



The Good News

of First Presbyterian Church for September 2019

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the LORD is to be praised.
(Psalm 113:3, NRSV)

A message from John Stender ...

Dear First Presbyterian Community,

Thank you to all of you for your grace and patience in this time of change and transition! Along with Sarah and Daniel (and Dolly Parton, our dog), I am overjoyed at the opportunity to join you in community and to serve alongside Katie, Janine, and so many other wonderful church musicians. Many continued thanks are due to TJ, the search committee, office staff, and Lee for your generous and abundant hospitality and behind-the-scenes commitments to a healthy and fruitful transition. By this we already know that much good is in store for the years ahead and we are grateful for many affirmations that it is by God's calling that we are joining you in Minnesota.

We have grown much in our first full-time positions following graduate school and will dearly miss so many wonderful acquaintances in South Carolina. But, after being transplanted to the South and having come from Southeast Missouri and Eastern Iowa, the Stenders are more than ready to return to the Midwest and regain four distinctly different seasons. Uffda!

I have already begun the process of planning ahead, and I am eager to partner with you in maintaining the strength and pursuing the boundless potential of FPC's music ministries. If only you knew of the many daydreams I've had since the beginning of my interview process! With your committed faith, participation, and engagement—from actively appreciating or supporting this ministry to singing as a member of the congregation to being a model member of an ensemble—God will bless us and those we minister to richly.

I have often shared a quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* which daily reminds me to prioritize Christ, the Body, and the ancient tradition of sacred music before myself.

"It is the voice of the Church that is heard in singing together. It is not you that sings, it is the Church that is singing, and you, as a member of the Church, may share in its song."

I look forward to sharing in this great heritage with you in worship. I pray that meaningful relationships will be built and the work in store for us will produce good music that may point us toward that which is holy.

Soli Deo Gloria!

With gratitude,
John Stender

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

First off, worship is at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Then, FPC's 2019-20 program year officially kicks off at **9:45 a.m. on Sunday, September 8** 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 8!

Kickoff Sunday Schedule

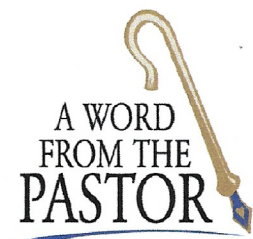
9:45-10:00	Introduction/Presentation with Rev. Jay, Susanna, John, Janine, Katie
9:45-11:00	Ministries Fair in social hall
10:00-10:20	Calvin Choir (Grades 2 - 5) Open House/Meet-the-Teachers: PreK and K/1
10:00-10:20	Confirmation Open House/Meet teacher in north fireside room
10:20-10:40	Cherub Choir (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 and Kerygma Bible Study will start at 10:00 a.m. so folks can visit the various booths in the social hall.

All ages/classes will meet for their full session times beginning September 15. Please contact **Jay Rowland** or **Susanna Stone** (Christian Education) and **John Stender** or **Katie Kuisle** (choir/music) with any questions or concerns.

~ Rev. Jay Rowland for Christian Education



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

September 2019

What is your favorite hymn?

Let me start with a question: What is your favorite hymn? I invite you to share it with me because I would love to make sure it gets into the service this year! Let me ask another question: What do you think

is the greatest hymn of all time? That's an interesting question, with many wonderful candidates.

This past summer The Hymn Society arranged a March Madness style bracketed tournament to determine the Greatest Hymn of All Time – not as a definitive verdict but just as something meant for a bit of fun. The results were very interesting. The Elite 8 came down to:

- “Holy, Holy, Holy”
- “Be Thou My Vision”
- “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
- “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
- “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
- “Of the Father's Love Begotten”
- “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
- “How Great Thou Art”

In the final voting in mid-July, about 800 members of the 1200-member Hymn Society voted “Holy, Holy, Holy” as the Greatest Hymn of All Time. I'm sure you could quibble with the results (personally, one of my favorites, “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” didn't even make the Elite 8), but all in all, I love every hymn on that list and the winner is certainly deserving.

Speaking of hymns and music, we are entering an exciting time here at First Presbyterian as we welcome our new Director of Music and Organist, John Stender, to our staff. I hope you'll take a moment to read the more in-depth article about John and his family included in this newsletter. We will have a special welcome reception for the Stenders on Sunday, September 15 at 9:45 in the social hall. I hope you'll make plans to come meet John and welcome him and his family to Rochester!

