



# The Good News

## of First Presbyterian Church for November 2016

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his love endures forever.  
(Psalm 107.1 [NIV])

### Special congregational meeting called to elect new officers

The Session has called a special meeting of the congregation for Sunday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m., following the first service, to elect church officers for the coming year including new classes of deacons and elders and congregational representatives for the Endowment and Nominating Committees.

The Nominating Committee will present the following candidates. Nominations from the floor will be accepted provided the nominee has given prior approval to having his or her name placed on the slate.

New elders and deacons will attend new officer orientation in January and following ordination and installation will begin their term of service. Each elder will be assigned to a standing committee of the Session.

#### Deacon / Class of 2019

Karin Braun	Susanna Stone
Holly Ebel	Terry Whiting
Sara Kluck	Vicki Wintheiser
Anna Larson	

#### Elder / Class of 2019

Joe Doppler	Brad Narr
Bruce Fye	Phyllis Schmid
Allyson Maurer	(To be named)

#### Endowment Committee / Class of 2019

Eric Sorenson

#### Nominating Committee / Class of 2017

Jeremy Braun	Cindy Kunzman
Rusty Brown	Ruth Saling
Gregg Erickson	

This year's Nominating Committee included **Gayle Jones** (lead elder), **Jane Murl** (elder), **Jeremy Braun**, **Ronald Kreinbring**, **Cindy Kunzman**, **Wendy Shannon**, and **Laura Smith** (congregation-at-large members), and **Neil Shepard** (Board of Deacons representative).

"Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action."  
(W.J. Cameron)

### Twin Cities Bronze rings in next *A Festival of Music* program

**Time: Sunday, November 13 at 4 p.m.**

**Place: First Presbyterian Church sanctuary**

**Twin Cities Bronze** is an auditioned handbell ensemble of advanced ringers from the Twin Cities Metro area. **Amy Maakestad** is the artistic director.

FESTIVAL  
OF MUSIC



Distinctive among handbell groups for performing without a conductor, the ensemble is also known for its energetic

and visually appealing performance style. This is a perfect fit as the group appears as annual guests on the Jingle Bell Doc concerts with the Minnesota Orchestra under the baton of Doc Severinsen.

The ensemble shares its knowledge of this unique instrument nationwide and recently received a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council to implement The Mobile Classroom, a custom-designed educational workshop for handbell choirs. Twin Cities Bronze will travel to Puerto Rico in June 2017 for a cultural residency exchange that will include concerts, workshops and educational activities.

The spirit of the organization is portrayed in its Shared Values Statement: as professionals, to strive at all times for musical excellence; as educators, to share our technical knowledge of this unique medium; as artists, to showcase the diversity of handbells through innovative performances; as performers, to support each other and have fun!

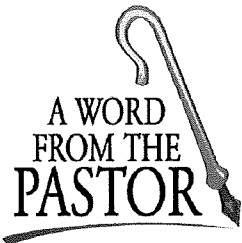
In collaboration with organist **Lee Afdahl**, the concert will feature favorite hymn arrangements interspersed with dances.

There is no admission fee but a freewill offering will be accepted. A dessert reception will follow the concert.

~ Jane Hallman / Festival of Music

Twin Cities Bronze  
Handbell Ensemble  
in concert  
First Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, November 13, 2016





by Rev. T. J. Parlette

November 2016

Last month I wrote about the upcoming *Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation* exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. A few people have said they would be interested in going through the exhibit together. The date that seems

to work is Saturday, December 17. For those interested in car pooling, we can meet at the church at 11 a.m.

Tickets for the exhibit can be purchased online (artsimia.org) for \$20.00 (\$16.00 if you are a member). We should probably buy tickets for the 1:30 entrance time. At this writing, tickets were still available, but I would recommend buying them in advance – this is expected to be a very popular exhibit. If you are coming up on your own, let me know to expect you or text me at the number listed in the church directory and we can meet at the entrance to the exhibit. This should be very interesting; I'm really looking forward to it!

### **The Redemption of Scrooge chosen for Advent study**

It's hard to believe but Advent is just around the corner. Once again this year I will be offering an Advent study on Wednesday evenings beginning on November 30 and concluding on December 21. The study this year is "The Redemption of Scrooge," based on Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol."

We'll explore the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the Cratchits, with an eye to Christian faith. Along the way we will meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come and learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. You can register by calling the church office. The book for this study will be \$15.00, payable to the church. The books will be available about a week before the first meeting. Hope to see you there!

