



THE GOOD NEWS OF

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The Purpose Statement for the First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown

- G Growing in Christ through *worship*.
- R Reaching out in *fellowship*.
- A Affirming faith through *discipleship*.
- C Caring for the lost through *evangelism*.
- E Embracing others in mission and *ministry*.

June Memory Verse

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:7, NIV

Our High School Graduates



L-R: Ellen Podhajsky, Addie Wilkinson, Blair VanStaalduine, Bryce King, Mariah Reed & Natalie Kueny.

Bryce King - is the son of Rev. Dr. Rich and Valerie King, and graduated from Marshalltown High School.

Natalie Kueny - is the daughter of George and Diane Kueny, and graduated from Marshalltown High School.

Ellen Podhajsky - is the daughter of Paul and Karin Podhajsky, and graduated from Marshalltown High School.

Mariah Reed - is the daughter of Tony and Sara Reed, and graduated from Grinnell High School.

Blair VanStaalduine - is the son of Jerry and Cathy VanStaalduine, and graduated from Marshalltown High School.

Addie Wilkinson - is the daughter of Lee and Michelle Wilkinson, and graduated from West Marshall High School in State Center.

Inquires' Class

If you're considering membership in First Presbyterian Church, or just want to know more about the denomination and/or our church, you're in luck. We will be holding an Inquirers' class in June.

If you're interested, please let Pastor Rich know which of these dates work best for you, June 7, 14, or 21. He will schedule a class or classes that work for you. We look forward to your membership and involvement in our church.

---Paul Podhajsky & Craig Henze,
M & I Committee Co-Chairmen

Christian School Director

The **Marshalltown Christian School** is looking for a new Director for 2015-2016 school years. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, please phone 641-753-8824 and leave a message.

Annual I-Cubs Baseball Game



The M&I Committee is planning the annual I-Cubs baseball game on Sunday, **June 28, at 1:00 p.m.**

Cost of the tickets is \$10. **If we get at least 25 people to sign up, we will get the tickets at the reduced price of \$6.** The cut-off date for ordering tickets is Sunday,

June 21. **Tickets must be prepaid.**

Please sign up on the board in the Narthex if you would like to attend the game. We hope that you will join us for all the fun!

Child Protection Policy Training

There will be a Child Protection Policy training in Fellowship Hall following Sunday school on Sunday, May 31. If you have never had training, or have not renewed your training since 2013, you need to attend if you wish to help with any children's or youth activities, including serving in the nursery. The training should take 45 minutes. Please contact Michelle if you have questions.

Awesome Presbys

Awesome Presbys met to plan summer activities on May 3. The Gathering Place will be open from 1-3 several Mondays over the summer for kids entering grades 4 - 12 to meet, hang out and play games. These are the days the Gathering Place will be open: June 1, July 20, August 3, and August 17.

Wednesday Club

There are many Wednesday Club stories to tell. One of my favorite things is when we get to give a Bible to the children at the end of the session. Last fall was the first time we did this, but word got out fast. One boy who started attending in the spring session asked every week if this was the day he was going to get his Bible. He was so excited when he received it the last day that he didn't even wait to get back to his seat to open it! Another little girl excitedly told me she was going to take it to show her grandmother. What a blessing to be able to share the Bible with those who are eager to learn about God!

Vacation Bible School News



VBS is just around the corner! *Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid* runs from June 21 - 25. Help is needed in the kitchen. If you can help, even just one or two nights, please contact the church office. Be sure to let Nancy know when you can help so we don't have too many helpers one day and not enough another. Remember, you do not need to commit to the whole week!

Thank you to all who have donated or lent items for Vacation Bible School. If you haven't brought your items to the church office yet, please do so by Sunday, June 14, or make arrangements with Michelle. There are still some items we need, such as Nerf balls, lumber scraps, preschool carpentry bench/tools, long jump rope, and a foam #1 hand. Please check out the donation pasture in the Narthex to see if you have something we can use. All borrowed items will be returned following VBS Sunday, June 28.

