

First Church News

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June

New Sky Pilot to be Commissioned at First Presbyterian Church Bemidji

In 1896, First Presbyterian Church made history becoming the first established church in Bemidji under the leadership of the Reverend Joseph Zoll. Three years later, the famed Sky Pilot, Reverend Frank Higgins, followed Rev. Zoll. The original wood church structure burned in 1928 and was replaced later that year by the current brick structure. On June 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., one hundred twenty two years after Reverend Higgins installation, First Presbyterian will commission another Sky Pilot, Henry Chipö H. Holt, as our new lay pastor.

The term *ösky pilotö* is a term sometimes used to describe the clergy or chaplains, particularly in military circles and during the early frontier. Chip is truly a Sky Pilot. He is a retired aviation professional pilot and has just entered his 55th year of flying. He served 22 years in the USAF as a fighter pilot, flew as a commercial airline pilot at USAirways for 15 years, and concluded his active flying career as a corporate/charter pilot. He was a military fighter pilot instructor for nearly all his USAF career and still maintains his ratings as a certified flight instructor with the FAA. Between flying jobs, he explored the field of program management with Honeywell Aerospace.

Chipö's faith journey is equally interesting, diverse and ecumenical. He was born and raised Lutheran, but did *ötours of dutyö* with many denominations as a result of his frequent moves. He has served in Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Independent, Evangelical Covenant, and Lutheran churches. His longest *ötourö* was 23 years as a Presbyterian. Additionally, he has had association with Assemblies of God and Pentecostal/Charismatic churches. Six years ago became an Oblate of St. Benedict and is formally affiliated with Assumption Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Richardton, ND. While living in the Twin Cities, he became part of the Promise Keeperö Menö Ministry as part of the servant-leadership team. Promise Keepers helps men become better husbands, dads, and strives to bring ethics to the workplace. Chip has interest in the history of the church, a deep belief in Christ, and an understanding of grace that goes beyond denominational differences. He frequently draws upon his many experiences in life and with other denominations to help convey the message of Christ.

Formal training for ministry came in the form of a two year lay ministry program and included a course at Luther Seminary. He attends continuing education classes in

New Sky Pilot continued

Fargo/Moorhead and participates in numerous bible text studies locally. Chip has provided pulpit supply preaching at local churches, especially at First Presbyterian in Bemidji for the past two years. For the past 5 years, Chip has been the lead facilitator in the local area providing two ministries: GriefShare (people experiencing the loss of a loved one) and DivorceCare (people experiencing the pain of separation or divorce). Over two hundred people have been impacted by these caring ministries. Chip openly shares how his faith brought him through his own peaks and valleys of life.

The members of First Presbyterian Church of Bemidji have been blessed over the past eighteen months by an inspirational group of pulpit supply pastors who have led worship, provided wise counsel and shared God's love. Chip has been one of our pulpit supply pastors and the members of First Presbyterian Church welcome him to our leadership team and hope everyone in Bemidji will join us for his installation and the start of our new journey. Chip is an excellent fit for our church as we are "Learning from the Past; Confidently moving forward to the Future" with Christ's grace.

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.



- 10 Barb McGregor
- 12 Vicky MacKinnon
- 17 Mary Lou Miller
- 27 Darrel Bahr
- 30 Bob Matheny



June Service Chair: Vera Weiss

Jon and Suzy Langhout	766-4043	Arlene Lee	586-2857
Barb McGregor	751-1781	Jenny Miller	444-9647
Gini Sande	751-1260	Brenda Strowbridge	444-7609

From the Church Office

FINANCIAL REPORT—Month Ending April 30, 2018	
Total Income	\$18,667.16
Total Expenses	22,259.06
Net Income	(3,591.90)
Memorial Fund	13,314.54
Endowment Fund	67,407.11
Communion Served—46	

Communion in May:

Set-up: Bob and Nancy Weber

Serving/helping with clean up: Joan Forbes, Gloria Phelps, Libby Underhill, Barb McGregor, Joe Forbes

