

The Tower

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Bringing the Living Hope of the Gospel to the World by Knowing and Serving Jesus Christ



THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

- WHO:** Everyone - All Ages - Bring Friends
- WHAT:** Summer Festival
- WHERE:** First Presbyterian Church
- WHEN:** Wednesday, June 17
Wednesday, July 15
Wednesday, August 19
- WHY:** Food, Fun, Worship, and Fellowship

SCHEDULE:

- 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Light supper – free will offering
- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Informal Worship
- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Small group activities for all age groups

Nursery available from 5:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Mission Projects:

- June 17 - New Beginnings
- July 15 - Local Food Shelves
- August 19 - Anna Marie's

Summer Festival - Part I

June 17, 2009

"Jesus Calms the Storm"

Mark 4:35-41

During our small group activity time, the 4 year old - 5th grade children will rotate through three activity centers: Games — Crafts — Science

The 6th - 8th Grade Adventure - come on out and see what's happening!

During Summer Festival - Part I, the 9th through 12th grade youth may either assist with the younger age groups and/or participate in the adult activities. Input will be gathered as to what Summer Festival Parts II and III will look like for the Senior High.

The adults have a choice between several activities:

- "Container Gardening"
- "Fishing Seminar"
- "Get your Feet Sandal Ready" (Pedicures)
- "BYOG" and/or "Bible Talk" (Bring your own games, cards or cribbage boards and/or join a discussion on the worship text)
- Walking and/or Volleyball

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall, in the church office, or just show up! (Signing up helps in planning food and activity supply needs.)

Volunteers are needed to ensure a successful festival. Please sign up or contact the church office for info.

Our offering collected during worship will help support New Beginnings. If you prefer to give in-kind gifts, a list of their current needs is available in the church office. Prayerfully consider a generous gift.

Bring your lawn chairs!

Deacons' Corner

by Dianne Murphy

Michael Karl (Mike) directs our Crusade Choir. A Corporate V.P. of UBS Systems, he is a no-nonsense, down-to-earth, pleasant soul.

The choir was the conception of Pastor Moe Stevens in 1985. It started with just a couple of interested members. Mike joined the choir at that time. After Pastor Stevens left, Mike took over as Director. You do the math!



Mike Karl

Our Crusade Choir is a close-knit ensemble of fun people from different churches that gets together on Wednesdays.

Mike is the Captain of our ship. Lori Dingmann is his Second Mate. The ship cannot sail without a devoted crew. We are so blessed to have Mike. It is a faith journey on which we have been so successful. It is a collaborative job with us. The Choir puts on a superb Christmas pageant and our Easter service is beautiful.

Our Crusade Choir is a work of praise. It reflects the glory of God through our singing. Not only does Mike direct, he has a fantastic, velvet voice that would put the heartthrobs to shame.

Our North Dakota trip was the trip of my lifetime. It instilled in me a deeper faith and belief in myself. Without Mike Karl, our Choir could not Crusade.



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Jessica Hasslen,
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Bruce Grosland, Chancel Choir Director
Karen Ferkinhoff,
Christian Education Coordinator
Ruth Immerfall,
Chancel Ringers Director
Arlene Casey, Parish Nurse
David Shank, Head Sexton
Punky Jenderseck, Assistant Sexton

Worship Service
Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Office Hours
Monday – Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Deacons' Mission

Ministering with sympathy, witness, and service, after the example of Jesus Christ, to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. (According to the Book of Order)



Deacons' Vision

For all to experience God's Grace through our caring for each one

Change in Summer Choir

Because of requests from the congregation, we will be including some praise songs, along with traditional hymns, in our worship services during the month of June. If you would like to join a small group who will be leading the singing, please let Richard Lawrence, the office or Pastor Ed know. Beginning June 7, the group will meet at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays to run through the songs we will be singing in worship.

Special Music for Worship on Sundays in July and August

Anyone who would like to share your vocal or musical talent with our congregation during the worship service on a particular Sunday in July and August is encouraged to contact the church office or Catherine Hilbrich.

The Pastor's EDge



Paul wrote: “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

One of the great works of the Holy Spirit is to gift all of God’s people to do the work God calls us to. Each church has that unique combination of gifted people, physical and financial resources, location, beliefs and traditions that form the basis of that church’s calling. That combination can change over a period of time, but the principles are always the same.

For a church to be alive and growing, the church must use all of their resources to do God’s work. Holding back and waiting to use our resources – whether individually or the church as a whole - stops the church from growing.

