

The Good News

of First Presbyterian Church for May 2017

"Praise the Lord, O my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live."

Psalm 146.2 [NIV]

Faith in Action

Forums@First presents program on "Menneskebiblioteket"

For anyone and everyone that correctly pronounces and defines this 19-letter word, a free donut will be available at the next Sunday morning service. And for those who might not know the pronunciation and definition of the Danish word, it means "Human Library." And for those who don't fully understand "Human Library," please read on.

"Human Library" was developed in Copenhagen in the spring of 2000 as a project for Roskilde Festival (Northern Europe's largest summer festival) by two brothers and some colleagues. The youngsters initiated the project after a mutual friend was stabbed in 1993. To raise awareness and use peer group education to mobilize Danish youngsters against violence, the group was first called 'Stop the Violence.'

In a few years the organization had 30,000 members. Soon it progressed to something much greater. Policemen were soon visiting with graffiti writers; politicians were visiting with youth activists; a football fan was visiting with a feminist. It was a win-win situation and has been ever since. Today it has been presented in more than 70 countries.

On May 30 (6:30 p.m.), the spring "Forums@First" will feature a Human Library Lite at F.P.C. It will give everyone from the community an opportunity to see what a Human Library is like, how it functions, and the chance to meet some "Human Books." The "Human Books" could be a bipolar person; an ADHD individual; or someone who is deaf/blind; a PTSD soldier; a homeless person; someone who may have been molested; a Muslim; an addict; someone with HIV; someone unemployed; someone who is autistic; a brain-damaged person; a young single parent; etc. The May 30 Forum will have a few "books" available for everyone to interact with after a brief presentation on what a Human Library is.

If you enjoy reading about others and want to learn more about others, this will give you a great opportunity to have a meaningful interaction with someone(s) that is eager to share their lives with you. We hope to see you there:

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

6:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

(We may even have a few Danishes, i.e., the pastry, that is).

~ Ken Aalderks / Social Concerns Committee

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

Several years ago we asked the congregation 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 worshiped 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. the last two summers. Services will be at the same time this summer! The 9:30 a.m. hour will go from Memorial Day Sunday (May 28) through Labor Day Sunday (September 3).

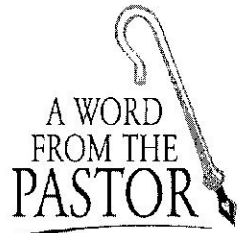
The nursery will be staffed from 9:15-11 a.m. and Kids Zone for children through third grade will be offered during the service. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them in worship for the entire hour. Coffee and donuts will be available at 9 a.m. before the service and again after the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



Come celebrate with us Sunday, May 21

On Sunday, May 21 from 9:45-10:45 a.m., everyone is invited to come on down to the Activities Center 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 2017

I came across an article recently in the April/May issue of Presbyterians Today. It appears near the back page and is written by Vernon Broyles III, a volunteer for public witness in the PC(USA)'s Office of the General Assembly. He asks some important questions and raises some good points. I'd like to share it with you...

Faith vs. fear

Biblical mandate trumps worries about 'outsiders'

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. - Leviticus 19:33-34.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. - Hebrews 13:2

Recent events compel me to ask some important questions. The message the Bible gives us about how to treat strangers is the same over and over again. How many times must we hear it? How many times will we stop up our ears? How many times will we recoil in fear at those who are different?

How many times will we confirm the cynicism of the atheist by declaring loudly that we love Jesus and worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but then turn away the children of Abraham and Hagar? How often can we say we believe in the God our Scripture claims is the father of us all, and turn away "outsiders" as if they are not God's children too? How can we who claim to love Jesus heed the voices of those among us whose rhetoric consigns people of other faiths to eternal damnation or rejects them as unworthy to be our fellow citizens?

In the face of these realities, how shall we, in response to God's clear mandate to show hospitality to the stranger, resist the fearful, racist, ungodly attacks that are being visited on so many who come seeking shelter on our shores?

The apostle Paul is very clear that as Christians, we are to be obedient to the civil authorities. He writes in Romans that the authorities are God's servants for our good. Our Presbyterian heritage calls us to that obedience; but it also calls us to faithful resistance when the authorities no longer respect the image of God in people.

