

The First Epistle



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August 2017

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Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed

It's that time of year again! Our annual rummage sale is coming up Friday and Saturday, August 25-26, and volunteers are needed starting Sunday, August 20th for set up through to the sale and afterward for clean up on Monday & Tuesday, August 28-29.

The Volunteer Sign-Up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall for you to choose your favorite shifts. This is an "All Hands On Deck" call for your help so we can continue to have an outstanding event and bring assistance to our neighborhood and beyond.

Thank you to all who have donated items and those who will be volunteering their time and efforts to make this a success!



Tim Ortez
Building & Grounds

Pool Party

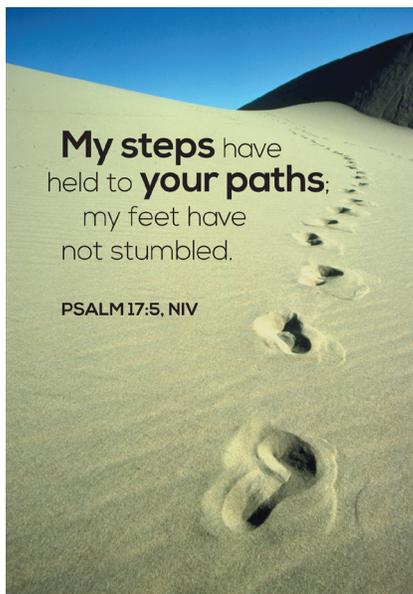
The New Life committee is having a swimming event at the McKaig's on Thursday August 10th. Start time is 5:30 pm. If we are rained out the alternate date will be Thursday August 17th. Plates, silverware, cups, napkins, condiments will be provided. Please bring something to grill, a dish to share, swim suit, a lawn chair only if you have one, we have lots of seating. Lawn games available.



McKaig's Address:
1720 South 3rd St., Moorhead

Vendor Fair

We will be having the vendor fair again this year. Save the date in your calendar on September 23rd from 10-4pm. To reserve a booth contact Kathy McKaig. Booth rentals will be \$25 for the day. There will be a lunch counter run by the Youth Group.



The First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead

Worship: 10:30 am

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Our mission is to be a caring community of God's people who live by Christ's teachings, reach out to others to share the love of God, and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, thought, and action.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead:

Moderator: Paul Campbell, CRE

Clerk of Session: LuAnn Buehre

Treasurer: Chris Swee

Scott Dobovsky, Peggy Johnson, Ineke Justitz, Kim Kelsh, Frank Kratky, Jane Lobitz, Kathy McKaig, Tim Nelson, Erik Swee, Walt Worman

The Deacons

Moderator: Elizabeth Swee

Pegi Ecker, Bonnie Erickson, Jim Gale, Nicole Hestbeck, Patty Kratky, Arlene Munighan, Helen Pemble, Jane Tandberg, Kathleen Wilkinson, Marilynn Woods, Barb Worman



August Hospitality Team:

Nicole Hestbeck

Maggie Sambo

Erik and Elizabeth Swee**

Scott Dobovsky

** Group Leaders

We will resume normal duties for the hospitality team starting in August!

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Jeanne Walker

Vernon Bancroft, Jr.

Raymond Austin

Theresa Samuels

Laura Hagemann

Donald and Marion DeJong

Josh Peterson

Mabel Schneider

Austyn



Elise Nelson	Aug 3	Mitchell McKaig, Jr.	Aug 13
Monika Browne-Ecker	Aug 4	Dolores Johnson	Aug 14
Jan Turner	Aug 5	Greg Akason	Aug 24
Richard Pemble	Aug 6	Walter Worman	Aug 26
Mary Rosenfeldt	Aug 7	Judith Ortez	Aug 26
Hannah McKaig	Aug 12	Larry MacLeod	Aug 29



Pastor Reflections

“Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.” Psalm 86:11-12

As I start writing for the reflections this morning, These Days devotional had this passage. The opening words “Our ways are not always God’s ways”.

The devotion was talking about how churches have changed. Fewer members, fewer resources, and we want to assign blame. We are sometimes wondering what happened. Instead of looking for someone or something to blame,

should we instead look for ways to change. Are we seeking new areas where we are being called by God into something different? God’s ways are different. He does not lead us down an easy path. It is unfamiliar territory at times. It is scary because we move out of our comfort zone. But, going into new experiences can also be exciting.

