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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P i p e s t o n e , M i n n e s o t a

OUR MISSION

*In Christ's name, and as an outgrowth of our faith, we at First Presbyterian Church are called to boldly share the **Good News of Jesus Christ** and our salvation - loving one another, listening to one another, building up, and caring for each other as we grow in tolerance of the differences between people and in our discipleship between people, and in our discipleship as Christians now and into the future.*

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF PIPESTONE
Hamburger Feed
FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT OUR LOCAL MISSIONS

Thursday, June 16th, 2022
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
301 2ND AVE SE PIPESTONE MN
5:00-7:00PM

**INCLUDES: HAMBURGER, BAKED BEANS,
MACARONI SALAD & DESSERT**

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday & Thursday
10a-3p

Sunday Worship Attendance

**FINANCIAL GIVING
APRIL 2022**

Lilies- \$66.00
Sleep Tight- \$75.00
General Offering- \$4650.00
Worship committee- \$40.00

Date of Service	In-Person Attendance	Online Service Views
May 1	85	99
May 8	44	90
May 15	32	80
May 22	45	92
May 29	38	106



First Presbyterian Church - Pipestone



Monthly Book Club

9:00AM Every Second Sunday of the Month

Come join us for coffee, cookies, and chatting as we read and discuss the book of the month.



SESSION- BOARD OF ELDERS

Emily Speer, Shelly Hennager,
Bud Eernisse, Andrew Schaap, Laura Wurster ,
Janet Bush

BOARD OF DEACONS

Lana Eeten, Jan Bieber, Debbie Boelter,
Sharleen Ludolph, Peggy Taubert, Abbey Taubert

WHAT'S GOING ON? MAY 2022



Date	Activities
June 5	9AM Worship— Robby and Donna Flint Pentecost Sunday Graduation Recognition Noisy Offering
June 12	9AM Worship
June 13	6PM Session Meeting
June 16	Ridgeview Visits 1:30PM
June 19	9AM Worship— Elizabeth Fox Communion
June 23	Food Shelf Volunteering
June 26	9AM Worship— Elizabeth Fox



2 Trevor Doppenberg

3 Nick Baatz

7 Dean Schoolmeester

11 Arleen Heidebrink

13 Lloyd Stoltenberg

14 Linda Fiedler

19 Abbey Taubert

20 Lori Grogan, Nelma Korthals, Andrew Baker & Andrea Schelhaas

21 Jean Goodspeed,, Bob Ludolph & Jan Bieber

22 Brandon Gorter & Colby Wurster

23 David Mulvihill

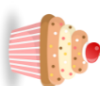
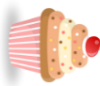
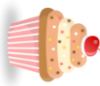
Happy Anniversary!

**Jeff and Heidi Arendt
June 21st**

**Dean and Wendy Schoolmeester
June 27**

JUNE 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 9AM WORSHIP PENTECOST SUNDAY NOISY OFFERING	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9AM WORSHIP	13 6PM SESSION MEETING	14	15	16 1:30PM RIDGEVIEW SOCIAL HOUR	17	18
19 9AM WORSHIP	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9AM WORSHIP	27	28	29	30		

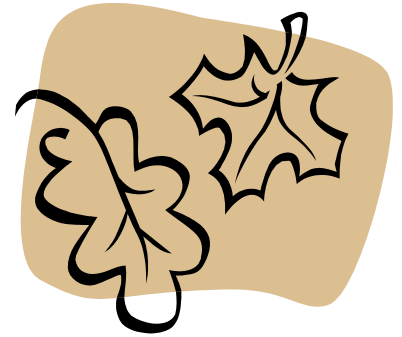


NEW LEAVES AND OLD FEARS

Reading spring with the help of Ezekiel

by Ken Rummer

When is it time to plant corn? When oak leaves are the size of a squirrel's ear. I remembered this bit of Iowa folk wisdom on my walk this morning, so I gave the burr oak a closer look. No leaves to measure. Nor squirrels, for that matter. Just a scattering of acorn caps on the ground below.



But new leaves are coming, if not yet for the oaks, already for some of the other woody plants along the trail. Leaves pop from arching blackberry canes. Wands of willow dance in yellow-green boas. And dogwood stems hold rolls of leaf aloft like tiny torches.

Spring weather is coming in fits and starts this year. Warmer stretches get chased off by loud barking cold fronts. We even had snow on Easter Day.

With all that thawing and freezing, all that now-and-not-yet, I find it hard to fault the leaves for being slow to emerge. Is it safe to come out now? Or is another frost in the offing?

I've been slow to embrace spring myself this year. The first blush of green on brown woods invariably brightens my spirits. But this time around, I'm hesitant. What blast of bad news is about to break? Another blizzard? Another rending of the body politic? Another resurgence of the virus?

I suppose my worries are part of the hangover from all that has happened over the past several years. I feel like a cartoon character after something big has just blown by. I'm still spinning around in the jet wash, blitzed and dizzy. Maybe you're feeling something like that, too.

But the sight of new leaves gives me a boost. Bushes and trees are deciding that it's time. They are placing their bets on warmer days and soon.

When the prophet Ezekiel looked into God's future and saw restoration, he spoke of a life-giving river lined with trees. And of the trees he prophesied, "Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing" (Ezekiel 47:12 NRSV).

Leaves for healing — I like the sound of that. Seems like the world could use some healing. I could use some, too.

What if I could see Ezekiel's hopeful vision in the the new leaves around me?

Then a bit of green on a blackberry cane might show me God's hand reaching out to heal. Then a leafing willow might remind me that God is working for restoration even now. Then a greening dogwood might speak to me of God's desire for all of life to be made whole.

I think I'll bring Ezekiel's field glasses along the next time I'm on the trail and see what the leaves have to show me.

And who knows? Maybe I can convince a squirrel to sit still long enough for a measurement.

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NOTE FROM THE DEACONS

Hello from the Deacons!

We will be starting up our monthly visits to Ridgeview every third Thursday at 1:30 in the chapel just up the stairs and/or elevator! The visits are open to any members or friends of the church. If we outgrow that room we will reserve a bigger one. Please check in and wear a mask, but once in the chapel we are free to take the masks off.

Good Samaritan and Falls Landing residents would also like visits. Visitors need to check in at the front door and are required to wear a mask in.

You will notice that we are starting to list people at home, or in a residential setting in the weekly bulletins. We do this to encourage prayers and visits. A couple of members even suggested putting their telephone numbers in because they would love a call. If you would like to be listed in the bulletin, please let the church office know (Hailey is our administrative assistant. Her number is 825-5433. Leave a message if she is not in the office.) For the people living at home, we encourage a call first to set up a convenient time.

Communion deliveries will continue to those that have requested. If you want to be on this delivery list or taken off of it, please call the office. Our prayer is that soon we will be able to make deliveries and give communion with a new pastor. The Pastoral committee will update us as they can, but in the meantime please keep this committee and our future pastor and family in your prayers.

Carnations are delivered to anyone with a birthday of 80, 85, 90 and everyone older than 90! It's fun to be able to visit and spread a little birthday cheer! Please let the office know if you believe you are being overlooked for this! We will get you on our list!





But the
FRUIT of the spirit
is **LOVE**, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness
& self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23



Wishing you the best of luck
on your future endeavors!



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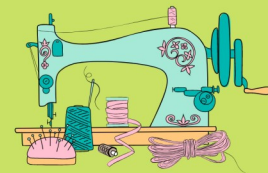
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