

FIRST THINGS FIRST

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STERLING, COLORADO

AUGUST, 2019

Blessing of the Animals



Cats get blessed too!



SABBATICAL UPDATE. . .

Preaching Schedule . . .

August 4 - Mark Kenning

Mark Kenning is a member of Westminster Presbyterian in Fort Collins and is currently serving as the Acting Stated Clerk of our presbytery. He served Weldon Valley Presbyterian Church as a Commissioned Lay Pastor from 2005-2015 and as Moderator of Presbytery in 2016. He lives in Fort Collins with his wife Diane.

August 11 - Pam Werner

My husband Mike and I have been members of First Presbyterian church for over 25 years. I have taught youth group, been a lay speaker, coordinated and given Children's Sermons and currently serve as an elder and chairwoman for the Membership/Stewardship Committee. Having been born and raised in Sterling, we returned to our home town after I finished college where I was a Registered Dietitian at the local hospital for ten years. The last 19 years I have been a financial advisor with Edward Jones, where I frequently travel and am asked to speak to other advisors to help and motivate them in their business. Sharing my faith is always a part of my presentations, because without it, I would not be me. In 2016 I had the opportunity to travel to Indonesia and visit one of the Compassion International children we help support. We have two daughters who were raised in this church and both now live in California. Mike and I live on a farm near Atwood with miniature donkeys, a horse, a few cows, cats and my precious dog Ellie. I am an avid runner, hiker and tennis player. Unless I am away, you will find me in church every Sunday as it is such an important part of my life.

August 18 - Rev. Joseph Moore

The Rev. Joseph Moore is a husband, dad, and a Presbyterian pastor who serves as Parish Associate for Mission and Outreach at First Presbyterian, Ft. Collins. He is involved in a number of organizations in and around Ft. Collins. He is the Vice-President of the Ft. Collins Interfaith Council. Joseph has a strong interest in police and community relations and is working with the Ft. Collins Police Services to help start a police chaplaincy program. He also serves as Moderator of the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks, is the vice-chair of the Partnership for Age Friendly Communities and is a bike mechanic for the United States Paralympic Triathlon Team. In his spare time, he co-hosts a weekly radio show on KRFC FM. Prior to moving to Ft. Collins, Joseph served in a wonderfully gritty downtown church in Austin, Texas. When he isn't in a meeting, he can be found running or riding bikes with his wife and three children. He is a terrible fly fisherman but he'll never stop trying.

Witherspoon Family Sabbatical Highlights, August:

In August, Michelle and her family will take time to settle back in at home and get ready for a new school year. Michelle will take time to process and reflect on the sabbatical and she'll create something tangible as she works with her spiritual director before returning to work at FPC on **August 18**.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Military Personnel

Luke Brigham (Randy & Terry's son)
Thomas Gage Snyder (Kim Schlup's son)
Cameron Venn (Doris Ramsel's grandson)

For those with special needs or concerns....

Carol Arnold	Gary & Deb Lauer
Carol Barrett	(friend of Propsts)
Norm Blackburn	Ann Leh
Gabe Chapin	Dona Lightsey
Cooperating Ministry	Delinda Korrey McDowell
Jeanne Crouch & family	Shannon Oyewole
Cierra Davis	(friend of Nancy Mann)
(friend of Becky Cranwell)	Jeni Porter
Family Resource Center	(In-law of Blackburn's)
Norman Foos	Joy Post
George Gay	IdaMae Prince
Jax Gertner (Mike's grandson)	(Tanna's mother)
Don Gertge	Gary Ramey
(friend of McDowells)	Dortha Skinner
Bryce Gilliland	Lexi & Darren Stewart
(friend of Kaans)	(friend of Kaans)
Glaser Family	Dorothy Swanson
Glen & Dowene Gregory	Charlie & Roseanne Thompson
(Jen DeSoto's son-in-law)	(friends of Nebletts)
Agnes Suzanne Hall (Bob & Nancy's granddaughter)	Amy & Byron Uhrich
David Hashman, SCF Inmate	(Jill Vollmer's parents)
Bob & Debbie Hessler	Under the Umbrella
Sonja Holden	Derek Weingardt
(friend of Arden Fennell)	(Rick's nephew)
Constance	Masi Wells
Chris Jutz	(friend of Taylor Cranwell)
Josh Jutz & Kaylee	Jeff Weskamp
Robert Koehler	Barbara West (Dona Lightsey's
(friend of Laura Guenzi)	(daughter-in-law)
Debby Korrey (Darla's sister)	Jim & Jean Williamson
Glenna Langshaw	Zach Westasmus
(Cheryl Kaan's mother)	(Tom Westfall's nephew)
	Witherspoon Family

AUGUST

1	Sean Bartholomew Ryker Jackson Jomari Lechtman
2	Jana Lock
3	Dennis Kaan
5	Connie Brown
10	Chris Jutz Jenilee Spicer
12	Logan Guenzi
14	David Ruygrok
15	Cody Weingardt
16	Chad Borner Don Korrey
19	Kim Jackson Emi Reeves
21	Carrie Lea Mann
26	Dan Torres
30	Pat Borner Tammie Malone Rick Meier
31	Beverly Fritzler Kay Rich

Gary Ramey Update . . .

