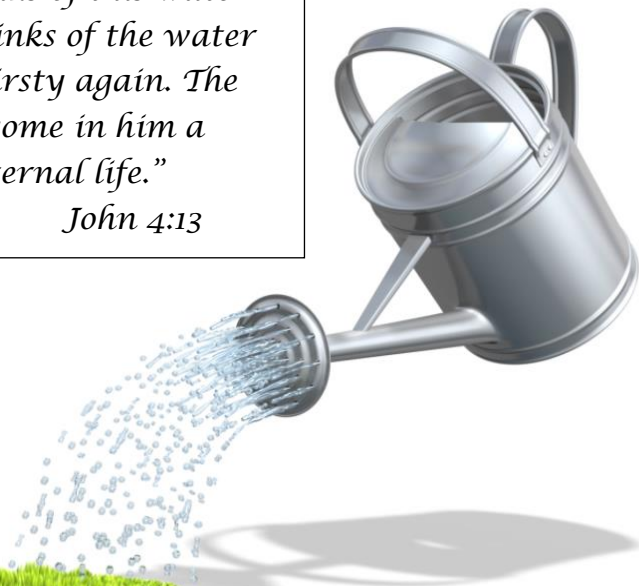


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Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:13



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

What a marvelous Lenten season and Easter morning we have shared!

The mid-week Lenten services were a marvelous way to focus on upcoming events. Attendance was fluid, for people came as they were able and enjoyed the respite from daily cares. These informal services provided a time away from the hustle and bustle of life's activities and afforded the opportunity to sit calmly and reflect upon our participation in the necessity of Jesus' sacrifice. These special times also helped us concentrate on the depth of God's love for us as we explored the deeper meaning of the days and weeks that preceded Christ's death and resurrection. We examined choices his and ours.

Palm Sunday was a wondrous occasion with the participation of our Sunday School children and Youth. Our amazing donkey (created and refurbished by Kathi Clark) was resplendent as the Holy steed upon which Jesus made his glorious entrance into Jerusalem. Having such a gorgeous life-like replica certainly helped us all to visualize the marvelous, yet humble way Jesus made his way among the throngs of people.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were full of the heaviness and import of the tremendous sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. The ecumenical gathering of believers, as we worshiped together and many walked side by side, spoke volumes about this wonderful community where people of varied faith traditions embrace our commonalities as children of God.

How impressive was this mixed group of walkers on Good Friday evening with most of the crowd dressed, as surely the followers of Jesus must have been, not in our Sunday best, but in the casual dress of our work-a-day worlds. What a moving sight as the fire police with lights shining forth added to the solemnity of the procession. Several passers-by wanted to know what was happening, and those questions presented the opportunity to connect our visual Christian witness with verbal invitations to join us — the Lord's followers.

And then Saturday gave way to the sunshine of the glorious resurrection morning! Not to be outdone by the incredible preceding events; the group of 57 believers who attended the Easter sunrise service once again reveled in the joy we share as God's children. All passers-by were treated to the exciting sights and sounds of praise and faith as we celebrated the RISEN CHRIST!

Easter was awash in sunshine, and vibrant music. Our glorious cross which was filled with white lilies denoted the resurrected Christ. The choirs and the congregation sang with tremendous gusto and joy. Our beloved choir director and organist led an amazing Worship Service filled with the sounds of the trumpet and great happiness! The Holy Spirit moved among us as we praised God's name with hearts full of gratitude.