Peace, *T. J.*

### **A reminder to protect your possessions**

The church may seem like a safe place, but it is important to keep your purse and other possessions with you or out of sight when you're 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. Lock a classroom before going to another part of the building. Tell your children to keep track of their backpacks. Similarly, don't leave house and car keys in pockets of coats hung on the coat racks.

Thank you!

## **Stewardship Alive!**

One of the joys of working with the people of First Presbyterian Church is having an enthusiastic volunteer group to call on when we need help, whether it is to bake bars, serve communion, sing in the choir or ring handbells, be a liturgist or an usher, visit shut-ins, teach Sunday school, help in the office, tend the flowers during the summer, help in the nursery/toddler room for children's activities, and the list goes on. We don't always know your interests, which is why we include a Shared Ministry Opportunities sign-up form each year with the stewardship drive.

Please consider how **you** can share in the ministry of First Presbyterian and then let us know. That's stewardship - above and beyond.

~ Carol Evans / church treasurer

### **Financial Statement / September 2016**

#### *General Operating Budget*

Balance (8/31/16)	\$34,330.66
Receipts (September)	+ 49,654.90
Disbursements (September)	- 54,157.78
Balance (9/30/16)	\$ 29,827.78



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

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

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

#### **Church Staff**

Pastor	Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette
Associate Pastor	Jay P. Rowland
Director of Music	Lee J. Afdahl
Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	Rick L. Morris
Office Administrator	Susan K. Kruger
Facility Manager	Harry E. Coleman
Custodian	Vera B. Herr
Music Assistant	Kathleen M. Kruger
Part-time custodians/security	Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn, Margie Schaaf, Eric Schwartzbauer
Child Care Workers	Kelly Bock, Woo-Jung Ra, Margie Schaaf
Newsletter Editor	Carol J. Evans
Parish Associates	

Anneliese Opitz, Roger Ring, Carol Shaffer, James Walker

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

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

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

Visit our WEB site at [www.FPCRochester.org](http://www.FPCRochester.org).

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

## Insights into the Outreach Foundation in Cuba

During the education hour on November 6, **Helen Monsees** and **Bob Sixta** will facilitate an adult Sunday school discussion about their mission travel to rural Cuba in February 2016. The travel was sponsored by the Outreach Foundation.

The class will highlight a brief history of the Outreach Foundation's mission, vision, conviction and priorities. The class will also touch on a historical summary of Presbyterianism in Cuba and a brief highlight of foreign relations between Cuba and the United States with personal observations by Helen and Bob about their travels and experiences. Cuban cigars and mojitos WILL NOT be served.

Hope you are able to attend...see you at 9:40 a.m. November 6 in the social hall.

Peace, Helen and Bob

## 2016 Sharing Tree brings Christmas spirit to many

We are again offering you an opportunity to help children, families and homeless in our community during the Christmas season. From November 26 through December 14, a Christmas tree in the atrium will be decorated with colored gift tags, each color representing a charitable organization in Rochester. This year we are adding another organization to our list.

1. Alternative Learning Center Daycare (gifts for infants)
2. Dorothy Day House (gifts for homeless adults)
3. Family Promise (also known as Interfaith Hospitality Network; gifts for homeless families)
4. MedCity Foundation (an organization started by one of our members, **Kristina Hesby**, to provide general assistance to blood cancer patients and their families for lodging, food, and other financial needs)

Select a gift tag off the tree and purchase the item or items on the tag. To wrap or not to wrap your gift, follow the instructions on the tag. **It is important that you attach the tag to the gift when you return it to the church office so we know to which organization the gift goes.**

Instead of purchasing a gift there is also the option of purchasing a gift card from one of our local stores. Put the card in an envelope and drop it off in the church office.

Please drop off your gift no later than December 14 to allow time to deliver them before Christmas. Your participation in our annual Sharing Tree is very much looked forward to by many in our community.

Thank you for your generosity,

~ Ruth Saling / Social Concerns Committee



+ WITH LITTLE

+ WITH MUCH

+ WITH ALL

# FAITHFUL

## STEWARDSHIP 2017

For more than 150 years, First Presbyterian Church has been committed to helping all people experience God's love through Jesus Christ.

This commitment has taken many forms, from strong educational and music ministries to aggressive outreach programs benefitting both local needs and missions abroad.

