

The Presby News

Canby Presbyterian Church

January 2020 Newsletter

Pastor's Pen January 2020

Happy New Year to you all! It is the start of a new year and that also means that it is time for us to collect per capita. Aside from wanting to know how much is due (\$41.45 per member), I wanted to take the time to explain what per capita is, what it is used for, and why we are asking each member to pay their portion.

Each year First United Presbyterian Church is asked to pay a portion of the costs incurred to run the other councils of the denomination's organization. That cost is based upon the number of active members. Several years ago, the denomination got rid of the concept of inactive members; either you participate in the life of the church, or you don't. There is no middle ground. That is why we send letters out periodically to people who have not contributed to the life of the church in some way, either their attendance, helping with activities, or giving of funds.

That is what per capita is. But the \$41.45 doesn't just go to one place. It is separated out into three different categories. The breakdown is this:

General Assembly receives \$8.25 per person. This pays for the national offices, workers, programs, and all the things that the national office provides in the way of materials for the church.

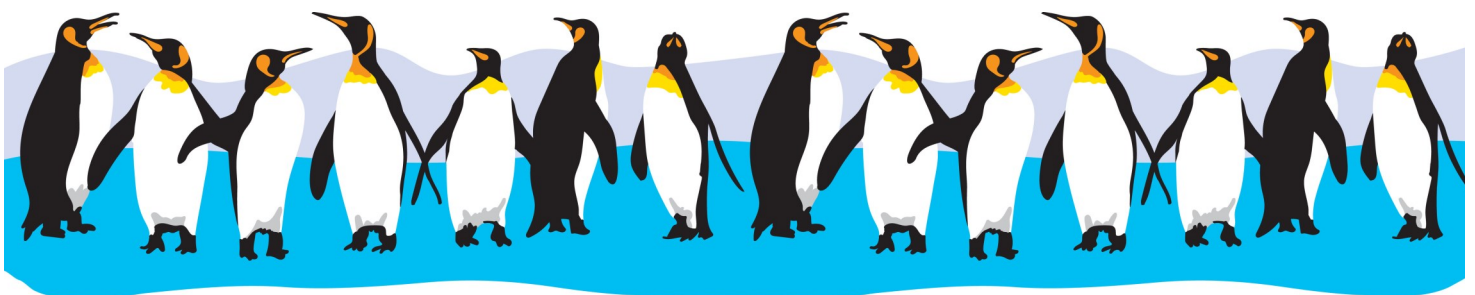
The Synod receives \$5.50 per person. That money is used for the programming, staff, and facilities that they use. Our synod is the only one that hosts a Synod School anymore. Our synod also provides bookkeeping services for many of the presbyteries in our area. Including ours.

The Presbytery receives the last portion of \$27.00. That money provides for our presbytery staff, offices, costs to run commissions, and committees, and so many more things.

Our congregation has, and I hope will always pay the full amount that they owe to the larger church. We ask that each individual donates the cost of the per capita, above and beyond, what they give in their normal church offering. This may seem like a membership fee, but it's not. The church pays for all active confirmed members whether they pay their portion directly or not, and we pay it at the start of the year, so that the other councils of the denomination have funds to work with. If the church does not receive enough per capita offerings from our members it means we use our operating budget funds to cover that cost. This puts a strain on our operating budget.

\$41.45 breaks down to \$3.45 a month for the year. That is a small price to pay for the amazing amount of good it does in the world. Please help us by paying your per capita allotment and paying it this month. There is a separate envelope in your offering boxes, or you can write per capita in the memo line of a check. Your generosity and diligence are appreciated.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve





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Greeters/Ushers

Jan. 5
 Jan. 12
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 Jan. 26

Lectors

Jan. 5 Marge Frazeur
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Hospitality

Jan. 5
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Deacon Bulletin Delivery

Jan. 5 Kathy Merrill
 Jan. 12 Chuck Houtman
 Jan. 19 Jody Olson
 Jan. 26 Betty Rehn

Rides to Church

Call: Myron Busse 223-7261
 Duane Wallert, 223-7267,
Flower Care
 Barb Vanstrom

Attention Hospitality:

Serving Supplies (cups, napkins, silverware, etc.) are now located in the cupboard of the former sound room in the Chapel. Cookies are in the refrigerator in the basement.

