

A NOTE FROM JANA PHELPS - CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Hello to all of you! We are truly giving Pat the month of June off, so you get me for the front page!

Well, spring has finally made it to South Dakota, and for that I am thankful. I am also thankful to be back working alongside all of you in the congregational care role. Many of you have stopped in to say hello,

shown your support, and have offered amazing words of encouragement, and for that I say thank you! Obviously there have been many changes here at FPC in the past 6 months, with many more to come, but I cannot help seeing God's timing in all of this. It took a while, we had to endure much darkness and many unknowns, but we have arrived at a new season as God has promised.

When we think of spring, we often think of spring cleaning, beginning anew, planting seeds, fresh energy, emerging from darkness to light, watering, growing, becoming, excitement, and the sounds of joy and laughter filling the air; this is FPC. Since I have been here, I've seen many of these analogies hard at work. I once again hear joy and laughter in the hallways. I've seen Pat, Kathie, Chandra, Jacob, and many others going above and beyond their call of duty almost daily, planting new seeds, watering, growing, and cultivating the FPC community. I've seen many volunteers and congregants step into unexpected roles using their God-given gifts and abilities all for the betterment of FPC. I see teamwork between all the ministry teams, elders, and deacons and I've seen an outpouring of love and support for Pastor Pat as she navigates through all the unknowns. God sees us, and He sees our struggles, yet He's still here guiding us and working in and through each of us every day! I see all this hard work starting to blossom and turn back into all the beautiful things that's forever been planted here. I can't help but sit back and smile and see how God has been quietly working so mightily in and through so many. We are celebrating 140 years of this

Presbyterian Church. Can you grasp that? Can you even imagine all the trials and tribulations that must have occurred over those 140 years? Yet here we are celebrating another year, having come through the darkness into the light once again!

Like all the others, I have been working hard to help FPC recover from a few years of unexpected and devastating unknowns. I have been helping many with their transitions in life, in relationships, with sickness, with joys, and unknown fears. I am working to bring the generations back together, so we can learn from one another and be face-to-face in fellowship once again. I am working on future congregational care development for the church, and being the hands and feet of Christ everyday no matter where I am called. I am listening for where God is leading me and this church daily, and I am thankful to feel such love, such commitment, and an outpouring of faith as I walk through these halls once again. I am honored to be a part of a team and a congregation who cares so much for the future of this church! May God continue to hear our cries and support us each and every day as we spring ahead into a new season!

Interpreted from Psalm 23:2

Beside the green pastures and quiet waters of the Living Spring, God restores and refreshes the soul with His healing powers. Let forgiveness flood your soul and the hope of His goodness will bring you to new life. Allow God the Shepherd to guide you along His paths knowing He has everything in control. He knows what you need, and He will help you get there.

God Bless,
Jana Phelps
Congregational Care

MAY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Heidi Dykstra, Ruth Parry, and Kate Hruby were recognized for their work with the youth this year. Linda Hubbard was recognized for her hours working on the book sale. Session also noted the continued activities of the Deacons as described in their report.

Elders John Ulmer and Gary Hoekman reported on the Finance Team meeting. The focus of that meeting was a careful review of the March general fund statements. March 31 is 9 months into the fiscal year, and at the end of the month, the year-to-date (YTD) giving was \$35,194 below budget. If this trend continues, more analysis of giving patterns will be needed. On the other hand, building use income is \$18,960 above budget. As of March 31, YTD income was \$4,367 below expenditures for the fiscal year.

The Finance Team noted that since 2019 FPC has operated on continuation budgets. An objective of the Session and the Finance Team over the next few months is to produce an updated budget to present at the Annual Meeting in October. Teams will be contacted for their input in the budgeting process.

Session noted that since Jacob Forstein is FPC's Director of Facilities, it would make sense to correspondingly refer to the Buildings and Grounds Team as the Facilities Team. The language will be adopted going forward. Jacob Forstein then reported on the recent Facilities Team meeting. There was a general discussion about how to plan for expenses related to a large, aging building. Recent non-budgeted spending has been high, and most of these expenses have been for site maintenance.

