

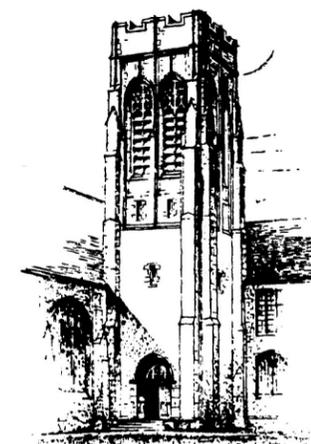


Parents! Kids!
Check this out!

Sunday, September 10, join us for our Sunday School Open House, right after Worship. Lots of information for you. It's going to be a fun year!

Sunday, September 17 brings our first children's Sunday School classes for this school year. Plan to be there! Great curriculum and lots of fun ideas! You don't want to miss!

Wednesday, September 20, our children's music programs begin. See page 6 for more details!



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WORSHIP

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

If you've ever spent any amount of time talking with me, you know that I have a fascination with genealogy and studying the history of my family origins. Knowing my roots and learning about the people who came before me impacts how I understand my current identity.

As part of the Presbyterian denomination, we have our own historical origins. We are rooted in the Protestant Reformation that took place during the sixteenth century in Europe. Much of what we believe and how we are governed stems from those early roots.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany as discussion topics for needed reforms in the church. While not his specific intention to start a movement, this event is often identified as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

This fall be on the lookout for a number of educational activities to learn more about the Reformation - including movie nights, book studies, and Sunday school lessons. Then on Reformation Sunday, October 29, we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of this historic event during worship.

One of the identified reforms of that time was the need to put the word of God into the common language of the people to encourage personal study and growth. To that end followers of Christ need to actively work on their own spiritual development. We are offering a variety of studies this fall for all age groups and encourage you to participate.

- Children's Sunday School begins September 17th with new curriculum
- Hops and the Heavens starts September 18th, meeting 1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 pm at Sconni's.
- Check out our new adult study "Planning Ahead" (see page 2 for info)
- Men and Women's study groups meet on Thursday mornings
- A variety of Reformation events throughout the fall



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This and That...

FPC PLANNING AHEAD ADULT EDUCATION SERIES We are very excited to bring to you our **Planning Ahead Adult Education Series** to be held in the chapel following worship over the next nine months. On **September 24, we welcome Chris Litrenta, Hospice Social Worker from Interim HealthCare Hospice** to help us with **Planning Ahead for Difficult Conversations** with our loved ones about writing Advanced Directives, appointing a Power of Attorney for Healthcare, signing Do Not Resuscitate orders, and end of life care, in general. Pick up one of the brochures with the schedule of the whole series or see the whole series below.

**September 24, 2017: Planning Ahead for Difficult Conversations**

Presented by **Chris Litrenta**, SW, Interim HealthCare and Hospice

October 29, 2017: Planning Ahead for Retirement

Presented by **Jennifer Tryba**, Financial Associate, Thrivent Financial

November 19, 2017: Planning Ahead for Your Estate

Presented by **Alan L. Hougum**, Attorney at Law, Hougum Law Firm, LLC

January 21, 2018: Planning Ahead for Long Term Care

Presented by **Zoey Vecellio**, Director of Operations, Hougum Law Firm, LLC

February 18, 2018: Planning Ahead for Staying Independent

Presented by **Mike Rhea**, Director of Resource Services, Aging and Disability Resource Center

March 11, 2018: Planning Ahead for Rightsizing

Presented by **Annette Krautkramer**, Owner & President, Caring Transitions

April 15, 2018: Planning Ahead for Dying Well (More information coming)**April 29, 2018: Planning Ahead for your Funeral** (More information coming)**May 20, 2018: Planning Ahead for Medicare** (More information coming)**News of Our Members**

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

Congratulations to **Ben Powell** who, at the wonderful age of 80 years young, completed a tri-a-thalon in August. That's 15 miles of biking, 15 miles of swimming and 15 miles of running, all in one day.

Congratulations to **Steve and Karen Martinson** who celebrated the marriage of their granddaughter, Melissa Quantinilla August 5, 2017.

Congratulations to **Tim and Alissa Burnett** and family on the July 30 birth of their son, **Alistar James Burnett**.

