



e-News

July 12th, 2023
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Church Community Contact

Session has a committee that will be reaching out and calling or contacting our church family of First Presbyterian Church between now and August to see how they are doing and if they have any needs the church can help with. They also will be verifying the addresses, phone numbers, and emails of all family members. Many people have deleted their house phones and some children are now grown and have new addresses. The 2023-24 church directory will NOT reflect these changes since it has already been sent to the printer. Changes will be in the next directory.

When you see a phone number or email you don't recognize, please answer or respond when you hear or see it is someone who will identify from First Presbyterian Church.

Thank you.

Church Family

Prayers of recovery and health for Joyce Miner.

Prayers for Margaret Lucas.

Prayers of healing for Joe Boyd after his surgery.

Prayers of healing for Glenn Brosell.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 7/16/23

USHERS: Scherrie Sanchez, Barb Rodgers, Ed Schultz.

Mark Dykema

COFFEE: Al Brooks

LITURGIST: Bill Penhale

ACOLYTE: Xavier DeNieuwe

SOUND: Keith LeVasseur

VIDEO: Todd Hayden

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Mon-Fri 11:30-1pm

You can support this vital ministry by volunteering your time, spreading the word about this program. And donating board games, puzzles, & books.

Announcement from Pastor Roy on behalf of our Education Council:

We continue our search for a Director of Children and Youth Ministries. We ask that you help share the opportunity, help get the word out. This is a full-time position with benefits. Additional details are in the Indeed job listing available [HERE](#). The Lord has the right person for the job out there, we just need to find them.

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Stewardship Report

2023-2024 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$153,988
Year to Date Expenses	\$149,151
Per Capita	\$42.00

You may text your gift to FPJ at (815)205-3044 or go online to use a credit card. You can give by mail, by online giving through our website using the "Give" tab, and through electronic giving.

Thank you for your generosity.

The PNC Process

Planning	Mission Study	Data Evaluation	Resume Evaluations	Interviews	Pastor Visits	Pastor Selection	Pastor Acceptance
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The PNC has received the results and are reviewing them.

A Letter from Associate Pastor Bo Mircea

This Sunday, I am preaching on life, more exactly on celebrating life, and how important is for the believer's heart to celebrate all that the Lord brings in our lives. King Solomon in Ecclesiastes 2:24-26, says : *There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink and find enjoyment in their toil.* I keep thinking about those words over and over again, and I find there is a lot of wisdom in the simplicity of it, in the simplicity of life and recognizing all that comes from God's hand. I would encourage you to come to worship this Sunday with a heart filled of thanksgiving and celebration, ready to receive what the Lord is doing in our Congregation.

This Sunday will be a Special Sunday because The Cameroonian Women Fellowship singing group will be part of our worship, praising God and giving thanks to God for His faithfulness over years. You do not want to miss this. Also we will be celebrating the sacrament of Baptism with the Haldorson-Diaz family as they bring Bruno Sebastian before the Lord. It is in days like this that indeed we can praise God and enjoy the blessings we can see and hear.

Please continue to pray for the Summer Lunch ministry as everyday a steady group of kids and sometimes parents come and participate in this ministry. It is indeed a great privilege to be able to be present and assist the kids and youth of our community. I also want to share with you the excitement of the Sunday Morning Life Group table that meets in Hoffman Hall every week. I know I have been blessed, called, and encouraged in this time that we share at 9am before the service, with great and sometimes challenging conversations about life, about the things that are important to us and how God is using those times and conversations for our own good. While I will be away for my vacation, the group will continue to meet, so grab a cup of coffee and an open and cheerful heart and join us.

Looking forward to worshipping with you on Sunday,

Blessings,

Bo M.

Coming Up

August 20th—*Pastor Emeritus Craig Herr Celebration*

September 10th—*Back to Church Sunday*

September 20th—*Midweek Returns*

Night Deacons' Serve Day details TBD

Sundays @ FPJ

9 am—*Adult Sunday School with Pastor Roy (off 7/16)*

9am—*Life Group in Hoffman*

10 am—*Live Worship Service*

Before and After Worship—*Coffee Fellowship*

Lessons and activities for kids age 3 through 5th grade
are during the 10am worship service

-kid's will leave the service after 'Time with Children'

Nursery care *is available during all worship services*