

THREADS...

From the First Presbyterian Church of Canby
September 2021 Newsletter

We **THANK YOU** for helping us get to camp!
We are all very excited to return next year!



"This was the best year at camp ever. I had the best cabin and the best part was getting to know someone there."

-Allen



"Camp is one of my favorite places to be. I look forward to going every summer. It's hard to believe next year will be my last after going for the last 10 years. My favorite part was meeting new people & reuniting with friends from prior years."

-Cecelia



"I learned from camp to always include others & help guide them if you can. The best part was all the games we played and morning worship." - Ana



"Archery, canoeing, and paddle boarding were my favorite activities. I especially loved night worship by the lake at sunset."

-Cecelia



"Camp was so fun, even though it was different. I learned to include others."

- Nayeli



"I liked camp a lot. Kayaking was the best part." -Tristan





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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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.

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

Sept 5- Marge Frazeur
Sept 12- Patty Gubrud
Sept 19- Marge Frazeur
Sept 26- Kathy Merrill

Pulpit Supply

Sept 5- Karen Houtman
Sept 12- Stan Menning
Sept 19- Karen Houtman
Sept 26- Stan Menning

Bulletin Delivery

Sept 5- Katie Groenhoff
Sept 12- Chuck Houtman
Sept 19- Jody Olson
Sept 26- Patty Gubrud

Flower Care

Kathy Merrill



September 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		

Church Events This Month

Wed. Sept. 1, 1pm Worship/Hospitality
Wed. Sept 8, 1pm Christian Ed/Outreach
Thurs. Sept 9, 6:30pm Finance/Property Meeting
Sun. Sept. 12, 10:45a Church School
Sun. Sept. 12, 10:45a Contemporary Discussion Group
Wed. Sept. 15, 3:30pm Confirmation Class
Wed. Sept. 15, 10am Session



September 21- Cecelia Maldonado
September 24- Dede Burlingame
September 25- Meghan Hanna



Contemporary Issues Discussion to Commence

The Contemporary Issues Discussion group will meet Sunday, September 12th. Following the service and fellowship.

We will select topics of special interest to the group, such as: How the ongoing pandemic affects college and professional sports; the fall of Afghanistan; the threat of insurrection in federal elections and numerous other examples.

The group will also decide if, how, when, *The Wired Word* will be used as a resource.

Please join us for an interesting discussion, as we begin our Fall season, and endeavor to find our way in God's world.

-Doug Frazier

THANK- YOU'S

A heartfelt thank you is extended to Marge Frazier and Marcia Gingles for their willingness to present Sunday morning worship messages this past month.

Their messages were meaningful and a wonderful example of the variety of faith experiences each of our members has to share.

God has blessed all of us through them.

Thank you!

GOOD NEWS!


We are pleased to announce that the new camera setup was installed in the church on August 26th. We look forward, once again, to recording the Services and making them available at 1PM (currently) on Facebook each Sunday following worship as well as with Sanford Court early each week.

A big thank you is extended to Katie Groenhoff and Greta Cina for live streaming the services the past couple of months.




As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider,
ponder this saying:

"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."



When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.



Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives.

Embrace fall as a season of change and see just
how beautiful it is to let things go!




—Janna Firestone

Laboring for the Lord

For many people, the pandemic redefined work, with more employees logging hours from a home office — or kitchen table. Boundaries between job and personal life blurred, as did any sense of being "off duty."

Most of us prefer clear divisions between our tasks and time. While such separations may help with scheduling, they are artificial human constructs. *"Whatever your task,"* says Colossians 3:23 (NRSV, emphasis added) — whether in public or private, family or job, spiritual or worldly activities — "put yourselves into it as done for the Lord." Verse 17 tells us to "do everything" in Jesus' name, "giving thanks to God the Father through him."

That means even work and worship interlock. As Rick Warren writes, "Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God and perform it with an awareness of his presence."



Whatever you do,
whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
giving thanks to
God the Father
through Him.

Colossians 3:17



Session Meeting- August 2021

The Session did not hold an official meeting in August, but instead met on August 18th and 23rd to prepare for the meeting with Dawson and Appleton. We received word on August 24th that Dawson and Appleton, following a meeting by their Session/Council and with their congregations, had determined driving distances between our churches was too great to allow for a successful joint ministry and wished to discontinue further conversations.

However, God is still at work through our serious and continued discussions. Other options are being pursued. We will keep the congregation informed at the appropriate time. In the meantime, please honor our need for confidentiality and continue to pray- as we do- for God's guidance in our deliberations.

Christian Education Begins

*Church School and Contemporary Issues group will begin meeting following worship on Sunday, September 12th.

*Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 15 and will meet following school most weeks. Three of our young people- Allen and Nayeli Maldonado and Hayden Thovson will be involved in those classes.

PLEASE PRAY for the spiritual growth in the upcoming year for all involved.

