

# The Good News

## of First Presbyterian Church for September 2016

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.  
(Matthew 5:14-15 [NIV])

### Capital Campaign fund nears goal

The Stewardship and Finance Committee wishes to thank you for your pledges and contributions to the Capital Campaign fund. Without your generous donations, we would not have been able to complete the many implementation projects.

We also wish to thank the people of our congregation who volunteered numerous hours of their time and talents. Volunteer hours enabled us to complete the projects at a tremendous savings over what the initial capital campaign fund requirement would have been. Take a moment to look at the kitchen. The transformation for this area is amazing! The new stainless steel appliances in the kitchen are a beauty to behold. All the implementation projects completed have brought us up to code and have added beauty and greater usability to our Church.

We now have \$314,302 in projected capital campaign income (a gap of only \$5,698). Thank you again for your generosity and commitment.

~ Jackie Moen / Stewardship and Finance Committee

### Come take a hike!

Mark Mueller is partnering with the parish nursing ministry again this year to lead exciting group walks. The walks began in July and will continue on the fourth Sunday of September and October.

The walks begin at 1 p.m. and are family friendly but geared towards physically active participants. Don't forget to bring a hat and water and wear sunscreen! If the activity 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).

#### September 25 / 1 p.m. - Hike along the Creek

Meet at Quarry Hill Nature Center (701 Silver Creek Road NE) at 1 p.m. We will hike along the creek and explore some of Quarry Hill Park.

#### October 23 / 1 p.m. - Park Hike at Root River

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.

~ Mark Mueller and Ariel Boswell

### Sunday worship returns to 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on September 11

*On September 11 we return to Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. This also marks the beginning of a new program year.*

The "Back to School" slogan has been barking at us in catalogues and store displays since late July, but the reality returns to FPC on September 11 in the form of our annual Kickoff Sunday festivities. There's so much to see and do (see schedule below for schedules/details):

- **Open House/Meet the Teacher** opportunity for all students and their parents in PreK through middle school
- **Children's choirs** – Cherub (age 4-grade 1) and Calvin (grades 2-5)
- **Ministries Fair in the atrium** – learn about the various ministries, activities and opportunities
- **Adult Education classes** typically hold their first meeting [check with the class facilitator(s)]

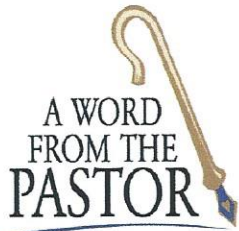
Nursery care for infants through 2-year-olds will be available throughout the morning. Kickoff Sunday is always an extra-energetic morning with something for everyone. So come and celebrate the beginning of a new program year!

#### Kickoff Sunday Schedule:

9:40-10:20	Calvin Choir (grades 2-5) Open House/Meet-the-Teachers: PreK and K/1
9:45-10:40	Ministries Fair Open House/Meet-the-Teachers: middle school Confirmation Orientation Adult Education classes
10:20-10:50	Cherub Choir (age 4 - grade 1) Open House/Meet-the-Teachers: grades 2/3 and 4/5

*PreK through middle school Sunday School meet for their full session times beginning September 18. Please contact Jay Rowland or Rick Morris (Christian Education) and Lee Afdahl or Katie Kruger (choir/music) with any questions or concerns.*

~ Rev. Jay Rowland for Christian Education



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

September 2016

A few weeks ago, I told a story in my sermon. It was a rather strange story. Not exactly a "feel good" story, but rather, one that makes you think. In light of the election looming on the horizon and the contentious atmosphere that I am sure will build as we get closer to November – I want to tell this story one more time.

Once upon a time in a land far, far away, the elders of the land came to see their King with bad news. "Your Highness, we need your advice, we have a terrible problem. Except for a small portion, our food supply has gone bad – bad to the point that if anyone eats it, they will go insane. The way we see it, we have two choices. On the one hand, we can all eat the contaminated food supply and we will all live – but we will go insane. On the other hand, we can eat the small amount of good food, but there won't be enough and we shall soon starve. Tell us, O King, what should we do?"

Being a wise King, he thought for a moment and then replied, "We shall eat the contaminated food supply and live. But we shall set aside a few people to eat only the uncontaminated food. They will be on a special diet. They shall exist to remind the rest of us that we are insane."

