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First Press

First Presbyterian Church

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TRANSITION IN ACTION

Transition News

The Session deeply appreciates the thoughtful and helpful comments about the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church offered in church chats and the survey. On Saturday, June 30, the Session met to digest these comments as part of the mission study that is required for the pastoral call process.

The Session, working in conjunction with Presbytery representative Rev. Timothy Rupert, hopes to complete the mission study and nominate members to the Pastoral Search Committee for election by the congregation by the end of August. The Pastoral Search Committee would then complete a Ministry Information Form which would be approved by the Session and the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery, and formally begin the search process.

Mission Trip Teaser

The guys are currently braving 105° heat indexes in Green Bay! They will lead worship on Mission Sunday, July 1st, and we will have a more in depth article to follow in September that will be loaded with photos. Here is a brief update:

From Steve:

Our mission team boys are all doing very well, hard-working and energetic. My team is working with a family where the husband is paraplegic and on a respirator. Also he is not Christian. His wife is a devout Christian. This family could certainly use prayers.

From Bryan:

Things are going great. All of the boys are doing great and having a spirit-filled experience. Sharing their love of Christ in so many ways. Each have settled into their crews and are touching their residents in many positive ways.



Looking Ahead!



Congregational Life

(Keep an eye on the bulletin for more information coming about all of these fun events!)

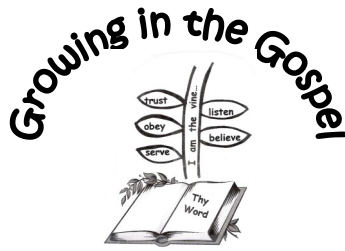
Adult Night Out – Dinner at The Pointe – July

Mini Golf - August

Church Picnic – September

Rally Day Luncheon – September

Vacation Bible School 2018



We had a wonderful week learning how we can grow in the Gospel! Highlights of the week included:

- ♥ Lots of laughter!



- ♥ Our mission puppeteers and program director Heather LuGrain told us about Opening Doors, an organization in Dubuque that provides housing, hospitality and hope to homeless women. We set a goal to raise \$150, but amazingly collected \$578.53!



- ♥ Bible story-telling, making Joseph puppets, God "rocks", and Josiah TV story, and playing Bible trivia were a few activities in a busy Bible Discovery Center.



- ♥ Snacks with Billy, Cherie, and Steve



- ♥ Fun crafts made by the kids in the Art Center: decorative picture frames, shiny trumpets, and Ten Commandment scrolls



- ♥ Incredible young actors performed plays about Joseph, Gideon, Ruth, King Josiah, and Peter, John and the lame man.



- ♥ Relay races, the parachute, memory verse tag, and an obstacle course provided fun at the Recreation Center.



- ♥ "Those who Grow up in the Lord", "Joshua 1:9", "It's a Great Day to Praise the Lord" and "I will Trust the Lord" were favorite songs in the Music Center.



- ♥ 45 VBSers went to Manor Care to share our week with the residents.

- ♥ VBS Sunday was appreciated by the church family as the kids did a super job leading in worship.

- ♥ Thanks to everyone who helped make VBS successful! ♥

Mission/Stewardship



COMMUNITYMEALS

Café Ministry

Thank you to Alex Jack for all the behind the scenes work he has done getting the food to 1st Congregational Church. This requires quite a few trips from the refrigerators to the parked car and then again from his car to the 1st Congregational Church. Helping hands would be greatly appreciated in the future! Mark your calendars for AUGUST 30. Also, please consider signing up to bring potato chips, milk, desserts, salads, hot dogs or buns! If you need help figuring out how to get items to the church, please don't hesitate to contact Judy Sheridan for more information! And THANKS AGAIN AND ALWAYS for all the generous contributions of food and the wonderful people who volunteer to help serve at this important ministry. In May, approximately 90 people were served!

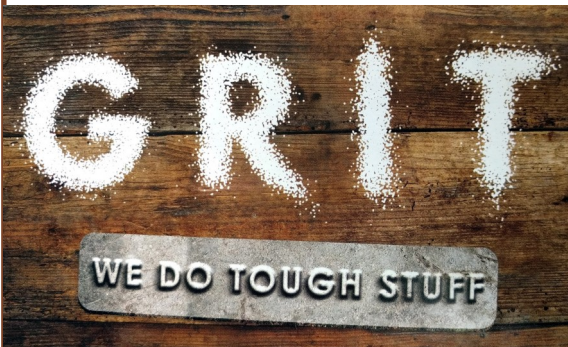
Thailand Missionary Update

May was Minute for Missionary Month and our Thailand missionaries were featured during this month. The Thailand missionaries are supported by First Presbyterian in their mission. In addition to the generosity of the congregation, the mission committee contributed to the Thailand missionaries' work. Please continue to pray for and remember our missionary friends in Thailand. One will be celebrating her birthday this month. Thanks to all of you for signing the card.

