

THREADS...

From the First Presbyterian Church of Canby
August 2021 Newsletter

Pastoral Search Process Update

Beginning the end of January 2021, two “Critical Questions” related to pastoral needs and expectations for our congregation were distributed each week. These questions were designed to give members an opportunity to assist the Session in moving forward with a search for a pastor. The Session reviewed the responses as well as considered the reality of membership numbers and financial health, with the following results:

*Half time pastor (20-25 hours/week) is what our finances will currently support. It was unanimous that pastoral care was top priority, with preaching/teaching being second, and church growth third.

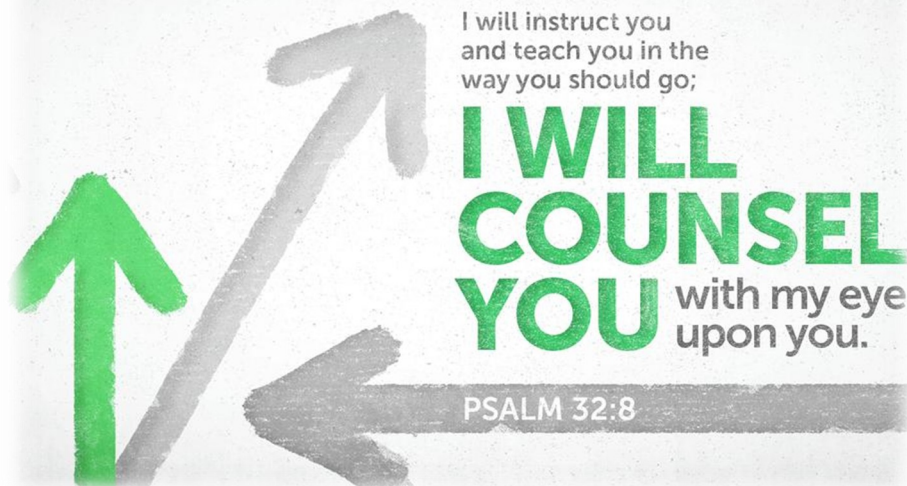
*Over and over we heard appreciation for the unique “family” our church is; we are a welcoming church; how people care for each other; how we are a neutral forum for differing views; that we are an older congregation united in fellowship.

*To prosper, we should recruit more families with children; program for a variety of ages; provide worship experiences that attract all ages; continue to emphasize fellowship and activities that care for needs of others; encourage all members to be involved in whatever way possible.

*Options currently being pursued for pastoral leadership: ideal, but very unlikely a retired, part-time pastor; joint ministry with near by churches, i.e.: Dawson/Appleton, Slayton, Marshall.

*Change realities: likely need to change mindset of having a solo pastor; sharing a pastor will mean possible different times and format for worship; pastor not in pulpit each week but alternative worship using technology; in emergency situations, pastor may not be readily available; expecting 20-25 hours per week for a pastor may not be workable.

Please pray for God’s guidance as we continue the process.....
Questions? check with a Session member.





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.

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- 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.

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

August 1- Karen Houtman
August 8- Karen Houtman
August 15- Marge Frazeur
August 22- Kathy Merrill
August 29- Gerry Gingles

Pulpit Supply

August 1- Marge Frazeur
August 8- Marge Frazeur
August 15- Karen Houtman
August 22- Karen Houtman
August 29- Stan Menning

Bulletin Delivery

August 1- Chuck Houtman
August 8- Katie Groenhoff
August 15- Patty Gubrud
August 22- Jody Olson
August 29- Kathy Merrill

Flower Care

Patty Gubrud

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

AUGUST Birthdays

August 7- Kaylee Arends
August 9- Bonnie McDaniel
August 21- Wayne Monke
August 29- Steve Veverka
August 30- Marge Frazeur

Church Events This Month

Wed. Aug. 4, 1pm Worship/Hospitality
Thurs. Aug. 5, 6:30pm Finance/Property Meeting
Wed Aug. 11, 10am Mission Meeting
Wed. Aug. 11, 1pm Christian Ed/Outreach
Wed. Aug. 18, 10am Session
Aug 1-7 5 of our young kids are at Clearwater Camp.
Aug 25, 6pm Dawson/Appleton Meeting with Session in Canby

AUGUST Anniversaries

August 8- Marcia & Gerry Gingles
August 26- Karen & Chuck Houtman

From a strictly mathematical viewpoint:

What equals 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%?

Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%?

We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give over 100%.

How about achieving 101%? What equals 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Is represented as: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.