Attention Non-Traditional Youth (NTY)! Vacation Bible School isn't just for kids! Please join us at 5:00 p.m. for dinner in the Down Home Café with Chef Rich. Don't worry if you have responsibilities and can't make it that early, the serving line will be open until 5:45. Join in the music and fun of celebration in the sanctuary, then after the tribes leave, the adult portion of the evening will begin (approximately 6:00 p.m.). Here are our non-traditional youth offerings for 2015:

Monday, June 22, – Men's Night

Tuesday, June 23, – Helping House of Compassion Night

Wednesday, June 24, – Hymn Sing

At the conclusion of the adult program you are invited to stay and enjoy the closing celebration. This is usually the highest energy, and most rewarding part of the evening when the (traditional) kids are eager to share what they've learned about God.

Sunday School Activities

Sunday school - "The Temptation of Jesus" was the theme for Sunday school in May. There is comfort in knowing that Jesus was tempted mightily yet was able to resist. If we ask His help we can, too. Preschoolers learned more about

Jesus this month. On May 3, the Sunday school classes visited Glenwood Place and brought lilacs, art work, May baskets, and a song to our friends there. The last regular Sunday school will be May 31.

Summer Sunday school will begin on June 7. There is one, multi-age class throughout the summer. We need two people to sign up to lead this each week so our regular Sunday school teachers can have a break and recharge for the fall. Lessons will be prepared and the needed materials will be gathered for you. Please see Michelle if you would like to sign up or have any questions.

The Mission Bucket giving total is \$200.61 through April. This will take one van 1560 miles, or to West Virginia and back as far as Iowa City (94% of the trip, but only 88% of the way home). There is one month left before the youth go on their mission trip to West Virginia.

May 31, is the last opportunity to bring coins for the mission bucket before the youth go on their mission trip. Let's have a noisy time dumping our banks into the bucket. Let's get the van home!

Thank you to our Children's Church and Preschool Helpers in May: **Barb Hawkins, Mike Hancock, Barb McBride, and Karin Podhajsky.**

CE would like to thank everyone who has helped with our Christian Education program in any way this past year. Many people brought snacks, donated items, pitched in for a special event, or prayed for the children and our efforts. The following people made a long-term commitment to one or more of our programs. Sunday school teachers: **Kari Hancock, Chris Tullis, Amy Drummer, Angie & Chad Pietig, Doug Bacon, Lee Wilkinson, Janell Dommer, Sara Reed, Wynona & Steve Anderson, Jon Rottink, Dave Beckmann, Rich King.** Gathering: **Wynona Anderson and Cindy Butler.** Children's Church: **Marylou Beckmann.** Wednesday Club: **Marylou Beckmann, Cindy Wise, Fran Smith, Wynona Anderson, Heather Rottink, Nancy VanWyk, Orlyn Langenbau, YOUTH Caroline Kauffman, Bryce King, Ellen Podhajsky, Carissa King, Jill Podhajsky, Koffi Tengue** (four other youth helped more than once).

Berry Picking Picnic

There will be a Berry Picking Picnic open to all on Saturday, July 18. More information will be forthcoming.

Summer Camp



It's not too late to sign up for camp and enjoy all that some time away from home in a beautiful Christian setting can be. In addition, Bryce King will be a counselor at camp this summer, so there will be a friendly face there to greet you. The Christian Education committee still has funds available to help those who apply. Camp information and campership forms are still available through the camp link on the church website (www.nivlac.org) and in the church office. If you have questions please see Michelle Wilkinson.

Church Women United will meet Friday, June 5, for a forum meeting at 9:15 a.m. at the United Church of Christ on the corner of 4th Avenue and Linn streets (enter through the back door on the east side of the building). LaDonna Runner will present the program on "The Quilts of Valour." All are invited to attend.

PWC News



Elizabeth Circle will not meet during the months of June through August.

Sarah Circle will not meet during the months of June through August.

PWC will not meet during the months of June through August.

PWC-CT will not meet in June or July. The next meeting will be August 25.

PWC Thrift-Bake-Craft Sale



The Presbyterian Women are preparing for their annual spring Thrift/Bake sale.

The hours for the sale are Friday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bake sale items can be dropped off by 8:30 a.m. on either day.

In addition to donations of used items, we will be setting up a table with crafts for sale that are new and handmade. Please consider donating an item that you have made for this table. These items will be priced comparative to prices at arts and craft sales. If your craft item does not sell, it will be returned to you.

