

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CHIMES



### Sundays

*Sunday School: 9am  
Worship: 10:15 am  
YFA: Evenings*



### Wednesdays

*Bible Studies:  
7 am & 2 pm  
Youth Club:  
Afternoon  
Confirmation: 6 pm*

### October Ushers

Head Usher: Nathan Stephens  
Val, Blake & Claire Stephens, Rick Hauge,  
Brian & Stephanie Klavetter

### October Communion Servers

Ruling Elder Nathan Stephens, Julie Fiala,  
Stephanie Klavetter, Rick Hauge, Kathy  
Peterson, Molly Miller, Drew Osborne

### October Greeters

Deacons of Month: Julie Fiala

1 Barb Nelson

8 Marlys Mathiowetz

15 Judy Curtis

22 Julie Rienstra

29 Doreen Steenblock



# Pastor's Visitation Schedule

**Review & Confirm** your visit with the church office.

## October

### October 5 Pastor Scott Takes Communion to:

Rosemary Bennett at 2:00 pm  
Gary & Jenifer Hindt at 3:15 pm  
Bob Nolting & Millie Bunting at 4:30 pm

### October 12 Pastor Scott Visits:

Ralph Revier at 9:00 am  
Doreen Steenblock at 10:00 am  
Laura Kohler at 11:00 am

### Pastor Scott Takes Communion to:

Sue Tiffany at 2:00 pm  
Sally Dording at 3:15 pm  
Bunny Nolting & Dorthy Symes at 4:30 pm

### October 26 Pastor Takes Communion to:

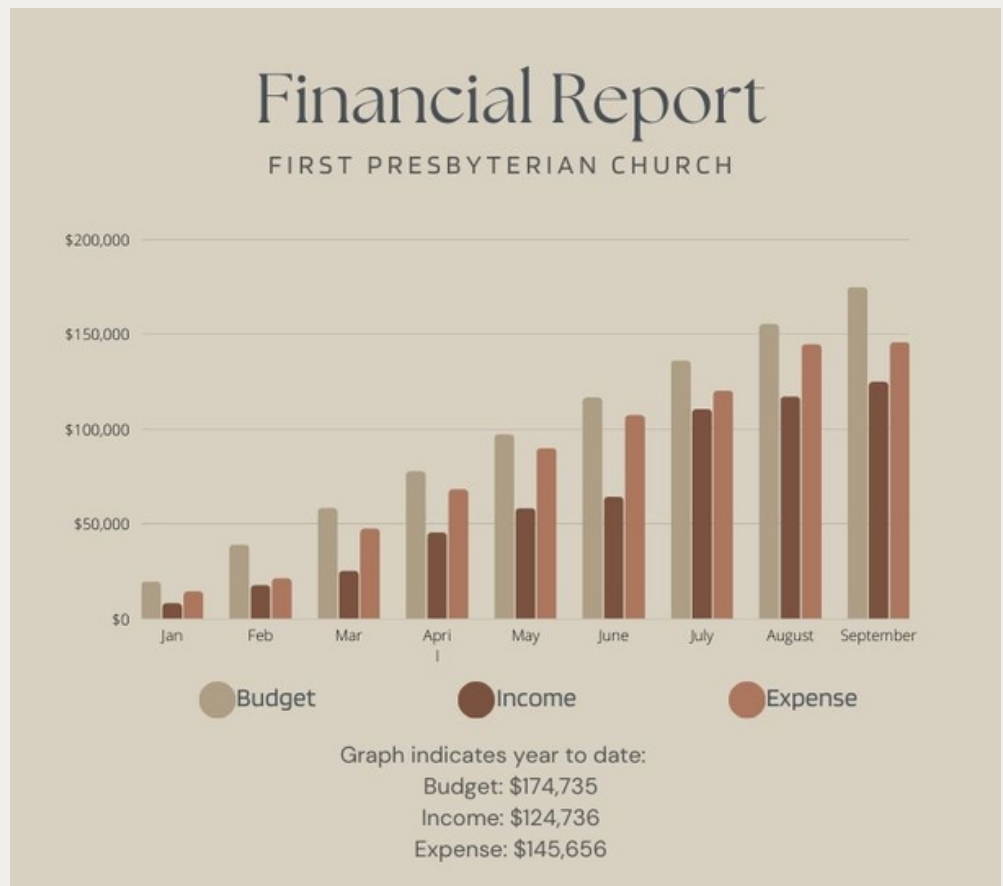
Richard Aakre at 3:00 pm

## September Friendship Dinner

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serve, and clean-up the September Friendship Dinner! Forty-five members of our congregation and community were able to enjoy fellowship and a delicious chili meal.

