



# The Good News

## of First Presbyterian Church for November 2018

Make a joyful noise to the LORD! ... Come into his presence with singing!

[Psalm 100.1-2 (ESV)]

### eGiving makes giving easy

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church to donate via eGiving, either through the church's website or using your mobile device. This will complement our ACH program, which is still available.

- Electronic gifts are fast and secure
- Give anytime, anywhere to general or designated funds
- Schedule and manage recurring donations
- Make one-time donations to special appeals
- Take advantage of the option to cover the additional transaction fees

#### 1. Using the church's website:

- ✓ Go to [www.FPCRochester.org](http://www.FPCRochester.org).
- ✓ Click on the **Donate** link at the top of the page; click on the red Donate button.
- ✓ Follow the instructions to create an account and make a donation - one-time or recurring.
- ✓ Use this account information (email address and password) to make additional online contributions or donations from your mobile device.
- ✓ You will receive an email with the donation receipt. We will also post your donation on your quarterly Record of Contributions you receive from the church.

#### 2. Using your mobile device:

- ✓ Go to [giveplus.com/mobile](http://giveplus.com/mobile).
- ✓ Scroll down to the **Give+** app and download.
- ✓ Find Church - First Presbyterian or zip code 55902.
- ✓ Follow the instructions to create an account or sign in using the email address and password you created using "Donate" on FPC's website.
- ✓ Follow the instructions to make a donation - one time or recurring.
- ✓ You will receive an email with the donation receipt.



### Congregational meeting called to elect new officers

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, November 11 at 9:30 a.m., following the first service, to elect church officers for the coming year including new classes of deacons and elders and congregational representatives for the Endowment and Nominating Committees.

The Nominating Committee will present the following candidates. Nominations from the floor will be accepted provided the nominee has given prior approval to having his or her name placed on the slate.

New elders and deacons will attend new officer orientation January 13 followed by ordination and installation, after which they will begin their term of service. Each elder will be assigned to a standing committee of the Session.

#### Deacon / Class of 2019

Tammy Buchanan (one-year term)

#### Deacon / Class of 2020

Terry Narr (two-year term)

#### Deacon / Class of 2021

Judy Kruesel      Nadine Luna      Andrew Thoreson  
Connie Larson      Juliet Parlette      Kathy Tremaine  
Lynda Sharbrough

#### Elder / Class of 2020

Lucinda Clements (two-year term)

#### Elder / Class of 2021

Jeff Britton      Katie Lenn      Nicole Thoreson  
Kristina Hesby      Tom Pileggi      Tim Zetzsche

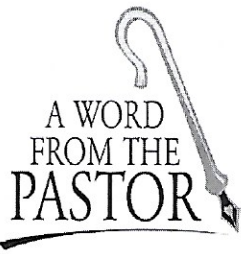
#### Endowment Committee / Class of 2021

Ken Boyer

#### Nominating Committee / Class of 2019

Gregg Erickson      Katie Lenn      Tim Zetzsche  
Paul Herr      Britta Youmans

This year's Nominating Committee included Karen Sessler (lead elder), Joe Doppler and Lucinda Cutrer (elders), Tammy Buchanan, Katie Lenn, Terry Narr, Jason Wobig, Melissa Wobig (congregation-at-large members) and Shelley Steger (Board of Deacons representative).



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

November 2018

This Advent, I invite you to join me in our Advent Study of Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths: God helps those who help themselves, and other things the Bible doesn't say.*

The study will explore five popular sayings that sound like they could be scripture, and do capture some element of truth, and yet miss the point in important ways. The study will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge on **December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**. You may register for the class and order a book for \$15.00 by calling the church office.

Speaking of Advent, First Presbyterian's Advent Devotional entitled *Holiday Memories and Traditions* should be ready for distribution starting on **Sunday, November 18**. You can pick yours up in the church office or at the Welcome Desk in the atrium. The first Sunday of Advent is December 2 – so take a few extra copies and give them out to friends, neighbors or co-workers!

