

The Good News

of First Presbyterian Church

for May 2019

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.”
(Psalm 23.6 [NRSV])

Director of Music Search Committee reports on progress

Hello People of the Church:

The search for our next Director of Music continues to progress and we are moving closer to finding the right person for the position. The committee recently met with promising candidates, learning more about them and giving them an opportunity to learn more about our church and the community.

The interviewing process and suggestions from outside consultants led us to examine our position and similar church music compensation packets. We have become much more aware of the adjustments we will need to consider, as the interviews move to the stage where we can consider making employment offers. Participating in the process makes one much more aware of the cost of necessities like health care, continuing education, and annual salary.

The function and importance of music in the life of the church and the quality of musicianship we are seeking will require us to make competitive employment offers. The search committee is now compiling and reviewing information from various sources to help us as we approach the financial stage of hiring a new Director.

Our interviews with candidates has been an extremely helpful step in solidifying what the committee believes works for our congregation. We continue to talk with references about the candidates, as part of the final steps, before making employment offers. Currently, I believe the committee is on track to complete our search process by the end of June with the candidate arriving in late July or August.

The search committee requests your continued prayers as we proceed with the search process. You would be extremely proud of the way the committee members have worked as a team to effectively manage the search.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

~ Dwight Jennings / Committee Chairperson



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 that summer.

In response to a number of requests, the Worship and Music Committee then reconsidered the options and chose to hold summer worship services at 9:30 a.m. Services will be at that same time this summer! The 9:30 a.m. hour will go from Memorial Day Sunday (May 26) through Labor Day Sunday (September 1).

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.



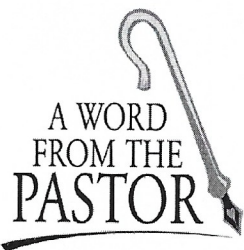
You are invited to Celebration Sunday May 19 at 9:45 a.m.

Please join us in the church social hall on Sunday, May 19 at 9:45 a.m. for Celebration Sunday. Everyone is welcome, and a special invitation is extended to all children who attended Sunday School or participated in choir or handbells.

This is a fun event where the youth music groups perform and where the church community can recognize all of those involved in the youth Sunday school programs.

Hope to see you there!

~ Susanna Stone /
Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education Ministries



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

May 2019

Recently we've been trying to upgrade our digital presence (website changes, Facebook content, text-in-church) and I would like to ask for your help.

If you had Googled "First Presbyterian Church" a couple of months ago, you would have found some strange and negative reviews that don't accurately reflect what our church community is like. Recently there has been an effort to raise our google review, and we've been able to raise our average to 4.4, as of this writing - a marked improvement.

As you know, many people coming into our community go to Google first to find what they're looking for. So I want to invite you to leave a Google review for First Presbyterian Church. Here's how to do that:

- Search "Presbyterian churches Rochester, Minnesota"
- Click on "First Presbyterian Church"
- Scroll down to the reviews, under the "4.4", click on "More Goggle Reviews"
- At that point, under the large "4.4." you will see 5 large stars. If you click on one (hopefully the 5 star) you'll be able to write a review.
- Please make sure to hit "Post" in the top right hand corner after you write a review.

Thanks so much for helping us raise our Google review score!

Peace, T. J.

Call for Sunday Morning Greeters

You, too, can provide a friendly face and greet old and new friends as they come to FPC on Sunday morning. It's also a great way for those serving on the session, deacons or nominating committee to meet the people they serve.

Options to sign up

- 1. Go to the church's web page (FPCRochester.org)**
Click on "members"
Enter password "members"
Click on "Sunday Morning Greeters"
Scroll down to calendar
Pick your week and service and click on "sign up"
(It won't show anything)
Go to bottom of page and click "Submit and Sign Up"
Fill in information,
click on "Sign up now" and you're good to greet!
- 2. OR the easiest way is to call or e-mail Al Dollerschell**
(aldoller@aol.com or 319-0535) and have him put you on his list. He will send you an e-mail with a direct link to SignUp Genius!

Thank you for greeting!

Stewardship Alive!