The dates for dropping off your donations to the Gathering Place are: Monday, June 8, to Wednesday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are unable to drop off your items at this time or need larger items picked up, please contact Susan Hibbs at 750-1490 or Karen Schoell at 752-6423.

The profits allow support of various missions' projects in and outside the church.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the narthex to volunteer to help set-up or work at the sale. There is also a sheet to list the items you will be donating to help us with our advertising.

Thank you for your help in making this a successful Thrift Sale! We invite you to come and shop, visit or help with the sale.

---Susan Hibbs and Karen Schoell,
Thrift Sale Chairpersons

Financial Report for April

APRIL 2015	Actual
Total Receipts	\$29,514.32
Budget	34,302.00
Total Expenses	\$33,408.81
Budget	37,858.00
Year to Date:	
Total Receipts	\$120,994.00
Budget	139,183.00
Difference	(18,189.00)
Total Expenses	(\$139,281.00)
Budget	(149,871.00)
Difference	10,590.00

The Origin of Father's Day

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of

which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.



The Emergency Food Box is currently in need of the following food items: **cereal, pork and beans, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, and spaghetti.** (Please check the expiration dates to make sure the food items are not outdated.)

Thank you for your past contributions. *In the first quarter of 2015, the Emergency Food Box served 787 families with a total of 2,850 people.* EFB is run by an all-volunteer staff, and all food items are donated or purchased from the money contributed. We could not provide food to so many people without your help!

Food items or monetary (check/cash) donations may be brought to the EFB (109 S. 3rd St.) any weekday afternoon, 1:30-4:30. Please make checks payable to: *Emergency Food Box.* Our mailing address is: *EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158.* Donated funds are used to buy food items from the Food Bank of Iowa and locally.

Joyous Transformation

In the Bible, the coming of God's kingdom is often portrayed as a wedding — the primary Jewish celebration of the time, when joy and wine flowed for days. So, it's fitting that the first sign of Jesus being the Messiah happened at a marriage feast (John 2): When the host's wine ran out, Jesus turned water into an abundance of new wine!

Neither modern bridal couples nor any of us can provide, on our own, everything needed to sustain joy in life. We must look to Jesus for something new. When we listen to and follow Jesus, He'll transform us as surely as he did the water.

As Marlo Schalesky writes in "Wrestling With Wonder" (Zondervan): "[Jesus] is in the business of transforming our water to wine, our empty jars into vessels of joy, our very selves into disciples and servants of a kingdom of celebration."

Trust Jesus to take care of things, just as the servants at Cana and even Jesus' own mother did.



Thank You Notes

Thank you everyone for all the support that Sarah and I have received through my surgery and now recovery. I could feel strength inside me as each piece of support was received, and I know Sarah did as well.

The doctors expect a normal recovery no later than Oct. with anticipation of sooner. As of now, I am resting at home and taking it easy under Doc. Hemming-Meyer's watchful care.

---Joe Meyer



Thanks & a Tip of the Hat to...

---our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of May: **Dave & Marylou Beckmann, Carolyn Bell, Joan**

Gerbo, Joe Holubar, Ed Jackson, Estelle Perkins, Carole Permar, Don & Yasuyo Smith, Carolyn Wilkinson, and Dave Wilson.



Pastor's Notes

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church of Jesus Christ. On that day, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the ability of the followers of

Jesus Christ to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. This summer we will look at what it means for a church to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. How do we walk with the Spirit and what attributes the Spirit should bring to our lives. Some of these are mentioned in Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Please, prayerfully prepare yourself for this summer sermon series so that the Spirit might help us grow as we follow God together in this church.

Pastor Rich

MAY SESSION ACTIONS

The Stated Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2015, in the Lower Lounge.

Moderator Rev. Dave Beckmann opened the meeting and Chris Tullis presented the devotions and opening prayer.

Motion prevailed to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 Stated Meeting as printed.

Received into membership was the 2015 Confirmation class of **Carissa King, Leah Mosher, Brooke Tullis and Samuel Wilkinson.**

Financials - Matt Broshar presented the Financial and Investments reports. April giving was short of the budgeted amount. It was about the same as the three-year average giving. Utility costs are down from last year, which helps the budget. We may check with another garbage service to see if we can save some money. Spending is being watched and is under budget. The Presbyterian Women donated \$1,000 towards camp scholarships. The church pays half the cost of a camp fee. **Motion prevailed** to pay the first quarter of mission giving to PCUSA.

