

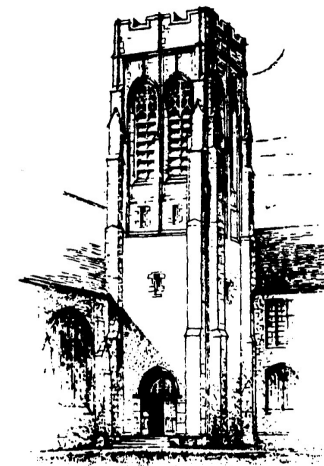
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MONDAY—THURSDAY  
9:00A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.

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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 Pastor Rachel

Living as Easter People

I love that the celebration of Easter occurs in the springtime. All around us we are witness to signs of new life. There may still be snow on the ground, but peaking up through the white patches are shafts of green - the shoots of flowers encouraged to wake from their winter slumber by warmer days. Birds have returned to our trees and feeders, bringing with them the songs of renewal and warmth. Robins pace our yards, intent on finding those elusive worms pushing their way through the thawing soil. Rabbits and squirrels scurry about, seeking partners for the dance of fruitfulness. Though Easter jumps around each year, it always comes in March or April - a springtime promise.

This is the perfect time for the promise of resurrection. Our bodies and minds are ready to toss aside the doldrums of a long winter. We gladly embrace the message. We sing our praises. We shout our alleluias. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. We are Easter People. We have received new life in Christ. We have believed the promise of eternity. In Jesus Christ we are a new creation; the old life has passed away; the new life has come.

My hope is that we hold onto to these promises, not just in springtime, when it's easy, but during the dark days of life. Troubles come. Dreams fade. Relationships end. Bodies weaken. Circumstances change. But the promise of Christ is always present, always there for us. We are new creations. And though the tempests of mortal life may rage around us, the promise is sure. Hold onto it, and remember, we are Easter People!

*This and That...*

**You've been waiting all year for the Chamber Music Series. Now in April we have not one, but two concerts! See page 6 for details or check out our website @ [www.firstpreswausau.org](http://www.firstpreswausau.org).**

**New Health Ministry!** We are excited to announce that a new Health Ministry has assembled, with the goal of bringing health-related education and awareness to the congregation. To best suit the needs of our members, we would like to know what health-related issues you are living with or see for in our congregation, or what health-related topics you are interested in learning more about. You can help us by providing feedback to these questions on the notecards found in the basket on the table below the Mission bulletin board outside the parlor. Contact Pastor Joy Nelson-Jeffers if you have further questions.

*News of our Members*

Our prayers are with the family and friends of **Alice Sillers** who died March 24, 2016. Her memorial service was held on Monday, March 28. Please keep this family in your prayers.

A big thank you to **Pudge Kimbel and Joan Kuehl** who have been updating the bulletin boards around the building. If you haven't been in the Fellowship Hall lately, take time to stop down and see the Missions Board that Joan recently completed. Pudge is everywhere with her camera and gets those pictures up on the entry way board in a hurry. Thank you ladies for all you do to make the bulletin boards informative and pleasant to look at.

Congratulations to **Will Hsu** who was chosen for the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association Forward Under 40 Award. This award is given to alumni under the age of 40 who embody the Wisconsin Idea: the principle that the UW should have a positive impact in Wisconsin and around the world.

Thanks to **Marilyn Paulson and Connie Peckham** for the beautifully decorated Spirituality Center set up for Holy Week. Thanks for all the time given each day as well.

*If you have news items regarding your family and would like to share them, please let Kathy know by the Beam deadline. The office number is 715-842-2116 or use the email address on the front page .*

*Discipleship Team—Christian Education*

**The Discipleship Team is pleased to offer a Higher Education Scholarship opportunity** to First Presbyterian Church members who are engaged in a post-high program of higher education. Please fill out an application which is available in the church office. Applications must be returned to the church office no later than May 15. All scholarships will be awarded no later than July 15, 2016.

**Join women from Winnebago Presbytery** for a quick run to Stevens Point to learn about Denise England's trip to Guyana. You leave Wausau after your kids are in school

*Christian Education News***DEW Inspirations Youth Group Mission Project Collection Drive**

The Dew Inspirations youth group would like your help in collecting items for individual hygiene kits. These kits will be donated to Church World Services. Be on the look out, in the month of April, for the Dew Inspirations Hygiene display where you can select your items to purchase. This display will be located in the parlor. Our youth have a mission to create at least 50 individual hygiene bags that will be distributed to those facing natural disasters, violence, or poverty. Items purchased can be placed in hallway outside the parlor in the hygiene kit container.

and back before school is out. Brunch is at 10:00 with the speaker sharing her Global Exchange Trip to Guyana at 10:45. Contact Mary Sperduto for more information and to pre-register.

