

# First United Monthly Newsletter

AUGUST 2017

**August** is not really known for any traditional holidays, but it is the time for several interesting celebrations including **National Root Beer Float Day** (8/6 - get a free small float with a purchase at A & W all day!), **Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Night** (8/8), and, of course, **International Pirate Month** (Arrr-gust). Here are a few more important dates for you to keep in mind:



## P.W. "On the Go"

Edgewood Orchard Galleries  
Tuesday, 8/1, 9:30am



## Sunday Bike Rides

Sunday, 8/6, 4pm  
and every Sunday



## Presby Seekers

Tuesday, 8/8, 10am-noon



## "Night Under the Stars"

Church Family Camp Out  
Friday & Saturday, 8/25-26

Remember, you can always find the most up-to-date church event information in our **"Weekly Newsletter"** available in your Sunday bulletin, in the Friday Weekend Preview emails, and on our website at [www.firstunitedpc.org](http://www.firstunitedpc.org). You can also find our official church calendar of events on the website. Don't miss a thing!

**REGISTER SOON** for the **2nd Annual Presbyterian Golf Outing** coming **September 23**. It's only \$30 (payable that day) for 9 holes, a cart, and lunch.

To register, email your name, phone number, and email address to [info@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:info@firstunitedpc.org) or place that information in the offering plate.



**Vacation Bible School** was a great success! We had 40 children from our church and community sharing songs, skits, Bible stories, crafts, games, experiments, videos, and snacks in the **Maker Fun Factory**.



A big "thank you" to all of the teenagers who served as crew leaders, as well as the adults who served as station leaders and extra hands when needed. Also, thanks to Rev. Meggan Farwell, the Christian Education Ministry, and our church family for all your support and donations.



At **Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School**, we learned that we were created by God and built for a purpose!

Last month, three of our middle high kids attended **The Great Escape** at **Green Lake Conference Center**. Emilie Planert, Sarah McPherson, and Mackay Campbell attended the camp along with chaperones **Connie Campbell** and **Scott McPherson** from **July 10-**



**14**. Activities included daily Bible study, worship time with author Hannah Seymour and comedian Kenn Kington, plus lots of fellowship time to connect with the other 600 campers from eight states. Our campers can't wait for our church to send more youth next year. By the way, does anyone have any tips on getting mud stains out of t-shirts?

We hope you got to share our amazing **Worship in the Garden** and **Church Family Picnic** on July 23. It was our fifth annual outdoor event (including two in the park and three in the garden), and the morning was almost perfect. After a beautiful worship service, we shared one of the best picnics ever.



Thanks to our Building & Grounds Ministry, Worship & Music Ministry, Men's Club, and all the other volunteers for their preparation and hard work to make it happen for us!



We also thank Connie Campbell and the **New Dixie Ramblers** for their terrific musical contribution and **Jim's Golf Carts** of De Pere for their four-wheeled donation. What a great morning!



## Presbyterian Women Calendar

Our Presbyterian Women's group is a community of women who are hardworking, faithful, curious, welcoming, prayerful, creative, and giving. They are YOU! Why not join us for some of our group opportunities and activities?

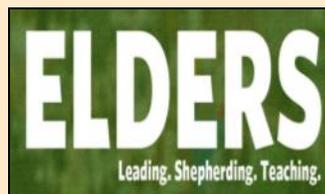


- 8/1 - **P.W. On the Go @ 9:30am**  
(Edgewood Orchard Galleries, RSVP to Jan Pomprowitz at 494-3506)
- 8/3 - **P.W.C.T. @ 9am (Room 11) & Mission Sewing @ 9:30am**  
(Koinonia Lounge)
- 8/10 - **Talbot Circle @ 11:30am (The Rite Place, RSVP to Barb Kraus)**
- 8/19 - **Papercrafting @ 10am (Room 11)**
- 8/22 - **4th Tues. Readers @ 1pm (Library)**  
reading Homecoming by Yaa Gyasi

\*Esther Circle will return in September.