The Facilities Team also recommended several new and updated forms related to building use. Session approved

MAY DEACON HIGHLIGHTS

First Presbyterian Church was recognized at The Banquet for its support for the Khor Wakow Project which built and operates schools in South Sudan. The project is led by David Jal, a Sioux Falls resident who immigrated from South Sudan. The Neighborhood Care Team helped contribute funds for snacks and meals for students, books, medicines, mosquito netting, tents, and other supplies.

The Feeding South Dakota Mobile Food Pantry has shifted its operating time slightly- now 8:45- 10:15 AM, still on the second Saturday of the month.

The Eat Well Mobile Market project's grant application has been approved by the City Council. The coalition is now

updated Facilities Use Guidelines and a New Schedule of Fees. Session recommended that the proposed Building Lease and Building Assumption of Risk Forms be reviewed by an attorney before adoption. Session also authorized spending requests for annual yard cleanup and replenishment of first aid and defibrillator supplies.

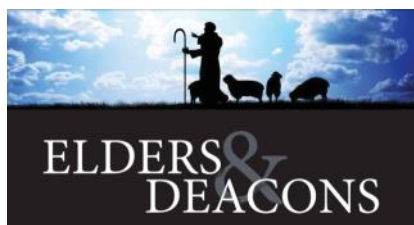
Session was updated on the preliminary work done by John Boerigter to start the process of finding a vendor for website development. Rev. Dr. Pat Hammond is in the process of forming a group to organize web content prior to soliciting bids for the new web page development and integration of FPC's online presence. The donor behind this activity has been briefed on the potential costs.

Session also discussed a Perkins fund proposal. Session decided that making block grants to outside groups from the Perkins fund would not be the sort of foundational activity that would lead to sustainable activity involving FPC. Session would instead like to see Perkins-funded activity have a direct connection to FPC, and the request for proposals will be updated accordingly. The next deadline for Perkins proposals is September 15.

The nominating committee reported some success in filling Elder and Deacon spots for the upcoming election, but there is still work to be done. Session discussed training and information for new Elders. Finally, Rev. Dr. Hammond reported on pulpit coverage in June when she will be gone on vacation and study leave. Session wished Pat a restful, restorative, and enlightening time away.

Eric Wells,

Clerk of Session



shifting into launch mode to get the operation up and running to provide a mobile retail grocery store (via a specially adapted city bus or trailer) serving Sioux Falls' food desert areas. First Presbyterian is a founding member of the project and will have a seat on the Advisory Board for an FPC representative. We are very excited for this partnership, and there will be multiple opportunities to serve or partner alongside the project in the future.

John Boerigter,
Moderator of Deacons



MUSIC CAMP 2023

EVERYONE is invited to the exciting Music Camp production "Spend Awhile on the Nile" on Friday, June 9 at 7 pm.



Contact Kathie Douma to sign up!

STELLAR VBS 2023

Volunteers and Participants

REGISTER NOW <https://vbspro.events/p/events/a86da0>

3-years-old through completed 5th grade

July 10-14 from 9-noon

FPC Decoration Moving Night

June 22 at Trinity Baptist Church at 8 pm (Help move the VBS set decorations to FPC.)

- Need enclosed trailer and several large vehicles
- 12 volunteers

LITURGICAL DANCE CAMP 2023

August 1-4, Dance in worship Sunday, August 6

Kindergarten – HS dancers may attend

Our amazing choreographer Katie Schultz will be returning to lead this meaningful and fun camp. Watch for details to sign up soon!

WORSHIP BAG HELPERS

Would you like to share some love and support to the kids of FPC? Worship bags in the sanctuary are filled with simple toys, books, and activities to engage our youngest worshippers. Kids feel valued and special knowing there is a bag waiting for them. Rotating volunteers spend about one to two hours at their convenience preparing bags for the upcoming worship service. Contact Kathie Douma or Amy Engebretson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL END OF THE YEAR PARTY



It's hard not to compare yourself to others. No matter how good we feel or look, how talented we may be or even how successful we are, there is always going to be someone else who is better. (Lisa Creed)

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14)
Don't pretend to be someone that you are not. Accept yourself as God's creation.

