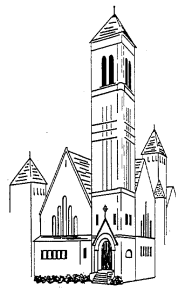


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10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. Worship Service – Chapel
 9:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour
 9:15 a.m. NewSong Worship Service – Chapel
 10:15 a.m. Chapel Class – Chapel
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Vision and Mission Statements

VISION: *As faithful followers of Jesus Christ, we seek to be an open, caring, compassionate congregation, and to bring about positive changes in our community and world.*

MISSION: *We celebrate, explore, and demonstrate our Christian faith in loving service.*

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: *1) Continue to be an active community-oriented congregation; 2) Develop a passion for discipleship and advocacy; 3) Celebrate unity of purpose with diversity in action.*

**DECATUR
 CELEBRATION
 PARKING
 THE YOUTH'S
 BIGGEST FUND
 RAISER**

The Youth are renting parking spaces for the **Decatur Celebration held on August 7, 8 & 9**. One-time visits are \$5, or for \$20, you may rent a space for the entire weekend. The **weekend pass** allows you to come and go as often as you wish with the guarantee of a parking space during the times when the parking lot is monitored. You may also transfer the parking pass to a family or friends when you are not using it. The lot will be monitored on Friday, August 7, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., on Saturday, August 8, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., and on Sunday, August 9, from 12 noon until 8 p.m.



In addition, the Youth need volunteers to help monitor the parking lot. Two-hour shifts are available. Please call Christl in the church office or Pam

Neeley at 413-8087 to volunteer. Thank you for your support in this fundraising effort.

We have a volunteer sheet in the Gathering Room for you to sign up. Bring your calendars to see if you have an opening or two to help the youth.

THANK YOU!



Presbyterians Today

Subscribe and renew for inspirational issues of Presbyterian Today.

Paying through the church offers you a discount as we are charged a group price of **\$17.95** for each member. There is a **table dedicated for sign-ups** for new and continued subscribers for the next few weeks in the Gathering Room. There are past issues to thumb through to check out the contemporary social issues that so many people struggle with today, and many meaningful stories about Christian education and mission. Give some thought to enriching your Christian reading today! Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church.

CANNED AND BOXED GOODS ACCEPTED SUNDAY



First Sunday happens August 2! Share your blessings with the needy as you bring your food donations to all services for Northeast Community

Fund. You may also bring food or monetary donations on Monday morning.



Also, on the first Sunday of the month, the Peacemaking committee will sell olive oil and Equal Exchange coffee, tea and cocoa in the Gathering Room. Thank you for your support.



Mark your calendar for another afternoon travelogue for SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 4:00 – 6:00pm, to attend John Kay's presentation of his recent trip to Dubai. We will accept monetary donations for supper at 5:00p.m.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marge Wollrab is at Primrose in room 224.

Former member **Dan Lycan** of Manassas, VA, and older brother of Jim Lycan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 throat cancer, which has spread to his liver as well.

Ray Landon's brother Douglas died July 22, 2011, in Binghamton, NY. Their daughter Linda Wiesner will be driving them to NY for the funeral. Ray and Lillian were very fortunate to have recently visited his brother and wife. Our sympathy is extended to them and their families.

Another community giver died July 23, 2015. **Nancy Rude** was the Director of Oasis Day Center, and worked in the mental health field for 25 years. Our prayers go out to her family.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to the congregation for all the thoughts, prayers, notes, cards, phone calls, and food that was delivered during our bereavement for Ross.

Marge, Lou, Lee and Jory Wollrab

First Presbyterian Members,

What a joy it was to receive all the wonderful cards from my First Pres. family concerning my illness! Thank you very much, and I have now recovered. I certainly miss First Pres. and cherish all those wonderful years at the church.

Pauline Carter

Thank You!

It's almost hard to believe it's been a year since my heart attack. Thank you all for the prayers and prayer blanket. I'm forever grateful to my church congregation.

Tom Force

Thank you to Jim Lycan for donating the lighting for the stained glass window next to the women's bathroom. It really highlights the beautiful colors in the glass.