Time Management Tips

A general rule for the good use of time is to accustom oneself to live in a continual dependence on the Spirit of God, receiving from moment to moment whatever it pleases him to give us, referring to him at once in the doubts which we necessarily run into, turning to him in the weakness into which goodness slips from exhaustion, calling on him and lifting oneself to him, when the heart, swept away by material things, sees itself led imperceptibly off the path and finds itself forgetting and drifting away from God.

Happy the soul which ... never stops saying to itself a hundred times a day, "Lord, what wouldst thou that I should do? Teach me to perform thy holy will, for thou art my God."

~ François Fénelon

Financial Statement March 2019

General Operating Budget

Balance (3/1/19)	\$ 89,152.25
Receipts (March)	+60,251.98
Disbursements (March)	- 72,068.06
Balance (3/31/19)	\$ 77,336.17



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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	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	Vera Brooks, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn
Child Care Workers	Maria Aligno, Esther Lebron, Brenda Thorson
Newsletter Editor	Carol J. Evans
Parish Associates	Roger Ring, Carol Shaffer, James Walker

Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. (May 5, 12, 19)

Sunday service of worship at 9:30 a.m. (May 26)

Education classes: Sundays at 9:40 a.m. through May 19

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.

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.

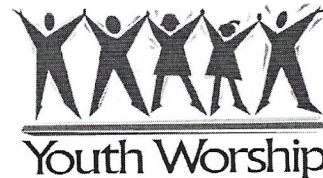
Last year our congregation was very generous in providing funds for winter clothing for the children of the Bdecan church. It is wonderful you did that because it was bitterly cold in northern North Dakota this winter, even colder than it was here. The warm winter clothing was much appreciated! Members also gathered and sent a wonderful amount of school supplies for the children.

This year, PW members sewed fleece book bags for the kids to use during VBS (and hopefully in the fall when school starts) and collected much needed hygiene items for the children from the reservation heading off to another year of residential school. Thank you!

In May we will be gathering school supplies and again asking for assistance with funding to purchase winter clothing for the Bdecan children as needed. Purchasing the clothing is supervised by Joe Obermeyer, the youth pastor, who has now become a Commissioned Lay Pastor after completing a two-year program.

A big THANK YOU to the members of FPC who have so generously supported this mission program!

~ Marylynn Aalderks /
coordinator of the Bdecan VBS program



Youth lead worship May 19

The FPC Youth Group has been planning an exciting and vibrant worship service as part of Youth Sunday on May 19. Join us at either 8:30 or 11 a.m. for the youth-led service as we make joyful noise to the Lord!

Upcoming events sponsored by Welcoming/Nurturing Committee

May Day Appreciation Gift

On May 5, we want to celebrate spring...and YOU!
Please pick up your gift after worship at either service.
The gift is a small planter with forget-me-not seeds that you can plant and grow at home.

Homecoming

Save the date! Homecoming Sunday will be October 13, 2019 after the second service. Welcoming and Nurturing will grill the main dish and we will ask folks to bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be presentations about our church history and folks will speak about how FPC is home to them. Stay tuned for more details!

Ideas and Feedback

We would love to hear any ideas you have to make FPC feel like home for you and for visitors and newcomers. Please contact any member of the committee.

Welcoming and Nurturing Committee:

Allyson Maurer (lead elder), Holly Ebel, Gregg Erickson, Jane Murl, Nicole Thoreson.

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 2019.

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).

Healing hospitality

Repeated headlines about violence can make us "feel like locking our doors and never entering society again," writes pastor and author Max Lucado. After another mass shooting, he penned an online opinion piece that urged people to do the exact opposite by opening their doors, their hearts and their circles.

"It's no accident that *hospitality* and *hospital* come from the same Latin word," Lucado writes, "for they both lead to the same result: healing. When you open your door to someone, you are sending this message: 'You matter.'"

Because daily life is filled with rejections, extending an invitation — even to a simple meal — can be life-altering, Lucado contends. What you think is a messy house might be a sanctuary to someone else, "and to those who eat alone every night, pork and beans on paper plates tastes like filet mignon." Our kitchen tables are "God's secret weapons in the war on fear," Lucado says. "We never know what one meal will do."

