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MONDAY—THURSDAY  
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

**WORSHIP AND  
CHURCH SCHOOL**

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.

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# The Beam

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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 Reverend Rachel*

Spring is finally here...right?

As I type this, I can look out my office window and see hints of green as the new leaves begin to grow. In my neighborhood the flowering trees are starting to bloom. And the bunnies that live under my backyard shed have been frolicking in the yard, excited to eat something besides the dry, withered stalks they've been munching on all winter.

I want to believe that winter is behind us. But I've been warned about the possibility of snow and cold in May...sometimes June

The emergence of new life that we witness all around us is the perfect metaphor for Easter and Resurrection. As Christians we are identified as a Resurrection People. Our baptism symbolizes the death or washing away of the old self and rising out of the water into new life in Christ.

In Christ we are a new creation...right?

Sometimes growth into our new lives of following Christ is hampered by the cold darkness of the winter of our former selves. The light of Christ beckons us to enter into the warmth of love, generosity, kindness, but it requires work on our part. Work to shed the dead tendrils of selfishness, greed, envy.

Our daily challenge is to continue to grow in our faith, despite the lure of slipping back into our former selves. May we each strive to boldly affirm and live out our new life in Christ.

## *This and That...*

### New Officers Elected

On Sunday, April 26, following worship we had a short Congregational Meeting to elect officers for the 2016-2018 Session. Elders are **Korrin Black, Judy Strate, Rob Phelps and Jeff Todd**. Deacons are **Helen Roberts, Amanda Burgess, Steve Martinson, and Kevin Ingvalson**. The Nominating Committee at-large members for 2015 - 16 are **Andy Bethel, Mary Augenbaugh, Donna Staples, and Jen Faust**. We thank these men and women for their willingness to commit to serving their church for the next three years.

### **Gently Used Items Sale Coming Again late Summer!**

As you do your spring cleaning, please set aside items that you will donate to the church "Gently Used" sale. Items are being stored in (locked) room B2 at church. Please, no clothing or items too large for one person to move! Kitchen, decorative items, small pieces of furniture, bedding . . . more information and the date coming soon! Questions? Call/email Jann Slayton - 675-9955, [jslayton@charter.net](mailto:jslayton@charter.net)

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## *From the Mission Team*

The **Pentecost offering which will be received May 24th**, is unique in that individual congregations direct 40% of the offering for ministries which benefit children at risk in their community. The remaining 60% supports mission through Child Advocacy (10%), Youth Ministry (25%), and Young Adult Volunteer opportunities (25%). This year our local recipient is the **Bridge Community Health Clinic's Children's Dental Program**.

Sunday April 19 we hosted 17 of the faith groups who provide meals for the **Sunday Community Suppers**. We recognized their commitment to this vital ministry as well as Bill Hall's 10+ years of dedication and leadership.

**Thank you** to Jann & Jim Slayton, Alissa & Tim Burnett (2), Mary & Ted Sperduto, Tammy & John Johnkoski, Jean & George Houghton, Darlene Loy & Shannon Livingston & Ruth Griswold,

## *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](mailto:lindyphelps@gmail.com) or 715-370-

Bell Choir, Jenny & Will Hsu, Julie Sorenson & Katherine Wright, and Jody & Chuck Schlitz (2) for providing meals for the Wausau Community Warming Shelter. **Thank you also** to all of you who donated your time, clothing and other supplies, and financial resources in support of this ministry.

First Pres will be participating in the city wide **Green Saturday** again this year. The date is May 16th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. We are in **need** of perennials, annuals, vegetables plants, small garden tools and garden supplies to sell. Plants should be potted or in flats and brought to church on Friday, May 15th from noon - 3:00 pm.

**Hsu's Growing Supply** has generously provided leaf compost and potting soil again this year for Mission Team to sell to raise funds for our feeding ministries.

