

# The Good News

## of First Presbyterian Church for October 2016

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.  
(Psalm 34:8 [NIV])

### A Festival of Music series opens with organist Adam Brakel

**Time: Sunday, October 16 at 4 p.m.**

**Place: First Presbyterian Church sanctuary**

FESTIVAL  
OF MUSIC



Concert organist Adam Brakel will open the twenty-sixth season of First Presbyterian Church's *A Festival of Music* Concert Series on Sunday, October 16.

Brakel's spell-binding performances have led to his being compared to Liszt, Gould, Bernstein and Paganini and prove

that true musical prodigies continue to exist in the 21st century. He has also been recognized by some as "one of the most talented organists in the world."

After beginning his musical studies at the age of four, he furthered his training at Duquesne University where he studied organ with John Walker and David Craighead and at The Juilliard School in New York City. He recently received his Graduate Performance Diploma from the Peabody Conservatory where he studied with Donald Sutherland and visiting guest professor Dame Gillian Weir.

His recent performance highlights include performances of the complete works of César Franck and more notably, the difficult Six Etudes of Jeanne Demessieux. Brakel is one of very few performers to handle these virtuoso works. He has distinguished himself by winning top prizes in international organ competitions, making an intentional study of jazz music for the pipe organ, and working with leading jazz composers in the development of new works in this genre.

In addition to his concert career, both in the United States and abroad, Brakel serves as Director of Music at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. There is no admission fee but a freewill offering will be taken. A dessert reception will follow the concert.

Adam Brakel  
in concert  
First Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, October 16, 2016



~ Jane Hallman / Festival of Music

*Celebrate World Communion Sunday  
with Christians around the world October 2*

### Come to the Lord's Table

"For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself."

(1 Corinthians 11:29 [NIV])

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. It is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

Worldwide Communion Sunday originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh in 1933, was adopted throughout the U.S. Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches) endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.

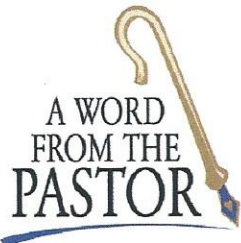
Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

At Christ's Table we are made one with Christ and one with each other, and we are united with the church in every time and place. The unity of the Lord's table is a sign of the unity God wills for all creation. From Christ, the Table, we can go out with joy as witnesses of God's love, to work for the healing and the reconciliation of God's world.

Join Christians around the word at the celebration. Take your place at the Table on Sunday, October 2.

No life can be lived privately.  
There must be overflow into the lives of others.

~ Eugene H. Peterson



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

October 2016

I get an assortment of interesting things in my mailbox at the church office. In addition to 23 copies of the latest Oriental Trading Company catalog, offerings of better and faster internet connection and a new selection of the latest bulletin covers and communion wafers from the religious supplies catalog, I often get little tidbits from members. Bulletins from churches they've attended while they've been visiting family and friends (I always give extra credit), cartoons about church life and interesting newspaper articles from the Star Tribune. A few weeks ago, someone dropped off something from the Minneapolis Institute of Art. It seems that a new exhibit is coming to the Cities this fall and winter. It's called **Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation**.

It is described like this:

*"Five hundred years ago, one man took a stand that shook Europe and changed the world. Now you can see the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation brought to life through astonishing artworks and historical objects, traveling outside Germany for the first time ever. Luther used art and the newly invented printing press to challenge Europe's leaders and spread a revolution of religious, cultural, and societal change. This exhibition includes paintings, sculpture, gold textiles, and works on paper – as well as Luther's personal possessions and recent archeological finds – that shed new light on an explosive era and the man who ignited it."*

The exhibit is running at the MiA from October 30, 2016-January 15, 2017. I plan to go see it some Saturday in those months and I am wondering if anyone would like to join me. I know I am available Nov. 5, Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving weekend), Dec. 17, and Jan. 14. If you are interested and available on any of those dates, call me at the office or drop me an email and we'll see if we can work out a date for a group of us to go see this exhibit. Let me know – it should be well worth the time!

Peace, *T. J.*

### New Members class begins October 16

A New Members Class will begin October 16. Anyone interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or in finding out more about our church, is welcome.

