
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

SEPTEMBER 2024

WELCOME



I know it's not on our collective radar anymore, but the new school year is right around the corner. Even though I was one of those pupils that played fast and loose with the concept of "student," I really did look forward to the start of each school year.

Perhaps it was the concentrated influx of new. New books – new teachers – new possibilities. Now, of course, the influx of new accompanies each day. As Christians, this newness carries a wealth of possibilities, and obligations. Chief among them – community.

We are built for communal living. Anything else is unnatural, which is to say – if you are living a life of solitude or are anti-social – you are defying your nature. And that will inevitably result in a life that lacks harmony. Who wants that?

To that end, I'm wondering if there isn't a way for us as a community to explore how we might include a wider sphere of compassion that extends beyond our little corner on Main Street. Say, for instance, taking one day a month and hosting a forum for local candidates to clarify their positions and highlight their intentions if elected.

I'm just spit balling here, but I think the time has come to project outward those values and insights we tend to hold close because we are an informed and decidedly forward-thinking congregation.

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

Vernie Edberg and her son Don, 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 2nd – September 6th. Thank you for your ministry in serving those in need.
Meals on Wheels coordinator and contact is Marlys Koepp at 952-873-4445.





A session meeting was held on Wednesday, April 24th. Minutes from the meeting will be posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



Our Monthly OFFERINGS July and August, 2024

July 7	18	\$ 395.00	August 4	21	\$ 910.00
July 14	5	\$ 400.00	August 11	24	\$ 470.00
July 21	27	\$ 600.00	August 18	12	\$ 275.00
July 28	18	\$ 407.00	August 25	17	\$ 380.00
Total Attendance 68			Total Attendance 74		
Total July Offerings \$1802.00			Total August Offerings \$2035.00		

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

SEPTEMBER LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:

Deacon

September 1 Dick Coleman
September 8 Marilyn Johnson
September 15 Dick Coleman
September 22 Don Kowalke
September 29 Walt Lehtinen

Worship Leaders

September 1 Dick Coleman
September 8 Pastor Wayne Waibel
September 15 Pam Pint
September 22 JoEllen Kowalke
September 29 Helen Lehtinen

Greeters

September 1 Dick & Tammie Coleman
September 8 Marilyn McSweeney
September 15 Dick & Tammie Coleman
September 22 Jim & Carol Schmidt
September 29 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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Happy Birthday to : Tom Johnson

Happy Anniversary to: Mark & Kathy Hodapp, Brian and Brenna Stolt and Denise and Tom Johnson

*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.

September Lectionary - 2024

9-1-2024 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 15

Song of Solomon 1:8-13

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

9-8-2024 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 146

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

9-15-2024- 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 116:1-9

Isaiah 50:4-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:17-38

9-22-2024 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 54

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20

James 3:13 – 4-3, 7-8

Mark 9:30-37

9-29-2024 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 19:7-14

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Grandparents' Day

When is Grandparents Day?

President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation creating a National Grandparents Day in 1978, according to Donna Butts, the executive director of [Generations United](#), an organization that focuses on intergenerational strategies.

Fun fact: In 1978, President Carter and wife Rosalynn had two grandchildren. With four children, they would go on to have more than 20 grand- and great-grandchildren.

What is Grandparents Day?

Grandparents Day is a time to pause and appreciate the older generations of our families.

"It's a day when we stop to honor grandparents and grand-friends for their contributions to our families, neighborhoods and communities," Butts says. "It's also a time to remind people of all ages they can do something grand with another or for another generation. People at all ages and stages of life have value and something valuable to contribute to making our world a better place."

Why do we celebrate Grandparents Day?

The official proclamation of Grandparents Day states that the holiday is used "to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of the strength, information, and guidance older people can offer."