librarian.*

* Ken Aalderks * Zoe Abrahamson * Lee Afdahl * Carolyn Beck * Mary Beyerle * Ariel and Chris Boswell * Clara Braun * Jeremy Braun * Jonas Braun * Matthew Braun * Alyssa Carroll * Shay Carroll * Casey Clements * Edra Clements * Joy Clements * Roslyn Clements * Michael Cutrer * Barbara Depman * Cameron Domnick * Brielyn Doppler * Cody Duncan * Elizabeth Dunn * Lettie Eckberg * Becky Erickson * Gus Erickson * Millie Erickson * Carol Evans * Hailey Fenner * Kennedy Folkens * Kinley Folkens * Lincoln Folkens * Lois Fye * Jane Goodfriend * Melbourne Grovesnor * Anne Gyura * Annabelle Hedwall * Cheryl Hann * Beth Herr * Paul Herr * Harper Hesby * Heath 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 * Emma 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 * Paul and Shelley Steger * Susanna Stone * Sylvia Swede * Kay Tate * Peter Thedens * Andrew Thoreson * Brynn Thoreson * Dee Tiedeman * Asa Van Buren * Charmian Van Buren * Jay Van Buren * Guy Vig * Jacob Wobig * Marilyn Wobig * Melissa Wobig * Elizabeth Anne Woolner * Kristina Wright-Peterson * Janine Yanisch * Britta Youmans * Calista Younge * Inge Zetsche * and everyone who fills the sanctuary with song each Sunday.



With much appreciation, Sitter Service Volunteers

Sarah Edgerton * Judy Felten * Belinda Galeano * Diane Grill * Jane Hallman * Sandra Holloway * Mary Huie * Lea Jennings * Gayle Jones * Cindy Kunzman * Otis Laurberg * Bev Lewis * Jean Marvin * Allyson Maurer * Helen Monsees * Mark Mueller * Jane Murl * Maddie Perkins * Ruth Saling * Phyllis Schmid * Carol Shaffer * Bob Sixta * Tom and Marilyn Theismann * Dee Tiedeman * Melissa Walk * Vicki Wintheiser * Britta Youmans

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**, 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!*

* Jeremy Braun * Karin Braun * Maria Alma Candido * Brett Carroll * Lucinda Clements * Al Depman * Joe Doppler * Barry Folkens * Jane Goodfriend * Anne Gyura * Jane Hallman * Mary Huie * Lea Jennings * Christine Keller * Cindy Kunzman * Esther Lebron * Donna Lee * Jean Marvin * Jennifer and Leo Matoush * Susan McClocklin * Mark Mueller * Jane Murl * Juliet and T.J. Parlette * Cindy Pauley * Marion Pitts * Myhron Rostad * Jay Rowland * Margie Schaaf * Taylor Smith * Connie Smyrk * Susanna Stone * Andrew and Nicole Thoreson * Brenda Thorson * Katie Van Buren * Ruth Walts * Dan Wentz * Kristina Wright-Peterson * 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!



**Five men with a truckload of mulch!
Brad Narr, Chris Bauch, Larry Shannon,
Peter Brooks, Ron Kreinbring**

Members of the Building and Grounds Committee take a break from spreading mulch around the church's parking lot.

Going to the hospital?

We're here to serve you!

Deacons, staff visit members in hospital

If you are hospitalized, please let the church office know. The staff tries to visit all our hospitalized members, but the *only* way we know you are in the hospital is if you, a family member, or a friend tells us. We can get that information from the hospitals ONLY if you tell them you're a member of **First Presbyterian** when you enter. The 'First' is required - just telling them 'Presbyterian' doesn't get to us.

If you are ill and want to be named in a request for prayer, please let one of the pastors know so that we can include you.

We want to be with you and support you in time of illness, through both the power of prayer and presence.

Thank you for helping us do that!

If you know of someone in the hospital who would like a visit from the Deacons or the pastors, call the church office or **Rev. Jay Rowland** (282-1618), ministerial liaison with the Deacons.