The tremendous effort and commitment of so many caring individuals made all of these special events possible. **Thank you all.** You are an interesting mix of believers and I am very fortunate to have shared many wondrous occasions with you. Oh my friends, God is only just beginning a work in you. Listen for God's voice. Remember we, like Jesus, live a life brimming with choices. What voice guides you in the choices you must make? The Lord is calling...Do you hear? Listen... Ahhh there it is, we are so blessed.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Blessings,
Pastor Shawn



Session Update

1. Pastor Shawn reported on members who have been sick or in the hospital. She proposed purchasing 2 new signs with the name of our church, to be placed on Route 44 (with the signs announcing community organizations). Pastor Shawn and Karen Sheer volunteered to pay for the signs.
2. Clerk Marilyn Brands reported that a bequest of \$2,230.78 has been received from the estate of Walter Henry, by request of Walter Henry and Ruth Plass Henry. This will be placed in our memorial funds and applied to the June Plass Sherow Memorial Scholarship Fund and the fund to repair and finish the Bell Tower. The Clerk will write a letter to the family expressing the gratitude of our congregation for this generous gift.
3. After discussion, Session Committees were organized as follows:
 - Finance: Roland Neumann
 - Personnel: Mary Jane Gardner and Gary Murphy
 - Stewardship: Edith Keck, Phyllis Menzenski, Pat Zerbe
 - Christian Education: Karen Sheer, Mary Jane Gardner
 - Worship: Phyllis Menzenski, Judy Brandow
 - Nominating: Karen Sheer, Kim Daley (ex-officio Judy Brandow)



AIKMAN BELL TOWER FUND

Our church has received \$2000 from the estate of Eiluned Aikman in order to start a fund in memory of Tom and Eiluned Aikman. Session has proposed that this fund be devoted to the reparation of the bell tower and restoration of the decorative trim to its original appearance. This project (approved at the congregational meeting) has been estimated to cost \$24,000, to date donations to the fund total \$5910.00 (this amount includes the initial donation). The congregation is invited to contribute. Please direct your giving to the First Presbyterian Church, Aikman-Bell Tower fund.



CHURCH OFFICERS 2017

SESSION

ELDERS (Ruling Body of the Church)

Pastor Shawn – Moderator

845-723-4419 (H) 845-797-7144 (C)

CLASS OF 2017	CLASS OF 2018	CLASS OF 2019
Roland Neumann	Mary Jane Gardner	Judy Brandow
Karen Sheer	Phyllis Menzenski	Edith Keck
Pat Zerbe	Kim Daley	Gary Murphy

Clerk – Marilyn Brands

TRUSTEES

(Take Care of the Physical Plant)

Frank Mears	Caroline Dolfi	Andy Albrecht
Debbie Traver (Chairperson)	Rick Fay	Tracy Keck
Steve Traver	Don Traver	Philip Keck

DEACONS

(The Service Body of the Church)

Dawne Fay	Steve Albrecht	Barbara Huneke
Tom Smith	Kathi Clark	Richard Moysey
Myung Sung	Traci Haight (Chairperson)	Jack Smith
Youth - Amanda Smith		

Church Treasurer: Wayne Sauer

Mission Treasurers: David Brands and Wayne Sauer

Bargain Basement: Jean Albrecht, Director 845-635-3563

Friendship Callers: Joan Smith, Chairperson 845-635-3687

For numbers of Chairpersons not listed, please refer to the church directory or call the church office at 845-635-3289.



**WE ARE PRAYER PARTNERS
COME AND PRAY WITH US**

We invite you to join the **Prayer Partners** as we pray for the needs of our church and the world. We seek to learn more about the power of prayer, to grow in faith, and become closer to the LORD.

Prayer Partners meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

*The next meeting is **May 24th**.*

Prayers for **Vikki Caswell** (Chesney Baker's mother) of thanksgiving for her continued health improvements.

Prayers for **Rudy Sekley** (Linda Morey's friend) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Don Cady** who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Beanne** (friend of Steve & Jean) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Mark Kovacs Jr.** (a close friend of Steve & Jean) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Edwina, Sam and Christina Paine** (Phyllis Menzenski's friends) who are struggling with health issues as Sam is battling cancer.

Prayers for **Meredith** (Phyllis Menzenski's daughter) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Rhona Kerr** (Pastor Shawn's friend) who is recovering from surgery.

Prayers for **Hope Murphy** who is recovering from a concussion.

Prayers for **Barbara Emery** who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Dariana** (a Haight family friend) who is fighting cancer.

