

June 2025

First Presbyterian Church





Don Dagner has been very busy making the church look beautiful outside! He took down the old cross and put in this beautiful arch and flowers.



The Klavetters have been keeping our sign updated and fun!

Dear Church Family

With Gratitude: The Stewardship Committee

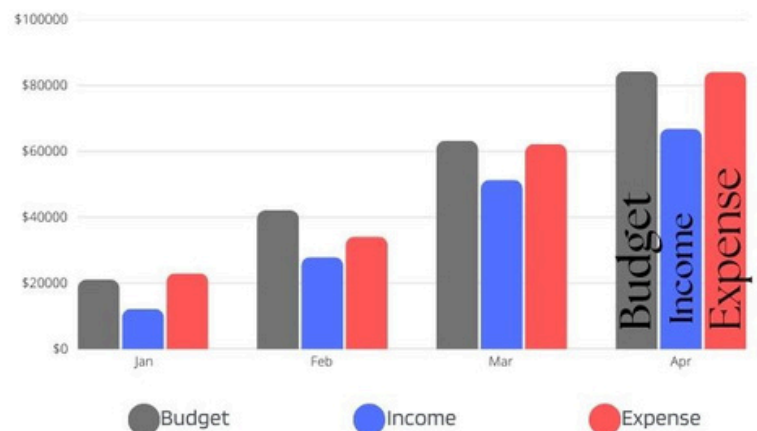
As we approach the halfway point of the year, we want to take a moment to say our thanks for your faithful and generous giving. Your continued support through your tithing and offerings have made a meaningful impact on our ministry, mission and outreach efforts.

Thank you for all you've given so far – and thank you in advance for your continued support as we move through the rest of the year.

May God continue to bless you abundantly for your kindness and commitment.

Financial Report

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Graph indicates as of 4/30/25

Budget: \$84,280

Income: \$66,872

Expense: \$84,136

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."



Attention!

Please review the lists below, if you have any concerns please contact the church office.

Ushers

Head Usher: Dori Oja
Ushers: Julie Fiala, Mark Oja,
Michael Joldersma,
Gene & Becky Schultz,
Robert Alexander

Greeters

Deacon of Month: Nancy Miller
6/1: Lynnda McNelly
6/8: David & Adrienne Danielson
6/15: Tony & Molly Miller
6/22: Paul Hagen
6/29: Rhonda Joldersma

Communion Servers

Head Server: Michael Joldersma
Servers: Becky Schultz,
Rhonda Joldersma, Julie Fiala,
Julie Rienstra, Dan Tiffany, Dori Oja

Money Counters

June: Michael Joldersma &
Becky Schultz
July: Michael Joldersma &
Mike Bentson

Contact the Church Office:
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PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR VISIT WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE

Pastor Scott's Visitation Schedule

June 5 Pastor Scott Visits:

Rosemary Bennett at 9:30 am
Merlin Goudy at 10:45 am
Lois Tiffany & Todd Peterson at 2:30 pm
Bunny Nolting & Doug Jensen at 4:00 pm

June 12 Pastor Scott Visits:

Dan Tiffany at 2:00 pm
Scott & Joyce Goodyear at 3:30 pm
Don & Lorrie Quinn at 7:00 pm

June 17 Pastor Scott Visits:

Kathy Peterson at 2:00 pm
Gene & Becky Schultz at 3:00 pm
Phil & Ag Johanneck at 4:00 pm
Dave & Adrienne Danielson at 7:00 pm

June 24 Pastor Scott Visits:

Nancy Miller at 2:00 pm
Rick Kramer & Gerilyn Kodet at 3:30 pm
Scott & Laura Kohler at 7:00 pm

July 3 Pastor Scott Visits:

Rosemary Bennett at 9:30 am
Merlin Goudy at 10:45 am
Lois Tiffany & Todd Peterson at 2:30 pm
Bunny Nolting & Doug Jensen at 4:00 pm

