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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

I love October! Beautiful fall colors, a slight chill in the air, bonfires and corn mazes, and death to all mosquitoes. But my absolute favorite part? Pumpkins. And pumpkin flavored everything.

Now most of us only think about pumpkins in October for Halloween jack-o-lanterns and in November for pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving. But I imagine that pumpkin farmers think about them all year. After the fall harvest, the farmers begin making plans for next year's crops. Is it time to rotate or let the field go fallow? That includes the ordering of supplies, like seeds and fertilizer, and maybe expanding the pumpkins into a new field. And then in the springtime the ground gets prepared before the seeds can be planted. Throughout the summer the vines are tended and nurtured, weeds are pulled, pumpkin eating critters are gently discouraged from their pumpkin eating. Until finally in October, pumpkin lovers can rejoice at the newest pumpkin flavored snack. (Note – I am a pastor, not a pumpkin farmer. Any errors in relaying the cycle of pumpkin farming are completely my own).

The Support Team of our church's session is like a group of pumpkin farmers. October and November is when they get the most exposure, but throughout the year, they are hard at work making sure that the business of the church runs smoothly. If a window breaks or sewer backs up, they fix it. They carefully manage the finances and investments. They handle the concerns of and offer feedback to the church staff. When another team has an idea for a new ministry or program, the support team works to find ways of making it happen. They make sure we have insurance and that we are complying with safety standards. They are the stewards that keep this pumpkin farm running.

But unlike the orange goodness of a ripe pumpkin, the Support Team's produce in October and November is the annual campaign and pledge drive. You can't make a tasty pie out of that. However, unlike the pumpkin farmer, who can only deliver in the fall months, our Support Team produces 12 months a year! Over the next several weeks, you'll hear more about the pledge drive and get a peek inside some of the amazing activities that happen here at First Pres, plus, you'll learn how you can help. Stay tuned!

*This and That...***The 46th Annual Friends Thanksgiving Dinner**

Fall is here, which means kids are back in school, leaves are changing and the Packers and Badgers are again providing varying doses of excitement and frustration to weekend afternoons. It also means that preparations for the 46th Friends Thanksgiving Dinner are in full swing.

We have hosted a meal for 500-600 people (including 400-plus deliveries), on a holiday when many travel or host family, through changing times and shifting volunteer pools for 45 years, and that is nothing short of amazing! The strong community ministry that the Friends Thanksgiving Dinner has become is a testament to the efforts of many people over the years, particularly Joan and Vivian Kuehl.

We have had a good response to last summer's request for volunteers—Marilyn Indermuehle will be taking nightly telephone orders come November. Scott Arambel, Lisa and Joe Riehle, and the middle/high school youth—along with a few friends—will again be cooking the birds over night. Various others have committed to help as they can, working around Thanksgiving plans.

But we are still looking for help with table decorations, as well as help with serving and clean-up. We welcome donations, which can be dropped off at the church office. The Friends Thanksgiving Dinner has evolved over the years, but one constant (as noticed by someone who did not grow up here) is that those who have been a part of it carry strong memories of the experience, typically accompanied by a healthy dose of nostalgia.

Please contact Tim Burnett at 715-370-3226 or friendsdinnerwausau@gmail.com to get involved in this community tradition.

News of our Members

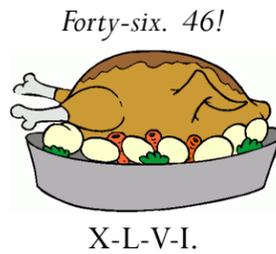
Joni Todd retired as the Coordinator of Wausau Area Mobile Meals on July 31st after 8 years of service to the organization. We wish her well in her retirement.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Jean Edwards** who died September 8, 2015.

Katie Berg will be moving to Missoula, Montana on October 18, to be with family. We wish Katie all the best in her new home.

Dear Members of Our Church Community and Friends, We are so grateful for the tender loving kindness that you have shown during this trying time for us. Your words, calls, cards, emails, food, and visits are much appreciated. Bill is receiving excellent care and treatment at Wausau Manor. We have a high level of confidence in his oncologist, and hope that Bill can be home soon. Regards,

Bill and Marian Hall



If you have news items regarding your family and would like to share them, please let Kathy know by the Beam deadline. The office number is 715-842-2116 or email her at the address found on page one. Thank you.

Discipleship Team—Christian Education

The Membership working group is trying to **update the church records** and also find out **what interests our members** have. At the Ministry Festival, we had a survey for those attending to indicate this information. We hope that all members will complete the enclosed form and return it to the church office at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

The Discipleship Team is looking for folks who would like to help out for short term projects, i.e. helping set up for a meal, helping clean up, contacting folks by phone, along with several other opportunities. If there is something you would like to do, please contact Judy North, 715-845-3613 or dvjdnrth@mac.com.

