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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 the Washington Island Forum 2015

The June 2015 Washington Island Forum topic was "Re-appropriating the Word" and the presenter was John Bell of the Iona Community of Scotland. Our week was full of stories and songs, all done in a delightful Scottish accent. Though John Bell's primary vocation is as a preacher and teacher, he spends over half his time working in the areas of music and liturgy. Five of us from First Presbyterian attended this Forum: Rev. Rachel Wann, Marilyn Paulson, Helen Roberts, Marsha Alexander and Susan Schaefer.

So many thoughtful ideas for worship and for study of the Bible were presented! The starting point was the importance of knowing the Scriptures and making them our own story. We as Christians should not be afraid that only the Biblical scholars can access the meaning to the Bible; the Scriptures need to be a part of all of us.

Other points: God is revealed gradually through the books of the Bible. God is bigger than our human perspective, and certainly bigger than our childhood understanding of God. Holding onto our early perspectives of God may reveal a fear of God, or wanting to know Him better.

Yes, some of what John Bell said to us was a little uncomfortable. But it was also freeing.

He encouraged us to leave space in our spiritual lives for imagination. (What? Presbyterians using their imaginations?!!) Yes, he says. We do not need to rely solely on facts, theories, doctrines. It's okay to use some imagination, too! Use whatever means imaginable to make the Scriptures come to life and stick in our minds. Some of those means were through song. Be prepared to hear some John Bell tunes in upcoming worship services!

Above all, the Bible, its stories, its people, its message, is for all of us... wherever we are. Re-appropriate the Word of God for yourself!

This and That...



Washington Island Forum attendees from FPC, with John Bell.

Help! We need your "gently used" household items to help raise funds for Parlor Furniture. Mark August 20 and 21 on your calendar for the sale. Those kitchen items you no longer use...Christmas decorations that stay packed in a box . . . towels and sheets in good condition that just take up space . . . decorative items that no longer fit your decor . . . gifts given to you that just aren't 'you' . . . small pieces of furniture that you saved for someone, some day . . . books . . . all these can be donated to the church for our gently used sale. **NO clothing please!** Bring your items to the church office - they will be locked in B2 until the sale. Items will be priced to sell - and remaining items will be donated to Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Questions? Contact Jann Slayton, jslayton@charter.net or 715-675-9955. Thank you!

It's with sadness we said good-bye to **Peggy Zeppelin** on Sunday, July 26. Peggy has moved to Appleton, WI, to be closer to her children. Peggy joined First Presbyterian Church October 10, 1958 and was active with the Presbyterian Women's group. We will miss you Peggy.

We will also be saying goodbye to **Holly and Jesse Bueno and their children, Kennedy, Gage and Isley.**, who will be moving to the Minneapolis area. The Bueno's joined First Presbyterian Church in December, 2008, and were active in the children's programs. Holly was also on Session, chaired the Property Committee and shared her talent with photography with some of her work being displayed in the church office and in the educational areas upstairs. We will miss this sweet family too.

Please contact the church office for their new mailing addresses.

We need your help to raise funds for new Parlor furniture...August 20 and 21 is our "gently used items" sale.

From the Mission Team

Have some **extra produce** from your garden? Bring it to church on Sundays for others to share. Please take home others bounty to enjoy.

With our **Pentecost Offering** we raised \$826 with \$330 going to the the Bridge Community Health Clinic Dental Sealant Program for children, as reported last month. That \$330 will provide 451 fluoride varnish treatments for infants! Many strong smiles say **Thank you!**

Interested in helping with the **Growing Faith Community Garden?** There is an **interfaith work party** every Saturday from 10-3, if weather permits. Contact Jeff Todd, jtodd8378@charter.net or Laurie Bushbaum at UUC, Laurie@uuwausau.org .

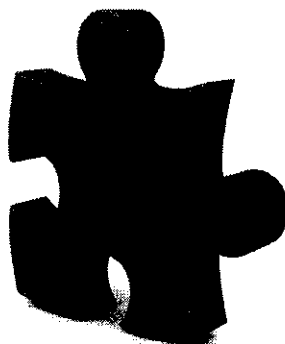
Small Group Activities

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

We all have gifts to share – time, talent, connections, insights, experience, skills, resources, hospitality. 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. Check First Notes to find your "**Piece of the Mission Puzzle**" or contact Chuck Schlitz, at cbschlitz@charter.net or 715-573-8565.



MISSION

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SMALL GROUPS

Activities for the month of August

lindyphelps@gmail.com or 715-370-5881.

Creative Sewing If you have questions or need more information, please contact Karen Martinson.