The two-week class will meet in the conference room (A-209) at 9:40 a.m. If you decide to join, new members will meet with the Session during class October 23 and be recognized by the congregation at the 11 a.m. service that day.

Rev. Parlette will review the basics of Presbyterian history and polity as we consider what it means to join the PCUSA. Please contact Rev. Parlette or the church office (282-1618) if you plan to attend or are interested in joining but can't attend this session.

## Stewardship Alive!

### Challenge

None of our acts of worship gain the affirming attention of God unless our lives are soaked in the mighty waters of righteousness and justice. We can come to church until we wear out the stone steps out front, give money until the plates are full, preach sermons and sing songs until our voices are gone, but unless our lives are laced with love, unless love is the dominant theme of all that we do, it will only irritate God.

*"Thomas Lane Butts from his sermon, 'Getting God's Attention'"*

### Financial Statement / August 2016

#### General Operating Budget

Balance (7/31/16)	\$ 65,563.37
Receipts (August)	+ 47,023.00
Disbursements (August)	- 78,255.71
Balance (8/31/16)	\$ 34,330.66



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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
Office Administrator	Susan K. Kruger
Facility Manager	Harry E. Coleman
Custodian	Vera B. Herr
Music Assistant	Kathleen M. Kruger
Part-time custodians/security	Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn, Margie Schaaf, Eric Schwartzbauer
Child Care Workers	Kelly Bock, Margie Schaaf
Newsletter Editor	Carol J. Evans
Parish Associates	Anneliese Opitz, Roger Ring, Carol Shaffer, James Walker

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

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

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

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

Visit our WEB site at [www.FPCRochester.org](http://www.FPCRochester.org).

**The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

from the FPC Parish Nursing program

## Healthy Teeth for a Healthy Life

October is National Dental Hygiene month and a great time to call and schedule a semi-annual dental check up. Did you know that dental health can affect your heart? That's right - the inflammation from gum disease may increase the risk of heart disease. In addition, dental professionals are best suited to catching oral cancers early. So not only does a dental care regimen keep your pearly whites as white as possible and reduce the risk of toothache, it can benefit your overall health!

At home make sure to floss, brush twice daily with a soft brush and use mouthwash - this threefold approach removes food and bacteria that build up and cause problems.

Even the Bible talks about the importance of clean, healthy teeth: "Your teeth are like a flock of sheep just shorn, coming up from the washing. Each has its twin; not one of them is alone" (Song of Solomon 4:2 NIV).

Remember to take care of your "flock" of teeth this month - and smile!

October 2 **Rachel Beukema** will be offering depression screenings in the library. In addition to getting your blood pressure checked, visit us to fill out some questionnaires and check on your mental as well as your physical health.

~ *Ariel B. Boswell, R.N. / Parish Nursing coordinator*

## Applications now open for Sunday morning childcare worker

We have an immediate need for a childcare worker on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. To apply or for more information, contact Rev. Rowland in the church office (282-1618).

## Take a hike at Root River Park

**Mark Mueller** will lead the final group walk for this year on October 30. Meet at Root River Park (4012 80th Street SE) at 1 p.m. We will check out the old stagecoach bridge and the 90-foot tall limestone bluffs.

The walk will begin at 1 p.m. and is family friendly but geared towards physically active participants. Remember to bring a hat and water and wear sunscreen! If the Walk needs to be cancelled, we will leave a message on the church's answering machine.

This is a fun way to get outdoors, learn some local history, and spend time with other church members. If you have questions, contact Mark at [markmueller@chartermi.net](mailto:markmueller@chartermi.net).

~ *Mark Mueller and Ariel Boswell*

## Madrigal Christmas Feaste tickets go on sale October 23

We will begin selling tickets for the December 3 Madrigal Feaste on October 23 between worship services and after the 11 o'clock worship service. Tickets will be sold again on Sunday, October 30. After October 30, if any tickets remain, they may be purchased in the church office.

We will have 96 tickets for the Madrigal. Tickets are \$30 per person. This year you will be able to see a drawing of the tables and select your own seat when you purchase your ticket. Tickets must be paid for when you sign up. No reservations will be taken or tickets held for later purchase.