Christian Education News**DEW Youth Group Begins October 25! Come Join The Fun!**

Youth group will meet after Worship on October 25th. Activities will include eating at the Harvest meal at church; Discussion of chapter 1 in the book Who Am I? written by Katherine Patterson; pumpkin carving and a Scavenger Hunt. DEW Inspirations is open to youth 5th through 12th grade. Youth signup and parent permission slips will be mailed to all youth and are also available on the church website. Questions or comments please contact Lisa Riehle lriehle.christian.education@gmail.com

Covenant Church has invited us to participate in two upcoming activities. On **October 10, 2015** they are planning a day trip to **Door County**. The bus will be leaving the church around 7:30 AM and returning around 8 -9 PM. The cost will be approximately \$20-\$30. All are welcome. Any questions or comments please contact Peggy Kamenick @ 715-359-7088. The other is an Adult Ed. event on **October 18th** after worship at Covenant. It will be a **video and panel discussion** about **“Human Trafficking.”**

Plan to attend the **October 25 Harvest Gathering**. It is for all of our church community. The fellowship group will provide a lunch. If you are a baker and would like to bring a finger food dessert, let Pudge Kimble or the church office know.

Sunday Adult Education: Join us for the last few sessions of the study “Things That Make Peace” that is being led by Mary Anderson. The study concludes on October 18th. ****Beginning Nov. 1** through Nov. 22, Rev. Rachel Wann and Connie Peckham will be leading a Bible Study on the book of Ruth. *****An Advent Study** will begin November 29, the first Sunday of Advent and conclude on Sunday December 22.

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From the Worship Team

Exciting things happening in worship! Choirs are back, and busy as usual. Worship is invigorated by the return of families from summer vacations. There's a good energy in our Sanctuary.

Pastor Rachel and the Discipleship Team have added a family-friendly service called "**Families At First**" once a month that teaches families about the elements of worship. "F.A.F" occurs once a month on the first Sunday from 9:15 — 9:45 preceding our regular worship service. The first one on Sept. 13 was well-attended and enjoyed by all. The next is scheduled for October 4.

World Communion Sunday, October 4, will celebrate the Lord's Supper with fellow Christians around the world. Our service will reflect the diversity that is Christianity with global music and readings.

Parents, it's not too late to get your kids into either New Creation Singers (gr. 1-4) or Worship Troupe (gr. 5-8). These children's or youth choirs will be providing worship leadership every other month, so we need "all hands on

From the Deacons

You are invited to join us for a 2:00 Communion Service and reception on World Wide Communion Day, October 4. Socialize with some of the folks who can't regularly join us on Sunday mornings.



Caring Arms thanks you so much for all of the school supplies you donated to help out Franklin School and YWCA families who are struggling a bit with fall school purchases. Our total came to 761 items!

deck"! Talk to Susan if your family is interested. During October, Pastor Rachel will offer a book study for parents of New Creation Singers during their rehearsal time on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:00. Anyone is invited to attend.

Chancel Choir is now meeting at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays, an earlier time than last year, so that our younger families can get their children home earlier on a school night. Susan, Lisa and Rachel, with the support of Finance and Personnel committees, are searching for a Wednesday evening child care provider to help out each week. Interviews are ongoing and we hope to have someone in place soon.

Save the Date: Sunday November 22 – St. Andrew's Day Worship. Find your clan's tartan or other suitable plaid to wear to worship! (You have six weeks to look through the closet.....)

If you need some assistance with fall household projects, please contact our Home Helper team leader, Steve Martinson. He could use some willing volunteers, too.

FYI – our Lending Closet now has two four-pronged canes for loan and a nice donation of portable oxygen tank holders.

Thank you for your continued \$ support of the Deacons through use of the "little green envelopes." We are here to help because we care.

From the Mission Team

The Mission Team "**Where Do You Fit In?**" Piece of the Mission Puzzle T-shirts are here! \$15 for adult sizes, \$10 for children. Contact Chuck Schlitz.

The Mission Team encourages you to get involved with the **Crop Walk** held **October 4th**. First Presbyterian Church is not soliciting funds or recruiting walkers this year. If you wish to contribute to this **Church World Service** effort go online to **WausauWisCROPwalk**, click on donations and go down to general donations. Part of your contribution will be returned to our Wausau community.

Our "**Peace and Global Witness Special Offering**" earmarks 25% to be directed to the **Human Trafficking Program** through the Women's Community. They received a multi-year grant that will enable them to hire a full time human trafficking advocate and operate a human

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.

Women's Study If you would like to be a part of this book study, "Stuck," please respond to Lindy Phelps at lindyphelps@gmail.com or 715-370-5881.

trafficking support program. Our offering will be taken Sunday, Oct. 4.

Thank you for your support of our **Food Pantry**. Your financial gifts are greatly appreciated. For those who like to donate **grocery items**, products in great demand are: tuna in water, 16 oz peanut butter, 16 oz elbow macaroni or spaghetti, Chunky vegetable and beef soup, Hamburger Helper, 16 oz spaghetti sauce, 15 oz canned vegetables and fruit. Brand name products are not necessary.