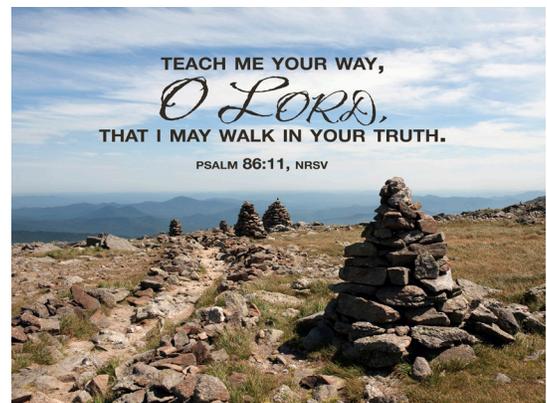
We are two-thirds of the way through summer. The ads for back to school are in the papers. I start to miss the days of summer leisure. On the opposite emotion, I was always excited for school to start and the possibilities for learning experiences and meeting new people.

The potential for growth begins with a desire, a yearning for a change. We must decide that we want to grow. This desire may come as we read about the way things should be, or when we see a quality or something in others that we wish to emulate. It may come when we’ve been humbled and shown a side of our self that we tend to ignore.

But growth comes and it comes in unexpected places. Growth does not always mean numbers and balanced accounting sheets. In churches we should focus on the spiritual growth we all need. Who can we bring along as we grow?

The last month has been a wonderful month of worship. The Wednesday night #simplechurch worship has started. We had a gorgeous day for the first worship in Gooseberry Park. Everyone enjoyed themselves. These are new things. They are not comfortable places we have been before. But we do grow from them.

At one of the Wednesday night Simple Church services, a toddler sat in the middle on the floor during worship. While we seek hope in God, I found that hope in the laughter of a child in our gathering. We are making these services to be inviting times for all ages. We hope in September to start meeting in the Fellowship Hall and incorporate worship with the meal. It will still be intergenerational.



Things are moving towards the start of a learning year again. On Tuesday, August 1st there will be “Nite to Unite” in the church parking lot. Sunday School curriculum has been decided on. Plans are being made for the rummage sale and vendor fair this fall.

As we look at activities think about what you would like to add for your spiritual growth this year. Is it new Bible study, joining the book club, or maybe there is a new mission project in the community that you would like to start or join. Where is God calling you to follow His ways?

Let the Grace of God transform our lives.

- Pastor Paul

News & Events

Session News from July

- Pastor Paul Campbell's contract was renewed for another year.
- Discussion on Simple Worship and invitations to neighborhood families to worship or events.
- First Presbyterian of Moorhead will be the featured church in the Presbytery Newsletter in August.
- B & G – Looking for vendors to remove the fallen tree on the SE part of the church yard. The rummage sale dates confirmed for Aug. 25 and 26.
- Personnel – Vendor Sale set for September 23. More research needed for AED purchase vs grant options.
- CE – Approval of Sparkhouse curriculum for Sunday School during 2017/2018 time period.
- Memorial – CE has a request into Memorial Committee to purchase a 55" television, cart and CD player. The committee is looking for another member, see Arlene Munighan if interested.
- Stewardship & Finance – Approval to start saving Family Fare receipts earning \$1,000.00 when submitting \$150,000.00 in receipts. The \$1,000.00 going to a community outreach project for the youth group.
- Worship – Great feedback on the outdoor worship service. Many would like to have another one in August.
- New Life – Night to Unite with picnic for the neighborhood on Tuesday August 1st. Pool Party and potluck at McKaig's on Thursday August 10th. Looking at starting a monthly movie night.
- Action Ministry – Grateful Garden is going well and some harvesting has begun.
- Congregational meeting is set for September 17, 2017 needing 2 members from the congregation for the Nominating Committee.



PNC Update

The PNC would like to thank you for your prayers and positive support during the process of determining the minister God is calling to shepherd our church. We continue to review the PIF's that have been sent to our committee and interview possible candidates to lead our church in the future. Please continue to keep the work of the PNC in your prayers as we continue through the process of answering the call for our church.

