

PRAYER REQUEST

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:

Dale Hagen (Nephew of Julie and George Ruter)
 Daisy Juven (Granddaughter of Rob and Tammy Douglas)
 JoAnne Shannon (Shara Goldenstein and Katie Gluth's Grandmother)
 Aaron Eddy, Sr.
 Jean Thurmer (Cousin of Fred Cogelow)
 Dorothy Caine
 Emily Stern (Chuck and Karen Stern's Granddaughter)
 Kent (Karen Stern's Brother)
 Norm and Diane Tempel
 Lori Green (Wife of Keith Green, Mother of Joanna Zuidema)
 Richard Carver (John Carver's Brother)

Prayers for those Grieving:

The Family of Shirley Underdahl (Ruth Underdahl-Peirce's Mother)
 The Family of Florence Retzlaff (Carol Aalderks Mother)

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

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.

Operating Statement Report:

Receipts through August \$ 156,644
 Expenses through August \$ 157,846
 Expenses in excess of Receipts \$ 1,202

Contribution Statements from the first six months are ready for pickup in the Narthex.



Announcements

Sunday, October 8, 2017

8:45 AM	Adult Ed
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Staff Appreciation Potluck

Tuesday, October 10th

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
5:00 PM	Personnel
6:30 PM	CEYM
6:30 PM	Mission

Wednesday, October 11th

7:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
6:00 PM	Gospel Rock/Confirmation
6:30 PM	Buildings and Grounds
7:15 PM	Youth Group

Thursday, October 12th

10:00 AM	Women's Fellowship
6:30 PM	Music Team

Saturday, October 14th

10:00 AM	Youth at Goodness
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Sunday, October 15th

8:45 AM	Adult Ed
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship

---- **October is Pastor Appreciation Month** ----

Christmas Program Volunteers: Christmas may seem like a long way off, but preparations for the annual children's Christmas program have already begun with practice set to get underway on October 11th. We are looking for one or two adults to help lead the program and be on hand during practices. Please contact Jill Boeyink or Cory Christensen if you can help.

Campus Ministry: The college meal will be served October 10th. If you would be willing to cook, serve lunch, or bake bars, cakes, or cookies, please contact Diann at 218-820-0346. Thank you!



Habitat For Humanity of West Central Minnesota

The Vision:

Every West Central Minnesota resident has a decent, affordable place to call home and the necessary tools to ensure long-term financial stability.

The Mission Statement:

Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota believes in enhancing the lives of God's children one home at a time.

About Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota:

Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all.

Blessing Box: We are in need of more donations for the blessing box outside the church, we are very low. If you have any donations to give please bring by the box or to the church during the week or on Sunday!

Music Ministry Survey: First Presbyterian Church is currently conducting the "2017 Music Survey." This survey is for everyone in the congregation, young or old, musician or non-musician. This is an online survey. If you have not received an email containing the link, add your email to the sign-up sheet in the church narthex. There is also a link on the church website as well. If you do not have access to a computer, paper copies of the survey are available.

Family Promise Donor Dinner is October 14th. If you are interested in getting an invite contact Barb Little at 320-905-3854 or after worship today!

American Red Cross: The United Methodist Church of Willmar is having a Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 from 1:00-7:00pm. Anyone willing to give blood is appreciated!!

Church Repairs/Changes: The Session has set up a committee at our church to dream about what we could do to our building, or what we need to do to improve things. If you have an idea about what needs attention, or what you would like to see changed, please jot down your thoughts and turn it into the church office, or feel free to contact Gary Manzer at 320-491-7366 or gmanzer@willmarmn.gov. No idea is too big or too small!

Meals on Wheels

Thank you to all the people who delivered meals the last few weeks. We have signed up for routes C and D for the weeks beginning October 2nd and October 9th. It will certainly be cooler. We really appreciate your help in this local mission activity. Thank you!

Butter Braid Fundraiser: If you are looking for an easy and delicious treat for your family or friends who are coming for a visit, let the children and youth of First Presbyterian Church assist you with that. They will be selling Butter Braid pastries beginning this Sunday, October 15th before and after worship. This two-week sale will conclude on October 29th so be sure to place your order as soon as possible. Each Braid, including the caramel rolls sell for \$12. Flavors include cinnamon, blueberry cream cheese, strawberry cream cheese, apple, cherry and raspberry. The youth earn \$5 per Braid with proceeds going towards Clearwater Camp scholarships (50%) and the youth mission projects/trips (50%).

Turkey Dinner Fundraiser: If you missed out on the Youth Turkey Dinner Fundraiser last Sunday, you missed out on something pretty special! All of the tables were full, we even had to bring in an extra one, the food was hot and delicious and the youth earned every cent of the freewill donations that they received. A huge pat on the back to them and their parents for ALL of their hard work on Saturday and Sunday preparing for this event.

After all of the bills have been paid, the youth earned \$735.86! Thank you to everyone who supported the youth in this way, they appreciate it so much. These funds will help support mission and fellowship opportunities for the kids.

Sermon Videos are now available online! Visit our church website to link to each week's sermon.