



# The Good News

## of First Presbyterian Church

### for June 2019

"In Christ Jesus [we] are all children of God."  
(Galatians 3.26)

### DOM Search Committee names John Stender new Director of Music / Organist

Hello Fellow Parishioners:

Many of you may have already heard our good news, but perhaps a few have not. The Search Committee made a job offer to our top candidate, **John E. Stender**. We received a positive response from Mr. Stender regarding the offer and we hope to receive a signed contact from him in the very near future.

Mr. Stender holds a Master of Music degree in Sacred Music from Indiana University (Bloomington) and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and Religion from Luther College (Decorah). Mr. Stender is currently the Director of Music at Parish Church of St. Helena (Beaufort, South Carolina), and has been there since August 2015. John and Sarah are the parents of a young son, **Daniel**.

We are still negotiating the appropriate start date for Mr. Stender, and we think he and his family will join us in worship during the last week of August. Mr. Stender's wife, **Sarah Stender**, is also a church musician (organist and choir director), and both are now in the process of informing their congregations about their pending move to Rochester.

Our Committee's work on this portion of the search process seems to have progressed as we hoped it would. Thanks for the support all of you gave us as we worked to find the right candidate for our position. I personally applaud **Karen Sessler** for doing the lion's share of the work to make all of this come together. She worked tirelessly doing a host of things for us as we moved through the process.

Karen, you are one of God's blessings to the church and our congregation! I have also appreciated the eager support from our other committee members, all of whom were eager to assist as needed to facilitate the search process (**Christopher Boswell, Dee Tiedeman, Dwight Jennings, Jan Hosier, Jeremy Braun, Lettie Eckberg, T.J. Parlette**).

~ Dwight Jennings / DOM Search Committee Chairperson



### Lee says "thank you" to the congregation!

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for the wonderful evening of dinner and program May 3 in honor of my retirement from First Presbyterian Church. Thanks to the planning committee, all of the volunteer workers, singers, ringers, instrumentalists, speakers, staff, and members and friends of the congregation who filled the house with music and laughter and kindnesses. For the gifts from each organization, and many cards and letters of appreciation, I truly thank you all.

Ministry is a team effort. We on the staff may be leaders of respective areas of ministry, but we feel "ministered to" from you as we work together and use the gifts God has given us. Although I have been here on staff for only 28 years, my total years in professional music ministry numbers nearly 50 years. The music ministry will go on, growing and thriving under new leadership, and I know we will all support the new director's efforts.

You will be seeing us from time to time, as we continue living at our ranch and as members of First Church.

God bless you and thank you again for a most memorable send-off! It was truly generous and wonderful!

Appreciatively,

Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus

### Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.

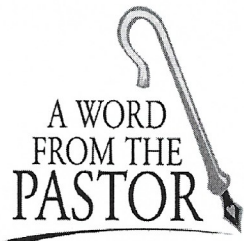
From Memorial Day Sunday through Labor Day Sunday we will worship on Sunday

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 Kids' Zone or stay in



worship for the entire hour. Coffee and donuts will be available both before (beginning at 8:45 a.m.) and after the service.

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 2019

On Sunday, June 16, we will welcome about 40 members from the MN Adult and Teen Challenge Choir to lead us in worship at our 9:30 service. For over 30 years, Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge has been restoring hope

to people struggling with drug, alcohol, and other life-controlling addictions, by addressing their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. They also offer opportunities to serve as mentors to their clients as they work through the program. The Choir will offer a number of musical selections as well as personal testimony. The group has this to say about their presentation:

"The stories our clients share are real accounts of their lives while addicted and how God helped them overcome. We do not think that these stories are inappropriate, but we want to respect all parent's right to tell their children about drugs and alcohol when they are ready and therefore hope that this will serve as ample notice."

During their visit you will have an opportunity to support the work of MN Adult and Teen Challenge through a free will offering. I hope you will come to hear about the work of God taking place right here in Rochester.

Peace, T. J.

### 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 June 15.

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](mailto:LucindaClements@me.com) for details and to sign up. Additional information and a sign up sheet will also be available at the Social Concerns table in the church atrium on June 2.

