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Stop in and checkout biographies, religious nonfiction, faith stories and articles to be found in our periodicals, Presbyterian Today, Christian Century, Presbyterian Outlook and Horizon.

Magazines from 2014 through 2015 are available for the taking.

Reminder: To check out a book, date and sign the card in the back of the book and place the card in the dark green file box found on the filing cabinet near the library windows. No due date is listed. Just return as soon as you are finished reading the book. To locate a book, use the library catalog. It is a light green, three ringed binder either on the library desk or one of the rolling carts. Books are listed under the Dewey Decimal number system or under title or author. Youth books and some children books are in the main library. Other children's books are on the second floor off the elevator.

Three new books are: Naked Spirituality, A life with God in 12 Simple Words by Brian D. McLaren Mr. McLaren writes about 4 seasons of the spiritual life. The Notes and discussion questions at the end of the book were helpful. In light of this election year, I found the notes on compassion for Chapter 14 reassuring. Check out the web site http://charterforcompassion.org where one can find the Charter for Compassion drafted by a team led by Karen Armstrong, author of several books in our library.

Marriage & the Presbyterian Church (USA), A People's Guide for Study and Conversation

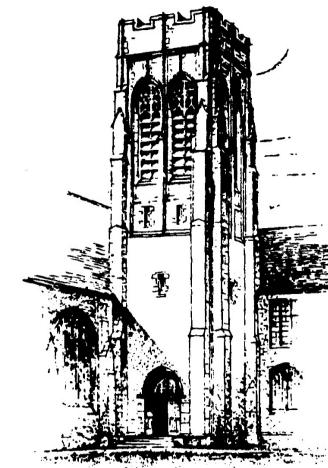
What Did You Say? An Unexpected Journey into the World of Hearing Loss by Monique E Hammond Happy reading! Mary Sperduto

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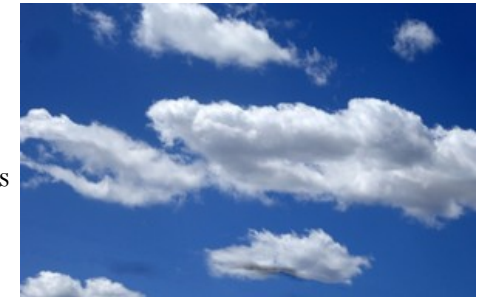
SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.

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 Pastor Rachel

When I think of summer, my mind seems to always recall certain images and memories from childhood. One of the most prominent is that of summer's timeless quality.



No deadlines, no busy-ness, no expectations other than feelings of contentment, peace, and joy. I recall lying on the ground, looking up to find pictures in the clouds. Or following after grasshoppers while walking in fields of tall grasses. Watching tadpoles and minnows flit under the surface of the still waters of a lake or stream. Night times spent chasing after fireflies or listening to the conversations between the loons and the bullfrogs.



Those memories always stir within me the longing for that which cannot be found on our smartphones or in the midst of packed schedules. How I miss those carefree days.

Summer beckons us to simply be. To breathe in the perfume of flowers and ripening berries. To stroll along paths that have no destination. To feel the gentle caress of warm breezes on winter-weary skin.

What memories do you have? What memories will your kids and grandkids have?

Summer is here, and it is calling to us. Our souls need a break from hectic schedules and demanding over-functioning lives. Step back, step away, step out.

The front porch, the back yard, the city park, or the cabin up north – get outside and allow the summer and all of its natural wonder to have its way with you. You won't regret it.



This and That...

A sincere **thank you** to our outgoing elders and deacons, the Class of 2016, who have served the past three years: **Elders-Gene Davis, Bitsy Hoffmann, Doug Klingberg and Judy North. Deacons-Moderator Gail Smith, Diane Ehrhardt, Art Kimbel and Andy Schell.** Thank you for your faithful service to your church, its members and programs.

On Sunday, May 22nd, the **ordination and installation of new officers** for the Class of 2019 took place. Elders are **Cheryl Davis, Marilyn Indermuehle and Kristin Janis.** Elder to fulfill a 2-year term: **Mary Anderson;** Elder to fulfill a 1-year term: **Julie Sorenson.** Deacons for the class of 2019 are **Katherine Crabtree, Mary Ellen Martin, Nick Smith and Ann Wicklund.** Thank you all for your willingness to serve.

Diane Ehrhardt and Mary Sperduto would like to pass on the position of coordinating **funeral luncheons and receptions.** It is a **service ministry** of FPC that needs some support from one or two persons, man or woman. There are people available to help serve at the events. One is called on maybe 4-5 times during the year. A notebook has been developed with catering and simple menu suggestions. Call Mary Sperduto if you are able to help. 715 845-5932.

*News of our Members*

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 .

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Robert "Mac" McCain,** husband of Ardis McCain, who died April 16, 2016. A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 13 at the Brainard Funeral Home in Wausau.

