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Keep smilin', keep lovin' & keep embracing



Have you ever had someone come up to you and say, "I have some good news and I have some bad news."? When I hear that question I have a tendency to cringe. I want to

hear the "good news" but I usually have no interest in the "bad news." It's like the farmer who went into his banker and announced that he had some good news and some bad news. The banker said, "First, the bad news."

"Well," said the farmer, "I can't make my mortgage payments and that crop loan I've taken out for the past ten years—I can't pay that off either. Not only that, I won't be able to pay you the couple of hundred thousand I still have outstanding on my tractors and other equipment. So, I'm going to have to give up the farm and turn it all over to you for whatever you can salvage out of it."

Then, silence prevailed for a minute and then the banker said, "What's the good news?" The farmer said, "Well, the good news is I'm going to keep on banking with you!"

Well, you knew this was coming—are you ready? I have some good news and I have some bad news!

The good news is—it is summer! School has been out for some time. Vacations are on the horizon. Laughter can be heard echoing down the hallways of homes as your children rejoice in

their "freedom." The "season of rest" is here!

Here is the bad news—I am not convinced we are going to slow down. It is not our typical nature to "slow down." We more often "run through the roses" rather than "stop to smell them." It is not our normal "mode of operation" to operate at a slower mode.

As I write this article I can't help but reflect on my own pace. The phrase, "I have some good news and some bad news," continues to replay over and over again in my head. The good news is, "I have a wonderful family; I am surrounded by some wonderful people; I work with a wonderful staff here at FPC; the Penguins won the Stanley Cup; my Redeemer lives!; and the list could go on."

Here is the bad news—"I am often too tired or too busy to really enjoy any of it!"

Admittedly, your circumstances are different than mine, and yet surely you can resonate with the scenario. Surely there are opportunities before you that you need to be more deliberate in making the time to enjoy. Surely there are relationships that you need to invest in. Surely there are stories you need to make time to listen to or perhaps share. Surely this summer can be "one to remember!"

Begin today by telling your family you love them. Take a friend to lunch today. Read a book to your child today. Sit out on the back porch and watch the sunset

today. Give your spouse a hug today. Share a word of encouragement with a friend or perhaps even a stranger today. Do something you "should do" today rather than just checking something off your "To Do" list. Listen only to the Good News today.

Isaiah 40:28-31 states, "Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

Today we need to hear the Good News: the news that brings life to a tired and seemingly dead body; the news that brings hope to a hopeless situation; the news that brings peace that is beyond human comprehension; the news that epitomizes the fullness of life; the news that, no matter what happens, will continue to be with us.

May the Lord grant you all a joyful and peaceful summer.

Keep smilin' and keep lovin' and keep embracing the Good News!

Faithfully,
Rev. Nathan Esser

You've Got Mail!



There is a Facebook group that I belong to called "Things they didn't teach you in seminary." This group discusses, shares stories, and ask for advice

about . . . you know . . . those things they didn't teach you in seminary. To say the least, there are interesting conversations going on within this group!

One of things I have learned during my time at FPC that I did not learn in seminary, is the amazing power of a simple card. There are members of this congregation that love to send cards to those members who have been hospitalized, are in care facilities, going through chemo, or just need a reminder that they are prayed for, encouraged, thought of, loved. You send cards for birthdays, anniversaries, and just because. You send cards to your Prayer Circle kids,

PW Circle friends, and your pastors. What I don't think you realize is just how important your cards are to the one who receives it.

Some of you may remember Laura Hoffman. Laura passed away just over a year ago. On one of my last visits to her house Laura told me that she had received a few cards from her church family. She pointed across the room and when I looked in the direction she was pointing I saw two big wicker baskets overflowing with cards. She said some were from neighbors but almost all of those cards were from her church family. She said she even received cards from church people she didn't know! She read and reread every card. She kept every card! Laura was amazed that people were thinking of her and continued to think of her during her illness. A simple card filled Laura's heart with so much joy. She felt your love and it gave her great comfort.