Peace, *T. J.*

*Here we come a-caroling ...*

### Join us December 9 for an evening of caroling, fellowship, and cookies

On Sunday evening December 9 the Welcoming and Nurturing Committee is planning a good old fashioned night of Christmas caroling for all ages followed by a return to the church to warm up and enjoy fellowship with each other while we enjoy hot chocolate, apple cider, and holiday cookies at their finest. Bake and bring your favorite Christmas cookie recipe to share. Mark your calendar now as you won't want to miss this one.

~ Jane Murl / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee



### Help deck the halls with boughs ...

The Advent season is fast approaching. We will be decorating the church for the Advent season on Saturday, December 1 at 9:30 a.m.

There are projects for all ages. We will have light refreshments and good conversations to go with the work. Many hands make the project easy, so please mark your calendar and join us on December 1.

~ Bev Lewis / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie." (Jim Davis)

## Stewardship Alive!

### The genius of generosity

Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that "there is a certain genius in generosity." He explains that when we open our hands – figuratively speaking – to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

"God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold," says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God's genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.

~ NewsletterNewsletter - 11/2018

### First Presbyterian Church Financial Statement / September 2018

#### General Operating Budget

Balance (8/31/18)	\$ 78,313.44
Receipts (September)	+ 38,028.30
Disbursements (September)	- 78,115.51
Balance (9/30/18)	\$ 38,226.23



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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, Bob Schalaus
Child Care Workers	Esther Lebron, Margie Schaaf, Taylor Smith, 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.  
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

**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.**

## 2018 Sharing Tree brings Christmas spirit to many



We are again offering you an opportunity to help children, families and those who are homeless in our community during the Christmas season. From November 11 through December 2 a Christmas tree in the atrium will be decorated with colored gift tags, each representing a charitable organization in Rochester. This year we are adding a new one, Brighter Tomorrows, to our list.

- 1) **Brighter Tomorrows** (assists families who have encountered a childhood cancer diagnosis)
- 2) **Medcity Foundation** (Kristina Hesby's organization that provides general assistance to blood cancer patients and their families. This includes lodging, food and other financial needs.)
- 3) **Alternative Learning Center Daycare** (gifts for infant children whose high school parents are finishing high school credits at the ALC)
- 4) **Family Promise** (also known as Interfaith Hospitality Network. Family Promise provides assistance for homeless families in the way of housing, meals, daycare, and employment.)

We are setting up the tree earlier this year, starting with Brighter Tomorrows gift tags, since those gifts need to be delivered by the end of November. Our church youth group will be wrapping and delivering these gifts. Deadline for returning the other gifts is December 9.

Select a gift tag off the tree and purchase the item or items on the tag. As far as wrapping the gift, follow the instructions on the tag. It is important that you attach the tag to the gift when you return it to the church office so we know to which organization the gift should be delivered.

Instead of purchasing a gift there is also the option of purchasing a gift card from one of our local stores. Put the card in an envelope and drop it off in the church office.

Any questions please contact me at [rksaling@msn.com](mailto:rksaling@msn.com).

Thank you for your generosity,

~ Ruth Saling / Social Concerns Committee

## Celebrate Advent, donate to the Poinsettia Fund

Help celebrate the Advent season with a \$15 donation to the Poinsettia Fund. The plants will decorate the sanctuary in December and then be delivered by the Deacons to our many C.A.R.E. members. To contribute, put your check for \$15 (note for poinsettias on the memo line) in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Thank you!

~ Judy Felten / Chancel Guild

## Brass Roots Trio returns to A Festival of Music season

**Time: Sunday, November 11 at 4 p.m.**

**Place: First Presbyterian Church sanctuary**

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC



In April of 2017 **Brass Roots Trio** appeared in our *A Festival of Music* series. This month we welcome them back to First Presbyterian Church!

With trumpet, French horn and piano, Brass Roots Trio creates symphonic sounds making three instruments sound like a small orchestra. The trio thrills audiences with instrumental virtuosity plus the bonus of a brilliant operatic tenor.

Their lively program, "*American Impressions*," is a musical travelogue that takes the listener from the Old West to New York with music ranging from Aaron Copland's "*Rodeo*" to Leonard Bernstein's "*West Side Story*." The trio brings to life memories of the Mississippi River boats and the musical legends that they carried from New Orleans, the southern gospel revivals and the haunting beauty of the Native American Flute. "*American Impressions*" is a heartwarming program that will stir the emotions!

