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Saturday, May 20th

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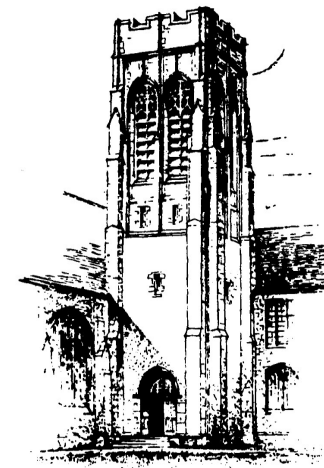
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SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.



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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

By the time you read this, it will probably be cold again. But as I am writing, we are all still enjoying the unseasonably warm temperatures. These past few days have been wonderful – well, maybe not so much for the ice fishermen – but after months of bundling up in hat, gloves and scarves, it is a pleasure to walk outside without the burden of winter clothes and feel the warmth of the sun on exposed skin.

In my neighborhood, I witnessed people riding their bikes and cleaning garages, kids building snowmen while the snow melted around them, and a few brave souls sporting shorts and t-shirts. And in church on Sunday, we complained about it being too warm!

We knew it wouldn't last. We knew it was too soon to say goodbye to the snow and icy temps. But we enjoyed the mild weather while we could. For us it was a reminder of the promise of spring to come. For a few days, we got a glimpse of what awaits us in a few months. And it gives us a boost of hope.

Now I know some of you actually enjoy the bitter cold and perhaps winter is your favorite season, so this analogy may not work so well. In any event, the coming spring brings with it the promise of new life. But in the cold of winter, the animals huddle in their dens, the bulbs lie dormant underground, and the migratory birds (and people!) continue their southern vacations. The northern climes remain still, anticipating the coming rebirth.

As we've been studying the Gospel of Matthew in worship, we have noticed that one of Matthew's main themes is the coming Kingdom of God. The advent of Jesus signaled the arrival of God's kingdom or realm. In this kingdom the promises of God will be completely realized, and all heaven and earth will experience love, mercy, peace, and compassionate justice. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus identifies the attributes of the kingdom and of our identities as followers of God. But we also understand that the kingdom has not fully arrived, because we still witness hatred, division, strife and injustice in the world.

But every so often we catch glimpses of that kingdom. We experience it in those moments of grace, when the ice of injustice melts into the gentle flow of fairness and equity and when the bitter cold of hatred and prejudice becomes the warmth of reconciliation and friendship.

At times those moments of grace may seem fleeting, but when they occur, they are a reminder of what is to come. In them our hope in God's promises is rekindled, and our anticipation of the full realization of God's Kingdom in Christ is restored. Friends, God is at work around us and within us. Let us be bearers of that promise into a cold and dormant world.

This and That...

Friends,

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 1 Corinthians 12:4-5 God has blessed each of us with unique gifts. Some have gifts in teaching, healing, or in providing leadership. Other gifts, though perhaps at times less visible, are of equal value to God.

As time goes on we develop our skills and deepen our passions, especially in things that come easy to us or are very enjoyable. We find new interests, re-directing us into new ways that we can use our lives in God's service. Throughout life's transitions, Christ helps us to find ways to do His work with the gifts that He has given us. If we seek God's direction, He shows us what to do and where to be.

Recently the Nominating Committee met and began the process of putting together a slate of candidates for the Board of Deacons and Ruling Elder. There are many reasons for not being able to serve as a Deacon or an Elder, most come down to the time not being right for you. Our task will be made easier as you consider your interests... consider your passions... consider your gifts.

Almost 6 years ago, I accepted the call to be a deacon. I was baptized, confirmed, and married in this church. My children were baptized and confirmed here, my daughter married here, and 2 of our grandchildren baptized here. I was comfortable here. Over the year's I had helped out when and where I could, teaching Sunday School, helping with Deacon projects here and there, ushering, lending a hand when hands were called for.

