

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.

Words from Reverend Rachel

Over the next couple of months, you will notice a few updates around our church building. In the Fellowship Hall we will have 14 new round tables. These tables are lightweight and sturdy and will enhance our time as we share meals together. Funded by a generous memorial gift, the proceeds from the church "Gently Used" sale, and funds from the Mission budget, these tables will be a wonderful addition to our fellowship and mealtimes together, especially for our friends who come weekly for the Community Suppers.

Also the Session has approved the purchase of 60 new chairs for our Sanctuary. No more moving chairs back and forth from the Chapel – the Chapel chairs will stay in their rightful location. We have been working with Sauder Worship Seating to construct chairs that are both functional and beautiful. These solid oak chairs will have an under-seat bookrack, card, pencil and communion cup holders, and ganging devices that will allow for straight and curved rows. Having the chairs connected by these devices will provide more stability for the row.

At the time of writing this article, we are in the process of choosing the wood stain and upholstery colors that best match our sanctuary style and architecture. Please note, NO additional pews will be removed. These new chairs will replace the current chapel chairs.

While I am aware of some anxiety that has accompanied the subject of chairs/pews, my hope is that all will acknowledge the benefits and flexibility that having chairs in the sanctuary has provided over the past three or so years, e.g. varied seating arrangements in worship services and events, providing a flexible and affordable venue for local non-profit musical organizations in which to perform, providing a welcoming and holy space for our food pantry guests and volunteers. I appreciate our willingness to move to a space of harmony with one another.

The chairs will average approximately \$190 - \$230 apiece. We are encouraging members to purchase a chair to honor a person/family or memorialize a loved one. Small brass plates will be affixed to each chair, recognizing the donor(s) and honoree(s). If you would like to make such a donation, please fill out the form (on the back of this Beam) and submit it with your check or contact the church office for more information.

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MONDAY—THURSDAY
9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.

This and That...

Congratulations to **Robert Rhyner and Dorothy Sindelar** who have been members of First Presbyterian Church since they were confirmed in March of 1936; that's 81 years of membership!

The following folks have also reached a significant milestone of membership.

Marjorie Tatman joined FPC in March of 1940 (77 years);

Burton Flagel joined in March of 1941 (76 years)

Jack Schaefer joined in April of 1942 (75 years). Thank you all for your faithfulness these many years.

**Update on the Knitting Group**

Since our start-up last spring, the Knitting Group is now seven members strong and growing! Our mission is to fill the need for tiny hats, gowns, blankets and even diapers for hospitals to dress babies who are stillborn. Baby items expectant parents have purchased are way too large for these little ones, often weighing less than 2 pounds. Pictures are still taken in remembrance, and babies are still held as parents grieve their devastating loss. By making special items more size appropriate for these babies to wear, we can be a part of the comfort hospitals offer in this great time of need.

We are currently identifying hospitals who would like to receive these items and what specific items are needed.

You can be a part of this project by knitting or sewing, by providing supplies, by delivering items to hospitals outside our community, or by providing transportation for church members who would like to be a part of those who gather to knit. If interested, call Sue Westergaard at 715-675-6092 for more information or to volunteer. Watch for gathering times to be announced.

If you have news items regarding your family, let Kathy know by the Beam deadline. The office number is 715-842-2116 or use her email address on the front

News of Our Members

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Joan Stueber who died May 31, 2017.

Our prayers are also with Dick and Mary Albright in the death of Mary's brother, David Kochera who died in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky on June 13.

Please keep Jim Kernosky and family in your prayers in the death of Jim's son Paul, who died suddenly on June 17, in DePere, WI.

Our prayers are with Ginny Sauer and her family as her sister Marge, died on July 9 in Cleveland, Ohio.