Just last week I walked into the room of a member who is undergoing

rehab for a broken bone. After she greeted me she pointed to the cards on her window sill . . . all from FPC friends. Her smile said it all. Another member who is going through chemo treatments told me she receives a card almost every day but on a day she doesn't receive a card, that's ok; she just rereads some of the ones she received the days before.

Your cards matter! Your thoughtfulness is treasured!

If you have extra cards cluttering up a drawer at home and want to donate them for others to send, please drop the cards off at the FPC library. If you want to send a card, or two or three or more, feel free to stop by the library and take what you need.

It is amazing the power of love that comes in the form of a little greeting card!

Joyfully serving our Lord with you!
Pastor Pat

Join me on my Doctor of Ministry journey! Leadership in a changing context

One of the really great things about the DMin journey I am on is that the learning and implementation take place within the congregation and members of the congregation are invited to join me on this journey.

My first requirement involving the congregation, is to invite anyone who might be interested to join me as we read together four chapters (48 pages) from Alan Roxburgh's latest book *Joining God, Remaking Church, Changing the World: The New Shape of the Church in Our*

Time. This little book is easy to read and discusses how society and culture have changed over the last several hundred years and especially in the last 40 years and how God is re-founding the church for our time.

I would like to have a group of people read the first four chapters (only 48 pages) with me during the month of August. We will read on our own and then gather together sometime near the end of the month to discuss what you thought.

I will try to provide copies of the book and you should have your book mid-July.

If you are interested in taking this little journey with me please let me know. Feel free to email me at pathammond@fpcsiouxfalls.org with any questions or if you would like to read along with me.

Thank you for your help!
Pastor Pat

Vacation Bible School

VBS registration is closed for campers and we expect over 130 kids. There are still lots of opportunities for FPC members to volunteer to help point all those kids to Christ!

VBS Decorating Days

This year we are doing a two day decorating blitz and we seek as many helping hands as possible to transform the church into our creative and crazy factory. Help us show the kids how excited we are to share about our creator God!

Join us *Thursday, July 6th 10am-3pm and from 6-8pm AND Saturday, July 8th from 10am-2pm* or until complete. Please call Kate Hruby at 376-5907 to let us know what time to expect you.

VBS Leader Training

All crew leaders, middle school volunteers and teachers are

required to participate in a leader training session. We will learn the schedule, expectations and responsibilities and what to do if there is a problem. Leaders will also get a sneak peek at the fun planned for VBS week!

Thursday, July 6th at 6pm

Sunday, July 9th at 6pm



VBS Prayer Walk

Following worship on Sunday, July 9 and each morning of VBS, we will have self-guided prayer walks. A map and prayer request sheet will guide people through the church building. Please join us in this powerful ministry.

7/9 - - - - - VBS Prayer Walk following worship

7/10-7/14 - - - - Maker Fun Factory VBS

7/13 - - - - - Maker Fun Factory program at 7pm

Music Camp

Star Quest was out of this world for our 43 music campers! The week of making music and presenting a powerful lesson was made better by making new friends and growing in faith.



Thank you to all who helped to make Music Camp 2017 a success. We especially thank the volunteers leaders Ann Weflen, Ruth Parry, Meredith Molseed, Candace Ulmer, Meredith DeCou, Jack Helin, Linda Kelly, Angie Nelson and Cathy Newcomb, youth volunteers Emma DeCou and Luke Vortherms and church staff Jada Dobesh, Dan Graber, Pastor Nathan Esser, Spring Vang and Matt Cook including custodial and office staff. Other behind the scenes volunteers include Craig Weflen, Brent Kruse, Jo Erickson, and Kathy Kemp and many who helped with set-up and strike.



Liturgical Dance Camp

Campers from the Liturgical Dance Camp led in worship on Sunday, June 11. Emma DeCou fabulously served as our choreographer.



Elite High Schools Breed Higher Risk of Addiction: study rates are two to three times higher than national norms

WEDNESDAY, May 31, 2017 (HealthDay News) -- Privilege doesn't necessarily offer protection from drug addiction, new research suggests.