Peace, *T. J.*

Ministry Fair promotes opportunity to sign up for activities

On September 8, 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 2019-2020 church calendar.

Stewardship Alive!

Stop the hopping

A church is an imperfect mix of imperfect believers, so it's easy for members to find faults or feel disappointed. That, in turn, may tempt us to shop around.

C.S. Lewis addresses that in *The Screwtape Letters*. “If a man can't be cured of churchgoing,” *Screwtape* advises his demon protégé, “the next best thing is to send him all over the neighborhood looking for the church that ‘suits’ him until he becomes a taster or connoisseur of churches.” How Satan must hate when Christians maintain long-term commitment to one church!

The urge to church-hop harms congregations as well as believers. “Spiritual depth isn't fostered by satiating your sense of felt needs,” writes James Emery White. “It's receiving a balanced diet of teaching and challenge, investing in service and mission, living in community and diversity that you probably would not select for yourself.”

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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

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| Pastor | Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette |
| Associate Pastor | Jay P. Rowland |
| Director of Music and Organist | John E. Stender |
| Director of Music Emeritus | Lee J. Afdahl |
| Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education | Susanna L. Stone |
| Office Administrator | Susan K. Kruger |
| Facility Manager | Harry E. Coleman |
| Custodian | Tyler Sczurek |
| Part-time music assistants | Katie Kuisle (Calvin and Cherub Choirs) |
| | Janine Yanisch (First Players) |
| Part-time custodians/security | Than Boutelle, Vera Brooks, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn |
| Child Care Workers | Maria Alma Candido, Esther Lebron, Brenda Thorson |
| Newsletter Editor | Carol J. Evans |
| Parish Associates | Roger Ring, Carol Shaffer, James Walker |

Sunday service of worship at 9:30 a.m. (September 1)
Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. (September 8 on)
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.



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

Join hundreds of others in the 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 and be a virtual walker.

Walk Date: 09/21/2019

Walk Location: Bear Creek Park - Rochester, MN

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

Walk Begins: 10:00 a.m.

Walk Ends: 12:00 p.m.

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

~ Mark Mueller

September services of worship

September 1: Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.

September 4: Worship and communion
at Charter House at 1 p.m.

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

Homecoming Sunday Celebration

Save the NEW date!

Homecoming Sunday will be **October 6, 2019** after the second service. Welcoming and Nurturing will grill the main dish and we will ask 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

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!

Help Wanted: a few more Sunday School teachers

We are seeking a few more Sunday School teachers to round out our teaching teams. All classrooms have multiple teachers so no one person will be responsible for an entire classroom every Sunday. If you are interested in being a Sunday School teacher or a substitute teacher, or need more information before saying "yes," please contact **Susanna Stone** (stone.susanna@fpcrochester.org).

Welcome visitors to our church through artwork

Session recently discussed placing a piece of exterior art somewhere on the north side of the sanctuary.

Carved in the stone above the north doors we invite people to "Come Ye Apart and Rest Awhile." Our church is located close to the medical complex and many people pass by our church every day. We often see people having lunch on our front steps and it seems like a natural gathering space. A piece of sculpture would be a welcoming Christian statement through art.

Certainly we would need to raise money for this project. We would also like to form a small group of people who have an interest in this and could formulate ideas about its selection and placement. If you are interested, please contact Sue in the church office.

~ Ron Kreinbring / Building and Grounds Committee

from the Facility Manager ...

"We are aware of the condition of the carpet by the kitchen and on the stair way. It is clean but badly stained. We are looking into options to have it replaced. Thanks, Harry"

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



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!

Check your schedule for music groups resuming this month

See schedule on page one for September 8 times.

For children:

- Cherub Choir (age 4-grade 1) ~ Sunday, September 8, 10:20-10:50 a.m. (Sunday school from 9:40-10:20)
- Calvin Choir (grades 2-5) ~ Sunday, September 8, 9:40-10:20 a.m. (Sunday school from 10:20-11:00)
- Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5) ~ Wednesday, September 11, 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 11, 5-5:45 p.m.
- Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 and intergenerational) ~ Wednesday, September 11, 7-7:45 p.m. (youth groups meet 5:45-7 p.m.)
- Church orchestra (grades 7-adult), prepare for December 15 (Lessons and Carols) and March 15 (Cantata Sunday)
- First Players Concert Band (middle school and older) - Thursday, September 12, 4-5:15 p.m.

