

First Church News

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OCTOBER 2017

In October our thoughts naturally turn to cool, colorful days and the first faint inklings that the year is ending. A vague feeling that Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner invades our minds.



Jesus said: "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but
will have the light of life."
John 8:12

FINANCIAL REPORT—Month Ending , 2017

Total Income	\$ 6,291.57
Total Expenses	\$23,121/57
Memorial Fund	\$ 9,292.46
Money Market	\$89,826.38
Communion Served September 3, 2017 - 42	

From the Worship Committee

Communion set-up: Vera Weis

Serving Communion in October: Mary Hayes, Duane Hayes, Brenda Miller, Dixie Wirkus, Linnea Mostad

Head Usher: Gloria Phelps

	Ushers:	Greeter	Liturgists:
October 1:	Dixie Wirkus	Cheryl Hiltz	
October 8:		Gini Sande	Diane Roholt
October 15:		Dixie Wirkus	
October 22:		Arlene Lee	Ruth Andersen
October 29:	Boy Scouts	Boy Scouts	



Our 4th Sunday Benevolence For October

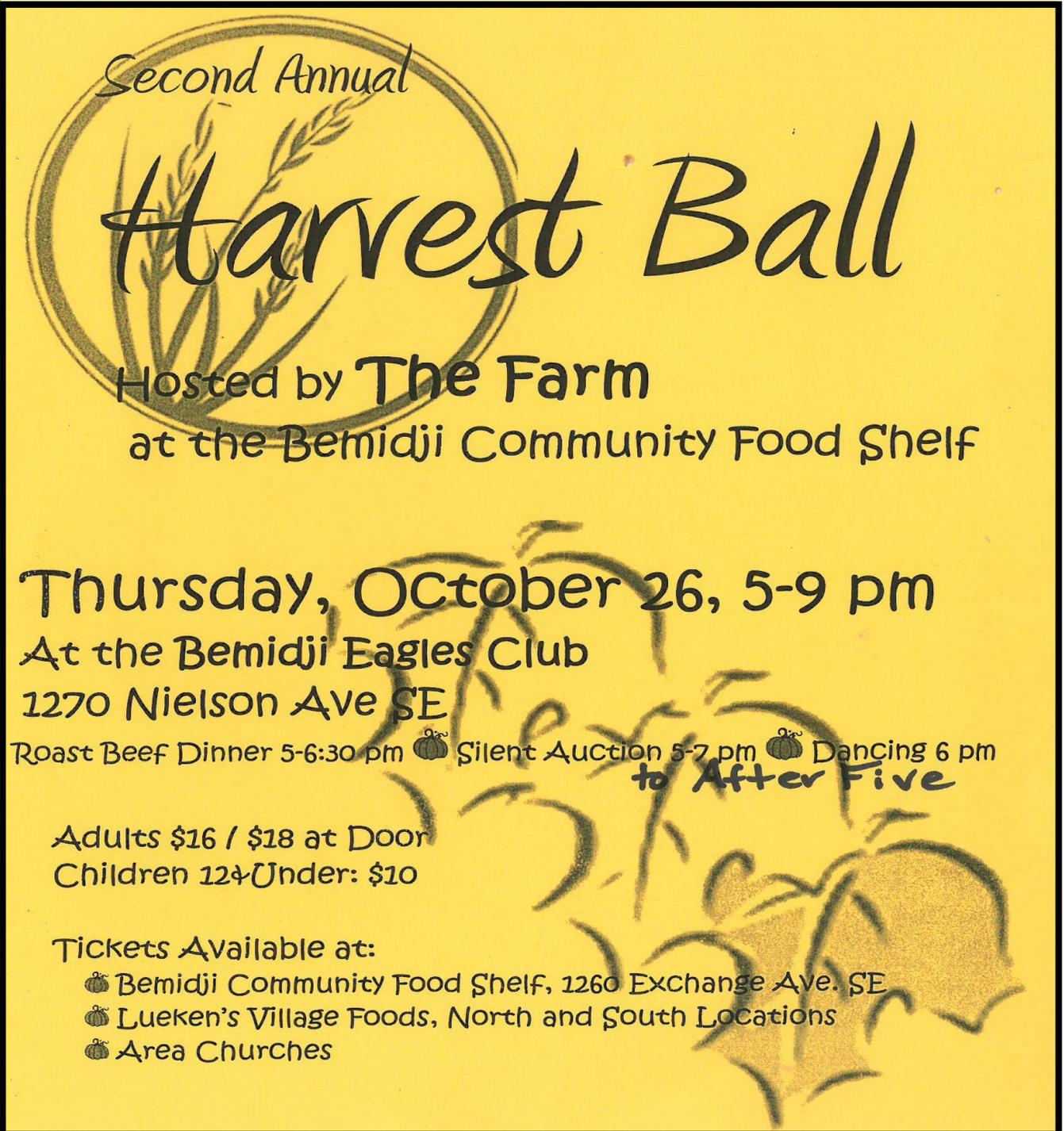


The Wolfe Center, an overnight shelter for chronic inebriates. It is accepting donations for the 2017-2018 winter season which begins October 1st. The shelter is in need of the following items: hats, gloves, mittens, socks and coats; personal toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste, as well as boxed granola bars and hard candies. We will have a tub in the Fellowship Hall designated for donations to The Wolfe. Financial donations are also welcome. Checks can be made to Nameless Coalition for the Home-less, PO Box 353, Bemidji, MN 56619.

Thank you for your generosity.

News from the Food Shelf:

Thank you to all of the volunteers that served so willingly and reliably all summer. I appreciate your immeasurable dedication to this fine endeavor.



