

**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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MONDAY—THURSDAY
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.

The Beam

First Presbyterian Church, Wausau, is a family of believers, called by God, taught by Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit. We are committed to continuing Christ's ministry within our congregation, community and world.

Thoughts from Reverend Rachel

If I didn't know any better, I would swear that September was the beginning of the year. On Facebook my teacher friends are all talking about setting up their classrooms for school. My band director buddies are finished with band camp and are readying their young musicians for the new marching band season. My friends with kids and grand-kids have been posting the obligatory "First Day of School" pictures. My pastor friends are posting exciting snippets of information about all the new groups and studies that will be meeting soon at their churches. And just about everyone has uploaded their favorite vacation photos – lakes, national parks, the Mouse and his Kingdom in Florida, ball games, concerts, swimming, campouts, road trips, prize fish. The list seems endless.

And I guess September IS a beginning. Maybe not on the yearly calendar, but certainly in our lives. Summer is rapidly coming to a close, and while most of us truly enjoy the relaxed pace of the summer months, our minds and bodies have been renewed and refreshed, and we're ready to get back into the normal routines of life.

I'm delighted to say that First Presbyterian is no different. We've used the slower moments this summer to make plan for an exciting program year. On September 6 we'll be back in the Sanctuary for worship, and if you haven't yet seen the new lights, you're in for a treat! Susan has been busy ordering music and preparing schedules for the many ensembles that will be begin rehearsing in the next few weeks. Lisa and her team have poured over curriculum, planned activities, organized supplies, and tidied up the classrooms for a fall filled with fun offerings for children and youth.

The Session and Deacons have also been busy, and the various teams have been hard at work (in between vacation time, of course!). I hope you'll take advantage of the many opportunities for study, worship, fellowship and mission that we have planned this year. Stay tuned for more information!

This and That...

Ministry Festival

*...at the Ministry
Festival we will be
distributing
the new **Church
Directories***

Following worship on September 20, come to the parlor and chapel to explore the diversity of offerings here at First Presbyterian Church. There is a place for everyone to get involved, grow in faith, make new friends, try something new, or volunteer your skills. Come and learn about the exciting activities we have planned for the fall. Dive right in or just get your feet wet!

Also, at the Ministry Festival we will be distributing the new **Church Directories** to those individuals and families that had their photo included in the directory.



Truths children have learned.

- No matter how hard you try, you cannot baptize cats.
- When mom is mad at dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- You cannot trust your dog to watch your food.
- You can't hide your piece of broccoli in your glass of milk.

Truths adults have learned.

- Raising teenagers is like trying to nail Jell-O to a tree.
- If you can remain calm, you don't have all the facts.
- Middle age is when you choose cereal for the fiber, not the toy.
- You appreciate the fact that your wrinkles don't hurt.

News of our Members

Congratulations to **Joy and Duane Patterson** who celebrated sixty years of marriage in August!

Congratulations to **Tom and Pandora Green** who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on September 10th.

We celebrate with **Craig and Katie Spangler**, sister **Grace** and grandmother **Ellen Tietz** with the baptism of **Greta Patricia Spangler** on August 30.

If you have a news you would like to share about your family, please contact the church office so we can share it with your church family.

From the Mission Team

As your **garden** provides you with more than you can use, bring your **surplus** to church on Sundays for others to share. Please take home others' **bounty** to enjoy.

Interested in helping with the **Growing Faith Community Garden**? There is an **interfaith work party** every Saturday from 10-3, if weather permits. Contact Jeff Todd, jtodd8378@charter.net or Laurie Bushbaum at UUC, Laurie@uuwausau.org.

Volunteers are needed for **Wausau Community Warming Center**. Volunteer opportunities are available from Nov. 1 through April 30, 2016. Numerous shifts starting at 6:30 pm through 8 am daily. FPC will again be providing a **meal** at the Warming Center twice a month; watch for info and sign up. Contact Chuck Schlitz for more information.

Small Group Activities

The Men's Study Group meets every Thursday morning at 8:30 am in room 201. All men are welcome.

Hops and The Heavens meets at Vino Latte in Wausau every first and third Monday at 5:30 pm.

Moms On a Mission If you would like to be a part of this book study, please respond to Lindy Phelps at lindyphelps@gmail.com or 715-370-5881.

As with our other Special Offerings, our **"Peace and Global Witness Special Offering"** earmarks a portion to go to a local ministry. This year, 25% of this offering will be directed to the **Human Trafficking Program** through the Women's Community. They received a multi-year grant that will enable them to hire a full time human trafficking advocate and operate a human trafficking support program. Our offering will be taken on Sunday, Oct. 4. Watch for more information in First Notes and bulletin inserts.

