



First Presbyterian Church

The Messenger
February 2017

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which is **February 14** this year. Our service, including the institution of ashes, will be held in the Sanctuary at **7:00 pm**. The Sanctuary choir and the Genesis Ringers handbell choir will be participating in worship that evening. Please plan to join us to mark the beginning of the 40 days of Lent.

Emergency Food Pantry

The Emergency Food Pantry is again asking for our help in working for one week at the EFP. We will be volunteering the week of **March 5-9** and will be looking for about 25-30 people to fill various shifts morning and/or afternoon. If you can help with this service, please call Jan Harrison at (701) 293-6130 or email jharr25@aol.com. There will also be a sign-up sheet at Sunday services in February. This mission is extremely important, especially during these cold winter months.

In the meantime, we will continue to collect non-perishable food items, hygiene products, (deodorant, razors, etc), toiletries, paper products, toothbrushes/paste, laundry soap, and diapers. Monetary donations are also welcome to purchase perishable items.

EFP 2017 report: The EFP was able to help 6,400 households (61,000 individuals) receive over 1.6 million pounds of food. Nearly one-half of the people served were children and senior citizens. A total of 4,343 volunteers donated 28,759 hours of their time! The EFP is unique in that it provides Birthday Bags to children who have a birthday.



Hard Copy Directories

Directories will be ready to pick up in the West Foyer on Sunday, **February 4**. Cost for printing directories is roughly \$10. If you have the means to make a donation, please do so by dropping it in the Goodwill Offering bucket located next to the directories or in the office (depending on the day). Remember, instructions on how to download the directory app are located at the Info Kiosk.

Overflow Sheltering

Wish to help with Overflow Sheltering? Starting February 1, and running through March 18, the winter overflow shelter, sponsored by Churches United for the Homeless, will be at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Moorhead. They are in need of volunteers! If you are interested in helping yet this winter, please contact Lisa Richmond at lrichmond@churches-united.org or 218-236-0372, ext. 242.

Youth Events

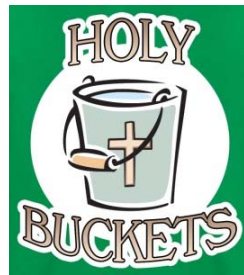
On **February 17-18**, the youth will head to Grand Forks, ND to REST! This retreat is designed around resting and taking a Sabbath. The cost is \$95 and covers everything. Please contact **Kayla** at kbones@firstpresfargo.org by **February 7** if you are interested in attending.

On **March 3**, the youth will be taking a ski trip to Andes Tower Hills near Alexandria, MN! The cost is \$55. Please **RSVP to Kayla by Feb. 16**.



Holy Buckets

We continue to collect SOCKS in February. The number one thing people living in shelters ask for is warm, dry socks! We are collecting adult and children's socks (NEW). They will be distributed to local shelters. Please place your donations in the green buckets under the Volunteer Opportunities Board in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity!



PW News

February 13: The PW Board will meet at 10:00 am in Meeting Rooms #2/3. No general association meeting is scheduled this month.

February 14: PW Bible Study Leaders will be meeting at 10:00 am in the Office Conference Room. Please notice the day change.

February 20: Naomi-Ruth Circle will meet at 9:30 am in the Jennie Roberts Room and Ruth Circle will meet at a member's home. Check the February 18 bulletin for meeting location. Rachel Circle will meet at 1:00 pm in the JRR. The focus will be on Lesson 6 of the Bible Study.

February 21: Martha Circle meets at 6:15 pm in the Jennie Roberts Room. This Circle is during the Children's choir time and will focus on Lesson 6 of the Bible Study.

February 27: Mission Sewing group will gather at 9:00 am in the Social Hall. No sewing experience is required. There is a job for everyone!

All women of the church are invited to attend all gatherings. Come and check us out!

ManUP Switches Location Through March

The ManUP Bible study for men continues at **6:45-7:45 am on the second Tuesday** of February, but the third Tuesday of March, moving to **Bruce Maylath's home at 1549 9th St. S. in Fargo**, where a full breakfast will be served. So that Bruce can prepare enough food, please let him know in advance that you plan to attend by e-mailing him at ring4linguist@yahoo.com. Intended to help men understand what the Bible says in relation to what is expected of a Christian man, the study this year examines the Brief Statement of Faith for our denomination. You can request a copy of the study guide from Bruce. No advance preparation is required for each month's study. New participants may join at any time.

Save the Date

Plan to join a weekend retreat **March 16-17** (Friday evening and Saturday) focused on traveling the Camino de Santiago in Spain. We will learn about pilgrimage as movement, examine the history of this particular pilgrimage, and hold a panel discussion and/or view films relating to the Camino de Santiago.

Recommended reading in advance of the class:

- *Walk in a Relaxed Manner: Life Lessons from the Camino* by Joyce Rupp
- *To the Field of Stars: A Pilgrim's Journey to Santiago de Compostela* by Kevin Codd
- *Fumbling: A Pilgrimage Tale of Love, Grief, and Spiritual Renewal on the Camino* by Kerry Egan

Free Concert

Monday, **February 19 at 1:00 pm** in the Jennie Roberts Room, the Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club will have their monthly meeting and short concert. This is a free and open to the public event. The February program will be music scholarship winners from NDSU's music department. Pie and coffee are served afterward. All are welcome to attend.

Get Well Soon

Peggy Johnson is an organist who often plays in worship when Sally is gone. She had a terrible fall over the holidays, breaking several bones. She's on the road to recovery! If you would like to send her a card, here's her mailing address:

16524 Bird Dog Road
Audubon, MN 56511.

Please remember her in prayer as well!