**Women, try out a new venue!**

Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies will be gathering in Sioux Falls, South Dakota June 15-18, 2016. Women of all ages who would like to join in Christian Fellowship and are looking for a spiritually enriching experience should consider this opportunity. Scholarships are possible. [www.lakesandprairies.org/resources\\_women.html](http://www.lakesandprairies.org/resources_women.html) for more information See flier in church library. If interested contact Mary Sperduto.

These hygiene bags mean the difference between sickness and health for those in the United States and across the World. Lets make a difference!

Requested items:

- Hand Towels 15" x28" to 16" x 32" only
- Washclothes
- Wide-tooth combs
- Fingernail or toenail clippers
- Individually wrapped bars of soap
- Single packaged toothbrushes
- Regular sized Bandaides (No small or large sized)
- One of each item will be placed in a one gallon plastic bag. Thank you!

*Discipleship Team*

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**From the Worship Team**

Joyous Easter Sunday has passed, and now comes the season of Easter – a continuation of our joy in the promise of eternal life, and the promise of coming new life in the spring blossoms and plants.

The Worship Team works hard to provide a meaningful worship experience for the congregation during Holy Week and Easter. If you have had a good experience, or have some suggestions for next year, please let any member of the Worship Team know: Doug Klingberg, Ginny Sauer, Jean Houghton, Kristin Janis, Rick Builer, Music Director Susan Schaefer or Pastor Rachel Wann.

**Sunday April 10** – Music for the service will be led by Worship Troupe and New Creation Singers, accompanied by our two flutists, Katherine Wright and Pastor Rachel.

**Season of Creation:** For the next four Sundays surrounding Earth Day, we will celebrate the Season of Creation. Be sure to attend to experience God's love for us through the creation of Oceans, Rivers, Earth, Mud, Air, Wind, Fire, Earthworms, Cockroaches, Nematodes.

**Friday, April 22, 7:00 pm. Madison Baroque Musicians** are touring through Wisconsin and made a special request for our church because of its wonderful acoustics. This group will begin their concert with a 20-minute demonstration of the baroque instruments they will be playing. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear good music right here in your own city! We are looking for three to four families to house these performers overnight before they head north. Let Susan know if you can offer your home.

**Friday, April 29, 7:00 pm: Fourth Annual Crème de la Crème concert**, featuring outstanding high school musicians from our area high schools. If you've missed previous concerts, you'll want to be here this year. You'll be amazed at their talent.

**The Deacons**

Thank you for your continued support of the Deacons by your use of the little green envelopes. Your help is much appreciated.

In this special week we are especially mindful of Jesus and His teachings. It is the goal of the Deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless and to any who may be in distress.

Children of our church and young visitors participated in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. A fun time was had by all. "Thank you," to Robin Hugus and her helpers.

We hope you all had a blessed Holy Week.

Mark your Calendars for the **June 12 Worship Service and Picnic at Riverside Park.**

This is always a fun day of good food and fellowship.

The Deacons will be hosting this event for the congregation with more information coming soon.

**From the Mission Team**

Our church will be participating in the city wide **Green Saturday Spring Garden** sale again this year on Saturday, May 21st from 9:00am until 1:00pm. If you would like to donate any perennials, used garden tools, hanging baskets or annuals, donations can be dropped off at church on Friday, May 20th from 8:00am until noon. There will be empty pots for perennials available in the back entrance in late April until the day of the sale. Thanks to the generosity of the Hsu family and Hsu's Growing Supply we will also be selling Hsu's leaf compost and potting soil again this year. It will be available at our church on Green Saturday or you can pre-order in the Parlor the two Sundays prior, (May 8th and 15th). Look for posters around church with pricing. This is a wonderful fund raiser for our Food Ministries.

**Church Garden.** It is that time of year that we start thinking of spring and about gardening. Yes our church garden is again in the planning stages. We will be expanding it slightly this year by incorporating a technique called straw bale gardening. We will be placing a few straw bales in amongst the current beds and putting in already

**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.

growing plants, such as tomato, peppers and beans. This technique will hopefully increase our harvest come fall and provide additional food for those in need. If you have an interest in helping with the garden, please talk to Jim Slayton at church or call him at 715-297-9528 or [jwslyton1@gmail.com](mailto:jwslyton1@gmail.com).

**Homelessness Exists.** A March 20 editorial in the Wausau Daily Herald entitled, "I'm Homeless in Wausau: We need Help" featured Paul, a guest at the warming shelter this season. He'd never been homeless; has advanced degrees and formerly taught at a university. His story is a stark description of what he's discovered on the other side of his professional life. I became acquainted with Paul as I volunteer at the shelter. Sadly the shelter's "job" is simply to offer a safe place for the night for 6 months of the year. They close the end of this month and guests will be on the streets again until November. Ponder how we as a faith community might serve them. Let's work together between now and then to try to become part of the solution to homelessness in Wausau.

