

First Church News

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Chip's Chatter

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It has been said the only constant in life is change. Change affects different people in different ways. Change can be a joyous occasion and it can be a reason for sadness. Change may come quickly or it can be prolonged over a long period of time.

I was recently visiting with another pastor about changes that occurred when we were much younger. I shared with him I had moved from Grand Forks to Bloomington, MN the summer between my Junior and Senior year of High School. He then told me he had experienced the same thing, at the same time in his life. He asked me how did I handle it. Well, I told him I was excited about it and looked at the move as a great adventure. By this time in life, my only sibling was married and on his own. That left my mother, father, and me to make this transition. For this other pastor, his move was a disaster ending up with some sad feelings.

All too often, we get our emotions all wrapped up with change. We immediately start to focus on the negative impact the change may have on our lives. Taking this approach tends to block out any positive that may be contained within the change. We start to make excuses which might even amount to not accepting or doing the things that must change. Sometimes, through introspection and prayer, we realize a need to change something in our lives. Again, it may lead to a joyous experience, or it can amount to some struggle before the change to a better life is complete.

I often quote a man named Zig Ziglar during funerals as families are facing a tremendous change in their lives. I discovered Zig Ziglar when viewing some DVDs as part of a ministry in which I was working. Ziglar was providing his testimony following the death of his own daughter at a young age. Even in the midst of that dramatic change, he found tremendous peace and used the experience to witness to people. I found this article on the internet about Zig Ziglar and include it here. He provides us with some extraordinary advice.

"Zig Ziglar died today at age 86. A World War II veteran, Zig Ziglar became the top sales person in several organizations before striking out on his own as a motivational speaker and trainer. With a Southern charm and lessons grounded in Christianity, Ziglar wrote over two dozen books and amassed a following of millions who were encouraged by his lessons for success.

Below are 10 quotes from Zig Ziglar that have the power to completely change the direction of one's life.

10) "Remember that failure is an event, not a person."

9) "You will get all you want in life, if you help enough people get what they want."

8) "People often say motivation doesn't last, Neither does bathing--that's why we recommend it daily."

7) "There has never been a statue erected to honor a critic."

6) "People don't buy for logical reasons. They buy for emotional reasons."

5) " Expect the best. Prepare for the worst. Capitalize on what comes."

4) "If you go looking for a friend, you're going to find they're scarce. If you go out to be a friend, you'll find them everywhere."

3) "A goal properly set is halfway reached."

2) "your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude."

1) "If you can dream it, you can achieve it."

When change comes along in our lives, as it most certainly will, maybe it is best to focus on the positive part of the change. Then, embrace it and be at peace. Remember, change can also become a great adventure.

Chip

Mark Your Calendars

The next Table Fellowship will be July 7th. The church will provide a main entrée such as sloppy joes.

Please bring a dish to accompany the sloppy joes.

Financial Report ---Month Ending 5/31/2024

Monthly requirement to meet our budget \$10705.00

Total Income	10820.46
Total Expenses	9337.78
Net Income	1482.68

Thank you for supporting our church

Sunday Worship Attendance

June 2	32	June 23	27
June 9	24	June 30	
June 16	27		

July Birthdays

6 Jan Burger
18 Ray Hamblin
27 Linnea Mostad

Head Usher: Gloria Phelps

Liturgist

Greeter

July 7 Linda Wagner

Linnea Mostad

July 14 Libby Underhill

Gini Sande

July 21 Mary Hayes

Barb McGregor

July 28 Donna Enfield

Kenny Paulson

Communion: Nancy Weber --Set Up Serve Brenda Miller

Kitchen : Libby Underhill with helpers: Gloria Phelps, Dianne Roholt, and Gini Sande

4th Sunday Benevolence for July is Bemidji Caregivers.

We are trying to upgrade our Shepherding List.

When someone from; our congregaation is hospitalized, the hospital does not let us know, so it is up to you to let the office know for visitations.

Also, when you move, we need the new address for you as we keep cards for all our members.

The same goes for new phone numbers

**First Presbyterian Church
Bemidji, MN
May 14, 2024**

APPROVED: 6-18-24

The monthly stated meeting of the session of First Presbyterian Church was held in the Conference Room on May 14, 2024, at 1:00 pm. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator, Pastor Chip Holt.

ELDERS PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM: Cheryl Hiltz, Linnea Mostad, Terri Murray, and Libby Underhill.

QUORUM DECLARED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - MSP to approve

MEETING MINUTES - MSP to approve the minutes from the April Session meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a memorial gift was received in honor of Reverend Mark Wittmer
- a notice regarding a policy change in the church's insurance was received

CLERK'S REPORT

First Presbyterian Church, Bemidji, MN, Clerk's Report - May 14, 2024

Weddings: None

Baptisms: None

Deaths: None

New Members: None

Return to Active Membership: None

Request Transfer of Membership: None

Removed from Membership Roll: None

Communion: May 5, 2024: 27 served

Membership as of May 14, 2024: 64

Sunday Worship Attendance:

April 21st: **29**

April 28th: **20**

May 5th: **27**

May 12th: **23**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Administration/Personnel:** Chairperson: Bev Novak; Chip reported that due to Shirlee's health, we will need to look for a new church secretary. A temp agency will be contacted. Chip will be on study leave May 15-26th.
- **Buildings & Grounds:** Chairperson: Terri Murray; the AC was checked and found to be in good working order. The cost of an AED for the church is \$1500. Terri is looking into various agencies that would provide a grant for the purchase of one. She will also obtain estimates for cleaning the sanctuary carpet.
- **Finance Report & Stewardship:** Chairperson: Cheryl Hiltz; Financial reports for April were unavailable and will be reviewed at the June meeting.
- **Adult & Christian Education:** Chairperson: Linnea Mostad; no report
- **Outreach:** Chairperson: Linnea Mostad; First Presbyterians will serve at the Bemidji Food Shelf on May 25th. Meals on Wheels will be served in June. Discussion continued regarding possible Outreach ideas for the upcoming summer.

- **Worship & Music:** Chairperson: Gloria Phelps; Discussion was held concerning church attendance. A suggestion was made to encourage everyone to wear their name tags so to be more welcoming when guests attend.

OTHER BUSINESS

Libby provided an update on the church's new website.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence was received regarding the church insurance. Effective July 1st, the premium will increase by \$2500. The deductible will triple in increase. Alternative insurance options will be explored.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, June 18, 2024**, at 1:00 pm. in the conference room. Chip will moderate.

MSP to adjourn with prayer at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Underhill
Clerk of Session