

**FIRST
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CHURCH**

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OFFICE HOURS

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 Reverend Rachel

It's early Monday morning, and I'm traveling East to Door County for the weeklong Washington Island Forum. This is a continuing education experience that is being led by John Bell who is part of the Iona Community in Scotland and is a well-known worship leader, theologian and composer.

One of the amazing perks of being a pastor is getting two weeks each year to spend on continuing education or study leave. Our denomination promotes lifetime learning for all people, not just pastors. One does not have to look very far to find interesting and informative workshops, seminars, and conferences.

This fall at church we hope to offer a variety of adult educational opportunities in addition to the established groups Hops and the Heavens and the Thursday morning Men's Group. Studying in a group setting has many enriching benefits. Groups provide opportunities to hear diverse opinions from various perspectives as each group member has differing life experiences from which to draw. These can lead to "a ha moments" promoting growth in one's life of faith. Fellowship is a natural outcome of the group experience and relationships can form and develop. Over time the group can provide a safe environment to ask hard questions and express doubt.

At times our journey of faith might feel stagnant or like we're stuck in a rut. My hope is that you will find a group study that will expand both your knowledge and your faith. Furthering our biblical, theological and spiritual education will provide the seeds for growth in the life of discipleship.

This and That...

Your **Session members** play an important role in the life of the church. They make decisions that may affect you and your family and their work is often difficult. They help insure that things are done decently and in order. Sharing a word of encouragement with them is a great way to show you care and support them. And if you have questions, they want you to ask them...they represent you!

Members of the **Class of 2016** are: Gene Davis, Bitsy Hoffmann, Doug Klingberg and Judy North.

The **Class of 2017** members are: Jean Houghton, Will Hsu, Chuck Schlitz and Ginny Sauer.

Our newly elected and installed **Class of 2018** members are:

Korrin Black, Rob Phelps, Judy Strate and Jeff Todd.

Your **Deacons** also have a vital ministry. They are the hands and feet of the church. They provide transportation when needed, meals, home communion, phone calls and visits, cookies at Christmas and so much more. Your **Deacon Class of 2016** members are:

Diane Ehrhardt, Art Kimble, Andy Schell, Gail Smith, Moderator.

Deacon Class of 2017 members are: Mike DeSciscio, King Forbes, Robin Hugus and Sarah Slayton.

Deacon Class of 2018 members are: Amanda Burgess, Kevin Ingvalson, Steve Martinson and Helen Roberts.

Get to know your Session and Deacon members and let them know you appreciate the work they do.

Parlor Furniture Fund

We will have a "**Gently Used**" sale the end of August. Household items, dishes, and small furniture pieces can be brought to church at any time for storage in room B2. No clothing please! Watch for details in the August Beam! Questions, please contact Jann Slayton.

Would you like to be a part of the Prayer Chain Ministry?

You would receive an email or phone call about a prayer need and you would commit to praying for those requesting prayer. We are updating contact information so please send the email address and the phone number where you wish to be contacted to Pastor Joy Nelson Jeffers at joymnj@outlook.com or you can call her at 715-573-9420.

If you have free time and would like to help the elderly, our veterans or developmentally disabled in our community, the Marathon County Transportation Program is looking for volunteer drivers. People in need of transportation will be matched with drivers from their area to be taken to their appointments. In turn, drivers will be reimbursed at 57.5 cents per mile. This program was created in 2002 to take people with special needs to their appointments. Due to increasing demand for rides, they are in need of more drivers to accommodate the requests.

Contact Jenny McKenzie at 715-841-5101 for more information. Your help is greatly appreciated.



From the Mission Team

Thank you for your generous giving for our **Pentecost Offering**. We raised \$876 with \$350 going to Bridge Community Health Clinic Dental Sealant Program for children.

Also an update on our **OGHS** collection which was finalized at \$1082.

We all have gifts to share – time, talent, connections, insights, experience, skills, resources, hospitality. As we ask for your **Help Wanted** with **Mission** ministries, what we hope is 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 or a Help Wanted poster around church. To find your "**Piece of the Mission Puzzle**", contact Chuck Schlitz, Mission Team, cbschlitz@charter.net or 715-573-8565.

