

Can You Help?

The Marathon County Transportation Program is looking for volunteer drivers. This program was created in 2002 to take our elderly and developmentally disabled to their medical appointments and grocery shopping. Due to increasing demand for rides, we are in need of more drivers to accommodate the rides requested.



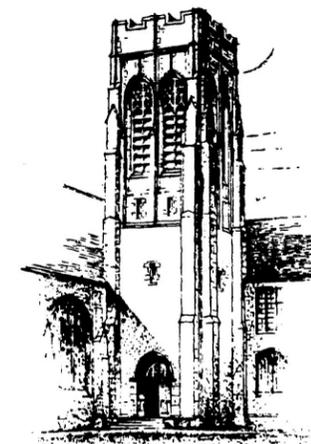
If you have free time and would like to help our elderly, veterans or developmentally disabled, we have the program that could be tailored to your schedule. People in need of transportation will be matched with drivers from their area to take them to their appointments. In turn, drivers will be reimbursed at 54 cents per mile.

If you have any questions about the Program, or are interested in an application, call Jenny McKenzie at the Marathon County Transportation Program 715-841-5101. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY  
9:00A.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 Pastor Rachel

Over the summer, Susan and I, along with the Discipleship and Worship Teams, have been researching the topic of Children in Worship. Through our reading and our discussions we have felt guided by the Holy Spirit to consider making a few changes in our current worship and Sunday School formats. We were reminded that Jesus himself welcomed children into his presence even when his disciples wanted to shoo them away.

Young children are naturally curious and learn by observing what is going on around them. They model the behaviors of others and learn by example. This was readily evident to me when I would hear stories from our members of kids playing church at home after having attended a Families at First worship service or acting out communion with bread and sloppy joe sauce. While they may not fully understand what communion means or the words to hymns, the Lord's Prayer or the Apostles Creed, they begin to associate those experiences with worship. These rituals and liturgies become a meaningful part of how they experience the world.

When a child is baptized in our church, we the congregation make a commitment before God and one another to help teach the child about God and to encourage the child's maturation in the Christian faith. Worship is for all God's children, no matter their age or ability to understand. Even we adults do not fully understand everything about our worship of God, but we do know that it is important. It is through our worship that we offer our praise and gratitude to God. It is something that we learn to do, over time and through experience.

Over the next few months, as our youngest brothers and sisters in Christ get a little bit more experience participating in our communal worship, I invite you to support and encourage them. Welcome them fully into our community of faith. Be patient as they are learning. Remember, church isn't always fun for you either!! Children who learn to worship when they are young have a greater likelihood of remaining active followers of Christ as adults. In Matthew's Gospel, we are called to go and make disciples of all nations. Let us not neglect the children who are already here.

***This and That...***

A big thank you to Jim Builer who donated an electric leaf blower to help with the yard work. Thank you, Jim!

If you've received a baptismal certificate or leadership ordination or installation certificate, you've seen they are written in beautiful calligraphy. We are grateful to Wendy Fox sharing this talent with us. Thank you, Wendy!

***An Afternoon of "Joy" – Sunday, October 16, 2:00 pm***

On Sunday Afternoon, October 16 at 2:00 pm, we will celebrate the amazing music life of **Joy Patterson** with a Choral Festival, called appropriately, "An Afternoon of Joy." Plan to attend and support this remarkable composer/poet and recognize her 40-year contributions to the music life of this church. Joy is as much theologian as she is musician, so even if you can't sing, come to hear the texts in their musical setting. If you'd like to join the Festival Choir (ours plus others) for this event, contact Susan.

***Ten Years of Dedicated Service***

During worship on **Sunday, September 18**, we will recognize our **Church Office Manager Kathy DeYarman** for 10 years of devoted service to our congregation. The celebration will continue during Coffee Hour. Kathy joined the staff of FPC on September 7, 2006 and has been diligent in a variety of financial and office duties over the years in addition to providing a welcoming smile and helping hand to all who come through the office door. If you wish to make a monetary contribution to thank Kathy for her tremendous service to our church, give your cash donation to either Pastor Rachel or Mary Anderson. We will combine all gifts into a single purse to present to Kathy on the 18th. Additionally, there will be a basket in the parlor for personal notes and cards.

***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 her email address on the front page .*

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Wendy Fox and her family** as her mom, Doris Sillick, passed away earlier this month.

Our prayers are also with the family of **Margaret Prince** who died on July 29, 2016.

**Jeff Jones'** father, Lyle Jones, died earlier this month as well.

James Dettinger, the son of **Ruth and Glenn Dettinger**, died August 19.

Please keep these families and others in our congregation, who have recently lost a loved one, in your thoughts and prayers, with cards, calls and visits.

Congratulations to **Josh and Ginny Barkley** on the healthy birth of daughter Johanna Grace Barkley who was born August 17, 2016.

We were sad to say goodbye to the **Tim Burnett family** on the 14th of August. They have moved to Toronto, Canada for Alissa's work. We wish them well in their new home.

