

# Midtown Manna



First  
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Church of Omaha

## Food For Thought

August 2019

### *Back to School Discovery!*

It is the time of year that many of us used to dread....  
The end of summer break from school...  
The end of summer vacations,  
The end of all day long relaxing and playing,

It is time, to go back to school! It is time for our children to get back to learning! School supply shopping, school bus schedules, carpool shuttles, back to school nights, PTA meetings, school athletics, after-school clubs and activities.... these are just some of the activities that suddenly take over our lives again.

Let me suggest one more activity that you can add, one that will actually bring you peace of mind: Basking in the Word of God.

With school starting up again, the church education offerings are preparing to kick off another great year.

Why don't you join us in learning more about how God has created us to be **incredibly special** created beings, how God wants us to **live life abundantly**, and wants us to **thrive** in everything we do?

The church has all sorts of different Sunday school and small group offerings where you can discover more about your faith, discover more about who we are as God's created people, and you can discover just how much God loves you!

Take time out of your busy life, and find the amazing love revealed to us through Jesus Christ. It is going to be a great year: sit back, take a deep breath, and be loved!

In Him,  
Pastor Jon

*Manna is the name of the food which was eaten by the Israelites during their travels in the desert during the Exodus from Egypt. God provided the Israelites with Manna from Heaven each day, sustaining them throughout their journey in the wilderness until they reached the Promised Land.*

## *Pantry News*

Pantry volunteers are always needed and appreciated to set up and serve every Thursday from 3:15-5:30 & to unload the truck the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 8:30.

This is a wonderful outreach opportunity and a great way for students to stay connected during the summer. The next pantry truck to unload is scheduled for Thursday, June 20 at 8:30 a.m. **Please call Judy Money for more information. 402-557-8674.**

## *August Mission Focus* *Service Sunday - August 18*

Following an abbreviated worship service, we will continue our worship through acts of compassion to our neighbors in Omaha. Each person will be able to choose from several projects described below. We ask that you sign up for the project of your choice during coffee hour **July 28** and **August 4**. If you don't get a chance to sign up before, come anyway. We will find a project that will fit you.

### Projects:

- Cleaning at Youth Emergency Services (YES). YES provides food and services for homeless teens. We'll provide the ride and the cleaning products.
- Hope Totes for Open Door Mission. We will put personal care items into bags.
- Writing "Encouragement Notes" for students at Kellom Elementary. We will write 250 personal notes to students as they begin their school year.
- Painting rocks, etc. for Castellar Kids. Each time Castellar Kids meets, there is a craft project. Our work will help prepare projects.
- Cooking for YES and Crossroads Connection. Be ready to chop and stir.
- Helping transport buckets for flood relief. They have to be moved; they aren't heavy, but there are over 400. Join the youth and tweens for this one.

Thanks for your enthusiasm for our Service Sundays! Please pray these projects will go well and be a blessing to the recipients.



## *Upcoming Crossroads Connection Dates for 2019*

The next Sunday evening that we will be leading worship and providing meals at Crossroads Prison ministry is on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to help with this ministry, please talk to Kathy Stockham. We will also be serving on November 3.

## *Neighbors United*

At the end of June Neighbors United Community meals has closed its door after over ten years.

Thank you to all who have supported this vital ministry to our neighbors over the years.

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## Prayer Shawl Ministry

All are invited to join in our prayer shawl ministry as we knit or crochet together and pray over our creations to be given to those in need of prayer or comfort.

Our next meeting will be on August 20. If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl, please contact Melissa Davis or Phyllis Phillips.

## Senior High Mission Trip Report

Mission trip report- with tired bodies and full hearts we are incredibly thrilled to say our mission trip was a success this year!

The 20 of us traveled to Nashville Tennessee and worked with a myriad of incredible organizations during our time there. One of the most powerful was the Second Harvest Food Pantry where in a matter of hours we helped reclaim enough food for 7080 meals! Not only did we help with distribution but we were able to see a collection point, as well as use some of that very food to cook a meal for the community later in the week.

It was an incredible week of self reflection and faith formation that left everyone with a stronger connection to God!! Thank you to all who helped to support our mission trip efforts this summer!



# WINTER GROW



## *In Summer...*

There is a song in the movie Frozen that always makes me smile. It is sung by Olaf the Snowman and it is called **In Summer**. You see Olaf only knows winter and has always dreamed of summer, wondering what it will be like in the warm summer sun and he can't wait to experience it firsthand! The line that struck me this week says, "*When life gets rough, I like to hold on to my dream of relaxing in the summer sun, just lettin' off steam.*"

Sometimes we can let life get the best of us: overwhelmed with the daily grind, stressed by the unscheduled events that occur or simply become exhausted keeping up with all the chores around the house. It is in those moments that I think perhaps we should take Olaf's advice and not just dream of relaxing but take the time to enjoy summer, make our summer dreams come true and find others to enjoy the moments with us. After all summer is better when it is spent together!

