Blessing of the Animals

Cats get blessed too!
Preaching Schedule . . .

August 4 - Mark Kenning

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

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Finance Info June, 2019

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

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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

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
Food need for August Canned Carrots

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
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.

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.

Marli Christenson with parents Brenda and Jeff on Senior Sunday.
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.
**DO SOMETHING SUPER WITH YOUR UNWANTED FURNITURE.**

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

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Donations Needed!

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.
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       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 Cuming
Aug. 25 Myra Westfall

ACOLYTES & BIBLE-BEARER
Aug. 4
Aug. 11
Aug. 18       ,       , Ashlee Glaser
Aug. 25

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE
Aug. 4  Finance Committee
Aug. 11 Women’s Bible Study
Aug. 18 Fellowship Committee
Aug. 25 Choir

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

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

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

BULLETIN DELIVERY - Pam Trimble

PREPARE AND SERVE COMMUNION
AUGUST 4, 2019

Prepare:  Rose Neblett, Jeff Rice

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

NO HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Serving schedules subject to change. Check the website for most up-to-date schedules.
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First Things First
News for the Church Family at First Presbyterian

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August

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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)

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