Then: H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K $(8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11) = 98\%$

And K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E $(11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5) = 96\%$

But, A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E $(1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5) = 100\%$

AND, look how far the love of God will take you,

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D $(12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4) = 101\%$

**Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that:
While Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there,
it's the Love of God that will put you over the top! **

Despair

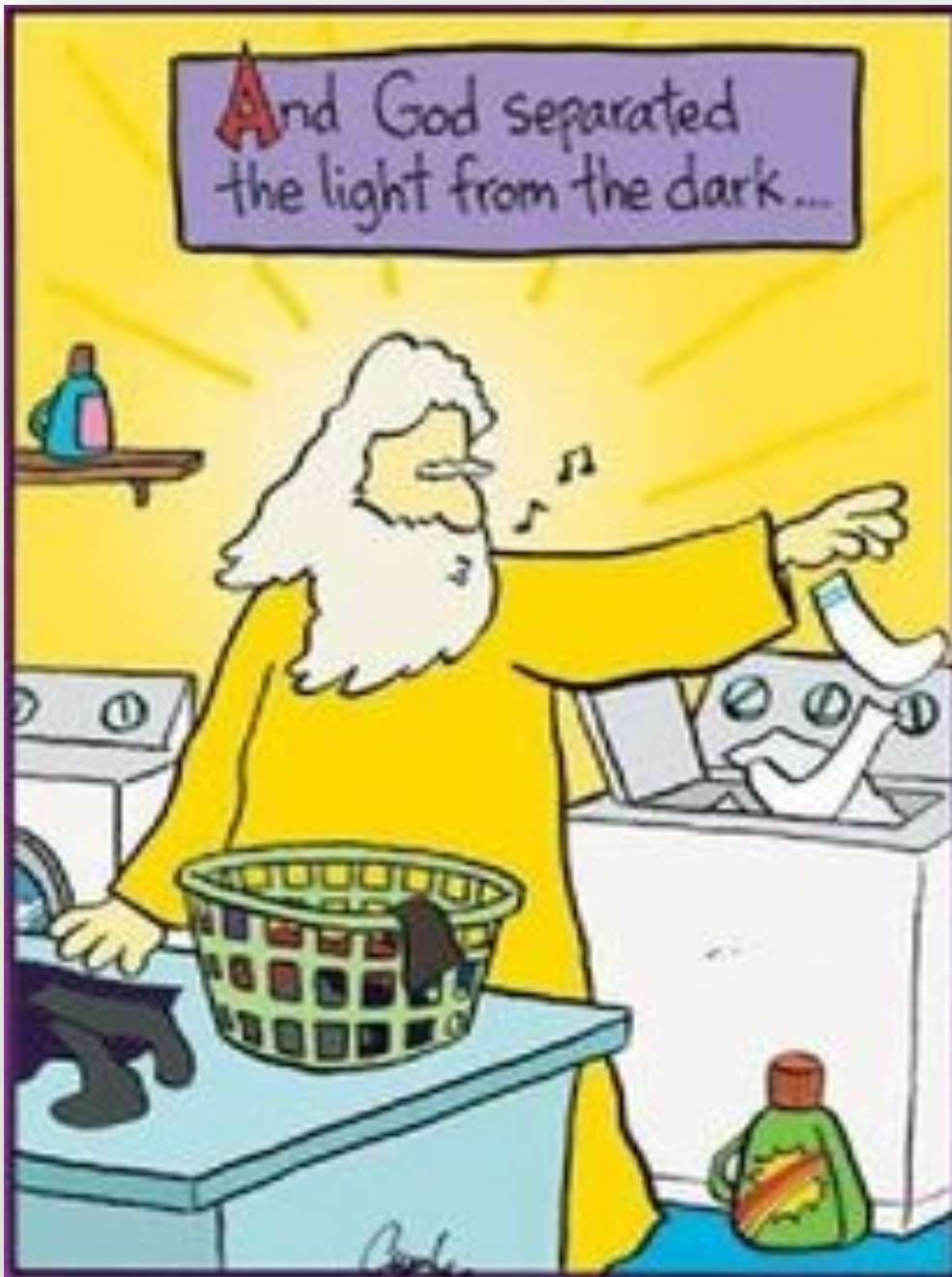
Brad lives in California.... He was sick of the world, of Covid-19, Trump, Russian belligerence, China, global warming, racial tensions, and the rest of the disturbing stories that occupy media headlines.

Brad drove his car into his garage and then sealed every doorway and window as best he could. He got back into his car and rolled down all the windows, selected his favorite radio station, started the car and revved it to a slow idle.

Two days later, a worried neighbor peered through his garage window and saw him in the car. She

notified the emergency service and they broke in, pulling Brad from the car.

A little sip of water and, surprisingly, Brad was in perfect condition, but his Tesla had a dead battery.



Genesis 1: 3-4

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1 is nothing less than a bare-bones claim that God created the universe. Setting all of the debates on models and interpretations aside, the chapter undeniably insists on one thing:

God is to be known as the Creator of all things.

