
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 HOURS:

Wednesday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

OCTOBER 2024

WELCOME



You folks sure do manage nicely. It is such a pleasure, and privilege, and honor to join you in worship on Sundays.

Challenges abound as we move forward, and while I can't predict precisely what we're looking at as a community of faith, I can speak to the resolve and resilience of that community. I'm here to tell you – you're fine.

Winter is not so much a condition to endure as it is a rite of passage into Spring. We need the break from warmth if for no other reason, to allow for disease stagnation. A purge if you will. Depending on your attitude, it can actually be quite fulfilling as seasons go.

There are certainly festivities-o-plenty this time of year, to say nothing of some really fine fellowship opportunities. On that note, we'll be holding our Annual Congregational Meeting after worship on October 27th.

Also, we'll be hosting this year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Monday, 25 November 2024. We'll be talking.

I hope you will all join me in walking gratefully into the changing season. I'm looking forward to the smell of wood burning in the air as I ride through a crisp, freshly decorated landscape. The scurrying of squirrels carrying nuts so large they can't see around them as they dodge obstacles. There is so much to take glee in every single day.

These are the times I get close to understanding what Jesus meant by the innocence of a child. A child of God that has already been gifted the grace of eternal life – right here on this earth – right now in this day and age, and in the age to come. When you look at things through the lens of a child – it's all wonder. All of it. What a beautiful perspective.

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

Prayers

For the family of Vernie Edberg after her passing,

Marilyn Johnson, Denise Johnson, Nikki Bartholomew,

Karen Wakup, Leona Fabel, 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.

SERVE

Meals On Wheels

First Presbyterian Church will be serving Meals on Wheels – Monday-Friday, September 30th – October 4th and again on October 28th – November 1st.

Thank you for your ministry in serving those in need.

Meals on Wheels coordinator and contact is Marlys Koepp at 952-873-4445.





Our Monthly OFFERINGS August & September, 2024

August 4	21	\$ 910.00
August 11	24	\$ 470.00
August 18	12	\$ 275.00
August 25	17	\$ 380.00

September 1	17	\$ 495.00
September 8	15	\$ 955.00
September 15	15	\$2305.00
September 22	19	\$ 560.00
September 29	n/a	n/a

Total Attendance 74
 Total August Offerings \$1802.00

Total Attendance 66
 Total September Offerings \$4315.00
 (minus Sept. 29 information)

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

OCTOBER LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:

Deacon

October 6	Marilyn Johnson
October 13	Dick Coleman
October 20	Don Kowalke
October 27	Walt Lehtinen

Worship Leaders

October 6	Pam Pint
October 13	Dick Coleman
October 20	JoEllen Kowalke
October 27	Pastor Wayne Waibel

Greeters

October 6	Jim & Carol Schmidt
October 13	Dick & Tammie Coleman
October 20	Marilyn McSweeney
October 27	Walt & Helen Lehtinen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



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 and this will continue even though we are meeting in the church.

Change Meter: Future change meter donations will go toward the Belle Plaine Food Shelf
Meter is in the office



A representative from the Gideon organization will be with us to share a message on Sunday, October 13th.



A congregation church meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 27th following the 10:30 worship service. The meeting to be held in the church sanctuary.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S:

Happy Birthday to : Marilyn McSweeney, Walt Lehtinen, Donald Kowalke, Mark Hodapp and Cassandra Stolt

*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.

October Lectionary - 2024

10-6-2024 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 26
Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

10-20-2024 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35
Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

10-13-2024 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 22:1-15
Job 23:1-9, 16-7
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

10-27-2024 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52