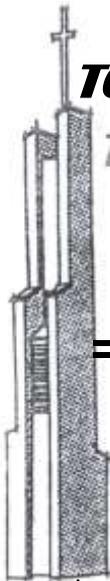


First Presbyterian Church

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TOWER TOPICS

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LANCE LOVEALL, Pastor

DATED MATERIAL

August 1, 2018

Rummage Sale Update

Thank you to John Clair and Charles Leicht who have been picking up merchandise from Lake Forest Presbyterian Church once or twice a week and storing it in their garages and basements. Thanks to Tana Baldwin for offering space in her garage. We need it!

The original plan was to have the sale on Thursday-Friday-Saturday October 4-5-6. We just discovered a scheduling conflict with the building, so we will be finding another date. Thank you, Pat Koesser, for your flexibility.

Thanks also to Jan Brandes for suggesting categories we should request from Lake Forest, and they will do their best to fill our needs.

We really don't know how much merchandise we can get from Lake Forest. They have donations coming in from their community, but it is very slow going for the church to process what they are receiving. However, this is only meant to supplement what the members of our church and community supply for the rummage sale. Start making plans now to donate your valuable treasures!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The following article was written on July 5th, so its content was not so out of date at the time of the writing.

Last summer when my family was in either Philadelphia or Boston, I purchased a book called Signing Their Lives Away: The FAME and MISFORTUNE of the MEN WHO SIGNED the Declaration of Independence by Denise Kiernan and Joseph D'Agnese. There are some fascinating stories contained in the book and the lives of those men. Some are famous and some are men of whom we have never heard. But one man stands out for me more than all others including Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, or John Hancock. His name is John Witherspoon; a signer from New Jersey. He is the only signer who was an active minister at the time of the signing and he was Presbyterian. Born and educated in Scotland, Witherspoon began preaching in 1743. He made quite a name for himself and became a famous orator in Scotland. Because of his politics he was imprisoned for a time at Doune Castle (seen on Monty Python and the Holy Grail and Outlander). Some say he escaped with other inmates by tying bedsheets together and scaling the walls while some sources say he did not try to escape and received leniency because of it. Either way, he got out of Doune Castle and continued preaching, catching the attention of some notable colonists including another New Jersey signer, Richard Stockton who travelled to Scotland to convince Witherspoon to accept a position as the president of the College of New Jersey (later called Princeton University). After some time, Witherspoon agreed and set up home in Princeton. His politics (including his dislike of the British as a Scotsman) and his openness for debate and new ideas made him a perfect preaching of independence and got him elected to the provincial legislature. In 1774 he published an essay called "Thoughts on American Liberty" which left little doubt about his thoughts on the matter. During the war Witherspoon worked tirelessly on many legislative committees including the board of war and the committee of secret correspondence (a sort of early CIA). He lost his son to the war at the Battle of Germantown and his beloved Princeton College was ransacked by the British, but he stayed committed.

Because of John Witherspoon, Presbyterianism found a national recognition in the new country. He served as the first moderator of the country's first Presbyterian General Assembly in 1789. He died in 1794 and is buried in Princeton Cemetery. In a day and age when we make a lot of the separation of church and state and feel that politics is no place for the thoughtful Christian, I am reminded of John Witherspoon – a man of God and a man of the people, seeking to do what is right for both.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Called into being by God's grace, we are Christians in progress;
Called to grow together in God's ways through worship, study, fellowship, evangelism,
and service;
Called to be servants of God's love to one another, to our community, and to the world.
We welcome all to our community of faith.

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## **Treasurer's Report:**

### **General Operating Fund**

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 6/1/2018 | \$38,508.14        |
| Receipts                   | \$18,045.69        |
| Disbursements              | <u>\$21,689.84</u> |
| Ending Balance 6/30/2018   | <u>\$34,863.99</u> |

### **Building Reserve Fund**

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 6/1/2018 | \$56,157.90        |
| Receipts                   | \$ 1,055.00        |
| Disbursements              | \$ 0.00            |
| Interest                   | <u>\$ 4.37</u>     |
| Ending Balance 6/30/2018   | <u>\$56,025.43</u> |

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## **DEACON'S MINISTRY**

**Chain of Prayer:** Call Judy Wynstra at 262-605-1127 if you have a prayer request. If she is not home leave a message. She will make sure your request is taken care of. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain please contact Judy.