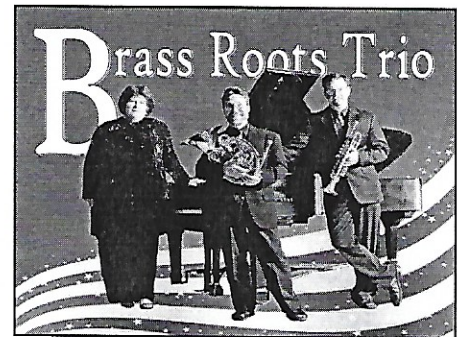
Now in its 14th season, Brass Roots Trio has played to standing ovations and rave reviews in every corner of the US and UK including a performance at the White House in 2009.

Travis Heath (trumpet and flugelhorn), Douglas Lundeen (French horn, Native American Flute and vocalist) and Rosetta Senkus Bacon (piano) infuse their music with passion and exuberant energy, and their warmhearted presentation establishes an immediate connection with the audience. Exhilarating performances and imaginative programming have established Brass Roots Trio as one of the most compelling ensembles of the 21st century.

Christopher Foster wrote in the Olean Times Herald "*They have fun playing together, and the audience could tell this. Concerts like this should not be missed!*"

The concert is open to the public and will be followed by a reception in the social hall. A freewill offering will be accepted.

~ Connie Larson and Britta Youmans / Festival of Music



Brass Roots Trio

in concert

First Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, November 11 - 4 p.m.

## Social Concerns evaluates programs we support

The Social Concerns Committee has been busy looking at each worthy cause we have supported in the recent past. Some programs have been going on for years and we realize needs in Rochester may have changed – there are more homelessness, addiction problems and immigration concerns. We will continue to contribute to the main programs we have supported even as we search out new areas of need. Each month we will also highlight two programs our church supports.

### Programs old revisited and new added

For many years we have supported a very important program that makes a difference in the health of people who do not have the resources to pay for most of their needs – the **Salvation Army Medical and Dental Clinics**. This is a free service for these people and our donation is used directly for their care.

This year we added **Zumbro Valley Mental Health Connections and Referrals** unit – basically detox for addiction problems of all sorts. The staff assures a safe detox and counselors help with referrals to addiction treatment centers. This unit deals with a large homeless population who are so inadequately dressed for our cold weather their health is at risk. Our money will be used to buy sweat clothes and warm socks. Walmart has agreed to not charge full price for these things so the money will be stretched even further. Again, the entire donation will be used for the homeless people the unit serves.

We are also looking for anyone interested in being on our committee. Please call **Tom Pileggi** (507-261-7068) if you would like to be part of this very important endeavor.

~ Tom Pileggi / Social Concerns Committee

### How can I get on the C.A.R.E. list?

## We're here to serve you!

### Deacons minister to C.A.R.E. members

C.A.R.E. stands for Contact, Assist, Relate, and Encourage. Everyone on our care/homebound list is not bound to their home all the time, but constitute a group of special people who would benefit from having periodic contact with a Deacon. Often a friend suggests someone should be on the list; sometimes people call themselves and ask to be on the list. Depending on their situation, some people are permanently on the list; some are on it temporarily. Part of the list is a "Deacons' Care List" for those who don't want to be labeled "homebound" or "shut-in."

Members who are on the list receive periodic visits from a Deacon; receive an Easter lily at Easter and a poinsettia at Christmas; and allow us to show we care about you even when you can't attend church regularly.

If you know of someone whom the Deacons should consider, or if you would like to be on the list, call **Rev. Jay Rowland** (282-1618), ministerial liaison with the Deacons.

Calling all women and men, youth and adults

## You are needed as an usher

With the recent deaths of several faithful ushers, the relocation of others away from Rochester, and resignations due to health issues, we need to replenish our ushering teams.

Do you know we need over 80 ushers in our church program, at least eight scheduled for every service? This is an opportunity for women, men and youth to serve the church in an important capacity. Ushers serve at either the early or late service for one Sunday each month. This is a meaningful way to contribute that takes a minimum of time and allows you to greet and meet members, friends, and visitors to our church. We try to have enough ushers on each team so if you must be out of town (or on call) on your Sunday, there are others to cover.

These ushers who served in the past year would welcome your help.