We are also saddened by the death of **Carol Larson** who died on May 11, 2016. Carol was the mother of Peter Stanke and sister to Glenn Dettinger. A Memorial Service will be held at the church on Friday, May 27, 2016. Please keep this family in your prayers as well.

Catherine "Katie" Berg died on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. A Memorial Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 4. Please keep son Phillip and other relatives in your prayers.

Discipleship Team—Christian Education

This Baptismal Font was given to the church by Katherine Wright and her family, in memory of Dr. Stephen A. H. Wright.



We are working on setting up a First Presbyterian Night at a Woodchucks game in the near future. Names of those interested are being collected in the church office and those folks will be polled to determine the best date for the group. If you're interested in being a part of this, let the church office know.

Thank you.

Discipleship Team

You are invited to join Covenant Community church members ...

**WOODCHUCKS
OPENING GAME:
Friday, June 3rd**

Covenant Community Presbyterian Church has reserved the Pepsi Tailgate Pavilion from 6:05 PM to the end of the 2nd inning. At that time, they will move to the reserved seats. The cost for adults is \$21; for kids 3-20, cost \$17.00. Children 2 and under are free. Contact Covenant for tickets at 715-359-6467.

Christian Education News

Sunday school has come to an end and many thank you's and blessings to the children and families involved in the Sunday school and youth program. Please remember that God and church are important during the summer months as well. Many families get involved with church camp and other church activities in the summer. Sunday school will resume in September.



A big **Thank You** to all who volunteered to help with the Sunday School and nursery this past year. Without your support these programs would not be possible. We look forward to your support again next year. Have a great summer!

**Christian
Education**

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From the Worship Team

As we begin the summer season, our worship life together will be slightly different. We will miss the choirs as they take a much-needed break for three months. We are planning to simplify worship a bit through the summer, to save time and effort for our staff and volunteers.

June 5: We will celebrate communion in the Sanctuary, with guest soloist Shelly Bitner providing music.

FAF – Families at First will not meet through the summer, but look for this informal, kid-friendly service to return in the fall.

June 12: Our annual Church Picnic, hosted by the Deacons, will meet for 10:00 worship at **Riverview Park** on the West side of Wausau where Sherman Street meets the river.

June 19 and 26: Regular 10:00 worship in the Sanctuary. We will be following the story of Elijah from I Kings this month.

July 5: Worship moves to the Chapel through July and part of August.

Battle of the Boiler: It's hard to imagine the Sanctuary being too hot for services, since it has been so cold through May. We turned the boiler off on April 22, when the thermostat registered 80 degrees in the Sanctuary (it's usually 68), too hot to tune the harpsichord for the visiting musicians. Before that, the choir had been "boiling" in the choir room. As we found out later, three valves needed replacing on the boiler that would have regulated the heat for us. We turned off the heat, and then the temps took a dive. Our apologies for the chill in the Sanctuary this past month!

Thank you to all our FPC musicians! Worship Team will host a picnic for ALL musicians on **Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 pm**, at the home of Ted and Mary Sperduto. All choir members, Brassbyterians and Worship Team members are invited to eat and play and enjoy! Please RSVP to Susan or the Sperdutos by May 29.

Chamber Music Series: Plans for fall are shaping up already! Save the date for this important event: *An Afternoon of Joy: Celebrating the Music of Joy Patterson* on Sunday October 16. This will be a choral festival featuring some of Joy's most outstanding works. If you'd like to sing in the choir, please let Susan know. Other groups for fall include the Wausau Symphony and the Wausau Symphonic Band.

Our sincere thanks to Doug Klingberg for his leadership on the Worship Team for the last several years. Doug steps down as Moderator this month and Jean Houghton steps in to be our new leader.

The Deacons

I'm using this venue to applaud my three, wonderful, fellow deacons, who are leaving the Board and going into Deacon Retirement Mode: **Diane Ehrhardt, Art Kimbel and Andy Schell.** They have contributed greatly and their dedication will be missed. Deacon Retirement Mode means fewer meetings, but continued service to the congregation. There are many former deacons in this mode and we thank you and thank you again!
Gail Smith

Our sincere thanks to **Gail Smith** for her leadership. Gail will be "retiring" as Deacon Moderator and Kingsley Forbes will be her replacement. Thank you Gail for your compassion and diligent leadership.

Remember the **All Church Picnic, Sunday, June 12 at Riverside Park**, 100 Sherman Street, Wausau. Join us for worship at 10:00 in the pavilion, followed by lunch, fun and fellowship. Lunch is furnished by the Deacons...nothing to bring— just join us!

From the Mission Team

Produce Sunday will be June 19. We are looking for carrots, celery, potatoes, oranges, apples, lettuce, onions, as well as tomatoes, squash, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbages and bunches of bananas. Our food pantry garden will be starting soon and your generous gifts of fresh produce will help provide "good food" to our food pantry participants until we are producing our own.

