



The Good News

of First Presbyterian Church for September 2017

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, and I will extol you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
[Psalm 118, 28-29 (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 looks forward to hearing from you. If not, Jay Rowland and Jean Marvin will be calling you.

Faith and Fellowship Group starts September 24

We are going to try to form a group of "50+ solos"..... those who are over age 50 who are either widowed, divorced, never married or whose partner does not wish to join in church activities. This group will be limited to 15 members who would like to form a closer faith-based relationship with a small group of like-minded Christians. We will meet once a month for some type of fellowship activity and include a time of faith growth, prayer concerns, etc.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Gayle Jones (993-2443). We will have our first meeting on Sunday, September 24 at 12 p.m. (right after worship) in the lounge. A light lunch will be served and we will discuss ideas for meeting dates/times/locations and brainstorm things we would like to do to grow closer to each other and in our faith.

~ Gayle Jones / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

September services of worship

September 3: Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.

September 6: Worship and communion at Charter House at 1 p.m.

September 10: We return to services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday worship returns to 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on September 10

On September 10 we return to Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. This also marks the beginning of a new program year.

FPC's 2017-18 program year officially kicks off at **9:45 a.m. on Sunday, September 10** 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 will be visiting classrooms, meeting 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 this year. 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 excitement September 10.

Kickoff Sunday Schedule:

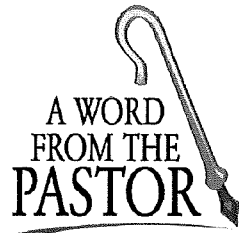
9:40-10:20	Calvin Choir (grades 2 - 5) Open House/Meet-the-Teachers: PreK and K/1
9:45-10:40	Ministries Fair in social hall Open House/Meet-the-Teachers: middle/high school Confirmation Orientation Adult Education classes
10:20-10:50	Cherub Choir (age 4 - grade 1) Open House/Meet-the-Teachers: grades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

PreK through high school Sunday School meet for their full session times beginning September 17. Please contact Jay Rowland or Susanna Stone (Christian Education) and Lee Afdahl or Katie Kruger (choir/music) with any questions or concerns.

~ Rev. Jay Rowland for Christian Education

Stewardship Alive!

September 2017



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

It's hard to believe, but September is upon us – and with the changing seasons, we are gearing up for a new church programming year! I want to take this opportunity to welcome some new staff members on board:

Susanna Stone is joining our church staff as our new Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education. Susanna moved to Rochester and joined the church in 2014 and has been involved as a youth leader and mentor for the past two years. Susanna has also been involved with the Diversity Council, leading various training programs. She just moved into a house in NW Rochester with her husband (Jake Wright) and son Teddy.

Brian Stevens joins our staff as our new custodian. Brian has lived in the area since 1982, and has three sons. He served for four years in the Navy, is a trained social worker and has served as a custodian for numerous other churches in the area. In his spare time he enjoys camping, hunting and fishing.

Anita Thompson is coming on board as a child care worker in the nursery on Sunday morning. Anita is a lead teacher at *Kids Come 1st*.

We are thrilled to welcome Susanna, Brian, and Anita to the staff of First Presbyterian! Make sure to search them out and say "Welcome."

Peace, *T. J.*

Ministry Fair promotes opportunity to sign up for activities

On September 10, Kickoff Sunday, we will have a Ministries Fair in the social hall 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 2017-2018 church calendar.

Catch the excitement

Teacher orientation/training is **Saturday, September 9 at 10 a.m.** in the social hall. Come enjoy fellowship, check out our wonderful curricula, meet other teachers, learn and review simple classroom discipline and supervision tips AND meet **Susanna Stone**, our new Youth/CE Coordinator!

A Taste of Heaven

When an admirer asked renowned pianist Vladimir Horowitz how he could play so beautifully, he's said to have replied that anyone could play the notes, but the true music lay in the pauses between them. The same can be said of life.

Rabbi Evan Moffic (Shalom for the Heart) writes, "It is in the pauses — the rests, the spaces in between — that meaning is made and that holiness is felt." Nowadays we keep so busy there's hardly a pause or space in our day.