~ Lucinda Clements / Social Concerns Committee

### Talk is cheap

Too many of us have a Christian vocabulary rather than a Christian experience. We think we are doing our duty when we're only talking about it.

## Stewardship Alive!

### Angels along life's trail

Weary long-distance hikers sometimes encounter "trail angels" — people who offer food and drink, bandages, shoelaces and even a place to do laundry. Along the Pacific Crest Trail, one home, dubbed Hiker's Heaven, serves as a mail drop. Trail angels say they find great joy in offering kindness to strangers.

Unexpected kindnesses — and regular rest stops — make any journey less grueling and more enjoyable. That's also true on the journey of life as we experience (and bestow) generosity and pause to spend time with God. After all, "It is God to whom and with whom we travel," said Elisabeth Elliot. "And while he is the end of our journey, he is also at every stopping place."

~ Newsletter / June 2019

### Financial Statement April 2019

#### General Operating Budget

Balance (4/1/19)	\$ 77,336.17
Receipts (April)	+ 100,942.04
Disbursements (April)	- 68,008.18
Balance (4/30/19)	\$ 110,375.03



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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
Facility Manager	Harry E. Coleman
Custodian	Tyler Sczurek
Part-time music assistants	Katie Kuisle (Calvin and Cherub Choirs) Janine Yanisch (First Players)
Part-time custodians/security	Than Boutelle, Vera Brooks, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn
Child Care Workers	Maria Alma Candido, Esther Lebron, 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.**

## Pentecost Offering supports children at risk, youth programs

### *Building a Life of Faith*

Who was the first person to teach you about Jesus? Who was the first person to show you how to honor God with your life? When did these things happen? For many of us, they happened during our childhood. They happened at home, Sunday School, church, camp, mission trips, and service experiences.

We don't need a study to tell us that a foundation of faith established during childhood and young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service – but studies do show this to be true. Psalm 71 testifies to this same truth. Verse 17 says “O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.” Truly, the patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life.

That is why our congregation will join in support of the Pentecost Offering on June 9. This church-wide offering is used to encourage, develop, and support young people, as well as to address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of this special offering will be retained by First Presbyterian for ministry to children and young adults within our community and 60% will be used to support the ministry of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please join us in sharing this gift of God's love with the next generation.

~ Lucinda Clements / Social Concerns Committee

## New members' seminar planned for June 2

Rev. Parlette is 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 2 following worship (from 10:45 a.m.-12:00 noon).

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

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

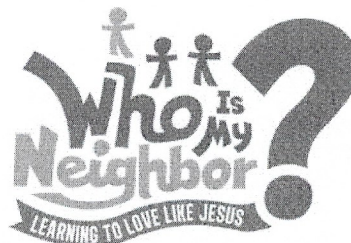
With the coming of spring (soon, we hope), we are again planning on planting pots of flowers to brighten the entrances to the church.

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@msn.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.

~ Judy Felten / Master Gardener



## Vacation Bible School: Who is My Neighbor?

### Learning to Love Like Jesus

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

### New this year: Intergenerational VBS!

This year Vacation Bible School will be open for ALL, from the youngest to the oldest. There will be traditional VBS programming for youth entering Kindergarten-Grade 5, while adults will have separate educational offerings, and middle and high school youth will have an opportunity to assist with VBS and have time for fellowship with each other. Additionally, child care will be offered for those younger than VBS age.

### REGISTER TODAY!

For more information and to register, visit the FPC webpage ([fpcrochester.org](http://fpcrochester.org)) and click on the VBS banner announcement at the top of the homepage. We are asking ALL youth (from ages 0-18) to register, whether for child care, VBS programming, or the Middle/High School program. Also, any VBS volunteers should register and mark their volunteer preferences and availability. Adults attending the adult VBS programming need not register.