**You may pre-order** in the parlor starting May 3rd and Sunday, May 10th. Orders can be picked up Friday, May 15th between noon and 3:00 pm or on Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

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

Join us for coffee and conversation at Vino Latte in Wausau at 2:00 pm on May 21 **Just Because....!**

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

## *MISSION*

*Sunday, May 17, is a day of solidarity and prayer with brothers and sisters in Colombia. We want to lift up those who are working for peace today and for the peace accords of tomorrow.*

## *SMALL GROUPS*

*Activities for the month of May*

## May, 2015 - First Presbyterian Church

					1 Building Closed	2
3 *Sunday Schedule 4:00 pm Presbytery in WI Dells	4 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens	5 Noon "Soup's On" 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Worship Team	6 ** Wednesday Schedule	7 8:30 am Men's Group 4:30 pm Mission Team 6:00 pm Deacons	8 Office Closed 10:00 am Visitation for Vicky Rhyner 11:00 am Memorial Service for Vicky Rhyner	9 10:00 am FPC Women's Gathering in the Library
10 Mother's Day * Sunday Schedule Children Sing Communion	11	12 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Evening Food Pantry	13 4:30 pm Children's Treasurer Hunt 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	14 8:30 pm Men's Group 2:00 pm Just Because...at Vino Latte	15 Building Closed Mission Team set up for Plant Sale	16 9:00 am Mission Team Plant Sale
17 * Sunday Schedule Final Sunday School of the spring-Children's Celebration	18 BEAM Deadline 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens	19 Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 4:00 pm Support Team	20 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	21 8:30 am Men's Group 2:00 pm Just Because... 5:00 pm Discipleship Team	22 All Day Final CCCG Seminar	23
24 Pentecost * Sunday Schedule	25 Memorial Day Building Closed	26 1:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm In-Focus 7:00 pm Session	27 8:30 am Beam Assembly 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	28 8:30 am Men's Group		

### \*Sunday Schedule

11:15 am New Creation Singers  
10: 00 am Worship  
10:20 am Sunday School

4:00 pm Community Supper  
4:00 pm Footstep Fellowship

### \*\*Wednesday Evening Schedule

4:30 pm SonLights Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Office Hours:

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

## Support Team

The Support Team working with Pastor Rachel and the other teams, has compiled a list of programs and events for which the congregation is asked for money throughout the year. The hope is to create a **Calendar of Giving**, which will be available for everyone to help with planning which offerings and fund raisers you may wish to support throughout the year.

**Pilgrim and Moon Beach Camps** are beginning a Capital Funds Drive. Also the Support Team received a request from **Good News** requesting volunteers to help at their Caribbean Market on Saturday, June 20. Please contact Christine Daniels at Good News for more information.

## May Birthdays

- 2-Phyllis Henry
- 3-Ellie Lanigan, David Aughenbaugh  
Annette Jelen, Dannielle Freitag,  
Emma Lombard
- 4-Bill Zastrow, Katie Spanagler
- 6-Rachel Klemp-North
- 7-Hali Schmidt, Jackson Culver
- 9-Renata Sittler, Melissa McCarthy
- 13-Tammy Johnkoski, Holly Bueno
- 14-John Johnkoski, Mildred Carver
- 15-Patricia Olsen, Sherry Schmidt  
Dylan Tackes Wright
- 16-Bob Felker, Jean Edwards,  
Mary Sperduto
- 18-Suzanne Hinterberg,
- 19-Terry Schultz, Eric Simonson
- 21-Robb Stengl

Pastor Rachel Wann and Kathy DeYarman attended the **Creating Congregational Cultures of Giving** (CCCCG) in DePere on April 24. This was the first of three sessions sponsored by the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving. This is an excellent program which is currently being sponsored by the Winnebago Presbytery for church leaders. *"What people of faith do with their money is indicative of what they believe about God."* Martin Luther. We hope to share what is learned with other Support Team and Session leaders and ultimately with you, the congregation; As we go forward, to work together to grow and keep up with the ever-changing culture of generosity and giving.

- 22-Mason Vlietstra
- 23-George Houghton, Marilyn Paulson, Karissa Riley
- 25-Brenda Davis, Sandy DeSciscio,  
Danielle Giermann
- 26-Jeff Todd
- 27 Joshua Riley
- 28-Jeanne Smith, Virginia Heinemann, Jane Kluever
- 29-Brian Buege
- 30-Lorrie Hansen
- 31-Renee Bailey

## SUPPORT TEAM

### Month-to-Date

Income: \$19,801

Expenses: \$22,517

### Year-To-Date

Income: \$128,614

Expenses: \$135,155

### Per Capita to date:

5092

(\$31.50 per active 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)

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2Renata Sittler  
(715-675-6211).  
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## WORSHIP

*Check out the May calendar dates and plan to participate when you can.*

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

*We would like to know if your son or daughter are graduating this spring!*

### *From the Worship Team*

Worship Team met April 7 to review the positive feedback from our Holy Week services. We had a wide variety of worship settings in one week. If you missed any of these services, you missed a wonderful experience!