Ken and Marylynn Aalderks, Lyle Abrahamson, Clement Akogyeram, Chris Bauch, Jay Beck, Richard Bennett, Barbara and Ken Boyer, Jeff Britton, Rusty Brown, Jon Closson, Charles Coddington, Amy Dollerschell, Allen Dollerschell, Holly Ebel, David Ellefson, Titus Evans, LaDonna and Warren Fay, Judy Felten, Jane Hallman, Dwight Jennings, Dwight Jones, William Karnes, David Kerr, Brad and Sara Kluck, Ron Kreinbring, Cindy Kunzman, Char and Robert Kyle, Bev and David Lewis, Susan and Robert McClocklin, Michael McDonough, John McKee, Lowell Meyer, Clayton Moen, Mark Mueller, Dudley Parsons, Mark Pileggi, Vicky and Tom Pileggi, Marion Pitts, Warren Potter, Jeff Remfert, Denise Ring, Myron Rostad, Douglas and Rosaline Rovang, Bev and Frank Salomonsen, Robert Sannes, Laury Schalau, Don Scholz, Alan and Martha Sessler, Frank and Lynda Sharbrough, Tim Smith, Ralph and Naomi Spiekerman, Clarke Stevens, Kiyomi Takekawa, James Talen, William Tremaine, Elmer VanDerHeyden, Dan Wentz, Jay Youmans, and Tim Zetzsche.



Yes, I want to join this great group of people. Add my name to the list of ushers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Preference for Sundays (please circle choices)

1st Sunday    2nd Sunday    3rd Sunday

4th Sunday    5th Sunday

Which service (please circle choices)

8:30 service    11:00 service    either service  
evening services

To sign up, call **Titus Evans** (282-9938), usher coordinator; send an e-mail to [fpc\\_carol@hotmail.com](mailto:fpc_carol@hotmail.com); or complete this form and return it to the church office.

Thanks!

**Adult education ~ Sundays / 9:40-10:45 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>	The Kerygma Class continues a study of <i>The Jesus Movement and the World of the Early Church</i> . The class is led by <b>Jane Goodfriend</b> and <b>Ruth Walts</b> .
<b>Current Issues (Lounge)</b>	<i>Current Events: Clipped from the papers</i> is the theme for the 2018-2019 year. The discussion is led by <b>Al Depman</b> .

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

<b>Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)</b>	<p>November 7 and 14 (Bible Study)                  November 21 No class / Thanksgiving break                  November 28 Bible Study                  The Bible Study is led by <b>Al Depman</b>.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>December 5, 12, and 19</b>  <i>Half Truths: God helps those who help themselves, and other things the Bible doesn't say.</i>                  The Advent Bible study will led by <b>Rev. T. J. Parlette</b>.</p>
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**November 2018 Youth Group News**

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

The FPC Youth Group had a busy October! We met four times, including serving at the Octoberfest dinner and having a special Halloween celebration. We also had an outing to the movies (a much better option than the apple orchard on a snowy Sunday!) to see "Smallfoot." We enjoyed the messages in the movie about belief, faith, and inclusion.

We are looking forward to a *slightly* less busy November where we'll be focusing on gratitude and giving thanks. We'll be meeting three times in November: November 7, 14, and 28. We have a great group of about 15 energetic and caring middle and high schoolers. New youth group members (and their friends) are always welcome to join us on Wednesdays from 5:45-7:00 p.m. We are also looking to add a few more adult youth group mentors, so if you are interested, please let Susanna know.

**Save November 25 for Advent Creations**

Join us in the social hall on **Sunday, November 25** from **9:40-10:50 a.m.** for Advent Creations.

Advent Creations is open to all ages and is an opportunity to use your creative side to create Advent and Christmas crafts! Kids under the age of 8 will need adult supervision.

This year there will be numerous craft stations set up so feel free to roam from one station to the next. Some of the crafts may even make good Christmas gifts!

*Note: there will be NO youth Sunday School or choirs on this Sunday. The nursery will be open during Advent Creations.*



Due to the unexpected snow October 14, our outing to the orchard was cancelled. Instead, seven youth braved the snow to meet up at Cinemagic for a viewing of "Smallfoot."