May the Lord help us learn to truly appreciate each other's gifts, and enjoy—even treasure—the wonder of being exactly who God created us to be. (Good News Coaching)

Judy Rops and the Membership Ministry Team

I am
fearfully
and
wonderfully
made.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT-ALVINA VAN VELDHUIZEN



Prior to her retirement in 2018, Alvina Van Veldhuizen worked for 20 years as the Installation and Support Manager for Customer Relationship Management software, with a company servicing banks and credit unions.

Following her retirement, she became involved as a volunteer with Tax-Aide. The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program offers free tax preparation for anyone, with a focus on taxpayers over 50 with low to moderate incomes. She has contributed to the program in several roles and she is active on the leadership team for the program in Sioux Falls, becoming Administrative Coordinator last year.

Alvina joined FPC in January, 2001, and was especially attracted to the music. "The music drew me in," said Alvina. She considers it a privilege to work with very talented musicians in the church and is a member of the choir and Bell Chorale. "It is very rewarding and challenging!"

"Becoming a member of Presbyterian Women (PW) has

deepened my faith and I would strongly encourage all women to join in this very special fellowship, mission, and Bible study. Being part of a PW Circle has strengthened my relationship with God and offers wonderful connections to other women of faith in our church and beyond."

Alvina currently serves as Treasurer for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery. "This has given me the chance to work with other Presbyterian Women within the church as well as in the state of South Dakota."

In Alvina's spare time she likes to quilt. She says she comes from a family of quilters. Her mother and sister have spent many long hours working together hand-quilting quilts which they donate to a fundraising opportunity at their church. Alvina machine quilts for close family member along with sewing for Peaceworks. When pieces of material are sewn together into a quilt, Alvina then works her magic by machine quilting the top, batting and backing together. It is time consuming, tedious work but the finished product is lovely.

Alvina enjoys spending time with her family. "I absolutely love watching my great nieces and nephews participate in sports activities and musical performances. This summer, I am acting as the quasi-wedding planner for my great-niece's wedding!"

Be sure you go to the Peacework's room and look at the beautiful quilt that was machine-quilted by Alvina. She is one of those FPC members you might like to get to know better.

**Judy Rops,
Membership Ministry Team**

SYNOD SCHOOL

The theme for Synod School (SS) 2023 is “Our Family Story.” As living and breathing entities of Christ, we are each natural storytellers. Each experience we carry is sewn into the tapestry that our ancestors created, and these experiences carry us forward toward relationship and connection with others. Familiar Bible stories will be studied in new ways during SS in hopes of gaining a new closeness with God and each other.

The theme verse of “Our Family Story” is *...All Jesus did that day was tell stories—a long storytelling afternoon. His storytelling fulfilled the prophecy: I will open my mouth and tell stories; I will bring out into the open things hidden since the world’s first day.* Matthew 13: 34-35 MSG

2023 is the 69th year of Synod School in Iowa. Presbyterians



**Synod of
Lakes & Prairies**

(pastors, adults, teenagers, children of all ages) will

come from all over the country to play and live together through worship, study, and fun. It is an opportunity to learn something new, hear from keynote speakers, share talents and creativity in worship, and be energized for service.

Synod School is held each summer the last week of July in Storm Lake, Iowa, at Buena Vista University.

www.lakesandprairies.org If interested, check with a member of the Membership Ministry Team for possible scholarships.

SUMMER MUSIC MINISTRY

As our choir and bell seasons wrap up for the year, I'm already looking forward to some fun summer music guests! I'm planning to have a variety of friends join us throughout the summer to share their voices and instruments. We will also look forward to hearing from our Music Campers on June 11. Luckily, I've already corralled our resident banjo player, Collin Waltner. Bluegrass Sunday will be happening on Sunday, Aug. 13! See you this summer!

First Presbyterian will also be hosting an exciting musical event on Sunday, July 2 at 7pm. Tanea (Ortman) Hull and

her husband Dawson Hull will be sharing an evening of newly-composed arrangements of hymn tunes for clarinet and piano. Tanea grew up near Wall Lake and studied clarinet with Chris Hill. Dawson Hull will accompany on piano and is also the composer! The clarinet and piano duo will also join us for worship on Sunday morning, July 2. Look for more information on this event in coming weeks!

