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First Press

First Presbyterian Church

July/August 2019

TRANSITION IN ACTION

Transition News

Session has voted to hire a part-time temporary pastor to oversee administration and pastoral care beginning in August. Linda Longfield will be stepping down as the church administrator at the end of July, after 15 months of service.

At a congregational meeting on June 30, Sandy Spencer was elected to replace Harold Daniels (who recently resigned) on the Pastor Nominating Committee. Thanks to Harold for his work on the committee and to Sandy for her willingness to serve.

Relentless

2019 SUMMER MISSION EXPERIENCE

The theme for this summer's mission experience is "Relentless." "Relentless" describes someone who is...
Unstoppable. Energized. Enduring.
Never giving up. Always "on."

God's relentless love for us is unshakable. Like water flowing downhill to the lowest places, God is always for us, pursuing us fondly, covering us with mercy and grace. He is relentless in the best of ways. Nothing slows Him—not our choices or experiences. God never gives up, never stops loving, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. God's love counteracts the world's nonstop pressure and gives us the resources we need to change and grow...starting where we are right now.

Please be in prayer for the mission team as they depart on Sunday, July 7th and return on Saturday, July 13th. Pray for safety in their travels and work and also that they be transformed by God's relentless love as they are working hard transforming the homes of folks in rural Minnesota.

As Henry settles in to his Heavenly Home, I realize how blessed we have been to be part of this awesome church family.

*Thank you,
Velita Fawcett*

*Thank
you*

Looking Ahead!



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

Adult Nite Out – at The Point – July 13

Rally Day Luncheon – September 8

Church Picnic – September 15

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Journey with Jesus



We had a wonderful week traveling with Jesus!

Highlights included:

† Puppets teaching about PDA -Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - which helps clean up after natural disasters. We set a goal to fill 5 clean-up buckets. By the end of the week, we had raised over \$600. Thanks be to God!



† Incredible young actors performed plays of when Jesus visited Mary & Martha,



healed a paralytic, calmed the storm, changed Zacchaeus, and met disciples on the road to Emmaus.

† A busy Bible Discovery Center where we made puppets, interviewed Bible characters, acted out the story, and unscrambled the Bible story.



† Craft projects of backpacks, model houses, story wheels, and pennants.



† Relay races, the parachute, the human knot, and memory verse freeze tag



† “Step by Step”, “Joshua 1:9”, “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”, and “Come and Follow” and other catchy tunes.



† Eating snacks with Billy, Karen, Cherie and Harold.



† Our trip to Manor Care to share our week with the residents.

† VBS Sunday where kids led in worship.

† Everyone who volunteered, prayed, and/or who donated supplies.

Mission/Stewardship

Community Garden

The LORD will guide you always . . . You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Isaiah 58:11

Like last summer, Florence Siefker, is faithfully tending a garden she planted in the backyard of the church manse. Florence, who currently serves as our nursery care provider, has been part of the church family for almost 20 years. She loves to work the land. When asked why she planted the garden, she said, "It is what I did growing up in Jamaica – if we wanted to eat, we put in our own vegetables." The produce from last year's garden was shared with the church family and given to neighbors living around the church and those near Florence, who lives just six blocks from the church. She plans to share her abundance again this summer. Take a moment and check out the garden and thank Florence!



Cafe Ministry Update

Café Ministry tried something new May 30. The UCC kitchen staff grilled hotdogs and brats. The guests greatly appreciated the taste of summer, and we served over 120 people. Your next opportunity to help out with Café Ministry is August 29th. Be looking for the sign ups to either donate food or your time to set-up and serve.



From your Missionaries:

The latest newsletter is available in the Coffee Room. We continue in prayer for...



- Carol's elementary class in her home
- new young adult friendships with Mike, Manny, and others unnamed
- Thai Church colleagues to engage their neighbors
- peace and harmony for their society in the midst of unsettled political times
- hearts and minds to be opened to knowing Isa al-Masih (which means Messiah or Jesus in Arabic).

Opportunities for Support

We continue to prayerfully consider the many requests for support that come our way. One organization, Hillcrest Family Services, has had support from the Presbyterian church over the years.

