



The Good News

of First Presbyterian Church for June 2016

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praise to our God
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
(Psalm 147.1 [NRSV])

Are we up to it? You bet we are!

Backpack project supports children heading into foster care

First, imagine a child needing to go into foster care. Second, imagine that child going with only the clothes he or she is wearing. Nothing else!

Such a situation exists for many children on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in North Dakota. The social worker often must take children from their home unexpectedly for their protection and place them in foster care. Sometimes she must drop a child off at a new foster home without any personal belongings, knowing that they must start their time in foster care without clean underwear, socks, T-shirt or pants and without anything with which to brush their teeth or wash their face. There are presently 196 children from the Reservation in the foster care system.

They need our help. Are we up to it? The Bdecan Mission Team is hoping to collect 30 to 40 children's backpacks and underwear, socks, T-shirts, pants or shorts, wash cloths, soap, combs and small containers of shampoo for the social worker to put into the backpacks for these children. Don't worry about getting the "right-sized" clothing; we need a variety of sizes for children, both boys and girls, from toddlers to age ten. We already have lots of tooth brushes and tooth paste donated by three dentists.

From June 1 to June 26, containers will be in the atrium for the items for the children. If you would like to help, but don't have time to shop, please make a check to First Presbyterian Church and put "Backpack Program" in the memo line.

We will take the donated items when we go to the Bdecan Presbyterian Church in July to lead Vacation Bible School. **Joe Obermeyer** is youth pastor at the church. Team members from FPC include **Marylynn Aalderks, Heide Buettner, Marcia Dollerschell, Jane Hallman, Gayle Jones, Ginger Kirby, Cindy Kunzman, Ruth Saling, Phyllis Schmid, and Britta Youmans.** ~ Marylynn Aalderks / Mission Team coordinator

FPC teams with community to fill Manna Pack meals for *Feed My Starving Children* on June 18

We are joining the *Feed My Starving Children* Mobile Pack event again this year on Saturday, June 18 from 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Calvary Evangelical Free Church (5500 25th Avenue NW). We will work with folks from the Rochester area to pack nutritious meals for starving children around the world in a fun team setting. FPC has 30 spots available! Register by going to <<http://volunteer.fmsc.org/Register/Group/JoinGroup.aspx?gid=899261>> or by contacting Rick Morris (Morris.Rick@fpcrochester.org).

~ Rick Morris / Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 13-17 / 9 a.m.-noon

"Abundance Orchard"
*where faith grows
& the hungry are fed*

Sign up today!

Registration forms are in the church office.

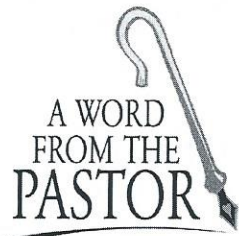
Volunteers, we need help! Decorators, skit actors, traffic directors, leaders for snacks, crafts, lessons, games and stories, and more are all needed. Have some fun with this great ministry to our community. Sign up/ask questions to Rick Morris (morris.rick@fpcrochester.org).



Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.

From Memorial Day Sunday through Labor Day Sunday we will worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Nursery and childcare will be provided for infants through third graders. Children 4-years-old through third grade may leave worship after the children's message for Kid's Zone or stay in worship for the entire hour.

The office will be open from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fridays, and closed Saturdays.



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

June 2016

In a recent Sunday morning Current Issues class, we looked at an article written by David Brooks, a columnist for the St. Paul Pioneer Press. In a piece called "How covenants make us," Brooks notes the difference between a "contract" and a "covenant." He writes, "When we go out and do a deal, we make a

contract. When we are situated within something it is because we have made a covenant. A contract protects interests, but a covenant protects relationships. A covenant exists between people who understand they are part of one another. It involves a vow to serve the relationship that is sealed by love."

