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Summer

FIRST Presbyterian Church

2022

Pastor's Pen

"It's Summertime!"

I love this time of year and all that summertime offers in Montana: fishing on the Stillwater, swimming in Lake Elmo, outings to Yellowtail Reservoir, day trips to Red Lodge, and hiking in the Beartooth Mountains. Summer takes on a different pace in the life of the church. Many of our weekly Bible studies, Sunday school classes, and regular activities take a recess for the summer months. A number of activities will resume in the fall as we kick off our fall schedule on Sunday, September 11.

I want to take a moment to thank all of you who have helped with these activities. We have a great core of volunteers who help provide and maintain a high level of ministry during the school year. A number of you work with our children and youth ministry programs, serve on committees, assist with worship, participate in study groups, and serve on our leadership teams. I appreciate all of the ways you have enhanced the ministry and mission of FPC. We truly couldn't do it without you!

Even though summer does offer a different pace, we still offer a variety of opportunities for people to grow in their faith. I'd love to have you join us for our weekly summer worship that is held every Sunday morning at 9:30 AM. Our annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) program will be held June 6-9 from 9-12noon each morning. Kids will be experiencing "Water World VBS" to learn more about God and the Christian faith.

Our annual Community Block Party will be held on Sunday, August 14 from 5-7 PM. This annual event draws lots of people from the church and community for a fun evening of food, games, music, climbing wall, and dunk tank. This is a great event to invite people to the church to experience the joy we share in Christ in an inviting and non-threatening environment.

I look forward to the summer months and enjoying the beautiful, long days that this area provides. I wish you and your families well as you enjoy what lies ahead in terms of vacations, family gatherings, and special celebrations. When your schedule allows I hope you will join us for worship and other activities during the summer and use these opportunities to grow in your faith. Here comes the sun...enjoy!

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

Water World VBS coming June 6-9

Are you ready to have some fun? Who wants to get wet? If you are between kindergarten and the 5th grade you will want to join us for our special VBS program this year. Join us at Water World VBS from June 6-9 from 9-12noon each day. We will have Bible adventures, music, games, crafts, snacks, and a movie each day. Bring friends and let's have some fun together! Registration forms are available on our church's website under the Children's Ministry tab or you can pick one up in the gallery at the church. Questions can be directed to Pastor Dave or Jody Ferestad-Anderson.

Coming Attractions:

Vacation Bible School is coming June 6-9 from 9-12noon each day
Youth Mission Trip to Stanford, Montana, from June 13-15
Relay for Life at West High School track will be held on Friday, July 8 at 7 PM
Luminaries for the Relay for Life will be sold on Sundays on June 12 and 19
Summer camps at Westminster Spires near Red Lodge in July
Annual Block Party on Sunday, August 14 from 5-7 PM
Fall schedule resumes on Sunday, September 11 with Sunday school and worship

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Church Info

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STAFF
Pastor: Dave Thompson
Office Manager: Jeanne Raney
Accompanist: Sandi Rabas
Choir Director: Janie Sutton
Custodian: Kent Fellingham

June Birthdays

1 Karen Norsworthy
2 Marcia Birge
Dave Thompson
Jason Ward
3 Ronnie Wooten
4 Jill Irwin
6 Dan Gall
7 Eric Leggate
8 Cathy Goettel
Zoey Harr
Susan Watters
9 Kelly Murch
11 Kurt McLean
12 Jeannette Davis
Karen Gall
12 Chuck Pinnick
12 Nikki Youngbear
13 Jim Hall
14 Grace Steppe
17 Sharon Klovstad
Boden Buffington
Addison Norsworthy
19 John Thompson
21 Bobbie Lauwers
23 Carol Limbach
Junice Wooten
28 Linda Luse
Edna Stauber
Cassie Kouba
Nahloni Stennerson
29 Pat Hastings

Anniversaries

9 Dan & Deanna Hansard
10 Russ & Janet Kline
12 Tim & Gail Janiak
13 Ronnie & Junice Wooten
15 Bob & Meriona Anacker
16 Mark & Teri Pattee
20 John & Jeri Lamerton
23 Rod & Cindy Hessler
Jim & Jill Irwin
Jack & Karla Mahan
Ken & Barbara Gullard
27 Dave & Vicki Thompson
Ernie & Susan Watters
29 James & Helen Hall

July Birthdays

1 Paige Spalding
2 Melanie Dyce
6 David Sanderson
Alex Steppe
7 Patricia Clark
Lois Dalton
8 Bonnie Richards
Bruce Hoffman
9 Charlie Reed
11 Sandi Schoenberger
12 Amy Letson
12 Jason Ascheman
Michelle Berger
16 Norma Thiesen
Lynne Erickson
18 Daniel Repka
Wava Knutson
Mike Michalsky
20 Jim Duncan
Rae Chaney
22 Bud Leuthold
23 Janet Kline
24 Noah Bauer
25 George Bradley
28 Phyllis Brown
29 Melissa Leggate
30 Carlene Taubert