Thanks to all the many people who made an excellent season of worship possible:

- Soup-makers and drama-readers for the Maundy Thursday service in Fellowship Hall
- Scripture readers during the darkening Good Friday service
- Those who worked so hard to decorate our Sanctuary, cook Easter breakfast, hide Easter Eggs, and provide extra music for Easter Sunday
- Our wonderful pastors for their leadership

### *News of Our Members*

Our sympathy and prayers are with **Nancy and Bill McLay** as Nancy's sister died unexpectedly earlier this month.

Congratulations to **Carmen and John Lombard** on the birth of their daughter. Anna Jean was born on April 3, 2015. Jeff and Dee Davis are the proud grandparents.

Congratulations to grandparents, **Pastor Joy Nelson-Jeffers and husband Chris** on the birth of their grandson, Kallen Lawrence Nelson, who was born April 11, 2015.

**Organ report:** Finally, the Swell shutters have been fixed! A new swell motor and breaker box has been installed to restore volume function. Our "new" organ is now 20 years old and occasionally needs repair.

### **Dates for May:**

- Sunday May 10 (Mothers' Day) Communion. Music by the New Creation Singers
- Wednesday, May 13: 4:30 pm: New Creation Singers End-of-year Pizza & Treasure Hunt
- Sunday May 17—Ascension Day with music from the Handbell Choir
- Sunday, May 24-- Pentecost (wear red and be prepared for the Holy Spirit)
- Sunday, May 31-- Trinity Sunday. Celebrating God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Musicians' Picnic: Wednesday, June 3, 6:00 pm at the home of Mary & Ted Spurduto

If you have **anyone in your immediate family graduating** from High School or college this spring, we would like to know so their accomplishment can be acknowledged. Please contact the church office with your information as soon as possible.

## ***Discipleship Team—Christian Education***

**Scholarship Reminder:** Scholarship applications are available from The First Presbyterian Church Office. They are for members of FPC receiving a post high school education. A cover letter provides the criteria for the applications. Applications must be turned into the office by May 15th. If you have questions, contact Mary Spurduto at [mspersuto@gmail.com](mailto:mspersuto@gmail.com).

### **Youth Church**

**Camp Scholarships** are available from our church for youth involved in Sunday School, youth choir and other youth activities. Youth may apply for one \$150 scholarship toward a Presbyterian church camp event. To obtain a scholarship, please submit youth's name, parent or guardian name, camp attending and tell us why you would like to attend camp. Information about the camps can be found at [www.ucci.org](http://www.ucci.org). Please submit the information to the church office, attn: Mary Spurduto by June 1st.

If you would like further information, contact Mary Spurduto at [mspersuto@gmail.com](mailto:mspersuto@gmail.com) or Judy North at [dvjdnrth@mac.com](mailto:dvjdnrth@mac.com)

**The Discipleship Team would like to thank all of you** for your help in making our new picture directory complete. Special thanks goes to Helen Roberts for setting up photo session scheduling, to Jeff Todd for online data entry, Mary Spurduto for publicity, Marilyn Paulson and Rachel Wann for arranging activity pages. The staff has worked diligently behind the scenes to provide that extra help we have needed. We also thank those of you who submitted photos for the directory, made phone calls and were supportive of the team working on the directory. The new directories are expected to be delivered to the church by early fall. You should receive your complimentary 8 X 10 photos by mid summer.

## ***DISCIPLESHIP***

*Post high school education scholarships and youth camp scholarships are available...*

*Get your applications in soon!*

## ***From the Deacons***

Announcing the **All Church End of Year Picnic to be held at Riverside Park**, on Sunday, June 7. 10:00 Worship with Communion will precede the picnic. Fun, food and fellowship will follow worship. Please plan to join us. The Deacons will provide the meal.

**Please continue to be generous** with your donations to the Deacon Fund and use the little green envelopes, if you will. We and those we assist are very appreciative.

**Are you willing to provide transportation** to a church member occasionally? Please let Andy Schell know.

**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. Should it be a help for 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.

## ***BOARD OF DEACONS***

*Are you willing to help with transportation needs occasionally?*

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Convocation speaker **Theresa Cho** is co-pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. Evening worship will be led by Holy Enchilada, a group of creative and engaging worship leaders from across the church. They will also lead youth convocation. They will all be exploring this year's theme, "A Future with Hope."

July 26–31, 2015

Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa

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or phone 1-800-328-1880, ext. 207.

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