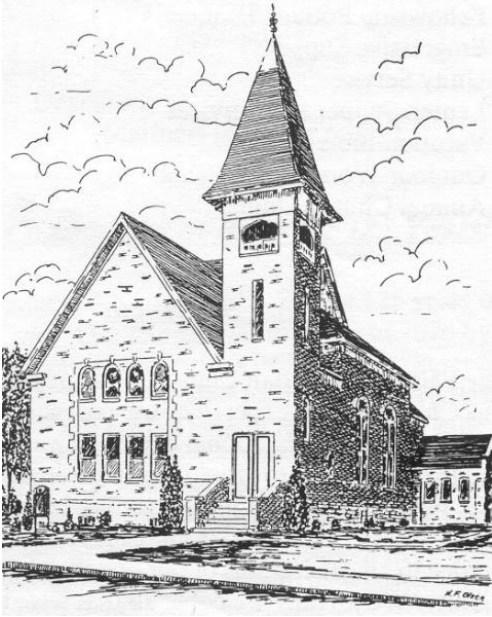


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Upcoming Events

June 27th: Mariners host Music in the Park, 6:00pm.

August 2-4: Pola -Czesky Days

August 3rd: Silver Lake All School Reunion, 1-5 pm @ SL auditorium, casual, come and go.

August 20th: Stated Presbytery Meeting at Federated Church of Fergus Falls from 10:00am-3:00pm (9:30am registration).

Worship Services every Sunday at 10am. Communion Services the first Sunday of the month

Faith Friends Newsletter



Pastor's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

I'm excited to have the opportunity to focus my ministry at Faith another year or until the Lord or Church says otherwise. As we are looking back upon the last 14 months as pastor and congregation, there is much we must feel proud about the life of the church. We have celebrated in a variety of ways over the Christian Year and through special services from Senior Recognition Sunday, Healing and Remembrance service, Confirmation Sunday and Baccalaureate Service.

The members of Faith are talented and moving in a direction that enables the congregation to continue to grow. I hope to focus year two of my ministry in assisting you in reaching your ministry goals. A perfect year would include profound spirituality and members experiencing God in ways that are relevant to their daily lives.

One sign of growth is members using their spiritual gifts — this is evident by Elder Brittany Jensen delivering the 2019 Mother's Day message. Additionally, new members Jake, Amber, and daughter Ellie Wendolek and Beth Nowak joined the church. My prayer for Faith is that all members will embrace and support the ministry by volunteering and using their unique gifts. You may choose to teach Spiritual Formation, Worship on Wednesday (WOW) class, show hospitality, or however else you may think to be involved in ministry in the church.

We will prepare to celebrate Pentecost Sunday on June 9th. Are you feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit with the same power and gladness that the disciples experience at Pentecost? The Church was born, then the disciples went out to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. The Spirit moved as the disciples joined together in prayer, shared financial gifts, and looked for signs of Christ present among them. The Spirit encourages the disciples to do ministry in new and powerful ways. Our understanding of God is not complete without knowing how the third person of the Trinity, which is the Holy Spirit, works in our lives.

Jesus prepared the disciples hearts and minds for the moment of Pentecost. Beginning in John chapter 10, he reminded the disciples that the Spirit would be a comforter, teacher, and guide. Peter, who denied Christ moved out of his fear behavior to lead the church. The Day of Pentecost is for us today. When we recognize and experience the same empowerment that the disciples experienced on the Day of Pentecost, we will set the Silver Lake community on fire for the Lord.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Murphy Ashley Jr.



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Session Report

My what a spring we've had! In March I took over the role as Clerk of Session for Laura who had graciously filled in after Gary Warner moved to Grand Rapids. This is also my first-time being Clerk, so please bear with me as I learn the ropes!

