

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:

Brenda Arnold
Carol Flaata (Bennett Goldenstein's Grandmother)
Rick Agmen (husband of Ruthie Agmen)
Gloria Ludolph (Brenda Arnold's Mother)
John Carver
Carlla Skaggs (Mother of Karen)
Sean Carrigan (Great-Nephew of Barb Little)
Shirlet Moll (Becky Armstrong's Sister)
Donna Anderson
Doug Rolland
Dave (Jeff and Sarah Sieck's friend)
Richard Carver (John Carver's Brother)

Prayers for those Grieving:

The Family of Dennis Hagen (Julie Ruter's Brother)
The Family of Colleen Christensen
The Family of Robert Olson (Mary Vomacka's Brother)
The Family of Florence Mensing (Eula Grafenstein)
The Family of Roger Pederson (Darcy Forkrud's Father)
The Family of Jon Lichman (Friend of Chuck and Deb Grunwald)

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.



Announcements

Sunday, April 22nd, 2018

8:45 AM	Adult Ed
9:00AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship
4:30 PM	Africa Report

Tuesday, April 24th	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, April 25th	7:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Gospel Rock/ Confirmation
	6:00 PM	Explorers
	7:15 PM	Youth Group
Thursday, April 26th	6:30 PM	Music Team
Saturday, April 28th	9:00AM-2:00PM	Team Up to Clean Up
Sunday, April 29th	8:45 AM	Adult Ed
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	Clearwater Forest Lunch Box
	4:00 PM	Session
	5:30 PM	Confirmation Banquet

Operating Statement Report:

Receipts through March	\$ 57,745
Expenses through March	\$ 61,654
Expenses in excess of Receipts	\$ 3,909

2018 Per Capita is \$41, please pay as you are able.

Clearwater Forest Work Camp is May 10-12th, 2018. The sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex.

Clearwater Forest: Clearwater Forest is still looking for volunteers for the summer! If you have been coming to camp forever or want to experience it for the first time, we will find a place for you! Enjoy all of the fun while knowing you are part of an amazing experience for a child! Whatever your talent is, we will find a place for it to shine! For more information please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.



Mission of the Month

GIVING LOCALLY

Our mission emphasis for April is to look locally for those people in need. To do projects that will help others who live near us. During our Lenten services 22 fleece blankets were made, 30 backpacks were filled with food and water, 12 cleaning buckets were filled with cleaning supplies,

buttons were made for Family Promise, and bags of blocks were made for children. These items will be distributed by United Community Action Partnership in Willmar. (Formally known as Heartland.) Hand held Prayer Shawls were also made for us to use and give to someone in need of prayer. They are in a basket in the Narthex.

So..What's Next???

Let us look at our own congregation and neighbors we know. If you need some yard work done, a ramp built, new hand rails or light bulbs changed, please call the church office or contact a member of the Mission Team. (These are only a few suggestions.) Those in our congregation will try their best to help you or a neighbor you may know of who needs help.

Thank you for your generous gifts in all of our Mission projects. In December-\$2566 was given for animals and garden supplies to Presbyterian Church USA and in January-\$337 was given for the Food shelf, distributed to them in March because of matching funds.

Church Announcements:

Congregational Meeting: There will be a special called meeting of the congregation on this Sunday, April 22nd following worship for the purpose of electing members to the mission fund committee and addressing the need for a new church heating system.

Let's Team Up to Clean Up our church! Saturday, April 28th. 9:00am to 2:00pm (or when you can) Come and join us to freshen up our church. We will be doing some indoor and outdoor clean up along with some indoor and outdoor painting. Grab your work gloves, put on your painting clothes or come as you are. There is something for everyone. Lunch will be provided by the Building & Grounds Committee.

Clearwater Forest Day: April 29th is Clearwater Forest emphasis day here at FPC and we invite you come and be a part of celebrating Clearwater Forest! We will even have a special camp representative on hand during worship to tell us about all of the wonderful things happening at Clearwater Forest.

Then following worship, hang around for a sub sandwich boxed lunch fundraiser in

John Knox Hall. Each box will contain a 6" sub sandwich (ham or turkey), individual size bag of chips, a cookie and bottle of water. Suggested donation of \$10 per adult box and \$5 per child box (includes a 3" sub sandwich). All proceeds again will help sponsor our church youth heading off to camp. You don't want to miss out on this celebration of Clearwater Forest where they are ready to "light the fire; changing the world with the light of Christ."

AFRICA! Becky Armstrong and Tammy Douglas will be sharing some of their pictures, videos, experiences and stories from their recent trip to Tanzania **TODAY starting at 4:30 pm.** Nurture and Fellowship committee will serve coffee and snacks at 4:30 pm and the presentation/Q&A will follow.

Confirmation Dinner: A special invitation is extended to our First Presbyterian Church Confirmation Class (Elliot Christensen, Isabelle Kienholz, Andrea Walz and Tori Marquardt), their parents and mentors, along with the current seated Session members to attend the Confirmation Dinner on Sunday, April 29th at 5:30 p.m. in John Knox Hall. Following the meal hosted by the Christian Education Youth Ministries Committee, the students will meet with the Session before joining the church on May 6th. Congratulations to our four Confirmands!

Music Opportunity: Come and join us for a musical opportunity here at First Presbyterian Church, under the leadership of Darcy Gubrud, A musical group will be assembled to sing a simple song on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th during worship. Everyone who enjoys singing should attend as many practices as possible. Practices are May 6th at 9:00am, May 10th at 6:30pm, and May 13th at 9:00am.

Community Announcements:

Prairie Winds Band Concert: Sunday, April 29th at 2pm at the WEAC Auditorium, 611 5th Street SW, Willmar. There will be featured new composition by Brian Pearson. Tickets are Adults \$8/ Students \$6/ and a Family pass \$22

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