



# The Good News

## of First Presbyterian Church for May 2016

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.  
(Psalm 67.1 [NRSV])

### Capital Campaign launched to raise money for building improvements

*Amazing things are happening at FPC!*

- ★ If you've been in the social hall recently you've seen the new flooring, new paint job, and new chairs. You don't see the work that went into asbestos abatement when we removed the old tile, but we did that too.
- ★ If you've been in the Great Room, now referred to as the Multipurpose Room, you've been amazed at the transformation from an unfinished basement to a room with many possibilities, including a finished floor, painted walls, enhanced audio-video capabilities, a lounge area, and a play space and equipment for children.
- ★ If you've been in the two former Sunday school rooms under the sanctuary, you've seen the change from two small, dingy classrooms/storerooms into one large room with new flooring, rug, and paint job that turned the area into a great place for our children's choirs and First Players to rehearse.

We were able to accomplish all this with the help of enormous hours of volunteer help, a grant and a loan from the church's Capital Reserve fund, and some early donations from members.

- ★ If you've been in the main kitchen, you know that's yet to be done. This month volunteers and construction workers will essentially strip the kitchen and prepare it for installation of new cabinets, new appliances, and upgrades that will bring it up to code. We expect the work to be completed by the end of July.

Now the time has come to make paying for all the projects a priority. You have already received information from the Capital Campaign committee that explains in more detail the money we need to raise. The cost of the projects, including a component for outreach (mission and social concerns) and contingencies, is \$320,000 and it is that amount that we need you to help us raise. We are asking you to consider making a pledge to be paid over a three-year period, although we would gladly accept a pledge paid in full early in the period.

Included in the mailing was a pledge card, a return envelope, and a form to fill out and return to the church if you'd like to have your pledge automatically deducted from your checking or saving account.

Thank you for your part in helping us grow as a faith fellowship with up-to-date facilities to better serve our congregation and our community.

- ★ *And if you haven't been in these places yet, you really need to check them out. You'll be amazed!*

### Worship set for 9:30 a.m. during the summer

Two years ago we asked the congregation to complete a survey about their preferred hours for summer worship services. A large majority of respondents preferred one service in the summer and suggested a number of times. After a lot of discussion about the merits of the front-runners 9 a.m. or 9:30 a.m., the Worship and Music Committee voted for 9 a.m. and that's when we worshipped two summers ago.

In response to a number of requests, the Worship and Music Committee then reconsidered the options and chose to hold worship services at 9:30 a.m. last summer. Services will be at the same time this summer! The 9:30 a.m. hour will go from Memorial Day Sunday (May 29) through Labor Day Sunday (September 4).

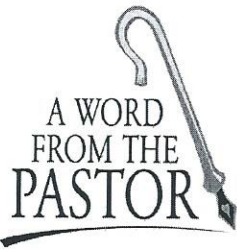
The nursery will be staffed from 9:15-11 a.m. and Kids Zone for children through third grade will be offered during the service. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them in worship for the entire hour. Coffee and donuts will be available at 9 a.m. before the service and again after the service.



### Come celebrate with us Sunday, May 22

On Sunday, May 22 from 9:45-10:45 a.m., everyone is invited to come on down to the newly completed multipurpose area for a celebration hosted by the Christian Education Committee.

- † Come celebrate another wonderful program year.
- † Come enjoy refreshments.
- † Come enjoy fellowship with other church members, students, teachers and parents.
- † Come celebrate our Christian Education, youth and music ministries and participants! PreK-5th grade students will receive certificates and our volunteers and teachers will be appreciated.



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

May 2016

Now that the weather has warmed up a bit and it looks like summer might not be too far off, I wanted to turn your attention to some of our summer activities here at church. On May 15, we will mark the end of the Easter season (yes, Easter really does last for seven weeks) as we celebrate

Pentecost, the birthday of the church, with its wind and fire and languages from all around the world. On Pentecost, I encourage you to wear something red, as much as you have, to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. There will be some special decorations for that Sunday, so it will be a festive celebration!

On May 29, we will move to our summer schedule with one service only at 9:30 – with the exception of July 17. On the 17th, the Welcome and Nurture committee is sponsoring a church picnic at Essex Park. On that morning, we will gather in the park for worship at 10:30 and plan to be picnicking by 11:30, or whenever we become overwhelmed by the smell of hot dogs and hamburgers! This will be a casual worship service, so I encourage you to come wearing shorts and sandals or whatever says “picnic” to you.

