



AUGUST 2018 CHIMES



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PARADIGM SHIFT AT CHURCH

Last year was a very extraordinary year for our Church finances at First Presbyterian Church. The first ten months showed an unusually large budget deficit with dwindling reserves that caused great concern for everyone. The last two months showed our finances getting healed up to the point that we had only a small yearend deficit. A Great Big THANKS to everyone who helped us out last year.

Financial roller coaster rides like we were on last year are tough to take:

- Tough on the FPC staff
- Tough on the Session & Committees
- Tough on the Congregation as a whole!

Last winter, the Session began studying the problem and exploring ways to get us out of this roller coaster rut and on to a more even and steady financial footing. One suggestion was that the Session members and Pastor Scott study a book called *"Not Your Parents Offering Plate"* written by J. Cliff Christopher. We agreed to read, study and then discuss a chapter prior to each monthly session meeting.

Christopher had several ideas to get Churches moving ahead in their attitudes toward stewardship. Some of these are:

- The need to be more proactive in fundraising
- Why people give
- Thanking people for giving, and
- Why the Pastor must be a Fund Raiser!

The last item would be a Paradigm Changer at FPC! Among the things that Christopher stresses is the need for the Pastor to know who gives what to the Church. Up to this point, only Tina Halvorson (the Administrative Assistant) and Richard Aakre (Church Treasurer) have known the who and what behind the donations. Pastor Scott being privy to these names and numbers would be a big change.

The main argument for this change is Christopher believes the Pastor is in effect the CEO of the Church and as such, needs to have a full grasp of the finances to keep the doors open and programs running. Part of the argument is also that Churches are the only non-profit where the CEO may not know who gives what so donors can never get a personal thank you from the (Pastor) CEO. (Personal note: I give some money for Ag. Ed. Scholarships at SDSU each year. Each year, I get a signed thank you from the Dean of Education thanking for the \$**** donation. Everyone likes a special Thank You from someone important).

In April, the Session gave approval for Pastor Scott to have access to records of all who give donations to the Church. This may be troubling to some but I hope everyone will understand that the purpose to help both our Church and to those who may be having financial difficulties. Pastor Scott cannot minister to a financial problem he does not know about. This change is now in effect.

Also at the April Session meeting a decision was made that Pastor Scott should not go out alone on financial calls to individual Church members. To this end, a member of the Session or Stewardship committee will accompany Pastor Scott on these calls.

Other items from the *"Not Your Parents Offering Plate"* book that have been acted on:

- Pastor Scott is sending out "Thank You" cards to members of FPC for their donations
- Pastor Scott has hosted a "Thank You" dinner at the manse
- More items to come!

Hopefully, this is a good start to helping our finances at FPC and getting us off the financial Roller Coaster of the past few years.

If you have questions or comments, please relay them through Tina at the Church office.

Yours in Christ,

Rick Hauge, Stewardship Committee

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	August 6-10 Church Office Closed		1 *Piecemakers' Coffee Party	2 *Pastor- Visits	3	4
5 *Worship with Holy Communion *Pre-Marital Counseling	6 *Pastor-Rotary *Mission Meeting	7 *Stewardship & Outreach Committee Meetings	8	9 *Pastor- Visits	10	11
12 *Worship *Use of Dining Room- Afternoon	13 *Pastor-Rotary *Session Meeting	14	15 *Pastor-Visits	16 *Pastor- Visits	17 Chimes Deadline	18
19 *Worship	20 *Pastor-Rotary	21 *Pastor- Meeting in Brainerd *Ruby's Pantry	22 *Christian Ed Committee Meeting	23 *Pastor- Conf. Call *Pastor- Visits	24	25
26 *Worship	August 27-September 3 Pastor Scott out of Office		29	30	31	

August Communion Servers

Marlys Mathiowetz, Nathan Stephens,
Joyce McKay, Maynard Nolting,
Adrienne Danielson, Joyce Nolting,
Joleen MacHolda

August Ushers

Head Usher: Wayne Mann

Scott Mann, Kevin McKay, Paul Hagen,
Marlys Mathiowetz,
Winston & Rosie Venable

First Presbyterian Piecemakers

Quilting Group

Invites You To Their...

