

Faith Friends Newsletter

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Chanhassen Dinner Theatre Trip

On Saturday, November 17th, twenty-one church members and friends had a wonderful time at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre. We saw a highly entertaining performance of Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn". If you were unable to join us and would like to see the play for yourself it is well worth your time and money to go and see it. The food, company, and the play were excellent!

I'd be interested in coordinating other group events. Please let me know if you have ideas!

-Joleen Nowak

Common Cup Corner

We want to update you on what Common Cup Ministry is doing in the community. At our last meeting we discussed the Common Cup Fundraiser Concert. Over 500 people attended the concert on November 18 with donations coming in of over \$11,000. This was wonderful but is only a portion of the needs of the ministry itself. It was noted that the current Backpack program, which supplies food for designated children in our schools, is now serving over 250 children in schools in Hutchinson, Glencoe, and Silver Lake. Our church is currently packing bags for 28 third and fourth graders at Lakeside Elementary. Pat and Stan Horstmann are in charge of organizing the program for our church so don't be afraid to sign up to pack bags for a week. It is fun, only takes about half an hour, and makes you feel wonderful after you're done. If you don't want to do it alone, ask a friend. Other needs for Common Cup will be mentioned in the bulletin as needed. Our church always does a great job of donating and it is greatly appreciated.

-Barb Wawrzyniak

Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday: 10am - 3pm | Thursday: by appointment | 302-353-8483

Treasurer's Report

As of November 2018 the church has taken in \$60,557 in contributions and paid out \$78,339 in expenses. We have a net loss from the cash taken in to the cash paid out of \$17,581. This is our net ordinary income. Budget to actual expense are under budget. As Doris, Pastor Murphy, and I heard at the Stewardship Conference, if our church intends to grow we would expect to see expenses meeting budget. Revenue budget to actual is not available because we did not ask for expected contributions last year.

The church has cash and investments in the amount of \$485,964. Liabilities of \$6,498 most of which is the money granted to the church to fix up the manse (meaning it can *only* be used to fix the manse). Under other income/expense on the Revenue and Expenditures report, the church benefitted from market gains this year. The interest recorded from the Hutch Co-op, dividends, interest and unrealized gains from our investments is not cash in our bank account - it is invested with New Covenants. We would have to sell those investments to be able to use that income, so it is represented as other income.

-Margie Nelsen, Treasurer

Faith Presbyterian Church General Fund Revenue and Expenditures For the period January 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018					Faith Presbyterian Church General Fund Balance Sheet As of November 30, 2018		
	Jan - Nov 2018	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget		11-30-2018	
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Church Rental	200						
Contributions							
Building Fund	70						
Per Capita	2,299						
Pola-Czesky Fundraiser	2,599						
Tithes/Offerings General Fund	55,548						
WOW	42						
Total Contributions	<u>60,557</u>						
Expense							
Total Administrative Task	9,620	16,991	(7,371)	57%			
Total Christian Education	3,553	6,255	(2,702)	57%			
Total Church At Worship	4,525	8,825	(4,300)	51%			
Total Church Property	20,621	26,680	(6,059)	77%			
Total Partnership	5,760	7,852	(2,092)	73%			
Total Pastoral Ministry	34,260	63,397	(29,137)	54%			
Total Expense	<u>78,339</u>	<u>130,000</u>	<u>(51,661)</u>	<u>60%</u>			
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	<u>(17,581)</u>	Contributions less Expenses = Net Loss					
Other Income/Expense							
Interest & Realized/Unrealized							
Interest	25	Checking and savings interest earned					
Interest Reinvested Hutch Co-op	1,626	Hutch Co-op dividends received & re-invested					
New Cov't Dividends	5,320	Stock market dividends received & re-invested					
New Cov't Unrealized Gain/Loss	14,289	Stock market gain or (loss)					
Total Interest & Realized/Unrealized	<u>21,259</u>	Investments had a good market year					
Net Income	<u>3,678</u>	Income on paper only (investment gains)					
					ASSETS		
					Current Assets		
					First Community Bank Checking	21,376	
					First Community Bank Savings	26,310	
					Hutchinson Co-Op	98,408	
					New Covenant Mutual Fund Reserv	339,870	
					Total Current Assets	<u>485,964</u>	
					TOTAL ASSETS	<u>485,964</u>	
					LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
					Liabilities		
					Current Liabilities		
					Total Pass Through Liabilities	6,318	
					Total Payroll Liabilities	51	
					Total PC USA Missions Pass Through	129	
					Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,498</u>	
					Total Liabilities	6,498	
					Equity		
					Unrestricted Net Assets	475,787	
					Net Income (including net loss from operations)	3,678	
					Total Equity	<u>479,466</u>	
					TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>485,964</u>	