~ NewsletterNewsletter / May 2019

Calling all gardeners: 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@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



Ministry of Music

Lee Afdahl, Director of Music
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)

 Singing and ringing schedule for May 2019			
	8:30	11:00	Both
May 5.	Chancel Choir	Calvin Choir	Alleluia Rngrs
May 12.	Chancel Choir	Cherub Choir	Jubilate Deo
	May 16 / Thursday • Jubilate Deo will have an end-of-year gathering • NO rehearsal for Chancel Choir		
May 19.	Youth and Celebration Sunday Youth-led worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Singing: Youth at both services Ringing: Joyous Praise at both services		
	May 23 / Thursday • NO rehearsal for Jubilate • Chancel Choir will have an end-of-year picnic at 6 p.m.		
May 26.	Summer schedule begins May 26 One service at 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir		

First Players: past performances and future engagements



Janine Yanisch
First Players
Director

By the time you read this, First Players will have performed two more times, once for their spring concert on April 22, and then again at The Homestead on April 29. Sharing music with others is indeed a beautiful gift!

We will also be playing at the Honkers game on Monday, June 17 and hopefully in the Rochesterfest Parade on June 29. Our annual Band Camp will be August 26-30.

We'd love to have more students participating in this great band program and have reached out to the homeschool community. If you know any families whose children will be in 4th grade and higher, and would be potential band students, please let them know of our program here at FPC. Brochures are in the office.

Many thanks for your support in my first year heading up First Players. It's been a wonderful opportunity!

Peace,

Janine

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!

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.

Save the date: VBS will be held Monday, June 10-Friday, June 14 from 6-8 p.m., with 30 minutes of snacks and group fellowship each night from 8-8:30 p.m.

For more information and to register, visit the FPC webpage (fprochester.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 check their volunteer preferences and availability. Adults attending the adult VBS programming need not register.

~ Susanna Stone / Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education



Susanna Stone
Coordinator of Youth
& Christian Education

The youth group remains busy in our final month before summer. We will meet 5 times in May: May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. We will work on our Youth Sunday service and then celebrate the warmer weather and end of the school year. We will also be having an outing to Bowolocity on Monday, June 3 in the afternoon. Save the date and watch for more specific information!

May Youth Group News

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An Easter Brunch Thank You!

An enormous THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Easter Brunch and supported the

Youth Group.

Another HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the brunch by bringing food, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. It is amazing to see how much support the church congregation provides to our youth. THANK YOU!



New library books offer support for those grieving or facing hardships

There are now many books offering support and guidance for those experiencing grief and for those facing hardships that can be disorienting and negatively impacting faith.

Here are a few of the new titles available:

- *God Will Use This for Good* by Max Lucado
- *Where is God When It Hurts?* by Philip Yancey
- *The Empty Chair—Handling Grief on Holidays and Special Occasions* by Susan J. Zonnebelt-Smeenge, R.N., Ed.D, and Robert C. De Vries, D.Min, Ph.D
- *When Will I Stop Hurting, Dealing with a Recent Death* by June Cerza Kolf

These books are either on the book cart in the atrium or in the library.



How do I check out a book from the church library?

Locate the book's check-out card in the pocket at the back of the book. Print your name and phone number and the date of check-out.

Please put the completed card(s) into the small, gray recipe-card box on the book cart in the atrium; in the library the box is located beside the door adjacent to the church office (instructions are on the top of each box).

The due-date is four weeks after check out. Questions? See **Jay Rowland** or **Al Dollerschell**.

Grief Support Group open to everyone

If you are grieving the recent death of your spouse or a relative or other loved one, please consider attending our grief support group. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the church library (adjacent to the church office).

This is an informal group that offers fellowship with others who are experiencing grief first-hand, and an opportunity (and a place) to share the burden of your grief with them and God.

To be clear, I'm not a licensed group- or grief-therapist; my role is more convener and co-participant. As a participant you decide whether this might be helpful for you or not. The group invites any who are grieving to come and find out.