***Discipleship Team—Christian Education***

**A Time for Change...** Starting this year, our children will be in church through the sermon. Church School will start following the sermon and will be extended about 15 minutes into the fellowship hour. All of the school aged children will be dismissed together and will attend class together. The first 10 minutes will be music and Bible story time. Then children will be separated into smaller groups, based on their grade in school and will conclude the lesson with an activity.

**Come, Join Us During Our Open House!** Sunday, September 11 and Sunday September 18, we will host an Open House at 9:30 am to show you our new and improved areas and our plan for Church School. Church School will begin Sunday, September 18

***Deacon's Continued***

Christmas is still nearly three months away - but it is time to think about the Deacon's Angel Ministry! We will



assist several families from Franklin School, in our congregation, or connected to our members. If you know of a family that could use a little help this Christmas, please contact Pastor Joy or Tammy Johnkoski. Thank you.

**What Is FAF?** FAF stands for Families at First. It is a family friendly, kid-focused service which begins at 9:15am and ends at 9:45am. The purpose of this service is to involve children and their families in a modified Presbyterian worship service. The FAF service takes place on communion Sundays and will be located in the Chapel. Church School will not meet on Communion Sundays.

**The nursery will be open** and available for use. Children from infant to 3 years of age are welcome in the nursery.

If you haven't already met **Andrea Ingvanson, our new Church School/Nursery Coordinator**, please make a point of doing so. She's excited about this new chapter in her life and brings lots of energy and enthusiasm as well as great ideas to the program. Andrea is in the office on Tuesdays. You can reach her at 715-842-2116, Ext 303 or by email at [sscoordinator@firstpreswausau.org](mailto:sscoordinator@firstpreswausau.org) if you have questions or suggestions for her.

***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** will begin in September! We meet twice a month on Monday evenings. If you've never joined us for our book study over dinner, come check us out. Details coming soon.

***Volunteer Reunion***

On January, 1989, a preschool began for Southeast Asian children, whose parents attended English as Second Language (ESL) classes at our church. For the next nine years, 2-5 year olds played and learned from the caring volunteer teachers at First Presbyterian and First Methodist.



On Tuesday, October 4th we will have a volunteer reunion. Hopefully, if you taught, you received an invitation and have RSVP'd! If we regrettably missed you, please join us!

**Southeast Asian Preschool Volunteer Reunion Tuesday, October 4th, 9:30-11:30 First Presbyterian Church Parlor**

***SMALL GROUPS***

*Activities for the month of September*

*From the Worship Team*

In 2016-17, we will begin a new awareness of our relationship to God through worship. How do we worship? Why do we do it? How do we pass existing worship practices on to the next generation? What can new generations teach us about different ways to worship?

Here's some start-up information for your calendars:

**Wednesday, September 7:**

6:00 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Bells join us at 7:00; bring a snack to share)

7:00 pm: Welcome Back social time for Chancel Choir and Bells

7:30 pm: Handbell Rehearsal for those ringing on September 18

**Sunday, September 11**

9:15 a.m. Choir meets in Choir Room for Warm-up Rehearsal. (Sunday School open house at this same time; parents with Sunday schoolers are exempt from warm-up – Not you, Denis or Kevin!)

10:00 a.m. Worship! New format with children staying in worship through Scripture, anthem and sermon. Then children age 4 and up go to Sunday School on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Wednesday, September 14:** New Creation Singers Rehearsal: 4:30-5:15 in Third Floor Choir Room. All Children age 4 ½ through fourth grade are welcome!

**Middle/high school students** (gr. 5-8 and up) will meet with Susan following worship on **September 18** to look at new roles in worship, both musical and liturgical.

*The Deacons*

The Deacons are looking for ways to keep our congregation connected to our young adults. Sometimes they stay in town after graduation, but often they move away to work or study in tech schools, colleges or grad school. We are seeking all of these individuals and would like their addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

Please contact me with their current data and any ideas you might have to facilitate a healthy, happy and useful relationship. Gail Smith, 715-3559-4763, [gailnickns@charter.net](mailto:gailnickns@charter.net)

Don't forget that the Deacon's Yellow Schoolbus time continues into the first week of September. We are collecting school supplies for Franklin elementary School, our local outside mission project.

The Deacons are ready to help our members prepare for the winter months. If something needs fixing, raking or painting, give us a call so we can help you prepare for those cold days that will be here too soon!



Mark your calendars for October 2, 2016 for our 2:00 pm Communion Service, followed by a "sweet time" and fellowship. If needed, rides will be provided by calling ahead of time.

*From the Mission Team*

**Heart Disease in Women from our Health Ministry.** Contact Jenny Hsu or Kristen Aschbrenner for more information about health concerns.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women. What people don't realize is that symptoms can be different for women than for men. It's not always as dramatic as in the movies! It's true that chest pain is the most common symptom of a heart attack, but many women may have other symptoms instead such as jaw pain, back pain, nausea/vomiting, or shortness of breath. It's important to recognize these symptoms and seek help in a timely manner.

A heart attack happens when the blood flow that supplies the heart itself is severely reduced or cut off completely. The arteries that supply the heart with blood can slowly narrow from a buildup of fat, cholesterol and other substances (plaque) therefore causing the heart attack.

