



The Good News

of First Presbyterian Church

for September 2018

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (Psalm 90.1-2 [NRSV])

Welcome back to Sunday School

It takes a congregation to nurture the faith of our children and youth. Research shows a profound positive impact upon them long-term *when adults besides their parents are directly involved with their life and faith.*

Visualize yourself making new friends at FPC. Opportunities abound for intergenerational Sunday School teacher-teams, classroom helpers and/or buddies-mentors for our PreK through Senior High classes. Each grade level uses a team approach for schedule flexibility so this need not be an every Sunday commitment. However, once you get involved you'll find yourself wanting to be here every Sunday.

Rev. Rowland and Susanna Stone would love to hear from you!

Sign up for Team First Presbyterian and participate in *Out of the Darkness Walk*

Join hundreds of others in support of suicide prevention and awareness in our communities. There is no fee to walk, but donations are appreciated.

When you walk in the *Out of the Darkness Walks*, you join the effort with hundreds of thousands of people to raise awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss.

Please visit afsp.org/rochestermn, and join Team First Presbyterian Church. Even if you can't walk you can still go on-line and join Team First Presbyterian Church.

Walk Date: 09/29/2018

Walk Location: Bear Creek Park - Rochester, MN

Check-in/Registration Time: 9:00 a.m.

Walk Begins: 10:00 a.m.

Walk Ends: 1:00 p.m.

If you have questions, contact Mark Mueller at markmueller@chartermi.net.

~ Mark Mueller

Sunday worship returns to 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on September 9

FPC's 2018-19 program year officially kicks off at **9:45 a.m.** on **Sunday, September 9** in the social hall. We'll get started with a brief presentation followed (approximately 10:00 a.m.) by Sunday School *Open House/Meet the Teacher* and/or *Children's Choirs*. During Open House, parents and students can visit classrooms and meet their teachers and other parents and students. Many will also be getting (re)started with our children's choirs.

Our annual *Ministries Fair* is returning to the social hall, so look for the information tables hosted by FPC committees. You'll find useful information and conversation about our many wonderful opportunities, activities and ministries. Get involved and meet people who share your interests.

Catch the Kick-off Sunday Spirit September 9!

Kickoff Sunday Schedule

9:45-10:00	Introduction/Presentation by Rev. Rowland and/or Susanna Stone Ministries Fair in social hall (9:45-11:00)
10:00-10:20	Calvin Choir (Grades 2 - 5) Open House/Meet-the-Teachers: PreK and K/1
10:20-10:40	Cherub Choir (Age 4-Grade 1) Open House/Meet-the-Teachers: 2/3 and 4/5
10:00-10:50	Middle/High School (Grades 6-12) Social time in youth room (Snacks, meet/greet, games)
9:45 - 10:50	All children younger than pre-K will meet in the nursery on Kickoff Sunday

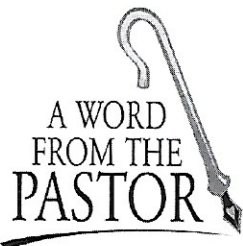
Adult Education

Current Issues will start at 10:00 so folks can visit the various booths in the social hall.

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All ages/classes will meet for their full session times beginning September 16. Please contact Jay Rowland or Susanna Stone (Christian Education) and Lee Afdahl or Katie Kuisle (choir/music) with any questions or concerns.

~ Rev. Jay Rowland for Christian Education



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

September 2018

Advent Devotional Sign Ups Almost Complete

As of August 15, I am happy to report that almost all the slots have been filled for our upcoming Advent Devotional. We have only three spots left! If you would be willing to write some thoughts on the selected passage or simply share a favorite Christmas memory or tradition (maybe your favorite Christmas gift ever), a poem or even a family recipe, then please consider going to our Sign Up Genius list. Here's how to do it:

Go to signupgenius.com

1. Scroll down to "Find a Sign Up," all the way down the home page
2. Answer the fun little puzzles to prove you are not a robot!
3. Type in kasessler@gmail.com
4. Click on "2018 Advent Daily Devotional" – and voila, you should be there!
5. Type your name in an empty slot and click "Submit"

Thank you to everyone who was signed up to share some reflections this Advent season – I can't wait to read about people's memorable holidays and favorite traditions!