Teens at elite U.S. high schools seem to face a higher risk of addiction as young adults, the study found.

"We found alarmingly high rates of substance abuse among young adults who we initially studied as teenagers," said study author Suniya Luthar, a professor of psychology at Arizona State University.

"Results showed that among both men and women and across annual assessments, these young adults had substantial elevations, relative to national norms, in frequency of several indicators -- drinking to intoxication and of using marijuana, stimulants such as Adderall, cocaine, and club drugs such as ecstasy," she said in a university news release.

The study included more than 500 students from affluent communities in the Northeast. They were assessed when they were high school seniors, then each year for four college years, and from ages 23 to 27.

"We found rates of addiction to drugs or alcohol among 19 to 24 percent of women in the older cohort by the age of 26, and 23 to 40 percent among men. These rates were three and two times as high respectively, as

compared to national norms," Luthar said.

In the younger group, rates of addiction for women were between 11 and 16 percent by 22 years old. That's close to national norms, according to the researchers. But for men in this group, about 19 to 27 percent had an addiction by 22. That's about twice as high as national norms.

"Paradoxical though it may seem, these ostensibly privileged youth, many of who start experimenting early and often with drinking and drugs, could well be among the groups at highest risk for alcoholism and addiction in adulthood," Luthar said.

Possible reasons for the findings include pressure to succeed, the money needed to buy drugs, alcohol and high-quality fake IDs, widespread peer approval of substance use, and parents' lack of awareness, according to Luthar.

"This is a problem that derives from multiple levels of influence, so we're going to need interventions at multiple levels to tackle it," she said.

Luthar said there's a need for more research into addiction in these affluent kids. Years ago, researchers noted that children growing up in poverty were at risk of maladjustment as adults, and much research was done to identify and treat those issues. The same

type of research needs to be done to help break the addiction risk in well-to-do areas, she said.

"We now need the same dedicated research on kids who grow up in pressure-cooker, high-achieving schools," she said. One place to start is making sure parents and kids realize that just a single incident can really affect future plans.

"And that it truly just takes one event of being arrested with cocaine, or hurting someone in a drunken car accident, to derail the high-profile positions of leadership and influence toward which they are working so hard for the future," Luthar said.

At this point in their lives, kids are also feeling stressed about getting into the "right" college.

"As long as university admissions processes continue to be as they are -- increasingly smaller number of admits per applications and requiring impossible resumes -- these young people will continue to be frenetic in pursuing those coveted spots -- and many will continue to self-medicate as a result," Luthar said.

The study was published May 31 in the journal *Development and Psychopathology*.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (continued)

Please introduce yourself to Spring!

Hi! I am Spring Vang and I am this summer's children's ministry intern.

A little about me, I am from Sheboygan, Wisconsin and am currently attending the University of Sioux Falls as a biology major. Besides studying and working, I really enjoy doing things on the crafty side. I love learning how to do new things, from cooking new recipes to learning printmaking.

Working with children has always been something I enjoy doing, which is why when I got the chance to work with the

children's ministry team, I was very excited. In the past I worked closely with my church's children's ministry team and always hoped to get back into it. However, I never really got a chance to get comfortable with any churches enough to join in with anyone and in turn straying away from growing my faith.

I am hoping through this opportunity to become more involved with the church community that I will be able to find my place back into the church. I am anticipating great things for this summer and cannot wait to, not only work on growing my faith, but also to assist in the growth of others!

What's a woman to do in Lennox on the Fourth of July?

Lennox has a long-standing history of having a big celebration on Independence Day. It attracts thousands of people every year to this small town in southeastern South Dakota. Festivities begin with an early morning Road Race followed by a parade and ends with a late evening fireworks display. There's something for everyone, including food and vendor booths in the park, a baseball game, a car show and listening to musical entertainment from the band stand.

This year there is an added event. ***The organization, In His Steps: Pathways for Peace, is sponsoring a Quilt Show.*** The event will be held in the Lennox Elementary School

Gymnasium immediately following the parade until four in the afternoon.

