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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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Worship Service: Sunday, 10:30 am

CHURCH OFFICE HORUS:
Wednesday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

AUGUST 2026

WELCOME

Ever notice how the problems that seem to affect most churches never find their way through our doors? We don't have sustained stewardship drives – everybody just steps up. There are no heated discussions in the parking lot after Sunday Worship to plot the overthrow of whatever cause may be provoking the ire of this group or that.

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. That is why it is so very comfortable to be among you. There is a tranquility here that we most certainly cherish, but I doubt any of us has any idea how it actually came to be. Perhaps it's just always been.

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.

Peace.
Always.
Pastor Wayne

Office hours:
Pastor Waibel is in the office on Wednesday mornings from 10:00am – 12:00 pm
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.

P*rayers*
Denise Johnson, Karen Wakup,
Nikki Bartholomew, Leona Fabel, Brian Stolt,
Katy Keohen, Gladys Oberstar, Earl Tiegs,
Clifford Boateng, Wendy Diers

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.

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 and can be viewed on the website listed above.

SERVE

Meals On Wheels

First Presbyterian Church will be serving Meals on Wheels –
Monday-Friday, August 3rd – August 7th.
Thank you for your ministry in serving those in need.

Our Monthly OFFERINGS – June and July, 2026

June 7	20	$ 535.00	July 5	25	$ 885.00
June 14	31	$ 680.00	July 12	18	$ 310.00
June 21	16	$ 445.00	July 20	20	$ 350.00
June 28	14	$ 190.00	July 26	15	$ 515.00

Total Attendance 81
Total June Offerings $1850.00

Total Attendance 78
Total July Offerings $2060.00

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

AUGUST LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:

Deacon-

August 2	Dick Coleman
August 9	Don Kowalke
August 16	Wally Velishek
August 23	Dick Coleman
August 30	Walt Lehtinen

Worship Leaders

August 2	Pastor Wayne Waibel
August 9	JoEllen Kowalke
August 16	Pam Pint
August 23	Dick Coleman
August 30	Laura Burkhard

Greeters

August 2	Dick & Tammie Coleman
August 9	Marilyn McSweeney
August 16	Open
August 23	Dick & Tammie Coleman
August 30	Jim & Carol Schmidt

Operation Christmas Child

Since 1993, **more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries** have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child..
It is a project sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, collects gift-filled shoeboxes for children in need globally. Drop Off is typically held in mid-November.

First Presbyterian Church will be participating in OCC again this year.
There are many school items available at the stores now and we are looking for the following items to add to the boxes:
Notebooks, Rulers, Pencil cases (big,clear), Hot wheel cars.
Items can be brought to the church anytime. Thanks for helping!

Stepping Forward for Dementia: Taking place on August 20, 2026 (registration at 5:00 PM) at The Lutheran Home: Belle Plaine. The 10th annual event features memory walks, live music, games, and food Stepping Forward for Dementia 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S and ANNIVERSARIES:

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

Happy Anniversary to: Dick & Tammie Coleman, Jason & Tara Swain, Roger & Randee Velishek, Stan and Pam Pint and Felician and Tim Sellnow.

**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 - 2026

8-2-2026 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21,
Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

8-9-2026 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 85:8-13
1 Kings 19:9-18
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

8-16-2026 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 67
Isiah 56:1, 6-8
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

8-23-2026 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 138
Isaiah 51:1-6
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

8-30-2026 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Romans 9:12-21
Matthew 16:21-28