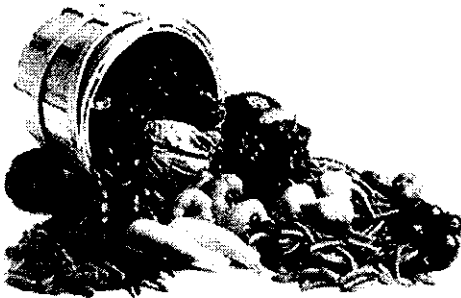
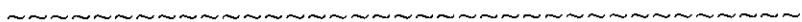
Mission

Fall Prevention

As people age, physical changes and chronic health conditions can make falling more likely. Even medications such as pain medication, sleeping pills, and antidepressants can increase your risk of falling. Falls can cause broken bones, head injuries, and other health problems. Here are some tips for preventing falls.

- Stay active to help improve strength, balance, and coordination
- Wear sturdy shoes. Avoid heels and flip flops. Also avoid stocking feet as they can be slippery.
- Remove obstacles in your home, such as cords, boxes, and small tables. Also remove rugs or use a slip resistant backing with them.
- Use a nonslip mat or shower chair in your bathtub. If possible, install grab bars.
- Keep nightlights in your bedroom, hallway and bathroom to help you see at night.
- Store clothing, dishes, and other necessities within easy reach. Avoid having to use a stool or chair to reach things.
- Use handrails when going up and down stairs. Make sure stairs are free from clutter and well lit.
- Use a cane or walker to help keep you steady.

Talk with your doctor about other assistive devices. If you have questions about the medications you're taking increasing your fall risk, please ask your doctor about those too. If you do fall, talk with your doctor or a family member so changes can be made to prevent another fall.



Produce Sunday will be **August 13**. We are looking for carrots, celery, potatoes, oranges, apples, lettuce, onions, as well as tomatoes, squash, broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbages. Our food pantry garden is starting to produce and your generous gifts of fresh produce will help provide "good food" to our food pantry participants.

Opportunity to Serve

FPC will be serving the **Sunday Community**

Supper on Sunday, Sept. 3. If you are interested in cooking the meal or helping to serve, here is a chance for you to get involved. Sign up at church or contact Chuck Schlitz, cbschlitz@charter.net or 715-573-8565.

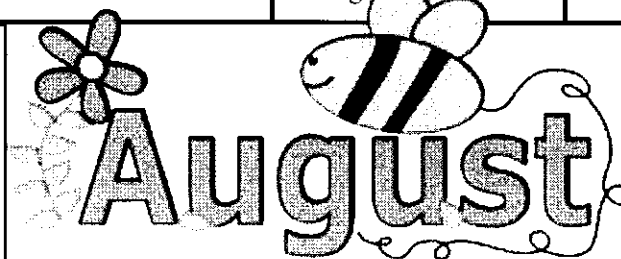


First Presbyterian Church August, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Food Pantry	2 10:00 am Coffee Choir	3 8:30 am Men's Study Group 5:00 pm Mission Team 5:30 pm Discipleship Team	4 All Day—Building Closed	5
6 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Worship with Communion 11:00 am Fellowship Time 4:00 Community Supper	7	8 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Deacons	9 10:00 am Coffee Choir	10 8:30 am Men's Study Group	11 All Day—Building Closed	12
13 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Time 4:00 Community Supper	14	15 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 Food Pantry 4:00 pm Support Team 5:30 pm Worship Team	16 10:00 am Coffee Choir	17	18 All Day—Building Closed	19
20 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Time 4:00 Community Supper	21 3:00 pm BEAM Deadline	22 10:00 am Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Property Committee Mtg. 6:15 pm Session 6:30 pm In-Focus	23 10:00 am Coffee Choir 6:00 pm Officer and Staff BBQ Picnic	24	25 All Day—Building Closed	26
27 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Time 4:00 Community Supper	28	29	30 10:00 am Coffee Choir 10:00 am September Beam Assembly and Mailing	31		

*** Sunday Schedule**

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship Time in the Parlor
4:00 pm Community Supper in the Fellowship Hall



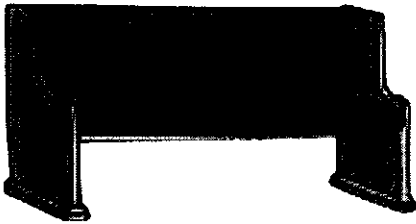
Office Hours:

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

Support Team

A Big thank you to Bitsy Hoffmann who has retired from chairing the Support Team after many years of wonderful service. We wish you well Bitsy, in all you do! We welcome Denis Burgess as the new chair of Support and we thank him for his willingness to serve in this capacity.