Doors for the Feaste will open at 5 p.m. on December 3. Guests are again welcome to wear costumes. We will even have a time for you to show off your Medieval period finery.

Please make plans with your family and friends to join us for this special welcome to the birth of Christ. It will be a special evening of food, fun, music and fellowship. We won't have another Madrigal Feaste until 2018 so don't miss this one!

~ *Gayle Jones / Madrigal Christmas Feaste coordinator*

## Sitter Service continues October 14

Our next Sitter Service is October 14 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium on October 9 or call the church office by Tuesday, October 11.

Thanks to our September Sitter Service volunteers **Diane Grill, Otis Laurberg, Carol Shaffer, Marylynn Aalderks, Phyllis Schmid, Allyson Maurer, Sylvia Swede, Melissa Walk and Dee Tiedeman**.

A special thanks to all those who continue to find and bring in toys and games, some found in astute garage sale trolling! I continue to be impressed with the quality we are getting. A special thanks to **Rob and Carrie Elder** for donating a new carpet rug from Hiller's that we are going to use in our new Crawlers Corner.



Stop in the Sheldon Jackson Lounge and check out the new carpet. Many thanks to Rob and Carrie Elder for this generous, wonderful gift!

**Art Wall.** The Art Wall in the atrium features a show of oil paintings by Corene Bernatz.

In order to keep the atrium bulletin board available for all committees to advertise their programs, posted items should be on the board no longer than two weeks. After that please take them down. Thank you!

# We remember and honor our friends and loved ones

## A Day to Remember: October 30

Each year we remember our loved ones who passed away during the preceding year. We acknowledge and celebrate their lives with us, and know that even as they gave of themselves during their lifetime, so even now they continue to be a part of us.

On October 30 at both worship services we will remember these members who have passed away since October 2015.

Lee Earl Christensen	Glenice Rae Newton
Elizabeth (Betty) Chapman	Ronald Lenberg Ress
Thomas Earnest Hosier	James Orrin Walts
Robert June Jarett	James Watson
Margaret Eileen Knudsen	Lewis Benjamin Woolner

## Endowment Fund: using your blessings to serve future generations

All we own, and the earth and life itself, are given to us by God. This stewardship brings with it a responsibility that we, as giving Christians, use our blessings wisely.

The Endowment Fund was established to encourage wise stewardship and to promote special giving to First Presbyterian Church; to provide access to earnings from endowment funds for the financial support of special ministries, education, and capital improvements not within the normal budget of the church; and to provide a financially stable vehicle to receive and invest proceeds derived from gifts and bequests to the funds.

In the past year the Endowment Fund received a bequest from the estate of Lois Litzow and donations from Lynn Postier and Alan Sessler.

Since October 2015 the Endowment Fund has provided

Grant to revoice Hautbois rank on Casavant organ  
from General Endowment interest

Pledge to Implementation Fund for renovation projects  
from General Endowment interest

Bangladesh Healing Ministry  
from Bisel Fund

Support for our confirmation program  
from McIlrath Confirmation Fund

“Home Touch” and greeting cards  
for C.A.R.E. members  
from Wise Cheer Fund

Support for Madrigal Christmas Feaste 2015  
from General Endowment interest

Support for Curt Cloninger’s presentation  
from Sheldon Jackson Lectureship

Support for members attending Handfell Festival Conference

If you have questions about the Memorial and Special Tribute Fund or the Endowment Fund, any member of the Endowment Committee would be happy to talk with you.

Committee members are Jay Beck, Ken Boyer, Charles Coddington, Carol Evans, Jacqueline Moen, T.J. Parlette, Robert Sixta, and James Talen.

An Endowment Fund brochure is available in the foyer and church office.

## Memorial and Special Tribute Fund: a chance to remember and honor

Our Memorial and Special Tribute Fund consists of money given to the church in memory of a member or friend or in honor of a special person or event. The money is used for special needs and projects or as designated by the family or donors.