~ Rev. Jay Rowland (on behalf of the Grief Support Group)

Support offered for those affected by transitions

In February I attended a workshop about providing spiritual support for people experiencing the common but significant experience of moving out of your long-time home (or apartment) into a retirement community or assisted living apartment/facility (and/or moving into a smaller apartment or even a single room in the same building).

The class introduced us to prayers for this experience: thanksgiving for the precious memories, gatherings and people who lived there; prayers for the people moving in to become the next stewards with their own memories and lives to add to the story of the living space; prayers of blessing that the new living space may become a special place with a secure future, a place promising friendship, fellowship, and more treasured memories.

I welcome the opportunity to come visit with you before, during or after such a transition, to pray with you, but moreover to represent the great cloud of witnesses that is your faith and your faith community, to take action to convey to you that you are not forgotten, this situation is not something out-of-sight, out-of-mind in the life of your church; that this is also a new beginning for you, a new opportunity, with new people, a new life and a continuation of your life in community and in faith.

~ Rev. Jay Rowland / Associate Pastor

from the FPC Parish Nursing program

Go Ride A Bike!

May is Bike Awareness Month and a great time to pull that bike out of the garage. Just make sure you follow these tips to have a safe, fun bike season!



- 1) **Always wear your helmet!** Make sure it fits snugly and that kids have the right size.
- 2) **Be visible!** Wear bright clothes, and try to ride during the day. And "If you ride at night, use a light!"
- 3) **Ride defensively.** In groups, ride in single file in the direction of traffic. Watch out for cars, car doors, and other hazards.
- 4) **Be loud!** Use a horn or bell or your voice to make sure that drivers are aware of your intentions.
- 5) **Be present.** Avoid headphones and mobile phone usage, which can distract you from what's happening around you.

So put the pedal to the metal and get out on that bike!

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing coordinator

How can I give to First Presbyterian?

There are many ways you can support our church financially, including:

1. **Put cash or a check** in the offering plate any Sunday.
2. **eGiving** makes giving easy. Donate through the GivePlus+ app:
 - a. Download the GivePlus+ mobile app
 - b. Create an account
 - c. Scroll to First Presbyterian or zip code 55902 and follow the instructions. The account you create can now be used either on GivePlus+ app or through the FPC webpage.
3. **Log on to www.FPCRochester.org**, click on "Donate" and follow the instructions. The account you create can now be used either on GivePlus+ or through the FPC webpage.
4. Make arrangements through the church office to contribute monthly or quarterly through **electronic funds transfer** (a.k.a. ACH)

Any questions? Call **Carol Evans** (282-1618).

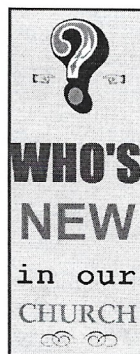


<p>Adult education ~ Sundays / 9:40-10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Members have asked for in-depth studies and here are several great opportunities covering a wide variety of topics and interests!</p>	
<p>Bible Study (South Fireside)</p>	<p>The Kerygma Class continues a study of <i>The Jesus Movement and the World of the Early Church</i>. The class is led by Jane Goodfriend and Ruth Walts.</p>
<p>Current Issues (Lounge)</p>	<p><i>Current Events: Clipped from the papers</i> is the theme for the 2018-2019 year. The discussion is led by Al Depman.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See you in September!</p>
<p>Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-7:45 p.m.</p>	
<p>Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)</p>	<p>Old Testament Classics Revisited</p> <p>May 1 God's Covenant with Abraham May 8 Noah and the Ark May 15 Abraham pleading for Sodom May 22 Those Ten Commandments May 29 Wandering in the desert</p> <p>The Bible study is led by Al Depman.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Check the June newsletter for the summer schedule!</i></p>

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

February 10, 2019

"...getting to know you"



Nancy and Larry Boutelle (3505 Hazelwood Lane SW / Rochester - 269-612-3269. Nancy lived in the Kalamazoo, Michigan area her whole life and is transferring from First Presbyterian Church there. A now retired office administrator/ secretary, Nancy met Larry Boutelle at the Presbytery office there and they were married in 2016. Larry grew up in Rochester (and FPC), the son of long-time member Zella

Boutelle, and was a minister in the PCUSA. Nancy and Larry are both interested in the Bdecan mission ministry and plan to go on the mission trip this summer. Nancy loves to read and enjoys the outdoors, birding, cooking, and having people over. Nancy was both an Elder and Deacon in her former churches.

