
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

Our Mission Statement:
Welcome, Learn, Serve
We Welcome persons to faith in Jesus Christ;
Learning together to live that faith in the real world;
Serving God Together.

PRACTICING FAITHFULNESS IN ALL SEASONS!!

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Worship Service: Sunday, 10:30 am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

JULY 2024

WELCOME



“When harsh realities envelope us, it’s exceedingly difficult NOT to respond with real world reflexes. Chief among them is anger, because sometimes – that’s what is necessary as a coping mechanism. Living a life of love in Christ Jesus does not eliminate those moments, but it most certainly lessens their impact on our lives, and the lives of those who happen to be in the way – like a child, or a puppy, or a boss, or a politician.”

“All we really need is a breath – or a sigh – or a gulp, and we can overcome – or yield – or defy. Being human is a strange and wonderful thing. I’d encourage you to remember that through the lazy, hazy days of summer. Above all – praise!”

The previous was an observation from last July. What a difference a year makes. Or not.

Peace.
Always.
Pastor Wayne

Office hours:

Pastor Waibel is in the office on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am – 11:30 am
He can be reached anytime on his cell phone 612-750-3443.

LuAnn Dahn (secretary) -Wednesday and Friday mornings. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Prayers

Vernie Edberg and her son Don, Marilyn Johnson
Denise Johnson, Nikki Bartholomew, Karen Wakup,
Leona Fabel, Katy Keohen, Gladys Oberstar, Earl Tiegs,
Randy Baumgard (Denise’s brother).

Victims of violence; Leaders; Those hard to love,
gratitude for our friends, family, and community.



LEARN

Coffee hour Please join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am
prior to worship service for coffee and fellowship.

SERVE

Meals On Wheels

First Presbyterian Church will be serving Meals on Wheels – Monday-Friday,
July 8th – July 12th. Thank you for your ministry in serving those in need.
Meals on Wheels coordinator and contact is Marlys Koepp at 952-873-4445.





A session meeting was held on Wednesday, April 24th. Minutes from the meeting will be distributed to all congregation members and will be posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall as soon as they are available..



Our Monthly OFFERINGS May & June 2024

May 5	12	\$ 390.00	June 2	18	\$ 830.00
May 12	16	\$ 690.00	June 9	17	\$ 510.00
May 19	12	\$ 125.00	June 16	17	\$ 370.00
May 26	13	\$ 460.00	June 23	17	\$ 495.00
			June 30	n/a	n/a
Total Attendance 53			Total Attendance 69		
Total May Offerings \$1665.00			Total June Offerings \$ 2205.00 (minus June 30th information)		

**A detailed copy of the financial report is available in the church office.
For more information, contact a Session member.*

JULY LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:

Deacon

July 7 Don Kowalke
July 14 Dick Coleman
July 21 Marilyn Johnson
July 28 Walt Lehtinen

Worship Leaders

July 7 JoEllen Kowalke
July 14 Pastor Wayne Waibel
July 21 Pam Pint
July 28 Helen Lehtinen

Greeters

July 7 Jim & Carol Schmidt
July 14 Dick & Tammie Coleman
July 21 Marilyn McSweeney
July 28 Walt & Helen Lehtinen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



FPC Church Website – Check it out – www.fpcbp.org

Reminder – If you are unable to attend a service at the church on Sunday mornings, Pastor Wayne is recording a message each week and this will continue even though we are meeting in the church.

Change Meter: Future change meter donations will go toward the Belle Plaine Food Shelf
Meter is in the office

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN JULY BIRTHDAY'S:

Happy Birthday to : Brenna Stolt, Pastor Wayne Waibel, Dylan Stolt and Erica Coleman

*Please note: If you, or someone you know is having a birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we may observe it in our newsletter. Please call the church office at 952-873-2966.

July Lectionary - 2024

7-7-2024 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 123

Ezekiel 2:1-5

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

7-14-2024 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 85:8-13

Amos 7:7-15

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

7-21-2024 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 23

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

7-28-2024 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 145:10-18

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21



It is for Freedom that Christ has set us free.
(Galatians 5:1)

4th of July Prayer

May the glory of Independence Day remain in mind and in heart.
May we cherish our hard-won freedom that it never falls apart.

Those who walked before us believed in freedom's cause so much.
We can carry forth a torch of honor and 'In God We Trust'.

It is a precious land we hold in safekeeping for our children.
That they, as we, may enjoy lives bountiful, worth living. Amen