



The Good News

of First Presbyterian Church for October 2019

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. (Ephesians 2.19-20 [NRSV])

*Celebrate World Communion Sunday
with Christians around the world October 6*

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 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 world at the celebration. Take your place at the Table on Sunday, October 6.

No life can be lived privately.

There must be overflow into the lives of others.

~ Eugene H. Peterson

Duo B opens 2019-2020 A Festival of Music season

Time: Sunday, October 13 at 4 p.m.

Place: First Presbyterian Church sanctuary

Hirono Borter, violin

Philip Borter, cello

Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

FESTIVAL
OF MUSIC



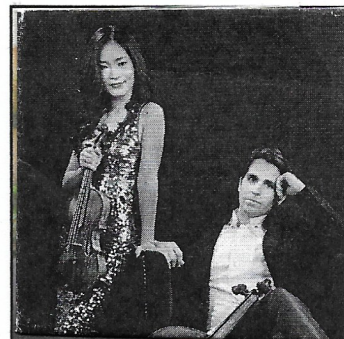
Unique in the classical music world due to its dedication to works for violin and cello, Duo B is recognized for its passionate musical commitment, creative style, and original programming. The ensemble began in 2009 with the chance meeting of a Japanese violinist (Hirono Sugimoto) and an American cellist (Philip Borter) in Germany at the Hochschule für Musik-Freiburg. While still graduate students at the Eastman School of Music, their fascination with travel, music-making, and each other resulted in the forming of Duo B.

Duo B has performed across three continents including landmark performances in Kodak Hall at the Eastman Theater, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Universität der Künste in Berlin, and Minatomirai Hall in Yokohama, Japan. Other performance projects include a recently released album of Tangos by Astor Piazzolla and concert tours in Italy, Japan, the Midwest, and the Southeastern United States.

Early on, a diversion from their classical training led them to explore music from a variety of genres and cultures, including folk traditions of Europe, Appalachia, and Japan.

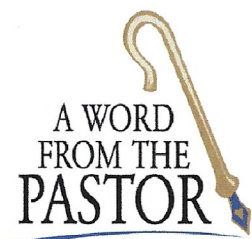
While dedicating their musical lives to the string duo, Philip and Hirono cherish being full-time parents and sharing as many musical adventures as possible with their two sons, Jude and Joseph.

The concert is open to the public. There is no admission fee, but a freewill offering will be accepted.



Duo B

October 13, 2019



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

September 2019

Many of you have commented to me over the years that you enjoy the stories I tell during my sermons. Well, sometimes I run across so many interesting bits and pieces that I can't fit everything in. So let me share a "b side" story with you in this newsletter.

(For those of you who remember vinyl records, especially 45's, I trust you get the reference. For those who don't, "b-sides" were like bonus songs that were released on the flip side of a hit song - they were songs that often didn't make it onto the finished album. I forget how old I am sometimes).

As I was preparing for a sermon on the story in which Jesus goes to a dinner party at the house of a Pharisee and witnesses the guests jockeying for the best seats at the table, I ran across a couple of stories that were very intriguing. I wonder if anyone has heard about a program called "Mix It Up at Lunch"? It's a program sponsored by teachingtolerance.org and encourages schools to organize a day where kids are encouraged to sit with different groups at lunch time to help to get to know everybody. Or, there is a project called "We Dine Together." This is a club started by a group of teenagers in Florida so that no one would have to eat alone at lunch. The interesting thing about "We Dine Together" is that it is totally student-led and is part of a larger effort called "Be Strong" - and yes, they have an app! The Be Strong app exists to keep parents and youth-led clubs connected to the latest tools, programs, resources and events to help prevent bullying, isolation and suicide. They encourage young people to help each other build their resiliency to the challenges of life. One of the most straight-forward ways to do that is to dine together.

They sound like great programs - take a look at them online. To start a "Be Strong" chapter at your school, a student needs to take initiative and get it going.

Thanks for letting me share some "b-side" inspiration this month!

Peace, T. J.

Homecoming Sunday Celebration

Sunday, October 6, noon

Homecoming Sunday will be October 6 after the second service. Welcoming and Nurturing will grill the main dish and we are asking folks to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

If you would like to be involved in the program - sharing about how FPC is home to you or about our history together, please contact Allyson Maurer at 507-259-3878 or allyson227@yahoo.com.

~Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

Stewardship Alive!

Unimaginable Impact

You don't know how many people have been strengthened because you asked God to encourage them; how many people have been healed because you prayed for their bodies; how many spiritual runaways have come home because you prayed for their souls. None of us may ever know the true effects of our prayers this side of death. But we do know this: History belongs to the intercessors.

-John Ortberg, The Life You've Always Wanted

Financial Statement / August 2019

Balance (8/1/19)	\$ 105,449.15
Receipts (August)	+ 43,430.61
Disbursements (August)	- 59,061.65
Balance (8/31/19)	\$ 89,818.11



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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
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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.

**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.**

Don't fall victim to an internet scam

Come to the fall *Forum@First*

Mark your calendars now for our second 2019 community forum hosted by the Social Concerns Committee. The fall forum will be on Tuesday evening, October 29 from 7-8 p.m. in the sanctuary and will feature Mr. **Darrel Hildebrant**, Advanced Crime Prevention Specialist in the Investigations Division of the Rochester Police Department. Mr. Hildebrant will discuss ways to prevent you and members of your family from being victimized by criminals online, by phone and through social media.

Specifically, Mr. Hildebrant will touch upon aspects of online safety, whether you are on your computer at home or looking at your email on your cell phone. He will also highlight the pitfalls of smartphone use and how we make it easier for criminals to access our information. He will also talk about our use of social media and how to proactively keep our information private and ourselves and our homes safe. Finally, he will discuss cyber bullying which does not just happen to children and teens. Adults are cyber-bullied often in the form of online stalking and romance scams. Where appropriate, Darrel will mention some aspects of youth internet and phone safety, but this will not be the main thrust of his talk.

Please join us and learn how to protect yourself so that you are never a victim of identity theft, scams and other all too frequent crimes of the internet age. We promise that you will leave with some new knowledge and tips to keep you and your information safe.

We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends here on October 29 at 7 p.m. for an informative evening with a dynamic speaker.

~Lucinda Cutrer / Social Concerns



Stewardship 2020 Count Me In

Thanks to everyone's faithful generosity, we are in a good financial position for the year to date of 2019 and for that we say: "Thank you!"

As we look forward to 2020 we plan to continue our strong support of mission work – local and worldwide – and our youth programs and wonderful music offerings, in addition to maintaining this lovely facility.

Where do you fit in *Count Me In*? How best can you use your time, talents, or treasures to answer God's call for us to be good stewards, plan wisely, and generously share our faith with everyone we meet?

As the committees of our church work to budget for 2020, please prayerfully consider where you belong in *Count Me In* in the life and work of First Presbyterian Church.

You will soon be receiving the 2020 Stewardship package in the mail – please take time to read the enclosed information about the plans for First Presbyterian for 2020 and consider your pledge and the opportunities for the commitment of your time and talents – maybe even something you haven't tried before!

Thank you for your generosity!

~ Sarah Edgerton / Stewardship Committee

Mission Committee commits \$1000 to hurricane relief

Hurricane Dorian has left the Bahamas with massive damage and countless people without shelter and adequate food and water. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is already assisting with relief and we are all able to help. To help, write a check and put Hurricane Relief in the memo line and place in the offering plate or bring to the office. The Mission Committee has already designated \$1000 to Hurricane Relief. It is also possible to give online by going to the PDA website with code DR000194.

Thank you.

~ Phyllis Schmid / Mission Committee

Octoberfest

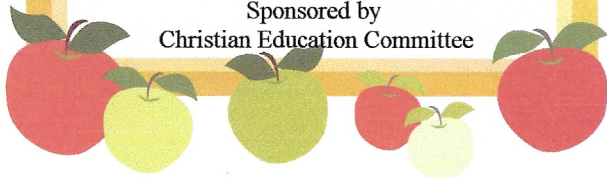
Wednesday, October 23

5:30-6:30 p.m.

*The signs of Fall are all about
The leaves are turning red
The pumpkins all are coming out
But the sign of Fall we like the best
Is the night of CE's **OCTOBERFEST.***

Join us for brats, hot dogs, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and more!
Reservations preferred; please sign up on Sunday mornings in the church atrium or call the church office.

Sponsored by
Christian Education Committee



SOCKtober

Did you know that socks are the number one requested item for homeless shelters? I am collecting new socks (adult size L or XL) for the Dorothy Day House as a community service project at my school. Look for the sock bin in the foyer this October to donate.

Thanks so much from Katie Keller!

We remember and honor our friends and loved ones

A Day to Remember: October 27

Each year, on Memorial Sunday, 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.

Today at both services of worship we remember with love and affection these members and loved ones who passed away between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019.

Lucille Bill	Doris Jean (Schmoll) Klein
Marie Anna (Sell) Bolton	Faye Ola (Broome) Loessin
Bruce B. Brown	Arnold Lee Schroeter
David Herman Ellefson	Linda Kay (Morelock) Tillotson
Howard Clark Hoagland	Andreas Robert Tollefson
Susan Joan (Smith) Holcomb	Patricia Anne (Rimney) Whisnant
Jane (Myers) Irving	

Endowment Fund: using your blessings to serve future generations

All we own, plus 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 donation from Alan Sessler, a gift in memory of Linda Tillotson, and a gift for the Capital Maintenance Fund in memory of David Ellefson.

Since October 2018 the Endowment Fund has provided

Pledge to five-year maintenance projects
from General Endowment interest

Honorarium to Michael Barone
to speak on "The role of the organ in sacred music"
from Sheldon Jackson Lectureship Fund

Support for confirmation program
from McIlrath Confirmation Fund

"Home Touch" and cards for C.A.R.E. members
from Wise Cheer Fund

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

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

Since October 2018 we have received undesignated gifts in memory of or honor of these members and friends ~

Edith Albrecht	Susan Holcomb	Linda Tillotson
Steven Aug	David Jones	Patricia Whisnant
Val Battenburg	Jean Klein	
David Ellefson	Faye Loessin	
H Clark Hoagland	Arnold Schroeter	

And received a gift in honor of Donald Scholz

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

Channel One

in memory of David Ellefson

Deacons transportation fund

in memory of David Ellefson

Endowment/Capital Maintenance Fund

in memory of David Ellefson

Festival of Music

in memory of Horace Hallman

Rose Window restoration

in memory of David Jones

Kitchen Fund

in memory of Janice Buelger, Marge Lee, and Ruth Murray

One Great Hour of Sharing

in memory of Arnold Schroeter

Endowment Fund

in memory of Linda Tillotson

A2 and B2 Handbells

in memory of

Edith Albrecht, Val Battenburg, Betty Chapman,
Gordon Danielson, James Fellows, Marilyn Fellows,
Bette Ferschweiler, Ann Haas, Grace Hallman, Helen Hill,
Isabel Huizenga, Robert Jarrett, Jeannine Karnes,
Mary Lucinda Kearns, Harry Long, Ross Miller,
Elizabeth Monsees, Anneliese Opitz, Jean Peterson,
Lowell Peterson, Ann Schultz, Myra Siebenaler, Carol Sorenson,
James Stocke, Ruth Story, Beverly Thoma, Suzanne Turlington,
Teresa Nolan Wallen, James Walts, Jack Whisnant,
Lewis Woolner, Rusty Brown's mother, Marion Pitts' mother

Folding chairs for the sanctuary

in memory of

Omer Burgert, Clark Hoagland, Ramona Hoagland,
Elmer Kruesel, and Hilda Nelson

Columbarium: place of the dove

From early Christian times churches have maintained an area of the church for inurnment 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. The use of this name may have developed with the custom of calling to mind the Holy Spirit, whose presence was especially sensed in the resting place of the departed and whose symbol is the dove.

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

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

In the past year we held inurnment services for David Ellefson, Susan Holcomb, Faye Loessin, Arnold Schroeter, Linda Tillotson, and Patricia Whisnant.

