

THREADS...

From the First Presbyterian Church of Canby
May 2021 Newsletter

GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE

Here we are, you and I,
called to be God's Holy People.
You say you're not the holy type,
but I'm not talking about holier-than-thou.
I'm not talking about religious ritual,
and the last thing I mean is self-righteousness!

Jesus chastised the self-righteous,
the ones who spent their days doing religious
things,
the ones who spent so much time in religious ritual
that they didn't have time for tenderheartedness.

I'm not talking about them;
I'm talking about us.
I'm talking about paying attention
to the things Jesus taught people,
ordinary people, people like you, people like me
called to follow,
called to be God's Holy People,
called to live in this world with tender hearts.
Live holy lives.....impossible?
Is anything impossible to God?
That old woman, Sarah, thought it impossible
to have a child.....
The lepers thought it impossible
to be healed.....
The disciples thought it impossible
to feed five thousand with two loaves and
five fishes.....
Mary and Martha thought it impossible
that their brother Lazarus was alive.....
The lame thought it impossible to walk.....
The blind thought it impossible to see.....

Here we are, ordinary people,
called to be the Holy People of God.
If you have eyes to see and ears to hear,
see and hear God's holiness in your life.



-Ann Weems "Searching for Shalom"

A Warm Welcome

If you would like to request prayers and to activate the **Prayer Tree**, please reach out to Kathy Merrill by phone or email. Thank You.

Email: krmerrill49@yahoo.com Phone: (507) 829-7709



Stay Connected:

Church Website: www.fpccanby.org — Church Email: fpccanby@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook!  First Presbyterian Church of Canby, MN

- Our Sunday Morning Service is 9:30am
- Facebook Premier Video upload available for at-home viewing Sunday at 1pm.

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



In-person and Facebook Worship

We have resumed in-person worship services on Sunday Mornings at 9:30am.

Mask wearing is still required at this time and please continue to practice social distancing.

We will continue to upload services via Facebook Premier Video for at home viewers.
This is scheduled to upload Sunday at 1pm.



Tithes and Offerings

If you are not joining us in person we kindly ask that you mail in your tithes and offerings to the church. (311 Saint Olaf Avenue N, Canby, Minnesota 56220)



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Lectors

May 2- Patty Gubrud
May 9- Gerry Gingles
May 16- Marge Frazeur
May 23- Karen Houtman
May 30- Marge Frazeur

Prayer Tree– Notify Kathy Merrill by
email: krmerrill49@yahoo.com
phone: (507) 829-7709

Pastoral Needs– Notify Karen Houtman by
email: choutman@frontiernet.net
phone: (507) 223-5331

Pulpit Supply

May 2- Stan Menning
May 9- Stan Menning
May 16- Karen Houtman
May 23- Kathy Terpstra
May 30- Karen Houtman

Bulletin Delivery

May 2- Jody Olson
May 9- Patty Gubrud
May 16- Kathy Merrill
May 23- Katie Groenhoff
May 30- Chuck Houtman