In March we extended Rev. Ashley's contract for another year as the PNC continues to push through the process of searching for a Pastor. We are in the process of having a few needed repairs done on the manse thanks to a grant graciously given to us. We still need to discuss the future of the manse; however, these repairs were in need regardless of what happens with it. Please take a moment to consider volunteering for one of the many avenues of involvement within our Church, whether it big or small, we are all an important part of our Church!! Thank you for those of you who do volunteer your time and efforts, it is greatly appreciated!

Deb Jensen, Clerk of Session



Treasurer's Report

As of May 31, 2019, the General Fund has \$92,000 in contributions. The majority from a legacy estate gift. Members have given \$2,105 toward per capita. This is about half of what the Presbytery collects from the church based on our membership. Total membership (per capita) for 2019 is just under \$4,000. Forty-one people have given toward per capita expense. Tithes and Offerings are just under \$25,000. This is roughly the same as last year at this time. Had the church not received the estate gift this year, we would have a net loss before investment earnings of about (- \$18,000) so far this year. Fortunately, with the estate gift we have a net ordinary income of \$47,106.

May 31st is about 42% into the calendar year. As such expenses in total are only 34% of the budget. This means we are under budget to date. Church property is a bit over budget. The church purchased and set up a computer for about \$600 and a new vacuum cleaner for \$150. The rest of the over budget is our fuel expense. Total expenses to date are just under \$45,000.

Net ordinary income with the estate gift shows we have \$47,106.

Interest and investments show a gain of just under \$30,000. Our investment statements come quarterly. There has been considerable market fluctuation. I'm not sure if we will still have Unrealized gains at the end of June. The positive news about unrealized gains/losses is that they are not a true gain or loss until we sell the investment, which the church does not plan to do.

The Balance Sheet for the church shows cash and investments valued at \$540,269. There are few liabilities owed. The manse grant of \$6,000 is nearly used up. There is only \$1,303. left to spend on manse repair. This is planned to be completed soon if not done by the time this newsletter is published. The Assets less the Liabilities shows the church has equity of \$538,803. Our church is blessed!

Faith Presbyterian Church General Fund Revenue and Expenditures For the period Jan 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019

	<u>Jan - May 2019</u>	<u>Total Annual Budget</u>	<u>Remaining Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Misc Revenue	150			
Contributions				
Legacy Bequests - Estate Gifts	64,853			
Per Capita	2,105			
Pola-Czesky Fundraiser	-			
Tithes/Offerings General Fund	<u>24,684</u>			
Total Contributions	<u>91,792</u>			
Expense				
Total Administrative Task	5,556	18,453	12,897	30%

Total Christian Education	111	6,355	6,244	2%
Total Church At Worship	1,535	4,760	3,225	32%
Total Church Property	12,822	27,144	14,322	47%
Total Mission	2,942	8,952	6,010	33%
Total Stewardship	-	300	300	0%
Total Pastoral Ministry	<u>21,719</u>	<u>59,600</u>	<u>37,881</u>	36%
Total Expense	<u>44,686</u>	<u>130,000</u>	<u>85,314</u>	34%
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	47,106			
Other Income/Expense				
Interest & Realized/Unrealized				
Interest	21	Checking and savings interest earned		
Investment Interest & Dividends	2,136	Hutch Co-op and New Covenants		
Unrealized Gains and Losses	<u>27,603</u>	Change in value of the stock market		
Total Interest & Realized/Unrealized	<u>29,760</u>			
Net Income	<u><u>76,866</u></u>			