Peace, *T. J.*

Ministry Fair promotes opportunity to sign up for activities

On September 9, Kickoff Sunday, we will have a Ministries Fair in the social hall between 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 2018-2019 church calendar.

"If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere." (Frank A. Clark)

September services of worship

September 2: Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.

September 5: Worship and communion at Charter House at 1 p.m.

September 9: We return to services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Stewardship Alive!

Do all the good you can

*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.
(John Wesley) (1703-1791)*

First Presbyterian Church Financial Statement / July 2018

General Operating Budget

Balance (6/30/18)	\$ 86,938.46
Receipts (July)	+ 50,018.03
Disbursements (July)	- 47,039.60
Balance (7/31/18)	\$ 89,916.89



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The Good News is published the first of each month for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church (FPC).

The newsletter tells the story of the church, promotes its programs, and publicizes opportunities to live out one's faith.

Deadline for submission of material is the fifteenth of the preceding month.

Church Staff

Pastor	Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette
Associate Pastor	Jay P. Rowland
Director of Music	Lee J. Afdahl
Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	Susanna L. Stone
Office Administrator	Susan K. Kruger
Facility Manager	Harry E. Coleman
Custodian	
Part-time music assistants	Katie Kuisie (Calvin and Cherub Choirs) Janine Yanisch (First Players)
Part-time custodians/security	Vera Brooks, Sally Evans, Jason Kluck, Tami Rinn, Bob Schalau
Child Care Workers	Esther Lebron, Margie Schaaf, Taylor Smith, Brenda Thorson
Newsletter Editor	Carol J. Evans
Parish Associates	Roger Ring, Carol Shaffer, James Walker

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

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

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-noon

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



Put on your walking shoes and come take a hike

Summer is fading, but there's still time for one more fun group walk led by **Mark Mueller**. Partnering with the parish nursing program, Mark has led a series of family friendly group walks on the fourth Sunday of each month July through September.

September 23, 2018 – 1 p.m. – College Street

Meet at the First Presbyterian Church parking lot at 1 p.m. We will then check out part of historic Third Street and take a walk through the early days of Rochester on College Street. Be sure to bring your imagination.

This is a fun way to get outdoors, learn some local history, and spend time with other church members. Don't forget to bring a hat and water and wear sunscreen! If this month's hike needs to be cancelled, we will leave a message on the church's answering machine.

Please feel free to invite your friends to come along. If you have questions, contact Mark at markmueller@chartermi.net.
~ Mark Mueller and Ariel Boswell

Sunday, September 30, 9:40 a.m. in social hall

Mission team sponsors 'show and tell' of summer VBS at Bdecan

The Bdecan VBS Mission Team has returned from Tokio, North Dakota! They had a fantastic time and would like to invite you to a "slide show" between services on Sunday, September 30! Bring your coffee and doughnut and sit with us in the social hall so we can tell you what we did and you can see pictures of the team in action!

~ Marylynn Aalderks / Bdecan coordinator

Sitter Service resumes September 14

Sitter Service will begin its third year on Friday, September 14 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium on Sunday, September 9 or in the church office or by calling **Gayle Jones** (993-2443) by Tuesday, September 11. We will again offer Sitter Service on the second Friday of each month, excluding December and the summer months (June-August).

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 **Gayle Jones** with questions.

~ Gayle Jones / Sitter Service Coordinator

Finance Committee begins work on next year's budget

The finance committee has begun the process of establishing the 2019 operating budget. All standing committees are asked to submit their 2019 budget requests. A form and a list of expenses for your committee for both last year and this year will be included with your committee's financials for August.

The congregation is asked to begin considering their pledges. More information will be sent to you in October. The theme for this year's stewardship focus is "Do all the good you can," taken from a poem of John Wesley.

In recent years the realistic committee requests and the generous pledges have resulted in balanced budgets that permit First Presbyterian Church to fulfill our role as a church. We ask for your continued generosity and cooperation as this process proceeds.

~ Ken Boyer / Finance Committee

It's Rummage Sale time; donations and help are needed

The P.W. Rummage Sale will be held Saturday, September 29 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Please begin saving your best excess items for donation: household goods, furniture, clothing, linens, books, jewelry and unique collectibles.