Annual Coffee Party

Wednesday, August 1

9:30-11:30 am

First Presbyterian Church

Dining Room

**Bring friends for coffee, treats &
lots of friendly chatter!**

September Communion Servers

Richard Aakre, Scott Goodyear,
Don Danger, Joleen MacHolda,
Kathy Peterson,
Shellie Mammen, Robin Schneider

August Greeters

Deacon of Month: Nathan Stephens

8/5: Ryan & Brianna Rohlik/Pam Iverson
8/12: Janean McKay/John & Sue Tiffany
8/19: Keegan & Shellie Mammen/Judy Curtis
8/26: Sarah Jacobson/Gerry & Deb Hess

Pastor's Visitation Schedule

If Pastor Scott is unable to meet, you will be notified. If you are unable to meet at the designated time, please let the Pastor Scott know as soon as possible so other arrangements may be made. You may call his home phone at 627-5486. Thank you.

August

Thursday, August 2:

10:00am: Joleen MacHolda
2:00 pm: Dorothy Symes
3:00 pm: Bob & Bunny Nolting

Thursday, August 9:

9:00 am: Betty Peterson
10:00am: Judy Curtis
11:00am: Muriel Moon
2:00 pm: Dan & Doreen Steenblock
3:00 pm: Millie Bunting
4:00 pm: Denise Kaupang

Wednesday, August 15:

7:00 pm: Aaron & Amber Rohlik

Thursday, August 16:

Morning: Gordon Alexander, Janet Minkel
2:00 pm: Butch & Faythe Amberg
3:00 pm: Gerry Patten
4:00 pm: Rick & Denise Siegfried

Thursday, August 23:

2:00 pm: Lucille Byram
4:00 pm: David & Adrienne Danielson

Hymn Sing

We will be singing hymns as a prelude to worship every 4th Sunday of the month. Hymn suggestions will be called out from the gathering congregation. So come prepared with a favorite hymn in mind every 4th Sunday ☺.

September

Wednesday, September 5:

6:00 pm: Keegan & Shellie Mammen
7:00 pm: Mike & Connie Bentson

Thursday, September 6:

9:30 am: Gordon Alexander
10:00am: Janet Minkel
11:00am: Tim & Lois Davis
2:00 pm: Muriel Moon
2:30 pm: Millie Bunting
3:00 pm: Sally Dording
4:15 pm: Scott & Joyce Goodyear

Wednesday, September 12:

7:00 pm: Tony & Molly Miller
8:00 pm: Nathan & Valerie Stephens

Thursday, September 13:

9:30 am: Wayne & Rosemary Bennett
11:00 am: Wayne Mann
Noon: Merlin Goudy
1:15 pm: Gary & Jennifer Hindt
3:00 pm: Doug & Kay Jensen
4:00 pm: Rob & Jeanne Palmer

Monday, September 17:

7:00 pm: Curt & Claire Meyers

Thursday, September 20:

9:00 am: Briana Rohlik
10:00am: Drew Osborne
11:15 am: Rick Kramer
2:00 pm: Chip & Sue Nearing
3:00 pm: Todd & Kathy Peterson
4:00 pm: Shane & Joanne Carroll

Monday, September 24:

7:00 pm: Nancy & Kevin Miller

Tuesday, September 25:

9:30 am: Bob & Barb Brown
11:00 am: Joyce McKay
2:00 pm: Lucille Byram
4:00 pm: Richard & Diane Aakre

August

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd - Amy Berg, Joseph Juell

3rd - Barb Stough, Rev. Scott Prouty

Paul & Elaine Hagen

5th - Emilee Fuhr

Tim & Lois Davis

6th - **Tony & Molly Miller**

7th - Lyrik Kramer

10th - Kanyon Hicks

11th - August Danielson, Corrine Danielson

12th - Lucille Byram, Alexandra Rohne

13th - **Wayne & Rosemary Bennett**

14th - Jennifer Hindt

Robb & Robin Schneider

Brenda & Ryan Becklund

15th - Kimary Tiffany, Addilynn Sharpe,
Haylee Toomer

Shannon & Raymond Sweetman

Gary & Jennifer Hindt

16th - Sonya Alexander

17th - Char Gilland

Kory & Brittany Schneider

18th - Sue Wessels

Mike & Connie Bentson

20th - Karen Melges

21st - Elaine Hagen, Julie Salmon

Nathan & Valerie Stephens

23rd - Judy Smith

25th - Lorrie Quinn, Donovan Sharpe

Mark & Deanie Fuhr

27th - Sue Osborne

28th - Doug Jensen

29th - Tori Fuhr

**Our Mission Trip to the Inner City of Omaha is set for November 9-11. Mark your calendars! We will take our 5-12 graders. 5-6 graders will need a parent to accompany them. Adults are welcome too. More details to follow!
Pastor Scott & Laura Kohler**



