

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.

Celebrating Our Volunteers!

What is a volunteer? Well they ususally wear a smile and they do their best with every task. They sing, they play, they teach and lead, they clean, rake, sweep, mop, mow, trim, they prep, cook, organize, sort, they work sound systems, turn on lights, check doors, take out trash, they change diapers, sing lullabies, read stories, cook turkeys, organize libraries, preserve our history, they pull weeds, water plants, shovel snow, paint, assemble, mail, they visit, encourage, serve communion, decorate, they listen, they care, they love, they give and give and give... **So what is a volunteer?** Just look around at First Presbyterian. They are everywhere, doing everything! Why? We'll let some of them tell you!

"Passing along the kindness that I've received. It's the right thing to do. Some obligation should come with privilege."

"We represent the hands and feet of Jesus. I do this to express my gratitude for the salvation and grace He has given me."

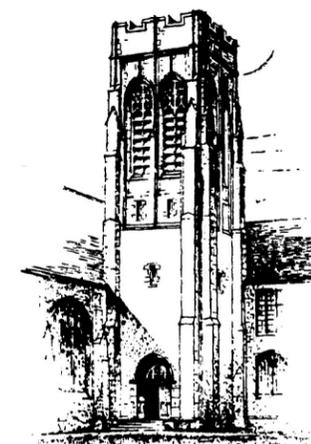
"First Presbyterian Church has always been my "SAFE" place. I park my car, walk through the doors and I feel I am at home. Everyone is kind to me and it fills my heart with the energy I want and need to give back and be with my wonderful church friends. I have been a member for over 30 years. When I think of the word safe, I think of First Pres."

"Our church community is special to me. If I can make any part of the "organization" run more smoothly I am pleased. Our worship and community outreach help deepen my faith; volunteering in various capacities helps me know other members whose faith is an inspiration. Many years ago our minister said "You can't just walk through the Y and expect to get in physical shape. You can't just walk into church an hour a week and expect to get into spiritual shape."

"I want to help out in anyway I can. It's important to me to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we travel our path through this life. I hope I can make a difference."

"After spending my career educating young children, I wanted to spend time helping the opposite age group. I became a deacon and found a great need in our church. I soon realized that there are many other needs and few willing or able to fill the needs. The church is important to all of us so I do what I can to keep it active. "

We are so blessed with the many folks, both young and older that help out in SO many ways. We know how important you are...each and everyone of you and we want to say a special thank you to you for all you do to help keep things working at FPC like a well oiled machine. **Thank you and may God bless you for all you do.**



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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY
9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.

Calendar reminders for July

- There will be no July Beam.
- The August Beam deadline will be July 17.
- Teams, committees and Session will not meet in July unless there is a problem needing attention.
- We will be in the Chapel/Parlor for worship in July.
- Thursday, July 6 will be the final Penguin Project rehearsal at FPC. Be sure to see them perform at the Grand Theatre on Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29 at 7:00 pm and on Sunday, July 30 at 2:00 pm. Their performance this year will be "Singin' in the Rain".

Reminder: If you plan to be away for the summer or part of it, please let the church office know. A vacation address for you would be helpful as well, so you can be included in any mailings .

Thank you.

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This and That...

New Knitting Group! The Knitting Group will meet once a month for the summer - on a day and time to be determined by those who want to attend. Any knit or crocheted hats (for newborns or smaller) or blankets 12” to 18” square can be made and donated. If you have a pattern for hats that you would like to share, please do so. Wausau Aspirus only wants blankets. Blankets to be made of soft fabric (flannel for example). Contact Sue Westergaard at – laccalifarm@airnetisp.com or 715 675-6092 for details. Sue will also be available for help, if needed.

The Creative Sewing group has completed another busy year. Sixteen quilts and 11 pillow case dresses will become part of the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Project. In addition, 76 walker bags were donated to Colonial Manor, Kennedy Park, the Benedictine house, and Mount View Manor. They will not meet again until fall.