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with the family of **Frank, "Les" Brenton** who died Wednesday, August 9, 2017.

Please remember **Harold and Rita Norton** as their daughter Carla Drews died on August 7, 2017, and Berneice Jones, mother of **Jeff Jones Sr.**, who died on August 16, 2017.

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with **Charles and Diane Ehrhardt** whose son Nicholas was killed in a motorcycle accident on his 51st birthday, August 24, 2017.

We also grieve with **Dave and Marilyn Indermuehle** whose daughter Lisa Bohovsky died on August 27, 2017. Please keep all those who are grieving in your prayers.

Discipleship Team—Christian Education

August is coming to a close and September is right around the corner. I purchased school supplies for my little ones yesterday, it's hard to believe my babies are both going to be in school (4K and Kindergarten!)

I am so excited for a new school year with Sunday School! I have decided to go back to the Spark curriculum which had been used a few years ago. We will still have our classes divided into two levels: 4 year old – 2nd grade and 3rd – 5th grade. Parents can expect more continuity and weekly take-home materials.



If you are feeling like you should be contributing more to the lives of our youngest members, please consider volunteering as a Sunday School teacher. I have the teachers rotating and teaching only every three weeks or so. (It is not an every Sunday commitment.) If we want to grow our children to become young adults who attend church and value their faith formation, we must have people willing to volunteer to help. Please contact me if you feel like this is something you can do for our children and our church. Here's to a great school year!

Andrea Ingvalson sscoordinator@firstpreswausau.org



Thanks for donating for the sale! Items that did not sell at our "gently used" sale were donated to various charities including our food pantry, Saint Vincent de Paul, and - thanks to Karen Haines suggestion - United Way. "Your generous donation of books for the Ready to Read Bookshelf Project helped us fill 5 bookshelves that will be placed at Marathon County Social Services, The Neighbors' Place, Catholic Charities, and Women/Infant/Children's locations. We very much appreciate your help in making the launch of this project a success. For many this may be the first book they have ever owned." Thank you!

From the Library "You are God's children." Romans 12 "Now act like it". Read the article entitled "Acting Like God's People" from the August/September 2017 issue of Presbyterians Today.

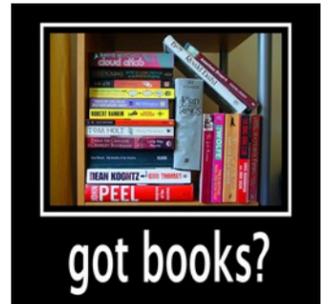
Also in this issue: Presbyterian Colleges on page 43 Drawing close to God page 42. Coloring books make a comeback for adults.

Expect contact from Mary Sperduto if you have had books checked out longer than 3 months. Glad to see books being checked out (and returned). If you wish to write a review of a book you have read please send it to Mary Sperduto (masperduto@gmail.com)

Presbyterian Women of Winnebago Presbytery

*September 27, 10:00 to noon at Abbotsford. This gathering will be a time to share information about women working in the local congregation. Questions to be discussed are: What do you think the Coordinating Team of Winnebago Presbytery does? What should the CT be doing? Interested in attending, please call Mary Sperduto before Sept 25th.

*This is pledge time for supporting the work of Presbyterian Women churchwide (triennial gathering, Horizon magazine/Bible study) Synod and Presbytery gatherings and 25% to PC(USA) work of our denomination. If you wish to make a gift to this second/third mile giving contact Mary Sperduto-masperduto@gmail.com before Nov. 15



From the Worship Team

Many thanks to all of our musicians who have shared their talents during the summer months! It's wonderful to hear new soloists or small ensembles throughout the summer.

NEWS FLASH! *Chairs for the Sanctuary* will be coming in October or November! They will look much like the Chapel Chairs that we have commandeered for three years. Session has approved some funds for these, but you are also invited to buy one to honor someone, or just donate any amount to help our funds stretch further.

Upcoming worship in September:

- Sunday, September 3: Worship at 10:00 in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, September 10: Worship with Communion and Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, September 17: Worship at 10:00 am with Handbells; Sunday School begins
- Sunday, September 24: Worship at 10:00 am with Sunday School

NOTE: Childcare provided for all Sunday services. Victoria Graham and Rebecca Brinkmeyer are our trusty and loving nursery workers. We thank them for taking care of our kids.