For adults:

- Chancel Choir (adults) ~ Thursday, September 5, 7:30-9 p.m. and/or Sunday, September 8, 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 5, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
- Church orchestra, prepare for December 15 (Lessons and Carols) and March 15 (Cantata Sunday)

Singing and ringing schedule for September			
	8:30	11:00	Both
September 8	Chancel Choir		
September 15	Chancel Choir		
September 22	Chancel Choir		
September 29		Chancel Choir	

First Players band lessons and rehearsals begin September 10



Janine Yanisch
 First Players
 Director

School is nearly upon us! First Players Beginning Band lessons will begin on Tuesday, September 10, and the first Concert Band rehearsal is September 12. There's still time to sign up if you are interested in this wonderful music education outreach!

If anyone is interested in being on the Board of First Players, please contact me at fpcfirstplayers@gmail.com. The commitment is nominal, but the function is invaluable to me:-)

The First Players schedule, beginning September 10 is:

Beginning Band lessons:

- Tuesdays, 8:00 -9:00 a.m.
- Wednesdays, 4:00 -5 p.m.
- Thursdays, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Beginning Band rehearsal (starting on October 8)

- Tuesdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Concert Band rehearsal (starting September 12)

- Thursdays, 4:00-5:15 p.m.

Lessons and rehearsals will only be on days when Rochester Public Schools are in session.

To sign up or for more information, contact **Janine Yanisch** at fpcfirstplayers@gmail.com.

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 8.

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 .
<i>Kerygma</i>	
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 .

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

Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)	Wednesday Bible studies in September: September 4 No class September 11 <i>Moses ... childhood and education</i> September 18 <i>God the Creator</i> September 25 <i>Anointing Jesus</i> The Bible Study is led by Al Depman .
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September 2019 Youth Group News

Susanna Stone
Coordinator of Youth
& Christian Education

After a successful June outing to Bowlocity, the youth group was at it again with a July outing to Roca Climbing and Fitness for pizza and rock climbing, and finally tubing on the Zumbro River in August.

Youth Group gears up for fall with first meeting Wednesday, September 11

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!

Our first regularly scheduled Youth Group meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11 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!

Youth Group tackled bowling, rock climbing, and tubing during summer

The FPC Youth Group met once a month this summer, enjoying some summer fun together. In June we had an outing to Bowlocity, where we played laser tag, arcade games, and went bowling. July's outing was to Roca Climbing and Fitness, where the youth enjoyed an evening of climbing and pizza. We celebrated the end of summer with a tubing trip down the Zumbro River in August, with beautiful weather and a wonderful, relaxing afternoon in God's creation. Special thanks to our adult chaperones: **Karin Braun, Jay Rowland, Dan Wentz, and Lindsay Zetsche.**



Youth Group all smiles after having successfully negotiated the climbing wall!

Social Concerns reports on activities

Forums@First presents program on internet security
Mark your calendars now for the Forums@First fall forum on Tuesday, October 29. Plan on an insightful and interesting presentation and discussion on internet safety and how all of us can protect our identities, our information, and ourselves from those with criminal intent. No matter how old we are, we need to be aware as forewarned is forearmed.

Committee disburses funds to local organizations

In an effort to release money in a timely manner, our committee has moved to a quarterly disbursement plan and disbursed the following funds in June: \$2,000 to Salvation Army Dental Clinic, \$2,000 to Salvation Army Medical Clinic and \$1,000 to Med City Foundation. We have supported all three of these organizations in past years. We will also disburse funds in September to equally worthy groups: \$1,500 to Dorothy Day House, \$1,500 to Channel One, \$1,000 to the American Red Cross for local support, \$500 to NAMI and \$500 to Meals on Wheels.

Should you be interested in learning more about our support of these groups, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of our committee members.

Additional committee members needed

If you or anyone you know would be interested in joining our committee, now is the time! We will have a table in the social hall between services on Sunday, September 8 to answer any questions you have about serving.

Think about joining this group of compassionate, caring members of our church community who, like you, want to help those less fortunate in Rochester and other local communities. Obviously, you don't need to wait until September 8 and you can visit with any of us any time or even attend one of our meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the library.

With care,
Lucinda Cutrer, lead elder

Just do it!

A young man told a pastor he wanted to be a Christian, so the pastor instructed him to prepare by reading the book of Acts. After many weeks went by, the pastor wondered if the man had changed his mind about this important decision.

Almost a year later, he finally reappeared. "Where have you been?" asked the bewildered pastor.