So, how are you making your summer dreams come true? Here are some ways you can join with others in the summer fun...

**Community:** Summer Movie Night out on the front lawn August 7! Also, on August 30 come be a part of nightLIGHT in Midtown, an open house of sorts.

**Worship:** July brings some wonderful opportunities to worship together including Blessing of the Backpacks on August 11th and Service Sunday on August 18th as we worship through service to our community!

**Grow:** Adult Sunday School continues this month meeting in Jenks Lounge at 9 am. We are also offering another Faith and Film night on August 21.

**Serve:** Help is always needed in our Hand-up food pantry on Thursdays. We are continuing our backpack and school supply drive for Kellom school.

So, what have you been dreaming about this summer? Summer is a great time to make dreams into adventure realities, to seek new opportunities and try something new, so keep your eyes open and watch for your chance to be a part of something fun this summer. I am always looking for opportunities for us to be the Community God has called us to be as we Worship, Grow and Serve together. So, if there is something that you would like to see happen or a group that you would like to be a part of...let's talk!

Blessings,  
Pastor Jenni

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19 (NIV)*

## Sunday Morning Schedule

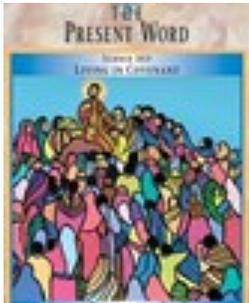
9:00 am – 10:00 am  
10:00 am – 11:45 am  
10:30 am -Worship

Adult Bible Study class - The Present Word in Jenks Lounge  
Nursery Care Provided  
Godly Play following Children's Message (1<sup>st</sup> grade & younger)



### Godly Play: age 7 & younger

All children are invited to participate in worship each Sunday morning. Younger children, following the children's message, may exit to Millard Hall to participate in Godly Play. What is Godly Play? Children have an innate sense of the presence of God. The Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play.



### Sunday Morning— The Present Word

The summer quarter will focus on how Jesus fulfilled the law in the sense that it was given full meaning. Jesus emphasized the profound, underlying messages of the gospel and this same message is continued through the apostle Paul and the writer of Hebrews. Relationships of faith empower us to live the covenant and spread the gospel message

**This summer class meets in Jenks lounge at 9:00 am.**



### Nursery Ministry

Our nursery provides childcare in a loving, nurturing environment for infants through three-year-olds. During the summer months Nursery care is provided Sunday morning during Worship (10:30am) from 10:15 am until 15 minutes after the completion of Worship approximately 11:45 am.

Our goal is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for each and every child. If you have any questions about FPC's child care, please call Pastor Jenni 402.345.5383.

### Youth Calendar

Saturday, August 24th: 4:12 Tweens  
Swimming Party



### 4:12 Tweens

Saturday, August 24th  
Keystone Klub Swimming Pool  
8354 Templeton Dr. 68134

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Cost \$10: friends welcome  
Dinner: sandwiches, chips and drinks provided.

Bring a snack/dessert to share.



**RSVP to Susan Kawamoto, 402-689-6200 by August 21st.**

## *Love Your Neighbor*



Jesus affirmed the Old Testament teaching to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18). There are many ways to do this: give someone a ride to church, teach a Sunday School class, invite someone to a Bible study, mow someone’s lawn. Stephen Ministry is one important, tangible way to show God’s love to others. To find out more about this distinctive way to be a caring Christian, talk with one of our Stephen Ministers: Leanne Johnson, Sherri Krivanek and Leanne White or Pastor Jenni.

## *Backpacks and School Supplies for Kellom School*

We will again be collecting new and slightly used **backpacks** for students at Kellom Elementary School. Our goal is to get 50 bags, appropriate for girls or boys grades pre-K to 6. Soon we will see Back-to-School sales, so please buy **school supplies** also for Kellom. Things such as pencils, pens, markers, colors, notebooks, paper, glue, rulers, etc. will be welcome. Your response last year was great! Let's keep it going! We can help the Kellom Stars (their mascot) get off to a great start to the school year.

**The bags and supplies will be blessed during worship on August 11th.**

Our annual Blessing of the Backpacks is Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. All students, teachers and administrators are invited to bring their school bags to worship that morning to be included in a special time of prayer during worship.



Along with Blessing the Backpacks we are also be holding a Backpack and School Supply drive for Kellom school with a goal of supplying them with 50 backpacks! Please consider being a part of this school supply drive and bring your offerings to church by Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> so they can be included in the blessing and delivered in time for school to begin.

Hope to see you there as we surround our students and the students at Kellom Elementary school with prayer as they begin a new school year!

## *Faith & Film*

August 21 @ 6 pm

Dinner, movie & a conversation:

Join in an evening of faith and film as we watch

***Breakthrough***

followed by a time of conversation  
about the film and our faith.

Dinner will be provided but RSVPs are needed.



Join the fun on the front lawn (or in Calvin Hall depending on the weather) for a summer movie

**August 7 @ 7:45**

We will supply the popcorn, you supply the chair or blanket. Invite your friends, family and neighbors for this fun evening.