Now it's time to turn our commitment into action! You can lead the way with a generous financial pledge. By now you should have received your envelope with information about this year's stewardship drive. Stewardship Dedication Sunday will be November 13. We ask you to bring your commitment that day or mail it to the church as soon as possible so we can begin planning next year's programs based on available resources. Thank you!

~ Carol Evans / Stewardship and Finance Committee

## Madrigal Christmas Feaste needs help making figgy puddings

We need help preparing the steamed figgy puddings for the Madrigal Feaste. You are invited to come November 12 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to "let off some steam." We will be mixing the puddings and steaming them (we have to replenish the water as they cook). A lunch will be provided for all helpers, so plan to come in the morning and stay for lunch or come for lunch and stay for the afternoon ... however long you can spare. It will be a great time of fellowship with church members you would like to know better. If you are able to help, please contact **Terry Narr** (bnarr@charter.net or 281-4806) or **Gayle Jones** (mngjones@charter.net or 993-2443).

Tickets for the Madrigal Feaste on December 3 went on sale October 23 and 30. If there are still tickets left, you can purchase them in the church office. Tickets are \$30 each.

You are welcome to wear a costume at the Feaste. Our time period is late 15th century but you may choose any time period and costume you would like to wear. We are planning a time for showing off your costumes during the Feaste.

~ Gayle Jones / Madrigal Christmas Feaste coordinator

## Sitter Service continues November 8

We had another wonderful evening October 14 with our Sitter Service. Eleven children attended. Special thanks to our faithful volunteer Sitters Diane Grill, Sandy Holloway, Mary Huie (who provided Halloween crafts), Cindy Kunzman, Otis Laurberg, Allyson Maurer, Phyllis Schmid, Carol Shaffer, Susanna Stone, Dee Tiedeman, and Jay and Britta Youmans.

In November, Sitter Service will be on the 11th from 5:30-9:30 p.m. If you have already registered, just call the church office to sign up by Tuesday, November 8. If you need to register, please contact **Gayle Jones** (993-2443 or mngjones@charter.net).

## Handbell ringers on target to set Guinness world record at Big Ring

*The bells are ringing at the Mall of America on November 19 at 11 a.m.*

Over 600 ringers will gather at the Mall of America on Saturday, November 19, to kick off the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle campaign. The ringers, representing Handbell Musicians of America (HMA), include a delegation of 27 ringers from First and Community Presbyterian Churches in Rochester. The massed handbell choir will ring "Silver Carol," Hart Morris's arrangement of Silver Bells and Carol of the Bells.

Guinness Book of Records representatives will attend to give authorization of the largest number of handbell ringers for such an event. The Salvation Army approached HMA about participating in this nationally publicized event. **Hart Morris** and **Lee Afdahl** will be co-conductors of the massed ensemble.

*Ringers are reminded that the arrival and rehearsal time in a staging area at MOA on November 19 is 9 a.m.*



### 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!

 <b>Singing and ringing schedule for November</b>			
	8:30	11:00	Both
November 6	Chancel Choir	Cherub Choir	Alleluia Rngrs
November 13	Chancel Choir	Special music	Jubilate Deo
November 20	Chancel Choir	Calvin Choir	Joyous Praise
November 27	Special music	Chancel Choir	

## Celebrate Advent, donate to the Poinsettia Fund

Help celebrate the Advent season with a \$15 donation to the Poinsettia Fund. The plants will decorate the sanctuary in December and then be delivered by the Deacons to our many C.A.R.E. members. To contribute, put your check for \$15 (note for poinsettias on the memo line) in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Thank you!

~ Judy Felten / Chancel Guild

## 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!

<b>Bible Study (South Fireside)</b> <i>Kerygma</i>	The Kerygma Class will continue their study of the Gospel of <i>Matthew</i> . The class is led by <b>Jane Goodfriend</b> and <b>Ruth Walts</b> .
<b>Current Issues (Lounge)</b>	<i>Current Events: the Pros and Cons</i> is the overall theme for the 2016-2017 year. The Current Issues discussion is led by <b>Al Depman</b> .
<b>Parenting Support Group (Room A-103)</b> <i>Parenting challenges and Biblical parenting</i>	For new parents, experienced parents, grandparents, and parents to be, the class will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays in room A-103 between services. Drop in as we share highs and lows, read what God says about parenting, and pray for our children. Facilitated by <b>Ariel Boswell</b> and <b>Lucinda Clements</b> .