PW Circles support Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

Since 1922, the Birthday Offering has provided and continues to provide much-needed financial assistance to numerous worthwhile programs not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support.

Each year, as many as five new projects—domestic and international—are carefully and prayerfully selected by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women to help meet a crucial need for persons who are hurting or are disadvantaged. The generosity of Presbyterian women and their families and congregations, as demonstrated through their Birthday Offering gifts, helps chosen recipients find real solutions for projects related to health, education, economic development and the needs of women and children.

This year Presbyterian Women of Rochester gave \$1300 for the national Birthday Offering to help support these projects -

Disaster Response Team / Charlotte, North Carolina

The Disaster Response Team of the Presbytery of Charlotte will expand its ministry to support people affected by human-made or natural disasters. PW's grant will help provide a warehouse, parking lot and security fencing. This new space will hold household goods, food, hygiene, and school kits, and clean-up buckets, and will house mobile shower units and disaster recovery trailers.

Effingham Child Development Center / Inclusive Playground, Effingham, Illinois

In a child's early years inclusive play environments set the tone for successful future relationships. The Effingham Child Development Center serves children and families of differing abilities and is paving the way for all kids to learn and play together. The Birthday Offering will improve the center's playground by helping to provide a protective play surface and all-inclusive play equipment.

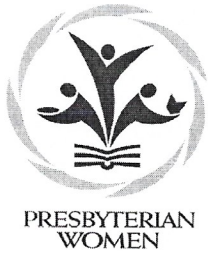
Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center / Phelps, Kentucky

Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky cares for people who are sick, poor, lonely or vulnerable due to infirmities of age and poor health. This project will improve the quality of life and safety for nursing center residents in the Appalachian region of Eastern Kentucky. PW's grant will help provide new wardrobes, bedside cabinets, over-bed tables, nursing beds, mattresses and lift recliners.

Wings of Refuge / Restoration Home, Iowa Falls, Iowa

Wings of Refuge provides a safe and healing space for women victimized by human trafficking. Without safety and shelter, there is little healing. PW's Birthday Offering grant will help fund a larger long-term safe home where many more women will find restoration, identity, community, opportunity and hope, and transition into independent living.

~ Sylvia Swede / PW facilitator



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! This month's meeting is July 11.

Presbyterian Women sponsors Medical Missions Coffee

You're invited to the 70th annual Medical Missions Coffee on Wednesday, July 31, from 1-3 p.m. in Horizon Hall at The Waters (823 Mayowood Road SW / 823 is to the right of the main entrance).

At 1:45 **Nikki McConnell**, program manager at the Women's Center, Adult/Teen Challenge, will speak. The program at the Women's Center helps adults and teens break free from drug and alcohol addiction. The Women's Center opened in Rochester 2017-18. Come at 1 p.m. and enjoy dessert and fellowship before her talk. Bring a friend!

Since 1949 the women of First Presbyterian have supported Presbyterian Health Ministries, part of the national Thank Offering, with an annual get-together. If you are unable to attend but wish to contribute, please leave your offering for medical missions in the PW box in the church office or mail it to the church in care of **Peg Parsons**, PW treasurer.

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 60th wedding anniversary July 4.

Congratulations to **Douglas** and **Joyce Nelson** who will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary July 8.

Congratulations to **Ralph** and **Naomi Spiekerman** who will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary July 12.

Congratulations to **Donald** and **Ardith Ottman** who will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary July 19.

Congratulations to **Ed** and **Frances Gomez** who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary July 24.

Congratulations to **Dale** and **Jane Goodfriend** who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary July 24.

Congratulation to **Dudley** and **Peg Parsons** who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary July 24.

Congratulations to **James** and **Janiece Claire** who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary July 31.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Margaret Harris** who will celebrate her 109th birthday July 1.

Happy Birthday to **Char Davis** who will celebrate her 91st birthday on July 4.

Happy Birthday to **Mary Sheridan** who will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 7.

Happy Birthday to **Ursula Thedens** who will celebrate her 91st birthday July 9.