**Faith Presbyterian Church
General Fund Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2019**

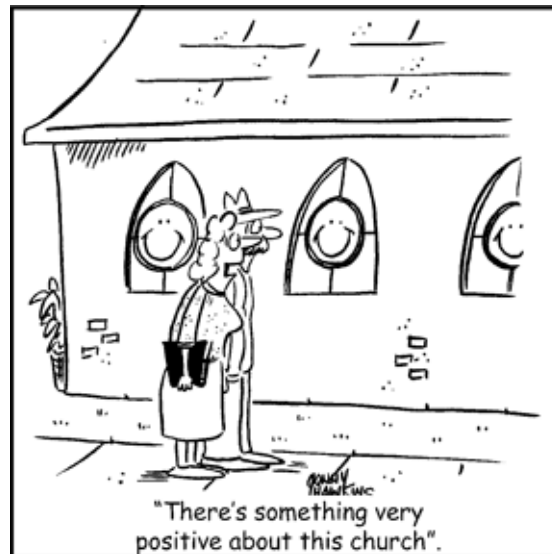
Assets			
Checking Account	13,402		
Savings Account	26,331		
Hutchinson Co-op Investments	111,507		
New Covenants Investments	389,029		
Total Assets		540,269	
Liabilities and Equity			
Credit Card Payable	59		
Dostal Scholarship Payable	73		
Manse Repair Grant	1,303		
Pentecost Collection Payable	30		
Total Liabilities		1,465	
Unrestricted Net Assets	461,937		
Net Income	76,866		
Total Equity		538,803	
Total Liabilities and Equity		540,269	

Deacons' Report

Greetings from the Deacons. We just want to let you all know that the Deacons are 'on call' at all times for you! All you have to do is call the church office or one of the Deacons, let them know your concern for prayer and within minutes we have received the request for whatever need there is. We have a group messaging system set up and can also call when needed. We acknowledge privacy so you only need to share information that you feel comfortable with. Keep in mind we are available for not only our church family but the community at large. We meet monthly, accompany Pastor Ashley on communion calls, send cards, visit members, and have just started to mail weekly bulletins to those who are not able attend Sunday services. The Deacons hosted a spaghetti dinner in March. It was a great time to visit and enjoy a delicious meal!

We hope that you enjoy the summer days ahead. Safe travels and here are the folks to call if you need to request a prayer: Helen Jensen, Joy Nunvar, Barb Quast, Betty Williams, Doris Wraspir, JoLen Bentz, Linda Brooks, Margie Fronk, and Linda Prochaska.

JoLen Bentz



Personnel Committee report

Brittany Jensen has been working as the church cleaner, getting familiar with the various duties. Carol Denneson will have taken over for the summer months and will also do some training with Brittany. Thank you to all for your patience and help during this transition and training process.

Doris, Bruce, and Nancy



Christian Education Report

In May we wrapped up another great year of WOW. We had a good turnout this year with 12 kids. The kids celebrated the end of the year with miniature golf and batting cages at Northern links in Hutchinson. The kids collected offering throughout the year to buy a pair of goats for a family in need from the Presbyterian giving catalog. They raised about half of the \$170 and we are very thankful that the church donated the other half. Goats enhance food security through milk, cheese, butter, and yogurt. These valuable foods offer nutrition to those who need it most. The gift of a pair of goats is one that will keep providing. We are grateful for the volunteers that helped with singing and teaching throughout the year! We can always use volunteers for teaching to keep the program running. We are looking forward to the start of a new year of WOW in the fall.



Molly Posusta

Music and Worship



The Music and Worship Committee had a very active spring. First of all, we welcomed new member Bret Nelson who was elected at the Annual Meeting. We thank Bonnie Sustacek for her commitment for the past several years. One change for the committee is Active Session members will now be serving communion. In the past it was the responsibility of this committee to secure Elders, past and present, to serve the elements.

Gifts of Women Sunday was March 3 where women of the church conducted the service.

The Lenten Season began with regular service with ashes and communion, on Ash Wednesday, March 13. Each Wednesday thereafter an informal service was held beginning at 5:30 with a light supper. The service began at 6pm. Lenten devotionals were purchased from the Presbytery.

Palm Sunday, April 14, children processed waving palm branches during the first hymn of the service. They also sang during the service. A Communion Service was held on Maundy Thursday. On Easter Sunday the Sunrise Service was at 8 AM with fellowship after and the 10 AM Communion Service followed.