Note we cannot accept computers, microwaves, TVs or large exercise equipment.

Donations can be brought to church beginning Monday, September 10 and through Wednesday, September 26. Please follow the signs for drop-off areas.

Many helping hands are needed –

– and there are lots of jobs, big and small – available! Join us and see what the sale can give back to you in fun, friendship, and a connection to community. All proceeds go to mission projects and make a strong impact both in our city and afar!

Watch for sign-up clipboards in the atrium, office, or at Circle meetings. We will sort and fold from 9 a.m.-noon Thursday and Friday, September 20 and 21, and from 9 a.m.-noon Monday through Friday, September 24-28. We will also have evening shifts (6-9 p.m.) on Thursdays, September 20 and 27. You are welcome to stop in any of these times, even if you haven't signed up.

This event would not be possible without our valued volunteers! All are welcome to participate in a common mission, enjoying the social intergenerational benefits of community, while sharing your time and talents.

Please call with questions, suggestions, or to arrange pickup of items.

~ The P.W. Rummage Sale team /

Judy Kruesel (250-5128), **Sally Brooks** (281-5802), and **Jan Hosier** (280-9970)



September 2018 Youth Group News

Welcome to September! Now that we are back in the swing of things with school, I am happy to report that FPC Youth Group will begin meeting again soon!

Susanna Stone
Coordinator of Youth
& Christian Education

Our first regularly scheduled Youth Group meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 12** from **5:45-7 p.m.** All youth in grades 6-12 (and their friends) are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

The Youth Group meets every Wednesday during the school year (except during school breaks and MEA weekend) from 5:45-7 p.m. Come when you can and bring a friend!



Meal volunteers welcome!

During our last youth group year, we were lucky enough to have homemade dinner provided to the youth group on two separate occasions. We loved getting to know some of the adult members of FPC and the food was delicious!

If there are any church members, church committees, church groups, etc. interested in providing youth group dinner some Wednesday night during the school year for approximately 15 people, please let **Susanna** know!

Solos start second year

The faith and fellowship group called Solos (male or female, single, divorced, widowed or worshiping alone) had a great year of activities and get togethers last year. Most of the members would like to continue but we do have a couple of openings in the group for next year.

While we know schedules sometimes interfere with other plans, we hope for a year's commitment to stay in the group so that bonds can be developed and fellowship enjoyed. Group membership will be closed after we reach 15 members or on October 1. If you are interested in joining, please contact **Gayle Jones** (993-2443)

~ Gayle Jones / Solos Coordinator

Madrigal Christmas Feaste returns December 1

Madrigal Christmas Feaste 2018 will be held on Saturday, December 1. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m., with the Fanfare and Wassail beginning at 5 p.m.

Tickets will still be \$30 per person and will go on sale after worship on Sundays October 21 and 28. No reservations will be taken and no tickets will be sold by the church office until after October 28 (if any tickets remain). You will again be able to select your seats at the time of purchase. Groups may request an entire table of 8 seats as long as all the tickets are paid for when the reservation is made.

Jugglers and/or magicians needed

We are looking for someone who can juggle or do magic tricks (with props suitable to the Medieval period) to help with roving dinnertime entertainment at the tables. Costumes will be provided for entertainers. If you are interested, please contact **Allyson Mauer** (259-3878).

~ Gayle Jones / Madrigal Chair

Opportunities abound for adult study, discussion



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! **Adult Education classes begin September 9.**

Bible Study (South Fireside) <i>Kerygma</i>	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: Clipped from the papers</i> will be the overall theme for the 2018-2019 year. The Current Issues discussion is led by Al Depman .

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

Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)	Wednesday Bible studies in September: September 12 <i>Bible lessons from Fred Rogers (part 1)</i> September 19 <i>Bible lessons from Fred Rogers (part 2)</i> September 26 <i>Bible lessons from Fred Rogers (part 3)</i> The Bible Study is led by Al Depman .
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Ministry of Music

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

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

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 your schedule for music groups resuming this month

See schedule on page one for September 9 times.