Communion in June:

Set-up: Bob and Nancy Weber

Serving/helping with clean up: Duane Hayes, Mary Hayes, Bob Weber, Mary Lou Miller, Cheryl Hiltz

Head Usher:

	Ushers:	Greeter	Liturgists:
June 3			Bob Weber
June 10	Gloria Aylesworth		
June 17	Dixie Wirkus	Gini Sande	
June 24		Dixie Wirkus	



CHANGE OF DATE

**Supper Club @ The Eagles Club
5:30
June 22ND**

Supper Club will be meeting Friday June 22, at 5:30. Please sign up at the church of-
fice: by email; presbji@paulbunyan.net –or– by phone; 444-5016, on or before
Wednesday, June 13.

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

All are welcome!

From the Church Office

IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

If you have items for the **Newsletter**, Please call or email the office by **Tuesday, June 26th for the July 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.

The office will have summer hours beginning the week of June 3rd. Monday through Thursday, 10:00am—2:00pm.

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.

The **Bell Choir** has discontinued for the summer and will resume again in the fall. A huge thank you to all the members of the Bell Choir who performed for our enjoyment.



Work in Progress

I'm under construction.

I'm not finished yet.

But since God is my builder,

I'd be willing to bet

He can make something good of me

In spite of my flaws.

I may never be perfect

But I'll be better than I was.

Written by
David Berg

brother-in-law
of
Linnea
Mostad

June Benevolence Boy Scout Troop 25

Boy Scout Troop 25 has been steadily growing in recent years, and we are very grateful for all the support from the church. This spring, 2 Scouts turned 18 and "aged out," and 6 new Scouts joined, so we are now up to 32 Scouts in the Troop, which is the largest it has been in many years. We meet at 7:00 pm each Monday all year. During the school year, we meet here in the church basement. During the summer, most of our meetings are outdoors. This summer, we will be concentrating on canoeing, so we will be at a lake every Monday evening.

We continue to camp out every month all year long. This last winter, we camped out near Duluth, north of Bemidji at Buena Vista Ski area, south at Shingobee (which is near Walker), and we were at Camp Wilderness in April. In May, we will join several other Troops at a camporee near Cass Lake. In June, we will be backpacking near Grand Rapids. In July, we will be at Camp Wilderness for a week-long summer camp. In August, we will be taking a trip to the Boundary Waters.

We do a few service projects each year. We are helping out at Fishing Tournaments this spring, and we helped clean up the Audubon property south of Bemidji in May.

We continue to have lots of Scouts making great achievements in their advancement, earning their ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. We have a Scout (Zachary King) receiving his Eagle award on June 23, here at the church.

We are lucky to have strong adult support. Lane Young is the Troop Committee chair, Greg Roberts is the Scoutmaster, Paul Parthun and Warren Schulze are the Assistant Scoutmasters, and Barb Nyberg is the treasurer. Also on the Troop committee are Stacy Ness, Brian Johnson, Paul Conklin, Don Pearson, and Ken Roff.

With our program, our youth are growing up to be responsible, capable, and resourceful adults, and they are having great fun while they do that. We are excited about the Scouting program, and we are, again, so, so appreciative of the wonderful support we have from this congregation. Thank you so much! -- Greg Roberts, Scoutmaster

First Presbyterian Church

Bemidji, Minnesota

April 29, 2018

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Bemidji, Minnesota held a special called meeting of the congregation on April 29, 2018 during the service of morning worship.

The moderator was the Reverend Arlin Talley.

The purpose of the meeting was to accept Henry H. (Chip) Holt into membership of First Presbyterian Church, Bemidji. The congregation of the church was then to act on the recommendation of the session to nominate and elect Henry H. (Chip) Holt to the ordered ministry of ruling elder, and to serve as lay pastor with specific authorization as determined by presbytery, such as moderating the session, administering the sacraments, and officiating for marriages. His installation and ordination as elder was to follow immediately.

Notice of the meeting was given by oral announcement, Sunday bulletin, and newsletter.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Talley.

