
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

Our Mission Statement:

Welcome, Learn, Serve

**We welcome persons to faith in Jesus Christ;
Learning together to live that faith in the real world;**

Serving God Together.

PRACTICING FAITHFULNESS IN ALL SEASONS!!

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Church Website: www.fpcbp.org
Worship Service: Sunday, 10:30 am

CHURCH OFFICE HORUS:

Wednesday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

AUGUST 2025

WELCOME



Generally speaking – we are a very civil group. I think a lot of that has to do with the communal sense we share of living a life of love through Jesus Christ. It simplifies our personal journey and amplifies our corporate mission – to minister. And to be honest, it doesn't seem particularly intentional. We're not trying to be this way, it's just what we have arrived at in our collective faith journey.

At a time when an awful lot of clergy view their congregation as "bumps in the pews", I get to cast my gaze upon a group of people who individually personify the impact of a collective ministry of love. The thing about letting love be your focus is it naturally tends toward the welfare of others. All others – not just the nice ones.

It's easy enough to let yourself be an instrument of God – you don't have to do anything other than let. Let Him in – Let someone else talk – Let them be – Let them "see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." If we take care of humbling ourselves, we can trust God to take care of exalting us.

Because, you see, we live in a world where moral and social restraints have been rejected, weakened, or targeted as instruments of oppression. *Looking* good and *feeling* good has replaced *being* good and *doing* good, and most people cannot tell the difference. Thank God you can.

Peace.

Always.

Pastor Wayne

Office hours:

Pastor Waibel is in the office on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am – 11:30 am
He can be reached anytime on his cell phone 612-750-3443.

LuAnn Dahn (secretary) -Wednesday and Friday mornings. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Clergy Meeting

Pastor Wayne attends clergy meetings monthly. If there is anything you would like him to bring up to discuss with the other clergy in the area, please let him know.

Prayers

Marilyn Johnson, Denise Johnson, Karen Wakup,
Nikki Bartholomew Leona Fabel, Brian Stolt
Katy Keohen, Gladys Oberstar, Earl Tiegs,
Randy Baumgard (Denise's brother).

Victims of violence; Leaders; Those hard to love, gratitude for our friends, family, and community.



LEARN

Coffee hour Please join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am prior to worship service for coffee and fellowship.



WEB SITE! FPC Church Website – Check it out – www.fpcbp.org

Reminder – If you are unable to attend a service at the church on Sunday mornings, Pastor Wayne is recording a message each week.

SERVE



Our Monthly OFFERINGS June & July 2025

June 1	22	\$ 885.00	July 6	16	\$ 309.00
June 9	19	\$ 290.00	July 13	16	\$ 765.00
June 15	21	\$1160.00	July 20	15	\$ 430.00
June 22	35	\$ 734.00	July 27	14	\$ 240.00

Total Attendance 97
Total June Offerings \$3069.00

Total Attendance 61
Total July Offerings \$1744.00

**A detailed copy of the financial report is available in the church office.
For more information, contact a Session member.*



Meals On Wheels

First Presbyterian Church will be serving Meals on Wheels –
Monday-Friday, August 4th – August 8th.

Thank you for your ministry in serving those in need.

Meals on Wheels coordinator and contact is Susan Volek at– 507-381-2028

AUGUST LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:

Deacon-

August 3 Walt Lehtinen
August 10 Marilyn Johnson
August 17 Dick Coleman
August 24 Walt Lehtinen
August 31 Don Kowalke

Worship Leaders

August 3 Helen Lehtinen
August 10 Pam Pint
August 17 Dick Coleman
August 24 Pastor Wayne Waibel
August 31 JoEllen Kowalke

Greeters

August 3 Walt & Helen Lehtinen
August 10 Marilyn McSweeney
August 17 Dick & Tammie Coleman
August 24 Walt & Helen Lehtinen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Belle Plaine Community Choir Concert at First Presbyterian Church
- Friday, August 1st, 5:30 Dinner (catered by Cindy's)
7:00 pm Program
Everyone is welcome!
There is no charge to attend, but a free will donation will be accepted.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S and ANNIVERSARIES :

Happy Birthday to: Dylan Stolt, Dick Coleman, Taylor Edberg, Peggy Edberg and Colter Erickson.

Happy Anniversary to: Dick & Tammie Coleman, Jason & Tara Swain, Roger & Randee Velishek, Tom & Marilyn Johnson and Stan & Pam Pint.

****Please note:** If you, or someone you know is having a birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we may observe it in our newsletter. Please call the church office at 952-873-2966.

August Lectionary - 2025

8-3-2025- 8th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Hosea 11:1-11
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

8-10-2025 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

8-17-2025 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Isaiah 5:1-7
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

8-24-2025 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 71:1-6
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

8-31-2025 -12th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Jeremiah 2:4-13
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14



August, named in honor of the Roman Emperor Augustus, symbolizes strength, growth, and a time of reflection. It's also associated with harvest, abundance, and a sense of completion as summer transitions into fall. The month's birth flowers, gladiolus and poppy, further emphasize themes of strength, remembrance, and beauty.

August - a calm and quiet time to enjoy the last burst of warm, sunny weather and late summer vegetable gardening