Start up dates:

Wednesday, September 6. Chancel Choir at 6:00. Bells should come at 7:00 for treats with both choirs. Bring a snack to share!

- Sunday, Sept. 10: Chancel Choir will sing in worship as we start our new year
- Sunday, Sept. 17: Handbells will ring (even though it's the third Sunday)

New Creation Singers and SonLights: **Wednesday, September 20, 4:30- 5:15 pm**



Parents of Young Singers: Two Children's Choirs this fall! Our SonLights group will include children age 4 through first grade. Korrin Black will lead the SonLights in Room 203. New Creation Singers will include grades 2-7, meeting with Susan Schaefer in the Third Floor Choir Room. Parents, you can bring kids of all ages at the same time!

Deacons

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this year's school supplies for Franklin Elementary School.



The response has been gratifying. There is still time to donate to this project. The yellow school bus and box will be found in the hallway outside of the chapel. The supplies will be delivered to Franklin School by September 5, 2017, the first day of school.

October 1, will be our next Deacon hosted afternoon Communion Service at 2:00 pm, in the sanctuary. Save the date for this World Communion Sunday special service!

Where Are Our Young Adults?

The Deacons wish to put their "Caring Arms" around our young adults. Please help us keep them connected to their church by letting us know where your post high school children will be this fall. Are they working? In college? Technical school? Graduate school? Please give that information, complete with current addresses – (e-mail and street addresses please) to Gail Smith (715-359-4763 or e-mail gailnickns@charter.net). Thanks for helping us stay in touch with our young adults.

Mission

Recent PC(USA) General Assemblies have adopted numerous positions on refugees and immigrants. For instance, last year a resolution was adopted reaffirming the ministry of sanctuary by congregations. In the extreme, sanctuary might take the form of physical housing of an undocumented person. But, it also could involve championing compassionate responses to refugees, including humane treatment and rejecting detention; advocating for due process in the form of fair and timely legal proceedings; it could mean upholding and respecting the unity of families; it could be a call for revitalization and healing of our borderlands, not their militarization; it could involve civic initiatives. Over the years, the Presbyterian Church has adopted resolutions calling for comprehensive immigration reform, while others urged action in response to the plight of immigrant people, both documented and undocumented.



All these policies are premised on an affirmation of the scriptural call to provide hospitality to and advocate justice for immigrants regardless of status, and to love the stranger among us and to see Jesus in his or her face.

To this end, your Mission Team, along with Winnebago Presbytery, has been studying the immigrant and refugee issue locally for many months. We are attempting to discern God's will for us in this moment in history, and prayerfully seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We have met with school officials, law enforcement, social services, and community activists. We have reached out to our Muslim neighbors, and to undocumented farm workers.

We have even applied for a small developmental-grant from the Presbytery to support our efforts.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me . . . Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:34-40.

Jesus calls us to bear witness to His saving grace by loving neighbors and welcoming strangers. "The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 19:33-34.

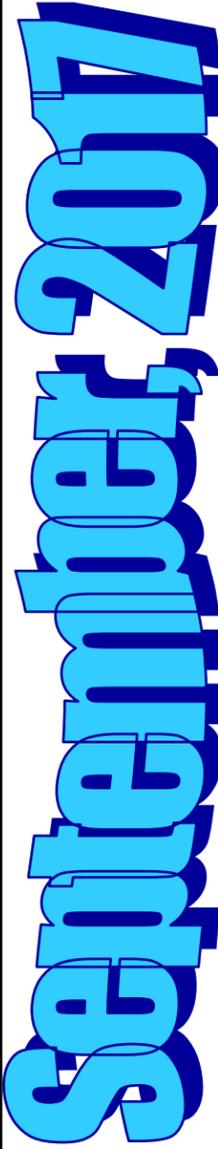
Peace & Global Witness Offering

What you've known as the **Peacemaking Offering** has been transformed into the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**. This Offering will have a greater global reach, more significant impact, and bring peace to people through Christ. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. **FPC** will use 25% of this Offering to assist our newest local peacemaking ministry, **Welcoming the Stranger**, (see previous note). The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 1.