**Staff Pick for Library Book of the Month**

***Present Over Perfect***

by Shauna Nieuquist

Author Shauna Nieuquist loved her life and her work. But she wasn't *enjoying* her life or her work. She yearned for connection, meaning, depth but "settled for busy." She was living "a set of beliefs and instincts" which were not hers, an elusive image of perfection. And she was wearing out at age thirty-six. Her health deteriorated.

This book is her invitation to join her struggle to live a different model, leaving behind "the pressure to be perfect and begin the life-changing practice of simply being present, in the middle of the mess and the ordinariness of life." While her prose at times wanders into flowery excess, her reflections and insights help the reader learn how to re-orient to life through intentional practice and spiritual principles.

~ Jay Rowland / Associate Pastor

Thanks to the Christian Education Committee and youth group for sponsoring their 6th annual OctoberFest dinner on October 24. Brats, hotdogs, German potato salad, and sauerkraut highlighted the menu, which included Dan's root beer. Diners celebrating many homelands and some even dressed in lederhosen enjoyed the delicious seasonal meal. Proceeds from the free will offering will support special youth activities.



## Ministry of Music

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

*Music is the universal language by which human feelings are made equally intelligible to all.*  
(Franz von Liszt)

Singing and ringing schedule for November			
	8:30	11:00	Both
November 4	Chancel Choir	Cherub Choir	Joyous Praise
November 11	Chancel Choir	Calvin Choir	Alleluia Rngrs
November 18	Chancel Choir	Special Music	Jubilato Deo
November 25	Special Music	Chancel Choir	No ringers

## First Players gets IBM grant, looks forward to December concert



Janine Yanisch  
First Players  
Director

There are a lot of good things happening with First Players and I am thrilled to share them with you! Here goes:

1. The **Concert Band and Beginning Band** are both now rehearsing weekly and I am enjoying the students' enthusiasm for making music together!
2. We received a **\$2,000 IBM Community Grant**, thanks to one of the First Players parents!
3. Concert Band will perform at **Festival of Trees** on Friday, November 23 from 2:30-3 p.m.
4. We will be **collaborating** with the **Notochords Jazz Band** on our **December 17 concert**. At this concert the Beginning Band, Concert Band and Notochords will all perform pieces separately, and then our Concert Band students will join the Notochords in playing a song or two. It will be an excellent learning experience for our youth to sit in with these very experienced musicians and perform jazz alongside them.
5. Thank you all for your continued support of **First Players!**

Peace, *Janine*

### Election year advice

In 1774, John Wesley, co-founder of the Methodist Church, offered this advice to people who'd be voting:

- Vote, without fee or reward, for the person you judge most worthy.
- Speak no evil of the person you vote against.
- Take care your spirits aren't sharpened against those who voted on the other side.

## Your generosity brings hope and help to those in need

"When was it that we saw you a stranger...?"  
(Matthew 25.38)

Many causes have come across our desks and our hearts this year. We thank you for your generous responses to all of them.

### February: CWS Blankets

In February our congregation gave \$5,410 and joined over 4000 churches across the nation in Church World Service's **Blankets** program. Besides blankets, Church World Service provides emergency supplies such as tents, mosquito nets, food, bottled water and health kits to places in the world where disaster has struck.

### March: Minnesota Foodshare/Channel One

Each March we partner with other caring people in the Rochester area to help alleviate hunger. Through **Minnesota Foodshare** we joined with food shelves across Minnesota to collect donations of money and food that support local efforts to help feed people in need and reduce hunger in our community. This year First Presbyterian members contributed \$8,880 in cash plus additional donations to the food barrel.

### March/April: One Great Hour of Sharing

The Mission Committee extends thanks to the congregation for their wonderful response to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering collected in April. FPC collected \$10,539 for this special offering that helps support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

### June/July: Bdecan mission project

The **Bdecan Vacation Bible School** team thanks the congregation for their generosity in donating school supplies and underwear and socks that the team took with them for school-aged children this summer. The congregation also donated \$2,545 that will be used for snow pants, boots, shoes and underwear for winter weather.

### May/June: Pentecost Offering

Each year on **Pentecost Sunday**, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering help bring God's transforming, redeeming love to children at risk, guide and nurture young people's growing faith, and provide opportunities for young adults to become spiritual leaders – all in the name of Jesus Christ. This year FPC members contributed \$4,355.