Gary had the skin graft for his burns in Greeley, Thursday, 7/18. It went well.

Condolences to:

- **Carol Arnold** & family on the death of her husband, **Baxter**, on June 27.
- The family of **Gloria Walsh** who died on July 14.
- The family **Nell Brown Propst** who died July 18.

Congratulations to Cooper & Callie Jackson on the birth of their daughter, **Emery Agnes**, on July 2 and to grandparents **Larry and Kim Jackson**.

Thanks to Laura Guenzi, Ken McDowell & Penny Propst for sharing their photos!

SESSION. . .

From the June 18, 2019 Session Meeting

Moderator, Pastor Michael Gross

- **It was voted** to seat Deacon, Harry Peterson, and give him voice.
- \$1,030 was donated to the Gideon's International on May 19, 2019.
- **It was voted** to affirm the e-vote for Sam Edgar to use a room in the church to give Spanish lessons on Thursday evenings from June-September.
- **It was voted** to affirm the e-vote that a \$560 scholarship to Mason Boeff to attend Highlands MAD camp and that Faithe and Jamie Spicer receive scholarship funds, up to the amount of \$510 each, to attend Highlands Camp from the Elna Anderson Fund.
- Discussion was held, along with the suggestion to revise the church use policy to include the requirement that persons using the church provide proof of liability insurance.
- **It was voted** to approve applying for the State Historical Fund Grant to have a custom solution for the storm windows.

- Work on nominating the Class of 2022 is in progress.
- Communion Count:
Sunday, June 9 - 57
Homebound, June 11 - 8
- VBS was a great success.
- **It was voted** to donate \$500, from the Session Mission, to the Special Olympics, requesting that the money stay local.

Next Session Meeting - August 20, 6 pm
Tara Guenzi's house. (potluck)

From the July 7, 2019 Called Congregational Meeting

- The purpose of the meeting was to elect a Deacon for the Class of 2019.
- Ruling Elder Tom Westfall moderated the meeting.
- On behalf of the Session, Tom Westfall nominated Pam Trimble for Deacon Class of 2019. A second was not needed.
- There were no other nominations.
- A voice vote was taken. **The Motion Carried.**

Finance Info June, 2019

	<u>June, 2019</u>	<u>YTD 2019</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Receipts (budget)*	\$30,568.33	\$161,060.76	\$172,739.00	(\$11,678.24)
Total Expenses (budget)	31,488.97	184,043.69	205,801.00	(21,757.31)
Net Ordinary Income (loss)	(\$920.64)	(\$22,982.93)	(\$33,062.00)	
Transfers from other assets	6,375.04	19,693.42	17,721.92	
Net Ordinary Income (Loss) with transfers	\$5,454.40	(\$3,289.51)		

*\$5,000 was received in prepaid pledges in 2018 as prepaid pledges

From the Worship & Sacraments Committee -

As we approach the end of Rev. Michelle's sabbatical and anticipate her return, the members of the Worship and Sacraments committee would like to make a statement. We want to express our gratitude and joy at the time and efforts of all who contributed to keeping our church functioning smoothly with a special thanks to Rev. Tim Lister. Our thanks to all who have done so much.

ON THE CALENDAR. . .

Special Music

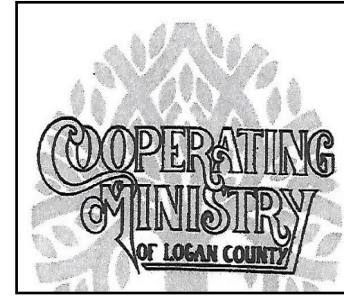


August 4

August 11 Mason Boeff

August 18 Arden Fennell

August 25 Max & Lindsey
Jackson



Food need for August
Canned Carrots



Old Fashioned Hymn Sing
August 11
10:15 - 10:30

Led by Darrell Smith

Family Resource Center Volunteers Needed



Once again First Presbyterian will be providing lunches for the Asset Club starting on August 19. Sign up sheets are located on the table outside the church office.

Prison Ministry



Do you have any garden seeds left over from planting and would be willing to donate them to the Prison Garden Project?

If so, please get them to Jim Leh so he can get them to the prisoners who are involved in the project. They would like to get a head start on 2020. David Hashman reports that even the gangs at the prison are asking to be included in the project.

“We can make many lives out there more meaningful!” --Jim



Come join the choir!

Practices start August 28
at 7:00 pm.
All singers Welcome!

Blessing of the Backpacks



Back-to-school season can be a time for us ALL to jump back into things.

Sunday, August 18 ~ Jump Back In

CHURCH ACTIVITIES. . .