By the way, I am looking for guitarists to join me in playing some simple hymns that morning. So if you play guitar, or if you used to play and put your axe aside years ago – pull it out of the closet, tune it up and let’s play! I have a few extras if your old guitar did not survive your last garage sale. Let me know if you are interested – I will pick some hymns and download some chords and we’ll get together to jam a few times before the 17th.

Enjoy the change of seasons and I hope to see you in church.

Peace,

T. J.

### Farewell and thank you

*Diane Johnston-Arthur submitted her resignation as custodian effective April 13. We thank Diane for fifteen years of faithful service and wish her well in her future endeavors.*

*To thank Diane personally you can send her a card at her home (627 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW / Rochester MN 55902).*

### Picture Directories will be here May 8

Our 2015-2016 Picture Directories will be available in the atrium on Sunday, May 8 and Sunday, May 15. Beginning Monday, May 9 you will be able to obtain a copy in the church office. Members whose pictures were taken by Lifetouch will receive a complimentary copy. All others are asked to contribute \$5.

Thanks to each of you for making this church “family album” a success.

~ Jane Hallman / Picture Directory coordinator

## Stewardship Alive!

### Help needed for kitchen remodeling project May 12-20

May 11 is the official start of the remodel of our church kitchen. The Implementation Committee has a budget to complete this job, but we are looking for volunteer help to defray some of the costs. The first need is for people to help take down the kitchen between May 12 and May 20. All the appliances and cabinets have to be removed so that the contractors can get in to do their magic. There will be jobs for many abilities. We will plan day time, evening and weekend schedules as needed.

Please call **Bev Lewis** (288-8959) if you would be willing to help and save the church some money.

~ Bev Lewis / Implementation/Kitchen sub-committee

### Financial Statement / March 2016

<i>General Operating Budget</i>	
Balance (2/29/16)	\$ 51,611.59
Receipts (March)	+ 61,927.66
Disbursements (March)	- 62,550.99
Balance (3/31/16)	\$ 50,988.36



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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.

#### Church Staff

Pastor	Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette
Associate Pastor	Jay P. Rowland
Director of Music	Lee J. Afdahl
Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	Rick L. Morris
Office Administrator	Susan K. Kruger
Facility Manager	Harry E. Coleman
Custodian - Interim	Vera Herr
Music Assistant	Kathleen M. Kruger
Part-time custodians/security	Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn, Eric Schwartzbauer
Child Care Workers	Valerie Asleson, Kelly Bock, Margie SchAAF
Newsletter Editor	Carol J. Evans
Parish Associates	

Anneliese Opitz, Roger Ring, Carol Shaffer, James Walker

Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Education classes: Sundays at 9:40 a.m.

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-noon

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

The ministries supported by the Pentecost Offering teach young people to make faith, fellowship, and service part of their lives. Your gift to the Pentecost Offering supports programs as diverse and unique as the young people they serve and unites young people in Christ and inspires them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

### Programs with global reach:

25% of the offering supports young adult volunteer experiences around the world. The Pentecost Offering provides young adults the opportunity to serve alongside communities while sharing the word of God. Your support makes it possible for volunteers to dedicate a full year of service for an experience that inspires for a lifetime.

### Programs with local focus:

40% of the offering stays with our congregation, helping youth in our community. In recent years we have dedicated FPC's 40% of the offering to the Boys and Girls Club, Crisis Nursery, or Friendship Place.

### Programs with sustained impact:

35% goes to ministries with youth and for children at risk. Supported almost entirely by the Pentecost Offering, ministries with youth provides vital programs for a critical age group. This ministry acknowledges and celebrates youth as the keepers of God's world, capable of serving as agents of healing and leaders along the path of Jesus through events like the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. The Presbyterian Mission Agency represents and advocates for children around the world. This vital work seeks a quality education for all children, nurturing them in mind, body, and spirit.

We will receive and dedicate the offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, although you can contribute through the end of June by putting your donation in the offering plate (marked for "Pentecost") or mailing it to the church office.

Please give generously. Your dollars do make a difference!

## Congregation honors Chancel Choir on Cantata Sunday

Thanks to the Chancel Choir for the wonderful Cantata on April 17! Between services we celebrated the service and ministry of **Lee Afdahl** and the choir throughout this year. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by a large number of members.