Church Grounds Clean-up! Thank you to all the folks that helped beautify our church grounds on Tuesday, May 9th. We had a great turn out that included Mary & Dick Albright, Mary Aughenbaugh, Neal Gavinski, Sarah & Bret Miller, Steve Martinson, Joni & Jeff Todd, Darlene Loy, Mike DeSciscio, Peter Hessert, Helen Roberts, Jann & Jim Slayton, Sally & Andy Schell, Will Hsu and Susan Westergaard. Tasks included weeding bushes and flower beds, trimming bushes, straightening concrete parking barriers, moving straw bales for garden, breaking down benches and play set in the play area and spreading 12 cu. yards of mulch throughout the church property. There’s a saying “that many hands make for light work”. I don’t know about the light work part but thanks to all these hands the work went very well. Thank you to Kathy for the muffins and cookies we enjoyed afterwards. Art Kimbel organized this project before he passed and he would have been very pleased with the turn out and work accomplished. Jim Slayton



Dear Friends,
 Each of us is given the gift of time on this earth to live, to learn, to love and to make a difference to others. The support you have shown our family during the last month has been overwhelming. Art’s celebration service was beyond perfect. “Your church is beautiful,” “We loved the music,” “Everyone was so friendly,” “Thank you for the wonderful luncheon,” were just a few comments from those who came from near and far to say good-bye. The outside of our church looks amazing too! Thank you Jim and all who keep giving the gift of yourselves. Grateful and Lovingly, Pudge and Family

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 **Lee and Peggy Olbrantz** and their family as Lee’s father, Leo L. Olbrantz, 89, died Monday, May 1, 2017 in Weston, WI.
 Congratulations to **Gail and Nick Smith** on fifty years of marriage, May 28, 2017.
 Our prayers and sympathies are with the family of **Lavon Gifford** who died Thursday, May 25, 2017. Please keep Bob and the rest of the family in your prayers.
 Congratulations to all our graduates! Please see page 7 for details.

Discipleship Team—Christian Education



The Discipleship Team is grateful for Andrea (and Kevin) Ingvalson’s work with FPC’s nursery through 6th graders. Andrea will be off the “time clock” the last day of

May until August 1. She has been working hard to encourage commitment of families to First Presbyterian Church’s children and their faith development and sees a very exciting Fall when programming and plans start up.

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 A May 21<sup>st</sup> gathering was held for sharing of ideas. We hope parents with children will seriously consider their fall commitments and put Sunday school high on their list for their children.

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 An Adult Education series on "Planning Ahead" will be starting in September. Sessions will be once per month from September to May (excluding December). Topics include planning for retirement and end of life issues. More to come in August!

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 Purchase of Woodchuck Baseball tickets for Friday, June 16 has been brisk. Deadline for signup is June 5<sup>th</sup>.



Please check out our Facebook page and our website for additional summer events.  
[www.firstpreswausau.org](http://www.firstpreswausau.org)



FPC would like to recognize these graduates from Wausau East High School. **Molly Erdman, Benna Stengl and Jacob and Josh Schellpfeffer.** Molly Erdman plans to attend UW-Milwaukee. Benna Stengl plans to attend UW-Madison. Jake Schellpfeffer will attend the UW Madison and Josh will attend the UM Minneapolis.

Also graduating in May were **Noah Stengl** and **Shannon Livingston.** Noah graduated from UW-Madison with a Bachelor’s of Art in Political Science and Economics. He plans to attend Northwestern to pursue a PhD in Political Theory. Shannon graduated with a PhD in Higher Education Administration from Edgewood College.



### Our congratulations and best wishes Graduates!

A higher education scholarship has been awarded to Benna Stengl who will be attending UW Madison in the Fall and to Molly Erdman, who will be attending UW Milwaukee. Again, we congratulate all of our high school graduates on your success in high school and wish you well as you begin your studies at your chosen universities.

Thanks to all our teachers, nursery workers, and helpers, membership and fellowship volunteers! We appreciate all you do to teach and care for our children and families.



## From the Worship Team

*“They were all together in one place, and suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.”* (Excerpt from Acts 2)

As this BEAM comes to you, we are celebrating Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit first descended upon the gathered people. We are still praying for the Spirit to move within our congregations. As the summer months begin, our worship takes on a different feel. Sometimes we are in a different “house”, maybe the Chapel or outdoors. Sometimes we may feel the Spirit in different ways, in different tongues (another part of Pentecost), but wherever and however we gather together, “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit”!

Here’s what to look for in worship in the coming months:

June 4: 10:00 am in the Sanctuary: Pentecost, Communion, and the reception of new members.

June 11 at Sylvan Hill Park: **Worship at 10:00 am, with Annual Church Picnic to follow.**

Meal provided by the Deacons. Plan to stay for a great time of fellowship with each other and the outdoors.

June 18 and June 25: 10:00 am worship in the Sanctuary

July 2: 10:00 am worship IN THE CHAPEL

July 9: 10:00 am worship with Communion in the Chapel

July 16, 23, and 30: 10:00 am worship in the Chapel

NOTE: Childcare provided for all Sunday services



All of our musicians will be honored at the **Musician’s Picnic on June 7** for their year of service. The Chancel Choir and Handbells will have a well-deserved summer off. If any of you want to offer your kazoo solo or other musical talents for worship this summer, please contact Susan.



Our young people from age 4 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade have served as acolytes and bell-ringers to herald the beginning of worship each week. Many thanks to them all! Be sure to acknowledge the contributions of our youngest Presbyterians.

**Wednesday Morning Choir** started meeting in late April at 10:00 am for some easy and fun singing and coffee afterwards. If you like to sing and want to join us, please join us! No audition necessary! No music-reading necessary!

### Other projects and news from Worship Team:

Replacing the digital keyboard on Susan’s workstation, to connect with the newer computer.

Purchasing new chairs for the sanctuary so that the red chairs can return to the Chapel.

Digital recording and podcasts of sermons for our website, etc.

## Deacons

The Deacons are looking forward to hosting the **All Church Picnic, Sunday, June 11**, at Sylvan Hills. Mark your calendar and save the date! Deacons will be grilling and providing the food. It is our way of saying thanks for your support all year round. If you



anticipate needing a ride let Nick Smith or Pastor Joy (715 573 9420) know. We would love to help you get there.

A special **Thank You** to those deacons retiring from service the past three years. They are King Forbes, Sarah Slayton, Mike DeSciscio and Robin Hugus. Thank you for faithful service.



A warm **welcome** to the new class of Deacons; Wendy Fox, Connie Peckham, Andy Schell and Joni Todd. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

## Mission

### Summer Mission Opportunities

**Great opportunity for families and first timers to get involved!**

Sign up at Church or contact Chuck Schlitz

**Sunday Community Suppers  
FPC will be serving Suppers on  
June 18, July 2, July 16, Sept. 3.**

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**FPC Food Pantry** is the first and third Tuesday of each month. If your summer schedule frees you up and you would like to help, **come join us!**

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A gift to the **Pentecost Offering** helps the church encourage, develop, and support its **young people**, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

**40%** of the Pentecost offering will go to **Jo Jo’s Jungle**, a unique playground setting where children of any ability can play alongside their friends and families. This playground will enrich social skills, sensory learning, and promote physical fitness in a safe environment for every child in **our community**. Our Pentecost offering will be taken on June 4. Contact the Mission Team or Chuck Schlitz at [cbschlitz@charter.net](mailto:cbschlitz@charter.net) or 715-573-8565.

The Mission Team hopes that we can help you find an opportunity to use your gifts in ways you may not have realized were available for you. To find your **"Piece of the Mission Puzzle"**, contact Chuck Schlitz, Mission Team, [cbschlitz@charter.net](mailto:cbschlitz@charter.net) or 715-573

*Thanks to the many volunteers who work with the food pantry, community supper, the plant sale, the Warming Center and the rest of the Mission*

*Ministries of the church. We could not do the work that we do without everyone of our volunteers. Thank You!*



A very special **Thank You** to the four retiring Elders from the Class of 2017. They are **Jean Houghton, Will Hsu, Chuck Schlitz and Julie Sorenson**. Thank you for your faithful service.



We warmly welcome the Class of 2020: **Denis Burgess, Jennifer Faust, Doug Klingberg and Rick Wicklund**. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

