



**FIRST
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CHURCH**

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(U.S.A.)

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MONDAY—THURSDAY
9:00A.M.-3:00 P.M.

**WORSHIP AND
CHURCH SCHOOL**

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

I have been journeying with you now for a little over six months. During this time I have sought to discover your identity – both as a congregation and as individuals. In the same way, you have been learning about me and who I am – besides pastor, I am cat lover, vegetarian, geo-cacher, flute player, bell ringer, photographer, etc.

One of the most basic and foundational parts of our identity is our name. Names are incredibly important. Often they are descriptive or historical – Johnson, “son of John” or Baker, “one who bakes.” Or names link us to our family – my middle name “Annette” was the middle name of my paternal grandmother; or they define a new status – such as taking on the last name of a spouse. And names are personal. We feel an indescribable closeness to our name.

Because of this, we often feel embarrassed if we forget someone's name. Additionally we dislike having to ask a person's name if we believe that “we should know it by now.” As I have been learning all your names, if I see someone I don't yet know, I will sometimes turn to someone and ask if they know their name. People feel uncomfortable admitting they don't know.

What has become a handy tool for me is the church photo directory. I carry one with me regularly, and if I hear about or meet someone new, I will check the directory to help reinforce the association between a name and a face. However, the current directory is out of date. People change, children grow, new people come, some folks have died. A lot can happen in five years.

Later this month we will be updating our photo directory. We are asking for 100% participation. You don't have to be an official member of the church. If you come regularly and consider First Pres to be your community of faith, we want to include you. There is no cost to you, and in fact, when you come in for a sitting, you will receive a free 8X10 photo and a complimentary directory when they are published.

The identity of a congregation is comprised of multiple factors including the names and faces of its people. A photo directory is a simple tool that helps us get to know who we are. But we need everyone's participation to make it complete.

Introducing our new Logo and Website

The logo show hands of many colors, raised up—in praise and willingness to help; to volunteer...

Several months ago, a team of members set out to re-establish a meaningful logo and Web site that would reflect our church personality. We hired a local creative agency, Adrenalign, who assisted us with this process. We are happy to announce that the new Web site and logo will be rolling out this month! Many of you might be wondering:

Why are we doing this?

The project started because of a desire to upgrade our current Web site to a more modern, user-friendly format. As part of the discovery process for the new Web site, we identified a need to update our look and logo. We wanted to establish a quick, emotional connection with people who are unfamiliar with First Presbyterian, Wausau. We wanted a logo that reflected our action-oriented culture of caring volunteers.

What is the symbolism of our new logo?

The logo shows hands of many colors, raised up – in praise and willingness to help; to volunteer. The colors help to grab attention, especially when used on external ads or signs in our community. They also represent our acceptance of all people – regardless of color, status, age, gender, income, etc.

The wheat represents our desire to feed people – both spiritually and literally. Our feeding ministries are a unifying thread of our congregation; but in addition to food, we can also offer people a church that feeds their soul.

Anchoring the logo is the cross, a symbol of atonement and a reminder of God's love in sacrificing his own son for humanity. The cross represents Jesus' victory over sin and death.

Watch for the new look, which will be spreading across all of our communications in the near future! We would love to hear your feedback. Also, we are happy to make any content updates or additions to the new Web site. Please don't hesitate to reach out.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH *of* WAUSAU**

From the Mission Team

Hsu's Growing Supply has generously provided leaf compost and potting soil again this year for Mission Team to sell to raise funds for our feeding ministries. You may pre-order in the parlor on Sunday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 10th. Orders can be picked up Friday, May 15th between noon and 3:00 pm or on Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. unless otherwise arranged with Jim Slayton 715-297-9528 or jwslayton1@gmail.com

First Pres will be participating in the city wide **Green Saturday** on May 16th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. We are in need of perennials, annuals, vegetables plants, small garden tools and garden supplies to sell. Plants should be potted or in flats and brought to church on Friday, May 15th from noon - 3:00 pm.

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.

Thank you

Because of your compassionate and generous giving to our feeding ministries, many folks had a more bountiful Easter than they otherwise would have been able to enjoy. Your generosity spills over and spreads throughout our community, and it continues to reach far beyond its boundaries through your giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing**. You are a blessing to many.

The Community Warming Center is winding down for the season (a good sign of spring!) We have had opportunity to provide meals and supplies this year. We will no longer be collecting supplies for this season. **A Very Warm Thank You** for all who helped in many different ways.

Pathfinders is a group of women finding a new path after the death of a spouse. Please contact Bitsy Hoffmann if you are interested.

Join us for coffee and conversation at Vino Latte in Wausau at 2:00 pm on April 16 **Just Because...!**

Creative Sewing meets on Wednesday, April 29. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Karen Martinson.

MISSION

Hsu's leaf compost and potting soil on sale to raise funds...Pre-orders start May 3rd.