It is interesting to consider this idea of covenant as it relates to why we get ourselves out of bed early on a Sunday morning and put off golf, or a trip to the lake or doing the yard work for a couple of hours so that we can go to the church and worship the Lord. When we come to church (even on those days when we might prefer to do something else) it's not just because we seek to get something out of the experience for ourselves – although that is often the case. We don't come to church simply to get on God's good side, or to impress our friends and neighbors with how "holy" we are. We come to church for each other. To support each other. To encourage each other. To watch each other's families grow and change. We come to church to offer our prayers, to share our lives, share our burdens and share our joys. We come to church because we live in covenant with one another, because as David Brooks writes, "a covenant protects relationships...a covenant exists between people who understand they are part of one another."

A couple weeks ago I shared a story about a lady named Eunice Holz. Eunice has a son who goes to the University of Wisconsin in Madison. One day she asked her son why he never studied in his dorm room. And her son replied, "When I really need to study, I always go to one of the campus libraries. When I see all those people reading and studying and concentrating, it convinces me to get at it too."

That's what happens when we come to church. We motivate each other to keep moving on our journey of faith. So in the coming months as you consider your church attendance, I encourage to remember that you live in covenant with your church family at First Presbyterian Church. We are a part of one another. When you are here on Sunday morning, you are not here simply for yourself – you are here for the other people who take time for worship. You are here to refresh and be refreshed.

Peace, T. J.

Rev. Parlette elected Vice-Moderator of Presbytery

Congratulations to Reverend TJ Parlette, who was recently elected Vice-Moderator of the Twin Cities Presbytery. TJ will take over as Moderator next year. This position requires strong leadership skills, extensive knowledge of the ministry and excellent communication skills. We are very proud of him and this accomplishment!

Stewardship Alive!

True Joy

There is something sad in anyone's running from church to church trying to get an injection of "the joy of the Lord." Joy is not found in singing a particular kind of music or getting with the right kind of group or even in exercising the charismatic gifts of the Spirit, good as all those may be.

Joy is found in obedience. When the power that is in Jesus reaches into our work and play and redeems them, there will be joy where once there was mourning. To overlook that is to miss the meaning of the incarnation.

~ Richard J. Foster
in Celebration of Discipline

Financial Statement / April 2016

<i>General Operating Budget</i>	
Balance (3/31/16)	\$ 50,988.36
Receipts (April)	+ 54,929.01
Disbursements (April)	- 59,115.40
Balance (4/30/16)	\$ 46,801.97



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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.

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Sunday services of worship: 9:30 a.m. through Labor Day Sunday
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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.



Ken and Marylynn Aalderks with children they worked with in Guatemala. The children were delighted with the books Ken and Marylynn gave them.

Wednesday, June 29 - 1-3 p.m.

"Making a Difference in Guatemala" focus of Medical Missions Coffee

The 67th annual Medical Missions Coffee will be held Wednesday, June 29 at the home of Terry Narr (1911 Oak Knoll Lane NW) from 1-3 p.m. At 1:45 p.m. **Marylynn Aalderks** will talk about her recent experience in Guatemala.

Between 2004 and 2014 Marylynn went to Nicaragua ten times as a volunteer with Save a Generation (SAG), which provides food to children who live in extreme poverty. Over the past 12 years, the feeding program has grown so that SAG now provides five meals a week to 3000 children. It also provides support and Christian education to Nicaraguan pastors in ten remote villages. The American mission teams provide medicine and volunteer medical services (with follow-up from a Nicaraguan physician), food for families in need, school uniforms for the children, and Bible School.

Although this program was feeding people, it was not "teaching them how to fish." On a 2012 mission trip with First Presbyterian Church of Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Guatemala, Marylynn met Lisa de Mena, who has started *Small Change for Big Change* based near Antigua. Lisa's program focuses on helping the Guatemalan people in this economically challenged area to take opportunities to be more independent. Her program is structured towards sustainability and independence and provides people with a "hand-up." It is this program that Marylynn will talk about.