A Thank You from PCUSA Mission Support

"On behalf of Presbyterian Mission, please convey our appreciation to your congregation..... for your gracious and faithful support. We received \$38.90 for Shared Mission Support and \$350.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

The support of your congregation makes a difference in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ locally, nationally and around the world. You are a valued partner."

Signed: Bill McConnell

First Presbyterian Church of Canby MN

Income/Expenses

July 2021

	July	Year to Date	2021 Budget	% of Budget		July	Year to Date
Expenses					Income		
Salaries					Camp		20.00
*Pastor					Local Mission	2,961.00	26,556.68
*Pastor's Tax Allowance					Per Capita	43.00	2,218.00
					General Mission		
Pulpit Supply	600.00	5650.00	10400	54.3%	PCUSA Special Offerings		464.00
Other Salaries					Special Mission Offerings		
Custodian	114.00	448.00	4000	11.2%	Heifer Project		
Employer taxes	15.13	67.75	300	22.6%	Memorials		600.00
Workman's Comp		395.00	500	79.0%	Thanksgiving Meal		
Allowances (Pastor)					Upper Room/Worship		
*Manse Utilities	181.32	1472.35	3000	49.1%	Fellowship/Hospitality		
*Continuing Education					Flowers		9.00
*Pension, Health, Disability					Fuel		100.00
*Family Dental					Other		
Mission					Lenten/Advent Meal		
Per Capita		3053.00	3053	100.0%	Thanksgiving Offering		
General Mission		1000.00	2000	50.0%	Building Improvement	120.00	1580.00
PCUSA Special Offerings		701.50			Grants/Refunds		731.00
The Connection		500.00	1100	45.5%	Mission Committee	24.92	636.52
Special Mission Projects					Use Of Church		
Heifer Project					Total Income	3,148.92	32,915.20
Thanksgiving Meal							
Pastor's Benevolence Fund							
Committees					Assets: July 2021		
Christian Ed/Outreach			1500	0.0%	Checkbook Balance		40,014.02
Camp					Co-op Accounts		5,255.25
Worship/Hospitality		349.68	1000	35.0%	Endowment PCUSA		41,209.66
Mission Committee	50.00	550.00			Endowment First Security		16,021.72
Building & Maintenance					Raymond James Fund		13,307.48
Church Utilities	290.12	3383.58	10000	33.8%	US Bank Debit Card		
Church Repairs/Maintenance	100.00	2232.45	4000	55.8%	Total Assests		115,808.13
Manse Repairs	75.00	1250.74	2500	50.0%	Current Liabilities		
Custodial Supplies		18.94	300	6.3%	Withholding Taxes		8.72
Property Insurance		8107.50	14000	57.9%	Total Liabilities		8.72
Equipment			1500	0.0%			
Property Tax/Fees		30.00	20	150.0%			
Office					Funds Carried Over to 2020		
Telephone/Internet	191.10	1336.51	2300	58.1%			
Postage			50	0.0%			
Supplies			600	0.0%			
Copier	88.80	621.60	1200	51.8%	Mission Committee	0	
Web Page			50	0.0%			
Professional Fees			150	0.0%			
Mileage	67.20	499.52					
Office Other		190.21	200	95.1%			
Session Expense	70.00	430.00	500	86.0%			
Total	1,842.67	32,288.33	64,223.00	50.3%	Income more than expenses YTD		626.87
					Income more than expenses Jul-21		1,306.25

Income more than expenses for July 2021 was \$626.87. Year to Date income more than expenses was \$1306.25. \$100.00 was paid for lawn mowing at the church and \$75.00 for mowing at the manse. There were no other unusual expenses.

Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode
Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.

CLUES:

Y = T, D = I

Y K T P Y D X Y J Z

V Q K R F D Y J O V V

C Q T K J Z O K Y, O X R

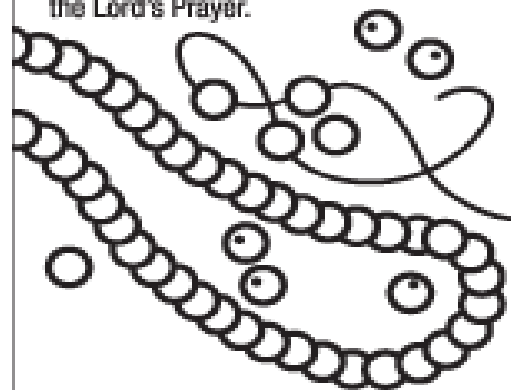
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KIDS KORNER

Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember
the Lord's Prayer.



What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

What you do:

1. Knot the string at one end.
Add beads in this order:
blue, white, gold, green,
yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet
fits your wrist. Place a dot
of nail polish to secure the
knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead
colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):
 - **blue** = the Father
 - **white** = God's holiness
 - **gold** = God's kingdom
 - **green** = the earth
 - **yellow** = wheat (bread)
 - **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
 - **black** = temptation
 - **orange** = God's power to deliver

Bible Quiz



How many times in the Old Testament do
people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times

Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)