July 10 Pastor Scott Visits:

Kim McKay at 2:00 pm
Dan Tiffany at 3:30 pm
Kevin & Candy Zaske at 7:00

July 17 Pastor Scott Visits:

Stephen Dording at 2:00 pm
Patty Rohne at 3:00 pm
Ernie & Julie Fiala at 4:00 pm
Drew Osborne & Linda Boyer at 7:00 pm

July 31 Pastor Scott Visits:

Gerry & Deb Hess at 9:30 am
Marlys Verdoes at Noon

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship with Holy Communion	2	3 Pastor: Zoom Call	4 Bible Studies Piecemakers	5 Pastor: Visits	6	7
8 Worship Friendship Dinner	9 Pastor: Rotary Meeting Session Meeting	10 Pastor: Ministerial	11 Bible Studies	12 Pastor: Visits	13	14
15 Worship	16 Juneteenth: Offices Closed	17 Pastor: Visits Ruby's Pantry	18 Bible Study	19 Office Closed	20 Office Closed	21
22 Worship	23 Office Closed Pastor: Rotary Meetings	24 Pastor: Visits	25 Bible Studies	26 Office Closed Pastor: SEI Meeting	27 Office Closed	28
29 Worship	30					

Birthdays

2nd: Lavonne Sinclair, Nadia Meyers

4th: Ayla Rudenick

5th: Gabrielle Rohlik, Kayla Plotz

9th: Sandy Starr

12th: Mark Fuhr

14th: Shannon Sweetman, Elenore Whitmore

16th: Leroy Toomer, Adrienne Danielson

18th: Dave Gertsema, Liam Wheilihan

20th: Andy Juell

22nd: Arlene Schultz

24th: Ann Tiffany

25th: Faythe Amberg

27th: Austin Tiffany

28th: Max Bentson

29th: Molly Miller, Paul Hagen

30th: Brittany Schneider

Anniversaries

7th: Shelby & Matt Enright

9th: Dale & Sandy Starr

14th: Dave & Adrienne Danielson,

Scott & Pamela Prouty

15th: Mike & Julie Salmon

16th: Donovan & Cassy Sharpe

18th: Larry & Sue Wessels

19th: Matt & Kimary Tiffany

25th: Dan & Maira Alexander, Bob & Lori Rebstock

29th: Tom & Barb Stough

The Deacons have some exciting news to share...

With the changing of our church family we are doing a new directory!

Mark Your Calendars/Watch Your Mailbox

Photo Days: September 13 & 14
Sunday, September 14, following worship we will be taking a congregational photo!

Updated contact information forms will be sent out prior to the picture date in September.

Directories and all photo orders will be ready by Christmas!

***Church in the Park
July 13 @ 10:15 am
Followed by the
July Friendship Dinner
Bring your family, friends & neighbors!***

FRIENDSHIP DINNER

June 8

11:15 am - 12:30 pm
(note the time change)

Menu: Tacos, all the fixings, desserts & beverages.

Meals on Wheels: The deacons are in charge of Meals on Wheels Delivery June 16-27. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex! We Need lots of helping hands!



OUR MISSIONS MONEY AT WORK!

In the 2002 movie "A River Runs Through It", the lead actor makes the statement that his father (a Presbyterian Minister) claims that Methodists are Presbyterians who cannot read! Ouch! As a Presbyterian, I chuckled at the statement – As a grade

school-er long ago, I knew some kids who had trouble reading and it really set them back.

In 1995 Dolly Parton, recognizing this problem, launched her Imagination Library program to help kids read and develop a love of books. This year they celebrate their 30th Anniversary!

This program mails a high-quality, age-appropriate book to registered children under the age of five. The books come monthly at NO COST to the family. The area covered by the Redwood Valley School District participates in this program with about 290 kids currently registered in the program. The cost is picked up by local organizations and individuals.