Dan Graber
Director of Traditional Music

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

PW June Gathering

The PW June Gathering will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 1:30pm in Room 101 on the lower level. The new slate of leaders will be elected and installed. Pie and ice cream will be served and we'll wrap up our 2022-2023 Presbyterian Women church year.

You can sign up for the gathering in the church office. The deadline is Tuesday, June 13th.

Let's Keep Celebrating

It has been a year of celebration! It took many hearts and hands to make this year a success. Thank you to all the PW Members for your loving care and willingness to fulfill our PW Purpose of Mission and Service.

With gratitude,

Lisa Tunge, Moderator
Connie Tucker, Vice Moderator

PEACEWORKS SEWING MINISTRY

Summer Youth Sewing Classes will begin on Thursday afternoon the 29th of June. If you have a child that is interested in learning to sew, we would be happy to teach them. Other class dates will be Thursday, July 6, 20, and 27; classes will be from 1 – 3 pm. Please contact the church office to sign up for *Young and Fun Sewing Classes* or talk to someone from Peaceworks.

Peaceworks ladies have been busy getting ready for summer: water bottle holders are being made to be distributed by the **Church on The Street**, laundry bags will go to **Laundry with Love**, and baby supplies have been made and given out.

We have a group of ladies that have gotten hooked on making loom hats for the **Keep Sioux Falls Warm** program. Nearly fifty hats are ready for winter.

We are also working on projects to decorate the tiny new houses for veterans that have just begun to open. For the **Veterans Community Project (VCP)**, we are making the same items that were made for Glory House.

Come in and check out what is going on. We always have blankets cut and ready to be tied, if you would like help. We are in the Peaceworks room (#212) on Tuesday afternoons, Thursday afternoons, during the summer and most Sundays after the church service.



Pictured above are some of the bottle holder bags made by Linda Hart from Peaceworks, and 2 bags of candy from Julia Lufkins to Laundry With Love.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Summer Camps

Check out camp dates for this summer! Nate White from First Presbyterian Church will be a counselor at 3 camps this summer! The camps are: “Seekers,” “Pathfinders,” and “Compass.” Registration can be completed at www.rimrock.camp. Scholarships and transportation are available, if needed.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023



Ashlyn Kelliher, Lily Raysby, Sara Sudenga, Connor Horr
Not Pictured: Jillian Draeger, Brooklyn Rombough

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2023



Kade Hruby, Dawson Unruh, Sam DeGroot, Brad Esser,
Matthew Amundson-Reiter, Katy Burggraff

LAUNDRY WITH LOVE

*“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need.
Practice hospitality.” Romans 12:13*

This is exactly what we will do on Tuesday, June 27 when once again we come alongside those who are struggling financially/homeless/hungry. We anticipate providing funds to run 90+ loads of laundry and to serve 120+ meals for Laundry with Love (LWL), a ministry of Church on The Street.

We will serve at The Laundromat, located at 701 N. Cliff Ave.

Thank you so very much for your continued support of the LWL program and for your continued generosity in putting bills and quarters in the LWL jar in the office! Through those donations we will take care of the laundry costs (which usually runs \$600-\$800 depending on how many come). The cost of the meal is provided by the Deacons’ Neighborhood Care Team funds.

Can you help on June 27? We need 9 volunteers to help serve the meal and help in other ways (3 people for each slot: 3:00-4:30, 4:30-6:00, 6:00-7:30). Please contact us if you are willing to help.

Thanks be to God for the LWL program and our opportunity to serve outside the walls of our building!

Anja and Don Hoekman

SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT



Pictured are some of the Child Life Specialists at Sanford Hospital with all the activity bags made by our kids at FPC! They were super excited to receive all the bags to share with patients! Thank you to the team of 11 kids here at FPC who planned and organized this project to help kids in the hospital.

JUNE CHILDREN’S OFFERING



Summertime is Camp Time!

The lunch program for the YMCA Leif Ericson Day Camp is the designated recipient of the June children’s offering. Loss of funding has forced an increase in camp fees, specifically to cover the cost of lunch. This will be a hardship for many campers who may already be attending on scholarship or subsidized fee. The children’s offering will help the YMCA in their mission to provide a safe, meaningful camping experience for more than 3200 children and youth this summer.