For children:

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

For youth:

- Youth Choir (grades 6-12) ~ Wednesday, September 12, 5-5:45 p.m.
- Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 and intergenerational) ~ Wednesday, September 12, 7-7:45 p.m. (youth groups meet 5:45-7 p.m.)
- Church orchestra (grades 7-adult), prepare for December 16 (Lessons and Carols) and March 17 (Cantata Sunday)
- First Players Concert Band (middle school and older) - Monday, September 10, 3:45-5 p.m.

For adults:

- Chancel Choir (adults) ~ Thursday, September 6, 7:30-9 p.m. and/or Sunday, September 9, 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 6, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
- Church orchestra, prepare for December 17 (Lessons and Carols) and March 10 (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 16 (Lessons and Carols) and March 17 (Cantata). Let **Lee Afdahl** know if you would like to participate in any of these opportunities.



First Players lessons and band rehearsals begin September 10

By the time you read this, Summer Band Camp will have been completed, along with the annual Meet the Instrument Night. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped put on these two events!

Now it's on to the school year schedule for First Players. If you know of anyone interested in our band program, please have them contact Janine at fpcfirstplayers@gmail.com.

The First Players schedule, beginning September 10 is:

Beginning Band lessons:

- Mondays & Tuesdays - 8:00 a.m., 8:20, 8:40
- Wednesdays - 3:30 p.m., 3:50, 4:10

Beginning Band rehearsal (starting on October 9)

- Tuesdays - 3:45-4:30 p.m.
- Cost of Beginning (4th & 5th Grade) Band is \$230/year for those NOT members of FPC, and \$30 for FPC members.

Concert Band rehearsal (starting September 10)

- Mondays - 3:45-5:00 p.m.
- Cost of Concert Band is \$155/year for those NOT members of FPC, and \$30 for FPC members.


Students must register prior to attending - the sooner, the better! We are looking forward to an awesome year of making music in this great band program!

Please spread the word to your friends about the great First Players program that we have here! And don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts and/or questions!

To register for any of these programs, e-mail jyanisch001@gmail.com.

Peace, Janine (Yanisch)

Members: to stay informed about church events text the word 'connect' to 507-200-3175.

 Singing and ringing schedule for September			
	8:30	11:00	Both
September 9	Chancel Choir	Special Music	
September 16	Chancel Choir	Special Music	
September 23	Chancel Choir	Special Music	
September 30	Special Music	Chancel Choir	Jubilate Deo

Practice Sabbath in September

Parish Nursing
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The school year and all associated activities start back up in September. Yet in this season of busyness, I encourage you to take time for Sabbath. God himself took a Sabbath

after the busy work of creating the world:

“So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.” (Genesis 2.3 [NRSV])

God considered it so important that he made honoring the Sabbath one of the Ten Commandments. By Jesus' times, observing the Sabbath had become legalistic and restrictive. Jesus broke with these customs by healing and allowing his disciples to harvest grain on the Sabbath, explaining to those who questioned, *“The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath.”* (Mark 2.27 [NRSV]).

So I challenge you to practice Sabbath this September. Think about it as grown-up recess. Studies have shown that more recess actually helps kids focus in school. Choose a day to be your “recess.” Do whatever is more restful for you - hiking or journaling, cooking a thoughtful meal or eating out. Unplug - have a game night not a movie night and enjoy a real conversation. Take a nap.

Sabbath is not an endorsement of laziness; sabbath is the recognition that everyone needs rest to be their best.

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC 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. This month the date will be September 16 instead of September 2.*

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 2019. 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, 2019 - 2021. 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. Thank you for helping FPC grow in wisdom and faith!

Members of this year's Nominating Committee are **Karen Sessler**, lead elder; **Joe Doppler** and **Lucinda Cutrer**, elders; **Shelley Steger**, Deacon representative; and **Tammy Buchanan**, **Katie Lenn**, **Terry Narr**, **Jason Wobig**, and **Melissa Wobig**, congregation-at-large members.

FPC women attend Churchwide Gathering

The Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women - a very diverse ethnic group - met in Louisville, Kentucky August 2-5. There were 1640 registrants plus 21 international guests and 4 ecumenical partners. The first plenary was opened with Steve Buttleman, Official Bugler of Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby, playing the Call to the Post. The Gathering theme was *“Arise, shine, your light has come!”* (Isaiah 6:1)

Mission Tour: Before the opening, the group took a Louisville Mission Tour. Presbyterian Women gave \$200,000 through its Birthday Offering in 2006-2007 to the Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM), a group that advocates for and provides resettlement services to refugees. From job placement to citizenship classes, KRM programs support individuals in their journey to rebuild their lives with a sense of hope and belonging. We felt that our money was well-spent! We also visited a Community Supported Agriculture program that offers garden plots, environmental education, and agriculture training to help provide food security and income generation.