Session Report

In October, Gary Warner, our Clerk of Session, moved up to Grand Rapids, so I have volunteered to take over as Clerk. This is my first time being the Clerk, so please bear with me as I take on this new and exciting challenge.

We recently sent out pledge cards to everyone on our active members mailing list. These cards are simply to help us plan next year's budget. Along with the pledge cards there was also a sheet of paper with a list of activities and we asked that you mark down which activities you would be interested in helping out with in the church. If you were not able to get this back to the church, we would encourage you to do so. A copy of the activity list is included in this newsletter.

Session meets the third Thursday of the month. This year we need to fill four spots: one 1-year term and three 3-year terms. If you receive a call from the nominating committee asking you to join us, please consider saying, "Yes".

-Laura Pieper, Clerk of Session

Deacons' Report

Deacons' Mission Statement: *God's People, In God's Place, Doing God's Work.*

The Deacons meet the second Sunday of each month following the worship service. Very shortly, members of the nominating committee will be looking for volunteers to serve a 3-year term as a Deacon beginning in January. Please consider saying "Yes" if you get a call! It is a wonderful way to better get to know the other members of the committee, as well as the members of the congregation. We specialise in prayer, food, and visiting!

Once again we will be assembling holiday baskets for the shut-ins and senior members of our congregation.

We continue on with our work with prayer concerns, visiting/contacting shut-ins, cards being sent for birthdays, thinking of you, sympathy, and get well, as well as providing meals for those that might need a little helping hand. We are also available to provide transportation for appointments or errands. Please let one of us know if you know of someone in need of a call, meal, or visit. We can't do what we don't know!

Your Deacons are: JoLen Bentz, Helen Jensen, Joleen Nowak, Joy Nunvar, Linda Prochaska, Barb Quast, Jacki Rossi, Betty Williams, and Doris Wrspir.

-Joleen Nowak, Deacon Chair

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🎵 Choir and Handbells News & Notes 🎵

The Advent and Christmas seasons are upon us and as in past years the choir and handbells are going to sing and play music of the season. This year our “music Sunday” will be December 9th during the morning worship service. We will bring you Christmas carols and songs from around the world. Since most of our well-known carols come from other countries, we are going to take you on a trip around the world and bring them to you. I was surprised in planning them as you will be in hearing them of their original origin. The handbells will also bring you carols from around the world by playing some new ones for you. Please plan to attend and listen to the choir and handbells and enjoy these old carols once again as they bring back memories for you.

-Barb Wawrzyniak

Mission Report

As Christmas and cold weather is approaching, we will be collecting warm, waterproof children's mittens and warm men's socks for distribution through Common Cup Ministries. Of course McLeod County Food Shelf is our ongoing mission and can always use whatever we can donate. We have just finished taking the Thank Offering and will be beginning the Joy Offering the first Sunday in December. The Joy Offering goes to Presbytery Worldwide to assist retired pastors and seminary students.

Our fifth Sunday for missions was a great success as we collected personal care products and cash enough for a total of 44 personal care bags for the food shelf as well as donations of personal care supplies to McLeod Alliance for Domestic Abuse and the PoPP project through Common Cup.

We will be having another fifth Sunday for missions in December and the plan is for a Pre-New Year's Eve Sunday Coffee Hour Party.