We all have gifts to share – time, talent, connections, insights, experience, skills, resources, hospitality. The Mission Team hopes that we are able to **help you** find an opportunity to use your gifts in ways you may not have realized were available for you. **Mission Opportunities** are always available. Check *First Notes* to find your **"Piece of the Mission Puzzle"**.

Creative Sewing Creative Sewing will start its new year on September 16 at 1:00 p.m. in Room B2. Come and help us decide what this year's project(s) will be.

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SMALL GROUPS

Activities for the month of September



First Presbyterian September, 2015 Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 Noon Soup's On Noon Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Worship Team	2 6:00 pm Chancel Choir	3 8:30 am Men's Group	4 Building Closed	5
6 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary	7 Labor Day Building Closed	8 Noon Staff Meeting	9 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbells	10 8:30 am Men's Group 4:30 pm Mission Team 6:00 pm Deacons	11 Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal	12
13 9:15 am Families at First 10:00 am Worship with Communion Sunday School begins 11:15 am Worship Troupe 11:15 am Adult Education	14	15 Presbytery Mtg in Manitowac, Noon Soup's On Noon Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Food Pantry	16 4:30 pm New Creation Singers 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbells	17 8:30 am Men's Group	18 Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal	19
20 *Sunday Schedule Children Sing Handbells play Ministry Fair after worship	21 Beam Deadline	22 Noon Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Support Team 6:30 pm In-Focus	23 *Wednesday Schedule	24 8:30 am Men's Group	25 Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica rehearsal	26
27 *Sunday Schedule 11:15 am Adult Education	28	29 7:00 pm Session	30 8:30 am Assemble Beam *Wednesday Schedule	31		

***Sunday Schedule**
 10:00 am Worship
 11:15 am Fellowship Time in the Parlor
 11:15 am Worship Troupe
 4:00 pm Community Supper

**** Wednesday Schedule**
 4:30 pm New Creation singers
 6:00 pm Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm Hand-bells Rehearsal

Office Hours:
 Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm
 Closed on Friday

Support Team

After a brief summer hiatus, the Support Team met on August 18th and welcomed our newest member, Rob Phelps. Rob taught for ten years and is now the Assistant Principal at Horace Mann Middle School. Rob and his wife Lindy are members of FPC and have four children. We are happy to have Rob on the Support Team and look forward to working together.

The team heard information regarding several options for upgrading the office computer system/equipment. Technology is changing so fast that most of the office equipment is obsolete, even though it is only 4-6 years old. The team requested further information before a decision can be made.

Rev. Rachel Wann and Stewardship Chairperson Will Hsu, have met and begun the planning for the Stewardship Campaign. There will be more details coming soon.

All teams should be reviewing their 2015 budgets and should begin the process of talking through and preparing their 2016 budget. Giving has been good so far in 2015 and we thank you for your faithfulness. We look forward to seeing what the future holds.

SUPPORT TEAM

Month-to-Date

Income: \$6,517

Expenses: \$ 17,395

Year-To-Date

Income: \$247,266

Expenses: \$248,239

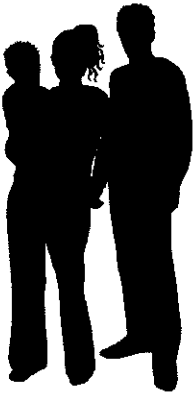
September Birthdays

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| 1 Betty Brown, Patricia Terevich | 17 Evan Buege |
| 4 Parker Faust | 18 Melissa Krasowski |
| 6 Shannon Mudler | 19 Richard Austin, Hope Abbiehl,
Gage Bueno |
| 7 Tom Treu, Rick Wicklund,
Madilyn Phelps | 20 Amanda Buege, Kari Martinson |
| 8 Laura Gwidt, Colin O'Leary | 21 Daniel Kluever, Jack Schaefer |
| 9 Harold Norton | 22 Kenzie Schmidt |
| 11 Khrys Riley | 24 Jeffrey Hertz, Verla (Davey)
Ziemann, Beverly Dittmar |
| 12 Max Reinardy, Miles Dunnum | 27 Bret Miller |
| 14 Betty Geurink, Marjorie Tatman
Wayne Schmidt, Tyler Duberstein | 30 Logan Zeinert, Alexandra Klemp-
North |
| 15 Anna Schellpfeffer, Jackie Kluever | |

Happy Birthday!

*You have 365 days
to write a brand new story
to celebrate
the wonders of life,
to breathe and be thankful,
to love and to make a
difference.*

*Blessings on your
special day!*



From the Worship Team

Families at First (FAF) Join us on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 a.m. in the chapel for our very first kid-friendly worship service. For a half hour each month, families with children are encouraged to joyfully worship God together through the sharing of biblical stories, songs, communion and age-appropriate liturgy. Kids of all ages are welcome.