Janet Van Amburg (moderator), Adam Massie, Joni Lordeman, Kim Kelsh, and Nadine Sweet



Direct Your Dollars Program

First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead has the opportunity to earn \$1,000 from SpartanNash, simply by shopping at any SpartanNash company store, including the Family Fare Supermarkets in the Fargo-Moorhead area. The company's Direct Your Dollars program will donate \$1,000 to FPCM for every \$150,000 in eligible receipts we collect and submit. The donation earned with your support and your receipts will go to our Youth Group to use for a community outreach project.

To "Direct Your Dollars," save your receipts every time you shop for groceries at any Family Fare Supermarket. And why not ask your family, friends, and colleagues to save receipts for you? (The rules do not allow participants to collect or solicit receipts at the store.) We do need original receipts to earn the \$1,000 donation, so please no photocopies or partial receipts.

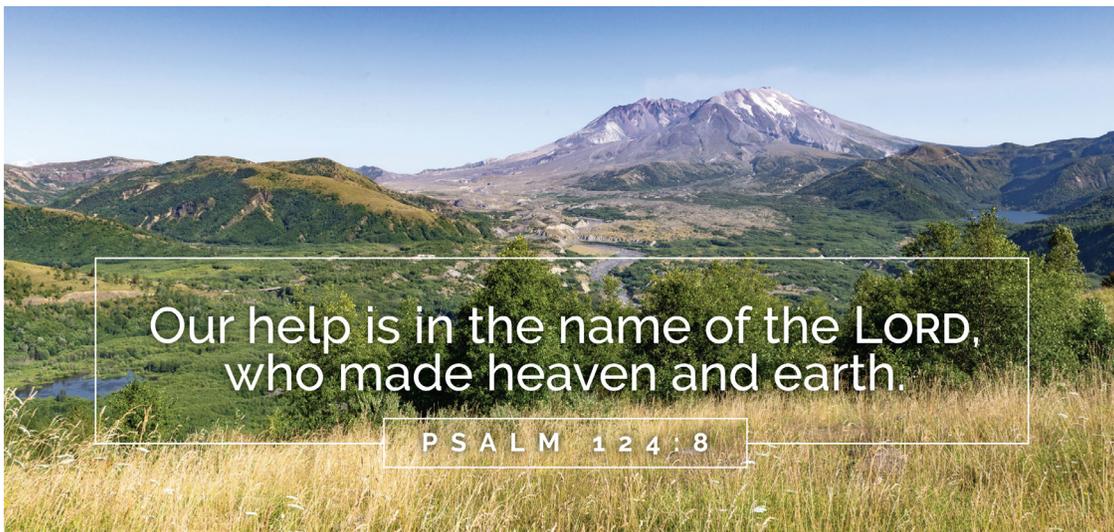
As soon as we're organized, we'll let you know when and where our pretty cool Direct Your Dollars box for your receipts is located, but we encourage you to start saving now. We'll continue collecting your receipts throughout the year. If you're interested in learning more about the program, go online to spartannash.com and search for Direct Your Dollars. Thank you very much for your participation!

Stewardship & Finance Committee

News & Events

CE Update

Rally Sunday will be September 10th (first day of Sunday School). We are using Sparkhouse curriculum and will still start with gathering time in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am and then go into individual classrooms after. This curriculum has a 0-3 year old version called Frolic that we will have available for parents of children that age. Preschool - 2nd will use Whirl, and 3-5 grade will use Connect. Great news for parents is that there is no list of supplies that they need to purchase! Christian Education clean up will be August 29th starting at 6:00 pm - everyone is welcome to help us prepare our classrooms and nursery for the fall!