Nathaniel Boutelle. Than's hobbies include photography and art and he says he's particularly interested in Bible study and mission work/volunteering at FPC. Than is the son of Larry and Nancy Boutelle.

Cheri Hann (1201 19th Street NE / Rochester – 507-696-3201) is a Pathology Assistant and Research Associate in the Department of Ophthalmology at the Clinic. She was born and raised in Topeka, Kansas, and attended Kansas State University, and, later, Kansas University in Lincoln. After moving to Rochester, Cheri met and married Don Hann, who died in 2016. Cheri sings in the Chancel Choir and is also interested in working with the children and medical mission work. Cheri has one adult daughter, Laura, and one adult step-son, Christian.

Joys of motherhood

- *A hug for no reason.*
- *The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.*
- *Smiles and giggles.*
- *Mud pies.*
- *Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.*
- *Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.*
- *Quiet moments on the couch.*
- *Reading aloud together.*
- *A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.*
- *Watching your child be kind to another.*
- *Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.*
- *A child's look of surprise and joy.*
- *A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.*
- *The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.*

~ Newsletter/Newsletter / May 2019/Unknown



News from Presbyterian Women

* *Sylvia Swede, facilitator*

PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Circles are always open to new members. Join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

Esther Circle: Monday, May 20, for a pot luck luncheon at the home of **Barb/Ken Boyer**. Everyone is to meet at 11:45 a.m. in the parking lot of First Presbyterian Church so we can carpool to the Boyers' home. Please bring a dish to share.

Priscilla Circle: Wednesday, May 22 at 11 a.m. for a salad luncheon at the home of **Lettie Eckberg** (2920 Cassidy Drive NE). Devotions: **Sally Brooks**.

Ruth Circle: Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. in the lounge. Hostess: **Gretchen Sandvik**. Devotions: **Vicki Wintheiser**. Program: **Phyllis Schmid** will present lesson #9 in the Bible Study, *God's Promise: I Am With You*.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. the lounge. Join us Thursday, May 9 for knitting, crocheting and fellowship! Please contact **Elizabeth Remfert** (269-3877) or **Susie McClocklin** (288-7772) if you or someone you know would find comfort from a prayer shawl.

Thirty-four women had a wonderful day of fellowship and worship at the FPC women's retreat at Assisi Heights on March 23. Many thanks to the planning committee: Karen Sessler, Ruth Saling, Lea Jennings, Elizabeth Remfert, Susie McClocklin, Carol Shaffer, and Cindy Kunzman.

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.

Plan to attend Medical Missions Coffee July 31 at The Waters

Put this date on your calendar! The annual Medical Missions Coffee, hosted this year by **Char Ellefson**, will be held at The Waters on July 31. **Jane Hallman** is the organizer.

Church Family News

Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Robert and Cynthia Sannes** who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary May 15.

Congratulations to **Helmut and Heide Buettner**, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary May 17.

Congratulations to **Robert and Ann Groover** who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary May 23.

Congratulations to **Thomas and Kiyomi Takekawa** who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary May 23.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Pauli Krieger** who will celebrate her 91st birthday May 4.

Happy Birthday to **Lonnie Martin** who will celebrate her 95th birthday May 10.

Happy Birthday to **Melvin Hicks** who will celebrate his 93rd birthday May 29.

Deaths

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Lucille Bill**, who died March 18 in Edina, Minnesota. Lucille's memorial service was March 25 in Peoria, Illinois.

We extend our condolences to **Lee, Theresa**, and **Andrew Loessin** on the death of Lee's mother and Andrew's grandmother, **Faye Ola Loessin**, April 5. Faye's memorial service was April 13.



Calling all crafters!

