

First Things First

Summer 2018

Candid

Over the last few months, many members of our church have been in forthright discussion about the current status and the future of First Pres Waukesha. You may have been there for our Open Door meetings, and you can take comfort knowing the Session has been in prayer and deliberation about how to best serve God, our members, and our neighbors. There is solace in the sense of so many people feeling genuine love for this church family. It continues to be challenging to find a new Pastor, but being candid with each other helps us to be supportive and encouraging.

Jesus was quite honest with his Apostles; in fact, sometimes he spoke so freely they didn't understand his words, because God's ways were unfamiliar and unexpected. Even though Jesus had told them in advance how he would be taken, crucified, and then rise again, they were astonished when it played out. We would probably have been the same. Today, we sometimes fall into similar contradictions: we recognize that congregations change over time, but we want it to be different for us. We remember the advice from Ecclesiastes "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. ... God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."

During the summer, we will continue our work to find a new Pastor, we will continue to be Christ's people in our community, and we will work with each other, side by side, and share each others joys and burdens through any change. Let's remain hopeful that in God's providence, a truly special person is being prepared to lead our worship, care for our fold, and help us discern the future together.

In all our days, we turn to God for wisdom, hope, and understanding.

-Andrew Byshenk, Clerk of the Session

June Calendar

JUNE 3

- 10:00 AM** **Worship**
Communion Sunday
Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM** **Coffee Fellowship**
Oak Room

JUNE 10

- 10:00 AM** **Worship**
Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM** **Picnic***
East Side Lawn
(Dining Room in case of rain)

JUNE 13

- 6:30 PM** **Deacon's Meeting**
Oak Room

JUNE 17

- 10:00 AM** **Worship**
Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM** **Coffee Fellowship**
Oak Room

JUNE 21

- 8:00 AM** **Men's Breakfast**
Dady-Oh's

JUNE 24

- 10:00 AM** **Worship**
Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM** **Coffee Fellowship**
Oak Room

July Calendar

JULY 1

- 10:00 AM** **Worship**
Communion Sunday
Shared Worship with Southminster*
at First Presbyterian Church

JULY 4 **Independence Day Observed**

Office Closed

JULY 8

- 10:00 AM** **Worship**
Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM** **Coffee Fellowship**
Oak Room

JULY 11

- 6:30 PM** **Deacon's Meeting**
Oak Room

JULY 15

- 10:00 AM** **Worship**
Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM** **Coffee Fellowship**
Oak Room

JULY 19

- 8:00 AM** **Men's Breakfast**
Dady-Oh's

JULY 22

- 10:00 AM** **Worship**
Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM** **Coffee Fellowship**
Oak Room

JULY 29

- 10:00 AM** **Worship**
Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM** **Coffee Fellowship**
Oak Room

August Calendar

AUGUST 5

- 10:00 AM** **Worship**
Communion Sunday
Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM** **Poetry in Motion***
Dining Room

AUGUST 12

- 10:00 AM** **Worship**
Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM** **Coffee Fellowship**
Oak Room

AUGUST 16

- 8:00 AM** **Men's Breakfast**
Dady-Oh's

AUGUST 19

10:00 AM **Worship**

Sanctuary

11:00 AM **Coffee Fellowship**

Oak Room

AUGUST 26

10:00 AM **Worship**

Sanctuary

11:00 AM **Coffee Fellowship**

Oak Room

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Summer Birthdays

6/1 Karen Minson

6/2 Earl Davison

6/2 Thelma Meidenbauer

6/6 Shane Sura

6/11 Kathryn Herman

6/15 Joel Pugh

6/18 Ron Dallmann

6/20 Susan Byshenk

6/29 Barb Klemp

7/3 Heather Holberg

7/15 Layla Byshenk

7/19 Linda Kopacka

7/31 Shannon Hajewski

8/8 JoJo Hajewski

8/13 Andy Manke

8/15 Erika Margis

8/16 Bettie Stevens

8/17 Charlotte Hajewski

8/20 Jim Winkelmann

8/20 Julie Stover

8/21 Ella Holberg

8/23 Ruby Eastwood

8/23 Monique Noska

8/26 Steve Margis

8/31 Jen Van Essen

8/31 Joslynn Byshenk



Join Us for a Picnic!

After worship on **Sunday, June 10**, we'll set up tables on our "lawn" and fellowship together with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. The church will also provide the condiments, buns, and beverages. Please bring along a friend and an appetizer, chips, or dessert.

Shared Worship with Southminster

Continuing our fine tradition of sharing worship with our daughter church over the summer, we'll come together for worship twice. The first time will be over the over the Independence Day weekend.

Please mark your calendars:

Sunday, July 1, 10:00 AM

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Office Hours

Please note office hours this summer will be varied. If you need to visit the office, please call ahead to make sure someone will be there to assist you.

The office will be closed on July 4, to observe Independence Day.

Hope Center Golf Outing – July 16, 2018 at Broadlands Golf Club.



This year's event includes lunch, a round of golf with fun on-course events, a post-round heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet, raffles, auctions, prizes & more!

Put together a foursome from your church and join us for a great day of golf – and a great way to raise funds for the Hope Center's many outreach programs.



Registration materials and other information available at hopecenterwi.org or call (262) 549-8726.

Session Recap

The session met on May 10, 2018. We heard about the activities of the Deacons, the Mission Committee, and the plans for worship in May. We heard about the upcoming Fellowship events and recorded the report on Membership. We discussed actions needed to maintain the property and reviewed the most recent financial reports. We considered whether we should get an appraisal of our property.

We discussed the Open Door meeting results and planned the next steps for interviewing Pastors who have applied for our Stated Supply position. We noted Carol's upcoming retirement and discussed steps for finding a replacement.

Very Moving Words

Grab some lines of your favorite verse and come share in our *Poetry in Motion* Fellowship in the Dining Room after worship on **Sunday, August 5**. We'll have a few featured readings and share a lovely lunch of gazpacho (cool soup), chicken-bacon quesadillas, black beans and rice, tortilla chips & guacamole, and beverages. Please bring a favorite sweet.



Have something for the September newsletter? Please send it to

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or drop it in Andrew Byshenk's mailbox by **Wednesday, August 15** to have it included. Any items received after the 15th will be included in the October newsletter.