Each of us has to determine God's will for our lives, including discerning when to be obedient to the civil authorities and when to resist, knowing that resistance ordinarily carries a penalty. Still, it is one thing to resist or submit when we are the ones at risk and another when we see some of God's children being slandered or abused.

In the mid-1930's the German Protestant churches struggled with how to respond to growing authoritarianism. Some conformed and remained silent; others resisted. One of the most poignant testimonies is from pastor Martin Niemoller of the German Confessing Church:

- "First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Socialist.
- Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Trade Unionist.
- Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew.
- Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak for me."

Christ is risen! He has risen indeed! He awaits our response.

Something worth thinking about.

Peace, T. J.

Financial Statement / March 2017

General Operating Budget

Balance (2/28/17)	\$ 74,766.63
Receipts (March)	+ 103,661.94
Disbursements (March)	- 59,335.27
Balance (3/31/17)	\$ 119,093.30



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The Good News is published the first of each month for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church (FPC).

The newsletter tells the story of the church, promotes its programs, and publicizes opportunities to live out one's faith.

Deadline for submission of material is the fifteenth of the preceding month.

Church Staff

- Pastor: Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette
- Associate Pastor: Jay P. Rowland
- Director of Music: Lee J. Afdahl
- Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education: Rick L. Morris
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- Child Care Workers: Kelly Bock, Woo-Jung Ra, 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. (May 7,14,21)
Sunday service of worship at 9:30 a.m. (May 28)
Education classes: Sundays at 9:40 a.m. through May 21
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.

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, June 4, 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!

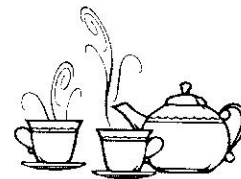
Is there a graduate in your house?



In the June issue of the Good News we'll list our high school and college graduates of 2017.

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 4 and at a reception sponsored by the Christian Education Committee following the service. Come wish our graduates well!



MOTHER-DAUGHTER
TEA-TEATEA!

Plan now to attend Mother/Daughter Tea May 13

Please join us for our Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, May 13 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the social hall. If you don't have a mother or daughter feel free to bring a grandmother, sister, aunt, girlfriend, or granddaughter etc. Space is limited to 64. Sign up will begin Sunday, April 30 and May 7 and in the office by Wednesday, May 10.

Dress up is encouraged (hats and gloves) but not mandatory. We will have a program about women in the Bible and a dress up corner for the girls. Light tea snacks will be served.

We encourage you to bring a favorite teapot to be displayed. Include a small card/sign with your name and a brief description of your teapot (history, why is it a favorite, where it came from). It will be a fun and festive afternoon for all who attend.

We are also asking for donations of girls' and women's hats and gloves (to be donated or borrowed/returned) to be brought to the church starting Tuesday, April 18. A donation bin will be in the foyer.

We will be recruiting dads and men to help serve at the tea.

Please contact **Jane Murl (529-13148)**, Welcoming and Nurturing Committee, with any questions. See you there!

Willing recipients

A young graduate longed for a certain sports car and knew his dad could afford it. So on the big day, he was infuriated to receive instead a leather-bound, embossed Bible. He threw it down and left for good.

Years later, after his father died, the son entered his father's study with sorrow and regret. Sorting through belongings, he found the gift and this highlighted verse: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:11, ESV). Suddenly something dropped from the back of the Bible: a key with a tag from the dealer of the car he'd wanted long ago. On the tag was his graduation date and the words "Paid in Full."

How often we miss out on God's generous gifts because they come "packaged" differently than we expect! At graduation — and throughout life — may we be open to every gift God bestows on us with a Father's deep love.


~ NewsletterNewsletter / May 2017



Ministry of Music

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

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

 Singing and ringing schedule for May			
	8:30	11:00	Both
May 7	Chancel Choir	Cherub Choir	Alleluia Rngs
May 14	Chancel Choir		Joyous Praise
	May 18 / Thursday • Jubilate Deo WILL rehearse followed by an end-of-year picnic. • NO rehearsal for Chancel Choir		
May 21	Chancel Choir	Calvin Choir	Jubilate Deo
	May 25 / Thursday • NO rehearsal for Jubilate Deo • Chancel Choir will have an end-of-year picnic at the home of Michael and Lucinda Cutrer at 6:30 p.m.		
May 28	Summer schedule begins May 28 One service at 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir		

Mission Team returns to Spirit Lake Indian Reservation

This summer First Presbyterian Church's Mission Committee will again be sending a team to Bdecan Presbyterian Church on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation.