Anniversaries

3 John & Susan Stewart
6 Donny & Jennifer Cole
16 Jim & Cherrie McRae
23 Dan & Karen Gall

August Birthdays

1 Jo Albin
John Oliver
Jean Davis
JoLayne Buffington
Betty Roy
2 Madison Morrow
4 Jody Ferestad-Andersen
5 Carrie Rigney
7 Russ Kline
Payton Kouba
8 Betty Ann Nesmith
11 Deb Wiens
11 Jeanne Raney
12 Shirley Smith
14 Darlene Busch
Jean Ross
John Luse
16 Vicki Thompson
22 Michelle Cormier Lee
Leslie Blaize
23 Hayden Youngbear
26 Lucille Lynn
27 Lauren Bauer
Burke Steppe
28 Rod Hessler
31 Ruth Letson
Tom Erskine

Anniversaries

3 Joel & Lila Spring
7 Bob & Shari Dayton
9 Kevin & Jody Anderson
10 Jason & Meghan Ascheman
11 Chuck & Cindy Leggate
19 John & Linda Luse
21 John & Lauren Wright
22 Don & Cathy Goettel
26 Jim & Heidi Duncan
29 Len & Bonnie Richards

Financial snapshot

2021	Income	Expense	Net
May	$ 38,106	$ 28,753	$ 9,353
YTD	$ 206,256	$ 218,106	$ (11,850)

Thanks to your continued support and generosity of our church. Your generosity is appreciated as we continue to provide a vital ministry to our community and mission to those around the world.

Session notes from our May meeting:

Confirmation class members, Lily Ascheman, Lauren Bauer, Noah Bauer, Tyler Carey, Evan Fellingham, Zoey Harr, Kadence Plotner, and Aaliyah Stennerson were examined and received into membership of the church during the May 10 meeting of the session. The group has met with Pastor Dave weekly since last September.

New adult members are: Leslie Blaize, Doug Braun, Savannah Brennan, Erin Evans, Mclaine and Erin Heringer, Amy Lee, and Irene Schultz.

Pastor Dave was granted vacation time from June 21 to July 1, 2022. Bruce Hoffman will fill the pulpit on Sunday, June 26.

Approval was given for Pastor Dave to officiate at the baptisms of Lilah Christine Stennerson and Brynlee Ellen Stennerson, daughters of Derek Stennerson and Erin Evans, on Sunday, June 5 during worship.

On a Personal Note

We extend our condolences to the family of Phyllis Brown who passed away on May 16 at the age of 93. A memorial service will be held at our church on Monday, June 6 at 2 PM.
Karen Finstad would appreciate prayers for her daughter (Kelli) who has been diagnosed with rectal cancer.
Linda Luse would like to thank you for your prayers, calls, and cards as she recovers from recent knee surgery.
Bev Pinnick would appreciate your prayers as she is dealing with several health issues.
We celebrated Congregation Appreciation Month in May with a number of things that we gave away each Sunday. Special thanks to the fellowship committee for organizing this special event!
Thanks to everyone who brought in hygiene items for Volunteers of America during the month on May. They greatly appreciated all of the shampoo, deodorant, soap, and other items.

Relay for Life luminaries sold in June

Do you or someone you know been affected by cancer? Our church will be selling luminaries to remember and honor those who have been touched by cancer. Chris Eriksen will be selling luminaries on Sunday mornings before and after worship on June 12 and 19. Luminaries are $10 and will be on display at the Relay for Life that will be held at the West High School track on Friday, July 8. All proceeds from the sale of the luminaries will go toward the American Cancer Society.

Flower Sponsorship Opportunities

Our flower sign-up sheet is located on the back table in the narthex. We invite you to sign up for a particular Sunday to sponsor the flowers either in honor or memory of someone or a special event such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. Suggested donation is $30. Special thanks to those who donated flowers during the month of May, June, and July. They include: Nancy Dimich in memory of her parents, Bill and Jean Dimich, and her sister Carol Dimich; Bob and Cathy Culbertson in celebration of Cathy's birthday and their anniversary; Pat Clark in loving memory of her daughter Sandra Burns; Jeanne Raney in memory of her mom Rosalea Thompson; Lorrie Rimpe in memory of her mom Eleanor Weaver; Barb Eichenberger in memory of Ken and other family members; Norma Thiesen in memory of her husband Robert; Chuck and Cindy Leggate in celebration of spring and Kadence's confirmation on May 22; Mike and Loreen Tallmadge in memory of their daughter Maschell Dean; Greg and Deb Wiens and Russ and Janet Kline in loving memory of Iris & Norman Austin; Andy and Jessica Niemantsverdriet in celebration of their anniversary; Linda Luse in celebration of her birthday and in honor of her husband John; Janet Brown and Joel Spring in memory of Bebe Spring; Dan Hogan in memory of Richard and Sharon Hogan; Bill and Nancy MacIntosh in memory of their son Kyle; Martha Davidson in memory of her husband Dick; Peggy Wilson in honor of faith, family and friends; Bonnie and Len Richards in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary; and Suzanne Braun in memory of her parents. Following worship each Sunday, the flowers are distributed to church members and friends in the hospital, nursing homes, or among those who are unable to attend church.