Happy Birthday to **Robert Pettitt** who will celebrate his 90th birthday July 14.

Deaths

We extend our condolences to the family of **H. Clark Hoagland**, who died June 2.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Patricia Whisnant**, who died June 15.

Softball s c h e d u l e

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 11	7:15	Conquerors (green)	McQuillan #1
July 18	6:15	Community Celebration	McQuillan #1
July 25		No games this week	
Playoffs August 1 and 8 to be determined.			

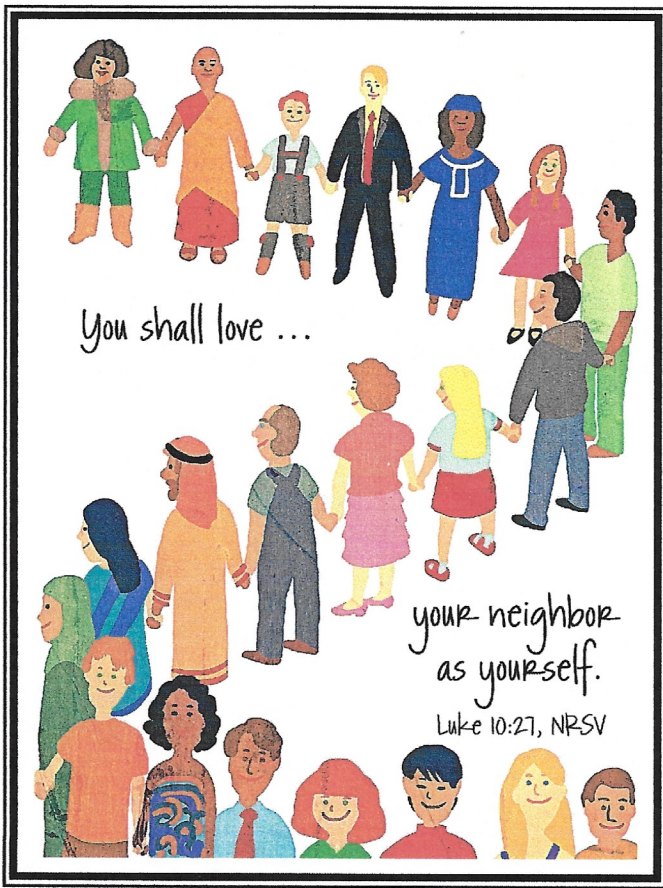


Crafters Group welcomes young and old!

Crafters Group will meet on Wednesday, July 17 at 3 p.m. 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*

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



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July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 FPC@Community Food Response	2 NO Deacons meeting Most cmtes do *not* meet 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp	3 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion	4 Independence Day	5	6
7 Worship - 9:30 a.m. Communion 10:30 AM Blood Pressure reading / Parish Nursing	8	9 9:30 AM Staff meeting	10 6:30 PM Summer Bible Study/lounge	Church closed		13 Wedding (tjp)
To be successful you must accept all challenges that come your way. You can't just accept the ones you like.(Mike K...						
14 Worship - 9:30 a.m. 9:00 AM Summer Choir rehearses 9:30 AM Summer Choir sings	15 Newsletter items due	16 NO Session 9:30 AM Staff meeting	17 3:00 PM Crafters Group/ SHall	18 6:15 AM Softball-Community Celebration@McQuillan #1	19	20 Wedding (tjp) 9:00 AM FPC Work Group at Habitat for Humanity
21 Worship - 9:30 a.m.	22	23 9:30 AM Staff meeting	24 6:30 PM Summer Bible Study/lounge	25	26	27
Synod School @Buena Vista University/Storm Lake IA (7/21-7/26/19)						
28 Worship - 9:30 a.m. 1:00 PM Architectural Scavenger Hunt #1	29 7:00 PM Endowment Cmte	30 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	31 1:00 PM PW/MedMissions Coffee @The Waters	<p>"Sometimes when you're in a dark place you think you've been buried, but you've actually been planted. Bloom!" (Christine Caine)</p>		