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Communion

We trust in God the Holy / Spirit . . . who . . . feeds us / with the bread of life and the cup of salvation . . ." from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

The first Sunday of each month when Holy Communion is celebrated offers a unique opportunity for individuals, couples or families in the church to share in a special task – preparing the elements of Communion and setting the Communion Table. For some time, only members of the Worship Committee have done the preparation ahead of worship on Communion Sundays. At a recent meeting, the committee discussed the idea that others might wish to share in this special work on an occasional or regular basis. If that is the case, the committee will always have an experienced preparer on hand to help and answer any questions about the preparation process.

Beginning around an hour before worship, juice is poured into the cups and placed in the serving trays. Grape juice is also poured into a pitcher. A whole loaf of bread is readied for the pastor to break. Another loaf of bread is torn into pieces and placed on the bread plates. The serving dishes, the unbroken bread and pitcher of juice are placed in the sanctuary. It is that simple, and meaningful in its simplicity. After communion the preparers are joined by other church members for a short clean up process. Most people who prepare Communion will tell you that the preparation process, from the very smell of the juice and bread to setting the Table all combine to make Holy Communion have special deeper meaning. It becomes a spiritual activity – not a chore. Families with children who are receiving Communion (or will receive it soon) may find the preparation process a special time for discussion of our faith. If you would like to help prepare Communion, contact Ken MacNevin at Dasmacs@yahoo.com, 781 3329 or any of the other members of the Worship Committee. Let them know the Sunday you would like to help.

This summer, The Lord's Supper will be served: July 4th and August 1st

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Volunteers

Liturgists

July 4 Ken MacNevin July 11 Nancy Rowland July 18 Steve Hanway July 25 Shirley Clothier

Greeters

July 4 TBD July 11 Elaine & Don Phillips July 18 Diane & Don Backus July 25 TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts

July 4 Almaraz Family July 11 Diane & Don Backus July 18 TBD July 25 TBD

Birthdays

July 1

Janet Mason

July 2

Greyson Simmons

July 3

Bill Veale

July 4

Elaine Phillips

July 7

Chuck Grant

July 9

Phil Mershon

Nancy Wojcik

Laura Altic

July 10

Andrew DeGraw

July 13

Jerry Elyea

July 14

Joseph Levack

July 16

Winifred VanArman

John Day

Lillian Collins

July 17

AJ Hale, Jr.

July 18

Rosalind Jolly

July 19

Karl Kowalske

Charles Cobeen

July 20

Ben DeGraw

July 22

Charles Mayo

July 23

Don Widmayer

Anna Karns

July 26

Abby Mershon

July 27

Pauline Reddick

Laura Bartlett

Lindsey Gladstone

July 28

Donn Anderson

July 30

Riley Brownell

July Life at First Presbyterian Church						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Painters 1pm	3
4 Worship 10:15am Communion Guest Pastor: Cathy Johnson	5 PWA Board Meeting 7pm	6 TOPS 8:30am	7	8 Sip & Stitch 10am Prayer & Share 9am	9 Painters 1pm	10
11 Worship 10:15am Guest Pastor: Cathy Johnson	12 Teams 630/7pm	13 TOPS 8:30am	14	15 Sip & Stitch 10am Prayer & Share 9am	16 Painters 1pm	17
18 Worship 10:15am Guest Pastor: Cathy Johnson	19 Deacons 7pm	20 TOPS 8:30am	21	22 Sip & Stitch 10am Prayer & Share 9am	23 Painters 1pm	24
25 Worship 10:15am Guest Pastor: Cathy Johnson	26 Session 630pm	27 TOPS 8:30am	28	29 Sip & Stitch 10am Prayer & Share 9am	30 Painters 1pm	31

Ushers Schedule

July 4

Head Usher – Lacey Almaraz
Elevator – Mason Fitch
Bulletins – Nathan Machalka
Acolytes – Nicole Almaraz

July 11

Head Usher – Alex Veale
Elevator – Kay Dale
Bulletins – Maggie Barrett
Acolytes – Allison Brownell

July 18

Head Usher – Nick Vetter
Elevator – Ben Lillrose
Bulletins – Adam Dale
Acolytes – Nicholas Lillrose

July 25

Head Usher – Alex Kowitz
Elevator – Madison Gilbertson
Bulletins – Parker Gilbertson
Acolytes – Nicole Almaraz

If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please arrange a trade or substitute, then notify Phil Mershon and the church office of your change - Thanks!