Our missionaries' newsletter is available in the coffee room. Please take the time to read of their work and dedication to spreading God's love.



Mission Trip



On June 24 – June 30, Jonas and Elias Brehm, Sam and Lupe Morales, Ethan Blair, Gabe Vander Broek, and their leaders, Bryan Blair and Steve Foxen represented First Presbyterian Church on a mission trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The Mission Committee financially and prayerfully supported this group who worked hard prior to leaving on their trip by hosting a bake sale, delicious soup luncheon, tilling, mulching, and performing various other odd jobs to help pay their way to Green Bay.

Each participant also contributed \$50.00 toward this trip.

They have been prepared well as they are serving in Green Bay under "GRIT", a workcamp to repair and transform houses.

In the Life of FPC



FPC Mail Bag

From the Dubuque Food Pantry:

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your June food donations to help stock the shelves here at the Dubuque Food Pantry.

We are so grateful for your support in our mission to feed the hungry in our community.

This donation will go far in blessing so many!

Blessings,

Theresa Caldwell, mngr. Dubuque Food Pantry

Garden Update



Don't forget to check the progress of the garden in the back of the manse. Carefully tended by Florence Siefker, the garden is lush and has already produce a harvest of radishes and promises a bounty of much more! Here is a list of some of the veggies planted: beans, tomatoes, sunflowers, cucumbers, strawberries, carrots, and sweet potatoes.



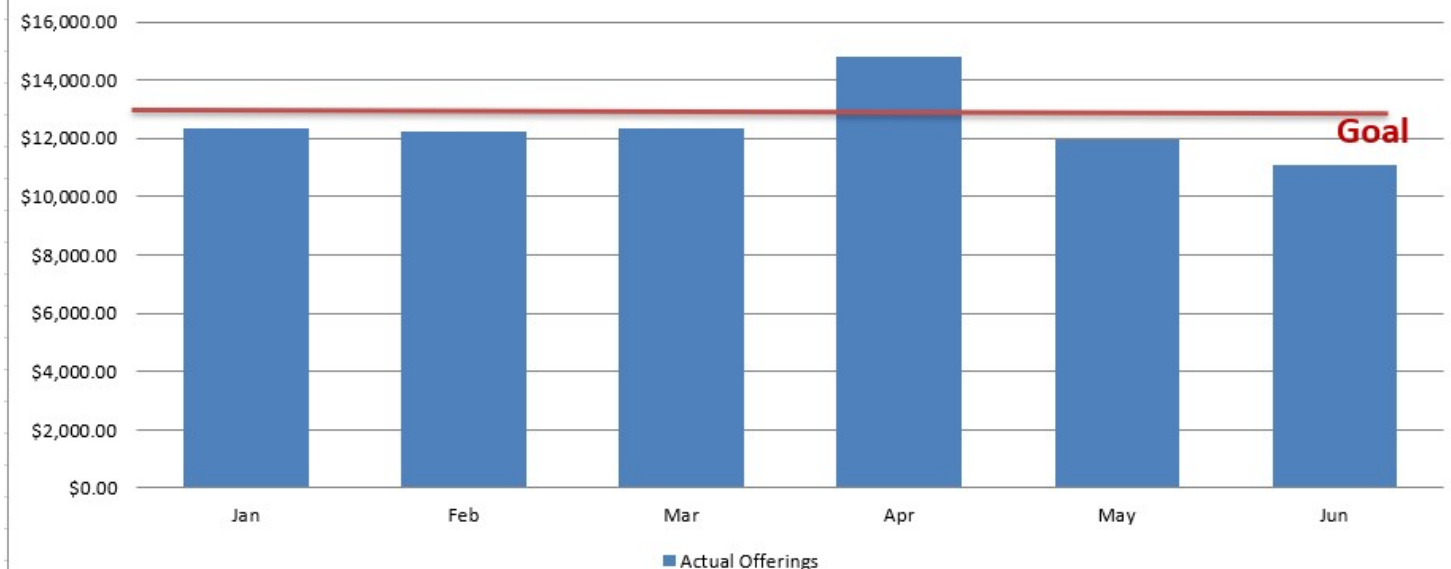
FPC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May	2017	2018	June	2017	2018
1 st	61	65	1 st	56	60
2 nd	64	79	2 nd	87 (VBS)	72
3 rd	51	64	3 rd	50	74 (VBS)
4 th	81	61	4 th	58	39
5 th	N/A	N/A	5 th	N/A	N/A

Join us

Join us for **Young at Heart**
the first Tuesday of each month at
11:30am at Village Inn.