There are 14 new 60" round, heavy duty, lite weight, professional grade tables in the Fellowship Hall. They have been purchased with memorial monies from the Lavon Gifford Memorial Fund, the Gently Used Sale proceeds and a small portion from the Mission Team. We especially thank Bob Gifford for his generosity, all those who shopped at the gently used sale and Chuck Schlitz and the Mission Team. Please **Note: There are a number of the older 60" round tables available for a donation of any size.** Please see Kathy in the office if interested.



There are a number of pews that were removed from the sanctuary that have been stored in the Fellowship Hall. They need a good home...ASAP! **If you are interested in having one or two or more of the church pews in storage** or if you know of a business or facility that would like to have them, please let Kathy DeYarman know. We ask that you be responsible for hauling it/them out of the building.

Steve Martinson is temporarily chairing the Property Committee. If you see a maintenance item that needs attention, please let Steve know or contact Kathy in the office. A special thank you to Steve for spending a good portion of his day assembling the new table cart which will hold 10 of our new tables when they are not in use. It's great when we all work together!

August Birthdays

03—Les Brenton, Julie Sorenson,
Jennifer Schmitt, Laura MacKey

04—Gloria Beighley

05—Stephen Rhyner

07—Shannon Arambel

08—Sarah Culver, Kevin Ingvalson

09—Angela Kettner

10— Jon Fox

13— Katie Sauer

15— Betty Osswald

16—Bob Morange

18—Bitsy Hoffmann, Luke Zinkowich

19—Shirley Strasser, Toni Simonson

21—Diane Ehrhardt, Katherine Crabtree

22—Cheryl Davis

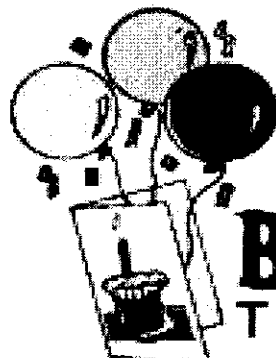
23—Ken Day

28—Robert Kluever

29—Chloe Schmidt, Aaron Hsu

30—Christine Coscio, Parker Schmitt

31—Susanne Kettner



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

From the Worship Team



Here's what to look for in worship in August. We'll be in the Chapel until the weather cools.

Sunday August 6: Worship at 10:00 with Communion

Sunday August 13: Worship at 10:00 with the Coffee Choir

Sunday, August 20: Worship at 10:00 am with the Women's Choir in the Chapel

Sunday, August 27: Worship at 10:00 am (maybe return to Sanctuary depending on the weather)

NOTE: Childcare provided for all Sunday services

Our thanks to all of our musicians who have shared their talents during the summer months.

Worship Leaders: Worship Team will be scheduling for liturgists, communion stewards and servers, ushers, hospitality teams, bell-ringers, acolytes and presenters for Calling All Kids. If you're interested in leading worship in any of these capacities, see Doug Klingberg or one of the pastors. We are still in the process of getting digital recording and podcasts of sermons for our website.

Coffee Choir starts up again on Wednesday, August 2 at 10:00 am for some easy and fun singing and coffee afterwards. If you like to sing and want to join us, please just come! No audition necessary! No music-reading necessary!

Women's Choir is open to any woman in the church. We'll provide music for the worship on **Sunday August 20**, with rehearsals after worship on Sunday, August 6 and 13 in the Lower Level Choir Room. Let Susan know if you want to sing with us!

Looking ahead to September – Music Start up dates:

Wednesday, September 6: Chancel Choir at 6:00, Bells at 7:00. First Sundays will be **Sept 10** for Choir, **Sept. 17** for Handbells.

