

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)
JoAnne Shannon (Shara Goldenstein and Katie Gluth's Grandmother)
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)
The Family of Doris Owen (Chuck Owen's Mother)
The Family of Steve VanHove (Vanessa Tatge's Uncle)

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 3, 2017

10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship

Monday, September 4th

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5th

6:30 PM	Deacons
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Thursday, September 7th

4:00 PM	Golf Scramble
6:30 PM	Worship Committee

Saturday, September 9th

10:00 AM	Youth @ The Goodness
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Sunday, September 10th

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

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!

The Golf Scramble is back--new day this year: Thursday, September 7, 4:00 p.m., Valley Golf Course. Come for golf, or come to socialize—all are welcome! Nurture and Fellowship will be furnishing pizza. Those wishing to golf, contact Shara Goldenstein at the church office (235-1263), Gary Manzer (491-7366) or Richard Lange (444-6949). The more, the merrier!

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!



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.

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!

"Rally Day 2017"

Sunday, September 10th, 9-9:50 a.m. in the Family Café...Breakfast will be served in John Knox Hall at 9:30.

This event is for the whole family...People of ALL ages are invited to this special kick-off event!

During this time we will be talking with parents and children about communion, and why it is so important to our faith. Not only will we be baking our own bread, but we'll be using it to take communion as a whole group, led by Pastors Leanne and Scott. This meaningful act will be a great way for parents to help teach their child about communion and answer some of those difficult questions that families wrestle with when it comes to this sacred and symbolic sacrament. Our goal is to help educate parents with small children and offer this time to participate in one of the most meaningful acts that we do as Christians.

If you are able to help prepare, serve and clean up before, during and after the meal of French toast sticks, sausage and fruit please contact Jill Boeyink. Everything is pre-cooked so you won't have to bake anything. Come and make this family of faith event special as we launch into a new year of Christian education programming!

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