Flower Care

Marge Frazeur

May 2021

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Church Events This Month

Sun. May 2, following worship Congregational Meeting
–Manse Issue

Thurs, May 6, 6:30pm Finance/Property Meeting

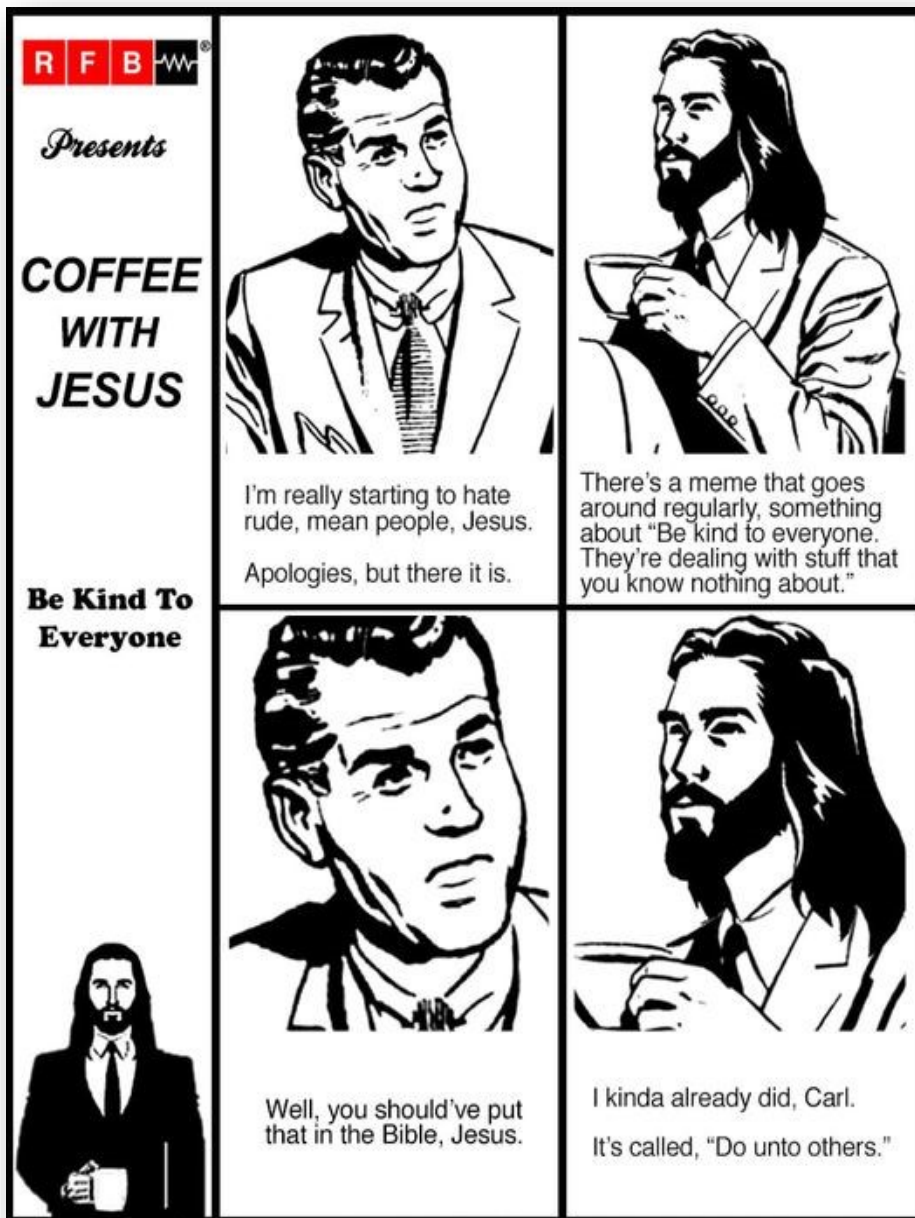
Tues, May 18, 10am Presbytery Meeting via Zoom

Wed. May 19, 10am Session Meeting

Sun. May 23 Baptism of Korbyn Groenhoff
Communion



May 1- Neva Hacker
May 7- Betty Hanna
May 13- Lyle Tobin
Terry Yackley
May 17- Earl McDaniel
May 18- Anaceli Maldonado
May 20- Doug Frazeur
May 22- Norma DeWit
May 25- Erica Arends
May 28- Sherry Nelson
May 30- Donna Lopau
Betsy Tetrack



**And straightway
the father of the
child cried out,
And said with
tears, Lord, I
believe; help thou
mine unbelief.**

-MARK 9:24 (KJV)



How hard is your life? Pretty hard, I'm sure. And how hard is your neighbor's life? Probably harder.

So you're in the grocery store parking lot and someone steals that parking spot you were waiting for. How do you deal?! Try this: **Deal like Jesus.**

For every injustice you perceive, respond with love. Chances are you misinterpreted it.
Reevaluate. Reconnect. Reexamine.

Maybe you got it wrong? Your perception of wrong was probably wrong from the start.

🌻 FAITH is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see. 🌻

Be a Bottle of Water Not a Bottle of Soda

The bottle is you. What's inside is your emotions and your reactions. People who hate you and envy you are going to try and rattle you and shake you from time to time. If you shake a bottle of soda once you open it, it explodes. But if you shake a bottle of water and open it, it's still the same calm water it was before it was shaken up. Don't let anyone disrupt your peace.