Since October 2015 we have received unrestricted gifts in memory of these members and friends ~

Lee Christensen Robert Jarett James Walts  
Thomas Hosier Teresa Nolan Wallen Lewis Woolner  
and in honor of Val Battenburg and Janet Hosier  
and Patricia Keith and James Talen marriage

We received designated gifts and distributed undesignated gifts in memory of these members and friends ~

American flag and stand  
in memory of Thomas Hosier

Blanket Fund and Deacons Fund  
in memory of Benjamin Sanderson

Building Maintenance Endowment Fund  
in memory of Robert and Geeby Collen

Channel One  
in memory of Lee Christensen

Friendship Place  
in memory of James Walts

Implementation projects  
in memory of Betty Chapman and James Walts

Madrigal Christmas Feaste 2016 support  
in memory of Robert Sheridan

Mission Fund  
in honor of Pat Keith and James Talen marriage

Music program  
in memory of Lewis Woolner and Thomas Hosier  
and in honor of Janet Hosier

## Columbarium: place of the dove

From early Christian times churches have maintained an area of the church for interring the remains of its members and loved ones.

The area was often referred to as a columbarium, the Latin word for a dove-cote: the dwelling place of a columba, a dove.

With a return to the ancient custom of cremation, it is again possible to use a columbarium as a place of interment, allowing for the ashes of the faithful to be deposited within the church property, as was common in times past.

The First Presbyterian Church Columbarium was dedicated in May 1991 in memory of Jacqueline Beth Goodyear. One hundred six of the 192 niches have been reserved.

In the past year we held inurnment services for Lee Christensen and James Walts.




## Ministry of Music

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

Music expresses that which cannot be said  
and on which it is impossible to be silent.  
(Victor Hugo)

Please join us in one of our many choirs as a way to glorify God through your musical talents. Our choirs consist of volunteers of varying degrees of musical experience. All are welcome!

 <b>Singing and ringing schedule for October</b>			
	8:30	11:00	Both
October 2	Chancel Choir		Alleluia Rngrs
October 9	Chancel Choir	Calvin Choir	Joyous Praise
October 16	Chancel Choir	Cherub Choir	
October 23	Chancel Choir		
October 30	Calvin Choir	Chancel Choir	Jubilate Deo

## Opportunities abound for adult study, discussion

<b>Adult education ~ Sundays / 9:40-10:45 a.m.</b> Members have asked for in-depth studies and here are several great opportunities covering a wide variety of topics and interests!	
<b>Bible Study (South Fireside)</b> <i>Kerygma</i>	The Kerygma Class will continue their study of the Gospel of <i>Matthew</i> . The class is led by <b>Jane Goodfriend</b> and <b>Ruth Walts</b> .
<b>Current Issues (Lounge)</b>	<i>Current Events: the Pros and Cons</i> is the overall theme for the 2016-2017 year. The Current Issues discussion is led by <b>Al Depman</b> .
<b>Parenting Support Group (Library)</b> <i>Parenting challenges and Biblical parenting</i>	For new parents, experienced parents, grandparents, and parents to be, the class will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the library between services. Drop in as we share highs and lows, read what God says about parenting, and pray for our children. Facilitated by <b>Ariel Boswell</b> and <b>Lucinda Clements</b> .
<b>Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-7:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)</b>	October 5 <i>What Religion Would Jesus Belong To? Part 1</i> October 12 <i>What Religion Would Jesus Belong To? Part 2</i> October 19 No study October 19 because of MEA conferences October 26 <i>Greying of Church-goers Part 1</i> The Bible Study is led by <b>Al Depman</b> .



SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

## Offering dedicated to bringing the peace of Christ to the world

For many years, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have been committed to supporting the efforts of peace seekers and advocates working in the Presbyterian peacemaking community.

In 2014, the 221st General Assembly approved a change from the Peacemaking Offering to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This transition will extend the depth of the Offering and inspire more Presbyterians to join this mission. This new Offering will allow us to broaden our reach, making a greater impact and bringing peace to people through Christ.

Gifts to this Offering provide opportunities for:

**Peace building:** While violence and oppression know no age, gender, or race, women and children are most often the victims of these atrocities. The Offering will focus on these by providing prevention, accompaniment, and eradication.

