



Among Friends

JULY, 2022



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings;

I hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful, sunny, summer days. Many of you will be going on vacation and some will just stay home, whichever you do; please take time to notice the beautiful world God has created for us.

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse (Romans 1:20).

The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies; yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world (Psalm 19:1-4).

When David wrote this Psalm, he had the most magnificent view of God's world. There were not city lights, no pollution or tall buildings to block his view. He could lean back, prop his head up on a rock and watch the stars, the moon and planets light up the night sky.

Nature reveals to us God's creative power and greatness. Whether it is the beauty of a sunset, a beach, a magnificent mountain or the sun shining down on a beautiful flower from our own back porch—creation tells us that there is something more.

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July 27

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SOUNDS FISHY



Seen on a church signboard in northern Minnesota one summer:

“Sure, you can worship God with a fishing pole in your hand, but when was the last time a walleye told you, ‘Your sins are forgiven?’”

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From Our Pastor’s Desk (continued)

As the busyness of summer unfolds, take time to see what a magnificent world we live in. Take time to see the wonderful and marvelous God we serve. Skeptics say, “If God would only show Himself to me, then I would believe.” But what they can’t see is that He has already done that! When we look at God’s creation, that should be enough.

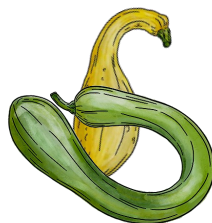
Folks, if you want to know God; just look up and just look around. See all that God has created for YOU!

I pray you have a safe and wonder filled summer.

In His service,
Diane



OUR FUN-LOVING GOD



Whence comes this idea that if what we are doing is fun, it can’t be God’s will? The God who made giraffes, a baby’s fingernails, a puppy’s tail, a crook-necked squash, the bobwhite’s call and a young girl’s giggle has a sense of humor. Make no mistake about that.

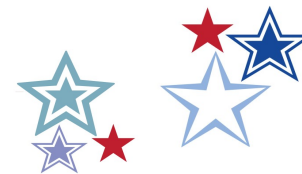


—Catherine Marshall

LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don’t forget to look for the sign!



FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

**BE YOURSELF
EVERYONE ELSE
IS TAKEN**

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

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**TODAY IS
YOUR DAY
ENJOY IT!**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

*"In the beginning was
the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the
Word was God"*
John 1:1

This is where July's lessons begin, in John's gospel. Lessons will stress how Jesus, the Creating Word, at work in and with humanity, became flesh, healed the sick, saved the lost, resurrected the dead and granted - through the Holy Spirit - peace. Join us for Bible study, discussion and sharing at 9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's. Sunday School class continues studying how to live a Godly life. We meet at 9:45 a.m. each week.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL DATES

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| JULY 3, 2022 | WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE
Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Willard Morse will lead the service. |
| JULY 4, 2022 | INDEPENDENCE DAY |
| JULY 9, 2022 | SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT featuring Barry and Debby Wiles who will offer a program of Christian music. Refreshments start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. |
| JULY 10, 2022 | WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. |
| JULY 17, 2022 | WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. |
| JULY 24, 2022 | WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. |
| JULY 31, 2022 | WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Frank Aloï will lead the service. |

SWEET LAND of LIBERTY

Adoring Christ Thru Song (ACTS choir and orchestra) is thrilled to announce that they will be returning to in-person concerts beginning with a performance of "Sweet Land of Liberty" on July 4, at the Mt. Chestnut Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m. After the forced hiatus due to Covid, the choir and orchestra have been enjoying their time together preparing for the concert. Friendship Presbyterian Church will be represented by three of our own. **Heather Datt** will be singing soprano, **Sue Datt** will be presenting the slideshow, and for the first time **Micheal Adams** will be joining the choir, singing tenor. We hope you can join us for this uplifting program!

Prayer List

*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”
James 5:16*

Anne D.
April and Todd
Bonnie of Georgia
Christy
The Alben Family
Gary Allison
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Candy Boulanger
Kayla Brundige
Tyler Burson
Martie Cooper
Phyllis Cooper
Jeff & Cindy Cross
Heather Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs.
William Jamieson
Graham Larimore

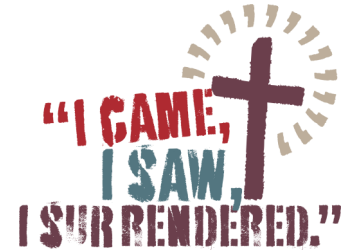
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Ed Lind
Jerry Lorenz
Joe Lowers
Amber Matteo
Will McCoy
Mary Messer
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
David Parker
Bernie and Linda
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Cindy Solman’s
Mother and Sister
George Sonnet & Family
Joe Vivello
Seth Vogan
Joan West
Woman from Michigan
Our military at home &
abroad
Persecuted Christians
around the world

Alpha Omega Center
Feed My Sheep Food
Cupboard
Beaver Butler
Presbytery
Cooperstown Church
Family
Friendship Presbyterian
Church Family
All those who have been
impacted by
COVID19



The people of Ukraine and Russia, their leaders and the world’s people.

Liberty Through Surrender



To non-believers, talk of finding freedom through complete dependence on Jesus must sound foolish. How can surrendering your desires, time, heart — indeed, your entire life — lead to anything but bondage?

The answer is evident in Jesus’ own life and ministry, writes Michael Card in Immanuel: Reflections on the Life of Christ. In a twist on Julius Caesar’s motto “Veni, vidi, vici” (“I came, I saw, I conquered”), “Jesus lived by the motto, ‘I came, I saw, I surrendered,’” Card notes. “By living out this unorthodox pronouncement, Jesus demonstrated that what the world regards as power is really impotence. True victory is only through surrender.”

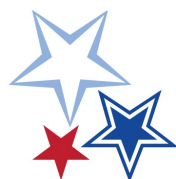
During the 16th century, St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote this prayer of surrender that’s still relevant today: “Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess, Thou hast given me: I surrender it all to Thee to be disposed of according to Thy will. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace; with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more. Amen.”

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BIRTHDAYS

Luke Sybert, July 13
Bill Kreuzer, July 20
Ray Vukson, July 24
Craig Allison, July 27



ANNIVERSARIES

Matt and Emily Sybert
July 10
Dan and Tiffany Sybert
July 12

THE SATURDAY CONCERT

On June 11 our SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT featured the ventriloquist, Cindy Speck. Our concert's largest crowd was entertained by the antics of Cindy and her puppet friends. It was an evening of laughter, Christian inspiration, and fellowship enjoyed by all who attended.



Cindy and her little dog open the show.



Cindy and Nellie



Cindy and Freddy



Cindy, Albert, Nellie and Micheal on tech assist



On July 9 Barry and Debby Wiles will return with a program of Christian music along with heart-felt witness to the love of God and what He has done in their lives.

A PRAYER

(attributed to St Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226)
Submitted by Ruth Keith

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is discord, vision,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying
that we are born to eternal life.*

Amen



Francis of Assisi (born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone) was an Italian Catholic friar, deacon, and mystic. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity.

Pope Gregory IX canonized Francis on July 16, 1228. Along with Catherine of Siena, he was designated patron saint of Italy. He later became associated with patronage of animals and the natural environment, and it became customary for churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of October 4.



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Submitted by Heather Datt