Dec. FINANCIAL SUMMARY General Fund Only

	YTD Dec. Actual	YTD Dec. Budget
Income	\$792,246	\$781,300
Expenses	829,152	834,675
Net	-\$36,906	-\$53,375

Milestones

We list FPC's births, baptisms, weddings and deaths, hoping to stay better connected with one another, especially in times of joy and sorrow.



Baptisms: We celebrate the baptism of Wilson Scott Greener, son of Jacob & Margaret Greener, on January 14.

Deaths: We grieve with family and friends of John Andrist upon his death on January 17.

Nurse's Note

February, the month of love, is fast approaching and this devotion speaks to God's love. It is based on I Corinthians 8:9 and the decision of whether to eat food sacrificed to idols. Some people in Corinth couldn't separate food from idol. Others could and ate with a clean conscience while they demeaned others for weakness. This is knowledge without love. Paul characterizes as weak those without true knowledge of the separation of food from idol. He later raises them up, making the strengthening of their faith a priority. This is because love is a priority.

It's not about what we know but how love informs our knowledge. Love is the knowledge of God, this knowledge responds with love for others. Love is not about being right (puffed up) but about loving others (building up). In this way, we truly honor God. -These Days, 2/3/18

Free Diabetes Prevention Program

This program is offered by NDSU Extension Service, Essentia Health and Sanford Health. It is a lifestyle change program including education and support for people with prediabetes and those at high risk for prediabetes. It is designed to help people lose weight, be more active and prevent the onset of Type II Diabetes. The classes will meet for a full year and has several starting dates/times/places: February 5, First Presbyterian Church – Fargo; February 21, Courts Plus Fitness Center; March 5, Essentia Health 52nd Ave Clinic. For more information see the Health Ministry bulletin board, call 701/231-5165, email nikki.a.johnson@ndsu.edu. Or register at <http://bit.ly/2iokbrc>.

Church Events Calendar for February 2018

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><u>Sunday Schedule</u> 9:15 Sunday School for All 9:45 Sanctuary Choir Warm-up 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Time for Fellowship 5:00 Confirmation</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Schedule</u> 5:30 St. Andrew's Brass/ Genesis Ringers 6:15 Children's/Youth Choirs 6:30 Westminister Ringers 7:00 Youth Group 7:30 Sanctuary Choir</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 COMMUNION Sunday Schedule 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>5 9:00 Mon. Morning Breakfast Group (Fry'n Pan) 5:30 Personnel Cmt. 7:00 B&G Cmt.</p>	<p>6 8:00 Bulletin Deadline 1:00 Staff 6:00 Worship Cmt. 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 Mission Cmt</p>	<p>7 Wednesday Schedule 7:30 Pilgrimage Guides</p>	<p>8 9:30 TH Board 3:00 Cook & Serve Meal @ Churches United 6:30 Compass Group #5</p>	<p>9 10</p>	
<p>11 Sunday Schedule 12:30 Session Retreat 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>12 9:00 Mon. Morning Breakfast Group (Fry'n Pan) 6:30 Edu/Con Cmt.</p>	<p>13 6:45 ManUp (Maylath home) 8:00 Bulletin Deadline 10:00 PW Board 1:00 Staff 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous 6:45 Deacons' Photos 7:00 Board of Deacons</p>	<p>14 10:00 PW Bible Study Leaders 1:00 Library Committee Wednesday Schedule No Brass / No West. Ringers 6:00 HWC Cmt. 6:30 Compass Group #4 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>15 5:30 Compass Group #2 6:30 Compass Group #3</p>	<p>16 12:00 New Life Center Auxiliary Luncheon</p>	<p>17 11:30 Narcotics Anonymous RestFest Youth Retreat</p>
<p>18 Sunday Schedule 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous Youth Return</p>	<p>19 9:00 Mon. Morning Breakfast Group (Fry'n Pan) 1:00 FM Area Music Club Concert-FREE 5:45 Session Photos 6:00 Session</p>	<p>20 8:00 Bulletin Deadline 9:30 Naomi Ruth Circle + Esther Circle (off site) 1:00 Staff + Rachel Circle 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>21 Wednesday Schedule 6:15 Martha Circle 7:30 Pilgrimage Guides</p>	<p>22 12:00 Messenger Deadline</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Sunday Schedule 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>26 9:00 Mon. Morning Breakfast Group (Fry'n Pan) 5:00 Stewardship Cmt.</p>	<p>27 8:00 Bulletin Deadline 9:00 Mission Sewing 1:00 Staff 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>28 1:00 Library Cmt. Wednesday Schedule 6:15 James2 Task Force</p>			



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★ **Upcoming Pastor's Classes** ★
★ **February 11 & 18, 9:15 am** ★
★ Many of the early Christian heresies were ideas ★
★ which, according to the adherents of the heresy, we ★
★ found in scripture. Adoptionists saw authorization ★
★ for their view in Mark's gospel, Pelagians argued ★
★ that they were simply reflecting the theology of ★
★ scripture. Marcionites thought that they simply act- ★
★ ing on the desire to focus on the new revelations ★
★ given to the fledgling Christian church over old He- ★
★ brew ideas. We will explore early heresies with an ★
★ eye to the role scripture played in these heretical ★
★ movements. ★
★ As Pastor Paul will be traveling on **February 25**, ★
★ FPC's James 2 Task Force will lead the 9:15 class ★
★ that day by presenting its work to date in helping ★
★ our congregation meet the needs of the homeless ★
★ and needy around us. The James 2 Task Force is a ★
★ coordinating committee with representatives from ★
★ the church's standing committees. It was organized ★
★ two years ago. This class, along with others to fol- ★
★ low on March 4 and April 8, are part of the Year of ★
★ Hospitality that our congregation is currently cele- ★
★ brating. ★