**Card Ministry:** The Deacons send cards to members who cannot join us Sundays in church, as well as those who may be sick, hospitalized for some reason, or are going through some rough times and need support. Please contact Tana Baldwin if you know of someone who needs a card. Donations of cards are appreciated. You may put any donations in Tana's mailbox. If you would like someone to call you, serve you communion, or visit, please let us know.

**Local Missions:** Deacons will discuss some local missions that could use our help.

## **SHALOM SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY**

First Presbyterian Church volunteers at the Shalom Center, 4314 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on the first Tuesday of each month, except for the months of April and November. Volunteers make the soup, sandwiches, cupcakes, and serve the meal. All are welcome to participate as they choose. The sign-up sheet, complete with serving times, is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. **The next date to serve is Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

**There is a need for soup-making volunteers!** If you are interested in making soup, sign up in the Narthex and give Carole Serpe a call at 262-344-3906. If needed, there are simple instructions posted in the old kitchen and you can be reimbursed for all supplies.

When we served on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had 8 volunteers and we served a total of 61 adults and 9 children.

Another way to help the Shalom Center is the grocery collection at church on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to donate, just look for the grocery bags in the Narthex and add your non-perishable foods to those bags. David Thompson delivers these bags to the Shalom Food Pantry at 8043 Sheridan Road. We collected 3 bags of groceries last month. Thank you for your support in this important mission.

**Our next Deacon's meeting is Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

## DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### AUGUST 2018

- Aug 1** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; Judg. 3:12-30; Acts 1:1-14; Matt. 27:45-54
- Aug 2** – Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; Judg. 4:4-23; Acts 1:15-26; Matt. 27:55-66
- Aug 3** - Psalm 88, 148, 6, 20; Judg. 5:1-18; Acts 2:1-21; Matt. 28:1-10
- Aug 4** – Psalm 122, 149, 100, 63; Judg. 5:19-31; Acts 2:22-36; Matt. 28:11-20
- Aug 5** – Psalm 108, 150, 66, 23; Judg. 6:1-24; 2 Cor. 9:6-15; Mark 3:20-30
- Aug 6** - Psalm 62, 145, 73, 9; Judg. 6:25-40; Acts 2:37-47; John 1:1-18
- Aug 7** - Psalm 12, 146, 36, 7; Judg. 7:1-18; Acts 3:1-11; John 1:19-28
- Aug 8** – Psalm 96, 147:1-11, 132, 134; Judg. 7:19-8:12; Acts 3:12-26; John 1:29-42
- Aug 9** – Psalm 116, 147:12-20, 26, 130; Judg. 8:22-35; Acts 4:1-12; John 1:43-51
- Aug 10** – Psalm 84, 148, 25, 40; Judg. 9:1-16, 19-21; Acts 4:13-31; John 2:1-12
- Aug 11** - Psalm 63, 149, 125, 90; Judg. 9:22-25, 50-57; Acts 4:32-5:11; John 2:13-25
- Aug 12** – Psalm 103, 150, 117, 139; Judg. 11:1-11, 29-40; 2 Cor. 11:21b-31; Mark 4:35-41
- Aug 13** – Psalm 5, 145, 82, 29; Judg. 12:1-7; Acts 5:12-26; John 3:1-21
- Aug 14** – Psalm 42, 146, 102, 133; Judg. 13:1-15; Acts 5:27-42; John 3:22-36
- Aug 15** – Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, 1, 33; Judg. 13:15-24; Acts 6:1-15; John 4:1-26
- Aug 16** – Psalm 97, 147:12-20, 16, 62; Judg. 14:1-19; Acts 6:15-7:16; John 4:27-42
- Aug 17** - Psalm 51, 148, 142, 65; Judg. 14:20-15:20; Acts 7:17-29; John 4:43-54
- Aug 18** – Psalm 104, 149, 138, 98; Judg. 16:1-14; Acts 7:30-43; John 5:1-18
- Aug 19** – Psalm 19, 150, 81, 113; Judg. 16:15-31; 2 Cor. 13:1-11; Mark 5:25-34
- Aug 20** - Psalm 135, 145, 97, 112; Judg. 17:1-13; Acts 7:44-8:1a; John 5:19-29
- Aug 21** – Psalm 123, 146, 30, 86; Judg. 18:1-15; Acts 8:1-13; John 5:30-47
- Aug 22** – Psalm 15, 147:1-11, 48, 4; Judg. 18:16-31; Acts 8:14-25; John 6:1-15
- Aug 23** - Psalm 36, 147:12-20, 80, 27; Job 1:1-22; Acts 8:26-40; John 6:16-27
- Aug 24** - Psalm 130, 148, 32, 139; Job 2:1-13; Acts 9:1-9; John 6:27-40
- Aug 25** – Psalm 56, 149, 118, 111; Job 3:1-26; Acts 9:10-19a; John 6:41-51
- Aug 26** – Psalm 67, 150, 46, 93; Job 4:1-6, 12-21; Rev. 4:1-11; Mark 6:1-6a
- Aug 27** – Psalm 57, 145, 85, 47; Job 4:1, 5:1-11, 17-21, 26-67; Acts 9:19b-31; John 6:52-59
- Aug 28** – Psalm 54, 146, 28, 99; Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21; Acts 9:32-43; John 6:60-71
- Aug 29** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; Job 6:1, 7:1-21; Acts 10:1-16; John 7:1-13
- Aug 30** – Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; Job 8:1-10, 20-22; Acts 10:17-33; John 7:14-36
- Aug 31** – Psalm 88, 148, 6, 20; Job 9:1-15, 32-35; Acts 10:34-48; John 7:37-52