All kinds of quilts are expected, including vintage and new. The space in the gymnasium will allow for excellent display and viewing by the audience. In addition, brownie sundaes will be served along with an assortment of drinks.

In His Steps is a non-profit organization, with local support. It is working to reduce the incidences of breast cancer in Palestinian women through education, printed materials and workshops.

IHS will have cashmere scarves and olive wood items from Palestine for

sale. A quilt will be raffled. Everyone attending will have an opportunity to tie a fleece blanket for the Sanford Breast Cancer Center. Every Sanford patient diagnosed with breast cancer leaves the hospital with a fleece blanket. These blankets are lovingly tied. Any and every one attending the event will have the opportunity to assist. Even kids can help.

What's a woman, or maybe even a man to do on the Fourth of July in Lennox, South Dakota?

Attend the Quilt Show and have a firecracker blast!

Communion Training

There will be a Communion Workshop following Worship on Sunday, July 9th.

Newly ordained elders and deacons are asked to attend. The workshop is also open to previously ordained elders and deacons wanting to serve who have not yet served communion at First Presbyterian Church. Those attending the workshop are asked to meet in the Lounge. Contact the Church Office to add your name to the Workshop Participant List.

Children's Offering

The July offering from our children will be used to help provide clean drinking water for children in Peru. Many of the South American countries obtain water from the mountain snow melts and rains. The lack of snow and rain has resulted in less clean water being available throughout the continent. We will work together to assist those children in Peru who are in need of water as we combine offerings from the children who attend VBS with the offerings from the children who attend the Sunday worship services.

We Need Your Help!

Serve Sioux Falls - 60 days to unite a city

First Presbyterian Church is joining other churches, businesses, families, and neighborhoods as we come together to unify and serve our city and glorify God.

Over the course of 60 days there will be hundreds of people working on over 139 various Hands and Feet projects across the city.

The Hands and Feet Team of First Presbyterian Church have selected two projects for our congregation to help with:

- 1) ***Samaritans Feet International: Back to School Shoe Distribution*** (August 19th we need 20 people to help, 12 years old and older); and,
- 2) ***Special Olympics South Dakota: Strider Bike Course*** (specific date to be determined - 2 Saturday mornings in either late July or early August, we need 12 people to help).

More information will be coming in the Sunday bulletin, church-wide emails, Facebook posts, and the August Messenger.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Mission Coffee Sunday, July 30th

Join us following the Church Service for coffee and treats.

PW Mission for this summer is following up on Barry and Shelly Dawson's visit and our offering will go to the Southeast Asia Ministry. We are specifying the money to help women and girls to escape from sex trafficking. The offering will be collected on **July 30th**, with checks made out to *Presbyterian Women*. This can be placed in the offering or given to any PW member any time this month.

Thank you for your support.

The Adams Scholarship

The Adams Scholarship Committee of PW is pleased to announce three recipients of the Scholarship this year.

Pat Hammond: Pat is currently Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church. She is working on her Doctorate of Ministry which involves 3 years of study and 1 year of dissertation to complete.

Morgan Small: Morgan will be a freshman at the University of Sioux Falls majoring in Psychology and

Theology/Youth Ministry. She is currently a member of First Presbyterian Church and was just elected as a Deacon of the church.

David Penn: David is currently working on completing his PHD in Theological Studies at Boston University School of Theology and is a current member of Newton Presbyterian church and past member of First Presbyterian. He plans on seeking a teaching job at a college or seminary.

The Adams Scholarship Fund began in 1966 to assist those continuing their education in Christian leadership. Dr. Adams was senior pastor of First Presbyterian from 1939 to 1966, and with his wife, Frances, was loved and respected by those who decided to honor them by establishing this scholarship.

From the beginning, Presbyterian Women has supported the scholarship with fund raising events and interest from the Endowment Fund. Memorials, bequests and individual contributions have augmented the funds, and are welcome additions.