It seems to me that that is why the church exists. We are called to stand apart, to put ourselves on a special diet of God's word, to set our minds on things that are above, so that we can remind others that they are tipping towards insanity. God calls us to live in a mind set that revolves around grace, forgiveness, humility, kindness, gentleness and love. If we can model that mind set, a Christ-like mind set, to the world around us – to our friends, our family, and our neighbors – we might just make this world a better place.

Peace, T. J.

## Ministry Fair promotes opportunity to sign up for activities

On September 11, Kickoff Sunday, we will have a Ministries Fair in the atrium between the two worship services.

Many of our committees will have tables and displays with information about their various offerings for all ages available during the church year. Come and meet people who share your interests and passion. Sign up today!

You can also pick up a 2016-2017 church calendar.

### September services of worship

September 4: Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.

September 11: We return to services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

## Stewardship Alive!

### Grace in, grace out

The computer acronym GIGO – "garbage in, garbage out" – describes how putting wrong code into a machine will lead to faulty output. Jesus offers a similar lesson in Matthew 15: "What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person" (v. 18, ESV).

GIGO works the other way, too. If we put good things (including the good news of salvation) "in" our hearts, Jesus' goodness will shine "out" through our lives. And when God's grace enters and changes us, we'll also reach out and share that good news with others.

~ Newsletter / August 2016

### Financial Statement / July 2016

#### General Operating Budget

Balance (6/30/16)	\$ 74,834.40
Receipts (July)	+ 43,964.03
Disbursements (July)	- 53,235.06
Balance (7/31/16)	\$ 65,563.37



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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
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Music Assistant	Kathleen M. Kruger
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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.**

## Recognize and address depression

While the classic symptom of depression is a feeling of sadness and loss of interest in normal activities, depression can masquerade as many other illnesses.



Chronic pain, fatigue, sleeping problems, overeating, and irritability are other symptoms and health concerns interwoven with depression.

Once diagnosed, there are many therapies to address depression including medications, counseling, cognitive behavioral therapy, support groups, and of course accepting love and assistance from friends and family. As Proverbs 12:25 reminds us, "Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up." As always, the first step is recognizing and addressing the problem.

The first Sunday in October, **Rachel Beukema**, who is studying to be a nurse practitioner, 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

**Reminder:** One of our parish nurses will be in our library between services the first Sunday of each month to take your blood pressure and answer questions you might have about your health.

## Nominating Committee needs names for new officers for next year

Your FPC Nominating Committee will soon begin to look for candidates to serve the congregation beginning January 2017. 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, 2017 - 2019. In addition, there are five openings for next year's Nominating Committee, a one-year commitment.

If you are interested in finding out 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 contact them as part of our outreach. Thank you for helping FPC grow in wisdom and faith!

Members of this year's Nominating Committee are **Gayle Jones**, lead elder; **Jane Murl** and **Karen Sessler**, elders; **Neil Shepard**, Deacon representative; and **Jeremy Braun**, **Ron Kreinbring**, **Cindy Kunzman**, **Wendy Shannon**, and **Laura Smith**, congregation-at-large members.

God wants our work to be meaningful and satisfying. No matter what we do, it should provide a reason to get up each day and use the talents God has given us. As Benjamin Franklin said, "The [person] who achieves makes many mistakes, but never makes the biggest mistake of all: doing nothing."

## Sunday coffee/fellowship time moves to atrium

For several summers, we have had our Coffee/Fellowship Time in the atrium because we only had one service. Now we are going to continue this practice through October as a pilot project.

The Welcoming and Nurturing Committee has been discussing how to continue our efforts to welcome all into our church family. Long-time members often have a network of friends and find it easy to socialize during coffee time on Sundays. But many times, our visitors or new members don't come down to the social hall...they go straight out the doors and so we don't get a chance to get to know them.

We will have conversational areas in the atrium to encourage everyone to reach out to those they may not know well. Those who prefer are welcome to take their coffee down to the social hall for their fellowship time. Make a plan to talk to one person you don't know well each Sunday.

~ Gayle Jones / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

## Sitter Service resumes September 9

We will resume our Parents Night Out offering to parents who need a break on September 9 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. (NOTE: this is a new time.)

Sign up after each worship service on September 4, OR if your child is already registered, by calling the church office by Tuesday, September 6. We need parents to sign their children up so we know how many children to expect and their ages. Parents or guardians are asked to both

- bring their children to Sitter Service personally and
- pick them up personally so we have all important contact information on hand. Drop off and pick up can be anytime between 5:30 and 9:30 p.m.