Last November Marylynn and her husband Ken went to Guatemala and helped a family start a tilapia pond so they would have fish to eat and could sell some of the fish to be able to buy the fingerlings to start another crop of fish. They also brought books for the children. (Note the picture).

Marylynn is interested in many aspects of mission work and is the leader for the group that will be leading a Vacation Bible School at the Bdecan Presbyterian Church on the Spirit Lake Reservation in North Dakota in July.

Learn more about Guatemala on June 29 and enjoy dessert and fellowship. Bring a friend. **Jean Marvin** is the Coffee organizer.

~ Sylvia Swede / PW Facilitator

Capital Campaign reaches halfway point in fundraising effort

The older I get, the faster time flies. It doesn't seem like it, but it has been nine years since First Presbyterians were last asked to pledge for improvements to our church home. Yes, that was clear back in 2007. And the need this time is substantially less; \$320,000 this time vs. \$3,000,000 then. As of this writing we are at \$177,437, or about half way to the goal. This includes over \$138,000 from 63 pledges and just under \$40,000 from miscellaneous income already in hand and a donation from our Capital Reserve Fund.

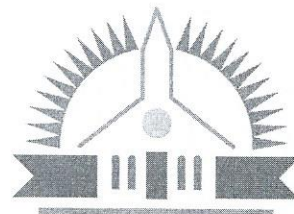
A unique feature of this campaign is that you aren't being asked to imagine what it will look like when it is completed. You can already see much of the finished product. I like the new feel of the social hall. The new chairs are comfortable and attractive. And it's nice knowing that the new floor tile are being held down by glue that no longer contains asbestos. Check out the music room below the sanctuary. Our young musicians in First Players love their new quarters. Here again, asbestos has been abated. Go to the multipurpose room. This room has been the venue for the rummage sale, a theater production by Words Players, supper for the Luther College Choir, numerous small group meetings, and three sessions of our new monthly Friday evening Sitter Service. There is lots of space for the youngsters to roam in a safe environment. The final area to be disturbed is the church kitchen. That work will progress over the next two months and will result in a modern kitchen that is "code compliant."

More pledges needed to complete projects

The Implementation Committee has been hard at work the past several months to bring about these improvements. They have donated their own time and expertise and used volunteer assistance when it was available. They have accomplished a lot with minimal financial support. The Finance Committee is now conducting a capital campaign to cover the cost of the improvements plus approximately 10% for missions [both local and foreign]. The 10% component for missions is consistent with our past practice which was recommended to us by our presbytery based on the principle that we should be willing to spend something on others when we spend on ourselves.

Pledge cards were mailed to all of our church families a month ago. Please give serious consideration to making a pledge. We have tried to make this affordable by providing a three-year period for payment of pledges. Our goal is to provide a welcoming environment where every individual can express their faith while enjoying the fellowship of others in our church.

~ Ken Boyer / Finance Committee





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)

Our thanks to all the singers, ringers, and orchestra members for your ministry through music throughout the 2015-2016 season! We will continue leading in worship during the summer with soloists and ensembles, as well as a WALK-IN CHOIR the second Sunday of June, July, and August. Mark your calendars, and please join us for one or two easy anthems. Copies of the anthems are available in the church office if you'd like to review them ahead of time. Warm up at 9 a.m. for the one service at 9:30 a.m.

A Festival of Music concludes another successful year

Our thanks to all who supported both financially and with your presence the 2015-2016 A Festival of Music concert series, our twenty-fifth season! Consistently excellent attendance, including record attendance for the Luther Choir in January, and a fine variety of music and instruments all added to the success of the series.

The committee welcomes new member **Britta Youmans** and says good-bye and thanks to retiring member **Al Dollerschell**. Ongoing members are **Carolyn Beck, Mary Beyerle, Elizabeth Dunn, Jane Hallman, Janet Hosier (chair), Judy Kereakos, Dave Kerr, Jo Rockwell, Ruth Saling, Jim Sessler, Janis Shepherd, and Lee Afdahl**, advisor. The Future Artists sub-committee includes **Carolyn Beck, Robert Hachmeister, Janet Hosier, Robert Scoggin, and Lee Afdahl**.