Second Annual

Harvest Ball

Hosted by **The Farm**
at the Bemidji Community Food Shelf

Thursday, October 26, 5-9 pm
At the Bemidji Eagles Club
1270 Nielson Ave SE

Roast Beef Dinner 5-6:30 pm 🍂 Silent Auction 5-7 pm 🍂 Dancing 6 pm
to **After Five**

Adults \$16 / \$18 at Door
Children 12 & Under: \$10

Tickets Available at:

- 🍂 Bemidji Community Food Shelf, 1260 Exchange Ave. SE
- 🍂 Lueken's Village Foods, North and South Locations
- 🍂 Area Churches

Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, October 18th at 1:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.



**Supper Club at
Turtle River Chop House**

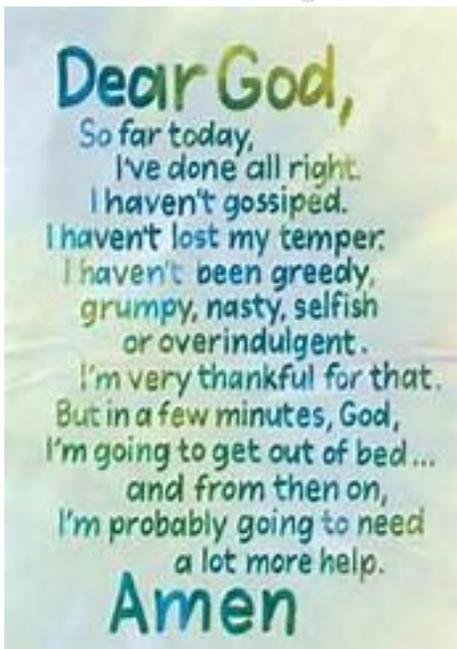
Supper Club will be meeting at the Chop House in Turtle River on Friday, October 20th at 6:00 pm. 468 Bemidji Rd NW, Bemidji, MN 56601 **Phone:** (218) 586-5827

Please sign up at the church office:
by email; presbji@paulbunyan.net –or– by phone; 444-5016, on or before Wednesday, October 18th.

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

All are welcome!

Light hearted humor



A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

The following are actual church bulletin board bloopers found in churches across the United States.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
Evening massage - 6 p.m.
The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.
Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.

**Prayer is the
key to Heaven, but
Faith
unlocks the door**

öMy memory is gone Mildred, so I changed my password to öIncorrect.ö That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell meí öYour password is incorrect.ö
Q. What did the football coach say to the broken vending machine?
A. öGive me my quarterback!ö



I have been immeasurably blessed to play at First Presbyterian Church since 2002. You've blessed me. God has blessed me. I have enjoyed you. I have enjoyed playing the organ and piano here. Thank you for the opportunity.

Several changes are occurring in my life right now. Firstly, my home church in Bagley has called a new pastor, the son of the pastor who confirmed me. David and I would like to partner in the ministry there in Bagley. Secondly, my brother is retiring from his ministry in Fosston next June. I would like to partner with him several times this year before he leaves. Thirdly, I am cutting back on my travels. There have been so many bad roads on Sundays the past couple years!

I present this letter to inform you of my decision to resign as organist effective October 29, 2017.

I thank God for you. God bless you all.

**Sincerely,
Muff Magelssen**



First Presbyterian Church

**Bemidji, MN
September 12, 2017**

The monthly stated **meeting of the session** of First Presbyterian Church was held in the church conference room on August 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Arlin Talley.

**ELDERS PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM: Jan Gross, Duane Hayes, Bill Beck, Bob Weber,
ELDERS ABSENT: Leroy Hill**

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk of Session Mary Hayes

QUORUM DECLARED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the August 8th, 15th and 20th meetings were accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CLERK'S REPORT was accepted.

Weddings: none

Baptisms: none

Deaths: none

New Members: none

Return to Active Membership: none

Request Transfer of Membership: none

To Inactive Membership Roll: none

Communion: Sept. 3 ó 42 served. Serving: Cheryl Hiltz, Coleen Wiltse, Joe & Joan Forbes, Donna Dickinson

Membership as of August 8, 2017: 119

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial Report was distributed. Weekly giving is down. Rev. Talley will send a packet for financial planning. It will be discussed at the October session meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration No meeting

Christian Education/Nurture Supper Club date is October 20.

Outreach Activity has been with food shelf and Meals on Wheels.

Worship Needs for upcoming worship services were presented. As of today, there are no longer any members on this committee.

Nominating Committee A congregational meeting will need to be called to hold an election to fill the session position vacated by the resignation of Gloria Phelps (Class of 2019)

The name of Donna Dickinson will be on the ballot, along with any nominations from the floor. A date has not yet been set due to the need of a moderator.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Coleen Wiltse will be removed from church membership at her own request.

October 29 potluck requested by KFC was approved.

October 29 will be the date for all paint and floor volunteers to be recognized and an open house for scout helpers and families to be hosted by Bob Weber.

A sign-up sheet for volunteers to do snow shoveling will be posted.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 17, Tuesday, 1:00 at church with Rev. Talley moderating.

November 12, Sunday, 8:30 am at church with Rev. Talley moderating then filing the pulpit at worship.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hayes, Clerk of Session

Sundays
 10:00 Worship Service
 11:00 Fellowship

October 2017



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1 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	11 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	12	13	14
15 Dave Simmons preaching	16 5:00 pm Bell Choir 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	17 1:00 p.m. Session Mtg	18 1:30 p.m. Mary-Martha Circle Meeting 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	19	20 6:00 p.m. Supper Club at The Chop House in Turtle River	21
22 Chip Holt 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	31				