First Presbyterian Church Activities for August, 2015

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| 2 * Sunday Schedule Communion; Bueno Family Farewell | 3 5:30 pm VBS at First United Methodist Church 5:30 pm Hops and the Heav- ens at Vino Latte | 4 10:00 am Staff Meeting Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 5:30pm VBS at FUMC 5:30 pm Worship Team | 5 5:30 pm VBS at FUMC | 6 8:30 am Men's Group 4:30 pm Mission Team 5:30 pm VBS at FUMC 6:00 pm Deacons | 7 Building Closed 9:00 am—Noon VBS at FUMC | 8 |
| 9 * Sunday Schedule | 10 | 11 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Evening Food Pantry | 12 | 13 8:30 am Men's Group | 14 Building Closed | 15 |
| 16 * Sunday Schedule | 17 Noon September BEAM Deadline 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens | 18 10:00 am Staff Meeting Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 4:00 pm Support Team | 19 | 20 8:30 am Men's Group | 21 Building Closed | 22 |
| 23 *Sunday Schedule | 24 | 25 6:30 pm In-Focus 7:00 pm Session | 26 8:30 pm BEAM Assembly | 27 8:30 am Men's Group | 28 Building Closed | 29 |
| 30 * Sunday Schedule | 31 4:00 pm Personnel Committee | | | | | |

***Sunday Schedule**

10: 00 am Worship 4:00 pm Community Supper
4:00 pm Footstep Fellowship

*"This is the day that the Lord has
made. Let us rejoice and be
glad in it!" Psalm 118:24*

Office Hours:

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

Support Team

If you have been in the Sanctuary for a service recently, you may have noticed that things look a bit different. The wood grain on the pews is more defined; It's easier to read the words on your bulletin or in the hymnal as there are no shadows; It's brighter and maybe it feels a bit more welcoming and hopefully you've noticed that every light is lit. Oh, you've finally replaced all those burned out bulbs, you might say. Yes and so much more!

Some time back the Support Team recommended and Session approved, changing all the lights (over 250) in the Sanctuary to LED lights.

Why? One LED bulb in the chandelier will cost only \$1.08 per YEAR and that's IF it were on 3 hours per day, which we know doesn't often happen. The big spot-lights cost only \$2.05 per YEAR at 3 hours per day. The overall savings for the lights in the Sanctuary is over \$1,600 per year. This means the payback for these lights is only 3.73 years.

Plus because of the high ceilings, a lift had always been rented to change burned out bulbs at a cost of \$250-\$300. These new LED lights have between 23-36 years of life (at three hours a day) so it's safe to say, we shouldn't need to spend money on lifts or light bulbs for the Sanctuary for many years to come!

Our thanks to Art's Electric for their courteous and very thorough service with this project.

Our thanks to John Johnkoski who chaired the Property Committee the past two years. John's term on Session has been completed but we appreciate his time and work on the committee as chair, while he was on Session.

August Birthdays

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| 03 Les Brenton, Julie Sorenson, Jennifer Jones-Schmidt Laura Mackey | 28 Robert Kluever |
| 04 Gloria Beighley | 29 Chloe Schmidt, Aaron Hsu |
| 05 Stephen Rhyner | 30 Parker Schmitt, Christine Coscio |
| 06 Shannon Arambel | 31 Susanne Kettner, Gregory Kettner |
| 07 Sarah Culver, Scott Bourie | |
| 08 Kevin Ingvalson | |
| 09 Angela Kettner | |
| 10 Jonathan Fox | |
| 13 Katie Sauer | |
| 15 Betty Osswald | |
| 16 Roderick (Bob) Morange | |
| 18 Bitsy Hoffmann, Luke Zinkowich | |
| 19 Shirley Strasser, Toni Simonson | |
| 21 Katherine Crabtree | |
| 22 Cheryl Davis | |
| 23 Kenneth Day | |
| 25 Lavon Gifford | |

***Making a wish
especially for you
And hoping sincerely
it really comes true;
Have a wonderful
Birthday
and after it's done
May the year that's ahead
be a wonderful one!***

SUPPORT TEAM

Month-to-Date

Income: \$20,438

Expenses: \$18,270

Year-To-Date

Income: \$238,953

Expenses: \$222,893

Per Capita to

date: \$5,250.30

(\$31.50 per member)

From the Worship Team

Several years ago, we as a congregation determined our "Core Values" and reorganized the work of the church around Worship, Mission, Discipleship and Support. The Worship Team members have not always reminded you of the things that go into our active worship life. Let's look at an average worship service:

