



The Bell

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Monthly Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

I am going out on a big limb, for I am going to pronounce “Happy Spring”!

We have all been yearning for the first buds to break open and for spring to arrive. We have celebrated Easter, the new life in Christ, but we have still been feeling the cold of winter with two feet of snow and perhaps more (I shudder to say) on the way as I write to you.

Yet I am going out on a limb that on April 22, when we celebrate Earth Day, Spring will have sprung; joy will enter into our hearts as the sun warms our bodies and we stretch and move outside with ease once again.

We are encouraged by the Song of Solomon in the Bible **Song of Solomon 2:10-14** "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely."

We are preparing with the Earth day celebration and flower planting on April 22, Ladies Spring Luncheon on April 28, the Spring Sacred Music/Organ Concert on May 12 and the Highway Cleanup in June. We are ready for Spring to be sprung.

One thing is sure though without the cold of winter, the Spring would not be nearly as yearned for nor enjoyed. We are blessed to be living in such a beautiful area with all of its seasons, but....now we are ready for Spring.

I leave you with this poem through which Emily Dickenson expresses the same yearning.

IT WILL BE SUMMER -- EVENTUALLY

By Emily Dickenson

It will be Summer -- eventually.

Ladies -- with parasols --

Sauntering Gentlemen -- with Canes --

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And little Girls-with Dolls –
Will tint the pallid landscape –
As 'twere a bright Bouquet –
Tho' drifted deep, in Parian –
The Village lies -- today –
The Lilacs -- bending many a year –
Will sway with purple load –
The Bees -- will not despise the tune –
Their Forefathers -- have hummed –
The Wild Rose -- redden in the Bog –
The Aster -- on the Hill—
Her everlasting fashion -- set –
And Covenant Gentians -- frill –
Till Summer folds her miracle –
As Woman -- do -- their Gown –
Or Priests -- adjust the Symbols –
When Sacrament -- is done –

Have a blessed Easter Season and a sun-drenched Spring.

(Pray that the opening day of fishing will not be a day of ice fishing)

Pastor Karel

SERVICE TIME CHANGES IN JUNE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 3. That's the day we go to summer service time of 9:30.

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON

It is possible you aren't receiving the Bell electronically the way we intended. You should have it in your electronic mailbox by the first of the month unless you don't have email in which case look in your mail box for the mailed copy.

But if you have email and haven't received the Bell by the first of the month, please notify the church office immediately and we will be sure you are on the list. And remember, there is always a copy of the Bell on the church website under Newsletters.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO PRESENT ORGAN CONCERT

Dr. Sean Vogt, noted organist and conductor, and his student, Joseph Shakal of Chippewa Falls will be featured in a concert of sacred organ music at our church on Saturday, May 12 at 11:00.

Dr. Vogt, who serves as the choirmaster of the Cathedral of Saint Paul, is the Artistic Director & Principal Conductor for the Music Association of Minnetonka. For the past several months, he has been working with local student, Joseph Shakal, to perfect Shakal's organ technique. The pair have been working at local churches with pipe organs. Our organ is unique in the area and allowed Joe to practice on a completely different type of organ than most churches have.

Not only is our organ the oldest pipe organ in west central Wisconsin, having been built by Steere and Turner and installed in 1889, but it represents the tracker style mechanism which differs from other organs in the way the keys are connected to the pipes. The tracker style organ was replaced in popularity when electricity became widely available, however, the tracker action has become the preferred method of many of the world's best organ builders in recent years.

Included on the program for the concert will be music by Preatorius, Bach, Zipoli and Keith Chapman. Dr. Vogt will introduce and discuss the music to be played.

In addition to the organ music, Songa, an acoustic duo featuring Mario and Sherry Friedel will perform. Songa's music is rooted in the Nashville songwriting tradition, producing original Latin and contemporary Americana music. As a former member of White Duck and an artist with Universal Records, Mario has performed, recorded with or opened for such musical greats as John Hiatt, Jimmy Buffett, Neil Diamond and the Allman Brothers.

