

September

“Help Me Remember”

God, help me to remember that these hands are really your hands.

May I use them faithfully to touch others with your love.

God, help me to remember that these eyes are truly your eyes.

May I use them faithfully to look upon others with acceptance, forgiveness.

To see you in all I see.

God, help me to remember that these ears are truly your ears.

May I use them faithfully to listen to your word, and hear your voice in all those who speak to me.

To understand the misunderstood.

God, help me to remember that this mouth is truly your mouth.

May I use it faithfully to praise you and give you glory and thanks.

To share your words with all who hear.

God, help me to remember that this body is truly your body.

May I use it faithfully and nourish it with your body and blood.

God, help me to remember that these feet are truly your feet.

May I use them faithfully to follow your path and walk with all who need you.

God, help me to remember that these knees are truly your knees.

May I use them faithfully to kneel before you and ask your forgiveness and mercy.

AMEN!!!

FINANCIAL REPORT—Month Ending July 31, 2017

Total Income	\$5,090.41
Total Expenses	\$9,345.23
Memorial Fund	\$8,605.90
Money Market	\$255,088.41
Communion Served August 6, 2017 - 42	

From the Worship Committee

Communion set-up: Bob & Nancy Weber

Serving Communion in September: Coleen Wiltse, Joe Forbes, Joan Forbes, Kathy Bahr, Donna Dickinson

Head Usher: Gloria Phelps

	Ushers:	Greeter	Liturgists:
September 3	Joe Rossi/Judy Rossi	Gini Sande	Bill Beck
September 10:	Gloria Aylesworth/Dixie Wirkus	Brenda Miller	Dianne Roholt
September 17:	Gloria Aylesworth		
September 24:	Gloria Aylesworth	Arlene Lee	Ruth Andersen

The **Run/Walk/Skate for Suicide Prevention** is scheduled on September 9th at the Sanford Event Center. There is the opportunity to reach over 500 community members on the topic of Suicide Prevention. Details can be found on the webpage at bemidjirunwalkskate.org. There is also a free, quieter event the night before for those who have lost a love one to suicide. It is called "Gathering of Hearts" and will be held at the Rotary Pavilion at the Bemidji waterfront. This is meant to be a place of support and healing.

Check out the flyers on the bulletin board



Bell Choir practice will resume on Monday, September 11th, at 5pm in the choir room of the church. We will once again join forces with members from Calvary Lutheran Church for a combined choir. Anyone who is interested in playing handbells is welcome to join. Please contact Libby (444-9774) if you have questions.

Benevolence for September



serving up smiles

What is Meals on Wheels?

The Meals on Wheels service delivers hot meals to seniors in their homes or in community centers across the United States. The organization consists of more than 5,000 independent local programs, and more than 2 million people volunteered through Meals on Wheels as of April 2015

Donors and the Older Americans Act provide funding for Meals on Wheels. The organization also asks recipients to pay for meals if they are able, although payment is not required. In addition to providing food for individuals who can't leave home, Meals on Wheels notes that its delivery service provides a valuable safety check for seniors who live alone.

How does Meals on Wheels determine eligibility?

Meals on Wheels determines eligibility on an individual basis, with priority given to individuals who are at least 60 years old and have a health condition that prevents them from shopping for or preparing their own meals. Younger persons with qualifying conditions are accepted as well.

Meals on Wheels programs are in place in nearly every city in the United States. The organization provides not only meals, but also companionship, transportation, pet food deliveries and home repairs to many eligible participants. However, in areas where many seniors live in poverty and isolation, waiting lists for service are often long. According to 2012 data, 9.3 million Americans over the age of 60 struggle with hunger, 14.8 million are living alone, and 17.6 million have trouble paying for their basic needs.



If there is anyone interested in serving on the **Worship Committee**, Please call Jan Gross at 368-1043.

We invite anyone who is interested in attending the **Session Meeting** to do so. The next session meeting is Tuesday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m.

**Supper Club at Ruttgers Resort
Friday August 18, 2017.**



Supper Club will be meeting at Keg & Cork on Friday, September 15th at 6:00 pm. Please sign up at the church office by email; presbji@paulbunyan.net –or– by phone; 444-5016, on or before Wednesday, September 13th.

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

All are welcome!