Prayers for **Nick Becker** (Karen H's grandson) who is fighting complications from illness.

Prayers for **Pat Liefer** (Karen H's niece) who is battling pancreatic cancer.

Prayers for **Glenn Cole** (Edith & Paul Keck's friend) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Richard Joseph** (Mary Jane Gardner's brother) struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Sue McGinnis** (a friend of Marilyn Brands) who is being treated for cancer.

Prayers for **Fred Albrecht** (Steve Albrecht's brother) who is at home recovering.

Prayers for **Bertha Howe** (member) who is home struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Danielle Monaco** (a friend of Debi Tyger) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Edith & Dave** (member Donna Sheak's parents) who are struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Rick Fay** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Sue Moore** who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Betty Palmquist** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Wayne Tyger** (brother of Jim Tyger) diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma.

Prayers for **Conor Behan** (great nephew of Jack & Joan Smith) who is struggling with illness.

Prayers for **Anita Wolf** (member Roxanne Wolf's Mother) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Jane Barden** (member) who is struggling with health issues but is home.

Sympathy prayers for Rachael and James Sawner on the passing of **Andrew Kochie**.

Lutheran Care Center Long Term Care

Prayers for **Dort Traver** (member) who is in the Lutheran Care Center, Room 111a South.



FRIENDSHIP CALLERS

The Friendship Callers will meet on

May 16th at 9:30 a.m. to go visit our shut-ins.

Would you like to brighten someone's day by joining us as we visit?

We meet in the Yellow Room downstairs.

Any questions, please call Joan Smith at 635-3687

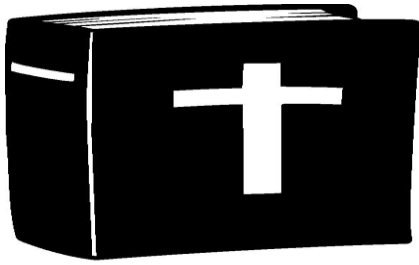


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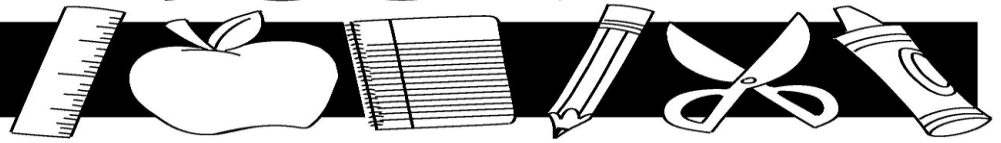
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FLUTE AND GUITAR CONCERT with JANET ARMS





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



-----REMINDER-----

Applications for the June Plass Sherow Memorial Scholarship must be submitted by May 1 st to the Church Office, att. CE Committee.



Mark your Calendars!!!

July 17-21, 2017

Daily 9 a.m. - 12 Noon

CALLING ALL VBS HEROS!

At VBS we will help our children discover their strength in God. Sign up for a leadership role and join us in the excitement at Hero Central. The sign up board is located in fellowship hall after each church service. If you would like to volunteer, but have questions, please call Beth Murphy @ 845-868-7298 or email pvce1765@gmail.com.

The next meeting of the Christian Education Committee will be May 18th at 6 pm in the Parlor. Anyone that is looking for something new and interesting to do, please feel free to join us. The Christian Education Committee is focused on sharing the good news with all the followers of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month and meet for 1 hour. The time frame has been established so interested volunteers can become involved while their children are at Jr. Choir, will have a chance to attend Sr. Choir or know that the business of the day will be completed by 7 pm.

Beth Murphy, CE Coordinator

murphygba@aol.com / 845-868-7298 (h) 845-242-0325 (c)



14th Annual CHICKEN BBQ Fundraiser!

SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday June 3rd from 4:30pm - 7:00pm we will have continuous servings of BBQ'd Chicken, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, Baked Beans, Beverages and of course, homemade desserts!