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

<b>Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)</b>	November 2 <i>Graying of church-goers and the Bible (part 2)</i>
	November 9 <i>The Bible and America (part 1)</i>
	November 16 <i>The Bible and America (part 2)</i>
	November 23 No class / Thanksgiving break
	The Bible Study is led by <b>Al Depman</b> .
	November 30 - December 20 <i>The Redemption of Scrooge</i> Advent Bible study led by <b>Rev. T. J. Parlette</b>

## Help deck the halls with boughs ...



We will be decorating the church halls for Advent on November 19 starting at 9:30 a.m. All ages and abilities are needed.

We have trees to decorate, wreaths to hang, and poinsettias to put out. We will have some light refreshments to keep us going.

If anyone would like to help with the coordination of this activity, please give **Bev Lewis** a call (288-8959). If you've ever wanted to make changes in the decor of the church, now is your chance.

~ Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

## Parish Nursing has resources available for healthy living



This month we celebrated our second year with the First Presbyterian Parish Nursing ministry. Parish Nursing is focused on education, screening and helping connect congregation members with resources. We are always open to new volunteers and suggestions for activities!

Here are some of the resources we offer:

- Monthly blood pressure checks in the library
- Screening tools for depression available
- Scale available for weigh-ins
- Several great book and video resources for weight loss and healthy living (contact Ariel for details)
- 5 Wishes advanced directives booklets available. Classes offered in partnership with Kasson churches every 1-2 years.
- Home blood pressure visits by appointment
- Parenting support group as a Sunday school class

If you have questions about other health care resources, please come by on the first Sunday of the month or send Ariel an email at [fpccparishnursing@gmail.com](mailto:fpccparishnursing@gmail.com). Thanks for supporting and participating in our ministry!

### Get your flu shot!

Tis the season... to get your flu shot! At school, at work, at a pharmacy, at a walk-on clinic, or at your doctor's office, make sure to get the shot that saves lives and prevents days of illness. Recent studies show that the nasal vaccine was ineffective, so we will all need a poke this year. Remember, even if you do happen to catch a flu virus not covered by the vaccine, getting the vaccine can make your case less severe. Save lives and immunize!

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing Advisory Council

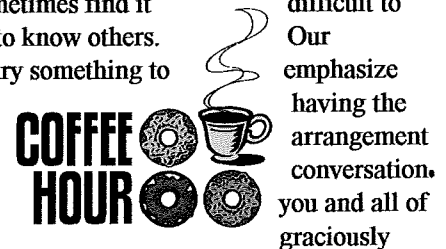
Thanks to everyone who purchased one (or more) of Mary Huie's handmade cards at the sale in September. Proceeds of \$60 will benefit youth program special activities. Thanks to Mary for sharing her talent with us.

Thanks to the Christian Education Committee for sponsoring their 4th annual OctoberFest dinner on October 12. Brats, hotdogs, German potato salad, and sauerkraut highlighted the menu, which included Dan's root beer and Rice Krispy bars decorated in the colors of the German flag. Eighty-seven diners enjoyed the delicious meal.

## Talks continue on changes in Sunday Coffee Hour

In September and part of October the Welcoming and Nurturing Committee served our coffee and donuts in the atrium between services. Our intent was to copy a successful practice at other churches which seemed to encourage conversation and visitation, with a particular emphasis on welcoming our visitors and new members.

One of our greatest strengths is the wonderful people we have at First Presbyterian...it doesn't take long for the church family to become a strong source of joy. But visitors and new members sometimes find it difficult to "break in" and to get to know others. Our committee wanted to try something to "welcoming" by bistro table to encourage easy conversation. We appreciate all of the staff that so "gave it a try." During a trial run we became aware of some concerns and are making some changes.

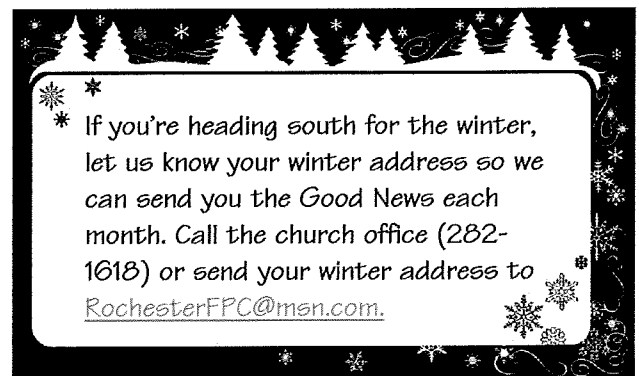


We are returning the main coffee/donut service to the social hall. As always, members are welcome to enjoy coffee there and families will find it easier to accommodate their children. But we plan to continue the bistro tables for a few Sundays in the atrium and will have coffee and donuts available in the atrium as well as the social hall.