Sherry is a vocal music educator and music director who has co-produced and published original children's music. She is director of the choir at our church where the concert will be held.

Following the concert, a spaghetti and meatball luncheon will be prepared and served by Todd Teske. There will be a freewill offering taking during the concert and the cost of the lunch will be \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for young people from 5 to 15 and under 5 will be free. The proceeds from the concert and the lunch will be used for the missions of the church. For further information, call the church office at 715-723-5717.

MOTHER NATURE ISN'T A PRESBYTERIAN!

She isn't welcoming. She doesn't want us to be happy. She isn't friendly.

If she were a Presbyterian, she would want all of these things for us and she would stop sending snow, snow and more snow.

But, we will wait her out.

Once again, the highway cleanup has been rescheduled to beat Mother Nature. It will be sometime in June when we are sure to have no snow. Watch the Bell and the bulletin for a firm date, Mother Nature notwithstanding.

FPC GOD'S VISION FOR OUR PRESENT AND OUR FUTURE

Living In Faith, with Purpose, For Community

We are in the city for Good to meet Jesus

We are a welcoming, inclusive, committed group of believers who are active in the community through our care of those in need, and who strive to live life as Jesus would have us.

We are traditional in worship; telling the stories of God and God's relationship with God's people as expressed in the life of Jesus. We enjoy listening to the choir sing sacred music, singing traditional and fresh hymns, hearing the scriptures interpreted through preaching, following the Christian year, and participating in the sacraments. Yet, we are not afraid to add new programs, technologies, or change long-held traditions, in order to listen to the Spirit, pursue our mission and serve one another in the family of Christ.

We strive for a meaningful participation of all people, no matter their age, race or gender, and enjoy including them and finding a place where each person's gifts are used and shared. The passing of the peace is important to us not only in worship but in our life together. We enjoy fellowship through meals, activities and involvement in the life of our community.

We are open and accepting of others thoughts and interpretations, and we value generational participation in all aspects of the church and are democratic in governance. We are guided by the scriptures, the teachings and connection with our denomination yet value our ecumenical ties with other denominations. We are known for our passionate mission work; and desire joy, excitement and inclusivity in our community of faith.

We are laser-focused in our mission as we hear God's call, excited with our present, unafraid of our future, and committed to each other as believers in Christ.

Editor's Note: The above statement came from the February Session/Deacons retreat in response to the question "What kind of church are we now and what do we want to be in the future?"

OUR FAMILY BAR CODES MEAN MORE MONEY FOR FPC

We have been telling you about the scrip programs from Gordy's and KwikTrip which return money to the church when we purchase scrip cards through FPC. Those programs are on-going but there is something new that can earn us even more money for the Operating Mission Fund.

The church can receive 5 cents each for every Our Family bar code we turn in. That doesn't sound like much until you realize that we can realize \$25 for every 500 bar codes we collect.

Chris Norseng has agreed to count the bar codes and turn them in on our behalf just as she did when Gordy's had the receipt program. All you have to do is cut out the bar code from all the Our Family products you buy and put them in the slot in the tower in the Narthex. Chris will do the rest. The Our Family brand is available at Gordy's and probably at other markets in the area too.

FUND-RAISING POLICY - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHIPPEWA FALLS

The following policy defines the authorization for receipt of goods, fund-raising events by members of the congregation, and the mission projects of our church.

Receipt of Goods:

- The contribution of goods is restricted to the following unless approved by Session.
 - Food Pantry may receive goods such as winter wear, however a person representing the Food Pantry must be designated to receive those goods and decide whether or not to accept them.
 - The Mission Coalition representative from our church may collect goods to use in the Tiny House program. Before a person may contribute goods, the representative must approve the donation.
- The church will not provide any receipt with a value to be used for tax purposes for any goods contributed.