## Session Report

by Dawn Picard, Clerk



The **July Session** meeting was a joyful event as our new officers were accepted into service! The new Deacons are **Wanda Bauer, Lou Seiler, Michelle Griffith, Dan Hamersky, and Violet Smale**. The new Ruling Elders are **Mark DeCleene, Tori England, Brian Lindow, Kathy Gutzman, and Cole Griffin**. They each shared their faith statements, discussed their desire to serve, and showed off their knowledge of church polity before being welcomed into their new roles. In the business portion of the meeting, the Session discussed possible changes to the by-laws. These will come forward at the annual meeting in February 2018 for a vote by our congregation. More information will be shared in the future. Discussion has also begun about possible uses for the north property. In the coming months, a task force will be created to gather input and information for possible future endeavors. The financial health of the church is strong, and the ministries are on track with their spending. A generous gift was received from the late Gordon Russell, and Session will be prayerfully considering how to use the funds.

## Our Story

Monthly Financial Update  
(as of June 30, 2017)

"For where your treasure is there your heart will also be." **Matthew 6:21**



	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
<b>Operating Fund</b>		
Income	\$170,300	\$170,600
Expenses	\$156,200	\$162,500
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Income	\$32,700	\$28,900

### August Special Offerings

**Deacons Fund Offering: August 6**

**CASA Back-to-School Gift Cards:**  
through August 13

**Online giving** is now available! Have you registered yet? Find out how at

[www.firstunitedpc.org](http://www.firstunitedpc.org).

## CONNECTING... ...with Our Community and the World



Your work supporting our beautiful **Judy Allan Memorial Garden** is already paying off. So far, we've made two deliveries of produce including 15 pounds of lettuce, four pounds of turnip greens, nine pounds of zucchinis, and four pounds of cucumbers!

Everyone's encouraged to join these scheduled groups to help keep the momentum going:

**Week of Aug. 6 - "God's Gardeners"** (Wed. at 6:30pm)

**Week of Aug. 13 - Worship & Music Ministry**

**Week of Aug. 20 - "God's Gardeners"** (Wed. at 6:30pm)

**Week of Aug. 27 - Connecting Ministry & Office Staff**

For more information about what to do and how you can help, contact **Ted** or **Lynn Huebbe** at [ted\\_huebbe@praxair.com](mailto:ted_huebbe@praxair.com) or [lynn\\_huebbe@new.rr.com](mailto:lynn_huebbe@new.rr.com).

### N.E.W. Community Shelter Update...

On **Tuesday, July 18**, our team served 197 meals at the shelter. The meal was prepared by Bruce Kilmer, Mike Kettner, and Joe Williams. Cakes were provided by Diane Betz, Debbie Cordova, Sue Renier, Lori Dill, Cassie Griffin, Vernon Pahl, Rita Kilmer, Cindi Barnett, and Mike Kettner.



Dinner was served by Diane Betz, Lynn Huebbe, Pat Schock, Bruce Kilmer, Mike Kettner, and Joe Williams, plus Chris, Katie, Olivia, and Alexis Bivins. In addition, Lee Richardson and Lois Pelishek delivered meals to Freedom House.



If you'd like to donate a cake, sign up in the Family Life Center or contact **Diane Betz** (336-5054). Our next date at the shelter will be **August 15** from 5pm to 6:15pm. If you would like to help, please contact **Cindi Barnett** at 737-5376 or [cindi.barnett@snc.edu](mailto:cindi.barnett@snc.edu).

### CASA Update...

Our **CASA Back-to-School Drive** is running from **July 30** through **August 13!** Find tags in the Narthex & Family Life Center for middle and senior high youth from the CASA program. Please take a tag (or two), buy a store gift card or VISA or MasterCard, and return it by August 13. This drive is intended to help some of the older aged kids who are not helped by the well known Back-to-School Store in our area. Thanks for your help!