Please join us in attending and supporting the 2016-2017 series and watch for more information in the July Good News.

Festival Conference draws handbell ringers from area states

Handbell ringers from First Presbyterian and Community Presbyterian Churches will attend the Area 7 Festival Conference of Handbell Musicians of America in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from June 16-19.

The Festival Conference offers ringers and directors opportunities for massed ringing as well as classes for improving ringing and conducting techniques and exploring new repertoire. Attending from First Church will be **Judy Kereakos, Paul Kingsbury, Cindy Kunzman, Karen Sessler, and Lee Afdahl**.



Confirmation Class of 2012

Picture by Warren Potter.

Many of these students are in the Senior Classes of 2016. Can you name them? They're identified on page 7.

Hats off to our 2016 graduates

Pictured above are our students in the high school classes of 2016 as they were confirmed in 2012. On June 5 we will recognize the graduates and honor them at a reception after the service.



Graduates, we assure you of our continued love, and promise to remember and uphold you through our prayers. We pledge to always be your "family." No matter where you are or in what circumstances you find yourselves, we care about you and stand ready to rejoice with you in your accomplishments, to support you in your failures, to remember you in prayer, and to grow with you in faith. We love you, "kids"!

High school seniors who are members of First Presbyterian or whose parents are members include

- Courtney Hruska Christian Kirby Elizabeth Vierkant
- Hannah James Bailey Orwoll Christina Wentz
- Cameron Kirby

Recent college graduates include

Rosalia Alcoser graduated from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis in December with a Master of Science in Biostatistics and is now employed by the School of Medicine in the biostatistics department.

Tom Sorenson graduated from UW-Madison with a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology.

Karah Jones graduated from the University of Maryland-Baltimore with a Master of Science in Pathology.

Casey Lenn graduated from RCTC with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts.

Additions to the committee list published in May

Lucy Schmidt has joined the Welcoming and Nurturing Committee as a representative from the Board of Deacons

Karen Sessler will be the third elder on the 2016 Nominating Committee

Rev. Rowland leads Grief Support Group

Grief is disruptive. When someone we love dies, normal life suddenly changes. This happens whether or not the death is expected or sudden. Support and guidance while grieving, especially after friends and others have "moved on," is important but can also be elusive.

Beginning in June, **Rev. Jay Rowland** will be leading a grief support group that will meet once a week at FPC. If you would like to participate please contact Rev. Rowland (282-1618 or rowland.jay@fprochester.org). Information about meeting days and times will be published in the worship bulletin, the electronic newsletter and direct email.

New members' seminar planned for June 5

Rev. Parlette will be offering a seminar for anyone wanting to join First Presbyterian Church or for anyone interested in knowing more about our church. The seminar will meet in the Sheldon Jackson Lounge on Sunday, June 5 following worship (from 10:45 a.m.-12:00 noon).

Those deciding to join will meet with the Session at 9 a.m. June 12 and be introduced to the congregation at worship that day. Please call the church office if you plan to attend (282-1618).

Church worship and picnic relocated to Silver Lake Park

Make plans now to come to Silver Lake Park on July 17 for our church worship service followed by a family picnic and games! Church on that day will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the 3 Links Pavilion at Silver Lake. Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, and tableware will be provided along with beverages. Each family is asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share.

~ *Gayle Jones / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee*

Church Directories now available in church office

The 2015/2016 Church Picture Directory is now available in the office. In addition to over 200 individual pictures of our members and numerous activity photos, it also includes up-to-date addresses, telephone numbers (including cell phone numbers) and email addresses of ALL our members. New technology has allowed staff members to upload the directory onto their smart phones.