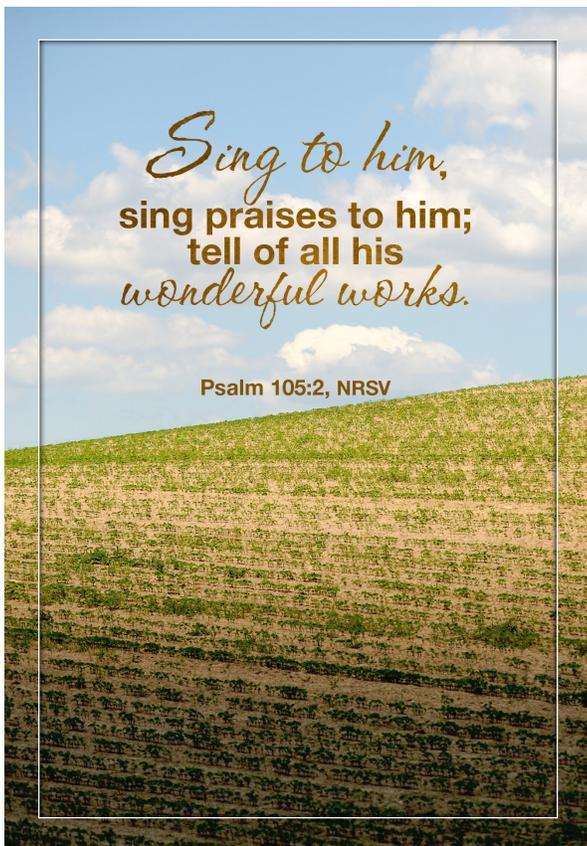
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August Worship Schedule

Sun. August 6th - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Jacob's Wrestling with the Divine

- Genesis 32:1-4, 12-28
- Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Sun. August 13th - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Joseph and his Brothers' Envy

- Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28
- Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Sun. August 20th - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Choosing Joy instead of Vengeance

- Genesis 45: 1-15
- Psalm 133

Sun. August 27th - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Birth of Moses

- Exodus 1:8-2:10
- Psalm 124

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 11am—Silver Sneakers 5-8pm—Nite to Unite 6-9pm—Korean Church Bible Study 7pm—Personnel, S&F, B&G meetings 7:30pm—Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>2 6-8pm—Community Gardening 7pm—Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>3 11am—Silver Sneakers 7-9pm—HTPD Intermediate Class</p>	<p>4 6-10pm—Korean Church Worship</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 <i>9th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:30am—Worship 11:45am—Lunch Bunch 12:30-5pm—Korean Church</p>	<p>7 7-9pm—Heather & Thistle Pipes and Drums Beginners Class (HTPD)</p>	<p>8 10am—Memorial Committee Meeting 11am—Silver Sneakers 6-9pm—Korean Church Bible Study 7pm—CE, Worship Meetings</p>	<p>9 6-8pm—Community Gardening 7pm—Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>10 11am—Silver Sneakers 6pm—Pool Party at McKaig's 7-9pm—HTPD</p>	<p>11 6-10pm—Korean Church Worship</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:30am—Worship 12:30-5pm—Korean Church</p>	<p>14 9am-5pm—Craft Day in FH 7-9pm—HTPD</p>	<p>15 11am—Silver Sneakers 6-9pm—Korean Church Bible Study 7pm—Session Meeting</p>	<p>16 6-8pm—Community Gardening 7pm—Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>17 11am—Silver Sneakers 6pm—<i>Bad Weather Backup Date</i> for Pool Party 7-9pm—HTPD</p>	<p>18 Newsletter Deadline  6-10pm—Korean Church Worship</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:30am—Worship 12:30-5pm—Korean Church 8pm—Campfire at Church</p>	<p>21 <i>Rummage Sale Set-up in FH</i> 7-9pm—HTPD</p>	<p>22 <i>Rummage Sale Set-up in FH</i> 9:30am—Newsletter Assembly Group 11am—Silver Sneakers 6-9pm—Korean Church Bible Study</p>	<p>23 <i>Rummage Sale Set-up in FH</i> 11am—Silver Sneakers 6-8pm—Community Gardening 7pm—Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>24 <i>Rummage Sale Set-up in FH</i> 11am—Silver Sneakers 7-9pm—HTPD</p>	<p>25 9am-5pm—Rummage Sale in FH  6-10pm—Korean Church Worship</p>	<p>26 9am-1pm—Rummage Sale in FH  6-10pm—Korean Church Worship</p>
<p>27 <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:30am—Worship 12:30-5pm—Korean Church</p>	<p>28 6:15pm—Dorothy Day Food Pantry Volunteering 7-9pm—HTPD</p>	<p>29 11am—Silver Sneakers 6pm—CE Cleanup Night 6-9pm—Korean Church Bible Study 7pm—Book Group in Library</p>	<p>30 6-8pm—Community Gardening 7pm—Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>31 11am—Silver Sneakers 7-9pm—HTPD</p>		