Session Action

At its regular June meeting, your Session took the following actions:

- Received the May financial reports for the Presbyterian Center for Children
- Approved a light lunch sponsored by the Presbyterian Center for Children during Homes Tour as a fundraiser
- Approved Whitney Jonas as chairperson of the church's activities for Historical Home Tour in September
- Approved a bake sale sponsored by the PWA during the Home Tour
- Received the information that Jeff Carlson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek will moderate a special Session meeting on June 24

Respectfully submitted, Phil Mershon, Session Clerk

AWOL

July AWOL will be held at the home of Shirley and Ed Clothier at 264 Lyon Lake Road on Saturday, July 24th at 6:00pm. Please RSVP by July 19th at 269.781.2368 or email at edshirley2@charter.net.

Properties

There will be a Properties meeting on July 11 immediately after worship service. Our committee needs members to help with removing a ladder in the bell tower, build a closet, and to look into options for repairing the church sandstone.

Euchre Tournament

With busy summer schedules, the Euchre tournament will resume in September and will be hosted by Karen and Doug Earl, Saturday September 25th @ 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Look to future publications for additional details!!!!

We've Noticed

Many thanks for the prayers, cards, phone calls and meals during my health issues the past few months - Marcia VanderWeg

Thank-you so much for all of the wonderful cards, flowers, prayers, telephone calls and visits from my Church Family. These were truly bright spots in an otherwise baffling illness. I'm feeling better and am still at Marshall Rehabilitation. Again, thank-you so much for keeping me in your thoughts - Bev Smith

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News from the PWA

Each year, through the generous donations and support from FPC members, we gather in the back-to-school season to stuff brand new backpacks with wonderful, new school supplies! Won't you help us continue the tradition? Our goal is to once again supply 35 freshly filled backpacks with pencils, paper, crayons, rulers, glue sticks, and more. You can contribute either by purchasing items needed or make a donation for the purchase of items for the backpacks. Your donations will enable us to provide the needed supplies and make sure each backpack is equal and complete. In August, PWA and our Church youth will gather to assemble and stuff the colorful backpacks. The stuffed backpacks are then given to children in the Marshall area via MACS. Collection bins for items will be available Sundays during the coffee hour and donation envelopes may be given to a PWA participant, delivered to the front office, or mailed to the church. **Please indicate "Backpack Project" on your envelope. A list of needed items can be picked up in the church office or emailed to you.* For more information, please contact: Annie Mazure (248) 626-2515, Ext. 122 or annmazure@yahoo.com Thank you!

News from Christian Education

ReNew: The Green VBS!

Thank you to the many volunteers and shepherds who spent the week with the kids. A big thank you to the many people of the congregation who donated supplies and snack foods. We couldn't have done it without all of you. A big, artistic thanks to Kat Whaley for creating our Sower and to the Team for helping to create our backdrop! Special thanks to our VBS Coordinating Team – Christi Barrett, Kristin Dale, Jennifer Levack, Julie Machalka, and Nancy Sutherland. **You ladies are amazing!**

Thank you from the Director of Christian Education

To serve as your Director of Christian Education for the past couple of years has been a privilege and an honor. Thank you to everyone who made my job easier and joy-filled! I could not have done anything without the support of the teachers, substitutes, families and volunteers. I will miss the bright smiles and hugs of my "kids" and will think of you all often! In God's love - Suzanne (Mrs. Weeldreyer)

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