Sue Osborne persuaded our Missions Team to support Imagination Library back in 2019, First Presbyterian Church donated \$3,000 the first year. FPC now acts as the "treasurer" for the local Imagination Library program, receiving and dispersing funds as well as record keeping. Donations from not only our very own church members but many donations throughout the community, the Rotary Club and the Redwood Lions being the biggest annual donors, we have continued this life changing program for going on the 7th year. This year the FPC was able to donate and continue our contributions through the Endowment Fund. The Imagination Library program, serving our area kids, is another way your donations go beyond the four walls of our church and helps many people in our community.

Ramsey Park Jamboree
Friends of the Park invite everyone to their annual Jamboree on June 4. The drive-thru picnic will be from 4:30-6:30 pm, in the campground area. Other activities are posted on their flyer in the entryway.



Rummage Sale

You have been asking... You have been waiting... IT IS HERE...

Tell Everyone You Know

Thursday, May 29: 1–6 pm

Friday, May 30: 10–6 pm

Saturday, May 31: 9–Noon

Now get some spring cleaning done and bring your donations in! Starting TODAY you can bring your items to the youth room with the couches! Contact the church office if you have any questions.

A Note from your YOUR PASTOR

Pentecost

In 2025, Pentecost continues to hold deep significance for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), as it does each year—not just as a remembrance of the past, but as a call to present and future faithfulness. This year we celebrate on June 8th. Here's what Pentecost means in the life of the PC(USA) today:

🔥 1. The Birth of the Church—Then and Now

Pentecost commemorates the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles (Acts 2), empowering them to speak boldly, cross cultural boundaries, and share the gospel with the world. For Presbyterians in 2025, it's a reminder that the church isn't a building or a tradition—it's a Spirit-filled, outward-reaching, living body called into God's mission today.

🌍 2. A Call to Multicultural Witness

On that first Pentecost, people of all nations heard the good news in their own language. In our time, that affirms the PC(USA)'s commitment to diversity, inclusion, and justice. In 2025, amid national and global polarization, Pentecost calls us to be bridge-builders, welcoming all people into Christ's body with the Spirit's power.

🙌 3. Empowered for Mission, Not Maintenance

The Spirit didn't come to make the early church more comfortable—it came to send them out. Pentecost in 2025 is a challenge to every congregation: Are we being led by the Spirit? Are we dreaming God's dreams for our community? Or just preserving what's familiar?

✨ In Short:

Pentecost in 2025 means we're still the Church of Acts 2: filled with the Holy Spirit, sent into a broken world, speaking good news in word and deed. It's not just a date on the liturgical calendar—it's a fire in our hearts, minds and souls.

A Friendly Reminder

☀️ Summer's Here, But We're Still Right Here! 🌿

Vacations may come and go, but God doesn't take the summer off—and neither do we!

Whether you're in flip-flops or church shoes, we've got a seat saved for you.

Join us every Sunday this summer for worship, community, and air conditioning that works (most of the time 😊).

Same message. Same love. Same church. All summer long.

#ChurchAllSummer #Don'tForgetYourSunscreenAndYourBible

Have an awesome June! In Christ's love, Pastor Scott Prouty



Father's Day Is June 15th This Year

Honoring or remembering fathers—especially those who have passed away—on Father's Day can be both meaningful and healing. Here are several thoughtful ways to do that:

For Honoring Living Fathers:

Spend Quality Time – Go fishing, take a walk, go to church, share a meal, or do another activity he enjoys.

Write a Letter – Share specific memories, express gratitude, and tell him how he's shaped your life.

Create a Tribute Video or Scrapbook – Include photos, stories, and video clips from family and friends.

Give a Meaningful Gift – Something personal like a handmade item, a book he'd love, or a framed photo.

Public Acknowledgment – Honor him in a social media post or during a family gathering, expressing what he means to you.

For Remembering Deceased Fathers:

Visit His Grave or a Place He Loved – Spend a few moments in reflection or prayer.