If you have questions about the Memorial and Special Tributes Fund or the Endowment Fund, any member of the Endowment Committee would be happy to talk with you. Committee members are Ken Boyer, Carol Evans, Mark Keller, Allyson Maurer, T. J. Parlette, James Sessler, Tim Smith, and Eric Sorenson.

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!

Bible Study (South Fireside)	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 .										
Current Issues (Lounge)	<i>Current Events: Fighting the Tide of History</i> will be the overall theme for the 2019-2020 year, The Current Issues discussion is led by Al Depman . (October 13: <i>The electrifying history of The War of the Currents</i> starring <i>Thomas Edison, George Westinghouse and Nikola Tesla</i> led by Mark Mueller)										
Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-7:30 p.m.											
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Offering dedicated to bringing the peace of Christ to the world

The church in every age wrestles with the distance between our immediate desires and God's desires for all creation. The times we are living in are no different and we hold fast to our faith that God's peace is without boundaries. In God's time, our expectations can be expanded by God's faithfulness.

As the body of Christ called Presbyterians, we are making a difference together through our serving and our giving. Together, in the Spirit of God, let us work to break the power of hate and heal the wounds of violence and division. May this season of peace quiet the anxiety in each of us as we pray and boldly take action for God's peace at all times in all ways. When we receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday we are making a transformative impact on people's lives through ministries we choose and ministries across the globe.

This is possible because:

- 25% of the offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking in our community;
- 25% of the offering stays with our mid-councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in our region;
- 50% of the offering supports ministries of peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

You know the need is great. Your gift will make a difference. Please join us by making a generous donation.

~ adapted from *The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II / Stated Clerk of the General Assembly*



Nominating Committee needs names for new officers for next year

The FPC Nominating Committee will soon begin looking for candidates to serve the congregation beginning January 2020. Specifically, there are positions available for six Elders to be on the Session, seven Deacons, and an at-large candidate for the Endowment Committee. These are all three-year terms, 2020 - 2022. In addition, there are five openings for next year's Nominating Committee, a one-year commitment.

If you are interested in finding out more about what these positions entail, please contact a member of the current Nominating Committee. If there is someone you'd like to nominate for a position, we will be glad to consider them as part of our outreach.

Members of the Nominating Committee are **Joe Doppler**, lead elder; **Lucinda Cutrer**, elder; **Gregg Erickson**, **Paul Herr**, **Katie Lenn**, **Britta Youmans**, **Lindsay Zetzsche** (congregation members), and **Andrew Thoreson** (Deacon representative).



October 2019 Youth Group News

Susanna Stone
Coordinator of Youth
& Christian Education

The FPC Youth Group has been meeting for about a month now, and we've been having a BLAST! We have a wonderful group of youth who have enjoyed getting to know each other better, playing games, and serving the church. If you are in grades 6-12 and haven't had a chance to join us yet, we meet every Wednesday from 5:45-7:00 p.m. Come when you can and bring a friend!

Save the Date

The Fall Youth Group outing will take place at Northwoods Orchard on October 6 from 2-4 p.m. Meet at the Orchard (8018 75th Ave NW, Oronoco, MN) at 2 p.m. We'll explore the corn maze, enjoy a wagon ride, and make s'mores by the campfire. Cost is \$5 and permission slips are required. Contact Susanna with any questions or to get a permission slip.

Deacon initiative supports youth connections

In order to connect with more individuals in the church community, a few years ago the Deacons began the Deacon/Youth Initiative. Deacons agreed to occasionally send cards to FPC youth in grades 5-12 to build a further connection between youth and FPC. The program is continuing this year.

- WHO: Youth in 5th-12th Grade and FPC Deacons
- WHAT: Youth get mail (card) from a Deacon
- WHY: Youth support & intergenerational connection

Please let Susanna or Rev. Jay know if:

1. You do **NOT** want your youth (grades 5-12) participating in the initiative.
2. You **DO WANT** your youth (grades 5-12) to participate but he/she has not been receiving cards from an FPC Deacon.