**Global issues:** Lack of education across the globe has become one of the most serious issues facing our population. A significant mission of the Offering will be addressing illiteracy and poverty through outreach and community development.

**Witness:** Through witness to the love and peace of Christ, the Offering will train leaders to become peace builders in communities through bringing together regions in conflict, helping communities heal, and teaching important reconciliation tactics.

Seventy-five percent of the funds we receive go directly to support these activities; twenty-five percent is retained locally to support programs that build peace in our community.

Support this mission today. Although we will dedicate the offering on World Communion Sunday, donations may be made through FPC anytime in October.

## Celebration of Life Dinner celebrates those who have made a difference in our lives

On August 21 we held our 14th annual Celebration of Life Dinner. The **Meyer family** provided fried chicken, mashed potatoes, fresh corn on the cob and a broccoli salad and members brought a pie to share. We served 80 and celebrated those who have made a difference in our lives.

We offer thanks to our One Timers who provided extra help: **Mary Sheridan**, **Barb Depman** and **Sara and Brad Kluck**. Also thanks to **Bev and Dave Lewis** for helping with orientation to the new kitchen.

~ Gayle Jones / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

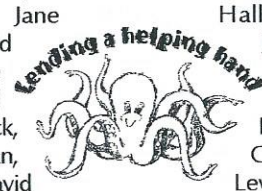
Calling all women and men, youth and adults

## You are needed as an usher

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 Alderks, Lyle Abrahamson, Clement Akogyeram, Chris Bauch, Omot Bawar, Jay Beck, Richard Bennett, Barbara and Ken Boyer, John Brandrup, Jeff Britton, Rusty Brown, Peter Carryer, Jon Closson, Charles Coddington, Amy Dollerschell, Allen Dollerschell, David Ellefson, Titus Evans, LaDonna and Warren Fay, Judy Felten, John Griffith, Jane Hallman, Dwight Jennings, David Jones, Dwight Jones, Jeannine and 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, Lowell Meyer, Clayton Moen, Mark Mueller, Dudley Parsons, Gabe and Kris Perkins, Mark Pileggi, Vicky and Tom Pileggi, Marion Pitts, Warren Potter, Jeff Remfert, Denise Ring, Jo Rockwell, Myron Rostad, Douglas and Rosaline Rovang, Bev and Frank Salomonsen, Robert Sannes, Don Scholz, Alan and Martha Sessler, Frank and Lynda Sharbrough, Tim Smith, Naomi and Ralph Spiekerman, Clarke Stevens, Kiyomi Takekawa, James Talen, William Tremaine, Elmer VanDerHeyden, Dan Wentz, Jay Youmans, and Tim Zetzsche.



## Flowers benefit from members' TLC (and water)



Now that Fall is here I want to thank everyone who helped keep the potted plants watered this summer. I truly appreciated the help as I have found you can't do it all alone.

These gracious people assisted with flower care: **Belinda Galeano, Jane Hallman, Alice Kerr, David and Bev Lewis, Terri Narr, Ruth Saling, and Karen Sessler.** Thank you for all of your hard work! It was greatly appreciated

If you have any suggestions for next year, please let me know, your input is always welcome.

~ Judy Felten / Master Gardener

A special note of thanks goes to Judy Felten for planting the flowers, organizing the crew, laying down mulch, and keeping watch over everything during the summer!

## General Mills Boxtops for Education support Kemmerer Village school programs

We have long supported Kemmerer Village, a Presbyterian childcare agency in Assumption, Illinois, with Campbell's Labels for Education and General Mills Boxtops for Education.

We have been notified that **Campbell's ended the Labels for Education program** last month. **General Mills Boxtops for Education are still being accepted** to support their school programming. Keep those boxtops coming! There is a container in the foyer for them.

## Habitat for Humanity crew concludes work for this summer

We have just completed our 2016 regularly scheduled work crews for Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity, and I would like to say a big **Thank You** to those of you who were able to come and help this summer!



**HABITAT**  
Project

We had a good time, worked alongside families who will benefit from RAHH's mission, and got a lot done.