Fund-raising:

- All fund-raising proposals should be submitted to the Mission Team for review. They will be forwarded to the Session with a recommendation. The fund-raising group should submit their plan in writing to the Mission team leader that states
 - the purpose of the fund-raiser,
 - the plan for the fund-raiser,
 - the date and place, and
 - that it is temporarily listed on the church calendar.
- Once a fund-raiser is approved by the Session, the group (with the exception of PW and PM) must contact the finance clerk for how the money is to be handled.
- All groups must contact the administrative assistant to finalize the calendar.
- When the fund-raiser is complete, the group should report the amount raised to the congregation via the Bell and other communication instruments.
- Funds raised for individuals/groups will not be put through the First Presbyterian Church's bank account to take advantage of the church's non-profit status unless approved by Session and the cause is part of the church's mission (for example, Carelink, the Open Door Clinic, and the Mission Coalition projects).
- In general the church does not allow individual solicitations for non-church groups on church property. Request for exemption to this policy must be approved by Session.

Mission projects:

- We have four special denominational offerings throughout the year that have been approved by Session. They are as follows.
 - Christmas Joy offering taken at Christmas time
 - One Great Hour of Sharing taken on Easter Sunday
 - Pentecost Offering taken at Pentecost
 - Peace and Global Witness Offering taken on World Communion Sunday
 - In addition to the four special missions above, we consider these as missions of the First Presbyterian Church. This list should be reviewed annually by the Mission Team and the
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Session. The Mission Team will produce an annual calendar of missions for the Session's approval each year.

- FPC Food Pantry
 - Deacon's Fund
 - Presbyterian Women's Bazaar (Fall)
 - Presbyterian Men's Fish Fries (Ash Wednesday)
 - Presbyterian Men's Optimist Breakfast
 - Carelink
 - Open Door Clinic
 - Mission Coalition
- Other mission projects not listed on the annual calendar may be added throughout the year with the approval of the Session.

Revised 3/27/18

Editor's Note: This new policy will be distributed to the chairs of applicable teams and posted on the bulletin board in the main hall.

FPC OFFERS NEW BUSINESS CARDS

The new First Presbyterian Church business cards are now available at the Welcome Desk.

These cards, which were debuted in April, should give us much-needed publicity in the community.

Feel free to pick up two or three to pass out to friends and neighbors who may be looking for a church or may not know about our services.

We have made these available to the Chamber of Commerce along with our Food Pantry and church brochures for even more exposure.

EARTH DAY PLANTING BRINGS PENTECOST FLOWERS

Spring flowers were planted on Earth Day, April 22 so we can use them to brighten the lives of shutins and others we know.

Red flowers were planted and will be replanted around the church on Pentecost commemorating the birth of the church.

MEET TO EAT

FOR THE FREE CLINIC



THURSDAY, MAY 17

Eat at one of the following
Restaurants on May 17th and 25% of your bill
will help support The Open Door Clinic.

HARMS WAY BAR & GRILL BLOOMER

CHIPPEWA FAMILY RESTAURANT CHIPPEWA FALLS

DEB'S CAFE LAKE HALLIE

LUCY'S DELICATESSEN CHIPPEWA FALLS

OLD ABES SUPPER CLUB JIM FALLS

XPEDITIONS COFFEE COMPANY & MARKET BLOOMER

THE SANDBAR & GRILL LAKE WISSOTA

WEST HILL BAR & GRILL CHIPPEWA FALLS



www.chippewaopendoor.org

News from the Mission Team...

By Barb Shorrel, Team Leader

Besides robins, daffodils and tulips, spring brings the beginning of the Pentecost season. This year Pentecost is May 20. As in years past, we will be collecting the Pentecost Offering on that day.