As a church family, we have discussed possible changes in our schedule, our neighborhood, our denomination, and in our world. The Fifth Avenue project will take place. We will have the official welcome center for the University plus over 400 students across the street from us. This change will require us to discern how we can best use our resources to carry out our mission in the heart of the city. This addition to our neighborhood will place First Presbyterian in the spotlight.

We have a tremendous opportunity to continue our journey together to discover and do God’s will in ways that will touch the entire community. We are challenged to continue to be who we are and still reach out in ways that we have not yet experienced. I encourage everyone to take time to consider how you will be involved in the exciting ministry God is bringing our way. This church has a great future, but that future will depend on whether we use all the resources God has given us to do God’s work.

I look forward to our partnership in ministry as we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Ed

Sermon Texts for June

June 7	Trinity Sunday – Communion Isaiah 6:1-8*	John 3:1-17
June 14	I Samuel 15:34-16:13	Mark 4:26-34*
June 21	Psalm 9:9-20	Mark 4:35-41*
June 28	Psalm 130	Mark 5:21-43*

*Denotes the passage on which the sermon is based.

Men’s Retreat

Men, pack your fishing poles and a Bible. We’re going to Lake of the Woods - 8 miles out on the Canadian water.

When: July 7-11 (Thursday - Saturday)
September 14-19 (Monday - Saturday)

This is a private island at no cost other than our shared expenses and a room for 8 men. For details or interest, contact Jerry Hayenga at 253-8187.

Passports will be needed!

Announcements

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to treat the outside of the windows of the Education Wing. A team of 3 - 6 people will meet each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. beginning June 4. Signup sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall. Some of you may prefer the prep work while others would rather paint. Larry Olson, who is new to the property committee, will see to it that you have a job you will enjoy. All talents and abilities will be joyfully welcomed. Your commitment could be one day or several days - the choice is yours. Bring a scraper or a brush and join us.



Seeking all FPC Mary Kay Consultants

All Mary Kay Consultants from First Presbyterian Church are welcome and encouraged to participate in offering pedicures at the Summer Festival on June 17. Please contact Marsha Ziebarth (251-8277) in the church office for details.

Clearwater Forest

Come and bring a friend to Friends & Neighbors Day at Clearwater Forest on Saturday, July 11, 2009, from 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Pamphlets with registration forms are available at the church entrances for this one-day event. You can enjoy and learn about Clearwater Forest with guided tours and hikes. You may also participate in the 7th Annual Lake-2-Lake Scenic Bike Tour which supports Clearwater's scholarship fund. (Separate registration is required—pamphlets also available). This is a great way to check out and experience all that Clearwater Forest has to offer. Carpooling from First Presbyterian Church is available.



Prime Timers

Prime Timers will meet June 9, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. At approximately 12:00 p.m. we will hear from our guest speaker, Charlene Rlene Akers, Executive Director of the Stearns History Museum. She has been in town for just a few weeks, so let's give her a friendly welcome. Charlene will speak on the topic: Future projects at the Stearns History Museum. Add this date to your calendar and join us for lunch and a chance to hear what is happening. See you June 9 at the church!

Nomination for Church Officers

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for Elders and Deacons for the three year term beginning in January, 2010. For more information or to make a nomination, contact the church officers at admasst@fpcstcloud.org. You may also contact any member of the nominating committee: Susan Roberts, Karen Ondracek (Elders); Ray Rowland (Deacon), Wayne Halena, Bev Jacobs, Ken Smith, and Kristen Baas.

Canoe Trips

Watch for information about canoe trips in August and September.

Thank You!

Joyce Buckley wishes to thank everyone for the tremendous support during her hospital stay. The prayers, cards, calls, flowers, and candy were very much appreciated. It's great to have such a cheering group to keep me going during recovery.

A Big **THANK YOU** from the Fellowship Committee to everyone who made the Style Show a huge success.

News from Home Delivered Meals!

Volunteers from First Presbyterian Church delivered meals April 27 - May 1...439 hot meals and 76 sack lunches!! Jyl Anderson, coordinator of HDM at St Cloud Hospital, sends her thanks to the team...