"But that's not the way God created us [or] the world," Moffic continues. "God worked, then rested. God created, then paused. ... Thus, our Sabbath is the day when we can marvel at the beauty of the world God created. It is the day we enjoy what the ancient sages called 'a taste of heaven.' It is a day when we stop thinking about the what of life and remind ourselves of the why of life."

~ Newsletter/Newsletter 9/2017

Financial Statement / July 2017

General Operating Budget

Balance (6/30/17)	\$ 99,202.29
Receipts (July)	+ 58,409.84
Disbursements (July)	- 47,382.45
Balance (7/31/17)	\$ 110,229.76



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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 Stone
Office Administrator	Susan K. Kruger
Facility Manager	Harry E. Coleman
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Music Assistant	Kathleen M. Kruger
Part-time custodians/security	Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn, Margie SchAAF
Child Care Workers	Margie SchAAF, Anita Thompson
Newsletter Editor	Carol J. Evans
Parish Associates	

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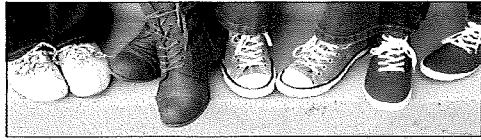
Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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 June through September.

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.

September 24, 2017 – 1 p.m. – Root River Park

Meet at Root River Park (4012 80th Street SE) at 1 p.m. The Root River Park is a relatively new park, and is another of Olmsted County's best kept secrets. When we get to the park we'll check out the old stagecoach bridge and the 90-foot tall limestone bluffs. The trail is about 2 miles long and is a nice wide grass-covered trail. The scenery is beautiful. You might want to bring a camera.

~ Mark Mueller and Ariel Boswell

Need a ride to church?

We're here to serve you!

Deacons underwrite cab service for members to attend church activities

Have you used the FPC van to get to Sunday worship or special services? Nothing could be easier! We hope you who no longer drive your car to church will consider this service a viable alternative.

For several years the Board of Deacons has offered a cab service to bring members to *ANY* activity at FPC, e.g. Sunday worship, Ash Wednesday or Maundy Thursday services, Festival of Music programs, Forums @First panel discussions, special fellowship events, or Circle activities.

To use this service you need a voucher available in the church office. You make your own arrangement with Med City Taxi and then give the voucher to the cab driver instead of cash. The cab company adds a tip when they bill us. For a round trip you will need two vouchers. Your Deacon caller would be happy to get some for you - just ask her or him.

You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to get to church the easy way, especially when winter sets in and driveways become icy and roads snowy.

See you in church!

Susanna Stone named Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education Ministries

Susanna Stone is FPC's "NEW" *Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education*. Susanna is no stranger to our youth program; she's been a faithful volunteer since 2014.

Susanna brings a passion and a solid background in education and youth programs, most recently here in Rochester with the *Diversity Council*. She's also on our Board of Deacons (class of 2019).

Our youth know Susanna from her years of support and care for them, so the continuity Susanna brings is a wonderful blessing. We're delighted to welcome Susanna to the FPC staff. Come and meet her Saturday, September 9 at Teacher Orientation and/or on *Kick-off Sunday*, September 10.

~ Rev. Jay Rowland

Sitter Service resumes September 8

Sitter Service will begin its 3rd year on Friday, September 8 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. We accept children through age 10 and older children if they are coming to help with younger siblings. Sitter Service will be offered on the 2nd Friday evening of each month through May (excluding December).

Parents are asked to fill out a one-time registration form and then sign up each month so that we know how many children to expect. Sign up can be done in the atrium on the Sunday prior to Sitter Service or by contacting the church office or **Gayle Jones** (993-2443) by Tuesday prior to Sitter Service.

We can always use more volunteers who can spare even an hour or two to come play and have fellowship. So if you are young at heart and are looking for an opportunity for ministry, contact **Gayle Jones** for more information or to volunteer.

~ Gayle Jones / Sitter Service coordinator

Volunteers needed for nursery and childcare ministries

Nursery Ministry to care for and teach of God's love to children ages newborn to three years during Sunday services.

Childcare Ministry to share Bible stories with children ages three to eight years during Sunday services.

Nursery/Childcare Ministry to care for children ages newborn to eight years during special activities and other church events.

To volunteer in any of these capacities, please contact **Margie Schaaf**, Child Care Supervisor (990-5972) or msemerald@hotmail.com.