There are things you can do to decrease your risk of having a heart attack. Exercising regularly and eating a healthy diet including lean meats and plenty of fruits and vegetables are the most important. You should also avoid smoking and see your family doctor at least yearly. Also remember to take your medications as prescribed, especially those for blood pressure and cholesterol.

A gift to the **Peace & Global Witness Offering** enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Our **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering** earmarks a portion to a local ministry. This year, 25% of this offering will be directed to the St. Vincent de Paul Transitional Housing program that will serve people experiencing "situational poverty," such as families with breadwinners who are between jobs or experiencing a disability. Our offering will be received on Sunday, October 2.

**Catholic Charities Community Warming Shelter for the homeless** needs volunteers for the upcoming season that begins November 1<sup>st</sup>. Marilyn Paulson is recruiting a volunteer team to work at the shelter on Monday nights from 6:30 to 9 pm, but there are many other shifts and days available. Shelter volunteers must attend two hours of orientation. Five opportunities are scheduled: September 14, 22, 27, October 6 or 20 from 5 to 7 pm at the shelter – 540 S. Third Ave., Wausau. For more information please contact Barbara Sugden, Shelter Coordinator, 715-849-3311 x 1729, or Marilyn Paulson, Team Lead volunteer, 715-359-0804

**MISSION**

*The Mission Team is looking for a co-coordinator for the Annual "Friends" Thanksgiving Dinner.*



*Contact Pastor Joy or Chuck Schlitz for more information.*

**Just a Reminder...**

*"Flu season is quickly approaching. Please remember to get your flu shot! Talk to your doctor or go to your nearest pharmacy to get your flu shot. Have a safe and healthy flu season!"*



# First Presbyterian Church September, 2016

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
4	*Sunday Schedule	5 **	6 ** 10:00 am Staff Meeting Noon "Soup's On" 1:00 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Worship Team	7 ** 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal	1 ** 8:30 am Men's Group 5:00 pm Mission Team	2 Building Closed	3 Building Closed
11	*Sunday Schedule 9:30 am Church School Open House	12 **	13 ** 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Deacons	14 ** 4:30 New Creation Singers 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbells	15 ** 8:30 am Men's Group Budgets Due	16 Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal	17 Building Closed 9:00 Presbytery in Wabeno, WI
18	*Sunday Schedule 9:30 am Church School Open House Church School Begins	19 ** Noon—October Beam Deadline 4:00 pm Personnel Meeting	20 ** 10:00 am Staff Meeting Noon "Soup's On" 1:00 pm Food Pantry 4:00 pm Support Team	21 ** 4:30 New Creation Singers 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbells	22 ** 8:30 am Men's Group	23 Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal	24
25	*Sunday Schedule	26 **	27 ** 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm In-Focus m 7:00 pm Session	28 ** 4:30 New Creation Singers 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbells	29 ** 8:30 am Men's Group	30 Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal	
* Sunday Schedule 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time in the Parlor 11:15 am Worship Troupe 4:00 pm Community Supper in the Fellowship Hall		**Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday <b>The Penguin Project</b> will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30—8:00 pm.		<b>Office Hours:</b> Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm Closed on Friday			

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### Support Team

At the printing of the Beam, the various teams are preparing their proposed 2017 budgets. The Support Team appreciates the time and effort that goes into this critical process. All budgets are due to Kathy by September 15, 2016. Support meets September 20 to review them for a preliminary budget for the October meeting of the Session.

And of course, with budget we also have the Stewardship Campaign. Will Hsu has agreed to chair this sub-committee of Support again this year. In early October you will receive your 2016 third quarter contribution statement, a stewardship letter and a pledge card. The pledge cards can be filled out and returned to Kathy at any time or you can wait and return yours at our annual commitment Sunday in October.

We ask that you begin to prayerfully consider what you can and will give back to the Lord in 2017.

The Support Team is hoping to provide another workshop especially for the doorkeepers, hospitality workers, and team leaders later this fall on using the AED and on learning CPR. More information to come !

### September Birthdays

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| 1 Betty Brown, Patricia Terevich                 | 16 Charles Ehrhardt                              |
| 4 Parker Faust, Easton Barkley                   | 18 Melissa Krasowski                             |
| 6 Shannon Mudler                                 | 19 Richard Austin, Hope Abbiehl, Gage Bueno      |
| 7 Tom Treu, Rick Wicklund, Madilyn Phelps        | 20 Kari Martinson                                |
| 8 Laura Gwidt                                    | 21 Daniel Kluever, Jack Schaefer, Marlyn Wann    |
| 9 Harold Norton                                  | 22 Kenzie Schmidt                                |
| 12 Miles Dunnum                                  | 23 Dennis Rhyner                                 |
| 14 Betty Geurink, Marjorie Tatman, Wayne Schmidt | 24 Jeffrey Hertz, Davey Ziemann, Beverly Dittmar |
| 15 Anna Schellpfeffer, Jackie Kluever            | 27 Bret Miller, Peggy Heinz                      |
|  | 30 Logan Zeinert, Alexandra Klemp-North          |

### Support Team

Revenue Y-T-D:  
\$278,262

Expenses Y-T-D:  
\$251,830