If your photo in the directory was taken by Lifetouch, your copy is complimentary. Others are asked to purchase a copy for \$5. The Board of Deacons contributed funds and is delivering copies to our CARE members. Special thanks to all our members and staff who made our new directory possible.

~ *Jane Hallman / Directory coordinator*

Volunteers tie fleece blankets for children in foster care

As part of our mission to Bdecan Presbyterian Church on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in Devil's Lake, North Dakota, nearly 60 fleece-tied blankets have been lovingly created to be given to the infants and children of the area as they enter foster care.

Special thanks to those who met Saturday morning, May 14, to tie blankets and to experience a time of fellowship – **Marilyn Aalderks, Jean Abels, Heide Buettner, Sandy Carroll, Amy Dollerschell, Marcia Dollerschell, LaDonna Fay, Judy Felten, Ruth Guy, Jane Hallman, Gayle Jones, Kara Jones, Ginger Kirby, Cindy Kunzman, Nadine Luna, Ruth Saling, Phyllis Schmid, and Kiyomi Takekawa.**

~ *Jane Hallman / Bdecan Mission Team*

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 topics will be announced in Sunday bulletins and Good News in Brief. The class is led by **Al Depman**.

June 1, 15, and 29

July 13 and 27

August 10 and 24

Calling all gardeners: we need your help watering the flowers

With the coming of summer, we have again planted pots of flowers to brighten the entrances to the church.

If anyone is willing to take a week this summer to water and fertilize the pots around the church and under the northeast and northwest signs, please contact **Judy Felten** (282-7128 or JFeltenJAX@aol.com).



This will probably start the beginning of June and last until mid-September, depending on early frosts.

Last summer we had six helpers and we ended up taking 2-3 weeks each spread out over the summer.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to keep our flowers watered ... and in spectacular bloom.

~ *Judy Felten / Master Gardener*

from the FPC Parish Nursing program

Dos and don'ts of safe driving



Car accidents cause more than 2.3 million injuries, \$6 billion in damages and losses, and over 32,000 deaths in the United States each year, and are the leading cause of death for people ages 1-54 (CDC). Driving safety is another area of health that we need to consider mindfully!

- 1) **Don't drink and drive**, and don't let friends drink and drive! Alcohol greatly impairs driving ability.
- 2) **Wear your seatbelt!** Seat belts really do save lives and reduce injuries by about half according to the CDC.
- 3) **If driving kids** keep them in an age-appropriate car seat as long as possible and do not move them to the front seat until age 13 (according to the Minnesota DPS).
- 4) **Don't drive distracted.** Put your phone in the back seat. Get off the phone when others are driving. Driving while on the phone kills, too.
- 5) **Don't drive sleepy!** Get enough sleep and watch the medications you take. If you are yawning frequently or drift into the rumble strip, it's time to take a break and maybe a nap. Caffeine, sips of water, energizing music (no lullabies!), audio books and snacks are all ways to keep you alert.
- 6) **Do watch out for pedestrians.** They always have the right of way. Be especially careful on neighborhood streets where toddlers and new bike riders can get away from their parents. School and neighborhood speed limits are there to protect the kids!
- 7) With summer coming, **watch out for motorcycles!** Be especially careful with your blind spots. If your other vehicle is a motorcycle, wear a helmet and appropriate clothing!

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing coordinator

Reminder: *One of our parish nurses will be in our library the first Sunday of each month (after worship in the summer and between services the rest of the year) to take your blood pressure and answer questions you might have about your health.*

Habitat for Humanity team begins work June 18

FPC's Habitat for Humanity team will try again to begin its year Saturday, June 18. If you are interested in joining us or just have questions, please contact **Sarah Edgerton** (536-9637 or email edgertonsarah@gmail.com). Sarah can also tell you where the home is located. First Presbyterian will have work groups the third Saturdays of June, July, August, and September as weather and work allows. No construction experience is necessary!