### JOSHUA Update...



JOSHUA

JOSHUA has a leadership team working on environmental justice. In June, 40 people from that team attended the Brown

County Board meeting to petition the County Board to adopt a resolution in opposition to a sulfide mine being planned along the Menomonee River in Upper Michigan. JOSHUA emphasized that no sulfide mine in the U.S. has ever been safe for the surrounding environment. The Menomonee River empties into Green Bay and could ultimately pollute the waters there. A number of other groups also testified that evening. This advocacy resulted in the Brown County Board adopting a resolution in opposition to the mine by a vote of 21 in favor, two opposed, and one abstention. For more details, visit [www.joshua4justice.org](http://www.joshua4justice.org).

### Our Presbyterian Women Mission Sewing Circle

donated the following items last month: five single-sized quilts (Freedom House); three knitted & two quilted lap robes (Wyndemere Memory Unit); two single-sized quilts & two fleece blankets (Salvation Army). If you want to learn more about their activities, join the **Mission Sewing** group for some stitching, knitting, fellowship, and food on the **first Thursday of each month at 9:30am** in our Koinonia Lounge.





**Elder of the Month**

Corday Goddard

**Deacons of the Month**

Lynnee Schmidt & Marilyn Heim



- 1 - Scott McCurley
- 2 - Michella Bauer, Stella Deprez, & Evelyn Vincent
- 3 - Debbie Crooks & Dahlia Lester
- 5 - Linda Allen, Hailey Dorn, & Joe Williams
- 6 - Linda Patzke
- 7 - Judy Eckel
- 8 - George Cornell & Troy Gutzman
- 10 - Cindy Finesilver

- 11 - Arianna Duncanson, Jon Motquin, Calvin Sacotte, Kevin Spiegel, & Jen Van De Hei
- 13 - Marilyn Kabat
- 15 - Isabella Beck & Lorna Wood
- 16 - Debbie Stange
- 17 - Lori Dill
- 19 - Sarah McPherson & Rosemarie Pagel
- 21 - Brian Driscoll & Darrell Rempel
- 22 - Judy Cornell, Hilary Dauffenbach-Tabb, & Beth Paulson
- 23 - Leanne Foeller, Sue Planert, & Susan Robertson
- 25 - Eric Parks
- 26 - Julie Mackey
- 27 - Kari Jensen & Jase Maroszek
- 28 - Lee Richardson
- 29 - Peg Hardt
- 30 - Cayley Griffin
- 31 - Judy Nighorn & Kevin Nixon

*Our History Corner...*

That bell we hear ringing every Sunday morning has quite a history. This year it's turning 130 years old. It began on top of our older church in downtown De Pere back in 1887. When



we moved to our current church building, our bell had to be transported here by tow truck, but there was no tower for it. For 25 years, it sat on display downstairs in what used to be the Fellowship Hall (now rooms 12 & 13). As part of a major building project that added the Koinonia Lounge, we also had the bell refurbished and added a bell tower. On **October 23, 1988**, our bell first rang again for worship. Pictured from that dedication are (clockwise) Pastor, Rev. Dick Anderson; architect, Richard Griese; Wally Horne; and Associate Pastor, Rev. Susan Jaeger.

If you have photos, films, or church memories to share, please contact Mark Young at [mark@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:mark@firstunitedpc.org) or contact the church office.

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**Sunday School**  
*Returns in September!*

**Worship Service**  
*Sunday 9:45am*

**Coffee Fellowship**  
*Sunday 10:45am*



**Office Hours**

**Monday - Thursday**  
*9am - 1pm*

**Friday - closed**



**Do you have info to submit or corrections to share?**

Please send your info to **Mark Young** at [mark@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:mark@firstunitedpc.org) or to the church office at [info@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:info@firstunitedpc.org). We always appreciate your input and feedback!