Church Events This Month

Thu. Jan. 2, 2:00 pm	All by myself
Sun. Jan. 5, 9:30 am	Clunky Can Offering
Wed. Jan. 8, 10:00 am	Pastor's Bible study
11:00 am	Mission committee
1:00 pm	Deacon meeting
2:00 pm	Parish Nurse
5:30 pm	Elder/Deacon Committee meetings
Sun. Jan. 19, 10:45 am	Session
Wed. Jan. 22, 10:00 am	Pastor's Bible study
Sun. Jan. 26, 10:30 am	Congregational Meeting

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JANUARY Birthdays

Jan. 2 Hayden Thovson
 Jan. 8, Nayeli Maldonado
 Jan. 19, Gerry Gingles
 Jan. 20, Larry Burlingame
 Jan. 22, Paulette Blair
 Jan. 25, Karen Houtman
 Jan. 31, Kristine Merrill

JANUARY Anniversaries

If you would like to request prayers and to activate the **Prayer Tree**, please contact Pastor Steve Tyykila by his cell phone, 651-341-5336 or use the church email address, fpccanby@gmail.com (messages left on the church's answering machine may not be retrieved in a timely manner). The Pastor will then make the necessary contacts to begin the prayer tree lists. Thank you.



Pastor's Schedule: Pastor Steve Tyykila is available to talk with you either as a drop-in or a scheduled appointment during his regular office hours, Mon - Thurs, 8 am - 4 pm. Also please let him know if you or a family member would like a visitation. He is always available for EMERGENCY calls at (651-341-5336).

Stay Connected: www.fpccanby.org is the church website with calendar info. Find us on Facebook (First Presbyterian Church of Canby, MN) The church email address is: fpccanby@gmail.com

Our Sunday Morning Service is 9:30 am.



A Warm
Welcome

MEMORIAL GIFT SUGGESTIONS

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING A MEMORIAL GIFT TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES ARE SUGGESTED:

- BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS • ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
- LANDSCAPING • MISSION PROJECTS • LIBRARY
- UNDESIGNATED • MUSIC



Elder/Deacon meeting and committee organizing

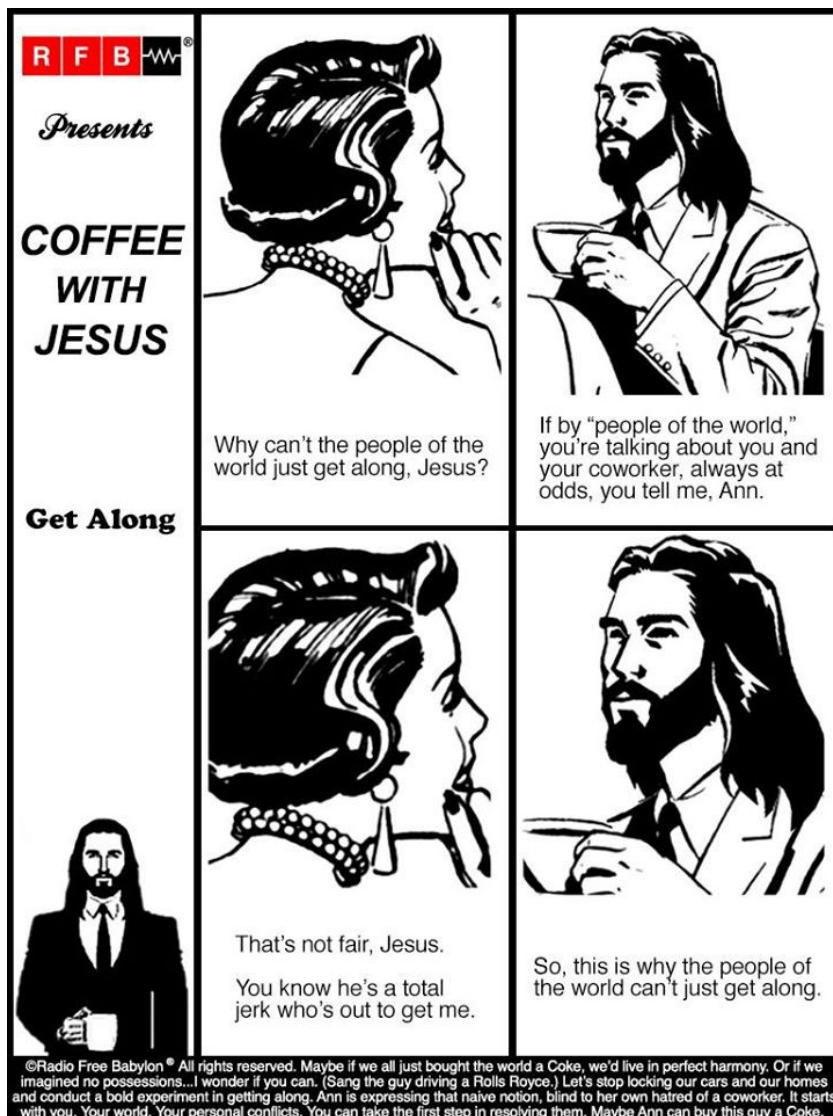
The Book of Order states that once a year the elders and deacons of the church shall meet together. We will meet on Jan. 8th at 5:30 for a light supper and have a quick training/meeting together. We will then break up into the four committees: Worship/Hospitality, Education/Outreach, Finance/Property, and Mission. **If you are a co-opted member for any of these committees or would like to become one please join us.**