I was perfectly happy helping out occasionally. Accepting that call was stepping out of my comfort zone. Three years serving as Deacon Moderator and now almost 3 years serving on Session and as Mission Team Leader have been challenging in ways I hadn't imagined. Challenges that strengthened my faith and deepened my relationship with Christ.

I have gotten to know other church members who I've known for years in totally new ways and formed friendships with new folks both among church members and those outside of our church family. This has been one of the most meaningful times in my life.

The time may be right for you. When we call on you we ask that you prayerfully consider the call to Christ's service in new and challenging ways. The Nominating Committee may overlook you as we seek God's guidance in this task. Speak with myself, or any of the committee, Kristin Janis, Sarah Slayton, Mary Aughenbaugh, Sandy DeSciscio, Andy Bethel, and Jen Faust and let us know of your desire to share your gifts. Be warned that serving is one of the most rewarding experiences you may have.

Chuck Schlitz

News of Our Members

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

Please keep the following friends and families in your heart and prayers during their time of bereavment:

Jeff Jones Sr. and his family as Jeff's son Jeff Jones Jr. died in a work accident January 15, 2017.

Ted and Mary Sperduto and their family as Ted's sister, Suzanne Marie Doe, died January 21.

Andy and Jackie Bethel and their family as Andy's mother died January 31.

Kelly and Jason Zeinert and family as Kelly's grandmother, **Jeanne Smith** died February 16, 2017.

Discipleship Team—Christian Education

**Save the Date!!
Sunday, March 12**



We're having a **BirthDay Lunch** following Worship! We will celebrate all birthdays. Come and sit at the table in which month your birthday occurs. You'll get to know your birthday buddies and have some birthday fun! Chancel Choir is organizing this event...more details coming soon!



Discipleship Team heard a rumor that June is coming. So, for First Pres., it's time to **GO TO A WOODCHUCK GAME!**

The date is Friday, June 16, with game time at 7:05 PM. The cost this year is \$10.50 for adults, Youth 2-18 \$7.00 and under 2 is free. Maximum cost for a family with children under 18 will be \$20.00.

We have reserved the tickets which include a hot dog and beverage. Seats have backs and are undercover. The 'deck' is accessible. Sign up will begin after Easter and payment will be due in the office by May 15th.

Please join us in the parlor **Easter Morning** for a light breakfast of egg-stremely good pastries, fruit and other surprises. We will "buffet" from 8:30-9:45 AM and again after the service.

Please e-mail Pudge Kimbel at pknak@charter.net if you'd like to contribute something special.



Daylight Savings Time Begins!

Don't forget to set your clock one hour ahead as our time will "spring" forward on **March 12.**

From the Worship Team

This year do something right. Start your Lenten journey by coming to the Ash Wednesday Service. It will change you in several ways. It will help you slow down. It will allow you to think about your life and your faith. It will warm you with the community of fellow Christians from First Methodist, Grace UCC, and your fellow Presbyterians. It will inspire you with Scripture and music from our combined choirs. It will touch you through the Christian sacraments and rites of both communion and the placing of ashes.

In entering this season of reflection and penitence, you will be better prepared to rejoice in the miracle of Easter!

Wednesday, March 1: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 7:00 pm

At Grace United Church of Christ. Communion, Prayers and Ashes

Sunday, March 5: FAF service (Families at First) at 9:15 in the Chapel

Worship at 10:00 am with Communion (another solo by John Asmus)

Sunday, March 12: Worship at 10:00 am – Handbells ring

Fellowship Birthday Lunch celebrating *everyone's* birthday after worship

Sunday, March 19: Worship at 10:00 am—The Samaritan Woman at the Well**Sunday, March 26:** Worship at 10:00 am — Healing of the Man Born Blind

*NOTE: Bells will not rehearse on Ash Wednesday March 1

*NOTE: New Creation Singers will not meet on March 29 during Spring Break

Thanks to all those who serve on Hospitality teams and provide the coffee, juice and treats each Sunday for us to enjoy. Don't forget, Hospitality providers, the Worship budget is prepared to help you with the expenses of hosting, up to \$25 per Sunday. Bring your receipts to Kathy for reimbursement.