Vacation Bible School will be held Wednesday - Friday, July 12, 13, and 14. The over-all theme will be "Covenant with God." Each day we'll focus on one Bible story, including Noah, Moses and prayer.

On Saturday, June 15 we will help with a 5K fundraiser to support the Bdecan mission program and on Sunday we will worship at the Bdecan church and return home.

Wee Care, Wee Hope, Wee Help donations for newborn babies

In addition, in June we will be gathering baby items to be donated to Spirit Lake social services to provide sleepers, onesies, tiny socks, rattles, baby shampoo and other needed items for newborn babies entering the foster program. We are calling this our *Wee Care, Wee Hope, Wee Help* program. There will be a donation box in the atrium. If you would rather provide support for this program by donating money, please make your check to First Presbyterian Church with "baby program" on the memo line. Last year's donated funds were very useful in supplementing the donated items and to purchase diapers.

~ Marylynn Aalderks / Bdecan Mission Team

Opportunities abound for adult study, discussion

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!

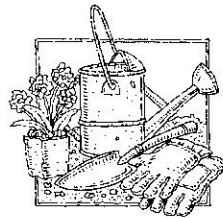
Bible Study (South Fireside) <i>Kerygma</i>	The Kerygma Class will continue their study of the Gospel of <i>Matthew</i> . The class is led by Jane Goodfriend and Ruth Walts.
Current Issues (Lounge)	<i>Current Events: the Pros and Cons</i> is the overall theme for the 2016-2017 year. May 21 is the last class of this program year. See you in September! The Current Issues discussion is led by Al Depman.
Parenting Support Group (Social Hall)	The Parent Support Group has completed its discussions for this year. Stay tuned in the fall for more information on next year's schedule. Ariel Boswell and Lucinda Clements.

Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)	May 3, 10, 17, 24 Topic: <i>The Apostle's Creed</i> May 31 No Bible study Wednesday programs are over for the year, but the Bible Study will continue on an every-other-week schedule beginning June 14 and through the summer. The Bible study is led by Al Depman.
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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

NEWS FROM CAMP

Clearwater Forest

It may still be chilly outside, but camp is right around the corner! Clearwater Forest offers camp experiences for those entering third through recent graduates and more! With a wide variety of programs centered on the theme "Branching Out: Courage in Community," there is sure to be something for everyone this summer! Below are a few highlighted camps.

DISCOVERY CAMPS: These camps offer all the essentials of a fantastic week for our grade school campers! From making new friends, getting active in the outdoors, and experiencing the compassionate leadership of caring cabin counselors, children ages 8-11 (entering grades 3-6) will discover an amazing week! In terms of weeklong programs, we offer five traditional weeks and one week of the environmentally focused ECO Camp. For young campers and those who are unsure about spending an entire week away from home, we offer First Timers Camp, a 3-night program.

JUNIOR HIGH CAMPS: These camps offer incredible experiences for youth entering grades 7-9 including opportunities to grow and try new things. Our traditional weeks are packed with activities to ensure a life-changing experiences and memories that will last a lifetime. Sailing Camp, Pedal, Paddle, Climb Camp, and a Boundary Waters Canoe Trip are sure to be huge hits for those wanting something more adventurous than our traditional programming. Also this year, we are offering ECO Camp for those interested in a more environmentally focused camp.

SENIOR HIGH CAMPS: Senior high camps (Grades 9-13) offer the most variety in programs, and are designed for experienced campers and newcomers alike! We have SIX programs designed for campers entering ninth grade to recent graduates! These include traditional Senior High Camps, Two-Week Camp (for those who can't get enough), Beach Camp and Sailing Camp (for those who like relaxed schedules and lots of time on the water), Endless (our biggest camp of the summer), and our brand new Servant and Leadership Training Camp (SALT). The SALT Program is a great opportunity for campers to learn leadership techniques in a Christian camp setting, and especially great for those looking to see some behind-the-scenes elements of serving at Clearwater Forest. Campers interested in the SALT Program must be entering 11th grade, 12th grade, or have just graduated. There is an application process for this program. These Senior High camps, especially Endless, WILL FILL UP.