Missions/Evangelism - Carter Strand reported noting that he contacted all those agencies who the committee has supported to reassess the giving to each recipient. The committee has a worksheet to do with questions regarding missionaries and giving that will later be correlated and evaluated. A lengthy discussion was held concerning a letter received from a group from the Waterloo area who is offering to give churches the option of receiving \$40,000 to be invested for mission giving. Only a portion of the interest could be spent. There were many requirements that needed to be fulfilled before getting the money, and the first church to respond would get first chance at the offering. **Motion prevailed** to have the Missions Committee form a committee of qualified people to investigate this offer in detail. This sub-committee would report to the Missions Committee who would then have a written recommendation well ahead of the Session meeting so members could study it before it is brought to Session for action.

Finance & Stewardship - Larry Schrum reported that Rich Mohon of Independent Insurance of Marshalltown was authorized to bring quotes for the church insurance before the current policy with them expires on June 15. Larry will check on the process to have auto pay for members to donate to the church budget. Larry presented a printed projection sheet to show the income and expenses of the church for the remainder of the year. A lengthy discussion followed his presentation.

W & M - A written report was presented noting that Confirmation went very well. Graduation recognition was May 17. The youth will help as ushers on the fourth Sunday. The Olde-Tyme

Hymn Sing was held April 19. Some students in the Communications class at MCC may be asked to operate the camera for the Sunday services. The church was decorated for Pentecost on Saturday, May 23.

Communion—240 for Easter on April 5, and 156 on May 3. Home Communion was taken to **Jean Brennecke, Betty Emmons, Bette Etter, Jean Evans, Doris Flanagan, LaVone Lee, Nathalie Lynch, Lavine Meyer, Rose Muschick, Connie Montover, 12 Embers residents and 24 residents at Glenwood Place.**

Christian Education— A printed report was presented noting that Wednesday Club ended April 22, until fall. VBS will be June 21-25, in the evening. Only two scholarship applications have been turned in for summer camp, but more kids may be going to camp. The last day of regular Sunday school will be May 31. New teachers will be needed for the Carpenter's Shop. Volunteers are needed to teach summer Sunday school. If there are not volunteers on a Sunday, Sunday school for the kids will be cancelled that day. Children's Church won't be held during the summer.

A & P Committee - Motion prevailed to allow Jon Rottink to work and be paid part-time from June 27, to August 16, so he can be home with his kids more. He will be in the office on Wednesdays and Sundays.

M & I Committee – Craig Henze reported that an Inquirers' Class for new members will be scheduled for either June 7, 14 or 21.

Property - Kurt Lynch reported that the "Bike & Build" group will be using the church showers on July 4, when they make a stop in Marshalltown. There was concern about having enough hot water for the group of 30.

Other Business – None.

The meeting was closed with small group prayer.

Reminder:

June 6-14—Youth Mission Trip to W. Virginia
June 12-13—PWC Thrift & Bake Sale
June 14—Flag Day
June 16— SESSION
June 21—Father's Day
June 21—First Day of summer
June 21-25—Vacation Bible School
June 28—I-Cubs Game

Members in mission making a difference.

GOOD NEWS from First Presbyterian Church is published monthly. Deadline for the following issue is published in the calendar. Comments and contributions are welcome.

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**Newsletter deadline with JULY
information is SUNDAY,
June 21, 2015.**