Workshops: Besides morning and evening plenaries with wonderful speakers, women could choose from 41 workshops. Some of the main topics were immigration, human trafficking, racial equity, and violence toward women.

Discussion Groups: There were also book discussion groups. Have you read *Small Great Things*, *Change of Heart*, or *Stranger in Their Own Land*? The writers of the next three years of HORIZON Bible studies spoke about their themes.

Herbert Nelson, stated clerk for PCUSA, explained the state of the church:

The mission field is at our doorstep.

We need young people.

There will be new worshiping communities.

Like our Sudanese congregation, there will be churches within churches, with ethnic groups practicing their Presbyterian faith in their own language and using their own traditions. We need to grow disciples by making the Gospel visible and showing that Jesus is alive and operative in our lives. Don't be private—tell the story. Invite someone to church.

The luncheon for Synod of Lakes and Prairies women gave us an opportunity for fellowship with women from our six state area: MN, WI, NE, IA, SD, and ND. Our international guest was **Nora Palma**, vice-presidente de Presbiterial de Mujeres de Honduras.

A **peace and justice march** addressed the lingering effects of racism and the discriminatory practice of redlining that have resulted in segregation. Before the march we heard from the mayor of Louisville, Greg Fischer, who outlined the progress the city has made and urged the attendees to ask for change in their cities.

LaDonna Fay, **Jane Hallman**, **Peg Parsons**, **Phyllis Schmid**, and **Sylvia Swede** represented FPC.

~ Sylvia Swede / PW 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. The 2018-2019 Bible study is

God's Promise: I am with you.

Esther Circle meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. in Sheldon Jackson Lounge. September 17 we'll have a "Share Your Treasure" Tea. New members are welcome. Please RSVP to **Alice Kerr** (alicekerr46@yahoo.com or 507-358-5840) or to **Margie Schaaf** (msemerald@hotmail.com or 507-990-5972).

Priscilla Circle meets the third Wednesday of the month (September 19) at 9:15 a.m. in Sheldon Jackson Lounge. This month we'll have refreshments and a "getting to know you" meeting. 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 15) in Sheldon Jackson Lounge. Hostess: **Mary Bayrd**. Devotions: **Mary Huie**. Bible Study: **Phyllis Schmid** (lesson #1 in the Horizons Bible Study for 2018-19, "God's Promise: I am with you." All are invited. 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. in the lounge. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 13. 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.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

October 13, 2018: Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Twin Cities Area Presbytery will be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Long Lake.

June 20-23, 2019: Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, Ames, Iowa.

Let everyone give as one's heart tells him, neither grudgingly nor under compulsion, for God loves people who give cheerfully. After all, God can give you everything you need, so that you may always have sufficient both for yourselves and for giving away to other people.

(2 Corinthians 9.7-9 [Phillips])

Church Family News

Anniversaries

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

- 9/11: **Peter and Isabelle Dyck** (64)
- 9/11: **Robert and Charlene Kyle** (64)
- 9/18: **Kenneth and Laura Irvin** (62)
- 9/25: **Alfred and Ursula Thedens** (69)
- 9/26: **Derald and Sandra Holloway** (54)

Birthdays

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

- 9/8: **Ruth Pexton** (100)
- 9/30: **Louise Bastron** (95)

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.

Calling all crafters!



Crafters alert!