Volunteers are needed for **Wausau Community Warming Center**. Opportunities are available from Nov. 1 through April 30, 2016. **FPC** will again be providing a **meal** at the Warming Center on the first and third Friday of each month. Sign up at church.

We all have gifts to share – time, talent, connections, insights, experience, skills, resources, hospitality. The Mission Team hopes 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. To find your "**Piece of the Mission Puzzle**", contact Chuck Schlitz, Mission Team 715-573-8565 or cbschlitz@charter.net.

Creative Sewing Creative Sewing started its new year on September 16. At the recent meeting of the group, it was decided to continue making pillow case dresses. We would appreciate any **donations of good, useable pillow cases**. They may be brought to the church office. Contact Karen Martinson with questions

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SMALL GROUPS

Activities for the month of October

First Presbyterian October, 2015 Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1 * Sunday Schedule 9:15 am Families at First 10:00 am World Communion Service and Peace Offering 11:10 am Adult Ed in Room 201 2:00 pm Afternoon Communion Service	5 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens 6:30 pm Women's Book Study	6 Noon "Soup's On" 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm Pro Musica	7 **Wednesday Schedule	8 8:30 am Men's Study Group 6:00 pm Discipleship Team	9 Building Closed All Day 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal	10 Building Closed All Day 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal
11 *Sunday Schedule Children Sing 11:10 am Adult Ed in Rm. 201	12	13 6:30 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal	14 **Wednesday Schedule	15 8:30 am Men's Study Group 6:00 pm TIP (Fellowship Hall)	16 Building Closed All Day 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal	17
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25 * Sunday Schedule 11:15 am Harvest Festival Meal DEW Activity	26	27 1:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm Pro Musica 6:30 pm In-Focus 7:00 pm Session	28 ** Wednesday Schedule 8:30 am Assemble BEAM	29 8:30 am Men's Study Group	30 Building Closed All Day 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal	31
*Sunday Schedule 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School 4:00 pm Community 11:15 am Fellowship time in the Parlor Supper 11:15 am Worship Troupe			** Wednesday Schedule 4:30 pm New Creation singers 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Hand-bells Rehearsal			Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm Closed on Friday

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Support Team

PROPERTY

Our thanks to Art Kimbel for his willingness to chair the Property sub-committee of Support. Art and the committee have met and things are happening. Thanks Art!

BUDGET TIME

The initial team budgets have been submitted to Support Team and to Session. Some tweaking needs to be done but Support hopes to submit the final copy to Session on October 27 for approval.

STEWARDSHIP

We plan to mail stewardship letters, pledge cards and third quarter statements on October 19. Please think about and pray about what you can give for 2016 and return your pledge card as soon as possible. Commitment Sunday is November 15 and we ask that all pledge cards be returned by that date. Thank you.

THANK YOU DOORKEEPERS!!

What is a doorkeeper? A doorkeeper is someone who has the doors open, the lights turned on and the church ready to go on Sunday mornings. No meetings (well maybe one). We have a check list, no need to memorize. We need two-three more ladies or gentlemen to join us. Please call Kathy in the office. 715-842-2116. Thank you. Art Kimbel, Property Chairman

October Birthdays

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| 1—Karen Haines, Beverly Heinz,
Michael Klemp—North
3—Linda Metz, Amanda Vlietstra
4—Catherine Evans, Sophia Maahs
7—Marian Seagren-Hall
8—Marilyn Indermuehle, Andy
Schell
9—Shannon Livingston,
Linda Minnihhan, Molly
Erdman, Jenny Hsu
10—Ruth Griswold
11—Joy Patterson
12—Will Hsu
13—Katelyn Austin, Sharon Hsu
15—Dee Davis, Irma Sillars
17—Joan Schmitz
18—David Livingston
20—Henry Maahs | 21—Avery Phelps
22—Ginny Sauer
24—Shelley Hertz
25—Jeff Schaefer, Jody Schlitz
26—Dianna Reinardy, Maren
Thoreson
27—Cindy Abbiehl, Wendy Fox,
Anthony Hsu
29—Jackie Johnson, Colleen Riehter
31—Dennis Maxson, Glenn Peters,
Lindy Phelps |
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Happy Birthday!



SUPPORT TEAM

Month-to-Date

Income: \$ 19,196

Expenses: \$ 21,845

Year-To-Date

Income: \$280,059

Expenses: \$281,006

Per Capita (\$31.50)

Y-T-D \$5,281.80

If you haven't paid your per capita for 2015, please do so today. Thank you.

*Let happiness reach
your eyes,
enthusiasm reach
your smile,
and resilience reach the
temples of your face
every time
you look at someone.
May you pass on
your love and joy
to everyone around you.
Wishing you the best
birthday ever!*