

The Presby News

Canby Presbyterian Church

July 2020 Newsletter

Pastor's Pen July 2020

Well summer is here, including the heat and humidity. This weekend we celebrate our declaration of independence from Britain and the founding of our country. There will be many explosions of patriotism over this weekend (pun intended). Some of you over the years may have noticed that I tend to not celebrate national holidays much in our church service, and this may be concerning to you.

First let me assure you that it is not because of a lack of love for this country or a lack of respect for our veterans or our military. My father and uncle both served in the Air Force. My great uncle was on the beaches of Normandy on D-day. I myself had talked to a naval recruiter and was going to go into officer training school before I realized that my vision was going to exclude me from service.

When I was finished with college my wife and I considered the Peace Corps briefly. We were looking at the forms and there was a section stating that if you had family with military positions with a high security clearance that you could not be accepted. My wife called her sister and her husband, who at the time were both in the Air Force, to ask if their jobs would be an issue on our application. Her sister was working as a cook for Air Force One and he also had a high security position. Her sister responded saying, "yeah, don't even bother applying. It's not going to get approved."

I was disappointed but we moved on with our lives. That's when I heard about a new program that was starting called AmeriCorps. It was a bi-partisan program where people would sign up for 1-2 years of service working for minimum wage in positions that would help their communities. After you finished your time you would receive money to be used for college or to pay off college loans. This sounded like the opportunity I was looking for! (As a side note this program is still out there, although it has changed significantly since it started)

My first year I was assigned to an organization that worked with people with disabilities (similar to the DAC). They had the recycling contract for the county and were researching ways to make saleable items from recycled materials, specifically glass. My second year was spent with the local American Red Cross, teaching First Aid, CPR, babysitting, and working on local blood drives and disaster assistance.

My point in all of this is that I have tried to serve my country in the best way possible. Just as I try to serve God in the best way possible. When it comes to national holidays, like Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and Veterans day I fully honor and respect them, yet at the same time I honor and respect God more. So, when it is time for worship my focus is on worshiping God. Sunday is the Lord's day and all that is asked is that you give an hour of that day to exclusively thanking and praising God. I don't think we need to interject our patriotism of our country into this time meant for God. So you may hear me mention the holiday in the prayers of the people, but your not going to find mention of it in the rest of the service.

After church, or on the actual Memorial Day, or Veterans Day we should focus on remembering those who gave their life and honoring those who serve, as it should be. But while we are in worship our focus should be on worship and God who makes it all possible.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve





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Lectors

July 5 Marge Frazeur
 July 12 Kathy Merrill
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 July 26 Kathy Merrill

Deacon Bulletin Delivery

July 5 Kathy Merrill
 July 12 Dede Burlingame
 July 19 Jody Olson
 July 26 Betty Rehn

Flower Care
 Donna Monke

Church Events This Month

Sun. July 5, 9:30 am Clunky Can Offering
 Wed. July 8, 1:00 pm Deacon meeting
 July 13-19 Pastor Steve on vacation
 Wed. July 22, 6:30 pm Session
 Sun. July 26, 9:30 am Worship in the park

July 2020						
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JULY Birthdays

July 3, Paul Dillon
 July 4, Keith Rehn
 July 10, Carol Tobin
 July 17, Scott Bliss
 July 19, Kathryn Tyykila
 July 23, Ellie Beman, Leona Smith
 July 25, Randy Lopau

JULY Anniversaries

7-1-49, Dewey & Betsy Tetrick
 7-8-61, Larry & Dede Burlingame
 7-15-06, Tom & Kim (Dillon) Mielke
 6-21-59, Duane & Charleen Wallert
 6-25-94, Sherry & Rick Nelson
 6-28-75, Paul & Judy Dillon
 6-28-85, Earl & Bonnie McDaniel



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



Facebook Worship and Offerings

We may not be able to meet together in person, but we are still doing the Sunday services on Facebook. The service is pre-recorded and premieres at 9:30 am and then is available in its entirety afterwards. A big thank you to all the people helping in the technical end, especially having to learn new things. Thanks also to my lectors Kathy Merrill, and Marge Frazier.