NEW ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBER

Marge Wollrab
1145 Arbor Dr. #224
Decatur, IL 672526
(217)872-0349

Claire & Andrew Taylor
352 Point Bluff Dr. - 62521

GOOD SAMARITAN INN AUGUST 6, 2015

Mark your calendar. The first Thursday of each month is when First Presbyterian Church prepares and serves at Good Sam. Hours are: 9-1 p.m. The Inn operates solely on the good hearts of volunteers. It is located at 920 N. Union Street.



CHAIRLIFT IN OPERATION

First Pres has a working chairlift that leads to the youth area. See Jim Lycan for details on its operation. It uses two keys.

CHURCH SCHOOL HOUR

August 2, 2015

9:00 Everyday Issues: Downstairs Youth area – The Gospel of Thomas –Tom Griffith will finish speaking on the Gospel of Thomas by Ron Miller.

10:15 a.m. Chapel Class – Chapel

UPCOMING CLASS

August 9, 2015

Everyday Issues Class

Many churches claim that all Jesus' disciples were male, and therefore women have no leadership role in the church. The New Testament presents a very different picture. Jesus was a radical! Join Bill Keagle as he leads a discussion concerning "Jesus and Women".

MEMBERS IN PARK DISTRICT PLAYS

The Decatur Park District is presenting "Dinosaurs before Dark" and "Legally Blonde." Both are musicals and three First Pres members are taking part.

Grace Smith-Phillips is in the *Dinosaurs* production and show times are July 31st at 7pm and August 1st at 2pm at the Civic Center. **Audrey Smith-Phillips** and **Kathryn Franklin** are in *Legally Blonde*, and it will be August 1st at 7pm and August 2nd at 2pm.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the Park District office at 620 E. Riverside or by phone at 422-5911. Tickets are \$7.



VERY GOOD

August 2 SUNDAY GREETERS

Before Service

#1 Norm Jensen #4 Betty Q. Smith
#2 Lori Jensen #5 Wally Minnis
#3 Cheryl Thompson

Computer Tech

Andrew Taylor

Web Team

Theresa Boes
Andy Rauff

Media Tech

Jackie Evans

August 2 COMMUNION SERVERS

8:00 a.m. – Mac Moore

9:15 a.m. – Richard Sublett

10:30 a.m. –

Current Elders & Deacons

Linda Bullock
Tom Force
Judy Steele
Nadine Wimmer
Margi Nicholson

Other Elders

Bob Bullock
Nancy Force
Frits Pronk
Brenda Aymer

August

Newsletter Volunteers

Betsy Tietz
Earline Wisher 8/5
Jan Mandernach
Betty Zeaman

Money Counters

Yvonne Lewis
Susie Marshall



WORSHIP SERVICES

August 2, 2015

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. John Kay, preaching

Sandy Peterson, 8:00 a.m. lay leader

Terry Hogg and Pam Neeley

9:15 a.m. service leaders

Jane Spires, 10:30 a.m. lay leader

Scripture

John 6:24-35

Sermon

"The Work of God"

Flowers

The flowers this Sunday are given by Jerry Atkins in honor of all volunteers who give their time and/or money.

August Ushers

Myung Kim, captain

Dan Austin

Bob Bullock

Joli Cirks

Jim May

Eric Nevitt-sub

Charlie Platt-sub

Pat Smallwood

David Williams

Mike Zia-sub

Worship Aids

Children's bulletins, large-print Bibles, and hearing amplifiers are available for use during worship. Ask any usher.

AVAILABLE FLOWER DATE:



August 16

Purchase Sunday flowers in memory of your loved

ones- 429-4195 or
fpdec@comcast.net.



1ST PRES STRING BAND PRACTICE

Every Wednesday at 5:00PM in the Choir Room until the AC is fixed – All levels welcome. Call Doug at 521-1314.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

We are using a study guide, "The Present Word" and applying it to our modern lives. We meet from 7 to 8 each Thursday morning at church. Come, try us on for size! Questions? Contact Jerry Atkins, Dick Fiala, Paul Rosenberger, George Batson or Ray Landon

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers are always welcome to help in the office. We usually have openings for telephone greeters, newsletter assemblers and money counters. Telephone greeters answer the phone while we have staff meetings or retreats. Newsletter assemblers meet with two other volunteers for a designated month of Wednesday mornings to compile our Tower Notes; and money counters, a team of two, are designated a month of Monday mornings to count Sunday's deposit and take it to the bank.