APRIL CHILDREN’S OFFERING

FPC is passionate about helping others in need around the world! Through your generosity, our congregation raised \$1,736.52 for Meals on Wheels who deliver hot meals to homebound in the Sioux Falls community. Interested in learning how to be a driver? Contact Diane Helin.

CANARIES FAITH & FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Come join us at the Birdcage for a night of baseball, fun & fellowship for the whole family to cheer on the Canaries. It’s the Canaries VS the Winnipeg Goldeyes! The Canaries kick off the night with a special prayer before the game, and video testimonials from Canaries’ players and other local luminaries on what having faith in their life means to them.

When: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023.

Where: Canaries Stadium in Sioux Falls

Tailgating: Tailgating in the parking lot will begin at 5:30pm where we will be serving hotdogs, chips, cookies, and beverages and have some fun family games to play.

Game: Game starts at 6:35pm.

Cost: Free—First come, first serve. 100 tickets available*

Sign-up: You can call or stop by the church office 605-336-2886 OR online at www.fpcsiouxfalls.org

**Please sign-up by June 4th as any extra tickets will be donated to the local Foster Care Network*



WORSHIP LIFE OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

During the month of June, while Pastor Pat is away, come and enjoy worship led by familiar PC(USA) ordained ministers and our FPC Directors of Music.

June 4 – Rev. Mike McCallum

June 11 – Rev. Dr. Carolyn Visser. A Congregational Meeting will follow our worship service this day.
The purpose of this meeting is to elect Elders and Deacons.

June 18 – Rev. Everett Bosch

June 25 – Dan Graber and Ben Cochran will lead worship!

Thank You Notes

We want to thank you for your prayer support during Sharon's chemo treatments and recovery. The support of prayers and your concern was felt by both of us. May God continue to bless you for your concern.

Sharon Staude and Pat Boelman

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, texts, and calls after my recent heart attack that took us all by surprise. I am wearing a life vest (which is like a defibrillator) for another 60 days, so I have some assurance but hoping my heart doesn't stop! I will be starting cardio rehab this week and am anxious to get some strength back!

Your concern for me has been so good for my soul! I will hopefully see you all in church again soon!

With a grateful heart, *Tami Dickmeyer*

Congratulations to Caleb and Christine Halvorson on the birth of their new baby girl, Ellis June Halvorson. Ellis was born on May 26, 2023. Grandparents are Peri Erdmann & Lyn Halvorson.



Congratulations to Imara Jacquemart and Noah White Shirt on the birth of their daughter, Amina Ann, who was born on May 25th. Julia Lufkins is the proud great-grandmother.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Deb Brock	06/01	Ronda Haushild	06/17
Owen Kruse	06/01	Dwight Loudon	06/17
Kyndell Lenius	06/01	Jane Palumbo	06/17
Kynzlee Lenius	06/01	Lily Siorek	06/17
Pat Boelman	06/02	Judah Barnett	06/18
Samantha Lower	06/03	Caleb Halvorson	06/18
Linda Kelly	06/04	Rebecca Small	06/19
Mark Phelps	06/06	Gene Hammond	06/20
John Baxter	06/08	Christine Stevens	06/20
Lorelei Halberstadt	06/08	Braden Madison	06/21
David Larson	06/08	Stephen Reiter	06/21
Ashlyn Madison	06/10	Danielle Safar	06/21
Brenna Madison	06/10	Judd Small	06/22
Sadie Halberstadt	06/11	Linda Nielsen	06/24
Lauren Hruby	06/11	Dale Hart	06/25
Brayden Kooima	06/11	David Martin	06/25
David Olson	06/11	Randy Miller	06/25
Judy Rops	06/11	Brooke Kelliher	06/26
Earl Kemp	06/12	Linda Pommer	06/26
Katelyn Van Oort	06/13	Clara Ullrich	06/26
Daniel Tunge	06/14	Sam Engebretson	06/27
William Butler	06/16	John Amundson-Reiter	06/28
Robert Draeger	06/16	Chris Kelliher	06/28
Isaac Vilhauer	06/16	Kathrine Schnabel	06/29
		Roger Risty	06/30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

William Butler celebrates 96 years on June 16.

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