

PRAYER REQUESTS

*If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office
or complete a request card and place in the offering plate.
Requests are printed for one month unless otherwise requested.*

Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

Mari Johnson
Norm and Diane Tempel
Lori Green (Wife of Keith Green, Mother of Joanna Zuidema)
Richard Carver (John Carver's Brother)

Prayers for those Serving Elsewhere:

Rob Grunwald, Coast Guard, Duluth, MN;
Sam Husmann (Nephew of the Pastors) Navy, Everett, WA.
Peter Rampaart, Army National Guard
Captain Adam Konieska, Army Reserve, Kuwait

Prayers for the Church Here and Abroad:

The People of Occidente Presbytery, Guatemala;
Minnesota Valleys Presbytery- Union Presbyterian Church, St. Peter, MN;
Bdecan Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake Reservation, ND.



Announcements

Sunday, July 2nd

10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship

Tuesday, July 4

Office Closed

Saturday, July 8th

10:00 AM	Youth @ The Goodness
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Sunday, July 9th

10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship

Mission Trip Report Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Offering: Today is the day for the "First Sunday Deacon Special Offering." Please use the offering envelopes provided for you in the pews to support the coming ministries the Deacon's provide.

Operating Statement Report:

Receipts through May	\$ 87,973
Expenses through May	\$ 98,028
Expenses in excess of Receipts	\$ 8,055

SPECIAL MUSIC: If you would like to provide special music this summer, the signup sheet has been posted outside the church office. Please choose the Sunday date that best fits your schedule. Thank you!

The Red Cross: We were unable to have a Red Cross Blood Drive this summer because of the uncertainty of air conditioning in John Knox Hall. United Methodists have stepped up to host a July Red Cross Blood Drive. It will be Thursday, July 6 from 1pm-7pm. Please consider giving blood at this donor site or at another site this summer. Blood is always needed. We will be in contact with the Methodists and help them as needed. If you have questions, please contact Doris Cogelow 979-4967.



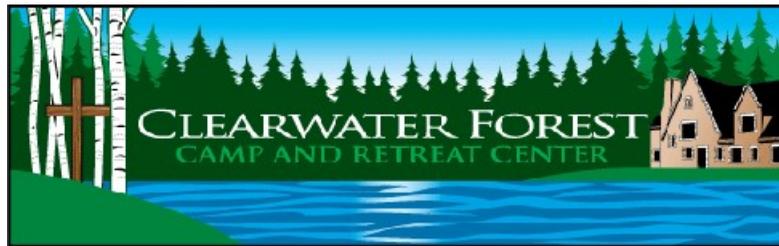
Clearwater Forest Camp

Clearwater Forest provides countless life-changing opportunities for people of all ages to come and gather in community and experience God's woods and waters. Its ministry provides opportunities to bond, share, and make

incredible memories through youth (entering grades 3-12) and intergenerational programs. Additionally, Clearwater Forest provides amazing opportunities for churches, families, and other organizations to retreat to Clearwater Forest and participate in weekend and weeklong events. This year we anticipate over 5,000 guests, over 400 campers, and 125 grand/grandchildren to experience the beautiful, natural sanctuary that Clearwater Forest provides.

Clearwater Forest is the shared camp and retreat ministry of the [Presbyteries of Minnesota Valleys, the Twin Cities Area, Northern Waters, Northern Plains](#) and the [Synod of Lakes and Prairies](#). Additionally over 250 individuals and 45+ congregations provide invaluable contributions to the operating budget. The ministry of Clearwater Forest relies heavily on the support of its partners in order to provide rich, life-changing experiences to all campers and guests. Clearwater Forest has been striving to expand and enrich its programs by providing life-skill based choices, new activities, and upgraded facilities. Through grants and designated gifts, they have been able to make significant progress on their program infrastructure.

Your gift will assist Clearwater Forest will help this life-changing ministry thrive and grow! Thank you for your consideration and continued support.



Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

Through the history of First Presbyterian Church-Willmar, people have made estate gifts a part of their end of life planning. There are many ways to do this, and we are providing this material to remind you of the people who have gone before and how they have thought to provide for the church and the mission of the church. Some gifts have been very large, some have been smaller but all show a strong faith and love of God. As part of Wills Emphasis month, we will provide a series of estate gift stories in the announcements, highlighting one estate or endowment gift weekly.

In addition to the ongoing funds reported there have been a variety of other gifts and future gifts. People have made future gifts, called gift annuities, in which they make a gift, receive the income over the remainder of their life and at the time of their passing, the principle is given to the church or placed in a permanent fund depending on the restrictions established by the donor. There are currently ten such future gifts held at the Foundation, paying quarterly income to individuals. One such gift was received at the death of Rev. John Kauffman. First Presbyterian has been named a beneficiary in charitable remainder trusts and family trusts that have been established by people in their lifetime. Most recently we received a distribution from the revocable trust established by William and Marjorie Simchuck. The Simchucks had been members when Bill was farming near Atwater. This trust provided income to the Simchuck's in their lifetime and after the last to die, our church and two other churches that had meaning in the Simchucks' life received a distribution from the trust. Marian Sperry, long time member and the last member of a pioneer and founding family of First Presbyterian Church established a charitable remainder trust that provided for her care until she died. We received the balance in the trust and are still benefiting from the gift. The money is supervised by the Memorial and Gifts committee who makes recommendations to the Session. We have received bequests that are a specific amount noted in the will. Most recently we received a bequest from the estate of Nick Walrath. Others include Evelyn Deike Mikkelson, a friend of the congregation and Meyrle Gilman a long time members.

You can see that some gifts are received with specific detail to use and others are completely open and at the discretion of the church leadership. A very large gift, including money and farm land was received from the Lillian Abbott and Theodore Abbott, brother and sister, at their passing. There was no specification at all at the time that was received.

The stories can go on and on. We generally have invested with Presbyterian USA Foundation, but investments can be handled with many other ways. Members of the Memorial and Gifts committee may be a resource or visiting with your estate planning advisors. Many years ago Treasurer Bea Ourada received training AA a volunteer in development at the Presbyterian Foundation. She will welcome inquiries and give you some direction. However this volunteer program is no longer active.