Adams Scholarship Committee members: Jackie Hove, Chair; Julia Lufkins and Becky Hillestad

Habitat for Humanity Workday

*July's Habitat Workday has been changed from the second to the **FOURTH** Saturday to support the Middle Schoolers' work week.*

How? On Friday, July 21, one of their projects will be to paint the garage on N. Mable Street, funded, along with the homeowner's contribution, by last summer's VBS offering, and constructed with the help of members and friends of FPC! Our workday will follow on **Saturday, July 22**, so we can do any last minute final fixes on the garage, if any, before moving on to our construction work for the day.

We're excited to have the whole church involved in a project in so many ways, and the family is thrilled to finally have a garage!

The Mystery Has Been Solved!



These divided wooden holders were used on the chairs in the chapel to hold Bibles and Hymnals. Thanks to Mel Roos for helping us figure this out!

Happy 91st Birthday to Marty Braithwaite!

An interview with Marty by Arla Peterson

Q: *What do you attribute your longevity to?*

A: Good genetics along with a great loving, caring, and praying church family!

Q: *What is your favorite memory?*

A: Happiest times of memory are centered around family times together.

Q: *Words of wisdom?*

A: Always do the best that you can.

Thank you from Zach Horr

“Thank you so much First Presbyterian Church for the monetary donations and hygiene items you donated for my Eagle Scout Project. I greatly appreciate the support from my church and will be surpassing my goal by making 400 Personal Hygiene Kits to be donated to the St. Francis House.”

Zach Horr

Update to Office Hours

Beginning in September, FPC’s regular year-round office hours will be as follows:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 5:30pm

Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm

A staff member can be available if you need access to the building on a Friday afternoon. Please just make an appointment by calling the office.

God is on the Move

Jana Elkins will be one among 29 other people from around the world to participate in the Lutheran Parish Nurse International (LPNI) study tour in England (London and Cambridge) July 31 - Aug 9.

LPNI exists to serve the Lord and His kingdom through support to parish nurses serving in national and global entities. With His blessing, LPNI strives to further serve by providing an international network to support the needs of current and future parish nurses and to promote the growth of the ministry teamed with pastoral care to respond to whole-person health, promoting physical, emotional, social, environmental, intellectual and spiritual wellness.

Thirty participants from ten countries will participate. Participating countries include Brazil, Palestine, Africa, England, Germany, Australia, Finland, Saudi Arabia, New Zealand, and the United States.

This study tour offers parish nurses and others from around the world the opportunity to learn, network, and support one another, share experiences and models of practices, meet with pastors, deaconesses, and others from around the globe. With Jesus Christ as the cornerstone, LPNI equips parish nurses to extend the healing ministries of Christ in and amongst each other, and through our other brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need.

Please pray for Jana for a safe journey, and for a rewarding Christ-centered study experience!

WELLNESS

Good luck, Sue! We'll miss you!

As I retire and this will be my last Messenger article, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for welcoming me to this church. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Faith Community Nurse these last 6 ½ years. You are a great congregation and I will miss you all but the new chapter in my life and yours will be filled with adventure. I wish the best for you and again thank you for how graciously you welcomed me to this place.

God will continue to work in you and through you in many wonderful ways. I pray that you will be as welcoming to the new Faith Community Nurse as you were to me.

*Blessings to you and thank you,
Sue Endsley, FCN*

Did You Know...

1. New Biographies will be on the feature table in July.

2. The Library has a new suggestion box. It's yellow and has a smiley face!

3. New Fiction and Non-Fiction titles are going on the red cart each week. New fiction includes *The Jerusalem Chronicles* trilogy by Bodie Thoene, *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee, and two books by the author of *The Man Called Ove* – *Britt Marie Was Here* and *Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer*. New non-fiction includes several new titles about the Holy Spirit, and five new books about/by John Calvin. Stop by and pick up some summer reading.

4. Did you enjoy *The Shack*? The library now has *The Shack Revisited* by C. Baxter Krueger. Dr. Krueger is a friend of Wm Paul Young and expounds on the Trinity and our relationship with the Three-in-One. The book is featured on the circulation desk for check out.

5. NEW in the library! There is a now a supply of greeting cards, including birthday, sympathy, illness and blanks to write your own message. Anyone visiting a shut-in or friend can take one. We are happy to accept any donations of cards as well. Just leave on the desk.