A quorum was declared with 30 members present.

The question was called for the congregation to act on the recommendation of the session; the response was a unanimous yes. Henry H. (Chip) Holt was accepted into membership, elected as ruling elder and accepted to serve as lay pastor. He will be attending the May meeting of the Presbytery of Northern Waters for the presbytery's final approval.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria A. Phelps

Clerk Pro-Tem

First Presbyterian Church

Bemidji, MN

May 15, 2018

The monthly stated meeting of the session of First Presbyterian Church was held in the church conference room on May 15, 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, Bob Weber, Leroy Hill, Chip Holt

ELDERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Cheryl Hiltz

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk of Session Mary Hayes, Joe Forbes

QUORUM DECLARED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES The minutes from the April session meeting were **accepted**. The minutes from the April 29 Special Meeting of the Congregation were **approved as corrected**: change 'elected' to 'accepted' [to serve as lay pastor].

CORRESPONDENCE:

Presbytery minutes from the May 3 meeting are posted by the office.

CLERK'S REPORT was **accepted**.

First Presbyterian Church, Bemidji, MN, Clerk's Report May 15, 2018

Weddings: none

Baptisms: none

Deaths: Charles “Charlie” Noren July 16, 1924 – April 20, 2018. Funeral on April 27 at First Presbyterian, Pastor Mike Naylor Officiant. Burial at Greenwood Cemetery.

New Members: Henry “Chip” Holt

Return to Active Membership: none

Request Transfer of Membership: None

Removed from Membership Roll: none

Communion: May 3 Served: 46 Set Up Communion: Bob & Nancy Weber Servers: Joan & Joe Forbes, Gloria Phelps, Libby Underhill, Barb McGregor

Membership as of May 15, 2018: 110

FINANCIAL REPORT The financial report was **accepted** as printed. Signatores on church accounts have been updated to: Joan Forbes Account # 4029142; Bob Weber Account # 4018494 & # 8005738; Duane Hayes Account # 8095127 & # 4018494 & 8005738; Donna Dickinson Account # 8095127 & # 4018494 & 8005738

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration/Worship

Shirlee requested a four day work week Mon-Thurs. for summer was passed. **Approved.**

Boy Scouts requested use of the lower west room in the CE building on an ongoing basis.(old rummage sale storeroom). **Approved.**

Linnea Mostad and the food shelf director would like to discuss the 501C3 status of the food shelf with a Session subcommittee. **Approved.** Subcommittee members will be Chip Holt, Cheryl Hiltz and any other session member who wishes to participate.

Outreach . First Presbyterian served Meals on Wheels April 16-20 and Community Food Shelf on April 25.

OTHER BUISNESS

Joe Forbes requested the use of the church kitchen and fellowship hall for a pancake breakfast by the Legion40/8 which is a fundraiser for financial support for nursing students. It is held on the same Sunday as the Bemidji 4th of July parade, starting at 10:00 am. **Approved.**

Chip officially begins as pastor on June 1 at which time he becomes the official moderator of session. Chip’s installation will take place during the June 3 worship service. Pastor Arlin Talley, Retired, will participate. Another special service with Presbytery members participating will likely take place at a later date. He will be recognized at the October, 2018 meeting of Presbytery.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 1:00 pm at church with Pastor Chip Holt, CRE moderating. The meeting was closed with prayer at 1:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hayes, Clerk of Session

Sundays
 10:00 Worship Service
 11:00 Fellowship

June 2018



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3 Chip Holt Preaching w/Communion	4 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	5	6 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	7	8	9
10 Chip Holt preaching	11 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	12 1:00 Session Meeting	13 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	14	15	16
17 Chip Holt 	18 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	19	20 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	21	22 <u>NOTICE</u> <u>CHANGE OF</u> <u>DATE</u> 5:30 Supper Club @ The Eagles	23 Eagle Scout Presentation 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
24 Rick Weinert Preaching Boy Scouts participation	25 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	26	27 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	28	29	30