Annual Congregation meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting for First United Presbyterian Church will be held after the worship service on January 26th (approximately 10:30 am). The agenda for the meeting will include accepting the annual report and budget for the year. Please plan on attending.





A sacred partnership

Bible scholar William Barclay notes that John the Baptist was “startled and unwilling” when Jesus asked to be baptized. The evangelist thought *he* needed what *Jesus* could give, not the reverse!

We are pros at taking our needs to God — indeed he invites this: “Call on me in the day of trouble” (Psalm 50:15). But God also comes to *us* with needs: “Mortal, I am sending you” (Ezekiel 2:3, NRSV); “Go ... make disciples” (Matthew 28:19); “Carry each other’s burdens” (Galatians 6:2, NIV).

Apparently, God prefers partnership to acting solo. From the beginning, God has invited people to name the animals, tend the garden, welcome strangers, build the tabernacle, proclaim his word, ensure justice and mercy, share his love.

What does God need from you, as Jesus needed baptism from John? Salvation is God’s alone to accomplish, but then he calls us to share work with him, for the world’s sake. So we echo Jesus: “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this” (Matthew 3:15, NIV).

—Heidi Mann



Synopsis- Session Meeting December 22, 2019

*November income was less than expenses by a minus \$12,559.38. Year to date income was less than expenses by a minus \$45,297.05. An extra \$135 was paid to Marco so a pathway from the new computer could be established with the copier. The infrastructure bill of \$8,911 for the church and manse was paid to the city. There were no other unusual expenses.

*Following a review of the possible Matthew 25 goals, it was determined that Eradicating Systemic Poverty would be our focus. It will continue to be the Discussion Subject at each Session meeting in order to determine specific actions.

*Pastor- Noted- Pastor Steve took a sick day on Thursday, December 19.

*Clerk- Annual Elder/Deacon meeting will be held Wednesday, January 8, 2020.
-Annual Congregational meeting date will be Sunday, January 26 with January 19 as deadline for reports. -Communion dates for 2020 were set. -Christmas Eve offering will be designated to the Mission committee. -Marge Frazeur was appointed Treasurer and Karen Houtman as Clerk for 2020. -Pastor's Housing Allowance for 2020 was approved- \$17,229.

*Christian Education/Outreach- cookie bake camping fundraiser netted \$455.

*Finance/Property- Tom McCammon will serve as 2020 Session representative.

*Mission- Twenty six Angel Tree gift tags were filled and delivered.

*Worship/Hospitality- Community Thanksgiving Meal netted \$656 which was donated to Prairie 5 food shelf.

JANUARY NOTES FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Your feet are quite important! Do you ever wonder how many miles they've put on? Well, I don't know that answer but if you would like to know more about foot care and foot issues such as fungus/athlete's foot, callouses, hammer toes, plantar fasciitis, bunions, etc. please join us on January 8th at 2:00PM at the church.



Bad Weather Policy

It is that time of year again when the weather can be difficult. I want to remind everyone that our policy is that we will not be canceling church (unless there is an issue with the building). It has become apparent that we cannot notify everyone if we are closed, so it is easier for everyone to make a reasonable decision about attending or not. This does not mean that you should feel obligated to risk life and limb during bad weather. If the weather is unsafe please stay home. We are working on new ways of presenting the service for those who cannot attend. Stay tuned for more information.

