

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:

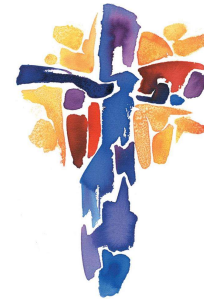
The Family of Dorthea Nelson
The Family of Roger Hagen (Julie Ruter's Brother)
The Family of Dennis Hagen (Julie Ruter's Brother)
The Family of Colleen Christensen
The Family of Robert Olson (Mary Vomacka's Brother)
The Family of Florence Mensing (Eula Grafenstein's Mother)

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.



Announcements

Sunday, April 29th, 2018

8:45 AM	Adult Ed
9:00AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Clearwater Forest Box Lunch
4:00 PM	Session
5:30 PM	Confirmation Banquet

Tuesday, May 1st

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM	Deacons
6:30 PM	VBS Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday, May 2nd

7:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
6:00 PM	Gospel Rock/ Confirmation
6:00 PM	Explorers
7:15 PM	Youth Group

Thursday, May 3rd

6:30 PM	Music Team
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Sunday, May 6th

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

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing: The giving totals as of now for One Great Hour of Sharing is \$3,183.36, with a goal of \$3,000.

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.



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:

Clearwater Forest Day: TODAY is Clearwater Forest emphasis day here at FPC! We have a special camp representative on hand during worship to tell us about all of the wonderful things happening at Clearwater Forest. 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 children and youth heading off to camp.

Clearwater Forest: REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!! Registration for Summer 2018 at Clearwater Forest is well underway, and camps are filling up quickly! Look online today to discover programs for campers entering 3rd grade through recent graduates. This year's programs are built around our summer theme "Light the Fire—Changing the World with the Light of Christ." Remember to bring a friend and get a \$25 gift certificate to the camp store! For more information please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.

VBS Volunteers: It's time to get Vacation Bible School preparations into high gear with the VBS volunteer training meeting this coming Tuesday, May 1st at 6:30p.m.! If you have already volunteered to help in some way, or have not yet been asked but would like to help, please plan on attending this one-time meeting in the Friendship Room. Contact Jill Boeyink if you have any questions.

Congratulations Confirmands: First Presbyterian Church is proud to announce that there will be four Confirmation students being confirmed during the 10 a.m. worship service next Sunday, May 6th. After a year-long study program with the Pastors, Tori Marquardt, Andrea Walz, Elliot Christensen, and Isabelle Kienholz will be accepted into membership at FPC. Each of these young people have written their own individual Faith Statements, and will present them to the congregation on May 6th. Following the service in John Knox Hall, please stay for coffee fellowship, hosted by the Nurture and Fellowship Committee.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!! It is time to get your child/children registered for VBS!! You can get a registration form in the Narthex, on the bulletin board by the Family Café, in the VOICE or online!!

Community Announcements:

Harrison Community Presbyterian Church is having their 150th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 20th from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to help them celebrate this milestone.

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