Darlene Lavonne Garrison passed away at the age 82 on Tuesday, July 3. Her Memorial Services was held on Thursday, July 12, at Presbyterian Church in Redwood Falls.

Darlene was born March 7, 1936, to Eugene and Vivian (Pettit) Waterman in Chickasaw County, IA. She attended Clarksville Community Schools. On August 16, 1953, Darlene married James Garrison at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA. Together the couple made their home in Clarksville, IA, after living in several communities. In 1974, the couple relocated in Redwood Falls, MN where Jim opened his own branch of Saladmaster Cookware Dealership. Darlene also worked as a cook at the school for several years, and supported her husband in his

business. In 1985 they purchased the A&W restaurant. She later was a cook and server at Tersteegs Deli for over 10 years until retiring at the age of 78. Darlene was an active member in the Presbyterian Church where she served as a deacon. She enjoyed flower gardening, walking, shopping and going out to eat. Darlene loved spending time outdoors and watching and feeding the birds. She enjoyed going on vacations and on road trips. Darlene loved visiting with family and friends.

Darlene is survived by her children: James A. Garrison Jr. (Melanie) of Fairfax, Lorraine (Dalton) Borneman of Belle Plaine, Douglas Garrison of Redwood Falls, Mark A. Garrison of Redwood Falls (special friend Joan Miller of Sioux Falls, SD); grandchildren: Gary, Paula, Jessica & Frank Garrison, Jason (Kari) Borneman, and Ashley Carity; great grandchildren: Charlie Jo, Kayla & Alexandra; great great grandchild Blake; and many other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Jim and brother Lyle.

Ink Cartridges

A reminder that there is a green box in the Narthex for used ink cartridges. The box is taken care of by the A.C.E. program and all proceeds are used for their volunteer appreciation day.

Book Study

Another book study is in the works! For anyone interested, we will read and discuss the book "Searching for Sunday" by Rachel Held Evans. Please talk with Pam Prouty if interested.

Clearwater Camp

Many years ago, Rita Pfeifer gave our Church a gift on money to be used to help pay for our youth to attend Christian summer camps, most notably Clearwater Camp near Brainerd, MN. This is a 1,000 acre Presbyterian Camp located on Clearwater Lake that our Church youth have enjoyed camping at for years. Typically, the camps last for a short week with the campers enjoying nature, fellowship with other campers and bible study. Sometime ago, the Pfeifer fund became depleted.

A few years back, we asked for help sending our youth to camp and our congregation responded. We received several generous gifts that funded our youth's attendance at Clearwater for several years. Because we have a lot of youth attending these Clearwater Camps, the Camp Fund has once again become exhausted and we no longer have these funds to help pay the cost of Camp attendance.

Youth from our Church will be participating in a weeklong camp at Clearwater Forest Camp again this summer. The current cost to attend this summer's camp for one week is about \$560 per student. Finances are tight all over and for some families a little help from our Church may make the difference in whether they can send a family member to summer camp. The Session would like to help pay at least part of the cost to send these kids to Camp and would like to know if any Church members would be interested in helping to support this great Camp attendance.

If you would like to help send these youth to Clearwater Camp this summer, please fill out the form below and send it, along with your donation, to Tina at the Church Office.

Clearwater Forest Camp Donation \$ _____

Name

Men's Turkey Dinner

It is time to start planning for the 2018 Men's Turkey Dinner. **Putting together this meal for 600-1000 people is a big undertaking.** To help us tackle that task we are organizing a Men's Turkey Dinner Planning Team. We have a volunteer to lead the team, but we need 4-5 additional men from the church who are willing to help organize the dinner in advance of the big day. **Please consider volunteering to join this planning team so that we can continue to have the Men's Turkey Dinner.** The dinner raises a meaningful amount of money for the church and is a beloved tradition in the community.