SMALL

GROUPS

Activities for the month of April

April, 2015 - First Presbyterian Church

			1 ** Wednesday Evening Schedule	2 8:30 am Men's Group 6:00 pm Soup Supper— Maundy Thursday Com- munion service to follow	3 Building Closed 7:00 pm Good Fri- day Service	4 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
5 6:30 am Sunrise Service 8:30 am Easter Breakfast 10:00 am Worship Service Easter Egg Hunt for the children following Worship	6 Office and Building Closed—Easter Hol- iday 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens	7 Noon "Soup's On" 1:00 pm Food Pantry No Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Worship Team	8 4:30 pm New Creation Singers 5:15 pm Handbell Choir No Chancel Choir Re- hearsal	9 8:30 am Men's Group 4:30 pm Mission Team 6:00 pm Deacons	10 Building Closed	11
12 * Sunday Schedule 5:30 pm Athen's Church Choir concert	13	14 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Discipleship Team	15 ** Wednesday Evening Schedule	16 8:30 pm Men's Group 2:00 pm Just Because...at Vino Latte	17 Building Closed	18 Progressive Dinner
* Sunday Schedule 11:15 am Adult Ed with George DeMass Noon -Community Supper Appreciation Luncheon	20 BEAM Deadline 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens	21 Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 2:00-9:00 pm Directo- ry Photos 4:00 pm Support Team	22 ** Wednesday Evening Schedule 2:00-9:00 pm Directory Photos	23 8:30 am Men's Group 2:00-9:00 pm Directory Photos 6:00 pm Lyric Choir Set- up and rehearsal	24 2:00-9:00 pm Directory Photos 9:00 am Presbytery Stewardship Mg. 7:00 pm Crème de' le Crème Concert	25 9:00-4:00 pm Directory Pho- tos 7:30 pm Lyric Choir Concert
26 * Sunday Schedule 11:00 am Congregational Mtg 11:15 am AED Training	27	28 1:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm In-Focus 7:00 pm Session	29 8:30 am Beam Assembly 1:00 pm Creative Sewing **Wednesday Evening Schedule	30 8:30 am Men's Group		

<p>*Sunday Schedule</p> <p>11:15 am New Creation Singers</p> <p>10:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Community Supper</p> <p>10:20 am Sunday School 4:00 pm Footstep Fellowship</p>	<p>**Wednesday Evening Schedule</p> <p>4:30 pm SonLights Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Office Hours:</p> <p>Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm</p> <p>Closed on Friday</p>
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Support Team

AED Class

If there was a cardiac emergency at church, would you know how to use the AED to try to save someone's life? Sunday, April 26, following worship, there will be a short training session for those interested in learning what to do when someone's heart has stopped beating. There is no cost. Come and learn.

Storm Water Run-Off Referendum

Some church members have expressed concern regarding the potential change in garbage collection and storm water run-off fees in the city of Wausau. The church contracts with a private trash collection service at the cost of \$85 per month. The church will not be

affected by the proposed change in collection fees.

If the storm water referendum passes, the cost to the church will be between \$750 and \$1125 per year. This would be the first time non-profit organizations are required to pay this fee.

Remember you can always give your monthly pledge through **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**. Just like many of you pay your bills on-line, you can have your pledge paid the same way once a month. Please contact Kathy in the church office if you would like more information on this easy way to pay!

April Birthdays

- 1-Marie Pledger
- 2-Jack Reimer, Odin Ingvalson
- 3-Glenn Dettinger
- 4-Adam Krasowski
- 6-Lois Van Kerkhoven, Diane Poirier
- 8-April Krumrie
- 9-Richard Albright
- 10-Calib Steinbach, Emma Stanke
- 11-Christopher Fox
- 16-Darlene Loy, Judy Ritchie
- 17-Helen Isakson, Andrea Ingvalson, Kingsley Forbes, Noah Stengl
- 18-Joy Nelson-Jeffers
- 19-Jennifer Faust, Brian Neitzel
- 20-Jeanne Corbin, Peggy Builer

- 20-(cont.) Mark Staples
- 21-Nicholas Johnkoski
- 23-Rita Norton, Roger Geurink, Zoe Reinardy
- 25-Rachel Wann
- 26-Geri Treu, Benelli Schira
- 27-Keith Smith, Michael DeSciscio, William Zastrow
- 30-Joan Kuehl



SUPPORT TEAM

Month-to-Date

Income: \$9,196

Expenses: \$22,235

Year-To-Date

Income: \$105,314

Expenses: \$96,848

Per Capita to date:

\$4,778

(\$31.50 per active member)

Did you know you have someone to call if you need prayer?

To activate a chain of people who will pray for your concern, call

Pandora Green
(715-848-4132)

or

Renata Sittler
(715-675-6211).

*From the Worship Team***MUSIC NOTES****WORSHIP**

Join us, April 24th for the annual Crème de la Crème Concert, featuring top high school musicians from all area high schools.