If you are interested, we can schedule you for the job of your choice. We always take subs too. Our volunteers are valuable and very much appreciated by the office staff. You are welcomed to join the current rank of volunteers: Naomi Davis, Merrill Dees, Jean Gift, Susan Grieve, Mary Ann Grohne, Jody Hantel, Ann Hostetler, Tom and Barbara Hostetler, Irene Huff, Lori Jensen, Ray and Lillian Landon, Yvonne Lewis, Linda May, Jan Mandernach, Susie Marshall, Carolyn Meyer, Shirley Moore, Susan Moore, Barbara and Jerry Redford, Verlyn Rosenberger, Betty Q. Smith, Carol Sudduth, Pat Thom, Betsy Tietz, Mildred Weaver, Joan Winick, Earline Wisher and Betty Zeaman

From A to Z, we love our volunteers!

GRANDMA'S YELLOW PIE PLATE, OR WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH ALL THIS STUFF?

For anyone who has downsized or cleaned out a loved one's home, they know the decisions go on and on. How can we make this easier and more satisfying?

"The Workbook – Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" - is designed to be an effective tool for a variety of family groups working to make decisions in different situations.

The Health Ministry Committee will lead a 3-Sunday Adult Ed class –

August 16, 24, 31 – using this workbook. We also know the wisdom among members of the congregation from their personal experiences in making decisions about who gets what and why. We want to bring together the thought provoking ideas of the workbook with the real life experiences we all may have had.



I will make copies of the worksheets we will use,

or you can purchase the workbook yourself at

www.bookstores.umn.edu –

(Enter "books"; enter "UMN extension publications"; enter "family" and scroll to bottom, left row and enter on Grandma's Pie Plate book.

Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate? Workbook

A Guide to Passing on Personal Possessions

University of Minnesota/Extension 2011






We look forward to exploring this very practical and important topic with you. Our goal is to foster family communications that will lead to smoother transitions.

Phyllis, Parish Nurse

August Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Merrill Dees – 2
- Jerry Atkins – 3
- Drew Davis – 3
- Scott Davidson – 4
- Judson DeVore – 5
- Caroline Tanner – 5
- Jim May – 6
- Sarah Yepsen – 7
- James Nevitt – 8
- Liz Schwab – 8
- Melissa Grohne – 9
- Olivia Bachtold – 11
- Marguerite Curtis – 11
- Carol Ferry – 12
- Matthew Ward – 12
- Jim Davison – 13
- Al Hagymasy – 13
- Leland Shafter – 13
- Sally Shumate – 13
- Melanie Anderson – 15
- Matt Ingram – 15
- Melissa Schulz – 15
- Debbie VanZant – 15
- Nita Dale Harned – 17
- Megan Smith – 17
- Meg Edwards – 18
- Betty Q. Smith – 18
- Madeline Morthland - 19
- Angela Crowe - 20
- Marylyn Welch – 21
- Betty Monroe – 23
- Carolyn Allin – 24
- Linda Bullock – 24
- Earl Carpunky – 24
- David Holmlund – 24
- David Williams – 24
- Cindy Ellis – 27
- Bob Dunn – 29
- Festus Paul – 29
- Charles Platt – 29
- Fred Spannaus – 29
- Jacob Blackburn – 30
- Ruth Holler – 30
- Walt Lohmann – 30
- Betsy Tietz – 30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>August 2015</h1>				<p>"Fairest of the months! Ripe summer's queen The hey-day of the year With robes that gleam with sunny sheen Sweet August doth appear." - R. Combe Miller</p>		(7am-AA) 1
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30	(7am-AA) 31			<p>"Blessed be the Harvest, Blessed be the Corn Mother, Blessed be the Grain God, For together they nourish both body and soul. Many blessings I have been given, I count them now by this bread. Guardian of the East, I pray for your indulgence. Hear me now as I request your aid in the cycle of life. As your winds blow through fields of ripened grain, Carry loosened seeds upon your back That they may fall amidst the soil That is our Mother Earth."</p>		