### Tentative Schedule

- 6:00-6:15 p.m.: Gathering and worship time for everyone
- 6:15-6:30: Meet with others in your age group and prepare for activities
- 6:30-8:00 p.m.: VBS programming (for children, youth, and adults); childcare available
- 8:00-8:30 p.m.: Refreshments and fellowship time

~ Susanna Stone / Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education

### Syria by the numbers

- ✓ 5.6 million refugees have fled Syria to date
- ✓ 80% of Syria's remaining population live in poverty
- ✓ 50% of Syria's remaining children aren't in school
- ✓ Some Christians in Maaloula, Syria still speak Aramaic, Jesus' language



## Ministry of Music

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

"Music comes from an icicle as it melts,  
to live again as spring water."  
(William Arthur Ward)

## FPC young ringers participate in Young Ringers' Camp

Six ringers from Alleluia Ringers and Joyous Praise Handbell Choir will be participating in the Young Ringers' Camp sponsored by Area 7 Handbell Musicians of America, June 21-23 at near-by Camp Victory, Zumbro Falls, MN. A weekend of recreation, fun, games, rehearsals, and improving ringing techniques culminates in a final concert on Sunday, June 23 at 11 a.m.

The public is invited to this final program at Camp Victory, 58212 403rd Avenue, Zumbro Falls, in the Bluff Lodge on campus. You could worship from 9:30-10:30 at First Church and still make it to the 11 a.m. concert at camp! Chaperones will be **Chris Boswell** and **Melissa Wobig**. The camp is offered on odd numbered years, always in June. The young ringers look forward to the weekend of fun and ringing!

## AGO scholarship winners present concert

The SE MN Chapter of the American Guild of Organists expresses their gratitude for the use of our pipe organ and sanctuary for the annual recital of the chapter's Student Scholarship Award Winners. On May 5, five talented young organists played a recital for family, friends, and chapter members.

The AGO Chapter welcomes contributions to continue this successful program that trains and inspires young organists to develop skills that provide music ministry leadership for years to come. Contributions may be sent to the chapter's treasurer, Brian Poch, 2065 Summit Drive NE, Rochester MN 55906.

*Singing June 9: Summer Choir*

## Volunteer summer choir sings second Sunday of month

Attention, singers! We are continuing our tradition of a "walk-in" summer choir on the second Sundays of June, July, and August. Rehearsal for the anthem of the day is at 9 a.m. with one worship service at 9:30.

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 June 9, July 14, and/or August 11.

## A Festival of Music concludes another successful year

Our thanks to all who supported both financially and with your presence the 2018-2019 season of *A Festival of Music Concert Series*, our twenty-eighth season! Consistently good attendance and a fine variety of music and instruments all added to the success of the series.

The committee welcomes new members **Margie Schaaf** and **Phyllis Schmid** and says good-bye and thanks to retiring members **Carolyn Beck**, **Mary Beyerle**, and **Robert Scoggin**. Ongoing members are **Ken Alderks**, **Elizabeth Dunn**, **Lois Fye**, **Janet Hosier** (chair), **Dave Kerr**, **Connie Larson**, **Jo Rockwell**, **Ruth Saling**, **James Sessler**, and **Britta Youmans**. The Future Artists sub-committee includes **Janet Hosier**, **Lois Marsh**, and **Lee Afdahl**.

Please join us in attending and supporting the 2019-2020 series and watch for more information in the July Good News as well as the concert series brochure mailed to all members late this summer.

## First Players plans summer programs



Janine Yanisch  
First Players  
Director

**First Players** is wrapping up the school year and preparing for summer. We enjoyed a super turnout for our performance at Homestead on April 29! Since then we have been working on songs to play for our summer gigs.

We'll be playing at the Rochester Honkers game on Monday, June 17, and then (hopefully) in the Rochesterfest Parade on June 29. Our annual band camp will be August 26-30 here at FPC.

## Flatbed trailer needed for Rochesterfest Parade

I say hopefully because we are still looking for a 30' flatbed trailer for us to use. We have a First Players family who will tow it with their SUV, but are still working on procuring the trailer. Hope springs eternal, though :-)

Here's wishing everyone a great summer, filled with music of many types.

Peace, Janine

## Contact information for Michael Barone

April 29 we were fortunate to have Michael Barone, host of MPR's "Pipedreams," attend a special education hour where he entertained over 80 members and friends with stories about sacred music and the role of organs in the church setting. The highlight may have been Mr. Barone interviewing Lee Afdahl, and Lee interviewing Mr. Barone.

As a follow-up to that program, here are the monographs I mentioned: "J. Michael Barone and Pipedreams: The Organ and Public Radio," "The Organ on Campus," and "The Making of a Virtuoso Organist." These can be ordered at <https://www.agohq.org/monographs>. You can reach Mr. Barone for information and materials at [mbarone@mpr.org](mailto:mbarone@mpr.org). "Pipedreams" is broadcast every Sunday morning on KLSE 90.7 FM from 6 - 8 a.m.

~ Ken Alderks



## June Youth Group News

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

Youth Group ended the school year with joyful celebration during Youth Sunday and our May weekly meetings where we spent time getting closer to God and having fun. Our last youth group meeting for the school year was May 29. Youth Group will begin again in September.

*During the summer we will meet monthly for activities. Our June activity is an outing to Bowlocity on June 3. We are also planning on going river tubing in July (date TBA) and doing something fun in August. Date and times for the July and August activities will be communicated via email, Facebook, church bulletins, and through the monthly newsletter once plans are finalized.*

If you have any questions about Youth Group or any suggestions for next year, please get in touch with Susanna. Have a great summer!

### A big Sitter Service “thanks” goes to all volunteers and parents!

Sitter Service concluded its third full year on Friday, May 10. This service, offered on the second Friday of every month September through May (excluding December), offers intergenerational play between kids aged 6 months to 10 years of age and adults who pretend to be.

This year we averaged 16 kids coming from 11 families. A special thank you goes to the “young at heart” volunteer sitters for their endless energy and creativity. Another big thanks to the parents who entrusted their kids to us - what a blessing to get to know them. We had a great year of fellowship and play-ing! Sitter Service will resume in September.

*~ Sarah Edgerton and Cindy Kunzman*

### Mission Team returns to Spirit Lake Indian Reservation

In June the FPC Bdecan Vacation Bible School team will return to North Dakota to provide VBS for the fifth time. We are now gathering school supplies and again asking for assistance with funding for winter clothing for the children of the Bdecan Church. This is coordinated by Joe Obermeyer who has been the youth pastor but who has now become a Commissioned Lay Pastor at the Bdecan Church.

A container for school supplies is in the office and monetary donations can be left in the church office or in a Sunday offering plate. A big THANK YOU to the members of FPC who have so generously supported this mission program!

*~ Marylynn Alderks /  
coordinator of the Bdecan VBS program*



### Confirmation Class of 2015

Picture by Warren Potter.

These students are in the Senior Classes of 2019. Can you name them? They're identified on page 7.

### Hats off to our 2019 graduates



Pictured above are our students in the high school classes of 2019 as they were confirmed in 2015. On May 19 we recognized the graduates and honored 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

Laura Pedelty	Maddie Perkins	Jacob Weiner
Ben Ellefson	Lilly Rowland	Michael Weiner
Alexa Hruska	Tony Santosuosso	

### Congratulations and God's blessing upon our college graduates

**Ethan Depman** from University of Minnesota with a degree in geography

**Diana Sorenson** from University of Minnesota with a degree in Industrial Engineering

#### 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**.

6/12...The Golden Rule and Your Neighbors  
6/26...The Parable of the Talents  
7/10...A Temperance Lesson  
7/24...Lot's Choice  
8/7...The Last Supper  
8/21...John the Baptiste

# Officers and Committee members for 2019

5/19/19

Pastor: Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Jay P. Rowland

Director of Music: Lee J. Afdahl (through May)  
Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education: Susanna L. Stone

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## Committee Key:

Sessional members  
Congregational members  
Staff personnel

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## Building/Grounds Committee

Ron Kreinbring (Lead Elder)  
Brent Kaslow  
Brad Narr  
Chris Bauch  
Jay Beck  
Peter Brooks  
John Kruesel  
Larry Shannon  
Harry Coleman  
T. J. Parlette