## **FIRESIDE FRIENDS**

Fireside Friends will be taking our usual Summer Break in August. Information about our September meeting will be in the September Tower Topics. Stay tuned! If you have questions, contact Mary Wirch or Julie Iorio.

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PRAYER SHAWL

Prayer Shawl will NOT meet in August. We will be meeting in September. All knitters and crocheters welcome!

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## **MOVIE NIGHT**

Movie night will be Friday, August 24th, starting at 6:00 p.m. The movie shown is still TBD. An announcement will be in the bulletin soon.

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SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Our senior luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21st at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All seniors and guests are welcome. Please join us for delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

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## **SOUP KITCHEN**

On Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, our congregation is helping prepare and serve a nutritious meal for those in need at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. New volunteers are welcome. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. We are also looking for volunteers to make soup in June.

## **GARDEN NEWS**

This year we have again been blessed with a booming crop in our Mission Garden. So far we have had very abundant greens (spinach, leaf lettuce, kale, mustard greens, and swiss chard), radishes, beets, peas, cauliflower, broccoli, onions, zucchini and herbs (chives, dill, basil, parsley and Italian parsley). The spinach was the biggest I have ever seen in a garden!! This has been very much a broad effort – so a big thank you to our waterers, pickers, sellers and deliverers. The early planting and abundant early rain got us off to a great start, but the hot dry spell is taking a toll. We lost quite a few peas, and many of the greens went to seed. This can maybe be avoided over the next couple of months by generous watering and picking midweek in order to keep up. We are good for Sunday pickers through August, but will need some for September. We also could use someone to pick midweek and deliver these crops to either Shalom Center or Arnetta Griffin at God’s kitchen. Any leftovers from Sunday sales need to be delivered Sunday or Monday to Shalom center. Sunday sellers please either take these yourself, or Mark Putrow and Mary Jane Misamore have volunteered to deliver if asked. The Team III list is empty of volunteers right now, so midweek pickers/deliverers could sign up there. Also if anyone can save their egg shells, we can put them around the base of the tomato plants – the calcium is supposed to help prevent that black rot patch on the tomatoes☺

Rachel Bradbury brought in an interesting article regarding greens – posted on the Mission Bulletin Board. Some highlights:

- Swiss Chard – honored by ancient Greeks and Romans for its medicinal properties, is one of the three most nutrient dense vegetables
- Spinach – originated in Iran. A favorite of Catherine de Medici, born in Florence, Italy in 1519, she married Henry II of France and brought her own cooks to France to make spinach in ways referred to as “al a Florentine”.
- Kale – a significant crop in ancient Rome, it was brought to Europe by Celtic wanderers around 600 B.C. and came to the U.S. in the 17<sup>th</sup> century via English settlers. Several varieties – curly kale, dinosaur kale (probably our variety) and ornamental kale
- Mustard greens – often described as pungent and peppery, received a top score in June Issue of Nutrition Action Newsletter

Thank you also for your generous Sunday donations for the Farm Bundle. So far we have raised \$395 which is the same as entire last year’s donations. Our goal is \$1200, so

keep giving generously!! Green beans should be ready soon and tomatoes, potatoes and more squash are looking good!