# First Presbyterian Church June, 2017

| Sunday                                                                                                                                    | Monday                                                                                                | Tuesday                                                                                                          | Wednesday                                                          | Thursday                                                                                                            | Friday                                                        | Saturday                                  |
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| 4<br>Communion Sunday<br>9:15 am Families at First<br>* Sunday Schedule Installation/<br>Ordination of New Officers                       | 5<br>4:00 pm Personnel Committee<br>5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal | 6<br>10:00 am Staff Meeting<br>1:00 pm Food Pantry<br>5:30 pm Worship Team<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal  | 7<br>10:00 am Choir & Coffee<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal  | 8<br>8:30 am Men's Group<br>9:45 am Women's Group<br>5:30 pm Discipleship Team<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project rehearsal | 9<br>Building Closed                                          | 10<br>Building Closed                     |
| 11<br>10:00 am Worship at Sylvan Hills followed by picnic lunch<br>Mission Project for the kids and parents                               | 12<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal                                                               | 13<br>10:00 am Staff Meeting<br>5:30 pm Deacons<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal                             | 14<br>10:00 am Choir & Coffee<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal | 15<br>8:30 am Men's Group<br>9:45 Women's Group<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal                                | 16<br>Building Closed<br>FPC Baseball Night at the Woodchucks | 17                                        |
| 18<br>* Sunday Schedule                                                                                                                   | 19<br>5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens<br>3:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal                               | 20<br>10:00 am Staff Meeting<br>1:00 pm Food Pantry<br>4:00 pm Support Team<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal | 21<br>10:00 am Choir & Coffee<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal | 22<br>8:30 am Men's Group<br>9:45 Women's Group<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal                                | 23<br>Building Closed                                         | 24<br>Human Trafficking Day with Covenant |
| 25<br>* Sunday Schedule                                                                                                                   | 26<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal<br>6:15 pm Session<br>6:30 pm In-Focus                        | 27<br>10:00 am Staff Meeting<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal<br>6:15 pm Session<br>6:30 pm In-Focus         | 28<br>10:00 am Choir & Coffee<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal | 29<br>8:30 am Men's Group<br>9:45 Women's Group<br>5:30 pm Penguin Project Rehearsal                                | 30<br>Building Closed                                         |                                           |
| <b>* Sunday Schedule</b><br>10:00 am Worship<br>11:15 am Fellowship Time in the Parlor<br>4:00 pm Community Supper in the Fellowship Hall |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                  |                                                                    |                                                                                                                     |                                                               |                                           |
| <b>Office Hours:</b><br>Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm<br>Closed on Friday                                                      |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                  |                                                                    |                                                                                                                     |                                                               |                                           |



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### Support Team

We are pleased to report that giving is 1% over budget and our expenses are 3% under budget. Thank you for your faithfulness. With summer just around the corner, if you plan to be away for a few months, we don't want you to forget us so you can always sign up to give electronically for the time you are gone. Stop into the office or give Kathy a call if your interested.

A very special THANK YOU to **Bitsy Hoffmann** who has chaired the Support Team the past several years. Her hard work and dedication to the Team has been appreciated and she will be missed. We welcome **Denis Burgess** as the new Support Team Chairman beginning in June. Our hat is off to **George Houghton** who has agreed to take care of the Doorkeepers schedule for now. Thanks too, to the 19 men and women who came to work on the grounds for clean-up day. You are all greatly appreciated! **Steve Martinson** has agreed to assist as a temporary property chair and we thank you Steve. So if you love the grounds and building here at the church and want to insure it is cared for, please consider being a part of this committee and working with Steve. Contact the church office if you are willing to help.



### June Birthdays

- 1\_\_Kenneth Edwards, Andy Bethel
- 2\_\_Ruth Porter
- 3\_\_Donna Kuehl, Judith Strate
- 7\_\_Beth LeClair, Curt Schmidt
- 8\_\_Grant Culver
- 10\_ Julie Seubert
- 11\_Adeline Simons
- 13\_Colleen Jowett, Kelly Fox, Isley Bueno
- 14\_Jan Felker
- 18\_Jennifer Olbrantz
- 19\_Joan Stueber, Sharon Bailey, Kristin Janis
- 22\_Josh Barkley
- 23\_Joe Metz
- 24\_Dottie Krienke, Joan Koenig
- 26\_Jacob & Joshua Schellpfeffer, Robert Klunder
- 27\_Dorothy Sindelar, Jonathan Hsu, Christopher Black
- 30\_Charles Brushert

### July Birthdays

- 02—Gene Davis
- 03—Bill Moon, Sarah Crabtree, Aaron Wright
- 05—Kathy DeYarman
- 07—Barb Jones, Helen Roberts
- 08—Mary Albright, Becky Evans
- 10—Elliot Faust
- 11—Jean Houghton, Austin Seubert
- 12—Will Reimer
- 13—Thalia Klemp-North
- 15—Davis Lombard
- 16—Mary Staples, Duane Patterson
- 17—Kevin Lovell, Frank Stankowski
- 18\_\_Lois Brown
- 20\_\_David Indermuehle
- 21\_\_Joni Todd
- 23\_\_Peggy Olbrantz
- 24\_\_Eidabelle Sann, Jim Builer, Brian  
Dunnun, Ted Sperduto
- 26\_\_Patricia Corbin-Herman
- 27\_\_Ali Phelps
- 28\_\_Olivia Zastrow
- 30\_\_Diane Grinsel
- 31\_\_Linda Fussell, Ann Wicklund, Rob Phelps,  
Jake Arambel, Wyatt Barkley

