

# The Bell

June, 2017

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## CONFIRMATION MISSION TRIP

Bradley Davies, Beth Flater, Rachel Hager, and Keion Twyman were confirmed and became members of FPC on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The following weekend they completed their work and went on a mission (work) trip to retreat center in

you see the kids busy They also switched lodge and the Carriage out the canoes and leaders room, and

Each morning we had before we left we had communion. It was I have ever led.

We didn't just work games, eating s'mores and pudgy pies, and being a little crazy.

We spent the last morning on the high ropes course. As you can see all of our kids are fearless.

I want to thank Becky Hager, Shelly Svec, and Darin Flater for riding herd on the would not have gone as well or been as productive without their help.

We raised all the money for the trip by way of fundraisers which you as a congregation trip would not have been possible without The confirmation class wanted to especially your support.

It is our intention to have a short June 4<sup>th</sup> with more pictures and stories from Blessings, Pastor Karel



Clearwater Forrest, our camp and Northern Minnesota. In the picture at work staining the six new swings. out windows for screens in Eagle house (where we were staying), set kayaks, cleaned out the craft room, store.

an hour of devotions and the night a worship service including the most joyful communion service

though; we had a lot of fun playing



David Gutnecht whole event. It much fun and

of three fund supported. Our your support. thank you for

presentation on our mission trip.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Worship time changes to 9:30 on June 4. Be sure to mark your calendar or you will be late for church and miss something.**

**The summer schedule will also mark the end of Wednesday night suppers until September.**

## **WELCOME TO TIFFANY**

Tiffany Wogahn has joined our church staff as administrative assistant. She will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 2.

She will be attending a service soon to put some faces with names. In the meantime, if you haven't done so yet, stop in the office and meet Tiffany.

## **LOTS TO CELEBRATE**

We have the following birthdays and anniversaries in June to celebrate:

June 1	Dianne Comerford
June 2	Erik Anderson, Julie and Scott Johnson
June 6	Allan Wolfe
June 7	Deb and Jeff Buckli and Julie and Rees Anderson
June 8	Whitney Bernhardt
June 9	Anne Welke
June 11	Sara and George Abendroth and JoAnne Guthrie
June 12	Al Namejunas
June 14	Susan Gutknecht
June 15	Jeff Buckli and Margi and Al Namejunas
June 18	Jim Bieging and Karen and Ken Beighley
June 19	Mitch Mandelert
June 21	Todd Teske
June 23	Lois Lynch
June 24	June and Dick Kemp, Becky Hager and Sue Maitland
June 27	Lynda Butek
June 28	Samuel Johnson
June 29	Margi and Vance Kohl

## **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS COMING IN JUNE**

At the end of May, contribution statements for the Operating and Mission Fund (aka the general fund) were sent out. Please be sure to review the amounts and notify Carla Ingalls or Barb Shorrel if you feel that there are any errors. If you do not receive a statement and you have contributed, please notify them as well.

Please check to see if you have contributed to per capita for 2017. The amount is \$30 for each confirmed member. Each year we budget an amount that we hope will come in. This year we expect to receive \$1500 of the \$4110 owed to the Presbytery. At the end of April, we were eleven people short of our goal. If you have not paid your per capita, please help us reach our \$1500 goal. Thanks for your generosity.

## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING HELPS OUR YOUTH**

Pentecost is the day we collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

This special offering is aimed at at-risk children and youth. Forty percent of our giving stays in Chippewa Falls to develop and support programs for young people here.

Twenty-five percent supports Young Adult Volunteers, which provides opportunities to young adults to serve communities around the world.

Twenty-five percent goes to Ministries with Youth to help guide our young people by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word.

The remaining 10% supports vital ministries helping to improve education and provide safe havens for at-risk children.

Look for the special One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes in your pew.

## **ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW**

Since Pastor Karel has been with us, we can always look forward to something new and different on Sundays. And June 11 will be no different.

On that day we will be treated to music from the Valley Gospel Choir which will be touring churches in the area in preparation for their big concert on June 25.

June 11 is also the day to bring your CLEAN recyclables to church. That includes cardboard, rinsed out metal cans or plastic bottles, magazines, newspapers. We will exchange them for something wonderful!

## **TINY HOUSE PROJECT GAINS MOMENTUM**

The tiny house project of the Mission Coalition is moving right along. So far there are three houses finished and occupied at Trinity United Methodist Church and two more at Landmark Church, according to Mike Cahoon, who spoke at a recent meeting of the group.

Four more houses are being built. Bloomburg High School students and Curt Rahland are in the final stages of building and their houses will probably be ready this month.

Houses at Chippewa High and CVTC are just starting. When completed, these houses will go to the Valley Bible Church and Zion Methodist.

Even though we don't have the space to have our own tiny house, we are busy gathering furnishings for the houses at other churches. Much has already been given, but the coalition still needs a small crock pot, frying pans, a 2-4 cup coffee pot, a mirror (9"X12"), microwave safe dishes, twin or double bed size mattress pads, a can opener, salt and pepper shakers, Corelle dishes and silverware.

We are planning a spaghetti and meatball supper to raise money for this project. Watch the Bell for more information.

## **GATHER YOUR SHOES**

The Soles for Souls project will be in full swing throughout June. We will be gathering all kinds of shoes – old shoes, new shoes, single shoes, even worn out shoes – for this drive.

There will be a box in the Narthex during the month so sort through your shoes and bring in what you and your family don't wear.