The man replied, "Every time I started to read, I felt prompted to do something like the apostles did: help the poor, tell someone about Jesus. So I stopped reading and started doing. I've just been too busy to return."

- Adapted from a story by Hal Brady

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September: Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month



“Afib,” as medical personnel often call atrial fibrillation, occurs when the electrical conduction in someone’s heart becomes disorganized, causing rapid irregular contractions of the atrial (the upper chamber of the heart).

Some people have no symptoms; others feel palpitations or weakness. Afib increases the risk of stroke five times so it is important to monitor and treat.

1. Check your pulse or get your pulse checked, especially if you are feeling palpitations.
2. If atrial fibrillation is suspected, get appropriate follow up tests including an EKG.
3. If you have afib, get appropriate treatment to get the heart back in rhythm whether through medication or shock therapy. Sometimes surgery may be indicated. After the heart returns to rhythm, new medications may be added and titrated to keep it in rhythm.
4. If you have afib, prevent blood clots by taking your blood-thinners.
5. Watch for strokes remembering the acronym FAST (Face - drooping, paralysis and sometimes vision loss on one side, Arms - loss of strength on one side, Speech - slurred or disorganized speech, Time - get emergency treatment immediately!)

~ 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 have about your health.

Finance Committee begins work on next year’s budget

The finance committee has begun the process of establishing the 2020 operating budget. All standing committees are asked to submit their 2020 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 “Count me in: Stewardship 2020”.

In most 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.

~ Stewardship and/ Finance Committee

Sitter Service resumes September 13

Sitter Service will begin its fourth year on Friday, September 13 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the activity center. Sign up in the atrium on Sunday, September 8 or in the church office or by contacting **Sarah Edgerton** (edgerton.sarah@gmail.com or 507-536-9637) or **Cindy Kunzman** (507-421-5055 or xiandikunzman@aol.com) by Tuesday, September 10.

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** with questions.

~ Sarah and Cindy / Sitter Service Coordinators



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 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 this year’s Nominating Committee are **Joe Doppler**, lead elder; **Lucinda Cutrer**, elder; **Gregg Erickson**, **Paul Herr**, **Kathryn Lenn**, **Britta Youmans**, **Lindsay Zetsche** (congregation-at-large members), and **Andrew Thoreson** (Deacon representative).

Back-to-school humor

What kind of school do you go to if you’re ...

... an ice cream man? Sundae school

... a giant? High school

... a surfer? Boarding school

... King Arthur? Knight school

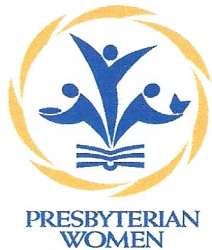
Teacher: What’s the chemical formula for water?

Student: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Student: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Math teacher: A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?



News from Presbyterian Women

* Sylvia Swede, facilitator

Circles will meet again in September.
New members are always welcome.

The Bible study for the 2019-2020 year is "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments." The author, Eugenia Anne Gamble, uses passages from both the Old and New Testaments and shows how these words are an invitation to a new relationship with God and others and how Jesus lived out these words.

Esther Circle meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. in Sheldon Jackson Lounge and is open to all Presbyterian Women. New members are welcome. We will begin the 2019-20 year with a "Get to Know You Tea Party" on September 16. This will include an introduction to this year's Bible Study and updating all new and returning members' information for the Women's Directory. *Ladies, please wear your HAT for the occasion.* **Alice Kerr** (alicekerr46@yahoo.com or 507-358-5840) and **Margie Schaaf** (msemerald@hotmail.com or 507-990-5972) co-lead Esther Circle.

Priscilla Circle meets the third Wednesday of the month (September 18) at 9:15 a.m. in Sheldon Jackson Lounge. This month **Kristina Wright-Peterson** will present the program on the Med City Foundation. 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 21) in Sheldon Jackson Lounge. **Mary Huie** will present lesson #1 in the Bible Study "Love Carved in Stone." 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 12. 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.

Presbyterian Women hold Fall Gathering in Kasson

The Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Twin Cities Area Presbytery (PW/PTCA) will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Kasson on October 12.

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 any woman who is able to attend. Registration will be available in September.

Church Family News

Anniversaries

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

- 9/11: **Peter and Isabelle Dyck** (65)
- 9/11: **Robert and Charlene Kyle** (65)
- 9/18: **Kenneth and Laura Irvin** (63)
- 9/25: **Alfred and Ursula Thedens** (70)
- 9/26: **Derald and Sandra Holloway** (55)
- 9/27: **Ronald and Judy Hunter** (50)

Birthdays

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

- 9/8: **Ruth Pexton** (101)
- 9/19: **Elmer VanDerHeyden** (91)
- 9/30: **Louise Bastron** (96)

Death

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Doris Jean Klein**, who died August 3.