For those who believe these words, our response should be nothing less than to *worship our Maker!*

Session Synopsis– July 21, 2021

***Treasurer's Report-**

Income more than expenses for June 2021 was \$860.48. Year to Date income was less than expenses by a minus \$679.38.

\$100 was paid for mowing at the church.

\$180 was paid for tuning the pianos.

\$50 was paid for mowing at the manse.

\$120 was paid for snow blowing at the manse.

There were no other unusual expenses.

***Clerk's Report-**

Action was taken to approve ordering three Presbyterian Calendars. The need for assistance to do Homebound Communion was raised. It was agreed the hold on the Preparedness Plan continue. Karen Houtman was appointed Commissioner to the Presbytery Meeting in Mankato on August 17.

***Christian Education/Outreach-**

On Sunday, August 1, Bibles will be given to six of our young people and the five young people attending camp August 1-7 will be recognized. Sunday School will resume on August 12.

Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, September 15. The date of December 19 was set for the Sunday School Christmas program.

***Deacon-**

At the July 14 meeting, plans were made for future Deacon meetings, Communion dates and preparation, and bulletin delivery August through October. Homebound Communion was discussed and plans to continue were made.

***Finance/Property-**

It is anticipated that the sale of the manse will be posted online with Keating Realty next week.

***Worship/Hospitality-**

Plans for continued Fellowship Time following worship were discussed. It was noted that the camera used to record Worship Services needs to be replaced- efforts are underway to do that. In the meantime, we are attempting to live stream the services. It was noted that Marge Frazeur has offered to do pulpit supply for July 24, as well as August 1st and 8th.

***Old Business-**

A discussion and review was held regarding the Session's meeting with the Dawson and Appleton congregations on Tuesday, July 20th. A possible joint ministry with those congregations is being considered as one of the options for future pastoral leadership.

**Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 18th at 10:00AM.*

First Presbyterian Church of Canby MN

Income/Expenses

June 2021

	June	Year to Date	2021 Budget	% of Budget		June	Year to Date
Expenses					Income		
Salaries					Camp		20.00
*Pastor					Local Mission	7,727.62	23,595.68
*Pastor's Tax Allowance					Per Capita		2,175.00
					General Mission		
Pulpit Supply	800.00	5050.00	10400	48.6%	PCUSA Special Offerings	60.00	464.00
Other Salaries					Special Mission Offerings		
Custodian	48.00	334.00	4000	8.4%	Heifer Project		
Employer taxes		52.62	300	17.5%	Memorials		600.00
Workman's Comp		395.00	500	79.0%	Thanksgiving Meal		
Allowances (Pastor)					Upper Room/Worship		
*Manse Utilities	181.32	1291.03	3000	43.0%	Fellowship/Hospitality		
*Continuing Education					Flowers		9.00
*Pension,Health, Disability					Fuel	100.00	100.00
*Family Dental					Other		
					Lenten/Advent Meal		
Mission					Thanksgiving Offering		
Per Capita		3053.00	3053	100.0%	Building Improvement		1460.00
General Mission	500.00	1000.00	2000	50.0%	Grants/Refunds	231.00	731.00
PCUSA Special Offerings	351.50	701.50			Mission Committee	170.23	611.60
The Connection	250.00	500.00	1100	45.5%	Use Of Church		
Special Mission Projects							
Heifer Project					Total Income	8,288.85	29,766.28
Thanksgiving Meal							
Pastor's Benevolence Fund							
Committees					Assets: June 2021		
Christian Ed/Outreach			1500	0.0%	Checkbook Balance		38,714.21
Camp					Co-op Accounts		5,252.00
Worship/Hospitality	15.90	349.68	1000	35.0%	Endowment PCUSA		41,209.66
Mission Committee	150.00	500.00			Endowment Firsr Security		16,021.72
Building & Maintenance					Raymond James Fund		13,043.58
Church Utilities	291.85	3093.46	10000	30.9%	US Bank Debit Card		
Church Repairs/Maintenance	280.00	2132.45	4000	53.3%	Total Assests		114,241.17
Manse Repairs	170.00	1175.74	2500	47.0%	Total Liabilities		0.00
Custodial Supplies		18.94	300	6.3%			
Property Insurance	4053.75	8107.50	14000	57.9%			
Equipment			1500	0.0%			
Property Tax/Fees		30.00	20	150.0%			
Office							
Telephone/Internet	191.25	1145.41	2300	49.8%	Funds Carried Over to 2020		
Postage			50	0.0%			
Supplies			600	0.0%	Mission Committee	0	
Copier	88.80	532.80	1200	44.4%			
Web Page			50	0.0%			
Professional Fees			150	0.0%			
Mileage	56.00	432.32					
Office Other		190.21	200	95.1%			
Session Expense		360.00	500	72.0%			
Total	7,428.37	30,445.66	64,223.00	47.4%	Income more than expenses YTD		(679.38)
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