For more information about these and other programs happening this summer at Clearwater Forest, go to www.clearwaterforest.org!

from the FPC Parish Nursing program

May: Sunproof your Skin

May is skin cancer awareness and prevention month. As the sun emerges and we begin to spend time outside, it's important to remember to protect our skin and watch out for skin changes that could be concerning. When looking at your skin, watch out for the ABCDEs of skin cancer - Asymmetric, Borders that are rough or irregular, Color that is unusual or varies, Diameter bigger than a pencil eraser, or an Evolving, growing mole. If you notice these signs in a spot, get an appointment to have your provider examine it!



To prevent skin cancer, here are a few tips:

- 1) Avoid tanning and tanning beds! Tanning may cause more cancer than smoking!
- 2) Wear sunscreen when you're outside, and reapply frequently. Even people blessed with a dark complexion need sunscreen.
- 3) Wear sun-protective clothing, hats, and sunglasses.
- 4) Seek shade, especially during the peak of the sun's UV activity between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- 5) If you do notice a spot you're concerned about, you may need a punch or shave biopsy to tell what's going on. Catching skin cancer early can prevent a lot of trouble down the road. Enjoy the nice weather, but don't forget to protect your skin!

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing Advisory Council



Officers and Committee members for 2017

4/20/17

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Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education: Rick L. Morris

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Congregational members
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(Special committee of Session)

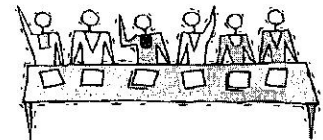
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(Committee of the congregation)

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Gregg Erickson
Cindy Kunzman
Ruth Saling
Rosie Lund (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: May 15 at noon at the home of **Barb Boyer** with **Sandy Carroll** and **Margie Schaaf** as co-hostesses. Please bring a salad, hot dish, or dessert. Beverages will be provided. Meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. to carpool. (Note change of time from usual meeting.)

Priscilla Circle: May 17 at 11 a.m. for a Potluck Salad Luncheon at the home of **Bev Lewis**. Cohostess: **Jan Hosier**. Project: Supplies for Ronald McDonald House.

Ruth Circle: May 20 at 10 a.m. in the south fireside room. Please note change of location. The door will be open on the half circle drive to the lower level. Hostesses: **Mary Huie** and **Phyllis Schmid**. Program: **Phyllis Schmid** (The final lesson (#9) in the Bible study "Who Is Jesus?")

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Join us Thursday, May 11 at 1 p.m. in the lounge for an afternoon of knitting, crocheting and fellowship! Contact **Elizabeth Remfert** (269-5272) or **Susie McClocklin** (288-7772) for more information.

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. 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 July 26 from 1-3 p.m. at the home of **Bev Lewis**.

Sunday schedule

May 7, 14, 21
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.

Wednesday youth schedule / May 3, 10, 17

4:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
5:45 p.m. Middle and High School youth
7:00 p.m. Joyous Praise bells (intergenerational)

Church Family News

Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Robert** and **Cynthia Sannes** who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary May 15.

Congratulations to **Robert** and **Ann Groover** who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary May 23.

Congratulations to **Thomas** and **Kiyomi Takekawa** who will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary May 23.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Lonnie Martin** who will celebrate her 93rd birthday May 10.

Happy Birthday to **Melvin Hicks** who will celebrate his 91st birthday May 29.

Crafters Group welcomes young and old!

The Crafter's Group will meet at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17. Join us for fellowship and fun as we make cards for our C.A.R.E. members. We'd love to have you join us! All card making supplies are provided. Contact **Mary Huie** (282-9712) with any questions.

~ Mary Huie (282-9712) /
Crafters coordinator

Many hands make light work!

It's Rummage Sale time; donations and help are needed



This year the annual P.W. rummage sale will be Saturday, May 20. Donations of good quality clothing, books, furniture, toys, and household miscellaneous can be brought to the church beginning Monday, May 8.

