

**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Presbyterian Church
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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 Reverend Rachel

With the arrival of summer many of our church family will begin to head in different directions. Summer vacations and camps, visits to family and friends, reunions, weekends at the cabin –numerous activities occur during the summer months, causing church attendance to dip. Yet while you may not be able to attend corporate worship, you can still provide fuel for spiritual growth.

When summer calls you to venture outside, use the opportunity to consider God as Creator. The natural world is full of signs of God's amazing creative power. A calm lake at sunset, the song of birds as the sky awakens in the morning, the whisper of the wind through the forest, the blooming of flowers in a window box. These all point beyond themselves to an eternal, life-giving God. Look for these moments to rest in God's immensity.

You might also consider reading a book or two. Our church library is full of books, new and old, that will help you to grow in knowledge and deepen your faith. Make a date to come browse the shelves in the library, and grab one for your kids or grandkids. Whether sitting on the back porch or relaxing in your boat, take some time out to read. You could even read the Bible!

Step outside your comfort zone. Use the summer months to try something new. Volunteer a few hours at our food pantry and meet some of our neighbors in need. You'll find that they are people, just like you! Don't know how to garden, but you'd like to learn? Help out with our on-site raised beds or give a few hours to the new Community Garden. All you need is a pair of gloves and a willingness to learn. Bring the kids, too!

Summer is here. Activities may pull you away from regular worship, but you don't have to neglect your spiritual life. Wherever you are, whatever you're doing, look for ways to grow in your faith. Need more ideas, give me a call!

*Congratulations to our
graduates!*

*Thank you for your
leadership, retiring
Elders and Deacons
and Volunteers!*

*Congratulations on the
Ten Year Anniversary of
Your Ordination
Pastor Rachel!*

This and That...

Melissa Quintanilla graduated May 10, 2015, from the College of St Benedict in St. Joseph, MN. In June she will begin a one-year research internship at Yale University in New Haven, CN. Melissa is the daughter of Cheryl Martinson and the granddaughter of Steve and Karen Martinson.

Spencer Evans, son of Rebecca Evans, graduated with a double major from Purdue University. He has his BS in International Agronomy and a BS in Environmental and Ecological Engineering. Spencer plans to pursue his Masters at the University of WI.

If we have missed anyone, please contact the office or one of the staff. We would like to congratulate all of our graduates during this momentous time in their lives.

Thank you Volunteers!

Our volunteers make things happen! There are many behind the scenes people giving of their time, energy and finances to get things done here at FPC. We cannot begin to name them all but you know who you are and we say THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for everyone of you. May God bless you for all you do.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

2 Corinthians 9:12

Sunday, June 6, Outdoor Worship and Fellowship(10:00 am to 2:00 pm)

Please help us kick-off summer with outdoor worship, a picnic style lunch and fellowship at Riverside Park (100 Sherman Street, Wausau). After worship, there will be a picnic hosted by the Deacons. We will be having a cookout with hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, potato salad, etc., followed by games and great fellowship. Come as you are! The Deacons will be providing food, beverages and place-settings. In the event of inclement weather, the shelter at Riverside Park can accommodate worship, picnic and fellowship.

10 Year Ordination Anniversary

On June 26th our pastor, Rev. Rachel Wann will have been ordained 10 years. It is customary in the Presbyterian Church to recognize this in some manner. Please plan to join us in the Parlor after worship on Sunday, June 28, 2015 as we will honor Pastor Rachel and celebrate the tenth Anniversary of her Ordination. There will be a basket for your greetings and good wishes.

Thank You!

A Sincere Thank you to those elders and deacons who have just completed their three year term. They are: Alissa Burnett, John Johnkoski, Beth LeClair (Clerk), Rudy Poznecki and Marian Seagren Hall, Elders; Tim Burnett, Christine Coscio, Ruth Griswold and Marilyn McCann, Deacons. Thank you all for your faithful service in leadership here at First Presbyterian.

From the Mission Team

Green Saturday. It was a beautiful day for planting and selling plants. A big "Thank you" to Hus's Growing Supply for providing leaf compost and potting soil again this year to sell. Thank you to all who donated plants. We had a marvelous variety. Thank you to all who helped out getting ready for the sale and the day of the sale. We raised \$643.25 to be used for our food ministries.