The mission of Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity (RAHH) is "A world where everyone has a decent place to live" and its goal is seeking to put God's love into action. Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. If you would like more information about Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity, please check out: <http://www.rahh.org/>

~ Thanks, Sarah Edgerton / FPC Habitat coordinator

Hold December 3 for our second Madrigal Christmas Feaste

We are pleased to announce a repeat of our very successful Madrigal Christmas Feaste. The 2016 Feaste will be held Saturday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale in October. More details will follow but you will want to not miss this wonderful event offering pageantry, music, food and entertainment. After this year, the Feaste will only be offered in even years.

~ Gayle Jones / Madrigal coordinator

Sitter Service has successful three-month opening run

Our Sitter Service evenings will take a break for the summer, resuming on September 9. On May 13 we hosted 13 children with 14 volunteers. In March, April and May, we had 24 distinct children participate in Sitter Service.

Thanks to our May volunteers **Marcia Dollerschell, Belinda Galeano, Susanna Stone, Otis Laurberg, Carol Shaffer, Diane Grill, Phyllis Schmid, Bev Lewis, Dave Lewis, Jay Youmans, Britta Youmans, Marylynn Aalderks, Jackie Emery, Jane Murl and Dee Tiedeman.** Special thanks to **Ginger Kirby** for giving us her climber playset and to all those who have brought books, games and toys. We have a wonderful supply of fun things for our children to enjoy.

~ Gayle Jones / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee



Volunteers needed for one-week summer program at Friendship Place

First Presbyterian Church will be working with Friendship Place this summer during the week of July 25- 29. The overall theme for the summer program at Friendship Place is the 2016 Summer Olympics in Brazil. Weekly topics will emphasize health, playing fair, striving for excellence, and overcoming differences with other players. There may be a focus on a specific athlete. Since our week is the final one of the program, we will be part of a closing ceremony with awards.

On Tuesday the children will go to Chester Woods Park to have fun and learn more about bugs. On Wednesday they'll do some journaling about their park experience. Friday is water fun day in the back yard. And every day is reading day.

Please consider volunteering for one day or the entire week. We need volunteers to read with the children, to help with writing and crafts, and to make the healthy snacks made possible by a generous donation from Presbyterian Women. Volunteers need to arrive at 1 p.m. and the program ends at 3 p.m. For more information, please call or e-mail **Jane Goodfriend** (jane.goodfriend@gmail.com or 281-3672).

~ Jane Goodfriend / FPC Friendship Place coordinator



News from Presbyterian Women

* *Sylvia Swede, facilitator*

New members are always welcome. Join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

Ruth Circle: Elaine Davis has invited Ruth Circle to her place in Lake City for our June picnic. However, a date has not been decided. More details about transportation plans and the date will follow.

- * 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!
- * *Thanks to everyone who contributed paper products and other requested items for Ronald McDonald House in May.*
- * Seven FPC women will attend the Synod of Lakes and Prairies Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Sioux Falls, South Dakota June 15-18. Women from Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska will gather for fellowship, study, and worship.
- * *The Rummage Sale April 3 raises over \$5000 for mission projects. Many thanks to organizers **Judy Kruesel** and **Sally Brooks**. Thanks, too, to all the individuals who sorted, sold, cleaned up, furnished food ... or brought or bought a treasure. We'll let you know in the Good News what organizations benefitted from your generous donations.*

To our members and friends at Charter House

We will continue to offer worship and communion the first Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. throughout the summer. We encourage you to take advantage of this worship opportunity when it's difficult for you to get out, or to come for mid-week worship even if you get to church on Sunday. Invite your friends at Charter House to join you!