The Session approved the Mission Team's recommendation to give our local share of 40% to the Sources of Strength program at Chippewa Falls High School. The Mission Team felt that in light of school shootings, youth suicides, and drug addiction, this program fits with the purpose of the Pentecost Offering to provide youth with the skills that they need to have a solid foundation for adulthood. Sources of Strength is a "multi-year researched-based 'best practices' program designed to increase help-seeking behaviors and to promote connections between students and caring adults in the school setting...**The pillars of the program are family support, generosity, healthy activities, positive friends, spirituality, mental health, medical access and mentors. These sources of strength help to equip our youth with the resilience and strength they'll need when life gets hard, offering them hope and companionship in their struggles.**" For more information about the program, please check out the Sources of Strength website at <https://sourcesofstrength.org> You can also read about the group on page 5 in the Spring Issue of *The Cardinal Line*. Go to <http://cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us/> and click on the icon for *The Cardinal Line*.

Food 4 Kidz

Anne Welke has organized a team to help package self-contained meals in a bag for distribution in the Chippewa Falls community. Our time slot is 10:00-11:00 on May 5 at Parkview Elementary. This is a project of the Mission Coalition. Their goal is to package 100,000 meals that day.

If you wish to contribute or to be part of the team, contact Anne Welke, 715-723-2306.

Baranabas House Meal

We have committed to funding a meal at Barnabas House on May 16. A contribution of \$50 was made by a member to cover the cost of the meal. Contact Anne Welke for more information.

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering supports youth programs of the Presbyterian Church through the following programs:

- 25% goes to the Young Adult Volunteers program
- 25% goes to Guiding Youth through ministry
- 10% goes to Child Advocacy—an initiative "to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to better the lives of one million children by 2020."
- 40% remains locally to support ministries with children and youth in our church and community.

Chippewa Falls High School Sources of Strength (SOS)

(From the FAQ handout from Chippewa Falls High School)

Teacher-advisors and student Peer Leaders receive training on the Sources of Strength model. Both teachers and students meet regularly throughout the year to design and implement school-wide campaigns to promote "strengths" in the rest of the student body. Since the launch of the program in fall 2017, CFHS student peer leaders have created videos, launched social media outreach on Twitter, promoted Sources of Strength at school-wide assemblies, and volunteered for suicide prevention projects like the Run for Hope.

May Schedules

May 6 – Sunday

Hospitality Team – Team 6
Led by Bonnie Gullickson and Pat Andress

Communion Servers – Erik Anderson, Jean Peissig, Jeannette Miller, Gary Shorrel, Corine Boos

Welcome Desk – Margi Kohl

Flower Provider – Open

May 13 – Sunday

Hospitality Team – Team 7
Led by Kathi Mandelert and Mitch Mandelert

Welcome Desk – Barb Meredith

Flower Provider – Open

May 20 – Pentecost Sunday

Hospitality Team – Team 8
Led by Gene Peissig and Beth Cripe

Communion Servers – Beth Cripe, Bob Denman, Kevin Litten, Dick Kemp, Lynda Butek, Corine Boos

Welcome Desk – Jean Peissig

Flower Provider – Esther Frazier in memory of Dick

May 27 - Sunday

Hospitality Team – Team 1
Led by Margi Kohl and Dick Kemp

Welcome Desk – Anne Welke

Flower Provider – Open

LET'S CELEBRATE!

It's time to celebrate May birthdays and anniversaries:

May 1	Terry and Christine Wiederhoeft
May 2	Peggy and George Fleming
May 3	Corine Boos, Andrea and Steven Brovold
May 8	Ken Beighley
May 10	Kathy Facklam
May 11	Ray Andress, Jim Mandelert
May 15	Roger Haglund
May 17	Alexander Haglund, Joanne Knoble, George Abendroth, June Kemp
May 20	Richard Teske
May 21	Ellen Teske
May 22	Corine and Earl Boos
May 24	Deb Buckli
May 27	Tiffany Brummond
May 31	Jackson Simonson, Sara Reemtsma