The Mission Team **thanks you** for all you do. **Mission Opportunities** are always available. Contact Chuck Schlitz at [cbschlitz@charter.net](mailto:cbschlitz@charter.net) or 715-573-8565.


**Creative Sewing** The Creative Sewing Group will meet on April 13 in room B-2. Please bring any pillowcase dresses you have finished and ideas for next year.

**MISSIONS**  
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**SMALL GROUPS**

*Activities for the month of April*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
 3 *Sunday Schedule Communion	4 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens	5 Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Worship Team	6 **Wednesday Schedule	7 8:30 am Men's Study Group 5:00 pm Mission Team 6:00 pm Discipleship Team	1 Building Closed All Day	2
10 *Sunday Schedule D.E.W. Youth Group Event	11	12 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	13 **Wednesday Schedule	14 8:30 am Men's Study Group 4:00 pm TIP 6:00 pm Discipleship Team	15 Building Closed All Day	16
17 *Sunday Schedule Noon-Community Supper Event 5:00 pm Pathfinders meet at The Great Dane	18 Noon-May BEAM Deadline 4:00 pm Personnel Comm. 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens Pastor Joy's Birthday	19 Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Support Team	20 **Wednesday Schedule	21 8:30 am Men's Study Group 6:00 pm Deacons	22 Building Closed All Day 7:00 pm Concert by the Madison Baroque Musicians	23
24 *Sunday Schedule Baptism 11:00 am Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers	25 Pastor Rachel Wann Birthday!	26 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm In-Focus 7:00 pm Session	27 10:00 am BEAM Assembly **Wednesday Schedule	28 8:30 am Men's Study Group 6:00 Wausau Lyric Choir Dress Rehearsal	29 7:00 pm Crème de la Crème Concert	30 7:30 pm Wausau Lyric Choir Concert
<b>*Sunday Schedule</b> 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School 4:00 pm Community Supper 11:15 am Fellowship time in the Parlor 11:15 am Worship Troupe			<b>** Wednesday Schedule</b> 4:30 pm New Creation singers 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Hand-bells Rehearsal			<b>Office Hours:</b> Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm Closed on Friday

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### Support Team

The **Property Committee** continues to be hard at work! Have you noticed the new STOP sign upon leaving onto 5th Street? And if you're driving by the church in the evening, have you noticed the bell tower is lit up for all to see? There continues to be painting projects that are being done and both of the lower level bathrooms have had some touch up work. Unfortunately one of the pumps associated with the boiler heating system needed to be replaced if we wanted to have heat in the building...an unplanned expense. A special thanks to **Steve Martinson, Jim Builer and Dick Albright** for their help removing old paint off windows and lightbulb replacement on some high ceilings.

The **Personnel Committee** has been updating the job descriptions of the staff.

The **Support Team** reviewed the GPS recommendations to insure they had done or were attempting to carry-out the various recommendations made for this team. We found we have done or are doing most of the items recommended.

Once again we wish to remind you that if you are a member of First Presbyterian Church, and you have not paid your **Per Capita** apportionment for 2016, now is the time to do so. The \$31.60 per active member is assigned to us by the PCUSA to help cover administrative costs for the programs of the PCUSA. Our apportionment for 2016 is \$9,701 and is due in March. Your support of your church is appreciated.

### April Birthdays

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| 2-Jack Reimer, Odin Ingvalson,<br>Macie Schmidt                        | 18-Joy Nelson-Jeffers                              |
| 3-Glenn Dettinger  | 19-Jennifer Faust, Brian Neitzel                   |
| 4-Adam Krasowski   | 20-Jeanne Corbin, Peggy Builer<br>Mark Staples     |
| 6-Lois Van Kerkhoven, Diane<br>Poirier                                 | 21-Nicholas Johnkoski                              |
| 8-April Krumrie  | 23-Rita Norton, Roger Geurink,<br>Zoe Reinardy     |
| 9-Richard Albright   | 25-Rachel Wann                                     |
| 10-Calib Steinbach, Emma<br>Stanke                                     | 26-Geri Treu, Benelli Schira                       |
| 11-Christopher Fox   | 27-Keith Smith, Mike DeSciscio,<br>William Zastrow |
| 16-Darlene Loy, Judy Ritchie   | 30-Joan Kuehl                                      |
| 17-Helen Isakson, Noah Stengl,<br>Angela Ingvalson, Kingsley<br>Forbes |  |

### Support Team

Revenue Y-T-D:

\$131,628

Expenses Y-T-D:

\$101,448

Per Capita: \$ 4,054.80

Thanks to all who have paid their Per Capita for 2016. This year's

apportionment is

\$31.60 and is due now.

Thank you.



**Blessings on  
Your Special  
Day!!**