If you are interested in helping plan the Turkey Dinner, please contact Dave Danielson (507)616-6142 or Pastor Scott. Thank you so much.

Generosity of Body

"This is my body, which is given for you..." -Luke 22:19

My friend Becca sat pinned in her car, terrified and in horrible pain. She hardly knew what had just happened, let alone, how she could free herself from the tangled mess of her car and get herself the medical attention she needed. When she heard the sirens in the distance she felt relief wash over her. As the paramedics and firefighters yelled in at her that she was going to be okay, as they cut her wrecked car away from her, and lifted her carefully out and to the waiting ambulance she was overcome with gratitude; she was going to live because these strangers had come to save her. Becca quickly decided that she wanted to do the same for other people in desperate need of help, she trained to be a paramedic and a firefighter. Now she is the one who risks her health and physical safety attending to injured and sick people at the scenes of accidents, fires, and anywhere else she is called to.

We are called to be faithful stewards of everything God has given us, including our bodies. God lovingly knit our physical-selves together in our mother's wombs. Our bodies mean so much to our Creator that we are told, through the apostle Paul, that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. God desires for us to take care of our bodies (just as He desires for us to care for all of Creation). Good stewardship of our bodies includes attending to our health and thanking God for the gift of our body.

Good stewardship of our bodies also means following the example of Christ and being willing to sacrifice our physical self when and where we are called to do so. Jesus set the ultimate example of bodily sacrifice of course when He submitted Himself to a torturous death on the cross on our behalf. Some people are called to follow Jesus very closely in this way and to die a martyr's death; the early apostles, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Martin Luther King Jr. are all examples of Christians who have sacrificially given of their body to the point of death. Thankfully, God does not call all His followers to martyrdom! But we are all still called to give of our bodies in different ways.

What does this look like? Maybe it looks like donating blood, registering with Be the Match as a possible bone marrow donor, or checking the organ donor box on your driver's license application. Maybe it means working, or volunteering, in an occupation that puts your body at risk or wears it down over time. Maybe it means offering your lonely relative a hand to hold as you sit and talk, even though you naturally are not a very 'touchy-feeling' sort of person. Maybe it means literally turning the other cheek if a person strikes you and refusing to retaliate in kind. Maybe it means offering up the morning sickness of your pregnancy to God and trusting that you can endure a difficult pregnancy for the joy set before you. Being good stewards of our bodies, and giving of them to help others, will look different for everyone. All of us however will find joy in using the gift of our physical bodies to serve others as we recall that we are not our own and that we can honor God with our bodies (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Lord, help me to give all of myself to You. Thank you for the gift of my body. Please help me to see that my body is Your temple and lead me to serve others and honor You with it. Amen.

Now Go and Do: Identify one way you can be a better steward of your body (More exercise? Healthier food choices? Sign up to donate blood?). Commit to making that change.

Love, Your Generosity Project Team (Adrienne Danielson, Deb Hess, Shari Fuhr and Marlys Mathiowetz)

Ruby's Pantry - July 17, 2018



Keeping Order in the Parking Lot



People Lined Up to Get In People Came From as Far Away as Hutchinson and Litchfield - Maybe Farther!



Folks Getting Ready



Lindsey giving final instruction! Always hard at work, even on her Anniversary!



\$20 each - not Bad!



Pickles by the Pail



Bread - Lots of It

As the photos show - the National Guard Armory was a hopping Tuesday afternoon!

Lindsey Caraway reported that we served 254 shares on Tuesday. This number has steadily grown since we began ruby's Pantry about four years ago. Also, Kari from Ruby's headquarters stopped by to say Hello and was pleased with what she saw. Good job everyone!

The cost of a ruby's pantry share is \$20. As pointed out above, people came from as far away as Litchfield and Hutchinson - maybe farther. They obviously see real value in a Ruby's share. There are people at Church who see the value in a Ruby's share and are buying a Ruby's share and donating the share to families in need. Sometime the donor picks out the family to receive the share and sometimes a Ruby's volunteer gets to pick the lucky family. It only costs \$20 and provides two big baskets of food and household supplies to the family. If you would like to buy a Ruby's share next month and donate it to a special family, you can send \$20 to Tina at the Church office and she will do the rest for you.



All ages help!