



Worship News!

Starting this Sunday, May 2, worship services will be livestreamed, Sundays at 10:30 am. Access the service in the same way we have been, through the church's website, firstpresfargo.org/live-stream. Online fellowship will continue after each service. For a while longer we are solely online. Session will address regathering for worship in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, the church building is open. Small groups may return to meeting in person (please fill out a room request before your meeting). Come and check a book out of the library or visit the Sanctuary for prayer or meditation.

Masks and social distancing remain required in the building. If you haven't been vaccinated yet, and wish for some assistance to do so, contact Pastor Mary.

Bright Colors for Pentecost

On May 23 we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church. In a typical year we would ask you to wear red, orange, yellow or other bright colors to church to symbolize the tongues of flame seen on the Disciples as they received the Holy Spirit. This year, our worship service will be livestreamed and will include a special anthem by the ZOOM Choir. You might choose to get in the spirit of things and wear "flame colored" clothing that day.

Pentecost Banner

The day of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season. The banner for the day makes visual the Pentecost experience which is recorded in the second chapter of the book of Acts. Red, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, is the predominant color of the banner. Tongues of fire, fed by the wind of the Spirit, point to the dove. The dove recalls the Baptism of our Lord, and our own baptisms. The dove is the symbol of God's spirit resting on disciples.

Pentecost was the day when Jesus' disciples recognized the power God had bestowed on them: power to tell God's story and be heard; power to be the Body of Christ in the world.

We Are Called...

Long time church member, Prakash Mathew, has written a book titled *We Are Called...To Do The Right Thing*, scheduled to be released on May 5. The book speaks of values and principals through the telling of stories from his childhood, his connection with FPC and lessons learned from his experience in higher education.

A book release party is being hosted by the Dakota Medical Foundation on June 3 from 2:00 -4:00 pm located at 4141 28th Ave. S., Fargo. Prakash will give a brief presentation about the book which will be available for sale and personally signed by him.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Dakota Medical Foundation which serves over 500 not-for-profit organizations across ND and western MN. Books can also be purchased directly from Prakash or Jane Mathew by contacting them via email at jmawolff@gmail.com or calling 701-261-9777.



Thank You!

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of you who came to my surprise drive-by 80th birthday party, brought balloons, flowers, chocolates, cards, whistles, and signs and also for the many cards that I received in the mail. The words of kindness and friendship were so appreciated. Despite the cold, snowy, windy day, it was a birthday to remember. Thanks so much. -Jan Harrison



Summer Musicians Needed

In anticipation of the return to in-person worship, musicians will be needed for Sunday services! This is very exciting after having to go without live music performances for so long. If you, or your family members or friends, wish to share a gift of music for our 10:30 am worship this summer, please contact Sally Harmon, sarmon@firstpresfargo.org.

FPC Financial Summary

March 2021 - General Fund Only

	<u>Year to Date Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$207,968	\$203,076	\$4,892	\$779,600
Expense	<u>190,663</u>	<u>212,947</u>	<u>-\$22,284</u>	<u>798,774</u>
Net/ Shortfall	\$17,305	-\$9,871	\$27,176	-\$19,174

PW News

The Presbyterian Women Association of Fargo is accepting letters of application for the University of Jamestown Scholarship **until May 10**. Please submit letters of application to liumn1949@gmail.com. We will determine scholarship recipients at our May 11 board meeting. Be sure to include your accomplishments, community service, our church, goals, major, and why Jamestown.

On **Friday, May 7, at 9:00 am**, Church Women United will be meeting at Olivet Lutheran Church to celebrate "Friendship day". Masks required. All women are welcome.

The last **PW Board meeting of the season will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, May 11 and Bible Study on Tuesday, May 18, at 2:00 pm, both via ZOOM**. We will be studying lesson 9, *The End of Lament*, led by Pastor Holtey. This is a good alternative to our regular Circle meetings. We had 16 in attendance for our April lesson.

Heart N Soul Com. Café

April 30 was the last day that the HnS Lunch Bunch prepared and delivered sack lunches to our friends with food insecurities. We are grateful that First Lutheran and other local churches will be taking over the Lunch Bunch project. HnS has purchased a food truck and will start serving meals in areas of Fargo where the need is greatest. Updates will be shared as the food truck starts to roll out this summer! HnS wishes to thank Jane Mathew for serving as the newest member on their board!

ManUp Bible Study

The men's Bible study, ManUp, wraps up its program year **via ZOOM at 6:45 am, Tuesday, May 11**. This session will be focused on examining the *Apostles' Creed*, planning the September weekend retreat, and selecting a book of the Bible for study in the 2021-2022 program year. No advance preparation is required, but those who would like a preview can take a look at "What Is the Apostles' Creed?" at <https://www.christianity.com/theology/the-apostles-creed-part-one-introduction.html>. If you have questions or would like to participate, please send an e-mail to Bruce Maylath at ring4linguist@yahoo.com for a ZOOM invitation.

Free Community Classes (Hospice Red River Valley)

Celebrating Memories for Kids: Thursday, July 1 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm

In this class, kids ages 8-16 will have an opportunity to learn about that grief is and how honoring our memories of someone who has died can help them to live on in our hearts. Kids will learn to celebrate memories while creating their very own memory box.

This virtual class is free and open to the public. Registration is required by May 24, so arrangements can be made to pick-up class supplies. In some cases, the packets/lists may be mailed.

Register for classes online at: www.bit.ly/griefclassregistration or call (800) 237-4629 and ask for the grief support department.

Milestones

We list FPC's births, baptisms, weddings and deaths, hoping to stay better connected with one another.

New Members: We welcome and celebrate the following members through Confession of Faith on April 18: Eli Barrett-Learn, Gus Barrett-Learn, Jonah DeJong, Mya Follingstad, Caleb Gadberry, Jack Gadberry, Josh Heyer, Jayci Lawrence, Sofie Robinson, and Nick Waale. We also welcome Aubrey Mowery & Payton DeCoteau on April 19.

Deaths: We mourn with family and friends the loss of Michael Humphrey who died on February 27 and Marvin Duncan who died on April 12.





Office Hours

Office Hours are currently Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-noon

FPC Officers

Session: Kim Carter, Tom Clusiau, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Paula Thomas, Kevin Tobosa, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens

Deacons: Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Andrea Smith, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens

Treasurer: Sherri Stern