Thanks to Welcoming and Nurturing Committee members Jean Abels, Rob and Carrie Elder and to special helpers Conor Jones, Sandy Carroll and Eileen Hay. We also appreciate Vicki Wintheiser, Sarah Edgerton, Holly Ebel, Lowell and Patti Meyer, Connie Polk, Marylynn Aalderks, Lois Fye, Julie Doppler, Marcia Dollerschell, Eileen Hay, Connie Larson, Cindy Sannes, Sandy Carroll, Karin Braun, Rob and Carrie Elder, and Jean Abels who brought the wonderful treats.

~ Gayle Jones / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

## Outside work day planned for Saturday, May 14

Put on your work duds and join the Building and Grounds Committee on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for an outdoor work session to spruce up areas around the church grounds. Emphasis will be placed on landscaping around the new shed on the 5th Avenue side of the property, as well as some additional clean up and landscaping on the south and east side of the property.

We are looking for 4 or 5 volunteers to help the committee with this work. If you can help, even if just for a few hours, please contact **Jay Beck** (hjbeck4@gmail.com) to advise of your availability.

Thanks, in advance, for your willingness to help!

~ Jay Beck / Building and Grounds Committee

*A Time for Tying ~ Saturday, May 14 ~ 9 a.m.*

## Bdecan Mission Team invites you to join them in tying fleece blankets

The Bdecan Mission Team has discovered that each year on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in North Dakota, nearly 100 children find themselves in short-term or long-term foster care. When they reach their foster family, the only personal items which accompany them are the clothes they are wearing.

In an attempt to provide as many children as possible with a tangible object that is theirs alone, we're asking each of you to consider becoming part of our team as we reach our goal of creating 40 to 50 blankets for these children who are entering foster care.

We are in need both of fleece and of people to tie the blankets. For each blanket, two coordinating pieces of fleece, 45 inches square, is needed. Anyone wishing to contribute material is asked to purchase 2 pieces (1 1/4 yards long), wash the fabric in cold water, and trim it to 45 inches by 45 inches. There will be a container in the atrium starting May 1. Please place your fabric there by May 8 so we know how much additional fleece to buy. Monetary contributions for the purchase of additional fabric is also welcome.

Everyone in the congregation is invited to a "time for tying" on Saturday morning, May 14 in the social hall. We will meet from 9 - 12 (come whenever it's convenient for you). Coffee, tea, juice, milk and breakfast pastries will be provided. No experience is necessary - you just need to be able to tie a knot!

Please join us in showing our love to these children.

~ Jane Hallman / Bdecan Mission Team

## Is there a graduate in your house?



In the June issue of the Good News we'll list our high school and college graduates of 2016.

If you or your child will be graduating, or graduated mid-year, please let us know by calling the church office (282-1618) or e-mailing us (fpc\_carol@hotmail.com).

We will honor our graduates during worship on Sunday, June 5 and at a reception sponsored by the Christian Education Committee following the service. Come wish our graduates well!




## Ministry of Music

Lee Afdahl, Director of Music  
Katie Kruger, Director of First Players,  
Cherub and Calvin Choirs

O music ... thou hast taught us to see with our ears  
and hear with our hearts.

(Kahlil Gibran)

 <b>Singing and ringing schedule for May</b>			
	8:30	11:00	Both
May 1	Chancel Choir	Calvin Choir	Alleluia Rngers
May 8	Chancel Choir	Cherub Choir	Joyous Praise
May 15	Chancel Choir	Special music	Jubilate Deo
May 22	Chancel Choir	Calvin Choir	
May 29	<b>Summer schedule begins May 29</b> <b>One service at 9:30 a.m.</b> Chancel Choir		

## VBS volunteers are needed

Vacation Bible School is coming to FPC June 13-17 and we need your help. Decorators, skit actors, traffic directors, leaders for snacks, crafts, lessons, games and stores, and more are all needed ... there's a job for everyone's interest and talent. Have some fun with this great ministry to our community. To sign up or ask questions, contact **Rick Morris** (morris.rick@fpcrochester.org). An info session will be Sunday, May 1 at noon.

VBS goes from 9 a.m. to noon each day and is open to all children currently in the preK class through 5th grade. This year's theme is "Abundance Orchard: where faith grows and the hungry are fed."

~ Rick Morris / Coordinator Youth and Christian Education

## Priscilla Circle dedicates American flag in memory of Tom Hosier

On April 20 Priscilla Circle dedicated a new flag in the atrium in memory of **Tom Hosier**. Tom was instrumental in recognizing veterans and maintaining the history of our country. Circle members felt placing an American flag in the church would be an appropriate remembrance to honor Tom and all veterans. Tom's wife, **Jan**, is a member of Priscilla Circle.

~ Connie Polk / Priscilla Circle

## FPC goes to the park in July

On Sunday, July 17, we will have our church service at 10:30 a.m. at Essex Park (off 55th Street NW) followed by a picnic and games. The Welcoming and Nurturing Committee will provide burgers, hot dogs, plates/utensils and beverages. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share.

~ Gayle Jones / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

## Adult Education opportunities conclude year on May 22

### Adult education ~ Sundays / 9:40-10:40 a.m.

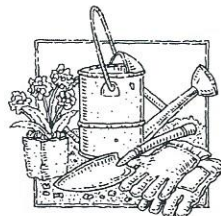
Members have asked for in-depth studies and here are several great opportunities covering a wide variety of topics and interests!

<b>Bible Study (South Fireside)</b> <i>Kerygma</i>	The Kerygma Class will continue its study of the Gospel of <i>Matthew</i> . The class is led by <b>Jane Goodfriend</b> and <b>Ruth Walts</b> .
<b>Current Issues (Lounge)</b>	May 1 <i>Current Events</i> (Tim Zetzsche) May 8 <i>Ripped from the Headlines</i> May 15 <i>Current Events</i> (Tim Zetzsche) May 22 <i>Ripped from the Headlines</i> (Last class of this program year.) <b>See you in September!</b> The Current Issues discussion is led by <b>Al Depman</b> .
<b>Parenting Class (A-101)</b> <i>Grace-Based Parenting</i>	For parents, grandparents, and parental figures, the class will continue its study titled <i>Building Character</i> . The study is facilitated by <b>Ariel Boswell</b> and <b>Lucinda Clements</b> .

### Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-8:00 p.m.

<b>Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)</b>	May 4 <i>Short books in the Bible</i> (Mark Mueller) May 11 <i>Are you stuck spiritually?</i> Al Depman) May 18 <i>How to abide in Jesus</i> (Al Depman) May 25 No Bible study Wednesday programs are over for the year, but the Bible Study will continue on an every-other-week schedule beginning June 1 and through the summer. The Bible Study is led by <b>Al Depman</b> .
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## Calling all gardeners: we need your help watering the flowers



With the coming of spring, 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@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.

~ Judy Felten / Master Gardener

## Mission dollars serve needs around the world

In April the Mission Committee, on your behalf, dealt with issues of self-development, education, medical assistance, and disaster relief. Each of the following projects received \$1000 from our mission funds.

**The Cooperative Development Project** helps 68 communities and 1400 farmers in the Leogane area of Haiti to improve lives through agriculture. Because of deforestation, the first task was to reforest the area to make agriculture possible. Sixteen million trees have been planted, and since then 1990 contour ditches have been dug to prevent erosion. Cisterns have been installed as well as 30 fish ponds. Current needs are for a sawmill and education and leadership development.

**Forman Christian College, Lahore, Pakistan.** Last year we supported the building of the Light of Hope School, an on-campus elementary school for children of their lower staff. It opened with 180 students, Grades K-5. Now they want to expand the school to Grade 10, which will double enrollment. Two floors will be added to house the extra classrooms. Forman is only two miles from the site of the bomb blast on Easter Sunday, killing 70 people. Essential security measures were updated this year, including new campus-wide infrared cameras, parking lot lights, biometric identification cards and entrance turnstiles.

**Ministry of Hope, Malawi.** Malawi has been experiencing its worst food crisis since the famine of 2002. Over two million people face a severe food shortage because of the current famine. Gifts from churches and individuals have allowed the Ministry of Hope to provide one meal a day for the 2400 orphans it cares for as well as distributing food to vulnerable families in the villages. These include 1772 households headed by orphans, widows, and those with disabilities or HIV/AIDS.

**Christian Mission Hospital, Rajshahi, Bangladesh.** Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan have worked for 22 years with Santals in this area. Most Santals do not own their own land but instead work as daily laborers in the surrounding rice fields. Earning about \$1.50 a day, they live in mud-walled homes with dirt floors and tin roofs and cook on mud stoves molded over small pits in the ground. Many Santals cannot afford basic health care so Les runs a small clinic in the villages and visits the sick in their homes. The Church of Bangladesh is setting up a program to advocate for health care access for the Santal people. The PCUSA supports this outreach and helps Santals receive care at the Christian Mission Hospital through contributions to a medical assistance fund.

**An update on the Syrian Refugee situation:** The National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL) began the Educational Ministry for Syrian Refugees Project to help reduce illiteracy among Syrian refugees, beginning with those living in the Bekaa region. They have begun with two schools, one in the village of Kib Elias, the other in Reyak. A third in the area of Minyara will be open this spring, followed by a school in Tyre. These will serve 250 Syrian refugee children.

~ Mission Committee/Sylvia Swede

## Sitter Service scores another success, looks forward to May 13

We had our second night for Sitter Service on April 8 with 10 kids and 13 volunteers. Thanks to **Jay and Britta Youmans, Susanna Stone, Allyson Maurer, Marylynn Aalderks, Otis Laurberg, Bev and Dave Lewis, Sylvia Swede, Marcia Dollerschell, Jean Abels and Dee Tiedeman** for sharing their time, energy and love with the children. We enjoyed games, puzzles, movies and a snack. A special thanks goes to **Don and Cherie Hann** for donating a large flat screen TV and to **Dave Kerr** for donating a DVD player and setting up the system.

On May 13, we will have our last Sitter Service night until after summer break (starting again on September 9). Hours are 6-10 p.m. Sign up on May 8 after each worship service or in the church office until Tuesday, May 10. Volunteers on our sign-up list will be notified when to sign up by Signup Genius.

~ Gayle Jones / Sitter Service coordinator

from the FPC Parish Nursing program

## Put a "Spring" in your step



Spring and summer are coming to Minnesota, snow showers to the contrary. Now is the time to get active and get outside. May is National Physical Fitness and Sports month.

Physical activity has so many benefits, lowering our risk of cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and helping with depression. In addition, sports activities can provide a social outlet. Whether going on the walks sponsored by church, walking the dog, working out at the gym, or doing an exercise video, there are thousands of opportunities in our community.

1. **Gyms** - there are so many in our community that it is impossible to list! There is a gym for every price range and work-out preference, so look around. Bonus - a gym gives you a place to work out in the winter!
2. **Bike trails** - whether biking, running, walking or rollerblading, there are miles and miles of trails around Rochester. Go exploring!
3. **Sports Leagues** - whatever sport or activity you're into (Soccer? Flag football? Sand volleyball?) there is probably a league or venue in the area through the city or local independent organizations. Get competitive!
4. **Local Parks** - Essex Park, Chester Woods, Quarry Hill and Willow Creek Reservoir are a few great nearby hiking locales!
5. **Destination Exercise** - Are you ready for a little expedition? Whitewater State Park, the Root River State Trail and Myre-Big Island State Park are all worthy hiking opportunities a moderate drive away!

So try something new this spring. Gather the family, explore a new place or activity, and get out there and move!

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing coordinator

# Officers and Committee members for 2016

4/12/16

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

Director of Music: Lee J. Afdahl  
Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education: Rick L. Morris

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## Committee Key:

Sessional members  
Congregational members  
Staff personnel

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## Building/Grounds Committee

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

## Education/Youth Committee

Dan Wentz (Lead Elder)  
Mark Mueller  
Julie Doppler  
Lea Jennings  
Conor Jones  
Jean Marvin  
Susan McClocklin  
Cindy Pauley  
Marion Pitts  
Margie Schaaf  
Rick Morris  
Jay Rowland

## Mission Committee

Eileen Hay (Lead Elder)  
Fabian Luna  
Marylynn Aalderks  
Chris Boswell  
Douglas (Rusty) Brown  
Jon Closson  
LaDonna Fay  
Dwight Jones  
Phyllis Schmid  
Sylvia Swede  
Britta Youmans  
T.J. Parlette

## Personnel/Administration Committee

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

## Social Concerns Committee

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

## Stewardship/Finance Committee

Jackie Moen (Lead Elder)  
Ken Boyer  
Carol Evans  
T.J. Parlette

## Welcoming/Nurturing Committee

Gayle Jones (Lead Elder)  
Jane Murl  
Jean Abels  
Lucinda Clements  
Holly Ebel  
Carrie Elder  
Rob Elder  
Lowell Meyer  
Patti Meyer  
Jay Rowland

## Worship/Music Committee

Paul Steger (Lead Elder)  
Sharon Nichols  
Judy Felten (Chancel Gld Liaison)  
Jodi Hruska  
James Sessler  
Judy Smithson  
Melody Tiedeman  
Lee Afdahl  
T.J. Parlette

## Endowment Committee

(Special committee of Session)

Jay Beck (Lead Elder)  
Jackie Moen  
Ken Boyer  
Robert Sixta  
Charles Coddington  
James Talen  
Carol Evans  
T. J. Parlette

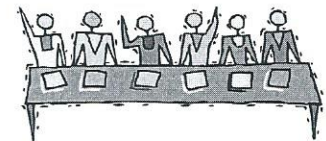
## Nominating Committee

(Committee of the congregation)

Gayle Jones (Elder/moderator)  
Jane Murl  
Jeremy Braun  
Cindy Kunzman  
Ron Kreinbring  
Wendy Shannon  
Laura Smith  
Neil Shepard (Deacon Representative)

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*

Circles always welcome visitors and new members! Join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

*Esther Circle:* Monday, May 16 at noon at the home of **Barb Boyer** for its annual picnic. Please bring a salad, hot dish or dessert to pass. Beverages will be provided. Cohostess: **Sandy Carroll**. Devotions: **Marcia Dollerschell**. Meet at the church at 11:30 to carpool as parking is limited at Boyers'.

*Priscilla Circle:* May 18 at 11 a.m. for a Salad Luncheon at the home of **Terry Narr** (1911 Oak Knoll Lane NW). Cohostess: **Connie Polk**. Devotions: **Sally Brooks**. Project: Paper products for Ronald McDonald House.

*Ruth Circle:* Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. in the lounge. Hostesses: **Lynn Postier** and **Gretchen Sandvik**. Devotions: **Lonnie Martin**. Bible Study: **Phyllis Schmid** (Lesson #9 in the study "Come to the Waters.")

*Prayer Shawl group:* Thursday, May 12 at 1 p.m. in the lounge. All knitters and crocheters are welcome! If you know someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl, please contact **Susie McClocklin** (288-7772).

## May is FPC's month to provide supplies for Ronald McDonald House

*May is FPC's month to provide paper products and other needed items for Ronald McDonald House. A list of needed items and a box in which to put your contributions are in the foyer. To make your shopping easier, you can also download the Wish List from the House's website - [rmhmn.org](http://rmhmn.org). Donations of Wish List items save the House thousands of dollars each year. Because of your generosity, families are provided with the comforts of home in their times of need.*

*The mission of the Ronald McDonald House is to provide a home-away-from-home and give support to families seeking medical care for their children. In 2013, 986 families called the House their home for varying lengths of time. Families came from 43 states and 12 different countries.*

*Thanks for your help!*

### Save this date!

The annual Medical Missions Coffee will be held June 29 at the home of **Terry Narr**. **Marylynn Aalderks** will speak about mission work in Guatemala. **Jean Marvin** is the organizer. Please let Jean know if you can help that day (setting up, serving, or clean-up)

## Church Family News

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Robert and Cynthia Sannes** who will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary May 15.

Congratulations to **Robert and Ann Groover** who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary May 23.

Congratulations to **Thomas and Kiyomi Takekawa** who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary May 23.

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Lonnie Martin** who will celebrate her 92nd birthday May 10.

Happy Birthday to **Melvin Hicks** who will celebrate his 90th birthday May 29.

Happy Birthday to **Helen Hill** who will celebrate her 101st birthday May 31.

### Death

We extend our condolences to **Joan Jarett** on the death of her husband, **Robert J. Jarett**, March 30.

### Wedding

Congratulations to **James and Patricia (Keith) Talen** who were married in our sanctuary April 2.

## Crafter's Alert: Group changes meeting date to May 11



The Crafters will meet one week earlier than usual in May, on Wednesday, May 11 at 3 p.m.

Come join us for fellowship, laughter, and card making. All supplies are provided for the cards. The fellowship and laughter are a joint contribution from all those attending! Call **Mary Huie** with any questions.