Future Dates to keep in mind:

Thurs, April 13 (Maundy Thursday Soup Supper, Worship and Communion)

Friday, April 14 (Good Friday)

Sunday, April 16 (EASTER!)

Friday, April 21 (Crème de la Crème concert)

Deacons

March 5, immediately following worship, deacon hospital visitors will gather in the chapel to receive new visitor packets, share with one another helpful ideas and insights about hospital visitation, and affirm the value of this ministry with our members. Whether you are a veteran visitor, a new hospital visitor, or just curious, join us!

Sunday, April 2, at 2:00 pm, is the date and time of our afternoon Lenten Communion Service. Deacons are ready and eager to provide you with transportation to and from this service, and will host a time for refreshments and fellowship to follow. Call Pastor Joy (715-573-9420) or Nick Smith if you would like a ride.

Did you know that teams of deacons and elders "**Extend the Table**" on Communion Sundays by bringing communion to members in their homes immediately following worship? If you would like to be included in celebrating the Lord's Supper as an extension of the morning service, let Ann Wicklund or Pastor Joy know. Upcoming communion dates are March 5, April 2, and May 7.

Deacons are already making plans to host the all **church picnic** at Sylvan Hills on June 11. We had a lot of fun last year and hope you will put this date on your calendar now.

**From the Mission Team**

A gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Our OGHs offering will be received on Palm Sunday, April 9. Watch for information in First Notes, Bulletin Inserts, and Minute for Mission messages.

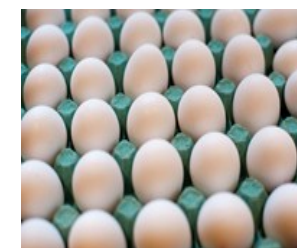
The Aging and disability Resource Center is offering a six week workshop for people with **type-2 diabetes**, prediabetes or for people living with someone who has diabetes. The workshop will begin on Monday, March 6 and continue each Monday through April 10. It will be held at 5 Kosha Yoga and Wellness Center in Wausau from 1:00 – 3:30 pm. Please call Peggy Kurth at Aging & Disability Center at 715-264-6070 for more information. There is a suggested contribution of \$10.00 for the 6 week session.

Small Groups

Men's Study Group meets each Thursday morning at 8:30 am in Room 201. The **Women's Study Group** meets every Thursday at 9:45 am. Each group meets for one hour and includes Biblical, topical or theological videos followed by discussion.

Seasonal allergies

If you sneeze and have itchy and watery eyes and/or nose during certain times of the year, you may have seasonal allergies. Symptoms can be similar to the common cold, and the best way to tell the difference between the two is how long the symptoms last- a common cold often lasts less than 14 days, while seasonal allergies can bother a person for months. Seasonal allergies usually happen in the spring, late summer, and fall. The most common causes are outdoor pollen, grass, mold, and weeds. Preventing outdoor seasonal allergies can be difficult. You can avoid outdoor activities when pollen or mold counts are high; use air conditioning instead of opening windows or doors; shower and change clothes after being outside; and use a dryer instead of hanging clothes out to dry. In addition to prevention, many people need to take medicines to help treat these symptoms. There are several medicines over-the-counter and by prescription. You can talk with your healthcare provider to decide which options are best for you.



The Annual Egg and Cheese Sunday will be April 2. Information will be hatching soon!

**"Souper" Bowl Score:**

Soup Cans 128, Cash \$145.00


Winner - Friends in Need!

Thank you.