The **Campbell Soup label** program has been **discontinued** as of the end of this school year. Be sure to drop off the ones you have saved! We will still collect the **General Mills box tops** for Franklin School and the **5 cent milk caps** for Grant School.

Our **offering for One Great Hour of Sharing** helps enable the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Our **OGHS** offering was collected on Palm Sunday and totaled **\$1,304.73**

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 on Monday, June 6, then will break for the summer.

"Where Do You Fit In?" Piece of the **Mission Puzzle T-shirts** are on closeout! \$12 each or 2 for \$20! Limited sizes available.

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. To find your "**Piece of the Mission Puzzle**", contact Chuck Schlitz, Mission Team, cschlitz@charter.net or 715-573-8565.

Catholic Charities Community Warming Shelter season stats for the **Nov. 2015 - April 2016** season. *144 guests received 3,034 nights of shelter.

*116 men, 28 women. Ages ranged from 18 to over 62 with average age of 44. *110 guests were Caucasian, 14 African American, 7 Native American, 6 Hispanic, 2 other. *32 guests were employed, *16 received either disability or unemployment income. *65 had Food Share income and 16 were veterans. *12 guests were permanently housed.

MISSIONS
Jeff Todd is raising funds to support mission journey to Colombia this summer.
After extensive training he was selected to be a member of the Colombian Accompaniment Program of the PCUSA.



Your generosity will help him make a positive difference.
\$1200 of the \$2500 needed has been raised to date.

SMALL GROUPS

Activities for the month of June

First Presbyterian Church June, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
5 *Sunday Schedule Communion	6 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens	7 Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Worship Team	1 6:00 pm Choir Picnic at Spurduto's	2 8:30 am Men's Group 5:00 pm Mission Team	3 Building Closed	4 Memorial Service for Katie Berg
12 10:00 am Worship at Riverside Park followed by lunch, provided by the Deacons	13	14 Flag Day 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 	8	9 8:30 am Men's Group 5:30 pm Deacons 6:00 pm Discipleship Team	10 Building Closed	11
19 *Sunday Schedule Father's Day	20 Noon—BEAM Deadline First Day of Summer!	21 Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Support Team	15	16 8:30 am Men's Group All Day—Staff Inservice 5:30 pm Penguin Project Organizational Mtg in the Fellowship Hall	17 Building Closed	18
26 *Sunday Schedule	27 5:30 pm Penguin Project Meeting in the Fellowship Hall	28 6:30 pm In Focus 7:00 pm Session	22	23 8:30 am Men's Group	24 Building Closed	25
<p>*Sunday Schedule 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School 11:15 am Fellowship time in the Parlor 4:00 pm Community Supper</p>						
<p>Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm Closed on Friday</p>						

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Support Team

The Property Committee organized a spring yard clean-up. A special thanks to Andy and Sally Schell, Helen Roberts, Steve Martinson, Jim Slayton and Art Kimbel. It's a big job but things look so much better now. Thank you!

Property also cleaned and moved the north entrance way banner. Have you noticed where it is now? The north entrance doors have been aligned and have new closures. The boiler had three pressure gauges that needed to be replaced and several of the EXIT signs needed new bulbs. They continue to care for the building and grounds. If you've noticed some of the improvements, please don't hesitate to to extend a pat on the back for a job well done!

On May 15, a custom made Baptismal Font was dedicated to First Presbyterian Church in memory of our former pastor, Dr. Stephen A. H. Wright, by his family. The base was designed and created by George Houghton, a woodworking artisan and member of First Presbyterian Church. The Support Team extends their sincere thanks to Katherine Wright, Dylan and Ashley Tackes-Wright, Aaron Wright and Anna Wright. This is a beautiful memorial which will last for years to come. (See photo page 7)

June Birthdays

- 01—Ken Edwards, Andy Bethel
- 02—Ruth Porter
- 03—Judy Strate, Donna Kuehl,
Logan Viegut, Josh Viegut
- 07—Beth LeClair, Curt Schmidt
- 08—Grant Culver
- 10—Julie Seubert
- 13—Colleen Jowett, Kelly Fox,
Isley Bueno
- 14—Jan Felker
- 15—Arlene Backer
- 18—Jennifer Olbrantz
- 19—Joan Stueber, Sharon
Bailey, Kristin Janis

- 22—Josh Barkley
- 23—Joe Metz, Sam Staples
- 24—Dottie Krienke, Joan Koenig
- 26—Joshua and Jacob
Schellpfeffer
- 27—Dorothy Sindelar,
Jonathan Hsu,
Christopher Black
- 30—Charles Brushert

Our apologies to Sarah Slayton as her birthday was May 25 and was not listed in last month's Beam. Happy Belated Birthday!



Support Team

Revenue Y-T-D
\$173,405

Expenses Y-T-D
\$161,443

Per Capita: \$ 4,500.80

If you haven't paid your
\$31.60 per person Per
Capita for 2016, please
do so today. Thank you.

Pentecost Offering
\$899.25 to-date