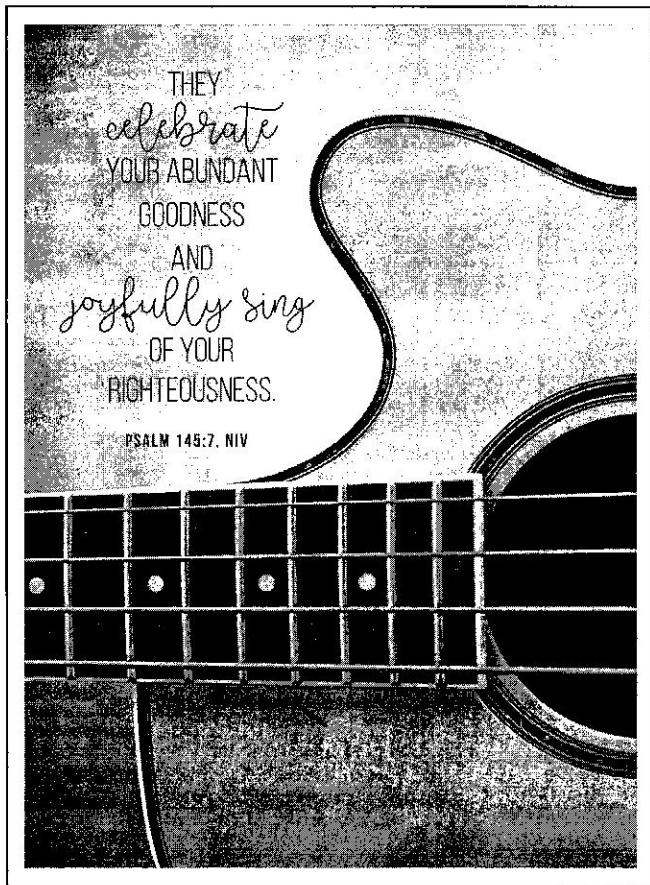
Note that we cannot accept computers, microwaves, TVs or large exercise equipment.

If you need to have items picked up, please contact **Sally Brooks** (281-5802) or **Judy Kruesel** (250-5128).

Besides your wonderful, quality and interesting donations, many helpers will be needed beginning May 15 to sort and set up the sale. Please mark your calendars to volunteer for this fun project! Come when you can.

Saturday will require sales staff in the atrium, lower level, and Boutique. A Clean-up Crew will be needed at 2 p.m. We are looking for co-chairs to coordinate the general (lower level) sale! Contact **Judy** or **Sally** to volunteer.

~ Judy Kruesel and Sally Brooks / coordinators



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 FPC@Community Food Response	2 Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside	3 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	4 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	5	6
7 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Communion Alleluia Rngs rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 9:30 AM Blood Pressure/Parish Nursing 11:00 AM Cherub Choir sings	8	9 9:30 AM Staff meeting 4:00 PM Presbytery/FPC Rochester	10 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Kitchen Guild 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	11 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	12 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	13 2:00 PM Mother/Daughter Tea/W&N Cmte
Bring items for Rummage Sale starting May 8						
14 Mother's Day Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Joyous Praise rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings	15 Newsletter items due Real Estate taxes due 12:00 PM Esther Circle potluck	16 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm 7:15 PM FOM Cmte/north fireside	17 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 11:00 AM Priscilla Circle brunch 3:00 PM Crafters Group/SHall 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	18 NO Chancel Choir 6:15 PM Jubilate Deo rehearse and picnic	19	20 8:00 AM Rummage Sale (8 a.m.-1 p.m.) 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 1:00 PM Rummage Sale (1/2-price & bag sale) 2:00 PM Rummage Sale cleanup
Bring items for Rummage Sale starting May 8						
21 Celebration Sunday Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Jubilate Deo (both) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 10:00 AM Time to Celebrate 11:00 AM Calvin Choir sings	22	23 9:30 AM Staff meeting	24 FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	25 Ascension of the Lord 6:30 PM Chancel Choir picnic	26	27
Treat each person as if their heart were breaking. More often than not you will be right. (David Weedmark)						
28 Worship - 9:30 a.m. 9:30 AM Chancel Choir sings	29 Memorial Day (Observed) <u>No school/Memorial D.</u> Church closed	30 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild 7:00 PM Forums@First on "Human Library"	31 FPC@Friendship Place	See page 7 for Sunday and Wednesday schedules for May.		