

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

September 2020

Dear Congregation Members and Friends:

This has been a trying, long time for all of us and hopefully you are well and looking forward to better days. We are all anxious to get back to our church and church family.

The session met on Tuesday, August 25th at 12:00 p.m. in the church library. Of course, we kept our distance and had masks.

We will be opening our church on Sunday, September 6th. We feel like each one of you should know what precautions we have discussed and will be putting into effect.

1. **Stay at home if you are feeling ill.**
2. We require everyone to wear a face mask. (Bring your own please)
3. Maintain physical distancing, at least 6 feet from each other. You may sit next to anyone who lives in your same household.
4. Church pews will be marked that are **not** to be used.
5. Refrain from handshakes and hugs. We can wave to each other.
6. Singing and choral music will be eliminated as of now. There will be organ, piano or any instrumental music.
7. No coffee hour or any social gathering before or after the church service.
8. We will not have Communion until at least August, with precautionary procedures.
9. Offering plates will be at each entrance. Your offering can be deposited in the plate as you enter the sanctuary. There will be hand sanitizer at each door.

We look forward to the day we can get back to our normal church services and social gatherings.

God's Blessings

First Presbyterian Session

FPC Thank You

Thank you for the use of the church for our wedding. It was a great setting with the beautiful windows! We appreciate it! Michele & Todd

Dear Congregation Members and Families,

This letter is to inform you of a safety issue concerning the brick facades on the exterior of the Church, which are above the 10th Avenue and 5th Street entrances. The bricks need to be removed and replaced because of the danger due to deterioration of the brick and mortar. They are crumbling and are unstable and must be addressed at this time.

The amount to have these entrances repaired will be between \$37,000 and \$40,000. Since we must have this done, we will be starting the process.

We are always grateful and thankful for your financial support in maintaining our Church.

God's Blessings

First Presbyterian Session

Celebrating September Birthdays

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| September 2 | Patricia Johnson |
| September 6 | Derek Fehrenbach |
| September 10 | Willa Stang |
| September 13 | Roger Zorn |
| September 17 | Janet Johnson |
| September 21 | Syd Wells |
| September 23 | Andrea Fernstrum |
| September 26 | Sam Hofer |
| September 27 | Linda Baumann |
| September 30 | Joan Helgerson |



September Guest Ministers

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| September 6 | Rev. Dr. Mark Johnson |
| September 13 | Rev. Doug Schoen |
| September 20 | Rev. Dr. Mark Johnson |
| September 27 | Rev. Craig Mansur |

Thank You

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us.... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. The Family of Marion Bergstrom – Special thanks to Rev Helgerson for his kind words and meditation. Thank you for the lovely white rose in remembrance of our Aunt Marion and her being there for her through many years of fellowship together as her church family. Warmly in Christ, Karen (Peterson) Fellion

Reminders

The first Sunday of each month is the Food Pantry Collection. One of the Deacons gather up the donations and distribute to the local food pantries.

The loose coin offering is collected the third Sunday of each month. All dollar bills and coin are donated to a special mission of our choice.

Anyone wishing to sign up for Flowers or Coffee Hour can do so on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room. The sign-up sheets are for a three-month period but if there is a special date that isn't there and you would like to reserve it, please contact the church office and it will be reserved on the calendar.

If you know of someone who would like to be added to our current homebound church list, please contact the church office as we update it frequently at 906-863-3889. A Deacon will be contacting the individual to setup home visits and discuss their needs.

September Organists

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| September 6 | Carol Symyneshen |
| September 13 | Marilyn Schoen |
| September 20 | Carol Symyneshen |
| September 27 | Linda Baumann |

To the Deacons:

I wish we could start meeting again, but it will not be anytime soon. I just found out that we are the recipients of generous donations from the families of Lois Cadieu and Mary Hofer along with notes thanking us for the many kindnesses shown to them during trying times. I feel privileged to be working with such a wonderful group. If any of you has an idea of how we can use this windfall in our church, please call me at 715-801-0297 and I will keep track of your ideas. Once a selection is made, we will have to vote by phone.

Thanks, Karen Menard

Presbyterian Peanut Update 2020

The Scoop on Presbyterian Peanuts With the spread of coronavirus we have decided we cannot safely make our famous peanuts this year. We hope and pray that everyone will remain safe and that our volunteers can return to the popular project of "peanut making" in 2021

Susan B Anthony

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage – churches around the country rang their bells at 12:00 p.m. August 26th – local churches joined in the remembrance of this historic event. Susan B. Anthony

was arrested and found guilty and was recently pardoned for her bravery in voting.

Remembering Our Lost Loved Ones

Please keep the families of Marion Bergstrom, Karen Bergquist, Carol Hoida, Patricia Lohff and Terri McVane (Pioneer Presbyterian's custodian) in your thoughts and prayers as they have passed away.



First Presbyterian Choir

The First Presbyterian Church choir is always looking for new choir members. Please consider sharing your musical talent with us. It is open to anyone who wishes to see what it is all about. If you are interested in joining or just listen in on one of the practices – feel free to contact Janice Watkins or Bill Blair. We will keep you posted on when we are able to gather again to resume practicing.



Organists

The organists have been working hard to provide special music during these unique and challenging times. Please consider joining us at worship service to experience these wonderful selections.

Marlene Monson

As many of you know, Marlene (Molly) has moved to her new place to be closer to her family. Molly was such a huge part of our First Presbyterian Family for many years – she will be missed beyond words. Thank you from all of us for your many years of dedicated service to the Church. Her new address for anyone who wishes to send her a greeting is:

Marlene Monson
W2856 Sleepy Creek Drive
Kaukauna WI 54130-9765



Fall Rummage Sale

The Presbyterian Women's Club has made the difficult decision to cancel the October Rummage Sale. They are making plans to have the sale in Spring of 2021 so we will keep you posted on when we are able to take your donations. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to our sale in May.

Mortgage Payoff Update

Based on current interest rates, current monthly payment plus additional payments made to the Principal from pledges to go against the loan we will have our building loan paid off in approximately 36 months. Sam Hofer

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Session

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Building & Grounds
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Finance
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Personnel
Music & Worship
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New Session Member

Donna Rife
Steve Engeldinger
Steve Engeldinger
Kay Waypa
Steve Engeldinger
Sam Hofer
Patricia Johnson
Sam Hofer
Open
Sam Hofer
Joyce Peanosky

Board of Deacons

Moderator

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Karen Fehrenbach
Janet Johnson
MaryAnn Langill
Linda Majkrzak
Karen Menard
Ann Schultz
Carol Symyneshen
Helen Thibodeau
Ann Block

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