-Jan Wanous, Mission Committee

Presbyterian Women Report

We are still meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Some of our New Business was to pledge \$200 for missions in 2019. This is paid quarterly to the Presbytery Office and they distribute it to different places.

We are ordering poinsettias for Christmas—they are \$13 each. You can sign up on the sheet on table in entry of the church. Please give your payment to Dorothy Merrill, Treasurer.

The Spring Gathering for Minnesota Valley's Presbyterian Women will be on June 4, 2019, and will be here at Faith Presbyterian Church.

Our December 5th, 2018 meeting is our Christmas Party starting with a potluck meal. All women are invited but we do play games so bring a \$1 gift for prizes. Do come and have a good meal and fun.

-Donna Holm, Secretary

Music & Worship

The Music and Worship Committee has had a very busy fall. September 9, 2018, an outdoor service was held with a Potluck Dinner following with chicken being provided. Lawn chairs were set up between the church and manse for the service and the weather cooperated. October 7, 2018 was the Senior Recognition Sunday.

On October 28, 2018, the flute ensemble from Minnetonka provided many beautiful selections with the prelude, offertory, and special numbers.

November 18, 2018 was Stewardship Sunday. Each member received a pledge card and during the service, Consecration of Pledges took place. A skit "Giving, It's Not Just Money" provided by Jacki Rossi and Barb Wawrzyniak told about serving the church in many different ways.

Music and Worship will be helping WOW with the music portion. Dorothy Merrill, Barb Wawrzyniak, and Jacki Rossi will provide help.

Holiday Services:

November 25 - Hanging of the Greens when chrismons were hung on the big Christmas tree

December 2 - Domestic Violence Sunday

December 9 - music service that will feature the choir

December 16 - WOW Program

December 23 - Service of Healing

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm with handbells starting at 4:45pm

Lighting of the Advent Candle will be done by Confirmation student families.

Advent Devotionals "God Lifts the Lowly" will be available for members to take and use during Advent.

We continue to collect change every last Sunday of the month. Profit of this to be determined later. It will go to a worthy cause.

Anyone with Worship concerns that can bring them to members of this committee: Barb Wawrzyniak, Laura Pieper, Jacki Rossi, Dorothy Merrill, Barb Quast, or Rev. Ashley.

-Dorothy Merrill

Elders

Donna Morang, Margie Nelsen, Brent Posusta, Laura Pieper, Jerry Quast, Doris Jerabek, Bruce Svanda, and Jan Wanous | **Clerk:** Laura Pieper

Christian Education: Donna Morang

Worship & Music: Laura Pieper

Memorial: Laura Pieper

Mission: Jan Wanous

Personnel: Doris Jerabek, Bruce Svanda

Building & Maintenance: Brent Posusta, Jerry Quast

Budget & Finance: Margie Nelsen

Membership: Margie Nelsen

Nominating Committee: Brent Posusta, Donna Morang, Margie Nelsen, Ken Merrill, Helen Jensen

Senior Recognition Sunday

On October 7, 2018, the Music & Worship Committee featured a Senior Recognition Sunday honoring all members over the age of 80. Members who were able to attend were Donald and Marian Adamek, Pearl Branden, Mildred Friauf, Mabel Hlavka, Donna Holm, Ron Makovsky, Karen Hendrickson, Wayne and Barb Micka, Marjorie Stritesky, and Ernest Svanda. Dorothy Merrill gave a short biography of each as their name was called. They then received a flower and certificate. A potluck dinner, with chicken being provided, followed and a birthday cake was enjoyed by all.

Members who were unable to attend were Mary Ann Jurek, Grace Konerza, Dorothy Micka, Carol Nuwash, David Ondracek, Roger Radoush, Germaine Smutka, Loretta Svoboda, and Lorraine Trnka.

-Dorothy Merrill

Pastor's Letter

Dear Faith Presbyterian Family and Friend,

As your pastor, I simply wanted to take this opportunity to speak a blessing over you and your family. I know it is a time of the great hustle and bustle to get everything done. Please take time out of your busy schedule for yourself to get some rest. I desire this holiday that you experience a time of worshipping to Christ and that every gift you give as unto the Lord.