Wednesday, September 20, 4:30- 5:15 pm: New Creation Singers and SonLights.

Parents of Young Singers: Two Children's Choirs this fall! Our SonLights group will include children age 4 through first grade. Korrin Black will lead the SonLights in Room 203. New Creation Singers will include grades 2-7, meeting with Susan Schaefer in the Third Floor Choir Room. Parents, you can bring kids of all ages at the same time!

Deacons



The Deacons are again coordinating their **School Angel Project**. First Presbyterian Church will again be partnering with Franklin Elementary School to provide school supplies to those children in need. As we learned in July, 66% of the students at Franklin are considered economically disadvantaged per Wisconsin DPI data for 2015-2016.

Items needed for the 2017-2018 school year include: colored pencils, crayons, #2 pencils, glue sticks, washable markers box, black dry erase markers, pink erasers, bag of eraser caps, two pocket folders, wide-lined wire spiral notebooks, school box, scissors, headphones (no earbuds), tennis shoes and large boxes of Kleenex.

The yellow school bus is in the hallway outside the Chapel where you can place the items. They will be delivered to Franklin School before the beginning of the school year.



Discipleship Team—Christian Education



Mark your calendars for the "**Planning Ahead Adult Ed. Series**". Sessions will take place once a month after service in the Chapel from 11:15-12:15 starting Sunday September 24th. Don't worry, none of the sessions interfere with Packer games! Also, there is no session in December. The series is open to members and their families and friends, so if you know someone who may be interested please invite them!

The schedule is as follows:

September 24 - **Planning Ahead for Difficult Conversations**. Presented by Chris Litrenta, Hospice Social Worker with Interim Healthcare and Hospice. *In addition to providing help with starting challenging conversations, Chris will talk about Advanced Directives, Living Wills, DNR orders, Power of Attorney for Healthcare/Finance, and what to do when you don't have someone to make decisions.*

October 29 - **Planning Ahead for Retirement**

November 19 - **Planning Ahead for your Estate**

January 21 - **Planning Ahead for Long Term Care**

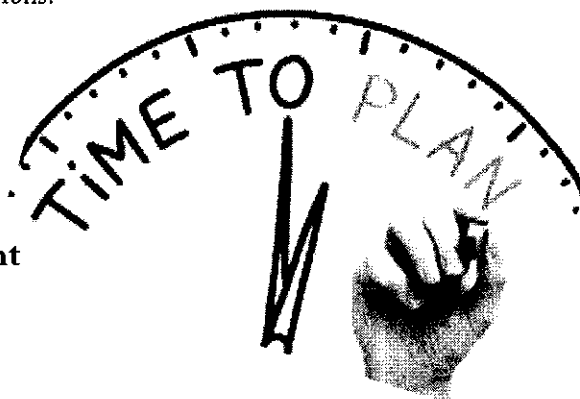
February 18 - **Planning Ahead for Staying Independent**

March 11 - **Planning Ahead for "Rightsizing"**

April 15 - **Planning Ahead for Dying Well**

April 29 - **Planning Ahead for your Funeral**

May 20 - **Planning Ahead for Medicare**



Small Group Opportunities

The Thursday morning **Women's Study Group** will not meet again until September. See you then!

Men, you are welcome to join the **Men's Study Group** at 8:30 am every Thursday morning. See Ted Spurduto or Doug Klingberg for details.

Hops and the Heavens will begin again on Monday, September 18. More details in the September Beam.

Yes, I would like to contribute a financial gift towards the purchase of _____ chair(s). Please return this form and your check to the office.

Given in Honor of _____

Given in Memory of _____

Given by _____

Check # _____ Contribution # _____



Not actual chair.

There will be a placard on the back of each chair indicating the donor's name and who the chair was given in honor of or in memory of. Thank you.

If you wish to give a gift for the purchase of a chair(s) with no designation, just the Donor's name, please indicate below. Thank you.



Not actual chair.

_____ I would like to make a financial gift towards the purchase of _____ sanctuary chairs but with no designation. I understand that only my name will be listed as the donor of this gift.

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