Wedding

Congratulations to **Kathryn (Erie)** and **Kyle Swenson** who were married August 10.

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.

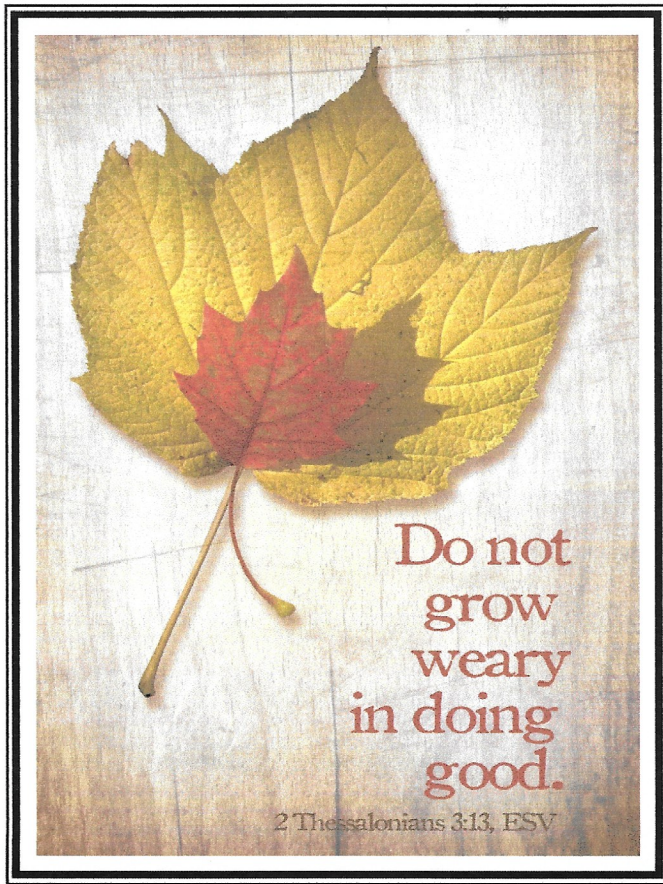
Calling all crafters!



Crafters Group will meet Wednesday, September 18, 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 are provided.
~Mary Huie (282-9712) / Crafters coordinator

Medical Missions Coffee raises \$5300

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$5300 for medical missions, part of the national Thank Offering, in July. The 70th annual Medical Missions Coffee was held July 31 at The Waters. Thanks to all who contributed, to **Char Ellefson**, hostess; to **Jane Hallman**, organizer, and to **all who helped**. **Emily Walters**, from the Women's Center, Adult/Teen Challenge, spoke of the faith-based program which helps to free women from drug and alcohol addiction.



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September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship - 9:30 a.m. Communion 10:30 AM Blood Pressure reading / Parish Nursing	2 Labor Day Church closed	3 Back to school! Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside	4 FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 5:00 PM Recorder Ensemble (5-6:30) Faith is not a pill you take, but a muscle you use. (Unknown)	5 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	6	7
8 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	9	10 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 1:30 PM Kitchen Guild 2:00 PM Presbytery/Associated Church/Owatonna 7:15 PM FOM Cmte/north fireside	11 Wednesday activities begin - see schedule FPC@Friendship Place 5:00 PM Recorder Ensemble (5-6:30) 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	12 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	13 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	14 2:00 PM Sudanese funeral service (2-6 p.m.)
15 First full Sunday School Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:30 AM Welcome Reception for John, Sarah, & Daniel Stender	16 Newsletter items due 1:00 PM Esther Circle/lounge	17 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	18 Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 9:15 AM Priscilla Circle/lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/SHall 5:00 PM Recorder Ensemble (5-6:30) 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	19 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	20	21 10:00 AM Out of the Darkness Walk to prevent suicide/Bear Creek Park 10:00 AM Ruth Circle/lounge
22 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings	23	24 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	25 Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 5:00 PM Recorder Ensemble (5-6:30) 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	26 Mail quarterly statements 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	27	28 1:00 PM Thedens Anniversary Celebration
29 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 11:00 AM Chancel Choir sings	30	Sundays beginning September 8 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.		Wednesday youth / September 11 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. J Praise bells (intergenerational)		