We are also looking for new Sitters to replace some who are no longer able to volunteer. Volunteers will need to have a background check done by the church. If you are not already on the volunteer list and think you might like to volunteer one or more times, contact **Gayle Jones** (mngjones@charter.net or 993-2443).

~ Gayle Jones / Sitter Service coordinator

## Interested in Grief Support Group?

Rev. Rowland is planning to offer another Grief Support Group that would meet once a week at FPC beginning in October.

The first step is determining if there is sufficient need at this time. If you think you might benefit from this, please contact Rev. Rowland (rowland.jay@fpcrochester.org or 282-1618). This will help him determine whether or not to offer a grief support group this fall.





## 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!

### Check for schedule changes as music groups resume this month

#### For children:

- Cherub Choir (age 4-grade 1) ~ Sunday, September 11, 10:20-10:50 a.m. (Sunday school from 9:40-10:20)
- Calvin Choir (grades 2-5) ~ Sunday, September 11, 9:40-10:20 a.m. (Sunday school from 10:20-11:00)
- Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5) ~ Wednesday, September 14, 4:15-5 p.m.
- First Players (grades 4-5), beginning band instrumental lessons, week of September 12

#### For youth:

- Youth Choir (grades 6-12) ~ Wednesday, September 14, 5-5:45 p.m.
- Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12) ~ Wednesday, September 14, 7-7:45 p.m. (Both youth ministries groups meet 5:45-7 p.m.)
- Church orchestra (grades 7-adult), prepare for December 11 (Lessons and Carols) and March 26 (Cantata Sunday)
- First Players Concert Band (middle school and older) - Thursday, September 15, 3:45 p.m.

#### For adults:

- Chancel Choir (adults) ~ Thursday, September 8, 7:30-9 p.m. and/or Sunday, September 11, 9:45-10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir sings for worship at 8:30 except on the last Sunday of each month when the choir sings at 11 and on special occasions when it sings at both services.
- Jubilate Deo handbells (adults) ~ Thursday, September 8, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
- Church orchestra, prepare for December 11 (Lessons and Carols) and March 26 (Cantata Sunday)

### Church orchestra welcomes everyone in grade 7 through adults

The church orchestra practices and participates in worship seasonally. Instrumentalists (grade 7 through adults) are welcome in this program. Programs on the schedule include December 11 (Lessons and Carols) and March 26 (Cantata). Let Lee Afdahl know if you would like to participate in any of these opportunities.

## Music program receives donated harpsichord

Our gratitude is extended to Louis and Verda Pape of Kasson, Minnesota who recently gave us their Zuckermann Harpsichord.

Dr. Pape, a retired music faculty member of the University of South Dakota where he taught music history, music theory, piano, and organ, constructed the instrument in 1969.

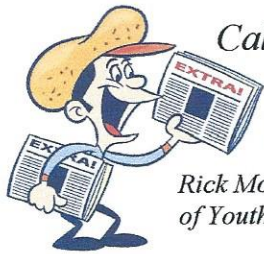
The Papes moved to Kasson to be closer to their daughter, a music teacher in the Kasson-Mantorville District. Their move necessitated some down-sizing, and we have benefitted from their generosity. The Papes have attended concerts in our *A Festival of Music* series and know of our active ministry through music. The one-manual (keyboard) instrument has been well maintained over the years, and will serve us well in worship, concert, and of course, the Madrigal Christmas Feast.

~ Lee Afdahl / Director of Music

Singing and ringing schedule for September			
	8:30	11:00	Both
September 11	Chancel Choir	Soloist	
September 18	Chancel Choir	Soloist	
September 25	'Cello duo	Chancel Choir	Jubilate Deo

## Opportunities abound for adult study, discussion

Adult education ~ Sundays / 9:40-10:45 a.m. Adult Education classes begin September 13	
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> will be 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> .
Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-7:30 p.m.	
<b>Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)</b>	Wednesday Bible studies in September will focus on <i>Great Themes of the Bible</i> . The Bible Study is led by <b>Al Depman</b> .



Calling all youth!

## Rick's Report

Rick Morris, Coordinator  
of Youth and Christian Education

"A constantly unfolding understanding of the life of faith!"  
(Drew Dyson, Faith Forming Junior High Ministry)

With September comes new school supplies, apple orchards, and, you guessed it, YOUTH GROUP!