It began in 1896 as a Rescue Home for Women, gradually moved to serve children and then adolescents and then added mental health services. Currently they are having to close some offices.

The Mission Committee, on behalf of First Presbyterian Church, continues this year with a small gesture of support (\$100). They ask for continued prayers for their struggling clients and faithful staff.



In the Life of FPC



You're Invited!

On Sunday, July 7, you are invited to a mission event at Westminster Presbyterian church where Paul Both, a graduate of UDS and now serving with the South Sudan Education Mission program will give a presentation about his work with the South Sudanese people in Africa and here in the United States. Dinner will begin at 5 p.m. followed by Rev. Both's presentation. A free-will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the meal and to support Paul's work. *Please call Westminster to make a reservation. (563.583.1729)*

Jackson Park Neighborhood Party

The Mission and Stewardship Committee is constantly seeking ways to help us reach out to our neighborhood. Here is one way! On July 14 in Jackson Park from 6-8 p.m., there will be a neighborhood party right across the street. Dubuque Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) is sponsoring a free party for neighbors of Jackson Park. Americorps volunteers help serve and clean up, St. Marks youth supply and cook hotdogs, DNA provides the tent for the band, music is provided by a local band, and the city provides what is needed for the trash. In addition, there is a "fun trailer" with games for the kids.

Plan to attend:

- 1) Bring your own lawn chair/blankets
- 2) Come early to set up tables and chairs, help serve food or stay to assist in the clean up
- 3) Get to know FPC's neighbors to create a better community for all of us



FPC Mail Bag

From the Dubuque Food Pantry:

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your May 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

FPC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May	2018	2019	June	2018	2019
1 st	65	57	1 st	60	39
2 nd	79	67	2 nd	72	64
3 rd	64	54	3 rd	74 (VBS)	64
4 th	61	56	4 th	39	55
5 th	N/A	N/A	5 th	N/A	75 (VBS)



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

July 2019

Deacons of the Month: Mark & Debbie Stant

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10:15am Worship: VBS Sunday	1 JULY	2 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	3	4 Independence Day	5 1:30pm Manor Care: Tom Jack	6 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
7 10:15am Worship: SPM Kate Meyrick, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion 11:30am Deacons 5:00pm Mission Dinner @ WPC	8	9	10	11	12	13 8:30am Congl. Life 4:30pm Adult Nite Out @ The Point
Senior High mission trip to Worthington, MN						
14 10:15am Worship: Mission Sunday 6:00-8:00pm Jackson Park Party	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 10:15am Worship: Rev. John Armstrong, preaching	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:15am Worship: Rev. Tim Slemmons, preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel	29	30	31	1	2	3

August 2019

Deacons of the Month: Jamie Dillman & Hannah Eby

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10:15am Worship: Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel	29	30	31	1 AUGUST	2 1:30pm Manor Care: Tom Jack	3 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
4 10:15am Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion 11:30am Deacons	5	6 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	7	8	9	10 8:30am Congl. Life 10:00am Session
11 10:15am Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching	12	13 3:45pm Mission	14	15	16	17 John Knox Presbytery Video conference @ Westminster
18 10:15am Worship: Rev. John Armstrong, preaching	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 10:15am Worship: Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel	26	27	28	29 5:00-7:00pm Café Ministry @ 1st Congl.	30	31

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
Carol Fujii
- 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

Admin Assistant:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00-11:00am

Wednesday: 9:00am-1:00pm

SPM Kate Meyrick:

Wednesday 9:00am-1:00pm



Electronic giving is available at FPC. There's information on how to set up online giving in the Coffee Hour room or you can contact church treasurer, Bob Monthey.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

JULY

- July 7 SPM Kate Meyrick
- July 14 Mission Sunday
- July 21 Rev. John Armstrong
- July 28 Rev. Timothy Slemmons

PREACHING SCHEDULE

AUGUST

- August 4 Rev. Beth McCaw
- August 11 Rev. Bradley Longfield
- August 18 Rev. John Armstrong
- August 25 Rev. Timothy Slemmons

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 to the Stants for delivering the donations each month.*

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. *Thank you to Terri Gronau who delivers them to the collection site.*

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