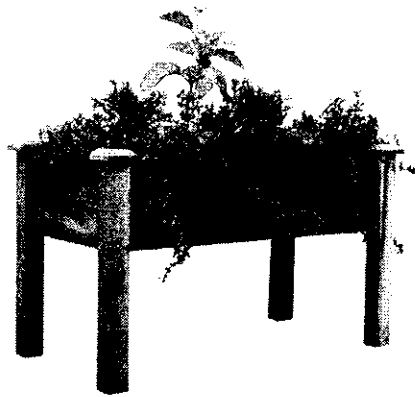
Small Group Activities

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-

Are you interested in helping with the **Growing Faith Community Garden?** We can always use helpers. Chances are we may need to replant with all the rain; lots of weeding too! There is always an **interfaith work party** every Saturday from 10-3, if weather permits. Contact Jeff Todd, jtodd8378@charter.net or Laurie Bushbaum at UUC, at Laurie@uuwausau.org.



MISSION

*...we hope we are able to **help you** find an opportunity to use your gifts...*

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

Just Because... will not meet again until fall.

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

SMALL GROUPS

Activities for the month of July

First Presbyterian Church Activities for July, 2015



			1	2 8:30 am Men's Group 4:30 pm Mission Team	3 Building Closed	4 Happy Birthday America!
5 *Sunday Schedule Worship in the Chapel	6 Closed for the 4th of July— Holiday for Employees 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens	7 Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	8	9 8:30 am Men's Group	10 Building Closed	11
12 *Sunday Schedule Communion	13	14 5:30 pm Evening Food Pantry	15	16 8:30 am Men's Group	17 Building Closed	18
19 * Sunday Schedule	20 BEAM Deadline 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens	21 Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Support Team	22	23 8:30 am Men's Group	24 Building Closed	25
26 *Sunday Schedule	27 Synod School	28 Synod School	29 Synod School 8:30 am BEAM Assembly	30 Synod School 8:30 am Men's Group	31 Synod School Building Closed	

***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've noticed the 30+ lights that are burned out in the sanctuary, you are not alone! The good news is that all the bulbs in the sanctuary will be replaced with energy efficient LED bulbs. Not only will the lighting be better, but we will save considerably on our electric bill! A win, win for all of us.

In April and May, Pastor Wann and Kathy DeYarman attended seminars sponsored by the Winnebago Presbytery from the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving. At our June 16 meeting, Pastor Wann presented some of the information gleaned from these seminars. We discussed the changing landscape of giving, how we learn about giving, why we give, the giving cycle, how to create an atmosphere of generosity, addressing the taboo of talking about money and more. It was an informative meeting which will help shape our upcoming stewardship program.

The Personnel Committee is researching the replacement of our church office software. They feel our current software, Automated Church Software (ACS) is too difficult to use. They recognize that it was created for larger churches, which we were when it was purchased 10+ years ago. They wish to have more people trained to use the software in the office. Demonstrations on other software will be set-up in the near future to determine what is best for office use.

July Birthdays

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| 02—Marilyn Molinaro, Gene Davis | 18—Stephanie Duberstein, Lois Brown |
| 03—Bill Moon, Sarah Crabtree, Aaron Wright | 20—David Indermuehle |
| 05—Kathy DeYarman | 21—Joni Todd |
| 07—Barb Jones, Helen Roberts | 23—Peggy Olbrantz |
| 08—Alice Sillars, Mary Albright, Becky Evans, Brandon Dively | 24—Eidabelle Sann, Jim Builer, Brian Dunnum, Jilisa Austin, Rebecca Mohr, Ted Sperduto |
| 09—Angela Burger | 26—Patricia Corbin-Herman, |
| 10—Elliot Faust | 27—Ali Phelps |
| 11—Jean Houghton, Austin Seubert | 28—Olivia Zastrow |
| 12—Will Reimer | 30—Diane Grinsel |
| 13—Thalia Klemp-North | 31—Linda Fussell, Ann Wicklund, Rob Phelps, Jake Arambel, Wyatt Barkley |
| 15—Charles Schlitz, Sr., Davis Lombard | |
| 16—Mary Staples, Duane Patterson | |
| 17—Kevin Lovell, Frank Stankowski | |

SUPPORT TEAM

Month-to-Date

Income: \$33,494

Expenses: \$21,926.14

Year-To-Date

Income: \$199,843

Expenses: 195,961

Per Capita to

date: \$5,218.80

(\$31.50 per 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).