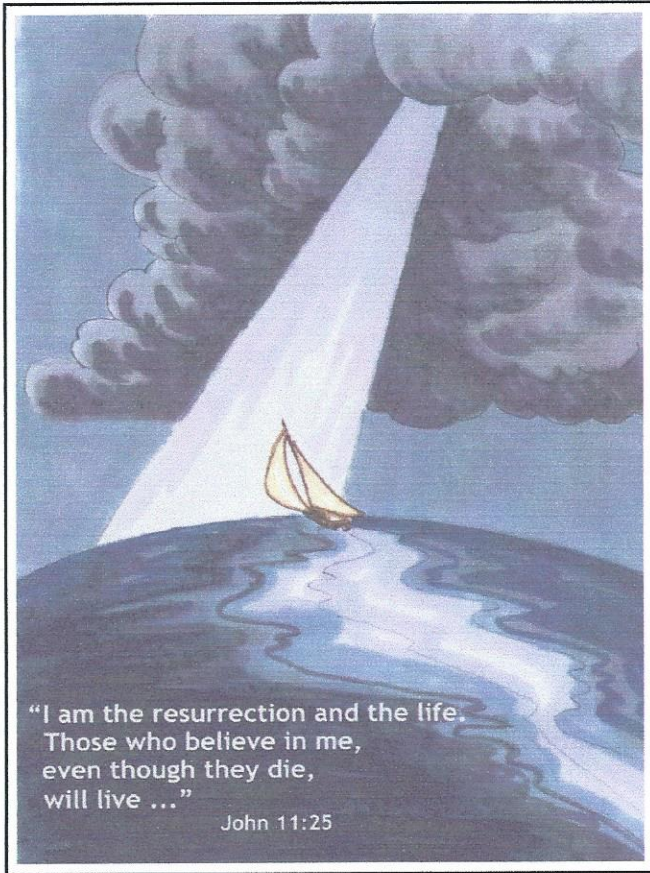
~ *Mary Huie* (282-9712) / *Crafters coordinator*

## What do these people have in common?

*Doppler Family; Sally Evans; Diane Grill; Sue and Gary Kruger; Rick Morris and the Youth Group; T. J. Parlette; Gabe, Kristen, Maddie and Ryan Perkins; Margie Schaaf; Yamei Wang; and Christian Education Committee*

A very diverse group. Yes? But if you come to Wednesday suppers at church you know they're the "cooks of the year." Some of them have helped, planned, cooked, and cleaned up for one meal and some for several meals. The menus have been varied and all the meals delicious. *Casey and Lucinda Clements* had planned to serve a meal that was snowed out at the last minute.

Thanks, folks! We appreciate you very much!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Communion Alleluia Rngs rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:30 AM Blood Pressure/Parish Nursing 11:00 AM Calvin Choir sings 12:00 PM VBS info mtg	<b>2</b> FPC@Community Food Response	<b>3</b> Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Deacons/Lounge	<b>4</b> Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 5:45 PM Supper 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>5</b> Ascension of the Lord 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> First Players May Mayhem
<b>8</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Joyous Praise rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 11:00 AM Cherub Choir sings	<b>9</b> Pick up Pictorial Directory in church office	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 4:00 PM Presbytery/First Presbyterian/Stillwater 7:15 PM FOM Cmte	<b>11</b> Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual 3:00 PM Crafters Group 5:45 PM Supper 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>12</b> 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir <b>Volunteers help move kitchen (5/12-20)</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 PM Sitter Service (6-10 p.m.)	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM B&G WorkDay 9:00 AM Bdecan blanket project
<b>15</b> <b>Pentecost &amp; Offering</b> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Jubilate Deo (both) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 2:00 PM AGO student recital	<b>16</b> Newsletter items due 12:00 PM Esther Circle potluck	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	<b>18</b> Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual 11:00 AM Priscilla Circle brunch 5:45 PM Supper 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM Jubilate Deo picnic (tentative) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir <b>Volunteers help move kitchen (5/12-20)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Ruth Circle
<b>22</b> <b>Celebration Sunday</b> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:45 AM Time to Celebrate 11:00 AM Calvin Choir sings	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30 AM Staff meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM Chancel Choir picnic	<b>27</b> Mail newsletter	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 AM Chancel Choir sings	<b>30</b> Memorial Day (Observed) <b>No school/Memorial D...</b> <b>Church closed</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	<b>Sunday school schedule</b> May 1, 8, 15, 22 Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school / all ages at 9:40 a.m. Calvin Choir at 9:40 a.m. Cherub Choir at 10:20 a.m.		<b>Wednesday youth schedule / May 4,11,18</b> 4:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5) 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 6-12) 5:45 p.m. Supper 6:15 p.m. Middle/High School youth 7:15 p.m. Joyous Praise bells (grades 6-12)	
<b>Don't try to be different. Just try to be good. To be good is different enough. (Arthur Freed)</b>						