Sitter Service continues October 11

The next Sitter Service will be October 11. Sign up in the atrium on Sunday, October 6 or in the church office or by contacting **Sarah Edgerton** (edgertonsarah@gmail.com) or 507-536-9637) or **Cindy Kunzman** (507-421-5055 or xiandikunzman@aol.com) by Tuesday, October 8.

We are always looking for new families to join the fun and volunteers who would be willing to come play with us for a few hours.

All children (6 months to 10 years) of members or regular attendees are welcome (also grandchildren). Older children may come and help if they have younger siblings attending. Anyone wishing to help be a volunteer Sitter, please contact **Sarah Edgerton** or **Cindy Kunzman**.

~ Sarah and Cindy / Sitter Service Coordinators



Ministry of Music

John Stender, 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)

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!

Singing and ringing schedule for October			
	8:30	11:00	Both
October 6	Chancel Choir Youth Choir	Calvin Choir	Alleluia Rngrs
October 13	Chancel Choir Youth Choir	Cherub Choir Chancel Choir Youth Choir	Jubilate Deo
October 20	Chancel Choir		
October 27	Youth Choir	Chancel Choir	Joyous Praise

First Players 2019-20 season underway



Janine Yanisch
First Players
Director

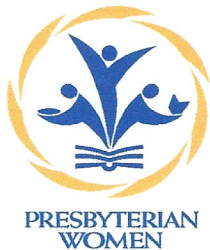
We have a great group of beginners starting! It's so gratifying to see the excitement and joy of the students when they make their first forays into playing an instrument, and to watch them progress through the year. At this time we have 14 students in the Beginning Band program. The Concert Band has 20 members and had their first rehearsal on September 12. What nice people they are! There is room for additional members in this group and we'd love to have more:-)

Band Camp took place August 26-30 and was a good success. The theme was *Old Time Rock and Roll* and *Swing*. Students benefitted from the expertise of sectional coaches several times, had fun getting to know each other, participating in small group activities, and performing several pieces for an admiring audience at the end of the week. Thank you to all who helped with the camp, and those who attended the concert and ice cream social. Your support is so appreciated!

If anyone is interested in serving on the First Players Board this year, please let me know. It's a very informal board that meets about 3 times a year, helps me view the program from other perspectives, and serves as my go-to group to guide and support me (with technology, program implementation, concert preparation, etc.). Please consider! (I bring cookies to all meetings:-)

Wishing you all a beautiful autumn and peace,

Janine



News from Presbyterian Women

* *Sylvia Swede, facilitator*

Circles continue in October. New members are always welcome.

The 2019-2020 Horizons Bible Study is *Love Carved in Stone: A*

Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.

Esther Circle: Monday, October 21 at 1 p.m. in the lounge. Hostesses: **Char Davis** and **Margie Schaaf**. Devotions: **Sylvia Swede**. Program: **Marcia Dollerschell**.

Priscilla Circle: Wednesday, October 16 at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge. Hostesses: **Char Ellefson** and **Shelley Steger**. Program: Getting to know you. Bring something that hangs on your walls. Devotions: **Donna Lee**. Project: Paper products for Gift of Life House.

Ruth Circle: Saturday, October 19 at 10 a.m. in the lounge. Program: Bible Study by **Phyllis Schmid** (lesson #2 in the Bible Study "Love Carved In Stone").

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Thursday, October 10 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.

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 hold Fall Gathering in Kasson

Get your registration form to **Peg Parsons**, treasurer, by October 5 in order to attend the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Twin Cities Area Presbytery on October 12 at First Presbyterian Church, Kasson.

The theme for the day is "Refugees and Immigration" and the keynote speaker will be **Mary Hogan**, Community Relations Officer of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

PW will pay the registration, which includes lunch, for all who can attend.

Flowers benefit from members' TLC

Thank you to these wonderful people who helped with watering the flower pots this summer! Your help was appreciated by me and those who enjoyed the flowers. This great group of women includes **Belinda Galeano**, **Cheri Hann**, **Bev Lewis**, **Melinda Mariotti**, **Terri Narr**, and **Ruth Saling**.

~ Judy Felten / Master Gardener and Flower Caretaker

Church Family News

Anniversaries

Congratulations to **James and Susan Clarida** who will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary October 4.