## Education/Youth Committee

Joe Doppler (Lead Elder)  
Kristina Wright-Peterson  
Lea Jennings  
Jean Marvin  
Susan McClocklin  
Mark Mueller  
Cindy Pauley  
Marion Pitts  
Margie Schaaf  
Dan Wentz  
Susanna Stone  
Jay Rowland

## Mission Committee

Phyllis Schmid (Lead Elder)  
Tim Zetzsche  
Marylynn Aalderks  
Jon Closson  
LaDonna Fay  
Eileen Hay  
Dwight Jones  
Fabian Luna  
Sylvia Swede  
Britta Youmans  
T.J. Parlette

## Personnel/Administration Committee

James Talen (Lead Elder)  
Katie Lenn  
Al Depman  
Dwight Jennings  
Gabe Perkins  
Karen Sessler  
T.J. Parlette

## Social Concerns Committee

Lucinda Cutrer (Lead Elder)  
Lucinda Clements  
Ken Aalderks  
Casey Clements  
Al Dollerschell  
Isabelle Dyck  
Michael McDonough  
Ruth Saling  
Karen Sessler  
Jay Youmans  
T.J. Parlette

## Stewardship/Finance Committee

Sarah Edgerton (Lead Elder)  
Mark Keller  
Carol Evans  
T.J. Parlette

## Welcoming/Nurturing Committee

Allyson Maurer (Lead Elder)  
Gregg Erickson  
Nicole Thoreson  
Holly Ebel  
Jane Murl  
Jay Rowland

## Worship/Music Committee

James Sessler (Lead Elder)  
Jeff Britton  
Judy Felten (Chancel Gld Liaison)  
Cheri Hann  
Sharon Nichols  
Judy Smithson  
Paul Steger  
Melody Tiedeman  
Lee Afdahl (through May)  
T.J. Parlette

## Endowment Committee

(Special committee of Session)  
Allyson Maurer (Lead Elder)  
James Sessler  
Mark Keller  
Eric Sorenson  
Tim Smith  
Ken Boyer  
Carol Evans  
T. J. Parlette

## Nominating Committee

(Committee of the congregation)  
Joe Doppler (Elder/moderator)  
Lucinda Cutrer  
To be named  
Gregg Erickson  
Paul Herr  
Katie Lenn  
Britta Youmans  
Lindsay Zetzsche  
Tammy Buchanan (Deacon Rep)

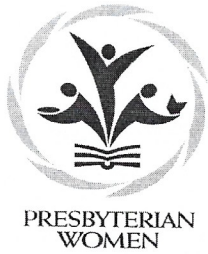
Clerk of Session: Cindy Kunzman  
Treasurer: Carol Evans



The Session of First Presbyterian Church usually meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Members of the congregation are invited to attend.

Most committees meet the first Tuesday of each month. If you would like to attend a committee meeting, please contact the lead elder of the committee for meeting time and location.

**First Presbyterian Church  
Rochester, Minnesota**



## 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!
- \* *Thanks to everyone who contributed paper products and other requested items for Ronald McDonald House in May*
- \* Did you know that prescription pain pill addiction is rising far faster among women than men, quintupling since 1999? Did you know that synthetic opioid-related deaths in women increased 471 percent between 1999 and 2015? (Adult and Teen Challenge Minnesota Spring Newsletter)  
Adult and Teen Challenge, headquartered in the Twin Cities, has been helping adults and teens break free from drug and alcohol addiction since 1983. In 2014 a men's facility was opened in Rochester. In 2017-18 a women's center was opened. The long-term program is a 13 month faith-based program which helps clients learn a whole new way of life.

## Plan to attend Medical Missions Coffee July 31 at The Waters

Join us July 31 for the 70th annual Medical Missions Coffee, which will be held at The Waters, from 1-3 p.m. **Char Ellefson** is the hostess, and **Jane Hallman** is the organizer. Dessert and fellowship begins at 1 p.m. with the speaker at 1:45 p.m. The speaker is **Nikki McConnell**, long-term program manager at the Women's Center, Adult and Teen Challenge.