*In all these special causes, your dollars really do make a difference and we thank you for your generosity.*



## News from Presbyterian Women

✱ Sylvia Swede, facilitator

Circles continue in November. New members are always welcome. Join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The 2018-2019 Horizons Bible study is

*God's Promise: I am with you.*

**Esther Circle:** Monday, November 19 at 1 p.m. in the lounge. Co-hostesses: **Sandy Carroll** and **Jane Hallman**. Devotions: **Mary VanDerHeyden**. Bible Study: **Marcia Dollerschell**.

**Priscilla Circle:** Wednesday, November 21 at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge. Hostess: **Becky Will**. Devotions: **Zoe Abrahamson**. Program: **Zoe Abrahamson** (Bible Study). Project: Hawthorne Helps (lotions).

**Ruth Circle:** Saturday, November 17 at 10 a.m. in the lounge. Hostess: **Laury Schalaus**. Devotions: **Pat Talen**. Bible study: **Gayle Jones** (lesson #3 in *God's Promise*).

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Thursday, November 8, at 1 p.m. in the lounge. Join us for knitting, crocheting and fellowship! Please contact **Elizabeth Remfert** (269-5272) or **Susie McClocklin** (288-7772) if you or someone you know would find comfort from a prayer shawl.

*Thanks to all those who provided paper products or other requested items for the Gift of Life Transplant House in October.*

## With thanks to all who helped, rummage sale is a success

Thanks to everyone (men, women, and youth) who supported the PW Rummage Sale in September – those who brought items for the sale, those who worked hours during the week unpacking and sorting, the many members who gave up a Saturday to work at the sale and then clean up ... and those who bought items \*at\* the sale. All of you are very much appreciated! The proceeds (about \$6,000) will support mission activities locally, nationally, and internationally. The PW leadership team will meet October 25 to decide how to allocate the money.

A special thanks to organizers **Judy Kruesel**, **Sally Brooks**, and **Jan Hosier**.



## Church Family News

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Tom and Marilyn Theismann** who will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary November 18.

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Joann Curnutt** who will celebrate her 91st birthday November 8.

Happy Birthday to **William Johnson** who will celebrate his 94th birthday November 17.

Happy Birthday to **Lucille Bill** who will celebrate her 96th birthday November 20.

Happy Birthday to **Elaine Davis** who will celebrate her 92nd birthday November 23.

Happy Birthday to **Betty Dobyms** who will celebrate her 92nd birthday November 25.

Happy Birthday to **Warren Potter** who will celebrate his 91st birthday November 30.

## Calling all crafters!



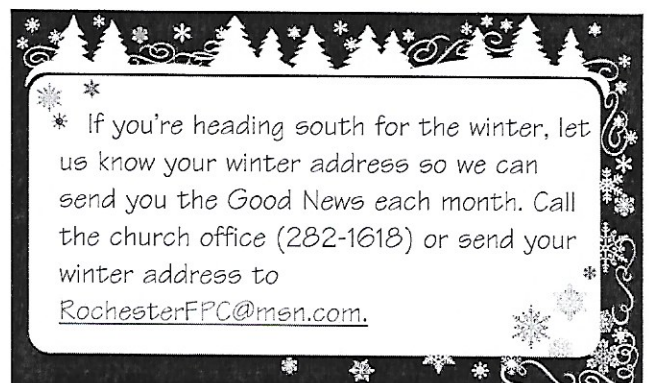
The Crafters Group will meet Wednesday, November 14 at 3 p.m. in the social hall. This is one week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving. Come join the fun as we make cards for our C.A.R.E. members of the congregation. All supplies are furnished.  
~ Mary Huie (282-9712) / Crafters coordinator