WORSHIP

*We have all prayed for
young families to be part
of our church...*

*How can we best help
them to worship and work
with us?*

*Please let the office know
it you have news
about your immediate
family to share.*

From the Worship Team

On Sunday, July 5, we will officially begin Summer Worship in the Chapel, that lovely and intimate space that is also air-conditioned. We will experience the same great sermons, same friendly congregation, but now we sing a little heartier, and use piano instead of organ. And there are kids.

Sunday (June 14), I counted TEN children, a visiting toddler, and three infants. That's right, INFANTS! There was no nursery care available. Some of the children found our activity bags or used the children's table in the front. Some sat quietly with their parents. For several years we have suspended nursery service because the number and age range of children could vary on any given summer Sunday. Another reason was the lack of adult volunteers. However, dear friends, our congregation is changing. We have kids on Sunday mornings.

Not meaning to step on Discipleship Team's oversight of nursery care, I bring

News of Our Members

We are saddened at the death of **John Lake** who died June 1. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Our sympathies and prayers are with **Lisa Riehle** and her family as her mother-in-law, Belle Riehle, died on June 6th.

Please keep **Melissa Coscio**, daughter of Christine Coscio, in your prayers as she grieves the death of her father, Tim Pagel, who died on June 11.

this up in the Worship article because nursery care affects Worship as well.

In May, I watched a young visitor enter the church and ask if we offered nursery care. When we said no, she turned and walked out. Young parents need nursery care! Another instance: during the program year, we have choir members with children who need care during choir rehearsal times. Young parents need nursery care. Lisa Riehle and other Christian educators have stressed the need to follow the Safe Sanctuary practices for child care and education. Those guidelines should not hinder us from either recruiting capable volunteers from our own congregation, or paying for a qualified child care provider to watch our children so that their parents can do the tasks of the church.

Think about it. We have all prayed for young families to be part of our church. Now they are coming. How can we best help them to worship and work with us?

Last month we thanked the members of our 2014-2015 **Nominating Committee** and listed them by name. We inadvertently omitted **Marian Seagren Hall** who was chairperson of this committee. We do wish to thank her for her leadership and work on this committee and apologize for omitting her name last month.

Discipleship Team—Christian Education

Youth Opportunity! Now that it is summer and schedules are free, youth are invited to help the mission team! Come help with setting up the food pantry and help with distributing food.

AFTERNOON FOOD PANTRY

The afternoon food pantry is held on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Set up starts around 11 a.m. with the food pantry opening at 1pm.

EVENING FOOD PANTRY

The evening food pantry is the second Tuesday of the month. Set up for the evening food pantry begins around 4pm and with the food pantry opening at 5:30 pm.

GARDENS There will be opportunities to tend and weed the food pantry gardens as well. Please contact Chuck Schlitz to volunteer or if you have questions. You can contact Chuck at cbschlitz@charter.net

First Presbyterian children and youth are invited to join First United Methodist Wausau this August for a week of VBS!

Who: Children age 3 to age 12

Date: Monday, August 3 to Friday, August 7

Time: 5:15 pm 8:15 pm

Location: First United Methodist Church Wausau

Leaders: NC College Students. (They will be planning and leading this week long program.) Youth are encouraged to participate and volunteer.

More details concerning enrollment and volunteer opportunities coming soon. Please contact Lisa Riehle with questions at lriehle.christian.education@gmail.com

DISCIPLESHIP

...youth are invited to help the mission team and volunteer for VBS

From the Deacons

First of all a big **THANK YOU** to all who put on the service and picnic in the park on June 7! It was a pleasurable Sunday and we thank all who ventured to Riverside, even with the iffy weather.

The Deacons invite you to join us Sunday, **June 28th** at our next afternoon **Communion Service**. Many church members who find it difficult to attend church in the AM can come in the afternoon, at 2:00. We will again follow the service with a refreshment time, good conversation and a bit of music from Mike DeSciscio. Please come to participate.

In case you haven't heard, the Deacons have instigated the program of **Extending the Table**. On our communion Sundays, we take the elements from the corporate table in the sanctuary and bring them to individuals in their homes. This is pleasing to some who simply cannot make it to church to participate with the rest of their church family. If you would like this service, please tell one of our pastors or a deacon or elder. And if this is something you would be interested in helping with, give Joy or Gail Smith a call.

If you have a need for help with a spring home project, please notify a Deacon or staff member and **Home Helpers** will give it a try.

BOARD OF DEACONS

...join us Sunday, June 28th at our next afternoon Communion Service.