Front row: George Witherspoon, Ava Reeves, Audrey Reeves, Mason Boeff. Back row: Max Jackson, Alie Sheldon, Rev. Michelle, Lindsey Jackson, Pam Werner, Mike Werner. Not Pictured, Addison Steele.

Scholarship Recipients - 2019-2020



College Scholarship recipients David Ruygrok, Makenna Metzler, Rhonda Morgan and Grace Reeves were recently recognized during the church service. Additional scholarship recipients include Sam Chaney, Carter Keil and Coley Smith.



Marli Christenson with parents Brenda and Jeff on Senior Sunday.



2019 Triennium delegates, Emi Reeves, Taylor Cranwell and Dylan Cranwell are commissioned by Tanna Prince. They will report on their experience at the luncheon on Aug. 18.

Reconnect with Rev. Michelle

We're planning to organize small group dinners to create opportunities to reconnect with Rev. Michelle following the sabbatical and to nurture fellowship within the congregation. Sign up sheets will be available beginning in late July. Sign up if you'd like to attend a small group dinner, and let us know if you'd like to host a dinner in your home.

The dinners will be scheduled following Michelle's return from sabbatical on August 18.



- **Moving?**
- **Downsizing?**
- **Replacing the Old with the New?**
- **Tired of Paying for Storage?**
- **Cleaning House?**

Turn your no longer wanted household items into assets by donating them to the **First Presbyterian Church Auction**. Proceeds from the **Aug. 23** sale will be used to fund our mission to help the **Asset Club at the FRC**.



Seeking donations which are too big for the rummage sales including furniture, large toys, tools, bicycles, lawn mowers, grills etc. For more information call Bev at 522-2708 or, after Aug. 1 Pam 580-3502.

Auction will be Fri., Aug. 23 from 4-7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 130 S. 4th St. Concessions will be available on site.

August 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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<p>4</p> <p>9:00 Adult Ed 10:30 Worship Communion</p> <p>6:00 FRC Meal Prep 6:30 Men's Fellowship</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 Membership/ Stewardship Committee</p> <p>5:30 Fellowship Committee</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00 Adult Ed 10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 Christian Ed</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:15 Finance</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:00 Adult Ed 10:30 Worship Blessing of the Backpacks 11:30 Luncheon Triennium Report</p> <p>6:30 Men's Fellowship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 Asset Club Meal Prep</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 Property</p> <p>6:00 Session @ Tara's</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4-7 Garage Sale/ Auction</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Presbytery @ Sidney</p> <p>9:00 Alzheimer's Walk 9:30 SonShine Singers to "Tarzan"</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 Adult Ed 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 Asset Club Meal Prep 9:30 Collate Newsletter</p> <p>7:00 Worship & Sacraments</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00 Nominating Committee @ The Grill</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

SERVING IN CHURCH

USHERS

Aug. 4 Harry Peterson
Terri Rhodes
Laura Guenzi

Aug. 11 Taylor Cranwell
Justin Cranwell
Jomari Lechtman

Aug; 18 Dean Boeff
Jomari Lechtman
Brenda Christenson

Aug. 25 Kathy Rice
Pat Borner
Chad Borner

GREETERS

Aug. 4 Leon & Bev Fritzler
Aug. 11 Jill Vollmer
Aug; 18 Ken & Delinda McDowell
Aug. 25 Paul & Mary Budin

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Aug. 4 David Ruygrok
Aug. 11 Connie Clark
Aug; 18 Trent Eichhorn
Aug. 25 Pam Werner

LAY READERS

Aug. 4 Rose Neblett
Aug. 11 Marc Reck
Aug; 18 Bev Cumming
Aug. 25 Myra Westfall

COUNT OFFERING

Aug. 4 Bob Smith
Aug. 11 Linda Meisner
Aug; 18 Connie Ham
Aug. 25 Ted Propst

ACOLYTES & BIBLE-BEARER

Aug. 4
Aug. 11
Aug; 18 _____, _____, Ashlee Glaser
Aug. 25

BULLETIN DELIVERY - Pam Trimble

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Aug. 4 Finance Committee
Aug. 11 Women's Bible Study
Aug. 18 Fellowship Committee
Aug. 25 Choir

PREPARE AND SERVE COMMUNION AUGUST 4, 2019

Prepare: Rose Neblett, Jeff Rice

Serve: Connie Ham, Emi Reeves,
Jeff Rice, Tom Westfall

SOUND ROOM

Aug. 4 Justin Cranwell
Aug. 11 Max Jackson
Aug. 18 Dylan Cranwell
Aug. 25 Jeff Christenson

NO HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

FIRST RESPONSE

July 29-Aug. 3 Janet Foos
Aug. 4-10 Kim Jackson
Aug 11-17 Kathy Rice
Aug 18-24 Jomari Lechtman
Aug. 25-31 Jill Vollmer

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Fellowship Coffee follows Sunday worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (September—May)

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - All ages

RADIO MINISTRY

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. On KSTC (AM 1230)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday — Friday 8:30am-12noon & 1-4pm

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