**First Presbyterian Church ,
Bemidji**

August 8, 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, Leroy Hill

ELDERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk of Session Mary Hayes, Donna Dickinson

QUORUM DECLARED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting were accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Pastor Talley received a request for prayers for Renee Van Dyke, the commissioned ruling elder at Keewatin who is having major surgery.

CLERK'S REPORT was accepted.

Weddings: none

Baptisms: none

Deaths: none

New Members: none

Return to Active Membership: none

Request Transfer of Membership

To Inactive Membership Roll: : none

Communion: July 16 – 42 served. Serving: Leroy Hill, Bill Beck, Duane Hayes, Jan Gross, Mary Hayes

Membership as of August 8, 2017: 119

FINANCIAL REPORT: No financial report was ready. Memorial fund balance is unchanged. The Endowment Fund is down about \$5000, and another \$20,000 is in the process of being transferred out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration

Recommendation to session to not replace curtain in choir room. Accepted.

Recommendation to session to have rolled carpet, not squares, in choir and youth rooms. Accepted.

Recommendation to session Of the \$170,000 in CD's due, invest \$70,000 in First National Bank of Bemidji's money market. Accepted. The other \$100,000 will be invested after further research.

Christian Education/Nurture Supper Club will be Friday, 6:00 p.m. August 18 at Ruttger's Resort.

Outreach Activity has been with community table and food shelf.

Worship Members for the committee are being sought. Worshipping in the fellowship hall will continue with the focus on bringing the body of worshippers together and be blessed in the process. Open sanctuary time will be set up.

Nominating Committee No names have been brought forward.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Perspective from Rev. Talley:

Pastor Talley retold of the story of Jacob with an emphasis on his struggle, wrestling with the Lord, and being transformed. He reassured session that we all have struggles and the Lord is with us as we go.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 12, Tuesday, 1:00 at church with Rev. Talley moderating.

October TBA

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 2:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hayes,

Clerk of Session

First Presbyterian Church

Bemidji, MN

August 15, 2017

An unofficial meeting of the session of First Presbyterian Church was held in the church conference room on August 15, 2017 at 12:00 PM. No moderator was present.

ELDERS PRESENT: Jan Gross, Duane Hayes, Bill Beck, Bob Weber, Leroy Hill

ELDERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk of Session Mary Hayes, Donna Dickinson

The financial balance sheet of July 31 was distributed.

Discussion focused on the results and hopes related to worshipping in the fellowship hall. Pastor Arlin Talley was contacted by phone. He will worship with us Sunday, August 20. Following worship and fellowship he will be available for a question and answer time with the congregation regarding any concerns, including worshipping in the fellowship hall and when we might be ready to call a pastor.

A notice of this will be sent to the congregation via the same route as the monthly newsletter. After the Q&A, Pastor Talley will be available to meet informally with session if it is felt necessary.

Closed with prayer at 1:55.

First Presbyterian Church

Bemidji, MN

August 20, 2017

An unofficial meeting of the session of First Presbyterian Church was held in the church conference room on August 20, 2017 at 12:10 PM. Pastor Arlin Talley was present.

ELDERS PRESENT: Jan Gross, Duane Hayes, Bob Weber, Leroy Hill

ELDERS ABSENT: Bill Beck

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk of Session Mary Hayes

Discussion focused on worship in the fellowship hall. The consensus was that the experiment to bring the congregation closer and feel a joyful connection to one another is finished. Worship will return to the sanctuary.

Pastor Talley will send a letter to the congregation notifying them of this. It will be distributed by the same method as the monthly newsletter.

Meeting closed with prayer at 1:05.

Sundays
 10:00 Worship Service
 11:00 Fellowship

September 2017



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

					1 Meals on Wheels	2
3 Communion Duane Geisler Preaching	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5	6 6:30-Calvary Chapel	7	8	9
10 Chip Holt preaching	11 5:00-Bell Choir 6:00-Boy Scouts	12 1:00 p.m. Session Mtg	13 6:30-Calvary Chapel	14	15 6:00 p.m. Supper Club Keg & Cork	16
17 Dave Simmons preaching	18 5:00-Bell Choir 6:00-Boy Scouts	19	20 6:30-Calvary Chapel	21	22	23
24 Rick Weinert preaching	25 5:00-Bell Choir 6:00-Boy Scouts	26	27 Food Shelf 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg 6:30-Calvary Chapel	28	29	30