Go to: https://www.facebook.com/fpccanby/?eid=ARD5a5rq-XI1sXTgNPxxCtgwGivKmpYXndVxvCVT3kRNUFjSFMYSLoT-wqc_ePuy3bOiauUK_gDYPc8

In addition we ask that you mail in your tithes and offerings to the church.





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COFFEE WITH JESUS

Whatever Small Ways

Thank you in advance, Jesus, for whatever small ways I can make a difference for you today.

James! You pray with confidence and faith. Bless you, my friend!

One thing, though.

Yes, Lord?

Ain't nothing “small” about what I’m gonna do through you today.

©Radio Free Babylon® All rights reserved. It could be the tiniest of encounters, but if you're tuned into the Lord, it could reap huge rewards in his kingdom. You might think it small, but if you're you're tuned in, it'll be groundbreaking for someone. It'll seem miniscule in the moment until God shows you...THIS, right now, this moment, is where it all comes down. You're about to show someone the Kingdom of God. Recognize how he's using you right now. Don't think small. He's got big plans for you.

Worship in the park

On Sunday July 26th at 9:30 am we are planning to have our annual service in Central Park (across St. Olaf Ave from the church). This is assuming that the weather permits and that there are not any rules changes relating to the pandemic. We have invited our brothers and sisters from the Dawson Presbyterian Church and their yoked partner First Congregational Church in Appleton MN.

We ask that you bring a chair to sit in and be prepared to spread out to keep social distancing between family units. Because this event will be outdoors we are not requiring masks, but we highly encourage you to wear them. We hope to see you in person on July 26th.



Session Synopsis- June 17, 2020

*May income was less than expenses by a minus \$1,604.70. Year to date income is less than expenses by a minus \$21,889.21. The custodian was paid for three months work as no time sheets were turned in for March and April until May. There were no other unusual expenses. A CD for \$6,653.31 at First Security Bank was cashed in and put into the checking account.

*Pastor- A meeting was held with the Dawson Session on June 20. Four Session members and Pastor Steve attended. The purpose of the meeting was to get acquainted and possibly consider a joint ministry sometime in the future. Pastor's vacation time for July 13-19 was approved. Previously approved was vacation time for August 10-16. Karen Houtman was approved for pulpit supply on July 19 and August 16. CAMA report- The Connection has been open since June 1 for the Summer Program.

*Christian Education/Outreach- it was noted with appreciation that Gerry Gingles has been doing some roadside pickup for the church.

*Finance/Property- Clearwater Summer camp has been cancelled for 2020- it has been approved that they will retain most of the registration money to be used for 2021. The copier lease is up soon and a new one will be rebid. It was noted with appreciation that Jody Olson, Gerry Gingles and Randy Lopau have done upkeep of flowers, plants and lawn care on church property. Approval was given, if the way be clear, that application for funds from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) be made.

Worship/Hospitality- discussion was held regarding opening the church for Sunday morning worship. Action was taken to approve the church remain closed for worship, continuing as is for the next month. Issue to be revisited at next meeting, July 22.

The weight of Hate

Word lovers, delight! The lexicon has tongue-twisting terms that describe hatred for just about anything.

According to Mental Floss, if you're a misodotakleidist, for example, you hate practicing the piano. Misogelasts hate laughter, while misopogonists hate beards and misophonists hate certain irritating sounds. There's even a word for someone who hates hatred (in the form of war or strife): a misopolemist.

Some of these words may make us smile, yet hate is deadly serious. No matter the target, hatred weighs us down and distracts us from Godly living.

That's why Paul instructs followers of Jesus to "put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice" (Ephesians 4:31, NRSV). Once that hateful weight is gone, we'll be freed up to "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you" (verse 32).