6. After the Book/Rummage sale, we replaced all paperbacks on the cart in the Chapel with various new titles. Please feel free to grab a few to read or share with people you visit. If you have some to bring back, just leave in the library. We try to rotate them. If anyone is interested in keeping the cart stocked, please contact Linda. This task would only take a few minutes a month. We supply the paperbacks.

7. We always accept used books/CD's/DVD's. We will either use them in the collection or add them to the book sale next year. Drop them off any time. And we thank you in advance.

Linda Hubbard

Kids bored this summer? Nothing to do?

Hang at the church library! Choose an amazing new book to read!

SESSION

June Session Highlights

After several hours of good discussion over the course of this and several earlier meetings, at its June meeting Session adopted a packet of 2017-18 fiscal year goals for the church and the teams. The over-arching theme of the goals is Connection and Collaboration. Details will emerge as the year progresses.

Session also heard about and endorsed a plan to host concerts for college-aged individuals (and others)

as a means of reaching out to that age group. In addition to the concerts, small groups for this age may be tried if a desire is indicated. Session also approved a policy for how bequests to the church should be handled. Many bequests have been received in the past, but no formal policy was in place for dealing with them.

Congregation members are welcome at any Session meeting. Any concern to be brought before Session

should be discussed with the moderator (Pastor Nate) or clerk (Claire Gillaspey) prior to the meeting so it can be cleared for the agenda.

Full Session minutes can be found in a notebook in the church library. If any additional information is desired, every elder on Session is willing to answer questions.

Sat, July 1

6:00pm The Way (Room 214 Choir Room)

Sun, July 2

9:30am Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee Fellowship Following Worship (Chapel)
12:30pm Korean Presbyterian Fellowship (Room 101, Room 104 - lower/main kitchen, Room 203, Room 214 Choir Room)
2:00pm The Way (Room 214 Choir Room)

Mon, July 3

11:00am Funeral for Harold Sankey (Covenant Center, Sanctuary)

Tues, July 4

Church Closed for Independence Day

Wed, July 5

6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thurs, July 6

10:00am Decorate for VBS
4:00pm Connection Recovery Support Group (Room 205)
4:30pm Stewardship Team Meeting (Room 212)
6:00pm VBS Leadership Training Mtg (Lounge)

Fri, July 7

12:30pm Church Closes

Sat, July 8

6:00pm The Way (Room 214 Choir Room)

Sun, July 9

9:30am Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee Fellowship Following Worship (Chapel)
11:30am Communion Workshop (Lounge, Sanctuary, Upper Lounge Kitchen)
12:30pm Korean Presbyterian Fellowship (Room 101, Room 104 lower/main kitchen, Room 203, Room 214 Choir Room)
2:00pm The Way (Room 214 Choir Room)
6:00pm VBS Leadership Training Mtg (Chapel)

Mon, July 10

9:00am Vacation Bible Study (Chapel, Covenant Center, Lounge, Room 101, Room 104 lower/main kitchen, Room 107, Room 109 (The Void), Room 111, Room 112, Room 115, Room 203, Room 204, Room 214 Choir Room, Sanctuary, Youth Room)

Tues, July 11

8:30am Staff Meeting (Room 212)
9:00am Vacation Bible Study (Chapel, Covenant Center, Lounge, Room 101, Room 104 lower/main kitchen, Room 107, Room 109 (The Void), Room 111, Room 112, Room 115, Room 203, Room 204, Room 214 Choir Room, Sanctuary, Youth Room)
7:00pm Pickleball (Off-Site)

Wed, July 12

9:00am Vacation Bible Study (Chapel, Covenant Center, Lounge, Room 101, Room 104 lower main kitchen, Room 107, Room 109 (The Void), Room 111, Room 112, Room 115, Room 203, Room 204, Room 214 Choir Room, Sanctuary, Youth Room)