## **FPC MEMBER HONORED BY ELKS LODGE**

Susan Gutknecht was honored with receiving Exalted Ruler of the year Award of Elks Lodge in Chippewa Falls during her term in 2016-2017 from State Elks of Wisconsin at Elks Banquet in Green Bay recently.

In addition she is moving on to a national position with the Elks Organization as Esquire.

## **WE HEAR FROM THE FUJIS**

We have heard from our friends, Leith and Carol Fujii, from Thailand.

They have asked that we not publish their letter because of security concerns but the letter has been posted on the bulletin board at the church if you wish to read it.

We are glad they appear to be well and very busy doing God's work.



*Communications Team  
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## FPC Session Team Purpose Statements

### **Communications Team:**

The FPC Communications Team reaches out to the congregation and to the community to inform, inspire and invite participation in the life, mission and purpose of the church.

### **Property Team:**

The property team's mission is to provide a building that functions with efficiency, is inviting to visitors and comfortable for the congregation. We strive to complete this mission utilizing volunteer labor and donated resources as much as possible.

### **Stewardship Team:**

The purpose of the Stewardship Team at FPC is to manage and protect what God has given to its members.

### **Worship Team:**

Worship team's purpose is to plan for upcoming worship services, to care for all things relating to them, and to review past worship services keeping in mind the purpose of worship.

### **Personnel Team:**

The purpose of the personnel team is to serve as liaison between the session and all employees of the congregation. The team is accountable to the session with respect to the non-ordained staff, and to the session, congregation and presbytery with regard to ordained staff.

### **Finance Team:**

The Finance Team's goal will be to inform the Session each month regarding income and disbursements through reports sent to them. The treasurer, as representative of the Finance Team, will appear before Session to report on the financial health of the church after the conclusion of each quarter: in April, July, October, and January or as requested.

### **Christian Education Team:**

Support those in our various Christian Education ministries.

### **Mission and Events Purpose Statement:**

Based on the example of Christ our team supports the needs of the people in this community, our nation, and the world, particularly the poor but also those in need of spiritual, moral, or emotional help.

# The Presbytery of Northern Waters



## PRESBYTERY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Presbytery of Northern Waters held its Spring Stated Meeting at United Presbyterian Church, Rice Lake, WI on Thursday, May 4, 2017. There were about 60 people in attendance for our meeting on a beautiful Spring day.

Vice Moderator, Rich Blood, conducted a brief orientation for first-time commissioners. We hope to continue this former tradition so that new commissioners have a better chance to understand what goes on at a Presbytery Meeting.

The featured speaker was Diana Barber, retired Associate Synod Executive for Leadership Development. Diana had a PowerPoint presentation on stewardship which included small group discussion and reporting back to the whole assembly. The PowerPoint presentation and related materials are available to anyone in the Presbytery. If you would like a copy, please contact Jay Wilkinson ([j.jay.wilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:j.jay.wilkinson@gmail.com)).

Finance & Budget Chair, Bill Gravelle, and Treasurer, Jay Wilkinson, distributed March 2017 financial summaries showing a surplus in the first quarter of about \$21,000. The total year has a budgeted deficit of \$15,017. They also distributed a summary of the report from the Presbytery's auditors for their review of the 2016 financial records. If you would like a copy of either or both, more detailed reports are available from Jay (email above) or by calling the Presbytery office.

The Presbytery received reports from various committees including the Overtures & Bylaws Committee, Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. CPM reported on a retreat for four candidates in early March. Training for those wishing to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder continues.

The Presbytery approved all of the Amendments to the Book of Order that were sent to the presbyteries by the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2016). We have received word from the Office of the General Assembly that each of the Amendments has received positive voting by a sufficient number of presbyteries to approve them. They will be included in a new Book of Order that will be available late summer or early fall. If you would like a copy of those

Amendments before the new Book of Order is available, please contact Jay or the Presbytery office.

The Presbytery also approved an addition to the Manual of Operations with guidance for the congregations in establishing parental leave policies for their staff.

The Program Strategy Committee had a presentation from participants in the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance trip to Louisiana in February. All of the participants were energized by their trip and looking forward to possible future trips. Unfortunately, we will likely have future disasters that will make such a trip needed.

Stated Clerk, Brad Carloss, also presented a video from one of the churches he visited during the trip that he and wife, Sheryl, took to Portugal in February and March. Brad would like to encourage a one-on-one relationship between our congregations and congregations in Portugal. Please contact Brad for more information ([brad.carloss@gmail.com](mailto:brad.carloss@gmail.com)).

Karen Schuder reported on a grant from the Self Development of People Committee to assist with an anti-racism program. Grants from SDOP are made from part of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

We took a great joy in celebrating the ministry of the Reverend Joel Huenemann, United Presbyterian Church, Superior who is retiring at the end of June.

The Presbytery of Northern Waters is also studying what we need and want to be as a Presbytery and what staffing needs in the future will be and how best to be able to afford that staff. Your input to the Transitional Presbytery Administrator, Jay Wilkinson, or to any member of the Presbytery Council is appreciated.

Future meetings will include a visit from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II at the October meeting.

Any of the reports from the meeting can be sent to you by contacting either Jay Wilkinson ([j.jay.wilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:j.jay.wilkinson@gmail.com)) or Ann at the Presbytery office ([office@northernwaters.net](mailto:office@northernwaters.net)) or by calling the Presbytery office.