We encourage all you who are willing to gather in the atrium and help us welcome visitors, new members or even members you might not know very well. If you see visitors sitting around you in church, please invite them to join you for coffee.

Please feel free to give a member of the Welcoming and Nurturing Committee your feedback: **Gayle Jones, Lead Elder; Jane Murl, Elder; Lowell and Patti Meyer, Rob and Carrie Elder, Holly Ebel, Jean Abels, or Sandy Carroll.**

~ Welcoming and Nurturing Committee



*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow..."*

## Faith in Action Social Concerns Committee

On September 27, the latest "Forums @ First" presented another excellent panel discussion on "Home Away From Home: Supportive Services to the Patient & Family." Representatives from the Med City Foundation (F.P.C.'s very own **Kristina Hesby**), the Ronald McDonald House, the Gift of Life Transplant House, the Nazarene Well-House, and a transplant social worker led a very informative discussion on services provided and the needs of patients and families outside the Clinic setting. The panel discussion was led by our talented moderator, **Dr. Casey Clements**. Casey led the discussion with a review of his own family's personal experience as it related to the needs of their daughter at a critical point in her young life.

Highlights from the panel discussion included:

**Kristina** spoke how she and her family were deeply affected by her father's health problems and, as a result, she has now established the Med City Foundation which serves blood cancer patients and families. Patients and families, as she explained, need more than a bed. Hotels cannot provide the basics and family atmosphere that the Med City Foundation and the other resources mentioned above can provide. She is hoping to pilot a program of matching patients with community families to better serve more patients.

**Ginger Holmes**, Gift of Life Transplant House, reported having 87 beds available. Patients coming from all over the world might stay from 2 days to 3+ years. Average stay is 6 weeks. Because of the over-whelming need, they had to direct over 100 patients to hotels just in the month of September.

**Paula Haraldson** and **Marit Williams** of the Ronald McDonald House reported serving 800-900 families per year but have had to turn away 1000 families per year for the shortage of beds. They hope to expand so that they might be able to serve 1500 families per year.

**Pat Thomas** of the Nazarene Well-House reviewed they, too, had to direct patients to hotels due to their limited 13 bedroom facilities. They, too, serve patients from Vietnam to Vermont to Vermillion. As a small church-supported facility, they provide a home to those of all faiths. Veterans and active-duty military can stay for free versus having to pay a minimum amount to cover House expenses.

**Brady Voigt**, the transplant social worker, spoke how patients are assisted by the Mayo Social Workers in finding the appropriate resources. He and the others expressed concern over the greater needs for more family-oriented beds in the community, the transportation issues of evenings and weekends, the costs patients encounter when needing extended stays, etc.

A basic conclusion that the panelists emphasized over and over is how much patients and families appreciate those

services in the community that are available and how those services create such a warm and supportive, family atmosphere. It is the family atmosphere that cannot be found in hotels and motels. It is the family atmosphere that brings families together with support and encouragement that binds them together for years after their first and often many encounters.

All of the above resources encourage community members to volunteer when and where possible. Whether in terms of time, money, meals, or other, volunteers help create a memory that remains with the patient and family from all over the world for years to come.

*~ Ken Aalderks / Social Concerns Committee*



## Your mission dollars working around the world

The Mission Committee made the following allocations in your name during the last two months:

1. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** - \$4000. \$2000 is earmarked for Haiti after the hurricane caused tremendous flooding and destruction. \$2000 is earmarked for the US and the recent flooding on the east coast and in the South.
2. **Medical Benevolence Foundation** - \$1000. MBF believes that to build sustainable health care ministries we must develop and support indigenous health care workers. This money will go toward a scholarship for a Haitian nursing student.
3. **Girls' Rescue Centers, Kenya** - \$1000. There are five rescue centers connected with boarding schools of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa. These centers provide security and education for girls who otherwise might be forced into early marriage and circumcision. These girls are from nine to fifteen years of age.
4. **Josh Heikkila**, mission co-worker who is the PCUSA's regional liaison to West Africa - \$1000. Some of you heard Josh when he gave the sermon in church in September and showed pictures of the church's work in Nigeria, Niger, Togo, and Ghana during the education hour.
5. **David Cortes-Fuertes** and **Josey Saez Acevedo**, mission co-workers in Cuba - \$2000. Last fall this husband and wife team became the first Presbyterian co-workers to live and work in Cuba since the 1959 revolution. David is teaching New Testament and Greek at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, and Josey is assisting several congregations with their educational ministries with children and youth. In October the Evangelical Theological Seminary celebrated its 70th anniversary.