6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thurs, July 13

9:00am Vacation Bible Study (Chapel, Covenant Center, Lounge, Room 101, Room 104 lower main kitchen, Room 107, Room 109 (The Void), Room 111, Room 112, Room 115, Room 203, Room 204, Room 214 Choir Room, Sanctuary, Youth Room)
11:30am Knit2gether (Memorial Room)
4:00pm Connection Recovery Support Group (Room 205)
7:00pm VBS Program (Chapel, Covenant Center, Lounge, Room 101, Room 104 lower/main kitchen, Room 107, Room 109 (The Void), Room 111, Room 112, Room 115, Room 203, Room 204, Sanctuary, Youth Room)

Fri, July 14

9:00am Vacation Bible Study (Chapel, Covenant Center, Lounge, Room 101, Room 104 lower main kitchen, Room 107, Room 109 (The Void), Room 111, Room 112, Room 115, Room 203, Room 204, Room 214 Choir Room, Sanctuary, Youth Room)
12:30pm Church Closes

Sat, July 15

The Messenger Deadline
6:00pm The Way (Room 214 Choir Room)

Sun, July 16

8:30am Summer Choir Rehearsal (Room 214 Choir Room)
9:30am Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee Fellowship Following Worship (Chapel)
12:30pm Korean Presbyterian Fellowship (Room 101, Room 104 lower/main kitchen, Room 203, Room 214 Choir Room)
2:00pm The Way (Room 214 Choir Room)

Mon, July 17

Middle School Service Project (Church Grounds)

Tues, July 18

Middle School Service Project
8:30am Staff Meeting (Room 212)
4:45pm Kindermusik (Room 113 Kindermusik)
7:00pm Pickleball (Off-Site)

Wed, July 19

Middle School Service Project
9:30am Kindermusik (Room 113 Kindermusik)
6:30pm Building & Grounds Meeting (Room 212)
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30pm Kindermusik (Room 113 Kindermusik)

Thurs, July 20

Middle School Service Project (Church Grounds)
4:00pm Connection Recovery Support Group (Room 205)
6:00pm Middle School Service Project Camps Overnight (Church Grounds)

Fri, July 21

Middle School Service Project
8:00am Habitat Workday! (off-site)
12:30pm Church Closes

Sat, July 22

8:00am Habitat Workday! (off-site)
6:00pm The Way (Room 214 Choir Room)

Sun, July 23

9:30am Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Coffee Fellowship Following Worship (Chapel)
12:30pm Korean Presbyterian Fellowship (Room 101, Room 104 lower/main kitchen, Room 203, Room 214 Choir Room)
2:00pm The Way (Room 214 Choir Room)
2:00pm Birthday Party

Mon, July 24

No church events

Tues, July 25

8:30am Staff Meeting (Room 212)
4:45pm Kindermusik (Room 113 Kindermusik)
7:00pm Pickleball (Off-Site)

Wed, July 26

9:30am Kindermusik (Room 113 Kindermusik)
6:30pm Kindermusik (Room 113 Kindermusik)
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thurs, July 27

11:30am Knit2gether (Memorial Room)
4:00pm Connection Recovery Support Group (Room 205)

Fri, July 28

12:30pm Church Closes
3:00pm High School Students - Camping at Palisades (Off-Site)

Sat, July 29

6:00pm The Way (Room 214 Choir Room)
8:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 324 Overnight Stay (Covenant Center)

Sun, July 30

9:30am Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:30am PW Mission Coffee (Chapel)
12:30pm Korean Presbyterian Fellowship (Room 101, Room 104 lower/main kitchen, Room 203, Room 214 Choir Room)
2:00pm The Way (Room 214 Choir Room)

Mon, July 31

8:00pm Deacon's provide Worship Service at the Union Gospel Mission (Off-Site)

Memorials Received During May 2017

Gifts to the Deacon Fund:

- ~ in memory of Joe Lufkins: FPC's Bereavement Team; the Lufkins Family; Gayle & Angie Nelson; Steve & Lori Rickenbaugh; Jack & Marne Shaffer; George & Judy Regan; Pat & Paul Penn; Bobbi & Dave Lower; Cal & Sue Hanneld; Lynnette Olson; Jeanette & Mike Justice; Jo & Denny Erickson
- ~ in memory of Suzanne Dixon: Dawn & John Wollman

A gift to the Memorial Fund:

- ~ in memory of Alan Rickert: Margaret Dalthorp; ReliaMax
- ~ in memory of Susan Hill: Margaret Dalthorp

A gift to the Crossroads Fund:

- ~ in memory of Alan Rickert: George & Judy Regan

Lost & Found

The Lost and Found Box is located in the west side of the island in the church office.