1. When you arrived at the church, were you greeted? Hospitality teams are organized through Worship Team. Were you handed a bulletin, with First Notes, and inserts included for your perusal?
2. Visual aids to worship: Did you see fresh flowers on the Chancel? Any special banners or different colored paraments (on the pulpit, for instance) that let you know what is special about this day? Are the candles lit? Did one of our children ring a bell to call your attention to worship?
3. When you sat in the pews: were there enough hymnals and Bibles for the people sitting with you? Did you see the pew pads with a fresh sheet for signing in? Did you find envelopes for offerings, deacons' funds, prayer requests? In this area, particularly, Worship Team will need some help. Our volunteer Mary Anderson has had a two-year turn at this useful task and is ready to turn it over to the next volunteer -- maybe You?
4. Can you hear? Our sound people, Mary Ellen and Rick, work to make our sound system as efficient as possible with the acoustical atmosphere in our Sanctuary. Were you able to find a hearing-assistance device, with clean ear pads, at the entrance?
5. As the service unfolded, was there a lay liturgist to read the Scriptures, and a volunteer to lead the Children's message? These are also coordinated by Worship Team.
6. If it's a communion Sunday, is the communion table set? Are the linens ironed? Are the elements prepared and waiting for you to partake? Notice that the unleavened bread we eat is freshly baked by a Worship Team volunteer each time we take communion (even though the host loaf may be different). Are there enough servers to bring communion to you in the pew?
7. Music for Sundays: Is the organ functioning? Is the piano in tune? Did you enjoy a soloist or a choir to provide a musical message and lead our congregation in song?
8. Finally -- coffee hour! Is there fresh coffee and treats provided for fellowship time after worship? (We know, this is your favorite time of Sunday morning!) The hospitality teams make sure that we are a loving, caring community as well as a worshipping community.

Think of all of the aspects that go into our most important activity as Christians. Thank your worship helpers. And, if you'd like to assist with some of these easy but valuable tasks, let Team Moderator Doug Klingberg, the music director, or one of the pastors know.

News of Our Members

We were saddened by the death of **John Klipstein**, who died July 7th. His memorial service was held at the Helke Funeral Home July 11, 2015.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Jeanie Bell and Luke Zinkowich and their family members as Jeanie's husband **Cary Bell**, died on July 10. His memorial service was held at the church Saturday, July 25, 2015.

We also extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of **Marilyn Molinaro**. Marilyn died July 22. Her memorial service was held at the church on Monday, July 27th.

Our sympathies and prayers are with Colleen Jowett and family over the death of her son **Rick**, on July 26. A private graveside service was held July 30.

Belated Congratulations to **Les and Helen Brenton** who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary June 10th.

Congratulations to **Tom and Pandora Green** who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 10, 2015.

Please let the office know if there is something happening with your family that you would like to share.

Discipleship Team—Christian Education

Our children need YOU to volunteer as a Sunday school teacher for the 2015/2016 year.

We hope you will say "yes" and help out with our program. It is successful because of our volunteer teachers. This commitment could be once a month, monthly, or by unit of study. All Sunday school materials are organized and provided in advance by the Sunday school coordinator. Teachers are needed in all age groups.

Teacher Criteria: Sunday School teachers must have a love for children and teaching God's word, are successful with working with children and youth and have been part of the church community for one year or longer. Volunteers will need to fill out a volunteer application and background check form. They will also need to be able to be a part of an orientation which covers classroom procedures, safety policies that are a part the Safe Sanctuary Policy of the

church. Contact Lisa at lrhie.christian.education@gmail.com

Sunday school will resume again on Sunday, September 13, 2015. Sunday school registration forms will be sent to families in August.

Nursery: There will be no nursery attendants during the summer but they will resume in September. The nursery and the library are available for young children who cannot be in worship and will need to be supervised by their parent or care-giver.

VBS is Coming! G-Force Vacation Bible School will be held August 3 to 7 from 5:30 to 8:00pm. Friday August 7, VBS will run from 9 am to 11:30 am. First Presbyterian is joining First United Methodist for a week of fun at FUMC. If interested in enrolling your child(ren) or grandchildren, please contact Lisa Riehle.

DISCIPLESHIP

We hope you will say "yes" and help out with our program. It is successful because of our volunteer teachers.

From the Deacons

It is time to help the kids and families of our neighborhood with school supplies.

Through August, a table will be set up for you to donate school supplies for the kids! There will be a list of the needed supplies but here is a list of some items: folders, notebooks, colors, markers, pencils, erasers, and scissors just to get you started! Sales have started! Thanks for your all your help!

Our young adults are those who are no longer in high school, up to four or five years out, who still consider themselves part of the congregation. The deacons wish to stay in touch with these folks.

Parents and young adults, please inform us of your new contact information for the year ahead. Send it to Gail Smith, gailnickns@charter.net or call 715-359-4763, as soon as you know your location. Thanks for your help.

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...please inform us of your young adults contact info...we wish to stay in touch

The School Angel Project of Caring Arms