Thanks for all the fresh produce you provided for our Food Pantry with your Produce Sunday contributions. The fresh fruit and vegetables were very much appreciated.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Time 4:00 Community Supper	 4 Building Closed	5 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Food Pantry	6 10:00 am Coffee Choir 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:00 pm Choir Treats 7:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal	7 8:30 am Men's Study Group 5:00 pm Mission Team	1 All Day—Building Closed	2 9:00 am Presbytery Meeting in Marshfield
10 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Worship with Communion 11:00 am Fellowship Time 4:00 Community Supper	11 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Deacons	12 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Deacons	13 10:00 am Coffee Choir 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal	14 8:30 am Men's Study Group 5:30 pm Discipleship Team	15 All Day—Building Closed	16
17 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Worship Sunday School begins 11:00 am Fellowship Time 4:00 Community Supper	18 3:00 pm October Beam Deadline 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens at Scanni's	19 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Food Pantry 4:00 pm Support Team 5:30 pm Worship Team	20 10:00 am Coffee Choir 4:30 pm Sonlights and New Creation Singers 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbells	21 8:30 am Men's Study Group	22 All Day—Building Closed	23
24 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Time 11:15 am Adult Ed., Planning Ahead 4:00 Community Supper	25 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:15 pm Session 6:30 pm In-Focus	26 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:15 pm Session 6:30 pm In-Focus	27 10:00 am Coffee Choir 10:00 am September Beam Assembly and Mailing 4:30 pm Sonlights and New Creation Singers 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbells	28 8:30 am Men's Study Group	29 All Day—Building Closed	30
						
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm Closed on Friday						

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Support Team

The new sanctuary chairs are ordered! It will take about 6 more weeks for the chairs to be made and delivered. Sixty-Two chairs are being purchased. They are solid wood with a wooden bookrack under each chair and a small wooden pocket on the back of some of the chairs which will hold the envelopes, pencils and communion cups. The chairs will be locked together by row which will increase their stability. Some will also have arms. They will have contoured padding on the seat and back in a deep burgandy/red, much like the chapel chairs.

Please contact the office or pick up a form on the front table in the sanctuary and return it with your check to the office or place them in the offering. The average cost per chair is \$240. You can buy as many as you'd like in honor of or in memory of that special person in your life. Small placards will be located on each chair designating who it was purchased for, why and by whom. The following memorial funds were also used at the families request and we appreciate that they are honoring their loved ones in this lasting way. Money has been donated from the Betty Geurink Memorial Fund, Glenn Dettinger Memorial Fund and the Art Kimbel Memorial Fund. As of this printing, we have \$7,345 donated (this includes the three memorial funds listed above). We now have enough to pay for 30 of the 62 chairs. Keep up the good work!

We wish to publicly thank **Stainless Specialists** for searching for, finding and **donating** a good, used industrial compressor to work with the boiler. Many of you may remember days last spring when it was 80+ degrees in the building and nothing seemed to help bring down the heat. It was determined that the bottom of our compressor had rusted enough that it was subtly leaking air, which resulted in the pressure never getting to where it needed to be for the boiler to stop running. Stainless Specialists has delivered and installed the newer compressor so when the cold kicks in, so should the heat! Thank you Scott and Kent at Stainless Specialists for your compassionate and generous hearts.

September Birthdays

01—Betty Brown, Patricia Terevich

04—Parker Faust, Easton Barkley

06—Shannon Mudley

07—Tom Treu, Rick Wicklund,

Madilyn Phelps

08—Laura Gwidt

09—Harold Norton

11—Marcus Nordstrom

12—Miles Dunnum

14—Marjorie Tatman, Wayne Schmidt

15—Jackie Kluever, Anna Schellpfeffer

16—Charles Ehrhardt

17—William Karrasch, Evan Buege

18—Melissa Krasowski

19—Richard Austin, Hope Abbiehl, Gage Bueno

20—Kari Martinson, Amanda Buege

21—Daniel Kluever, Marlyn Wann, Jack Schaefer

22—Kenzie Schmidt

23—Dennis Rhyner

24—Beverly Dittmar, Jeffrey Hertz

27—R. Bret Miller, Peggy Heinz

30—Logan Zeinert, Alexandra-Kemp North