Items will be held until Aug 15:

- Two zipper bracelets
- Eye glasses with rhinestones on eye pieces
- Eye glasses with patterned frame
- Pink baby doll with pacifier
- Conair wide tooth comb
- Conair hair brush
- Purple "bendy" pen
- Minnesota pill box
- Burgundy scarf

Thank You!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kelly, Cait	07/01	Schott, Jodie	07/12	Ward, Courtney	07/21
Lovaas, Shirley	07/01	Brown, Sue	07/12	Sip, Dan	07/22
Larson, Scott	07/01	Gutha, Rebekah	07/12	Van Oort, Melissa	07/22
DeHoogh-Kliewer, Michelle	07/01	Bultena, Roger	07/13	Coon, Mary	07/22
Braithwaite, Tacey	07/01	De Jager, Rosalie	07/13	Merrow, Peggy	07/23
Berghorst, Eleanor	07/01	Esser, Nathan	07/13	Rickenbaugh, Kyle	07/23
Andrews, Rick	07/02	West, Nicole	07/14	Rickenbaugh, Carly	07/23
Rypkema, Norman	07/02	Lambeth, Terry	07/14	Castimore, Dylan	07/24
Rombough, Daniel	07/02	Howard, Cynthia	07/14	Small, Morgan	07/24
Martin, Marni	07/03	Kelley, Bryna	07/14	Dwire, Connor	07/24
Penn, Paul	07/03	Reaves, Kristin	07/14	Weflen, Allison	07/25
Boatright, Dianne	07/04	Kautz, Avery	07/14	Miller, Jackson	07/25
Becker, Julie	07/04	Lubeck, Thomas	07/14	Lubeck, Jacob	07/26
Bartunek, Gregory	07/04	Vilhauer, Kerrie	07/14	Draeger, Jillian	07/26
Gulden, Ian	07/05	Halverson, Clair	07/15	Kogel, Jeffrey	07/26
Schliinz, Ruby	07/05	DeHoogh, Darlene	07/15	Miller, Cora Jeanne	07/26
Henry, Karl	07/05	Andrews, Sharon	07/15	Sinning, Donald	07/26
Justice, Abygail	07/05	Kuchta, Aaden	07/15	Brady, Kelly	07/26
Otten, Jarad	07/05	Farquhar, James	07/17	Egger, Kristine	07/27
Everist, Barbara	07/06	Patterson, Angela	07/17	Cochran, Amya	07/27
Reiter, Josh	07/07	Swart, Bill	07/17	Fields, Collin	07/28
Turner, Deseray	07/08	Braithwaite, Martha	07/18	Glanzer, Marilyn	07/29
Small, Sharon	07/08	Gose, Melinda	07/18	Bell, Douglas	07/29
Olson, Michael	07/09	Newcomb, Roy	07/18	Erickson, Dennis	07/29
Meinen, William	07/09	Roberts, Gay	07/18	Leech, Kathy	07/29
Hoekman, Don	07/09	Hutchinson, Madyson	07/18	Siemonsma, Jessica	07/30
Klinkenborg, Merle	07/09	Koopman, Jean	07/19	Harmsen, Craig	07/31
Adamson, Heather	07/09	Amundson-Reiter, David	07/19	Kabrud, Donna	07/31
Olson, Tarrah	07/10	Hofer, Eva	07/19	Jaton, Lori	07/31
Reker, Nyla	07/10	Spencer, Louise	07/19		
May, Brooklynn	07/11	Thompson, Roger	07/20		