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CHURCH CHOIR

Attention: Your 1st Presbyterian Choir needs YOU! (apologies to Uncle Sam). Yes, that means ‘you’, and ‘you’, and even the ‘you don’t want me...’ people. Our choir has gone through a great downsizing of around 50% in the last couple years for many reasons -- moving, illness, age, etc. Even so, we have had a strong core of singers that valiantly carry on because they enjoy it, and that is their way to participate and contribute to the experience of the congregation as a whole. But we need to once again replenish our ranks and make a more glorious and joyful noise. Anyone from high school age and older is invited to come and try it out (not try-out). Please do not think you are not musically inclined. You’d be surprised what you can do in a larger group. Audition? “If you’re warm and breathing!” Seriously. New members and younger members, and any others, are invited to come. We have fun and relaxed rehearsals which occur on Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30, and perform a variety of music, with or without extra instrumentation. It is very difficult for only eight or ten people to keep carrying the load for much longer, but I am very proud of the job they do, and it does somewhat limit the music we can do. Please consider joining them and at least trying it out. NOTE: This year, Wednesday night practices will not start until **September 5**.

CHECK IT OUT by Sheryl Becker

How do you choose the books you want to read? I don't know about you, but I don't want to spend my valuable reading time on something that is not "worthy". So, I have gotten into a habit of using a variety of resources to narrow down the choices. I look forward every month to the newest issue of Book Pages that is free at our local libraries. They separate their reviews into categories (I usually turn to the mysteries first), and choose one book from each genre for the pick of the month. Book Pages even has a Christian literature section, but not in every issue.

If you prefer a technological resource, Good Reads is pretty user friendly. You can read book reviews as well as see what your friends are reading if you choose to join the site. This site will also recommend books for you based on what you've been reading. This is also a free resource and is a division of Amazon.

The Chicago Tribune Life and Style section on Sundays has the lists of hardcover national fiction and non-fiction best-sellers for the week and also the Chicagoland best-sellers. I particularly like a column called The Biblioracle, by John Warner. Last week he wrote about the pros and cons of rating systems for books. He also does three "readings" every week where he tells you what book you might want to read based on the last five books you've read. The reader has to send a list to his Tribune email. I save these, then I sometimes I'll check out his recommendation if the person who sent in the list has similar taste in books to mine. Based on one "reading" last week, I'm putting Pachinko on my hold list. The Life and Style section has some other author interviews as well.

A little closer to home, the Kenosha News reviews at least a couple of books every Sunday in the Entertainment section. I also look forward to Liz Snyder's column every summer that has readers send in recommendations of their favorite picks. Finally, I hear about some books by word-of-mouth at the book club I'm in or whenever I'm with others who enjoying reading or are in other book clubs. I often find these reviews more brutally honest than the published ones! I also hear about good books I would never have picked out on my own.

You might notice that I didn't include actually going to the library and looking on the shelves. That's because I don't often have the time just to take a trip to the library to do that. I'm often accompanied on those trips by a 3 and 5-year-old, and it's all we can do to pick out their favorite books for visits to my house!

After all this research, I have just a few books I have read recently that I highly recommend; The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah; and Before We Were Yours by Lisa

Wingate. I am eagerly awaiting notification from the public library that a copy of Educated: a memoir, or Dear Mrs. Bird are on hold for me.

Until September, happy reading!

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## **A NOTE FROM THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC TEAM**

We are changing the way we do announcements during the worship service. In an effort to be respectful to people's time, to keep the focus of the worship service on worship and the Word of God, and to keep information in sizeable chunks that people can remember and hold on to, we are implementing the following changes to see how they work.