## A reminder to protect your possessions

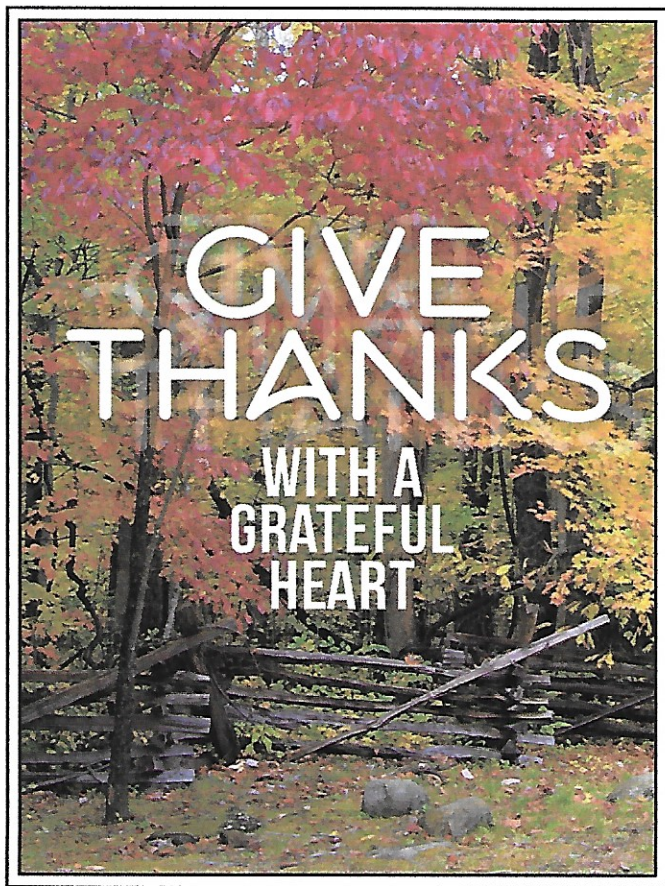
The church may seem like a safe place, but it is important to keep your purse and other possessions with you or out of sight when you're in the building. The building is large and it's easy for strangers to wander through and pick things up.

Please - any time during the week - protect your possessions by putting them away. Lock a classroom before going to another part of the building. Tell your children to keep track of their backpacks. Similarly, don't leave house and car keys in pockets of coats hung on the coat racks.

Thank you!



✱ If you're heading south for the winter, let us know your winter address so we can send you the Good News each month. Call the church office (282-1618) or send your winter address to [RochesterFPC@msn.com](mailto:RochesterFPC@msn.com).



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## November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday schedule</b> 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. Recorder Ensemble at 9:45 a.m.		<b>Wednesday schedule</b> 4:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5) 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 6-12) 5:30 p.m. Recorder Ensemble 5:45 p.m. Middle/High School youth 7:00 p.m. J Praise bells (grade 6 - adult)		<b>1</b> All Saints' Day 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>2</b>  <u>No school-PD/Work day</u>	<b>3</b> 12:30 PM MMTA Ensemble Festival (12:30-5:30 p.m.)  <u>Set clocks back 1 hour to...</u>
<b>4</b> Communion Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Joyous Praise rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:30 AM Blood Pressure/Pansh Nursing 11:00 AM Cherub Choir sings	<b>5</b> FPC@Community Food Response	<b>6</b> <b>Election Day</b> Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside	<b>7</b> Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	<b>8</b> 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>9</b> 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	<b>10</b>  <u>If the wind will not serve, take to the oars. (Latin proverb)</u>
<b>11</b> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Alleluia Rngs rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:30 AM Cong Mtg to elect officers 11:00 AM Calvin Choir sings 4:00 PM FOM/Brass Roots Trio	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:30 PM Kitchen Guild 2:00 PM Presbytery/New Life/Roseville	<b>14</b> Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 3:00 PM Crafters Group/SHall 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	<b>15</b> Newsletter items due 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 AM Ruth Circle/ lounge
<b>18</b> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Jubilate Deo (both) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings	<b>19</b> 1:00 PM Esther Circle/ lounge	<b>20</b> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	<b>21</b> NO choir/bells/youth activities 9:15 AM Priscilla Circle/lounge 5:30 PM Recorder Ensemble <u>No school/flex confere...</u>	<b>22</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>  <u>No school/Thanksgiving break</u> <u>Church closed</u>	<b>23</b> 2:30 PM First Players @ Festival of Trees	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 9:40 AM Advent Creation-s/ALL AGES 11:00 AM Chancel Choir sings	<b>26</b>  <u>No school-PD/Work day</u>	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	<b>28</b> Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	<b>29</b> 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>30</b>	