

THREADS...

From the First Presbyterian Church of Canby
October 2021 Newsletter



A story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.

The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour." The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when GOD is done with it. AMEN!



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.

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Stay Connected:

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

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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.
Sunday School (following fellowship) at 10:45am.

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

Oct 3- Gerry Gingles
Oct 10- Kathy Merrill
Oct 17- Marge Frazeur
Oct 24- Betty Rehn
Oct 31- Marge Frazeur

Pulpit Supply

Oct 3- Karen Houtman
Oct 10- Stan Menning
Oct 17- Karen Houtman
Oct 24- Stan Menning
Oct 31- Karen Houtman

Bulletin Delivery

Oct 3- Kathy Merrill
Oct 10- Jody Olson
Oct 17- Chuck Houtman
Oct 24- Kathy Merrill
Oct 31- Katie Groenhoff

Flower Care

Barb Vanstrom

October 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
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  **OCTOBER**
Birthdays

Church Events This Month

Wed. Oct. 6, 1pm Worship/Hospitality
Thurs. Oct. 7, 1pm Christian Ed/Outreach
Thurs. Oct. 7, 6:30pm Finance/Property Meeting
Wed. Oct. 13, 1pm Deacon Meeting
Wed. Oct. 20, 10am Session

Meals on Wheels Delivery on Thursdays:

Oct 7: Chuck Houtman
Oct. 14, 21, 28: Gerry Gingles

October 6- Marcia Gingles
October 8- Dani Thovson
October 10- Dominic Olson
October 11- Judy Dillon
October 24- Stuart Rhea
October 26- Gene DeWit,
 Kim (Dillon) Mielke



Appreciating Your Pastor

It's no secret that we have struggled to find a Pastor for our congregation. Let's give thanks and appreciation to those who have filled in during these uncertain times.

Most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of ***Pastor Appreciation Month*** in October, consider the following:

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.

We don't change the message; the message changes us. You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.

If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has. Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.

Grace — what a gift!

Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley of a meaningless and empty life. It strikes us when our disgust for our own being, our indifference, our weakness, our hostility, and our lack of direction and composure have become intolerable to us. It strikes us when, year after year, the longed-for perfection of life does not appear, when the old compulsions reign within us as they have for decades, when despair destroys all joy and courage.

Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: "You are accepted."

—Paul Tillich



Session Synopsis- September 15, 2021

Income more than expenses for August, 2021 was \$5,936.99. Year to date income more than expenses was \$6,563.86. The \$100 annual license for the lift was paid. A \$757.37 refund was received from Ottertail for the manse electricity. There were no other unusual expenses or income.

***Christian Ed/Outreach-**

Fall Sunday School plans are in place; Thanksgiving Day Community meal planning is underway- it will be “take-out” only; Fundraising ideas for camp next year are being discussed.

***Finance/Property-**

New camera/computer payment of \$4,391.68; removed Rev. Tyykila’s name on the Raymond James fund- Marge Frazeur and Keith Rehn were designated as signatories.

****Discussions included:***

- review current mission statement;
- what is the mission of our church;
- data regarding virtual and in-person worship attendance.



First Presbyterian Church of Canby MN

Income/Expenses

August 2021

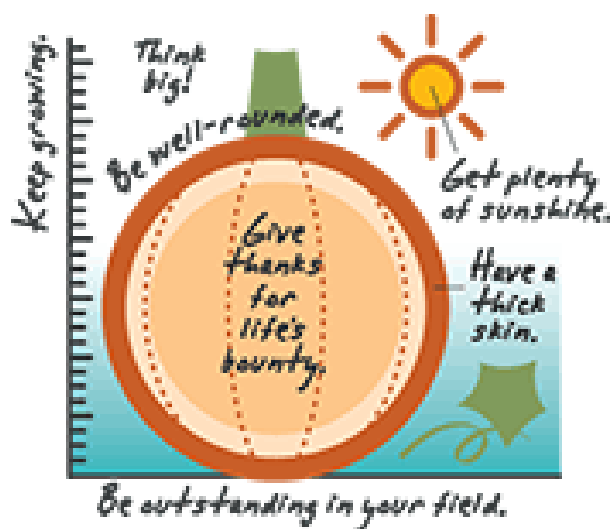
	August	Year to Date	2021 Budget	% of Budget		August	Year to Date
Expenses					Income		
Salaries					Camp		20.00
*Pastor					Local Mission	7,395.01	33,951.69
*Pastor's Tax Allowance					Per Capita		2,218.00
					General Mission		
Pulpit Supply	950.00	6600.00	10400	63.5%	PCUSA Special Offerings		464.00
Other Salaries					Special Mission Offerings		
Custodian	90.00	538.00	4000	13.5%	Heifer Project		
Employer taxes		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	191.04	1663.39	3000	55.4%	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		1580.00
PCUSA Special Offerings		701.50			Grants/Refunds	757.37	1488.37
The Connection		500.00	1100	45.5%	Mission Committee	129.68	766.20
Special Mission Projects					Use Of Church		
Heifer Project					Total Income	8,282.06	41,197.26
Thanksgiving Meal							
Pastor's Benevolence Fund							
Committees					Assets: August 2021		
Christian Ed/Outreach	203.11	203.11	1500	13.5%	Checkbook Balance		45,957.89
Camp					Co-op Accounts		5,255.25
Worship/Hospitality	161.55	511.23	1000	51.1%	Endowment PCUSA		41,373.34
Mission Committee		550.00			Endowment First Security		16,021.72
Building & Maintenance					Raymond James Fund		13,315.59
Church Utilities	341.86	3725.44	10000	37.3%	US Bank Debit Card		
Church Repairs/Maintenance	100.00	2332.45	4000	58.3%	Total Assets		121,923.79
Manse Repairs		1250.74	2500	50.0%	Current Liabilities		
Custodial Supplies		18.94	300	6.3%	Withholding Taxes		15.60
Property Insurance		8107.50	14000	57.9%	Total Liabilities		15.60
Equipment			1500	0.0%			
Property Tax/Fees		30.00	20	150.0%			
Office					Funds Carried Over to 2020		
Telephone/Internet	190.71	1527.22	2300	66.4%			
Postage			50	0.0%			
Supplies			600	0.0%			
Copier	88.80	710.40	1200	59.2%	Mission Committee	0	
Web Page			50	0.0%			
Professional Fees			150	0.0%			
Mileage	28.00	527.52					
Office Other		190.21	200	95.1%			
Session Expense		430.00	500	86.0%			
Total	2,345.07	34,633.40	64,223.00	53.9%	Income more than expenses YTD		6,563.86
					Income more than expenses Aug-21		5,936.99

DID YOU KNOW?!



RAINBOW—The Rainbow represents God's pardon and his promises. It also symbolizes his reconciliation to faithful Christians. After the Flood, God placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to never destroy the earth that way again (Genesis 9:12-16). A rainbow can also represent the throne of Christ, as well as his glory and final judgment.

Kids Korner



?? Bible Quiz ??

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)

Be well-rounded. Get plenty of sunshine.

Give thanks for life's bounty. Have a thick skin.

Keep growing. Be outstanding in your field. Think big!

—Ilán Shamir