Our volunteers this summer were: **Diane Grill, Rusty Brown, and Sarah Edgerton.** There were others who signed up and then we canceled and still more who expressed interest but weren't able to make the timing work.

If you weren't able to make the timing work out to join the work groups this summer - please keep us in mind for 2017 or contact RAHH directly (<http://www.rahh.org/>) for other volunteer opportunities.

If you know of others who I should include on the list for email invitations and reminders, please let me know....

~ Peace and all good, Sarah Edgerton / FPC Habitat coordinator

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!



## News from Presbyterian Women

\* Sylvia Swede, facilitator

Circles always welcome visitors and new members! Join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The 2016-2017 Bible study is *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*.

**Esther Circle:** Monday, October 17 at 1 p.m. in the Sheldon Jackson Lounge. Hostess and devotions: **Mary VanDerHeyden**. Bible study: **Martha Sessler**. All women are invited.

**Priscilla Circle:** Wednesday, October 19 at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge. Hostesses: **Darlene O'Malley** and **Kathy Jones**. Program: Hawthorne Helps, **Sandy MacLaughlin**. Project: Paper products for Gift of Life Transplant House and small lotions for Hawthorne Helps.

**Ruth Circle:** Saturday, October 15 at 10 a.m. in the lounge. **Mary Huie** will present the Bible Study, "Who is Jesus?" lessons #1 and 2.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. the lounge. Join us Thursday, October 13 for knitting, crocheting and fellowship! Please contact **Elizabeth Remfert** or **Susie McClocklin** if you or someone you know would find comfort from a prayer shawl.

*October is FPC's month to provide paper products and other needed items for the Gift of Life Transplant House. A list of requested items and a box to put them in is in the foyer. Thanks for your help!*

### Presbyterian Women meet at Calvin Presbyterian, Long Lake, October 15

The Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Twin Cities Area Presbytery will be held October 15 at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Long Lake. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, and the program, "Shelter: A Safe Place to Call Home," will deal with this issue. PW will pay the registration fee, which includes lunch, for all women who wish to attend. Please get your registration to **Peg Parsons** by October 7.

### Presbyterian Women host PW Synod coordinating Team

FPC is hosting the Synod of Lakes and Prairies PW Coordinating Team October 20-22. The Coordinating Team is composed of representatives of presbyteries in MN, IA, WI, ND, SD, and NE. **Sue Kimball** of Indianola, Iowa is the current moderator of the Team. Our presbytery representative is **Belinda Breit** of Plymouth.

## Church Family News

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to **William and Judy Haas** who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary October 6.

Congratulations to **William and Sharon Nichols** who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary October 12.

### Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Ruth Guy**, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday October 5.

Happy Birthday to **Jo Rockwell** who will celebrate her 90th birthday October 10. The congregation is invited to an Open House in Jo's honor on October 8 from 1-3 p.m. at The Homestead.

### Death

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **James Watson**, who died August 19.

### Wedding

Congratulations to **Jillian Schmidt** and **Jason Ho** who were married July 23 at Grace University Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

## Calling all crafters!



The Crafters Group will meet Wednesday, October 19 in the social hall from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Please join us as we make cards for our CARE members, with all materials provided. You are always welcome to bring a project of your own to work on. We'd love to see what you are making!

~Mary Huie (282-9712) / Crafters coordinator

*Reading material for the college and career bound...*

## Have you signed up for your Good News?

You're off to college or an out-of-town job. Have you (or your parents) made arrangements to have the church newsletter sent to you? Call **Sue** (282-1618) and she'll be happy to add your name to the mailing list.