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JUNE 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30 p.m. Missions 6:30 p.m. W & M 7:30 p.m. A & P 7:30 p.m. Property 7:30 p.m. CE	2 9:00 a.m. Staffing 12-4p Triumph Cntr. 5:00 p.m. M & I	3	4 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis 12-4p Triumph Cntr.	5 9:15 a.m. CWU @ United Church of Christ	6 Youth leave on the Mission Trip to W. Virginia
7 Communion 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday school Mission Trip	8	9 12-4p Triumph Cntr.	10	11 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 10am Comm. On Prep. For Ministries 12:00 p.m. Oasis 12-4p Triumph Cntr.	12 9 a—6p PWC Bake & Thrift Sale —Gathering Place	13 9a—2p PWC Bake & Thrift Sale—Gathering Place
14 Father's Day 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday school Mission Group Back	15 630 p.m. Finance & Stewardship Mtg.	16 9:00 a.m. Staffing 12-4p Triumph Cntr. 7:00 p.m. Session	17	18 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis 12-4p Triumph Cntr.	19	20 Newsletter Articles Are Due
21 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday school VBS 5:00 p.m.	22 VBS 5:00 p.m.	23 12-4p Triumph Cntr. 1p.m. PWC-CT VBS 5:00 p.m.	24 VBS 5:00 p.m.	25 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis 12-4p Triumph Cntr. VBS 5:00 p.m.	26	27
28 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:05 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. S S 1:00 p.m. Iowa Cubs Game	29	30 12-4p Triumph Cntr.				*REGULAR FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:05a.m. Fellowship Time/Gathering 10:15 a.m. Sunday school—all ages 9:00-11:15 a.m. Child care Provided



June 2015 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Lauren Mosher	3	4 Ralph Bender Diane Broshar Reena Pearson	5	6
7 Rich Daniels	8 Irene Hopp	9 Kathe Fulk Kurt Lynch	10 Mary Hemming	11 Stan VanWyk Michelle Wilkinson	12 Ryan Jensen	13 Doris Strand
14 Larry Erion	15 Ashley Hala Anastasia King	16 Marylou Beckmann	17	18 Craig Henze	19 Dennis Ostrem	20 Rhoda Bender Saxon Hancock
21 Brecken Payne	22	23 Linda Allen Lynn Jensen Moyra Severa Lucas Thiessen	24 Anna Buzbee	25 Roger Anders Rod Plavets	26	27
28	29 Jacob Thiessen Austin Tullis	30 Steven Broshar Zachary Broshar			<p><i>Praying for each other brings us closer together. Please pray each day for</i></p>	
<p><i>Sunday Morning Servants</i></p>						

June 7

June 14

June 21

June 28

Worship Leader...

9:00Roger Anders

Greeters 9:00.....G. & K. Schaudt

Fellowship Hosts...J. Faber & D. Armstrong

Cup Washers..... Darrell Meyer

Nursery _____ & _____

Deacons.....M. & K. Hancock

Donuts C. Ballenger & I. Ballard

Flowers John & Audrey Bailey

Ushers FIRST SUNDAY

Team Captain

Terry Buzbee

Hank Bradbury

Ed Jackson

Harlan Quick

Larry Schrum

Don Turbiville

_____ & _____

Steve & Doris Strand

Sharpshair/Sudenga

J. & A. Bailey

Joe & DeLoris Holubar

SECOND SUNDAY

Brenda Severson

Donita Anders

Roger Anders

Stan & Nancy VanWyk

Barb Vovos

_____ & _____

Ron & Linda Kauffman

C. Evers & L. Stubbs

Rich & Dee Daniels

Pat & Mary Hemming

THIRD SUNDAY

Roger & Karen Schoell

Pat & Mary Hemming

Ron & Linda Kauffman

Harlan Quick

John & Audrey Bailey

Jim & Bonnie Grimmus

Becky Sharpshair

_____ & _____

O. & D. Langenbau

Ken & Fran Smith

Lynn & Connie Jensen

FOURTH SUNDAY

DeLoris Holubar

Bonnie Bradbury

Betty Jacobs

Dennis Ostrem

Tracy Ostrem

Youth

FIFTH SUNDAY

Dick & Barb McBride

Doug & Karen Bacon

Doris & Orlyn Langenbau

Steve Strand

Jerry Rakowicz

Usher Alternates in alphabetical (9:00 a.m. – All Year)

Roger Bristley

Doug Butler

Brinda Evans

John Evans

Clyde Evers

Jim Grimmus

Craig Henze

DeLoris Holubar

Joe Holubar

Doris Langenbau

Orlyn Langenbau

Mary Lovig

LaVern Paul

Harlan Quick

Marcia Quick

Jerry Schaudt

Don Smith

Yasuyo Smith

Barb Vovos

Dale Wedgwood

Dorothy Wilson

Ron Wilson