Wednesday, September 14 at 5:45 p.m. marks the return of our weekly youth group at First Pres! Youth Group leaders **Lucinda Clements, Susanna Stone, Dan Wentz, Rev. Jay Rowland, and Rick Morris** are so excited to reunite with our youth back from the summer break and to welcome new friends on their "constantly unfolding understanding of the life of faith!"

*NOTICE: Our schedule is a bit different this year to afford us more time together! We will now meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-7 p.m.*

Do you know a young person in 6-12th grade who would like to join? Do you have any questions, thoughts or ideas? Connect with **Rick Morris** at [Morris.Rick@FPCrochester.org](mailto:Morris.Rick@FPCrochester.org) or (908) 578-5748. Be sure to 'like' the Youth Group Facebook page for up-to-the-minute youth group news: [facebook.com/RochPresYouthGroup](https://facebook.com/RochPresYouthGroup).

### Reminder to Sunday school teachers

*Teacher Orientation will be Saturday, September 10 at 10 a.m. in the social hall. We'll introduce the curriculum and review the calendar for the year. Come also for snacks, refreshments, and great fellowship.*

Tuesday, September 27, 7 p.m.

## Forums@First focuses on lodging shortage for patients

Stay tuned for more information about the next Forums@First on September 27 at 7 p.m. The focus will be on the options and availability of lodging for patients and their families coming to Rochester for medical treatment, both for short-term and long-term treatments. The panel will include representatives from area organizations providing housing as well as social work and aid organizations who help find these services.

**PLEASE:** If you're going to be anywhere in the church building after hours, remember to sign in on the white board when you enter the building and then erase your name when you leave. That will save the church from paying \$54.25 for a security call when someone is locked in the building with the alarm set!  
Thanks!

## Wednesday evening suppers discontinued

After considerable evaluation and discussion, the Christian Education Committee is announcing the end of the weekly Wednesday evening suppers. The Committee will continue to host and prepare special suppers (e.g., St Patrick's Day) on occasion. Even though Wednesday afternoon/evening activity attendance remains steady, the trend of weekly supper attendance no longer warrants weekly Wednesday evening suppers. Please plan accordingly.

## Madrigal Christmas Feaste tickets go on sale October 23

Be sure and mark your calendars now for our second Madrigal Feaste. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 3.

There will once again be 96 tickets sold for the Feaste. Tickets are \$30 each and will go on sale October 23 between worship services and again on October 30. Tickets will only be sold at church on the two Sundays. If any tickets remain, they will be available in the church office beginning October 31. You will be able to select your seat at the time of ticket purchase. Don't miss this special event....after this year, Madrigals will be held only in even years.

*We are also recruiting servers for the Feaste. Servers are a special part of the experience and will be in costume as they help set the stage for the 15th century. Please contact **Gayle Jones** if you would like to serve.*

~ Gayle Jones / Madrigal Feaste committee

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## Modern miracles

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At the mention of miracles, we often picture the biblical kind: a dead person brought back to life, a small amount of food feeding a crowd, sight restored to a blind man. Yet even today we look for unexpected healings or an earthquake victim found alive after days amid rubble.

But consider someone born with poor eyesight who, thanks to technology, can work as a professional proofreader or create intricate digital paintings. Consider someone with a prosthetic leg who can run and even win races. Consider someone who, thanks to a donated heart, kidney or blood, continues to live. Consider friends in the United States and Europe who can connect in "real time," offering support during a crisis.

Technology — whose source is the human brain created by God — makes possible a new, modern-day type of miracle. When used for good, it can overcome barriers, allowing us to celebrate life and serve one another.

Miracles, indeed!

~ Newsletter/September 2016

## Bdecan mission trip touches many lives

This year's mission trip was a HUGE success and met all our goals.

The over all theme of VBS was "Jesus is the Light of the World." The kids were great and participated really well. They learned Bible stories and Bible verses and stayed on task all day long!

This year, we had VBS at the Bdecan church instead of the community Activity Center. Fourteen children attended the first day, 17 the second day and 16 the last day. Last year, the youth pastor, Joe Obermeyer, advertised VBS widely to all the children of the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation and we had 40 kids attending at the Activity Center in nearby Tokio, ND. This year, Joe did not publicize it as extensively, thinking it would be better to start with the children of the Bdecan church and then expand the numbers each year. Next year Joe will advertise it more widely for all of the children in the area around the church.