By the time you read this, we will be in the midst of Holy Week. Experiencing the Scripture and hymns through worship during Holy Week is a necessary part of our journey as Christians. Be sure to join us for the following services:

Monday, March 30, First Presbyterian Church will be part of the downtown “Stations of the Cross,” a journey to seven churches starting at 6:30 at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ. Our station is No. 6: “Jesus Dies on the Cross”. Come and walk with us!

Maundy Thursday service, on April 2, beginning with a Soup supper at 6:00 with the service to follow. This service is a favorite – held in Fellowship Hall around our tables. Hear the stories from the disciples who were there.

News of Our Members

We are saddened by the death of **Edward Drott** who died Sunday, March 8, 2015. Ed and his wife Lois, who died last November, lived in Schofield for many years. They moved to MN several years ago to be near family.

John Klipstein celebrated his 98th birthday on March 17. Happy Birthday John!

Good Friday service on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. Service of Shadows as we hear of Christ’s betrayal, passion and death.

Easter Sunday – celebrating the Resurrection includes the Sunrise service at Blue Gill Bay Park at 6:30 am and Festival Worship in our Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

Save the date! Friday April 24th – 7:00 pm. The annual *Crème de la Crème Concert*, featuring top high school musicians from all area high schools. You’ll be amazed at the talent these young musicians will demonstrate through their various instruments. Performers at this concert will be proceeding to State Festival in May. Come hear them in concert in our wonderful sanctuary!

Dear FPC Family,

In the wake of Mark's untimely death, Eric and I extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation for the overwhelming outpouring of your presence, prayers, gifts to Mark's memorial, support and love. We are tremendously comforted knowing that there are so many of you in our lives who will help us walk our journey through grief. There are still no words to adequately describe how thankful and blessed we are. May God continue blessing you as well. Peace and love.

Marilyn and Eric Paulson.

*Even though I walk
through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will
fear no evil for you are
with me...and I will
dwell in the house of the
Lord forever.*

From Psalm 23

Discipleship Team—Christian Education

April 19th Pastor George DeMass

who has served in Presbyterian Churches in Buffalo, NY and Baltimore, MD, will be speaking at 11:15 am during adult Education, about Social Justice and the Church. Mr. DeMass initiated a Baltimore/Dakota partnership with the Lakota Sioux first at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He served as President and Chairman of the Board of the Children's Friendship of Northern Ireland; a program that paired Roman Catholic and Protestant teens and placed them in host families' homes in the USA. George is Oswego County Historian and has done much research about the community especially about Dr. Mary Walker, the first woman to be honored with the Medal of Honor. He is a cousin of Bill Hall and will also be giving the James F. Veninga lecture on Religion and Politics at UWMC Terrace Room on Tuesday, April 21 at 7 PM.

From the Deacons

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Powerful Tools is an educational program designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend.

Class meets once a week for 6 weeks, 1 hour and 45 minutes. Each class builds on the previous class so it's important you attend all classes.

When: Thursday's, April 9th-May 14th, 2:30-4:15 pm

Location: Aging and Disability Resource Center

1000 Lakeview Drive, Wausau

Register, call Peggy, 715-261-6070

Suggested Donation: \$10.00

We are reviving our Progressive

Dinners! So please plan to join us on Saturday, April 18th. There will be 3 courses - Appetizers, Dinner and Dessert. The sign-up sheets will be in the parlor. Please indicate if you are interested in hosting an appetizer course (about 15-20 folks) or a dinner (8-10 folks). For dessert the whole group will join together at church or someone's home, depending on the number that sign-up. Each 'sign-up' will be given a menu item to bring. We plan to finish dessert by 9 PM. Betty Jo Klingberg is the dinner coordinator. Please contact her with your questions.

Coming July 26-31...Synod School

at Storm Lake, Iowa. Group transportation by bus is possible. Watch for more information next month in the Beam.

Post Secondary Educational Scholarship Application

deadline is May 15.

If you are home-bound and love

to read, our public library has a program for you. They will either deliver or send you books with mailers for returning them. Contact Pastor Joy or a Deacon for the needed form.

The **Deacon Loan Closet** has a Hoyer Lift. Should it be a help for you, contact Art Kimbel or the church office.

Remember our **Deacon Home**

Helpers are here to help you with small spring tasks.

DISCIPLESHIP

Please read the photo directory insert and make a reservation now for your free portrait and copy of the new directory!

BOARD OF DEACONS

...our public library can deliver or send you books to read...

Hi Kids!



Be sure to go to the Chapel right after worship on Easter Sunday! You will be given instructions and a bag to use as you gather your eggs during the Easter Egg Hunt!

All children ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome to gather the hidden eggs and treat bags. Parents, Grandparents and the rest of the family too, are invited to come and watch. We hope to see you Easter Sunday!



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