The coming of Fall is heralded by many things, not the least of which is the return to the Sanctuary for our Sunday morning worship. We'll be back **in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 6 at 10:00 am.** Thanks to Neal Gavinski and the Indermuehles for moving chairs back and forth from the Chapel.

Many thanks to all our special musicians who have shared their talents during our summer worship services. We've had a wonderful variety of singers, wind instruments, strings and accordion music.

The Worship Team will again sponsor a **Lay Liturgist Workshop** after worship on **Sunday, September 27.** During this time we will get tips for reading Scripture expressively, learn to enunciate, and most importantly,

experience speaking into the microphone. If you are signed up to be a Lay Liturgist, make an effort to stay for about 45 minutes. If you would like to become a Lay Liturgist, notify Jean Houghton or Doug Klingberg.

Music Schedule for September: **(Note time changes!)**

Chancel Choir: Begins rehearsing **Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6:00 pm;** first Sunday in worship will be September 13.

Handbell Choir: Begins rehearsing **Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 pm;** first Sunday in worship will be September 20.

New Group for Middle-Schoolers! "Worship Troupe", for grades 5-8 will begin rehearsing **Sunday, September 13 after worship until 11:35.** First Sunday in worship will be Sept. 20.

New Creation Singers (grades 1-4): Begins rehearsing **Wednesday, September 16 from 4:30-5:00 pm.** First Sunday in worship is September 20.

We are hoping to offer a short music time for our 3-5 year olds during Sunday School hour a couple of times a month. More news later.

From the Deacons

We can't thank you enough for the wonderful response to our plea for school supplies to help families in our neighborhood. You have given so much! Lists are still on the table in the hall. The last five items seem to be needed the most. We will give you a tally soon, but pat yourselves on the back and thank you again!

One more plea for fall **addresses of our church family Young Adults.** Please get the information to Gail Smith, 715-359-4763 or gailnickns@charter.net.

Some of you may find you need a bit of help with some fall household or yard tasks. Please let Steve Martinson or the church office know if our **Home Helpers** can assist. You can volunteer to be of help, also.

The next deacon hosted **afternoon communion service** and fellowship time will be World Communion Sunday, **October 4,** at 2:00 pm. Mark your calendar and plan to join us.

Discipleship Team—Christian Education

Scholarship Recipients: Jake Arambel, Rebecca Erdman, Spencer Evans, Anna Schellpfeffer and Aaron Wright received academic scholarships for the upcoming academic school year. We are grateful for the contributions the youth have made to our church community and wish them well in the upcoming school year.

Shout Out for 7-12th grade youth WHY? Winnebago Presbytery Camp, 2015 featuring David LaMott, musician, author, songwriter and workshop leader. Google him for more facts. **WHEN?** Friday, Nov. 7 at 7pm—Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 pm. **WHERE?** Pilgrim Center in Green Lake, WI ...2 hours SE of Wausau. **COST?** All expenses will be paid by the Discipleship Team and from support from the Men Who Bake Auction.

Christian Education News

A new year of **Sunday School** kicks off on September 13th. Immediately following our new kid-friendly worship service, Families at First, come visit our classrooms, meet our teachers, and drop your children off for an hour of Sunday School. Sunday School is open to children age 3 through 11th grade. Classrooms are divided into three areas; PreK - 1st, 2nd - 5th, and grades 6 - 11. Check your mailbox for more information and registration.

If you are interested, please talk to Ted Sperduto or Judy North for more information. There is also information at winnebagopresbytery.org under the special events link

Beginning September 13, 2015

The Things That Make for Peace is a five-week adult study written by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. The study focuses on the inner and outer paths to peace as foundational to faithful discipleship. Each session has a “dig deeper” section for study through the week. Mary Anderson will be leading the study in Room 201 following worship...and a cup of coffee. Each week’s study stands alone. Mark your calendar for the following Sundays: **Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 11 and Oct. 18.** On September 20th, plan to attend the Ministry Festival.

DEW Inspirations Youth Group

(5th - 12th grade) is gearing up for a rewarding year. This year, Dewers will have opportunities for fun, learning and for service. Each month the group will discuss a chapter from the book “*Who Am I?*” This book, written by notable author Katherine Paterson (*Bridge to Terabithia*), explores what it means to be a child of God. Our first session will take place on Sunday, October 25 followed by a trip to the Corn Maze or to Rib Mountain.

Mark **November 6, 7 and 8** on your calendar for the fall youth camp at **Pilgrim Center in Green Lake, WI.** No cost as the Discipleship Team and support from the Men Who Bake Auction will cover the cost.

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