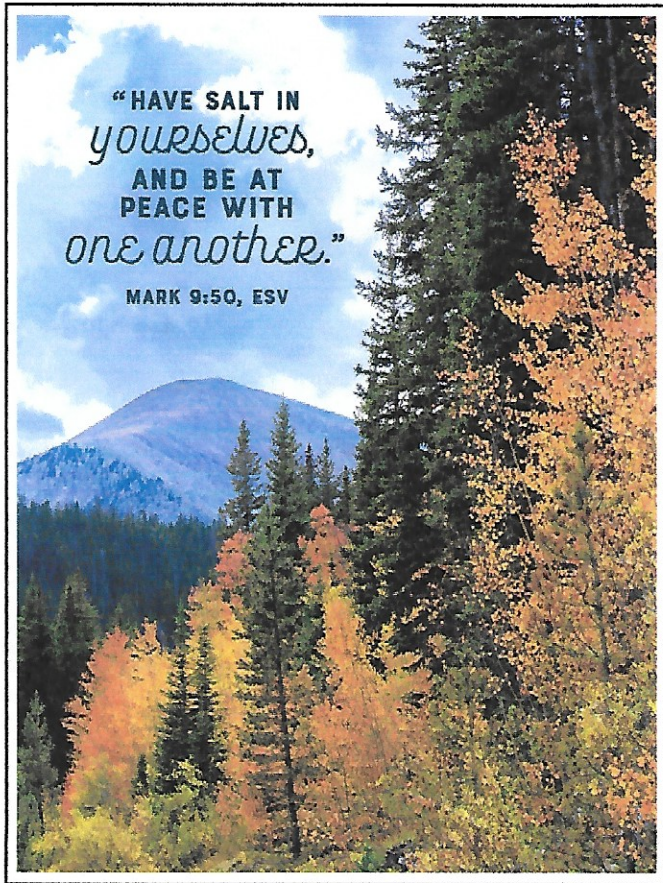
Calling all crafters! We will be meeting Wednesday, September 19 at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Help us make cards for the C.A.R.E. members of our church family with all supplies provided.

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

Did you know?

1. Presbyterian Women have been doing mission and justice work for 230 years.
2. PW's are the greatest supporters of mission in the PCUSA.
3. The UN has granted NGO status to Presbyterian Women.
4. There is an Arabic Presbyterian Church in Iowa.
5. There are 158 PW trainers from 38 states and Puerto Rico prepared to help congregations with disaster preparedness information.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



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September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Sundays Beginning September 9 Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school / all ages at 9:40 a.m. Calvin Choir at 9:40 a.m. Cherub Choir at 10:20 a.m. Recorder Ensemble at 11:00 a.m.		Wednesday schedule / September 12 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)			1
2 Worship - 9:30 a.m. Communion	3 Labor Day No school-PD/Work day Church closed	4 Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside	5 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 6:15 PM Madrigal rehearsal/ChrRm	6 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	7	8 1:00 PM Ruth Pexton 100th Bday Open House / Charter House
9 Kickoff Sunday/Ministries Fair Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m. 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:40 AM Sunday School Open House/Meet the Teachers	10 Bring items for Rummage Sale Sept 10-Sept 26	11 9:30 AM Staff meeting 4:00 PM Presbytery/First Presbyterian/Bufalo 7:15 PM FOM Cmte/north fireside	12 1:00 PM Kitchen Guild 6:15 PM Madrigal rehearsal/ChrRm 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 Newsletter items due 10:00 AM Ruth Circle/ lounge
16 First Day full Sunday School Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:30 AM Blood Pressure/Parish Nursing	17 1:00 PM Esther Circle/ lounge Bring items for Rummage Sale Sept 10-Sept 26	18 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	19 9:15 AM Prncilla Circle/lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/SHall 6:15 PM Madrigal rehearsal/ ChrRm 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	20 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	21 Bring items for Rummage Sale Sept 10-Sept 26	22
23 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 1:00 PM Group Walk/FPC parking lot to College Street	24 Bring items for Rummage Sale Sept 10-Sept 26	25 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	26 6:15 PM Madrigal rehearsal/ChrRm 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	27 Mail newsletter Mail quarterly statements 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	28	29 11:00 AM Out of the Darkness Walk to prevent suicide/Silver Lake (Reg @ 10 a.m.) 3:00 PM Rummage Sale cleanup 7:00 AM Rummage Sa...
30 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Jubilate Deo (both) 11:00 AM Chancel Chr sings	Something to think about: The church concerns itself with "come structures: while the Scriptures dictate a "go structure." Is it any wonder that to the world, and to most Christians, the church is merely the building on the corner of Tenth and Main rather than God's special people permeating all culture? (Elwood D. Baas)					