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 your schedule for music groups resuming this month

For children:

- Cherub Choir (age 4-grade 1) ~ Sunday, September 10,
10:20-10:50 a.m. (Sunday school from 9:40-10:20)
- Calvin Choir (grades 2-5) ~ Sunday, September 10,
9:40-10:20 a.m. (Sunday school from 10:20-11:00)
- Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5) ~ Wednesday,
September 13, 4:15-5 p.m.
- First Players (grades 4-5), beginning band instrumental
lessons, week of September 11

For youth:

- Youth Choir (grades 6-12) ~ Wednesday, September 13,
5-5:45 p.m.
- Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12) ~ Wednesday,
September 13, 7-7:45 p.m. (youth ministries groups
meet 5:45-7 p.m.)
- Church orchestra (grades 7-adult), prepare for December 17
(Lessons and Carols) and March 11 (Cantata Sunday)
- First Players Concert Band (middle school and older) -
Thursday, September 14, 3:45 p.m.

For adults:

- Chancel Choir (adults) ~ Thursday, September 7,
7:30-9 p.m. and/or Sunday, September 10, 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 7,
6:15-7:15 p.m.
- Church orchestra, prepare for December 17 (Lessons and
Carols) and March 11 (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 17 (Lessons and Carols) and March 11 (Cantata).
Let Lee Afdahl know if you would like to participate in any
of these opportunities.

Singing and ringing schedule for September			
	8:30	11:00	Both
September 10	Chancel Choir	Soloist	
September 17	Chancel Choir	Soloist	
September 24	Soloist	Chancel Choir	Jubilate Deo

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 10.

Bible Study (South Fireside) <i>Kerygma</i>	The Kerygma Class will continue their study of the Gospel of <i>Matthew</i> . The class is led by Jane Goodfriend and Ruth Walts.
Current Issues (Lounge)	<i>Current Events: Beyond the Headlines</i> will be the overall theme for the 2017-2018 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 13 <i>Who Art Thy Neighbors?</i> September 20 <i>How Doth Thy Neighbors Dress?</i> September 27 <i>Being Humble</i> The Bible Study is led by Al Depman.



SING PRAISES TO HIM;
TELL OF ALL HIS WONDERFUL WORKS.

PSALM 105:2

Plan now for big decisions then!



We don't like to think about the end of our lives, but we can never tell when or how Jesus will call us home, and it is much easier to make tough decisions now about resuscitation, end-of-life care, and even funeral details.

Our church will again be partnering with the Kasson Parish Nurses to hold a workshop on the 5 Wishes Advanced Directives. This year it will be on October 1 from 1-3 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kasson (301 8th Ave NW / Kasson).

The 5 Wishes is a wonderful, user-friendly advanced directive to help guide your family members regarding end of life decisions. If you have a chance, let me know if you are coming (fpcparishnursing@gmail.com) so I will know to look for you! If you can't make it to the meeting, but would like to have a booklet, please send me an email at above address and I can get you a copy and help explain it if you would like. There is a small fee for the booklet.

Make the big decisions now so your family will know what you want.

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing coordinator

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

Sunday, October 8, 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, October 8! 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!

The Bdecan VBS team wishes to express a huge THANK YOU! to everyone who donated baby clothing, helped make baby blankets, made the fleece toys, or donated funds for diapers for the babies heading into foster care! First Presbyterian Church once again showed their amazing support for mission projects!

The Bdecan VBS team included **Jane Hallman, Cindy Kunzman, Ginger Kirby, Heide Buettner, Susie McClocklin, Sara Kluck, Jean Abels, Phyllis Schmid and Marylynn Aalderks.**

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 2018. 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, 2018 - 2020. 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 **Jane Murl**, lead elder; **Joe Doppler** and **Karen Sessler**, elders; **Rosie Lund**, Deacon representative; and **Jeremy Braun, Rusty Brown, Gregg Erickson, Cindy Kunzman, and Ruth Saling**, congregation-at-large members.

Habitat for Humanity team continues work in September

FPC's Habitat for Humanity team will work Saturday, September 16 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (or whatever hours you're available). There are jobs for every skill level. No construction experience is necessary. Contact **Sarah Edgerton** for the location. (EdgertonSarah@gmail.com or 536-9637)

Also contact Sarah if you'd like to be added to the FPC Habitat e-mailing list.