Sharon and Norman Seehusen
Jan and Bert East
Janet and Tom Cotton
Mary and Jim McMullen
Arlene and Don Casey
Sara and Richard Dorn
Phyllis Holtz, Joan Anderson
Sharon and Roger Minet
Bill Triplett
Connie Sandmann and Mark Scholer
Ruby and Larry Olson
Wendy and Steven Shaler
June and Ray Rowland
Paula Tift
Audrey Novak
Linda Bettison
Barb Isaacson
Kit Henkemeyer

Thank you notes were also received from:

New Beginnings for 8 bags of groceries

Habitat for Humanity for donation of \$160.00

Summer Highlights

- **Wednesday, June 17**
Summer Festival Part I
- **Monday, July 6**
Office Closed
Fourth of July Holiday
- **Saturday, July 11**
Friends & Neighbors Day at
Clearwater Forest
Scenic Bike Tour - Lake-2-
Lake at Clearwater Forest
- **Monday, July 13**
Staff Planning
Office Closed
- **Wednesday, July 15**
Summer Festival Part II
- **Sunday, August 9**
Worship in the Park
- **Wednesday, August 19**
Summer Festival Part III

Electronic Giving

Have your giving automatically deducted from your bank account on a weekly, monthly or bi-monthly basis. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Treasurer's Report

Total Revenue YTD -	\$152,738.53
Total Expenses YTD -	\$159,790.17
Net Income (net loss) YTD -	(\$7,051.64)
as of May 18, 2009	

Session Notes

Highlights of the Session Meeting
May 18, 2009

- Baptism request was approved for Gavin Patrick Ryan (DOB 11/11/08), son of Sara (Jacobs) and Andrew Ryan, on July 5, 2009.
- Received a Lay Ministry Team report from Bill Bretherton and Larry Olson.
- Approved Rev. Yolanda Lehman as pulpit supply preacher for Sunday, May 24, 2009.
- Voted to implement the "Summer Festival Plan" in lieu of Vacation Bible School on three Wednesdays, June 17, July 15 and August 19, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 or 8:30 p.m.

Voted to award Harold and Hulda House Scholarships, \$400 each, to the following church member college students: *Nese Andzenge, Rachel Champion, Kyle Hoffman, Karen Isaacson, Tim Janssen, Colin Johnson, Abigail Karl, Andrew Karl, Amanda Miller, Ashton Miller, Alison Roberts, Megan Roberts, Kelsey Rogers, Jesse Schmitt, Matt Shaver, Jamison Scholer, Mercedes Tenter, Alia Varner, Marissa Varner.*

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Oстераas, Clerk

Happy Father's Day

June 21, 2009

Psalm 103:13

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

* * *

One night a father overheard his son pray: "Dear God, Make me the kind of man my Daddy is." Later that night, the Father prayed, "Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son wants me to be."

The Lounge

A room that has a long standing history as the "lounge" is set for a conversion to a multi-purpose room with the Session's approval. The former lounge will be used by music groups and also as a room for forums, study, and classes.

Along with repurposing will come a name change. It will go forward known as the Campbell Room honoring First Presbyterian Church's first pastor and another Campbell family to whom the room was originally dedicated.

The room has, up to this point, been painted, given new lighting and a ceiling fan. Further plans will include adding a large video screen and audio-visual equipment. A closet is to be built for choir robes, and the carpet is to be replaced.

A challenge pledge of \$4,000 has been completed. Now, it is up to the congregation to raise funds to match the pledges. The cost of this project is expected to be about \$8,000. If anyone feels committed to match the challenge pledge with a gift towards this effort, the Property Committee would appreciate your identifying your check with a "Campbell Room" memorandum. The goal is to have the necessary funds by early June.

The Property Committee

Mission Mini-Grant Announcement

The Mission and Social Witness Committee wishes to remind everyone that mission mini-grant opportunities for members of First Presbyterian Church are available. The purpose of these mini-grants is to make money available to be used for adult and/or youth mission project/activity.

Here are some previous church members' projects funded by these mini-grants.

- Guatemala Women's Conference
- Guatemala Water Project
- Support youth for trip to Brazil - Mutirão 2007, Construction Costs
- Support Adult and Youth Mission trip to Costa Rica
- College Student Project in the Philippines

It's easy to apply for a mini-grant! First, have an idea for a youth and/or adult mission project/activity.

Second, grab an application at the church office or on line.

Third, call a member of the Mission and Social Witness Committee if you have any questions or need assistance.

Fourth, complete the application (under revision by the Mission Team) and return it to the church office.

Fifth, the application will be reviewed at the next scheduled Mission and Social Witness Committee meeting and someone from the committee will contact you.

Finally, the committee members will forward their recommendations to Session for approval.

We really want to put this money in your hands to enrich the lives and work of our congregation. The members of the Mission and Social Witness Committee would be happy to sit down with you and assist you in completing this process.

Sincerely,

Catherine Hilbrich (Chair), Kathy Arnold, Norm Seehusen, Lori Eggers, Tami Kolb-Campion, Ryne Pentz, Elisabeth Rogers, and David Rogers

Pardon our Mess!