The kids were very attentive with the Bible stories. **Sylvia Swede** taught the story of the loaves and the fishes and **Gayle Jones** used puppets, hand made by **Vicki Wintheiser** and **Sandra Holloway**, to teach about the Good Samaritan and Jesus calming the storm. The kids so enjoyed that. **Britta Youmans** and **Ruth Saling** taught crafts and the kids LOVED those. They spent every minute of down time in the craft room working on crafts they had selected. Games were taught by **Cindy Kunzman** and **Ruth** and the kids enjoyed them. **Jane Hallman** and **Ginger Kirby** helped the kids plant plants, donated by Walmart in Devils Lake and a local nursery, outside the church. The boys had fun planting and even weeding! The children participated well in music, taught by **Marcia Dollerschell** and **Heide Buettner**, and really enjoyed the percussion instruments. The kids even tried to teach us some songs!

In other activities,

- The women from the Bdecan church and the Devils Lake Presbyterian Church joined us for a luncheon that **Gayle Jones** prepared with help from the mission team. **Sylvia** did a wonderful devotion for the PW meeting.
- We dedicated two trees in memory of two children from the church. The grandmothers spoke about the two young people which was very meaningful and sad. About 20 or 30 family members came for the dedication ceremony.
- Sunday morning we attended the Bdecan Church and then headed home. Youth pastor Joe preached and the kids sang their songs and demonstrated they knew their Bible verses.

The members of the Bdecan VBS mission team really appreciate the opportunity to go to the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation and provide VBS to these children. We were able to build on relationships that were started last year. We hoped to make the children feel valued and loved and demonstrate to them that *Jesus is the Light of the World* and He loves them.

~ Marylynn Aalderks / Bdecan Mission Team

## Congregation responds generously to backpack program

The Bdecan VBS Mission team would like to thank the congregation for their GENEROUS support of the Back Pack Program for kids on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation who are headed into foster care. We were so pleased that we were able to fit all the backpack supplies, all 50 tied fleece blankets we made in May, VBS supplies ... and ten volunteers into the three cars!

The Back Pack Program was hugely successful. Church members donated back packs, underwear, socks, T shirts, pants, toothbrushes, tooth paste, soap, shampoo and combs. In addition, church members donated \$1,190 that was used to purchase items so all the back packs were complete and even included a pair of pajamas! We were able to supply 33 backpacks with all the clothing and hygiene items needed. We were also able to provide 24 boxes of diapers for the tiniest ones headed into foster care.

We met with Ashley and another social worker at the Reservation Social Services Department, Chuck, the program administrator, and a foster parent who were all very grateful for the supplies for the children. We learned that the clothing and blankets and hygiene items are needed not only because the kids often have to leave their home unexpectedly, but if meth is being made in the home, the kids CANNOT take their blanket or toys or clothing with them, because the meth production leaves a drug residue on everything in the home and it is damaging to the children's lungs.

All together now, the Bdecan VBS Mission Team shouts out a big, "THANK YOU!" to the members of our congregation!

~ Marylynn Aalderks / Bdecan Mission Team

## Habitat for Humanity crew continues work in September



**HABITAT**  
Project

FPC's Habitat for Humanity team will work Saturday, September 17 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (or whatever hours you're available).

Contact **Sarah Edgerton** (536-9637 or EdgertonSarah@gmail.com) for the location. Also contact her if you'd like to be added to the FPC Habitat e-mailing list.

We may also work the third Saturday of October depending on the weather and Habitat work schedule.

The mission of Habitat is "A world where everyone has a decent place to live" and its goal is seeking to put God's love into action. Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Join us when you can!

~Thanks, Sarah Edgerton / FPC Habitat coordinator



## News from Presbyterian Women

\* Sylvia Swede, facilitator

Circles will begin again in September. New members are always welcome. Join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

**Esther Circle** will meet with Ruth Circle on **Saturday, September 17 at 10 a.m.** for an introduction to this year's Bible study, "Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes," presented by the **Rev. Susan Li**. A short Circle meeting will take place after the study. We will resume our usual third Monday meeting on October 17 at 1 p.m. If you are not a member and are interested in attending, contact **Barbara Boyer** (358-6815) or **Marcia Dollerschell** (282-5025) for more information.

**Priscilla Circle** meets the third Wednesday of the month (September 21) at 9:15 a.m. in the Sheldon Jackson Lounge. This month we'll have a program to get to know each other better. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Contact **Bev Lewis** (288-8959) for more information.

**Ruth Circle** meets at 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month (September 17) in the Sheldon Jackson Lounge. Contact **Phyllis Schmid** (529-3834) or **Mary Huie** (282-9712) for more information.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. the lounge. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 8! 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.