The three C's; **Continuing, Constant, and Compassionate:** describe your sharing of your Time, Talents, and Treasures as you provide for **His mission work** carried out through your church. **Thank You!**

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-

June may bring with it the **promise** of a little more free time to enjoy things we may not have had time for during the past year. You may want to try out some Mission activities as a way to **share your gift of time.** Watch for "**Help Wanted**" posters for details.

Mission Opportunities are always available. To find your "**Piece of the Mission Puzzle**", contact Chuck Schlitz, Mission Team.

Our sincere **thanks to Jerry and Marilyn Miller Halvorson** for the past five years of faithful service to our food pantry. They have donated countless hours doing inventory and ordering food, picking it up, packing the bags for each pantry and helping on the pantry days. They have "retired" to do some traveling and spend time with family. We say thank you to them and wish them well.

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.

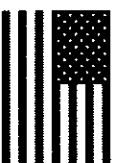
MISSION

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SMALL GROUPS

Activities for the month of June

First Presbyterian Church Activities for June, 2015

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens	Noon "Soup's On" 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting No Worship Team	6:00 pm Musician's Picnic at the home of Ted & Mary Sperduto	8:30 am Men's Group 4:30 pm Mission Team 6:00 pm Deacons	Building Closed	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00 am Worship at the Riverside Park Picnic Lunch to follow		All Day—Staff Retreat 5:30 pm Evening Food Pantry	No Wednesday Activities	8:30 pm Men's Group	Building Closed	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
* Sunday Schedule with Communion	BEAM Deadline 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens	Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 3:00 pm Support Team	No Wednesday Activities	8:30 am Men's Group	Building Closed	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day * Sunday Schedule		1:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm In-Focus 7:00 pm Session	8:30 am BEAM Assembly No Wednesday Activities	8:30 am Men's Group	Building Closed	
28	29	30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4
* Sunday Schedule 10th Ordination Anniversary reception for Rev. Rachel Wann 2:00 Afternoon Communion Service			July 1	July 2 8:30 am Men's Group	July 3 Building Closed	July 4 Happy Independence Day! 

*** 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

You may have noticed, as have many of the Support Team members, that there are a number of light bulbs burned out in the Sanctuary. Property along with Support, is investigating the possibility of replacing the current regular light bulbs with all LED bulbs. This would result in substantial savings over time.

You should also have seen that our parking lot has been resurfaced and new lines painted. This was done by the YMCA as part of their lease agreement with us to use the parking lot. Next time you are at the YMCA, please let Brian K. COO, know you are pleased with and grateful for their work.

Thank you to the couple who donated the beautiful gas fireplace insert in the parlor fireplace. The warm glow and heat from the insert almost makes the thought of another winter bearable!

The Parlor Furniture ad hoc Committee has had the four formerly burgundy chairs around the northeast corner wooden table, re-upholstered. Be sure and check them out.

Pastor Rachel Wann and Kathy DeYarman have completed the CCCG training through the Lake Institute and Winnebago Presbytery. We thank the Session for allowing us to attend this worthwhile conference and we look forward to sharing what we have learned in the months and years ahead.

June Birthdays

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| 1 Kenneth Edwards, Andy Bethel | 15 Arlene Backer |
| 2 Ruth Porter | 18 Jennifer Olbrantz |
| 3 Donna Kuehl, Judith Strate,
Dresden Gierman | 19 Joan Stueber, Sharon Bailey, Kristin
Janis |
| 7 Katie Berg, Beth LeClair, Curt
Schmidt | 22 John Lake, Josh Barkley |
| 8 Grant Culver | 23 Joe Metz |
| 10 Julie Seubert | 24 Dottie Krienke, Joan Koenig |
| 11 Adeline Simons | 26 Jacob & Joshua Schellpfeffer |
| 13 Colleen Jowett, Kelly Fox, Isley
Buono | 27 Dorothy Sindelar, Jonathan Hsu,
Christopher Black |
| 14 Jan Felker | 29 Carol Larson |
| | 30 Charles Brushert |

SUPPORT TEAM

Month-to-Date

Income: \$19,212.75

Expenses: \$22,313.12

Year-To-Date

Income: \$157,023.75

Expenses: \$166,924.17

Per Capita to

date: \$5,218.80

(\$31.50 per member)

OGHS Offering \$1,082.17

*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

*Thank you musicians for
all you contribute to
worship!*

*We plan to move into the
Chapel on July 5!*

*Please contact the
church office with news
about your family.*

From the Worship Team

As we move into summer, our worship experience changes. However, Sunday is still an important day to gather and renew ourselves as Christians. We still enjoy the beauty of the Sanctuary, even if we now need fans to keep comfortable. We still enjoy the community of our friends in the congregation, although some of them might be away on vacation. During worship on May 31st we will install and ordain our new elders and deacons. We will also recognize the music volunteers in all our choirs. **Worship Team will host a picnic** to thank the musicians on Wednesday June 3 at the Sperdutos' home at 6:00 pm. For planning purposes, musicians are asked to RSVP to either Susan or the Sperdutos.

