

OCTOBER 2021

First Presbyterian Church



Greeting From The Session

As we enter the change of seasons with the beginning of fall, I thought I would provide an update from the session. We are settling into a routine for preaching. Jonathan Kimball and Susan Murray, elders of the church and university professors, will continue preaching twice and once per month, respectively.

Rev. Bob Morrison who is a retired Methodist minister in town, and who filled our pulpit before Lou Ellen was with us will be preaching for us on November 7.

Hopefully he can join us on a more regular basis.

Josiah Accola may also be joining us again as procedures continue in that regard.

Rev. Dennis Winzenreid will be with us on October 3.

So, we will have variety and familiarity in the pulpit

More exciting worship news – the choir returns on November 7th, and Jeff is planning a Christmas Cantata on December 19.

The church used grant money from the Presbytery and an anonymous match to buy equipment to allow live streaming for the worship service. A new soundboard is on order, which will further help us improve. We hope to have a capital campaign to buy speakers and other things to improve the church facility soon. I want to share a special thank-you to the sound and computer systems team, particularly Jonathan.

The session has been working with Greg Emery (a transition consultant from Presbytery), Rev. Bob Dahlgren (serving as our moderator), and Rev. Diane Cooke (acting as our liaison to the committee on ministry). We are working on documents that are key in forming a PNC (pastor nominating committee – a search committee or sorts). The session will share this document with the congregation (once I write the draft).

We will have a church cookout at Amy & Britt's house on October 1. It should be fun, and more information is available elsewhere in the newsletter.

As always, please feel free to ask questions or provide feedback to members of the session.

In Christ,

Susan Murray, Clerk of the Session

Congregational Life

WOW BONFIRE!



The weather looks great for our bonfire at Whitakers this Friday, Oct 1!
(Remember, First Friday social.)

Please bring chairs, your own food, or hot dogs to roast, and your drink choice.

We will have plates, napkins, cutlery, buns, and condiments.

You may also bring a dish to share if you want.

Come about 5 or later. We will cook around 6.

Bring campfire instruments if you want to share music.

Contact Britt Whitaker for questions.

Outreach Committee

The John Calvin Presbytery continues to offer the Covid Emergency Grant.

The grant offers to match \$2 for every \$1 raised up to \$2,500.

We have been able to help The Mission, GRACE, the Backpack Program,
and our own sound system to provide new ways to
offer worship services during the pandemic.

We are grateful for your generosity. During October and November,
we are asking for your help again with donations to go to Russell House.



We are busy learning and growing. The kids have studied about apples and taste testing on different varieties of apple things. We have started talking about fall and fire safety.

Educare does their monthly visits and helps our teachers out in the classrooms - plus brings the classrooms new goodies. They are providing Conscious Discipline training for the teachers.

Our last monthly visit for the season from Sweet Stop Ice Cream was this month. The kids enjoyed a sweet, tasty treat.



October brings Halloween, we will be enjoying our festivities on the 29th.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR OCTOBER GO OUT TO:

JUDY FOX 6TH,
DWIGHT LOOK 25TH,
DAVID WALLEN 27TH,
EUGENE ZANDERS 31ST



PRAYER REQUEST

KELLY DEAN (CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE), BARB FORD AND KELLY'S BROTHER

TOM EYCHANER (WHO STAYS WITH BARB AND HAS ADVANCED PARKINSON DISEASE),

CARLENE MAY (RECEIVING CANCER TREATMENTS)

BOB MAY (RECOVERING FROM CANCER TREATMENTS, BACK AND KNEE PAIN)

CONNIE DEWITT (ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES)

MARTHA ETHRIDGE (LOSS OF GRANDSON)

EMILY NAKANISHI (TONSILECTOMY)

AUGUST NYE (MOTHER) **EARON NYE-CRUSER** (BABY)
(EMILY'S FRIEND HAD HER BABY 2 MONTHS PREMATURELY)

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