- 1) All verbal church announcements need to come from a worship team, Deacons, or other church organization such as Fireside Friends, Mariners, Choir, Bell Choir, etc...
- 2) Those teams are being asked to limit their verbal church announcements to one per month with no more than one verbal announcement on any given Sunday. In other words, if a committee wants to make an announcement they need to schedule it with Pastor Lance ahead of time as we are trying to limit the number of announcements made to no more than one on a Sunday morning.
- 3) If there are any church-related last minute announcements, they need to be given to Lance before worship so he can announce them.
- 4) All verbal announcements need to be held to around 2 minutes in length.
- 5) Everyone is encouraged to post their church-related announcements in the Tower Topics or in the bulletin by getting them to Jenny at the office, on the screens around church by getting them to Krist Pottorff, on the website (again get them to Jenny), and on the Facebook page by getting them to Aimee Edenhofer. Also remember that community and personal announcements can go on the left-hand bulletin board in the narthex or on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions please contact Ron Meinhardt or Pastor Lance. Thank you for your efforts and patience in keeping things running smoothly in worship.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## August Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> .....Elaine Azuma  
 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Kim Mock  
           .....Kristen Sorenson  
 10<sup>th</sup> .....Kathy Misun  
 11<sup>th</sup> .....Dana Anderson  
 12<sup>th</sup> .....Carl Edenhofer  
           .....Beth Azuma  
 13<sup>th</sup> .....Karen Edenhofer  
 15<sup>th</sup> .....John Miles  
 27<sup>th</sup> .....Jerry Jones  
           .....Brad Behling  
 30<sup>th</sup> .....Jackie Natzke  
 31<sup>st</sup> .....Dana Berry

### DEACONS

Tana Baldwin, Lori Barnes, Sherry Craig, Jane Frost, Lisa Hawley, Penny Ingraham\*, Brenda Langerman, Nancy McGovern, Carole Serpe

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| July 1         | 93  |
| July 8         | 125 |
| July 15        | 122 |
| July 22        | 82  |
| July 29        | 152 |
| Sunday Average | 114 |



## ANNIVERSARIES August

8<sup>th</sup> .....Boyd & Jennifer Frederick  
 11<sup>th</sup> .....Carl & Karen Edenhofer  
 18<sup>th</sup> .....Brad & Deb Kovachik  
 22<sup>nd</sup> .....Carole & George Serpe  
           .....Jerome & Marcy Hufendick  
 28<sup>th</sup> .....Bob & Laryssa LeFebve

### SESSION

Gary Anderson (Fellowship, Memorial)  
 Kelly Andrichik (Worship & Music, Personnel\*, Nominating\*)  
 Scott Barnes (Building & Grounds)  
 Sandra Billingsley (Christian Education\*, Mission\*)  
 Mark Bourque (Building & Grounds\*)  
 Walter Deignan (Building & Grounds, Nominating)  
 Cris Doil (Stewardship & Finance\*)  
 Marcy Hufendick (Christian Ed, Personnel, Memorial)  
 Shari Infante (Fellowship\*, Mission, Memorial)  
 Ron Meinhardt (Worship and Music\*)  
 Bill Misamore (Stewardship & Finance)  
 Leslie Pottorff (Mission, Fellowship, Personnel, Memorial)

( ) indicates committee assignments; \*indicates Team Leaders



# **AUGUST WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**



**Head Usher:** Jourene Frederick

## **August 5<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Sherry Craig  
Greeters: The Deignans  
Reader: Ron Bauman  
Sound System: Don Mandry  
Counters: Bob LeFebve  
Jourene Frederick  
Nursery Helper: Jane Frost  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team  
Comm. Prep.: Kelly Andrichik

## **August 12<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Jane Frost  
Greeters: The Djuplins  
Reader: Tyler Peroutka  
Sound System: Tom Berry  
Counters: Mark Putrow  
Volunteer Needed  
Nursery Helper: Deb Kovachik  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **August 19<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Jane Frost  
Greeters: The Doils  
Reader: Carole Serpe  
Sound System: Walter Deignan  
Counters: Lynn Faulk  
Nancy McGovern  
Nursery Helper: Dana Berry  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **August 26<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Penny Ingraham  
Greeters: The Drissels  
Reader: Mary Jane Misamore  
Sound System: Jerry Jones  
Counters: Volunteer Needed  
Volunteer Needed  
Nursery Helper: Linda Putrow  
Fellowship Host: Mariners

## **THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**