*~ Sylvia Swede / Mission Committee*



## News from Presbyterian Women

\* Sylvia Swede, facilitator

Circles always welcome visitors and new members! Join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The 2016-2017 Bible study is *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*.

**Esther Circle:** Monday, November 21 in the lounge. Hostess: **Ginger Kirby**. Cohostess: **Naomi Spiekerman**. Devotions: Char Davis. Bible study: **Jane Hallman**. All are welcome!

**Priscilla Circle:** Wednesday, November 16 at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge. Hostesses: **Char Ellefson** and **Becky Will**. Program: **Zoe Abrahamson**. Devotions: **Zoe Abrahamson**.

**Ruth Circle:** Saturday, November 19 from 10 a.m.-noon in the lounge. Hostesses: **Gayle Jones** and **Sandy Holloway**. Devotions: **Cindy Sannes**. Bible study: **Mary Bayrd** (lesson #3 in "Who is Jesus?").

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Join us Thursday, November 10 at 1 p.m. in the lounge for knitting, crocheting and fellowship! Please contact **Elizabeth Remfert** (507-269-3877) or **Susie McClocklin** (288-7772) if you or someone you know would find comfort from a prayer shawl.

*Thanks to all those who provided paper products or other requested items for the Gift of Life Transplant House in October.*

## FPC women attend Fall Gathering

Eight FPC women attended the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Twin Cities Area Presbytery on October 15.

Circles provided twelve kits for the Presbytery mission project. Eight hygiene kits will go to Church World Service or Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and four baby kits will go to the Rural Health Initiative in Sierra Leone.

**Zoe Abrahamson, Amy Dollerschell, LaDonna Fay, Jane Hallman, Jo Rockwell, Phyllis Schmid, Sylvia Swede, and Kiyomi Takekawa** attended from First Presbyterian.

*Thanks to Esther, Priscilla, and Ruth Circles for providing the meals for the Synod PW Coordinating Team which met here October 20-22. Your help was much appreciated.*

## Raise your praise

Let praise — not merely thanksgiving, but praise — always form an ingredient of thy prayers. We thank God for what he is to us, for the benefits which he confers and the blessings with which he visits us. But we praise him for what he is in himself, for his glorious excellences and perfections, independently of their bearing on the welfare of the creature. ... When thou singest praise, all creation (in a manner) sings in thee and with thee. (Edward Goulburn)

## Church Family News

### Birth

Congratulations to **Brett, Jamie, Shay, and Alyssa Carroll**, and **Jean Marvin** on the birth of their daughter, sister, and granddaughter, **Delany Marie Carroll**, October 15.

### Birthdays

*Happy Birthday* to **William Johnson** who will celebrate his 92nd birthday November 17.

*Happy Birthday* to **Lucille Bill** who will celebrate her 94th birthday November 20.

*Happy Birthday* to **Elaine Davis** who will celebrate her 90th birthday November 23.

*Happy Birthday* to **Betty Dobyms** who will celebrate her 90th birthday November 25.

### Deaths

We extend our condolences to **Mary Sickman** on the death of her husband, **Mark Sickman**, September 23 while vacationing in the Grand Canyon.

We extend our condolences to **Cheryl Hann** on the death of her husband, **Don Hann**, October 4.

## Hannah Olson-Williams joins Peace Corps, assigned to Lesotho, Africa

**Hannah Olson-Williams**, daughter of **Lonny and Helen Olson-Williams**, recently arrived in Lesotho, Africa, where she will be serving in the Peace Corps until December of 2018. Hannah graduated with a BS in Mathematics from Case Western Reserve University this past May. Her primary role in Lesotho will be to teach math to high school-aged students there.