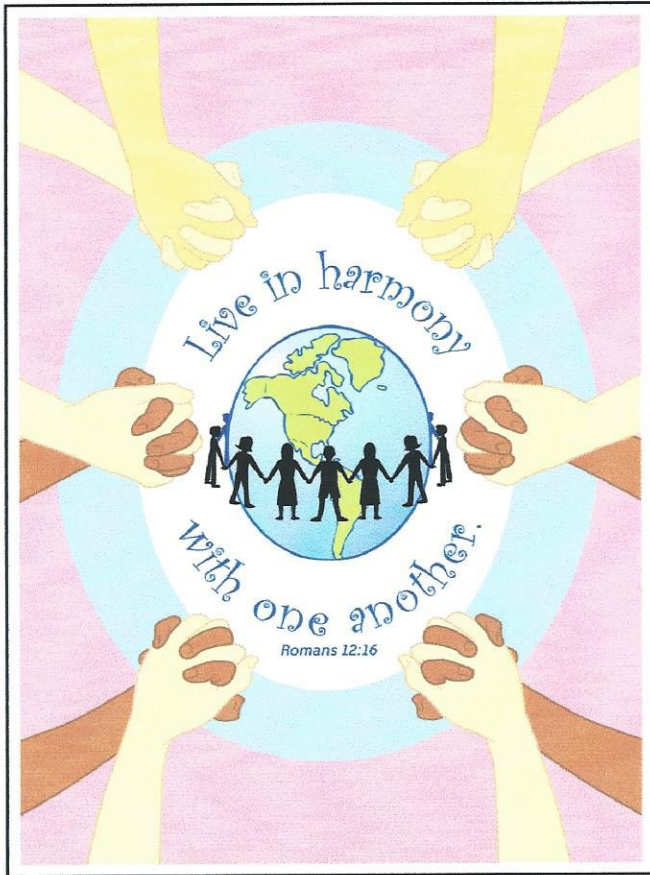
Likewise, if you'd like to stay in touch by getting the weekly Good News in Brief via e-mail, let us know your e-mail address. We're happy to send either one (or both) to you but we need to know where you are.

### He's everywhere

*A mother asked her little boy to please get the broom from the back porch. "But it's dark out there!" he protested.*

*"Don't be scared," Mom said. "Jesus is out there. He'll take care of you." When the child looked skeptical, his mother continued, "Jesus is everywhere. You'll be safe."*

*After a moment, the boy went to the back door and cracked it open. Peering into the dark, he called, "Jesus, if you're out there, will you please hand me the broom?"*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>Sunday worship schedule</b> Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school / all ages at 9:40 a.m.						1	
Cherub Choir at 10:20 a.m. Calvin Choir at 9:40 a.m.							
2 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 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	3 FPC@Community Food Response 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp continued	4 Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside	5 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place School dismissed after lunch 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 6:15 PM Madrigal singers rehearse 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	6 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	7	8	
9 <i>Stewardship Kickoff</i> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Joyous Praise rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 11:00 AM Calvin Choir sings	10 Columbus Day (Observed)  <b>Don't find fault. Find a remedy (Henry Ford)</b>	11 9:30 AM Staff meeting 6:30 PM Madrigal Feaste Cmte	12 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Kitchen Guild 6:15 PM Madrigal singers rehearse 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	13 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	14 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	15 Real Estate taxes due 9:00 AM PW/PTCA Fall Gathering/ Calvin Presbyterian/Long Lake 9:30 AM AGO Workshop w/ABrakel (tentative) 10:00 AM Ruth Circle/lounge	
16 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 9:40 AM New Mbr class 11:00 AM Cherub Choir sings 4:00 PM FOM/A Brakel/organist	17 Newsletter items due 1:00 PM Esther Circle/lounge	18 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	19 NO Wednesday activities 9:15 AM Priscilla Circle/lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/social hall 6:15 PM Madrigal singers rehearse	20 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	21  <b>No school / MEA Break</b>  <b>PW/Synod Coordinating Team@FPC (10/20-10/22/16)</b>	22	
23 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 10:40 AM New Mbr class w/Session 1:00 PM Trail Hike at Root River	24	25 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	26 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:15 PM Madrigal singers rehearse 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	27 Mail newsletter 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	28	29 10:00 AM BSA/10 Commandments Walk (15 minutes)	
30 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> <i>Memorial Sunday</i> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Jubilate Deo (both) 8:30 AM Calvin Choir sings 11:00 AM Chancel/Youth Choir sings	31 Halloween 7:00 PM Endowment Cmte	<b>Wednesday youth schedule</b> 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. J Praise bells (intergenerational)	