## Calling all crafters!



**The Crafters Group** will meet Wednesday, June 19 at 1 p.m. in the social hall. Note we are meeting a couple hours earlier than usual so we can make cards for both July and August mailings. Come when you can and join us for fun and fellowship as we make cards for our C. A. R. E. members of the congregation. All supplies are provided.

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

## Church Family News

### Anniversaries

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

6/2: **Michael and Carol McDonough** (56)

6/5: **Elmer and Mary VanDerHeyden** (64)

6/8: **Dan and Suzanne Tolman** (61)

**Ronald and Nancy Kreinbring** (50)

6/9: **Ronald and Carol Breen** (50)

6/10: **John and Elaine Griffith** (57)

6/13: **Titus and Carol Evans** (54)

6/14: **William and Jean Johnson** (66)

6/14: **James and Jean Miner** (57)

6/14: **Charles and Becki Coddington** (50)

6/18: **John and Judith Thistle** (58)

**James and Sandra Walker** (52)

6/22: **John and Shirley Service** (55)

6/24: **Robert and Gretchen MacCarty** (51)

6/25: **Lyle and Zoe Abrahamson** (57)

**Jay and Carolyn Beck** (52)

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Ralph Spiekerman** who will celebrate his 90th birthday June 10.

Happy Birthday to **Don Cain** who will celebrate his 91st birthday June 15.

Happy Birthday to **Virginia Christiansen** who will celebrate her 90th birthday June 18.

### Wedding

Congratulations to **Rachel (Britton) and Robert White** who were married May 18 at First Presbyterian Church.

## Registration open for Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women June 20-23

Registration has begun for the Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women June 20-23 in Ames, Iowa. The theme for the Gathering is from John 7:38: "Out of the believer's heart shall flow streams of living water." Synod of Lakes and Prairies includes MN, IA, WI, NE, ND and SD. The meetings will be held at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames.

The registration fee of \$200 includes meals and all programming. Room is in addition; information about the availability and cost is in the registration booklet. Each circle leader has a copy of the registration booklet and one is posted on the PW board in the social hall. You can also check the Synod website ([www.lakesandprairies.org/resources\\_women.html](http://www.lakesandprairies.org/resources_women.html)).

PW has some scholarship money available which will be divided among those going. Let **Peg Parsons** know when you register so we know how many women will be attending.

**Confirmation Class of 2015**  
Rev. Jay Rowland, Madeline Perkins, Benjamin Ellefson,  
Alexa Hruska, Rev. T. J. Parlette, Dan Wentz



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## June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>A key ingredient</b> In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together and the music that brings harmony. (Eva Burrows)						1
2 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b> Communion 10:30 AM Blood Pressure reading / Parish Nursing 10:45 AM New Mbr Class (10:45-12)	3 FPC@Community Food Response 12:30 PM Youth/End-of-year outing at Bowlocity (12-2:30 p.m.)	4 Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside	5 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion	<b>Logic will get you from A to Z; imagination will get you everywhere. (Albert Einstein)</b>		8
9 <b>Pentecost &amp; Offering Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b> 9:00 AM New Mbr class w/Session 9:00 AM Summer Choir rehearsals 9:30 AM Summer Choir sings	<b>Intergenerational Vacation Bible School (6 p.m.-8 p.m.) (Kindergarten-adults)</b>			12 6:30 PM Summer Bible Study/lounge	13 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group	14 15 Newsletter items due 9:00 AM FPC Work Group at Habitat for Humanity
16 <b>Trinity Sunday Father's Day Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b> MN Teen and Adult Challenge leads service	17 6:00 PM First Players play @ Honkers game (game @ 7:05 p.m.)	18 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	19 Juneteenth 1:00 PM Crafters Group/ SHall (note earlier time)	<b>Synod Gathering of PW of Synod of Lakes and Prairies/Ames IA (6/20-23/19)</b>		22 Summer begins
23 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Synod Gathering of P...</b>	24	25 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	26 Mail quarterly statements 6:30 PM Summer Bible Study/lounge	27	28	29 2:00 PM First Players in Rochesterfest parade
30 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.</b>					