Session Synopsis– April 21, 2021

Income for March was less than expenses by a minus \$1,026.89. Income year to date was less than expenses by a minus \$2,688.36. \$70 was paid for snow removal. \$29.90 was paid for a furnace filter for the church. \$260 was paid for drain cleaning at the manse. There were no other unusual expenses or income.

***Moderator's Report-** Rev. Anne Veldhuisen called attention to First Presbyterian Church of Jackson and that Sunday, April 25 will be their final worship service.

***Clerk's Report-**

-The date of Tuesday, April 27 at 10AM was set for Session members to meet and continue evaluation of responses to the "Critical Questions."

-Doug Frazeur will do a Minute for Mission on Sunday, April 25, calling attention to the upcoming Congregational Meeting on May 2 when a decision will be reached regarding sale of the manse. Information will also be included in bulletins and the May Newsletter.

-May 18 meeting of Minnesota Valleys Presbytery- commissioner- Karen Houtman

***Christian Education/Outreach-**

-Currently five young people are looking forward to attending Clearwater Camp August 1-7.

-Confirmation plans are being made for two of our young people.

***Deacons-**

-Plans were made at the April 7 meeting for Communion preparations, and bulletin delivery for the months of May through July.

**Next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 19 at 10AM.*



THE PRESBYTERIAN MANSE

History

The manse- located at 107 Pine Ave. N. in Canby, MN was purchased June 29, 1969. The mortgage was paid in full in 1983. It has been used by six pastors and their families. The property has been unused since Pastor Steve Tyykila left September, 2020. Due to decreasing membership and budget, it seems an appropriate time to decide what should be done with it. It has been thoroughly cleaned.

The Property and Finance Committee has on two separate occasions discussed and recommended that Session call a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of approving the sale of the manse. On Wednesday, April 21, following careful discussion, the Session took action to concur with the Committee's actions and makes the following recommendation:

Recommended Action

The Session is extending a Call for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 2, 2021 following worship and recommending approval- via written ballot- to sell the Presbyterian Manse located at 107 Pine Ave. N. in Canby, MN. Stan Menning will Moderate the Meeting.

Details in favor of selling are:

- *Expense of retaining the manse- utilities, insurance, upkeep, snow removal and lawn care, in addition to time and responsibility of persons checking on it.
- *It is a fact that a home, sitting empty, deteriorates quickly.
- *Spring is a good time to put a home on the market.
- *When we find pastoral leadership, it is unlikely they would be younger with a family for which this home is designed.
- *Renting the home is risky and complicated. We would then need to pay Property taxes, since it would be income property.

Details in opposition to selling:

- *Having a manse available may be helpful in finding a pastor.
- *It has been "our pastor's home" for many years, hard to change that.

Use of proceeds

Because of Presbyterian polity, property is held in trust for the larger Church. Thus, Commission on Presbytery Operations needs to grant permission before a sale can take place. The Presbytery limits on proceeds from a sale are:

- *funds must be kept in a separate account.
- *funds can only be used for buying property, major building repairs or expansion, or to pay a housing allowance for the pastor.

Proceeds cannot be used for the general fund, pastor salaries, pension dues, routine maintenance, mission, etc.