Crafters Group will meet Wednesday, May 15 at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Come join us in fellowship as we make cards for our C.A.R.E. members of the congregation. All materials are provided.

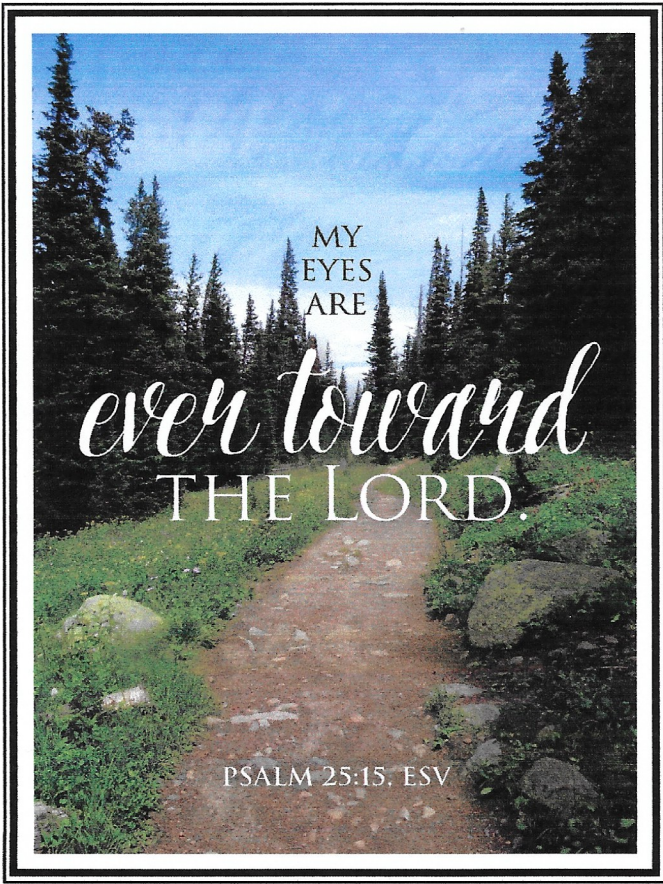
~ *Mary Huie* (282-9712) /
Crafters coordinator

Registration opens 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).

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.



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May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Wednesday youth schedule / May 1, 8, 15 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)			1 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	2 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	3 5:30 PM Retirement Party for Lee Afdahl	4
5 Communion Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Alleluia Rngers rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:30 AM Blood Pressure/Parish Nursing 9:40 AM Sunday school/all ages 11:00 AM Calvin Choir sings 2:00 PM AGO Student Recital	6 FPC@Community Food Response	7 Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside	8 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	9 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	10 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	11
12 Mother's Day Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Jubilate Deo (both) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:40 AM Sunday school/all ages 11:00 AM Cherub Choir sings	13	14 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:30 PM Kitchen Guild 4:00 PM Presbytery meeting (Masonic Children's Hospital) 7:15 PM FOM Cmte/north fireside	15 Newsletter items due Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place LAST WEDNESDAY youth choir, bells 11:00 AM Priscilla Circle brunch 3:00 PM Crafters Group/SHall 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	16 NO Chancel Choir 6:15 PM Jubilate Deo social time	17	18 Wedding (tjp) 9:30 AM Ruth Circle/south fireside
19 Youth and Celebration Sunday Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Joyous Praise rings (both) Youth sing (both services) 9:45 AM Time to celebrate/social hall (all youth and adults)	20 11:45 AM Esther Circle/ meet in FPC parking lot for ride to meeting	21 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Charter Hse/retirement party for Lee Afdahl 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	22 FPC@Friendship Place 5:45 PM Middle/High School youth 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	23 6:00 PM Chancel Choir picnic	24	25 High School Graduations
All the roads that lead to success have to pass through hard work boulevard at some point. (Eric Thomas)						
26 Worship - 9:30 a.m. 9:30 AM Chancel Choir sings	27 Memorial Day (Observed) No school/Memorial D... Church closed	28 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	29 LAST WEDNESDAY for youth group FPC@Friendship Place 5:45 PM Middle/High School youth 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	30 Ascension of the Lord	31 Last day of school	