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



God's left hand

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."

It's the little things that count ...

"I didn't know that!"

A new year is beginning and it seems an appropriate time to remind you of the little things in the life of a church that help keep that life running smoothly.

...Communicating with the staff

The church office is open from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, and 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday. You can reach the office by calling 282-1618. If we do not answer the phone when you call, please leave your message on the answering machine and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You can reach us by e-mail at RochesterFPC@msn.com. Most of the staff also have individual e-mail capabilities.

...Watch your purse!

The church may seem like a safe place, but it is important to keep your purse with you or out of sight when you're working in the building. The building is large and it's easy for strangers to wander through and pick things up.

Please - any time during the week - protect your possessions by putting them away. Similarly, don't leave house and car keys in pockets of coats hung on the coat racks.

...Keeping up with technology

We're on the WEB! Our address, www.FPCRochester.org, will take you to our web site that includes general information about the church, a calendar of the current month's activities, youth programs and pictures of past activities, the most recent sermon, and an archive of past sermons. Check it out.

Sign up for the *Good News in Brief*. Get a weekly update of the news at First Presbyterian by signing up for the *Good News in Brief*, an e-mail newsletter we send out every Wednesday or Thursday. Send your e-mail address to evans.carol512@gmail.com. You'll be on-line with us.

...Lost and Found

Yes, the church does have a lost and found box. Right now it is overflowing with car and house keys, umbrellas, earrings, eyeglasses, children's jackets, and a few gloves. If you are missing anything which might have been lost in the church or the parking lot, please check for it in the church office. Many of the umbrellas and jackets are on the coatrack in the foyer.

...Do you have the scoop?

We need your help! The church office depends on members of the congregation to supply us with the announcements and information necessary to make our weekly bulletins and monthly newsletter as complete as possible. Please help us by submitting your material in writing by the following deadlines: by Tuesday afternoon for the bulletin and by the 15th of the month for the newsletter. Thank you!

...Going to the hospital?

If you are hospitalized, please let the church office know. The staff tries to visit all our hospitalized members, but the *only* way we know you are in the hospital is if you or a family member tells us.

If you are ill and want to be named in a request for prayer, please let one of the pastors know so that we can include you.

We want to be with you and support you in time of illness, both through the power of prayer and presence. Thank you for helping us do that!

...From the office staff

The secretarial staff is happy to help you with church business. However, because of the amount of regular and special work they do, it isn't always possible to give you immediate service. Please, submit anything to be typed, duplicated, or mailed at least three days before you need it!

...Tales of a lonely job jar

Have you seen anything around the church that needs fixing? When you find something, please let us know. We have a Job Jar in the office for that purpose.

The facility manager, custodian, or the Building and Grounds Committee will take care of the problem or find someone to do it for us.

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 \$51.64 for a security call when someone is locked in the building with the alarm set! Thanks!





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 2017-2018 Bible study is *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ*.

Esther Circle meets the third Monday of the month (September 18) at 1 p.m. in Sheldon Jackson Lounge. If you are not a member and are interested in attending, contact **Margie Schaaf** (990-5972) for more information.

Priscilla Circle meets the third Wednesday of the month (September 20) 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 16) in Sheldon Jackson Lounge. **Hostess: Mary Huie**. Bible Study: **Phyllis Schmid** (lesson 1 from 'Cloud of Witnesses' on the book of Hebrews). 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 14. 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.

Medical Missions Coffee raises \$4600

Thanks to all who contributed to Medical Missions at our annual summer get-together in July; we raised \$4600. Many thanks to **Bev Lewis**, hostess; to **Shelley Steger**, coffee organizer; and to all who assisted her. Medical missions is part of the national Thank Offering. The July/August issue of the HORIZONS magazine has information on the projects selected from 2016 funds. More than half of the funded projects are health ministries.

Presbyterian Women meet at Church of the Apostles, Burnsville, October 7

The Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Twin Cities Area Presbytery will be held at the Church of the Apostles in Burnsville on October 7. The theme for the day is "Interfaith Outreach: Understanding Our Muslim Neighbors." PW will pay the registration, which includes lunch, for all who can attend.

The mission project for the Gathering is school kits for Church World Service, which will go to children in impoverished communities and refugee camps. Circle chairs have a list of the supplies needed for the kits.