The women's main floor restroom is currently undergoing a cosmetic facelift - largely new paint. A floral wallpaper border has been removed and once the walls have been prepped, they will be freshened with paint. The Property Committee is researching the number of restroom facilities needed by a congregation of our size. We are looking at possibly downsizing to accommodate handicapped accessibility, and/or an additional restroom for men on the main floor. This is a "study" that welcomes your opinion.

The Property Committee

Christian Education and Nurture Committee

A heartfelt thank you from the Christian Education and Nurture Committee and Karen Ferkinhoff to all of our partners in ministry. We are so thankful for all that you have done to make our education ministry successful. We could not do what we do without you.


Jackie Benn, Lori Smith, Stephanie Randolph, Lori Eggers, Stephanie Jacobs, Gail Aalderks, Mary Ruble, Julie Andzenge, Chuck Pelzer, Vicki Pelzer, Jeannie Chu, Kimm Anderson, Cathy Anderson, Melinda Anderson, Pat Johnson, Randy Arnold, Ken Wong, Jill Emery, Linda Addicott, Robin Hasslen, Jerry Hayenga, Lynn Miller, Ali Roberts, Susan Roberts, Mary Lease, Brenda Espelien,

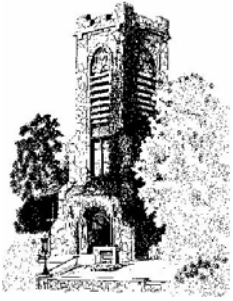


Kelly Cook, Kelly Kerr, Jay Espelien, Grayson Osteraas, Joan Jacobson, Ken Smith, Jessica Hasslen, Lisa Tenter, Mercedes Tenter, Andrew Karl, Michelle Chan, Rachel Otremba, Debbie Picha, Jeanne Duininck, Cecelia Ruble, Tami Kolb-Campion, Tristan Emery, James Rogers, Marsha Ziebarth, Adrienne Larson, Elaine Fautsch, Ken Miller, David Roberts, Kristen Baas, Larry Olson, David Morreim, Wayne Halena, Adella Espelien, Mariah Benn, Carol Brink, Grace Kingatua, John Pike, Carole Pike, Alia Varner, Sonni Sellner, Julie Schneider –

and to any of you whom we may have inadvertently missed. *Thank you!*

June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00 Service Group Meeting 7:00p Deacons	2 3:00p Property 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:30p NA	3 9:00 Staff Meeting 9:15 Women's Bible	4 5:30p TOPS	5 7:00 Men's Bible	6
7 9:30 Worship & Communion Baptism 10:30 Fellowship Time-Birthday Home Communion Welcome New Members	8 4:30p Fellowship 6:00p Personnel 6:30p Christian Ed. 7:00p Finance 7:00p Worship 7:00p Mission	9 3:00p Property 7:00p Facilities Team — LIB 7:30p NA	10 9:15 Women's Bible	11 5:30p TOPS	12 7:00 Men's Bible	13 9:30 Saturday Women's Grp
14 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship Time	15 7:00p Session	16 3:00p Property 7:30p NA 3:00p Talahi Worship	17 9:00 Staff Meeting 9:15 Women's Bible 5:15p Summer Festival 	18 5:30p TOPS	19 7:00 Men's Bible	20
21 Father's Day 9:30 Worship Baptism 10:30 Fellowship Time 10:45 BP Clinic	22	23 3:00p Property 7:30p NA	24 9:15 Women's Bible	25 5:30p TOPS	26 7:00 Men's Bible	27 9:30 Saturday Women's Grp Ann Ervin Memorial Service
28 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship Time	29	30 3:00p Property 7:30p NA				



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TOWER DEADLINE

The deadline for submission is the 20th of the month. Please submit your articles by this deadline. Articles for submission to the Tower *may be* edited to fit the Tower format. Whenever possible, please submit articles via e-mail (message text or attachment). Thank you.

FOOD COLLECTION

Non-perishable goods are collected the first Sunday of each month for the local food shelves. Your contribution may be left in the food baskets by each entrance. Disposable items (paper products and plastic utensils) are also needed for Place of Hope. *Together we can make a difference.*

**BULLETIN DEADLINE
2:00 p.m. on Wednesday**

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Women's Group meets at 9:15 a.m. and is studying 1 Kings.

The Saturday Women's group will meet June 13 and 27 in the library. Topic: Video Series, "Jesus and the Gospels."

Men's Bible Study meets on Friday at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They are studying the minor prophets.

Newcomers are welcome in all these groups - or start a group of your own. Karen Ferkinhoff, Christian Ed Coordinator, is available to help with planning.

Don't throw me away! Pass the Tower on to a friend when you are finished.