*Save this date! Saturday, October 15, is the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Twin Cities Area Presbytery at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Long Lake.*

FPC will host the PW Synod Coordinating Team October 20-22. **Sue Kimball** of Indianola, Iowa is the new moderator of Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. **Belinda Breit** of Long Lake is our PW Presbytery representative to PW Synod.

*Start saving now so you can go to Louisville, Kentucky for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering August 2-5, 2018. This is the 30th anniversary of Presbyterian Women.*

### Ruth Circle hosts Bible study introduction

Ruth Circle will host an introduction to the Horizons Bible Study for 2016-2017, "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes." Books will be available. All women are invited and consider bringing a friend.

The Bible Study will be led by **Rev. Susan Li** on Saturday, September 17 at 10 a.m. in the social hall at FPC. If you have questions please call the church office (282-1618) or e-mail **Mary Huie** (mshuie25@hotmail.com).

## Church Family News

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to these couples who will celebrate fiftieth (+) wedding anniversaries in September:

- 9/7: **Norman and Hilda Nelson** (67)
- 9/11: **Peter and Isabelle Dyck** (62)
- 9/11: **Robert and Charlene Kyle** (62)
- 9/18: **Kenneth and Laura Irvin** (60)
- 9/25: **Alfred and Ursula Thedens** (67)
- 9/26: **Derald and Sandra Holloway** (52)

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these members who will celebrate special 90 (+) birthdays this month.

- 9/8: **Ruth Pexton** (98)
- 9/27: **Edith Albrecht** (104)
- 9/30: **Louise Bastron** (93)

### Death

We extend our condolences to **Clyde Newton** on the death of his wife, **Glenice Rae Newton**, August 6.

## Calling all crafters!



The Crafters Group will meet on Wednesday, September 21 in the social hall from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Help us make cards for our CARE members, with all paper crafting supplies provided. Or 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.

### Life is glorious

*Life is a pretty precious and wonderful thing.  
You can't sit down and let it lap around you ... you  
have to plunge into it; you have to dive through it!  
And you can't save it, you can't store it up; you  
can't horde it in a vault. You've got to taste it;  
you've got to use it. The more you use, the more you  
have ... that's the miracle of it!*

~ Kyle Samuel Crichton

May the grace of the  
*Lord Jesus Christ,*  
 and the love of  
*God,* and the fellowship  
 of the *Holy Spirit*  
 be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14



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## September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<b>Sundays beginning September 11</b> 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.			<b>Wednesday youth / September 14</b> 4:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5) 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 6-12) 5:45 p.m. Middle/High School youth 7:00 p.m. Joyous Praise bells (grades 6-12)			1	2	3
4 <b>Worship - 9:30 a.m.</b> Communion 10:30 AM Blood Pressure reading / Parish Nursing	5 Labor Day  <b>Church closed</b>	6 <b>Back to school!</b> Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Deacons/Lounge	7 FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 6:15 PM Madrigal singers rehearse	8 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	9 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	10 10:00 AM Sunday school teachers orientation		
11 <b>Kickoff Sunday Ministries Fair</b> Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m. 8:30 AM Chancel/Youth Choir sings 9:40 AM Sunday School Open House	12 First Players Beginning Band lessons begin	13 9:30 AM Staff meeting 4:00 PM Presbytery/United Seminary/New Brighton 6:30 PM Madrigal Feaste Cmte 7:15 PM FOM Cmte	14 FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Kitchen Guild 4:15 PM Alleluia Rngrs/gr 2-5 5:00 PM Youth Choir/gr 6-12 5:45 PM Middle/High School youth 6:15 PM Madrigal singers rehearse 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Joyous Praise bells/gr 6-12	15 Newsletter items due 3:45 PM First Players Concert Band rehearsals begin/gr 6-12 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	16	17 9:00 AM FPC Work Group at Habitat for Humanity 10:00 AM PW Bible study intro w/ Ruth Circle 10:00 AM Esther Circle meets w/ Ruth Circle		
18 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel/Youth Choir sings 9:40 AM Sunday school/all ages	19 Esther Circle meets Sept 17 w/Ruth Circle	20 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	21 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 9:15 AM Priscilla Circle/lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/social hall 6:15 PM Madrigal singers rehearse 6:30 PM Bible Study	22 3:45 PM FP Concert Band 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	23	24		
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<b>Freedom begins between the ears. (Edward Albee)</b>								