Confirmation Class of 2012

Back: Rev. T. J. Farette, Rev. Jay Rowland, Dan Wentz, Derek Martin
 Front and middle: Cameron Kirby, Elizabeth Vierkant, Christina Wentz, Tom Bacon, Christian Kirby, Courtney Hruska, Hannah James

Church Family News

Anniversaries

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

- 6/2: **Michael and Carol McDonough** (54)
- 6/5: **Elmer and Mary VanDerHeyden** (62)
- 6/7: **Clyde and Glenice Newton** (69)
- 6/8: **Dan and Suzanne Tolman** (59)
- 6/10: **John and Elaine Griffith** (55)
- 6/13: **Titus and Carol Evans** (52)
Clark and Ramona Hoagland (57)
- 6/14: **William and Jean Johnson** (64)
William and Jeannine Karnes (64)
- 6/14: **James and Jean Miner** (55)
- 6/18: **John and Judith Thistle** (56)
James and Sandra Walker (50)
- 6/21: **Arnold and Linda Schroeter** (56)
- 6/22: **John and Shirley Service** (53)
- 6/24: **Mark and Mary Sickman** (50)
- 6/25: **Lyle and Zoe Abrahamson** (55)
Jay and Carolyn Beck (50)



Calling all crafters!

The Crafter's group has so much fun getting together that we are meeting all summer long. Our June gathering will be held Wednesday the 15th from 3-6 p.m. Bring your own project to work on, or join us in making cards for our C.A.R.E. members. Card supplies are provided.

~ Mary Huie (282-9712) / Crafters coordinator



FPC Softball Schedule - June/July 2015

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
June 2	7:30	Evangel	McQuillan #1
June 9	6:30	Mercy Hill	McQuillan #1
June 16	7:30	Conquerors #2	Assembly-God
June 23	7:30	Conquerors #1	Assembly-God
June 30	To be scheduled		
July 7	To be scheduled		
Watch for playoff schedule following regular games!			



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June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live. (Ethel Percy Andrus)			1 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Madrigal singers rehearse	2 3:45 PM FP Concert Band/gr 6-12 6:30 PM Festival Ringers 7:30 PM Softball-Evangel Methodist@McQuillan #1	3	4
5 Worship - 9:30 a.m. Communion 9:30 AM Graduate Recognition/ Reception 10:30 AM Blood Pressure reading / Parish Nursing 10:45 AM New Mbr Class (10:45-12)	6 FPC@Community Food Response 6:00 PM Youth Fun Night	7 Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Deacons/Lounge	8	9 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:30 PM Festival Ringers 6:30 PM Softball-Mercy Hill @McQuillan #1 Last day of school	10 3:00 PM Yth/laser tag @Bowlocity	11 11:00 AM Graduation/JM HS 3:00 PM Graduation/Mayo HS 7:00 PM Graduation/ Century HS
12 Worship - 9:30 a.m. 9:00 AM New Mbr class w/Session	13	14 9:30 AM Staff meeting	15 Newsletter items due 3:00 PM Crafters Group 6:30 PM Bible Study	16 7:30 PM Softball-Conquerors 2 @Assembly-God	17	18 9:00 AM FPC Work Group at Habitat for Humanity 11:30 AM Yth/Feed My Starving Children 6:00 PM First Players @ Honkers game
Vacation Bible School (9 a.m.-noon) (Kindergarten-5th grade)						
19 Father's Day Worship - 9:30 a.m. Handbell Festival Conf.	20	21 Summer begins 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	22	23 7:30 PM Softball-Conquerors 1 @Assembly-God	24	25
222nd General Assembly PCUSA / Portland OR (6/18-6/25/16)						
26 Worship - 9:30 a.m.	27 Mail newsletter	28 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	29 Mail quarterly statements 1:00 PM PW/MedMissions Coffee @T Narr 6:30 PM Bible Study	30 Softball-to be scheduled	9 a.m. FPC Work Group at Habitat for Humanity 11:30 a.m. Yth/Feed My Starving Children 6 p.m. First Players @ Honkers game	
The reason dogs have so many friends is because they wag their tails instead of their tongues.						