

APRIL

**1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

**5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!**



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| 1 | Richard Miller | 20 | Joan Forbes |
| 3 | Bob Michaels | 20 | Betty Hanson-Lehman |
| 3 | Marian Christianson | 21 | Cheryl Hiltz |
| 5 | Lynn Doran | 24 | Vera Weis |
| 10 | Gloria Aylesworth | 27 | Norma Feay |
| 19 | Ruth Andersen | | |

April Service Chair: Libby Underhill and Dianne Roholt

Duane & Mary Hayes	218-694-2290	Dianne Roholt	444-2859
Brenda Miller	766-3053	Joe Rossi	651-472-4841
Bob Naylor	444-7398	Judy Rossi	651-303-8393
Brenda Reed	751-2630		

Prayer Chain



We are available to all members who need a spiritual lift for themselves or for a loved one who is ill or just needs the prayers of his or her friends. Call the church office at 444-5016 or Libby Underhill at 444-9774.

Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please give the church a call and let us know. Because of the privacy laws now in place, pastors can no longer have access to files. We'll be glad to visit you. If you've been ill at home and would like to talk with a pastor, let us know that also. If you would like communion brought to you, let us know. If you'd like to talk over some personal issues or seek pastoral help, let us know. We invite you to communicate your needs to us and we'll do what we can to help. Call the office at 444-5016. During our time of transition, church officers are available to visit with you and assist in arranging pastoral care.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO REMEMBER



If you have items for the **Newsletter**, Please call or email the office by **Wednesday April 23rd for the May Newsletter.**

Bulletin items need to be into the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday you wish it to appear.

To avoid confusion, please send information for the bulletin and newsletter to the church office via email at presbji@paulbunyan.net. If you don't have email, call the office at 444-5016 or stop by the office during office hours, Monday—Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT—Month Ending February, 2018

Total Income	\$ 5,511.05
Total Expenses	\$ 8,761.61
Net Income	(\$ 3,250.56)
Memorial Fund	\$13,306.75
Endowment Fund	\$70,084.73

Communion Served—43

From the Church Office

Communion in March: Set-up: Joan Forbes, Vera Weis

Serving/helping with clean up: Mary Lou Miller, Vera Weis, Dixie Wirkus, Joe Forbes, Bill Beck

Communion in April: Set-up: Bob Weber, Nancy Weber

Serving/helping with clean up: Bob Weber, Gini Sande, LeRoy Hill, Brenda Miller, Joyce Ackerman

Head Usher: Donna Dickinson

	Ushers:	Greeter	Liturgists:
April 1	Donna Dickinson		
April 8		Dixie Wirkus	Dianne Roholt
April 15	Dixie Wirkus	Ruth Andersen	
April 22		Gini Sande	Ruth Andersen
April 29			
April			



Supper Club
@ Fozzie's Smokin' Bar BQ



Supper Club will be meeting at Fozzie's Smokin' Bar BQ, 114 3rd St, Bemidji at 5:30.

Please sign up at the church office: by email; presbji@paulbunyan.net —or— by phone; 444-5016, on or before Wednesday, March 14th

This is an evening full of joy, laughter and good food.

All are welcome!

One Great Hour of Sharing

presbyterianmission.org/oghs

Our 4th Sunday benevolence for April will be One Great Hour of Sharing. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. One Great Hour of Sharing, received during the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters
Receives 32% of funds raised

Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)

Takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed
Receives 36% of funds raised

Self-Development of People (SDOP)

Invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills
Receives 32% of funds raised

Look for the fish banks in the back of the sanctuary for a fun way to support this mission. The bank would be a great place for all that loose change you might have. You



can even color your fish! Please bring all banks to the church by Sunday, April 29th.

Presbyterian History Notes

According to the Presbyterian Church USA website, "Presbyterianism in a wide sense is the system of church government by representative assemblies called presbyteries, in opposition to government by bishops (episcopal system), or by congregations (congregationalism). In its strict sense, Presbyterianism is the name given to one of the groups of ecclesiastical bodies that represent the features of Protestantism emphasized by French lawyer John Calvin (1509-1564), whose writings crystallized much of the Reformed thinking that came before him. The most important standards of orthodox Presbyterianism are the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms of 1647. The chief distinctive features set forth in the Westminster declarations of belief are Presbyterian church government, Calvinistic theology, and the absence of prescribed forms of worship. Presbyter-

ians trace their history to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation." (www.history.pcusa.org)

Presbyterianism in America began early with the immigration of Reformed immigrants, many from Scotland and Ireland. Some Jamestown colonists were from the Presbyterian Church of England. A number of the immigrating Puritans, including some on the Mayflower in 1620, were Presbyterians. As early as 1630, Presbyterian congregations were founded. In 1706, the first Presbytery in the New World was established in Philadelphia. (www.history.pcusa.org)

Famous Presbyterians include Ronald Reagan, Abraham Lincoln, Mark Twain, Shirley Temple, Dwight Eisenhower, Sally Ride, Andrew Jackson, Woodrow Wilson, James K. Polk, Neil Armstrong, Fred Rogers, and William Faulkner.