Offering Totals



July 2018

Deacons of the Month: Terri Gronau & Suzanne Heber

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:15am Worship: Mission Sunday Sacrament of Holy Communion	2	3 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn 4:14pm CE @ Linda Longfield's	4 Independence Day Church office will be closed.	5	6 1:30pm Manor Care: Katrina Richardson	7 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine 8:30am Congl. Life 9:00am Deacons
8 10:15am Worship: Katrina Richardson, preaching Baptism of Camilla Daniels	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 10:15am Worship: Rev. Lyle Vander Broek, preaching	16	17 6:30pm Session	18	19	20	21
22 10:15am Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home: Lyle Vander Broek/Jill Klinebriel	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 10:15am Worship: Guest preacher, preaching	30	31	1 AUGUST	2	3 1:30pm Manor Care: Katrina Richardson	4 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine

August 2018 Deacons of the Month: Beth & Steve Foxen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 10:15am Worship: Katrina Richardson, preaching	30	31	1 AUGUST	2	3 1:30pm Manor Care: Katrina Richardson	4 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
5 10:15am Worship: Rev. Lyle Vander Broek, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion	6	7 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn 3:45pm Mission/Stewardship	8	9	10	11 8:30am Congl. Life 9:00am Deacons
12 10:15am Worship: Tom Jack, preaching	13	14 6:30pm Session	15	16	17	18
19 10:15am Worship: Katrina Richardson, preaching	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:15am Worship: Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home: Katrina Richardson/Jill Klinebriel	27	28	29	30 5:00pm Café Ministry @ 1st Congregational	31	1 SEPTEMBER 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

- 3 Tony & Emily Herbst
- 4 Jamie Dillman
- 5 Zachary Alba
Jaclyn Biekert
Nikki Fountain
Steve & Beth Foxen
- 6 Bryan & Sara Blair
- 7 Annette Boelk
- 8 Tom & Joanne Jack
- 11 Mark Ward
- 14 Roger Ebertz
Cooper Boelk
- 16 Joanne Jack
Thailand missionary
- 17 Joshua Achtemeier
- 23 Breck Biechler
- 26 Terry Tietjen
- 29 Hunter Brehm
Karen Stant
- 30 Eva McCaw

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

- 1 Bryan Blair
Clint & Kate Biekert
- 5 Dedee Cosgrove
- 7 Suzanne Heber
- 8 John & Kristen Eby
- 11 Brian Hallstoos
Nikki & Ivy Fountain
- 15 Nancy Zurcher
Brad & Linda Longfield
- 20 Joe Daniels
- 23 Paige Dillman
- 25 Steve Foxen
- 26 Chris Holdener
- 28 Susan Ebertz

OFFICE HOURS

Lyle Vander Broek:

Thu., 10:00-12:00pm
or by appointment

Secretary:

Summer Hours
(through August 22)

Linda Longfield:

M-Th 9:00-1:00pm

Mon. 9:00-12:00pm
Wed. 9:00-12:00pm
Thu. 9:00-12:00pm



ELECTRONIC GIVING has arrived at FPC. Information was included in your quarterly statement from the church. If you have questions or would like more information contact church treasurer, Bob Monthey.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

JULY

- July 1 Mission Sunday
- July 8 Katrina Richardson
- July 15 Rev. Lyle Vander Broek
- July 22 Rev. Beth McCaw
- July 29 Guest preacher

PREACHING SCHEDULE

AUGUST

- August 5 Rev. Lyle Vander Broek
- August 12 Tom Jack
- August 19 Katrina Richardson
- August 26 Rev. Marsha Wilfong

Food for the First July & August



The Dubuque Food Pantry needs your help. All non-perishables are welcome especially macaroni & cheese, tuna and other canned meat, soup, peanut butter & jelly, cereal, rice, pasta, boxed potatoes, #3 baby food, diapers (size 3-5), and baby wipes.

Please place your donations to Food for the First in the basket in the narthex. Your generous donations assist those in need in our neighborhood and help to make their lives a little brighter.

Thank You!
Mission Committee

"Supplies for the Second"

While serving at the Domestic Violence Center we learned how we can help by providing supplies that are always needed: toilet paper, paper towels, boxes of tissues, toilet bowl cleaner, cleaning products like Windex, laundry detergent, diapers.

July needs:

Clorox wipes, toilet paper, and paper towels.

August needs:

diapers, baby wipes, body wash, and ice packs.



Please bring your "Supplies for the Second" to the church and place them in the basket in the narthex the second Sunday of each month. Terri Gronau delivers them to the collection site.

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