Dinner Prices

CALL (845) 635-3289 for RESERVATIONS!

*****RESERVE by June 1st & SAVE \$1 on each reservation!*****

Adults: \$12.00

Seniors (65+): 11.00

Children 6-12 years: \$10.00

Under 6 FREE

However, this fundraiser does not function without the help from our dedicated helpers! So if you have some time to help us out, here are some opportunities...

Thursday, June 1st Set up of Fellowship Hall starting at 6pm....

Friday, June 2nd Food Prep Starting at 5pm....**Saturday, June 3rd** starting at 3pm!

Thank you again for your continued support, all proceeds from this fundraiser dinner will go to the **General Operating Fund for our CHURCH.**

Any questions regarding help or donations please leave message for Tracy at [845-486-6179](tel:845-486-6179)

Save these dates!

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming fundraisers.

September 15, 16, 17 - Pleasant Valley Weekend, Nacho Booth

October 7 - Harvest Buffet

November 18 - Holiday Auction

Thank You!

"Annual Spring Clean-up Day" Held April 8th

The Trustees would like to **thank** the “many hands” that helped make our annual “Spring Cleaning’ event a success. Many things were spruced up, just in time for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We are grateful for our wonderful, dedicated Church members and friends who help make these events a fun and successful one!

Regards,
The Board of Trustees

May Fest Spring Sale

Friday, May 12, 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 13, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

It's time for this year's May Fest Spring Sale! The success of this fundraiser depends on donations and people who come to shop. Please plan to attend and browse at the booths, where you can find attic treasures, baked goods, books, toys and games for children, and plants. Adams cards will be available from the Attic cashiers. To place a special order for plants, call Deb Murray at 635-8887; the deadline for plant orders is May 5th.

There is no need to hurry home to cook. Come into the Yellow Room for dinner and friendly conversation on Friday night. New this year will be egg sandwiches for breakfast on Saturday morning. Come for breakfast and/or lunch and scoop up those last-minute bargains.

It will be a weekend of food, fellowship, and bargains. Don't miss it!

May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8-1 PVN 6 pm Stamping with Jean 7pm Bell Choir	2 8-1 PVN 7:30p N.A.	3 8-1 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7:30p Lyme Disease Mtg	4 8-1 PVN 10 am C & C 6pm Jr Choir 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm Sr Choir	5 8-1 PVN	6 10-1 Bargain Basement
7 9:30 am HOLY COMMUNION 11:10 am Bible Study	8 8-1 PVN 7 pm Bell Choir	9 8-1 PVN 7pm Trustee Mtg 7:30 pm N.A.	10 8-1 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement	11 8-1 PVN 10 am C & C 6 pm Jr Choir 6:30 pm Jr Grange/Chapel 7 pm Sr Choir	12 8-1 PVN MAY FEST 4:30pm-8:00pm	13 MAY FEST 9:30am-1:00pm 5 pm Deaf Club
14 9:30 am WORSHIP 11:10 am Bible Study	15 8-1 PVN 7pm Bell Choir	16 8-1 PVN 9:30am Friendship Callers 7:30 pm N.A.	17 8-1 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Session	18 8-1 PVN 10 am C & C 6 pm CE Comm Mtg 6 pm Jr Choir 7 pm Sr Choir	19 8-1 PVN	20 10-1 Bargain Basement
21 9:30 am WORSHIP (Bell Choir plays) 11:10 am Bible Study	22 8-1 PVN 7 pm Bell Choir	23 8-1 PVN 7:30 pm N.A.	24 8-1 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Prayer Partners	25 8-1 PVN 10 am C & C 6 pm Jr Choir 6:30 pm Jr Grange 7 pm Sr Choir	26 PVN Closed 11 am PW Bible Study	27 10-1 Bargain Basement
28 9:30 am WORSHIP 11:10 am Bible Study	29 PVN Closed OFFICE CLOSED	30 8-1 PVN 7:30 pm N.A.	31 8-1 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement			