

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:

Dorothy Caine
Michael Enos
Emily Stern (Chuck and Karen Stern's Granddaughter)
Kent (Karen Stern's Brother)
Marlene Knutson
Mary Berglund
Mari Johnson
Norm and Diane Tempel
Brad (Co-worker of Terry Woitaszewski)
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 John Caine (Grandson of Dorothy Caine)

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.

Operating Statement Report:

Receipts through July	\$ 128,832
Expenses through July	\$ 140,822
Expenses in excess of Receipts	\$ 11,990

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



Announcements

Sunday, September 10, 2017

9:00 AM	RALLY DAY
10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship

Tuesday, September 12th	5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Personnel CEYM and Mission
Wednesday, September 13th	6:30 PM	Buildings and Grounds
Thursday, September 14th	6:30 PM	Music Team
Saturday, September 16th	8:00 AM	Rummage/Bake Sale Day
Sunday, September 17th	8:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Adult Ed Sunday School Worship Fellowship

Campus Ministry: The Campus Ministry Meals are to start up soon and they are in need of desserts to be donated. Contact Diann Anderson at 320-382-6490.

Clearwater Work Camp—The Clearwater Work Camp will be at Clearwater Forest from September 14-17th. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Diann Anderson or Marv Packer. Thank you!

Rummage Sale: The Annual Rummage Sale is Saturday, September 16 from 8-1p.m. The church youth will again be holding their bake sale in the Narthex. Donations for the rummage sale can be brought in to the John Knox Hall Storage Room at any time during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

Rummage Sale Helpers: We are also needing helpers the week of the rummage sale September 11-15. If interested please contact Rita Dincau at 320-222-0745 or Diann Anderson at 320-382-6490. Thank you!

Bake Sale: As part of the annual FPC rummage sale on Saturday, September 16th the church youth will again be holding their bake sale in the Narthex. You won't be disappointed by the variety of baked goods that always seem to make it on the sale. From pies to cookies, cakes and freshly baked breads, plus so much more. You don't want to miss out on this wonderful opportunity to help support our youth and bring home some delicious treats.

If you are interested in donating items for the bake sale, please let Jill Boeyink know and she'll give you all of the necessary information as to when you can drop your items off.

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.

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!

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!

Youth and Gospel Rock Kick-off

Let's pick up where we left off last Spring, with a PICNIC! It's time to get Wednesday night activities off the ground, so we're kicking things into high gear with a picnic on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. in John Knox Hall. Families with children and/or youth between the grades of 2-12 are invited to this event where you can expect good food, some good old-fashioned fun and some really important information for the upcoming year. Please complete the registration form(s) that you received in your CEYM packet that was mailed to you and bring it with you to the picnic, along with your one-time \$30 family fee (scholarships are available – please contact Jill Boeyink for more information). Following the picnic, 8th, 9th and 10th grade

students and their parents are invited to stick around for an informational meeting with the Pastors pertaining to this year's Confirmation class, set to begin on September 27, which is the same day that Gospel Rock and both Youth groups resume.



Peace & Global Witness Offering

The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus came to proclaim a universal peace. Jesus was here for a very short time, without the technology we have today, but the example was set for all of us to go forth and continue his Peace making. The Peace and Global Witness Offering, which was established in 1980, builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to peacemaking.

As which followers of Christ, our call to work for peace begins in our own hearts, and expands to our families, churches, neighborhoods, cities, states, countries, and extends to the ends of the earth.

As we prayerfully consider our Mission for this month, please consider these things: This Peace and Global Witness Offering supports the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church. From the Sudan to our own neighborhoods, our mission can deploy leaders and materials. This may be to help deal with important issues, from disagreements between members of session, to bullying at schools, to gun violence in our communities. It means using our seat at the United Nations to speak up for the vulnerable around the world. This offering will strengthen the collaboration of the Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations with the peace work of global partners through World Mission.

Locally, this offering is for our local commitment to peacemaking and proclaiming Christ's peace. Twenty-five percent of the contribution is retained by our session, enabling us the freedom to provide support where we need it the most.

This offering sustains our witness in many forms and at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but all is bound together in Christ. Together we are a living proclamation of the peace we know in Christ and to work towards putting an end to hostility and speak peace to all, near and far.

We will share more information throughout the month of September. If you have any further questions please get in touch with the Mission Committee.

Family Promise: We have a couple up in Family Promise right now. Due to physical limitations they will be entering through the main doors and using the elevator.