Church Family News

Anniversaries

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

- 9/7: **Norman and Hilda Nelson** (68)
- 9/11: **Peter and Isabelle Dyck** (63)
- 9/11: **Robert and Charlene Kyle** (63)
- 9/18: **Kenneth and Laura Irvin** (61)
- 9/25: **Alfred and Ursula Thedens** (68)
- 9/26: **Derald and Sandra Holloway** (53)

Birthdays

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

- 9/8: **Ruth Pexton** (99)
- 9/27: **Edith Albrecht** (105)
- 9/30: **Louise Bastron** (94)

Death

We extend our condolences to **Linda Tillotson** on the death of her husband, **John Martin Tillotson**, August 11.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Zella Blanche (Schliem) Boutelle**, who died August 18 at the age of 101.

Calling all crafters!



Calling all crafters! We will be meeting Wednesday, September 20 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*

Reading material for the college and career bound...

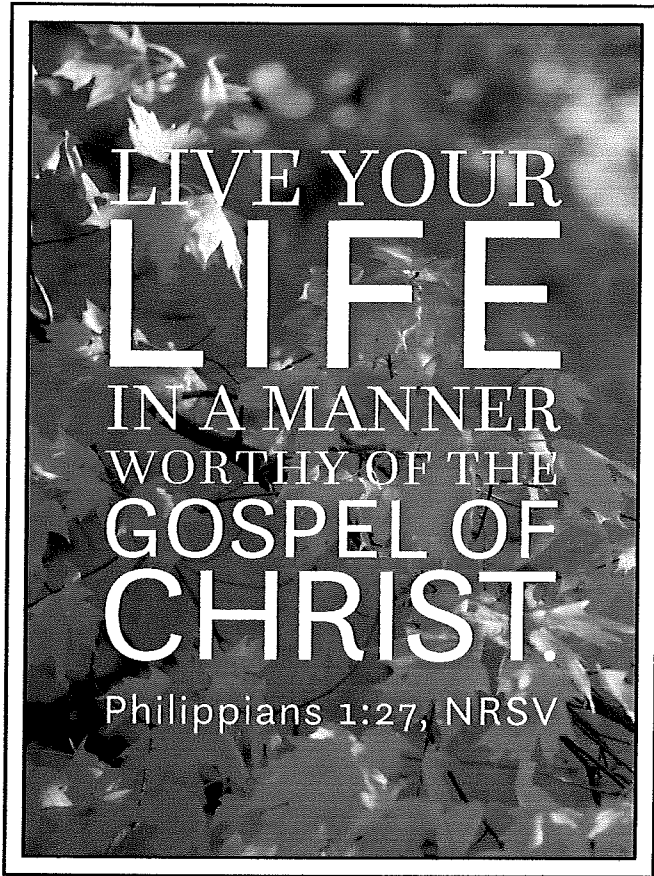
Have you signed up for your Good News?

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.



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



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September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sundays beginning September 10 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 13 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)		1	2
3 Worship - 9:30 a.m. Communion 10:30 AM Blood Pressure reading / Parish Nursing	4 Labor Day Church closed	5 Back to school! Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside	6 FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion	7 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	8 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	9 10:00 AM Sunday school teachers orientation
10 Kickoff Sunday Ministries Fair Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m. 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 9:40 AM Sunday School Open House	11	12 9:30 AM Staff meeting 4:00 PM Presbytery/First Presbyterian/Red Wing 7:15 PM FOM Cmte/north fireside	13 FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Kitchen Guild	14 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	15 Newsletter items due	16 9:00 AM FPC Work Group at Habitat for Humanity 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 11:00 AM Out of the Darkness Walk to prevent suicide
17 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 9:40 AM Sunday school/all ages	18 1:00 PM Esther Circle/ lounge	19 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	20 FPC@Friendship Place 9:15 AM Priscilla Circle/ lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/ SHall	21 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	22	23
24 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 11:00 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 12:00 PM Solos Faith/ Fellowship lunch 1:00 PM Trail Hike at Root River	25	26 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	27 Mail newsletter Mail quarterly statements FPC@Friendship Place	28 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	29	30
There's no such thing as ready; there's only willing. (Rachel Cohn)						