Light a Candle – A simple symbolic act of remembrance at home or in a place of worship.

Cook His Favorite Meal – Prepare something he loved and share stories about him at the table.

Write Him a Letter or Journal Entry – Express your thoughts, memories, or what you wish you could tell him now.

Create a Memorial Display – A photo, keepsake, or item that reminds you of him, set up in a special place.

Give Back in His Name – Volunteer, donate, or support a cause he cared about.

Tell His Story – Share a cherished memory or life lesson he taught you with others, especially younger generations.

A Father's Faith

We thank You, Lord, this Father's Day, For dads who walk in wisdom's way, Who guide with strength, who lead with grace, Who seek Your will, who seek Your face.

For those who kneel in quiet prayer, And lift their children's names with care— Whose hands may toil, whose hearts may break, Yet cling to You for heaven's sake.

For fathers gone, now in Your light, We feel their love, still shining bright. Their voices echo in our soul, Their faith remains, their stories told.

You, Father God, above all men, The perfect guide, our origin. In every dad who loved and gave, We see the image of the brave.

So bless the dads who still remain, And soothe the hearts that hold some pain. Let every life this truth proclaim: A father's love bears Jesus' name.

Juneteenth

Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19, marks the day in 1865 when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally learned they were free—more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. For Christians, Juneteenth holds profound spiritual and moral meaning:

✝ 1. A Celebration of Freedom—Both Physical and Spiritual

The Bible consistently speaks of God as a deliverer—freeing Israel from Egypt, breaking chains through Jesus Christ, and proclaiming liberty to the oppressed (Luke 4:18). Juneteenth echoes this Gospel theme: freedom delayed is still a freedom worth rejoicing over, and justice—even when slow—is still sacred.

🌸 2. A Call to Justice and Truth-Telling

Juneteenth reminds us that truth matters, and that delaying justice causes deep harm. Christians are called to be truth-tellers and peacemakers, confessing the sins of racism, slavery, and silence—and working toward reconciliation grounded in truth.

♥ 3. Honoring the Image of God in All People

Genesis 1 teaches that every person is made in God's image. Juneteenth is a time to affirm the dignity, worth, and contributions of Black Americans, and to celebrate the resilience of a people long oppressed yet upheld by faith.

🌍 4. An Invitation to Ongoing Liberation

The work of justice is not finished. Just as Jesus came to "set the oppressed free" (Luke 4:18), Juneteenth challenges Christians to confront present-day inequities—with the Spirit's power and Christ's love.

🙌 5. A Time for Worship, Reflection, and Action

Churches can honor Juneteenth by: Incorporating freedom themes into worship, Sharing the stories of enslaved Christians and Black church leaders, Praying for racial healing, Partnering with local communities in justice work

✨ In Short: Juneteenth is a Christian day of remembrance, celebration, and responsibility. It's a chance to rejoice in God's gift of freedom, lament injustice, and recommit to being agents of God's liberating love.

🌸 A Juneteenth Prayer for the Church

Gracious and Liberating God, On this Juneteenth, we pause to remember and to reflect. We give thanks for the day freedom finally came to the last of the enslaved— when the truth of emancipation echoed through Texas fields, and jubilation rose from hearts long bound. We honor the strength and resilience of our ancestors— those who walked through the valley of oppression and yet still sang songs of freedom, faith, and future. Lord, we confess that the chains of racism did not vanish in 1865. We mourn the injustice that lingers still—in hearts, in systems, in silence. Forgive us for the times we've been slow to speak, slow to act, and slow to love our neighbor as ourselves. Holy Spirit, stir in us a righteous fire— not of anger alone, but of compassion, courage, and conviction. Make us people who pursue justice, who tell the truth in love, and who build bridges where the world builds walls. Let this day not be only a celebration of the past, but a signpost toward a future where all are truly free— free from fear, free from hatred, free to thrive. In the name of Jesus, who breaks every chain and sets every captive free, we pray. Amen.