News of Our Members

Congratulations to Grandparents Chuck and Jody Schlitz and Great-grandparents Charlie and Gini Schlitz on the birth of Gwendolyn Elizabeth Schlitz, daughter of Jeremy and Liz Schlitz, who was born May 3, 2015.

Thank you to the 2014 – 2015 **Nominating Committee**, which included Judy North, Tim Burnett, Mary Anderson, Donna Staples, Cheryl Davis, and Peter Heinz.

The Elders for the Class of 2018 are Korrin Black, Rob Phelps, Judy Strate and Jeff Todd. **Deacons** are Amanda

On the following **Sunday, June 7**, we will take our 10:00 worship to Riverside Park, to commune with nature and enjoy the Deacons' picnic fare! Casual worship is always a nice change of pace.

Two opportunities for

communion in June: On Sunday, June 14th during 10:00 worship and on Sunday June 28 at the Deacons' 2:00 pm afternoon worship service. We plan to move into the Chapel on Sunday July 5.

Throughout the summer, staff members will be preparing a **Calling All Kids** message. We hope families will take advantage of this and send the children forward, even though they might be enjoying the coloring tables a little too much!

Burgess, Kevin Ingvalson, Steve Martinson and Helen Roberts.

Greta Patricia Spangler was born on May 12, 2015 to **Craig and Katie (Tietz) Spangler** of Wausau. She joins the family as a little sister to Grace Ellen Spangler, age 4. Grandparents are Ellen Tietz of Wausau, and David and Patricia Spangler of Rothschild.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Nancy McLay** as Nancy's sister, Elaine Tabor died April 13, 2015

Discipleship Team—Christian Education

Summer Worship: Even though Sunday school will not meet over summer, please know that your children are welcome in worship. There is a children's activity table and Bible activity bags to keep your little one's busy.

Nursery: Nursery care will be offered on Sunday May 31st. June 7th will be our all church picnic at Riverside Park. There will be no nursery attendants during the summer months. The nursery and the library will be available for young children. Children will need to be supervised at all times by their parent or care taker. Nursery care will resume in September.

Summer Activities: Please be on the look-out for summer activities for your children and youth. There are no formal plans for Vacation Bible School or for Youth Group. In year's

past we have had joint VBS experiences with area churches and a few of our families were involved. As opportunities arise we will announce these to our Sunday school families. The youth of our church should also be aware of possible opportunities to get together over the summer.

Sunday School: A request for volunteer Sunday school teachers will also be announced and it is hoped you will say "yes" to helping out with our Sunday school program. Our Sunday school program is successful because of our volunteer teachers.

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

in your home, please contact Pastor Joy (715-573-9420) or Ruth Griswold (715-845-5006) to be included.

If you are home-bound and love to read, our public library has a program for you. They will either deliver or send you books with mailers for returning them. Contact Pastor Joy or a Deacon for the needed form.

The **Deacon Loan Closet** has a Hoyer Lift and a scooter. Should either of these be of help to you, contact Art Kimbel or the church office.

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.

DISCIPLESHIP

*...children are
welcome in worship.*

From the Deacons

Mark your calendar for the **communion service and fellowship time** we will be having Sunday afternoon, **June 28, at 2:00 p.m.** Come worship and fellowship with some of our members we don't get to see all that often. Contact Pastor Joy if you need a ride (715-573-9420.) We know you will be glad you came!

Deacons and elders are **Extending the Table** on communion Sundays to those who wish to receive The Lord's Supper in their homes on communion Sundays immediately following worship. If you are one who would like to receive Communion more regularly in

*BOARD OF
DEACONS*

*Join us for our
afternoon communion
service on June 28.*

Reflections for our Volunteers...

There are two ways of spreading light...to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. Edith Wharton

It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference. Tom Brokaw

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. Elizabeth Andrew

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. Author Unknown

Volunteers are love in motion! Author Unknown

Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls. David Thomas

The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers. Terri Guillemets

Thank you Volunteers!