I love and appreciate you; my prayer that you and your family have a very Merry Christmas. May the Lord's hope fill your heart and may your time with others be blessed as you share with them the wonder of Christ's birth. I sincerely believe that God has planned for you opportunities and relationships all of which should bring faithfulness and effectiveness in God's kingdom and Faith Presbyterian Church.

2019 has the potential of being tremendous fruitfulness in your life. My questions to you are what history and legacy will you write and be known for within the next 365 days? Will you do the same old things, or will you no longer do the things for the sake of doing them. Will you commit to seeking out each day ways of yielding to the lord? In 2019 make a vow of faith to the Lord, ask for boldness to make something new. Make more time for the church and will you pray for and seek to serve the people and faith community with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. And then do what matters most to you that would give you great pleasure.

Finally, as my wife always tells me. We should live by Paul letter to Ephesians 1:11-12 " In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory". Let all of us live as testimonies to God's presence in the world.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Rev. Murphy Ashley Jr

Bible Trivia

(answers on back)

Young Believer (Ages 5-14):

1. Why was Daniel put into the lion's den?
 - a. he stole some honey
 - b. because he prayed
 - c. because he was too tall
 - d. he was mean to the people
2. What did God say He would do because the people wouldn't listen to Noah?
 - a. start a wildfire
 - b. send a flood
 - c. stop the earth from getting rain
 - d. make an earthquake
3. What king made the law against praying?
 - a. King Darius
 - b. King Bob
 - c. King Henry the Eighth
 - d. King Cole

Believer (Ages 12-17):

1. Which woman of the Bible was the world's first mother?
 - a. Jezebel
 - b. Eve
 - c. Gaea
 - d. Sarah
2. Who was NOT sterile before she gave birth?
 - a. Michal
 - b. Elisabeth
 - c. Manoah's Wife
 - d. Hannah
3. Which woman tried to kill Elijah after he put the prophets of Baal to death?
 - a. Eve
 - b. Esther
 - c. Jezebel
 - d. Delilah

Scholar (Adults):

1. Did Jesus institute the sacrament before or after He was killed?
 - a. before
 - b. after
2. Whom did the Lord rename "Sarah"? (Genesis 17:15)
 - a. Rebecca
 - b. Rachel
 - c. Sarai
 - d. Hagar
3. When the Lord told Abraham that his wife would have a child, what was his reaction? (Genesis 17:16-17)
 - a. He fainted
 - b. He laughed
 - c. He cried
 - d. He ran to his wife and told her

Scriptorian (Adults):

1. What did the children of Israel call the bread? (Exodus 16:15)
 - a. Onani
 - b. Manna
 - c. Kafesh
 - d. Rama
2. What brought forth water when Moses struck it? (Exodus 17:6)
 - a. A pit
 - b. A rock
 - c. A tree
 - d. A pot
3. The army of Joshua (the children of Israel) prevailed against the army of Amalek as long as: (Exodus 17:11)
 - a. the children of Israel had the bread in their pockets.
 - b. the elders sang hymns.
 - c. the Israelite flag was standing.
 - d. Moses' hands were upheld.

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Upcoming Events

December 16th, 10am: WOW Christmas Program during worship service

December 24th, 5pm: Christmas Eve service, handbells starting at 4:45pm

December 30th: Congregation Meeting

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be at the end of January.

Worship Services every Sunday at 10am. Communion Services the first Sunday of the month.
WOW Classes Wednesdays at 6:15pm. Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Session meets
the third Thursday of the month. Deacons meet the second Sunday of the month after church.

Bible Trivia Answers: **1.** b. because he prayed; **2.** b. send a flood; **3.** a. King Darius; **4.** b. Eve; **5.** a. Michal; **6.** c. Jezebel; **7.** a. before; **8.** c. Sarai; **9.** b. He laughed; **10.** b. Mannan; **11.** b. A rock; **12.** d. Moses' hands were upheld.