Congratulations to **William and Judy Haas** who will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary October 6.

Congratulations to **William and Sharon Nichols** who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary October 12.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Ruth Guy**, who will celebrate her 95th birthday October 5.

Happy Birthday to **Jo Rockwell** who will celebrate her 93rd birthday October 10.

Happy Birthday to **Jane Destro** who will celebrate her 92nd birthday October 11.

Happy Birthday to **Peter Dyck** who will celebrate his 92nd birthday October 20.

Calling all crafters!

Crafters Group will meet Wednesday, October 16 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Come join us for fellowship as we make cards for our C.A.R.E. members of the church. All supplies (including the idea for the month) are provided.

~ Mary Huie (282-9712) / Crafters coordinator

New Members class begins October 6

A New Members Class will begin October 6. 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 13 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.

Bdecan Mission Team reports on summer accomplishments

Please join the Bdecan Mission Team on October 20! Between services, the Team will show slides and explain what the FPC Bdecan Mission Team accomplished this past summer!

Please bring your coffee and doughnut over and join us on the east side of the social hall!

~ Marylynn Aalderks / Bdecan coordinator



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday morning schedule Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school / all ages at 9:40 a.m. Cherub Choir at 10:20 a.m. Calvin Choir at 9:40 a.m.		1 Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside	2 Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	3 4:00 PM First Players Concert Band/gr 6-12 (4-5:15 p.m.) 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	4	5
6 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> Worship & communion (8:30, 11) Alleluia Rngrs rings (both) 9:30 AM Blood Pressure/Parish Nursing 9:30 AM Chancel Yth Chr sings 9:30 AM New Mbr class 11:00 AM Calvin Choir sings 12:00 PM Homecoming Celebration (W&N) 2:00 PM Youth Group outing/orchard	7 FPC@Community Food Response	8 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:30 PM Kitchen Guild 4:00 PM First Players Beginning Band/gr 4-5 (4-4:45 p.m.) 7:15 PM FOM Cmte/north fireside	9 Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	10 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 4:00 PM First Players Concert Band/gr 6-12 (4-5:15 p.m.) 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	11 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	12 Sanctuary closed (FOM rehearsal) 9:00 AM PW/PTCA Fall Gathering/Kasson PC
13 Stewardship Kickoff Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Jubilate Deo (both) Chancel/Yth Chr sings (both) 9:30 AM New Mbr class w/Session 11:00 AM Cherub Choir sings 4:00 PM FOM/Duo-B/violin-cello	14 Columbus Day (Observed)	15 Newsletter items due Real Estate taxes due 9:30 AM Staff meeting 4:00 PM First Players Beginning Band/gr 4-5 (4-4:45 p.m.) 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	16 NO choir/bells/youth activities FPC@Friendship Place 9:15 AM Priscilla Circle/lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/SHall	17 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> No school / MEA Break </div>	19 10:00 AM Ruth Circle/ lounge
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> It is good for us to keep some account of our prayers, that we may not unsay them in our practice. (Matthew Henry) </div>						
20 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:40 AM Bdecan Mission Team report	21 1:00 PM Esther Circle/ lounge	22 9:30 AM Staff meeting 4:00 PM First Players Beginning Band/gr 4-5 (4-4:45 p.m.)	23 Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 5:30 PM Octoberfest supper/CEd 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	24 4:00 PM First Players Concert Band/gr 6-12 (4-5:15 p.m.) 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	25	26 10:30 AM 10 Commann- dment Hike (BSA) stop at FPC (sanctuary)
27 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> Memorial Sunday Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Joyous Praise rings (both) 8:30 AM Youth Chr sings 11:00 AM Chancel Choir sings	28 7:00 PM Endowment Cmte	29 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild 4:00 PM First Players Beginning Band/gr 4-5 (4-4:45 p.m.) 7:00 PM Forums@First on internet safety (SocC)	30 Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	31 Halloween 4:00 PM First Players Concert Band/gr 6-12 (4-5:15 p.m.) 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	Wednesday afternoon schedule 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 (intergenerational)	