Let There Be (LED) Light!



First Presbyterian is getting brighter by the day! A combination of need - difficulty finding and then getting rid of fluorescent bulbs, leaking ballast, yellowed light tones - and an energy rebate prompted Session to approve the replacement of 193 lights with LED. The new lighting is energy efficient, cool, long lasting and bright. The cost savings in electricity will be in the hundred\$ per month!

Your church leaders at work for you

First Presbyterian Church

Bemidji, MN

March 19, 2018

The monthly stated meeting of the session of First Presbyterian Church was held in the church conference room on March 19, 2018 at 1:00 pm. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Arlin Talley.

ELDERS PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM: Duane Hayes, Bill Beck, Donna Dickinson

ELDERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Leroy Hill, Bob Weber, Cheryl Hiltz

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk of Session Mary Hayes

QUORUM DECLARED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES The minutes from the February meeting were **accepted**.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A request for transfer to Blackduck Presbyterian Church by Bob and Pat Matheny was acknowledged. The Food Shelf sent a correction that showed First Presbyterian 2017 contributions to be \$1218.00.

CLERK'S REPORT was **accepted**.

First Presbyterian Church, Bemidji, MN, Clerk's Report, March 19, 2018

Weddings: none

Baptisms: none

Deaths: Marge Shofner, November, 2017 (previously unreported)

New Members: none

Return to Active Membership: none

Request Transfer of Membership: none

To Inactive Roll: none

Removed from Membership Roll: none

Communion: March 4 43 served. Duane Geisler officiating. Serving: Mary Lou Miller, Vera Weis, Dixie

Wirkus, Joe Forbes, Bill Beck

Membership as of February 13, 2017: 112

FINANCIAL REPORT was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration/Worship

Recommendation to session to proceed toward accepting a proposal for pastoral leadership from Chip Holt. Discussion of a proposal draft took place. Pastor Talley will type and distribute it to session members and Chip Holt. Work will continue on this with Pastor Talley, Chip and the Commission on Ministry.

Supper Club met March. 16 at 5:30.

Outreach No meeting

OTHER BUISNESS

An informal discussion session was held on February 28, 2018 with session members, Rick Weinart and Chip Holt . The purpose was to discuss ideas on how to grow the church and broaden its influence in the community. The record of the meeting will become the basis for future work to define the mission of First Presbyterian and focus on reaching out to the community.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 2, 1:00 pm at church with Rev. Arlin Talley moderating.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 2:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hayes, Clerk of Session

Session Working Toward Leadership Services Agreement

Members of session are working with Chip Holt, Pastor Arlin Talley, and the Commission on Ministry to come to an agreement for Chip to provide First Presbyterian with leadership services as a Commissioned Ruling Elder. The services would include leading worship, being a moderator of session, pastoral care of members, attending Presbytery meetings, and providing leadership for defining the mission of First Prebyterian and reaching the larger community. Session is very hopeful that a working agreement can be reached. In the meantime, pulpit supply will continue to be provided as set up for 2018.

Sundays
 10:00 Worship Service
 11:00 Fellowship

April 2018



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1 EASTER  Communion Duane Geisler preaching	2 5:00 pm Bell Choir 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	3	4 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	5	6	7
8 Chip Holt Preaching	9 5:00 pm Bell Choir 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	10 1:00 Session Meeting	11 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	12	13	14
15 Chip Holt preaching	16 Meals on Wheels 5:00 pm Bell Choir 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	17 Meals on Wheels	18 Meals on Wheels 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	19 Meals on Wheels	20 Meals on Wheels Supper Club @ Fozzie's 5:30 pm	21
22 Tony Peffer Preaching	23 5:00 pm Bell Choir 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	24	25 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	26	27	28
29 Rick Weinert Preaching	30 5:00 pm Bell Choir 6:00 pm Boy Scouts					