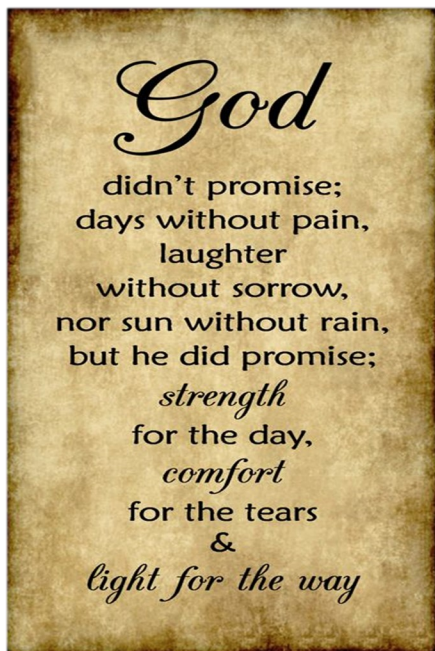


First Presbyterian Church of Canby MN

Income/Expenses

March 2021

	March	Year to Date	2021 Budget	% of Budget		March	Year to Date
Expenses					Income		
Salaries					Camp		
*Pastor					Local Mission	4,217.00	10,546.00
*Pastor's Tax Allowance					Per Capita	319.00	2,089.00
					General Mission		
Pulpit Supply	800.00	2500.00	10400	24.0%	PCUSA Special Offerings	100.00	100.00
Other Salaries					Special Mission Offerings		
Custodian	94.00	136.00	4000	3.4%	Helper Project		
Employer taxes		42.22	300	14.1%	Memorials		
Workman's Comp	395.00	395.00	500	79.0%	Thanksgiving Meal		
Allowances (Pastor)					Upper Room/Worship		
*Manse Utilities	248.32	747.07	3000	24.9%	Fellowship/Hospitality		
*Continuing Education					Flowers		
*Pension, Health, Disability					Fuel		
*Family Dental					Other		
Mission					Lenten/Advent Meal		
Per Capita		3053.00	3053	100.0%	Thanksgiving Offering		
General Mission	500.00	500.00	2000	25.0%	Building Improvement	220.00	820.00
PCUSA Special Offerings					Grants/Refunds		500.00
The Connection	250.00	250.00	1100	22.7%	Mission Committee	300.00	300.00
Special Mission Projects					Use Of Church		
Helper Project							
Thanksgiving Meal					Total Income	5,156.00	14,355.00
Pastor's Benevolence Fund							
Committees					Assets: March 2021		
Christian Ed/Outreach			1500	0.0%	Checkbook Balance		36,700.47
Camp					Co-op Accounts		5,248.79
Worship/Hospitality		220.90	1000	22.1%	Endowment PCUSA		41,048.41
Mission Committee	350.00	350.00			Endowment First Security		16,021.72
Building & Maintenance					Raymond James Fund		12,282.86
Church Utilities	760.79	1911.50	10000	19.1%	US Bank Debit Card		
Church Repairs/Maintenance	99.90	379.90	4000	9.5%	Total Assests		111,302.25
Manse Repairs	260.00	1005.74	2500	40.2%	Total Liabilities		0.00
Custodial Supplies		18.94	300	6.3%			
Property Insurance		4053.75	14000	29.0%			
Equipment			1500	0.0%			
Property Tax/Fees			20	0.0%			
Office					Funds Carried Over to 2020		
Telephone/Internet	191.30	571.73	2300	24.9%			
Postage			50	0.0%			
Supplies			600	0.0%			
Copier	88.80	266.40	1200	22.2%	Mission Committee	0	
Web Page			50	0.0%			
Professional Fees			150	0.0%			
Mileage	56.00	196.00					
Office Other		190.21	200	95.1%			
Session Expense	35.00	255.00	500	51.0%			
Total	4,129.11	17,043.36	64,223.00	26.5%	Income more than expenses YTD		(2,688.36)
					Income more than expenses .Mar-21		1,026.89



Bob Briggs passed away Tues, April 27th.

Prayers for comfort and peace for Arlene and their extended family as they mourn

the loss of Bob.

Cards can be sent to Arlene:

112 St. Olaf Ave. S.

Sylvan Court Room # 110

Canby, MN 56220

Keep Rick & Sherry Nelson, and their family, in your prayers during this uncertain time as Rick awaits test results and what lies ahead.

"I have a purpose for each trial, but I'll be with you all the while. This, too, will pass. You'll see the sun when clouds their perfect work have done. Our weak hand placed in His so strong We follow. He'll not lead us wrong. We know not why these storms must be, but Jesus says: "Child, trust in Me."

Beverly J. Anderson

Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10, NIV



Pray for Katie & Jon Groenhoff as they grieve their third pregnancy loss. Prayers for comfort and strength as they face the challenges ahead. Keep them in your thoughts as they try and learn answers from medical personnel in the upcoming months.