Confirmation Sunday was April 28th, with 3 young ladies being confirmed – Mallory Sylvester, Lydia Nelson, and Haylee, Zaske. A cake was served at fellowship in their honor.

Rev. Ashley was not available for service on Mother's Day, May 12th. Donna Holm and Barb Wawrzyniak were the readers while Brittany Jensen gave the message. Each Lady received a desk-trifold with scriptures and prayers. Men will receive a favor on Father's Day.

Baccalaureate Service was on May 18th for high school and college graduates,

If anyone has any concerns please contact a member of this committee. Committee members are Jacki Rossi, Barb Wawrzyniak, Dorothy Merrill, Barb Quast, Laura Pieper, Brett Nelson and Rev. Ashley.

Dorothy Merrill

Silver Sails Mariners

The Mariners Club members met at Unhinged Pizza in Glencoe on Sunday, Feb. 17th at 11:45am following church for a business meeting and meal.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented.

Roll call was taken. Bank balance was given. We will be sending McLeod County Food Shelf a \$250.00 donation in March.

Music in Park will be June 27th. Requesting all members to bring a pan of desserts on that day around 5pm. We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, pickles, chips, and dessert for \$5.00.

We are planning an outing again at the Bentz cabin in August. Tentatively for the 11th. This is a pot luck meal and also bring a food item for the food shelf.

We will also be having a Halloween Party on October 27th following church services. This is a potluck meal with meeting.

December, Mariners will be providing treats for coffee hour fellowship after church on the first Sunday of Advent.

Club members sang birthday and anniversary wishes to those celebrating.

Elections of officers were held and the current officers will continue for another year.

2019 officers are- Skippers: Jerry and Linda Brooks

1st Mates: Wayne and Barb Micka, Purser: Joleen Nowak, Log keeper: Helen Jensen, Chaplain: Barb Quast, Nurse: Bonnie Sustacek.

Anyone that is interested in getting information on joining the Mariners, please see one of the officers above or any member.

Skipper, Jerry Brooks



News and Notes



As the weather warmed up and spring wound down the choir and handbells were also winding down. Our Faith Ringers played in between the church services on Easter morning. We are only a 2-octave bell group but boy can we play. We love to play for you and also love to hear back from you how much you enjoy our playing. We hope to play again in the summer, some of our old favorites.

Our last choir date was Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. We hope that you have enjoyed all the songs that we have sung. In the future we plan to try some new, more contemporary pieces. During the summer we hope that others in the church can show their talents by sharing their instruments and voices. If you would like to provide music for a Sunday this summer please contact Barb at 327-3158 or 320-583-0653. Thank you for being willing to share with us what God has given to you.

Barb Wawrzynia

Presbyterian Women

Spring found the Spring Salad Luncheon Committee busy organizing and hosting the Salad Luncheon which was held May 18, 2019. We had great help from those who were willing and able. When we have this Luncheon, it brings in women from other Churches and provides a time for friendship and fellowship for all who attend. Our next project was the Spring Gathering which was held on June 4, 2019. Women from churches in Minnesota Valley attended. Not only was it a time for great food and fellowship, but the business of the women of Minnesota Valley was also conducted at this meeting. This Gathering is held every year and it is for all women from churches in the Minnesota Valley Presbytery. It really is an important meeting and will help you to know what it is that many of these women's associations do.

Donna Holm, Secretary

Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped with yard work this spring. It was great to see members step up when they saw the need. Weather conditions did not permit us to schedule a yard cleanup day. Everything is looking great. Many thanks from the Members of Building & Maintenance.

Thank You!

The Presbyterian Women would like to thank all the ladies who made salads and desserts for the PW Spring Gathering on June 4. We had 50 women representing different churches in the Presbytery attend. We got many compliments for our good food. Also, a big thanks to the women who worked in the kitchen



“Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life.”

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10:00 AM

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Happy Father's Day!