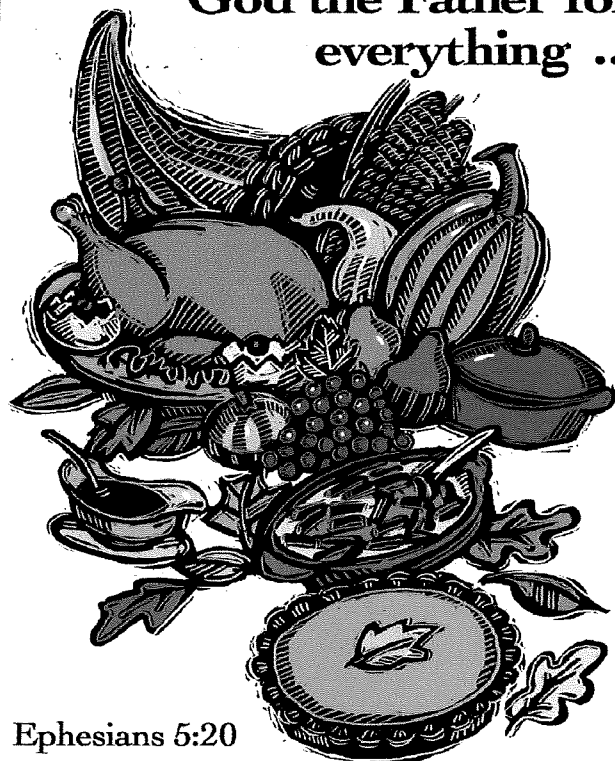
## Calling all crafters!

The Crafter's Group will meet on Wednesday, November 16, from 3:00-5:30. Come join us for fellowship and fun as we make cards for the C.A.R.E. members of our congregation, with all supplies provided; or bring that Christmas project you are trying to finish! We'd love to see what you are making!

~Mary Huie (282-9712) / Crafters coordinator



Always giving thanks to  
God the Father for  
everything ...



Ephesians 5:20

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## November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sunday worship schedule</b> Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school / all ages at 9:40 a.m. Cherub Choir at 10:20 a.m. Calvin Choir at 9:40 a.m.</p>		<p>1 All Saints' Day Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside</p>	<p>2 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 6:15 PM Madrigal singers rehearse 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge</p>	<p>3 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 <b>Set clocks back 1 hour to...</b></p>
<b>Envy eats nothing but its own heart. (German proverb)</b>						
<p>6 Worship (8:30 &amp; 11 a.m.) Communion Alleluia Rngs rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 9:30 AM Blood Pressure/Parish Nursing 11:00 AM Cherub Choir sings</p>	<p>7 FPC@Community Food Response 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp continued</p>	<p>8 Election Day 9:30 AM Staff meeting</p>	<p>9 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Kitchen Guild 6:15 PM Madrigal Feaste walk-through 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge</p>	<p>10 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.) <b>No school/Work Day</b></p>	<p>12 1:00 PM Madrigal singers rehearse</p>
<p>13 Stewardship Dedication Worship (8:30 &amp; 11 a.m.) Jubilate Deo (both) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 9:30 AM Cong Mig to elect officers 4:00 PM FOM/Twin Cities Bronze/ HBells</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Newsletter items due 9:30 AM Staff meeting 4:00 PM Presbytery/House of Hope/St Paul</p>	<p>16 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place School dismissed after lunch 9:15 AM Priscilla Circle/lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/social hall 6:15 PM Madrigal Feaste walk- through 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge</p>	<p>17 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 HBells Big Ring @ Mall of America 9:30 AM Advent Decorat- ing Party 10:00 AM Ruth Circle/ lounge</p>
<p>20 Christ the King Sunday Worship (8:30 &amp; 11 a.m.) Joyous Praise rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 11:00 AM Calvin Choir sings</p>	<p>21 1:00 PM Esther Circle/ lounge</p>	<p>22 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm</p>	<p>23 Mail newsletter NO Wednesday activities <b>No school/conference ...</b></p>	<p>24 <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>No school/Thanksgiving break</b> <b>Church closed</b></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Advent One Worship (8:30 &amp; 11 a.m.) Sharing Tree in atrium 11:00 AM Chancel/Youth Choir sings</p>	<p>28 <b>Set up stage for Madrigal Christmas Feaste</b></p>	<p>29 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild</p>	<p>30 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:15 PM Madrigal Feaste walk- through 6:30 PM Advent Bible study w/T/Parlette</p>	<p><b>Wednesday youth schedule</b> 4:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5) 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 6-12) 5:45 p.m. Middle and High School youth 7:00 p.m. Joyous Praise bells (intergenerational)</p>		