Thank You

Hops and the Heavens meets at 5:30 pm, the first and third Monday at Sconni's. Come and take part in their current book study, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew G.I. Hart over dinner and discussion.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1 4:30 pm New Creation Singers 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service at Grace United Church of Christ	2 8:30 am Men's Group 9:45 am Women's Group 5:00 pm Mission Team	3 Building Closed 7:00 pm Susan Schaefer Student Recital	4
5 Communion Sunday 9:15 am Families at First * Sunday Schedule 11:10 am Adult Education 11:15 am Deacon Worship	6 5:30 pm Hops & the Heavens at Sconni's	7 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Worship Team	8 4:30 New Creation Singers 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 Handbells	9 8:30 am Men's Group 9:45 am Women's Group 5:30 pm Discipleship Team	10 Building Closed	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins * Sunday Schedule All Church Birthday Luncheon after Worship	13 4:00 pm Personnel Committee	14 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Deacons	15 4:30 New Creation Singers 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbells	16 8:30 am Men's Group 9:45 am Women's Group 5:00 pm Penguin Project Informational Mtg./ Fellowship Hall	17 Building Closed 	18
19 * Sunday Schedule	20 3:00 pm April Beam Deadline 5:00 pm Penguin Project Info Mtg. Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens	21 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Food Pantry 4:00 pm Support Team	22 4:30 New Creation Singers 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbells	23 8:30 am Men's Group 9:45 am Women's Group	24 Noon Susan Schaefer AGO Lenten Recital Building Closed	25
26 * Sunday Schedule	27	28 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Session 6:30 pm In-Focus	29 10:00 am BEAM Assembly NO New Creation Singers 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbells	30	31	
* Sunday Schedule 10:00 am Worship and Children's Sunday Church School 11:15 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	

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Support Team

A big THANK YOU to all who have listened to announcements and/or read the Beam or First Notes and have paid your Per Capita for 2017. Per Capita for 2017 is \$35 per Active Member. This does not apply to babies or young children who have not been confirmed. The number of members we have to pay for this year is based on the 298 members we had at year-end in 2015. Next year we will pay for the number of members at year-end in 2016, and so on. Since the membership is currently less than 298 and some are unable to pay, we appreciate those of you who do include extra with your Per Capita payment to help cover others. As of this printing we have \$4,050 of the \$10,430 that needs to be paid in March so the sooner you can get yours in, the better for your church finances. Thank you.

If you did not get a copy of the Annual Report, please contact the office and we will print one for you to pick up.

The Support Team encompasses a large part of this church. If you have questions about what we do, please contact the chairman, Bitsy Hoffman. If you have specific questions about Personnel, see Gene Davis, Chairman; Property concerns go to Art Kimble, Chairman; Stewardship questions should be directed to Will Hsu, Chairman. Other faithful members of this team are David Indermuehle, Duane Patterson, Rob Phelps, Darlene Loy, Beth LeClair, Peter Hessert, Cheryl Davis and Gary Alexander, Treasurer. Pastor Rachel and Kathy DeYarman are staff liasions. If you have questions, concerns or maybe even a compliment, please contact one of these members. We are here to help.

March Birthdays

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| 1_Sharyn Forbes | 18_Robert Rhyner, Benna Stengl |
| 2_Jeff Davis | 19_Peter Heinz |
| 3_Jill Jagler | 20_Thomas Gwidt |
| 4_Judy North, Sarah Miller | 21_Becky Austin |
| 7_Minnie Moon, Marilyn McCann | 22_Brady Phelps |
| 8_Barbara Gwidt, Payton Black | 23_Kay Griffin |
| 9_Joyce Dustrude, Brielle Simons | 25_Steve Martinson |
| 10_Kennedy Bueno, Jeremy Kluever,
Joycelyn and Scarlett Hsu | 26_Dorris Doerres, Louanne Roehr |
| 14_Mary Anderson, Art Kimbel | 29_Connie Peckham |
| 15_Jennifer Vlietstra, Bryce Dively | 30_Robin Hugus |
| 16_Timothy Dively | 31_Cindy Gwidt-Scheibe, Alissa
Burnett |

Support Team

Revenue Y-T-D:

\$85,734

Expenses Y-T-D:

\$50,813