*"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous heart." -Acts 2:46*

The Matthew 25 Committee



# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *Sunday School *Worship - HC	2 *Pastor: Synod Meeting	3	4 *OT B. Study *Piecemakers *NT B. Study *Youth Club *Confirmation	5 *Pastor: Zoom Meeting *Pastor: Visit	6	7
8 *Sunday School *Worship *Packing Wkend Food Bags	9 *Pastor: Rotary *Session Meeting	10 *Pastor: LINC Redwood County Meeting	11 *OT B. Study *NT B. Study *Youth Club *Confirmation	12 *Pastor: Dollars for Scholars Meeting *Pastor: Visits *Deacon Meeting	13	14
15 *Sunday School *Worship	16	17	18 *Piecemakers	19	20	21 *Pastor: Presbytery Meeting in Willmar
22 *Worship *Packing Weekend Food Bags	23 *Pastor: Rotary/ Board Meeting	24	25 *OT B. Study *NT B. Study *Youth Club *Confirmation	26 *Pastor: SEI Board Meeting *Pastor: Visit	27	28
29 *Sunday School *Worship	30	31				

## Pastor's Monthly Note

I had the opportunity to attend two national meetings over the 4th of July weekend and Labor Day weekend. I was invited to represent the Presbyterian Church (USA) at the 34th Annual General Synod for the United Church of Christ in Indianapolis. There were 2,000 people at this gathering. This meeting is equivalent to our General Assembly. I sat at table with representatives of twelve other denominations. We were given voice and vote. The first night we were on a big stage and had to walk across as our names were called one at a time. I felt like I was in a beauty pageant. I enjoyed getting to know people from all over the country and world. I was invited to many social events for ecumenical brothers and sisters. Everyone mentioned the decline in membership and attendance following the pandemic. Many talked of how Christianity would continue in the future but perhaps in homes instead of church buildings. A highlight of the meeting was a sermon given by ELCA pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber. She recently traveled to Turkey and visited caves with iconic Christian paintings in the mountains where Christians worshipped once other religions became more prominent. She said she wondered if people used to sit in the cave saying "remember when this cave was full of young people" in reference to what current Christians say now. A personal highlight was meeting the first Indigenous Moderator of the Church of Canada, the Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne. She asked if I could connect her with Indigenous Presbyterians in the United States. I immediately thought of Elona Street Stewart who was the first Indigenous Moderator of our denomination. They have connected. Another highlight was attending a seminar put on by the "Shoulder to Shoulder" campaign combating Islamophobia which is part of the Islamic Society of North America. They spoke of their annual conference which I had not planned to attend this year but I was encouraged to go by the executive director of ISNA.

So, I attended the 60th Annual Islamic Society of North America in Chicago. Over 25,000 people attended this conference. It was amazing when they the call to prayer and people flooded to the prayer hall. There were several classes to choose from to take, a bazaar with 500 vendors, a health fair, a basketball tournament, a movie festival of films made by Moslem artists, entertainment, convocation speakers, etc. They have full programming for children too. There were activities from 5:00 am to 11:00 pm. Since they were celebrating their 60th year, they invited all the past presidents so I had the opportunity to catch up with Dr. Sayyid Syeed who introduced me to interfaith ministry, he came to my home town in Redwood Falls for four days in 2016 and spoke at the school and many other venues. It was a pleasure and an honor to see him again. I also had the opportunity to catch up with many others as this was my 8th ISNA conference. During most of the conference there were just a couple of Christians present but on Sunday night ISNA does an Interfaith banquet and people come from all over for this. I appreciate the opportunity to build bridges with people from many different world religions and also ecumenically. God's Love abounds!

The Rev. Scott Prouty





Here I am with Kathryn Lohre who is the Executive of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Relations at the Office of the Presiding Bishop, ELCA. She received a life time achievement award for her Interfaith work from ISNA at this conference.



With Nina Fernando, the executive director of the Shoulder to Shoulder campaign which fights against Islamophobia.



With Basharat Saleem, the executive director of ISNA



Here I am with the General Secretary of the Church of Canada: the Rev. Michael Blair, the first female indigenous Moderator of the Church of Canada: the Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, and the president of the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe, the Rev. John Matiza.



With Mohamed Elsanousi, who is the executive director of the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers

With Azhar Azeez, CEO of Muslim Aid USA, former president of ISNA, current treasurer and board member of ISNA







With Suzanne Dilahunt, Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA



With the Rev. Teresa Hord Owens, the General Minister and President of the Disciples of Christ



With the brand new General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, the Rev, Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

With Khizr Khan, Gold Star Parent, Constitutional Activist and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom

With Dr. Syeed, past president and cofounder of ISNA. He came to Redwood Falls, Minnesota in 2016.