**Our Feature presentation:  
Matilda**

## *Trustees Flooring Project*

The Trustees are continuing a Fundraising Drive to cover the cost of replacing the tile in the hall and office on the East Entry. The cost is almost \$19,000.00, which converts to around \$5.00 per board.

We are asking you to become a "Board" member by making a donation to help cover the cost of the new floor. Donations can be directed to the Church office.

Thank you for your support in this effort and all else you do. Gary Kastrick



### **First Presbyterian Church of Omaha**

#### **Women's Retreat**

*Oh! May the God of green hope fill you up with joy,  
fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives,  
filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!*

**\* September 20-22, 2019**

#### **Camp Calvin Crest**

*Joy-full | Peace-full | Hope-full*

\*See registration form included in this newsletter for more information

## *Presbyterian Youth Triennium*

I am so incredibly blessed to say that Sean and I now understand why everyone is so passionate about this event.

With an entire week of worship and small groups and fellowship we got to live in that community of disciples and hopefully bring back something amazing to share with all of you!

Our theme was Here is My Heart and with that we hope to foster a community of love and support here at First Presbyterian.

Please feel free to talk to Sean or myself to hear about our incredible experience firsthand!

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to attend this triannual event. AJ



# COMMUNITY

## *PUFF (Presbyterians United For Fun) Trips for August*

On Saturday, **August 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will carpool to Joslyn Art Museum, have lunch at Café Durham located in the museum's atrium. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:30 am. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board in Calvin Hall. Please join us!

Our next outing will be Saturday, **August 24<sup>th</sup>**, to tour Mt. Michael Abbey in Elkhorn. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 am. We will have lunch there, the cost is \$10.00 for lunch and the tour. We will then do some shopping in old Elkhorn. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board in Calvin Hall. Please join us!

## *Save the Date for Puff Trip: September*

**September 28th**, Coca Cola Days, Atlantic, Iowa

*(See bulletins and upcoming newsletters for more information, also sign-up sheets will be available in Calvin Hall on the bulletin board)*



Calling all young adults: please join us Saturday, **August 10** for an incredible evening of art at Pinot's Palette. 7302 Giles Rd Suite 3, La Vista.

The artwork scheduled for that evening is a beautiful tropical piece called Twilight Paradise, the perfect addition to your home during our cold Nebraska winters!

If you are interested and would like to sign up please RSVP by email to AJ, [ajbaratta@fpcomaha.org](mailto:ajbaratta@fpcomaha.org), before August 7.



## *College Age Fellowship Opportunities*

College Age Outing- With school right around the corner hold onto that last bit of summer fun with a trip to Spielbound! Spielbound, 3229 Harney St., is Omaha's premier board game café serving a wide variety of coffee house staples along a collect of thousands of board games!

If this sounds like the night for you please join us at the church at 7 PM August 16 and we will walk there together! Hope to see you then.

## *Arenz Scholarship Recipients*

Several students applied for and were awarded scholarships from the David Charles Arenz Memorial Scholarship:

Congratulations to the recipients: Alexis Grauf, Nicholas Krivanek, Violet Symens, Michael Kawamoto. Congratulations to all.

Kathy Arenz

## *Hearing Amplifiers*

Hearing amplifiers are available in a basket in the South Narthex.

The Welcome Team will put them out before each service.

If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Phillips or a member of the Welcome Team.



A beacon of peace love and hope in community

nightLIGHT in Midtown is an open-house of sorts.

The Outreach and Evangelism team would like to invite everyone to be a part of the moment as we open our Sanctuary on Friday evening, August 30 from 6:00-8:00 pm.

As the Night Market is taking place in Turner Park that evening, it is our desire to provide a quiet place for people in our community to come, relax, pray, and explore.

Come join in a night of Light in Midtown.

### August Anniversaries

Jeff & Kim Shannon	August 3
Michael White & Leanne Malecha White	August 5
Tom Berry & Ann Anderson-Berry	August 9
Brian & Jessica Jackson	August 14
Steve & Amy Rodie	August 15
Jeff & Kari Serl	August 16
Jon & Krystina Daubman	August 19
Jerry & Mary Mahoney	August 21
Jason & Kayla Diggins	August 22
Lee & Tina Grauf	August 31

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know! Contact Sherri at [spetersen@fpcomaha.org](mailto:spetersen@fpcomaha.org) or call 402-345-5383.

### August Birthdays

Linda Hooker	August 1
Allie Wolf	August 1
David McBride	August 2
Jeff Serl	August 4
Patrick DellaLucca	August 5
Myrna Vasta	August 5
Shirley Schoettger	August 6
Kameron Brooks	August 7
Phil Franco	August 9
Jo Ann Haafke-Anderson	August 10
Leanne Malecha White	August 11
Jordan Black	August 12
Phyllis Gentry	August 12
Jayden Lincoln	August 12
Dennis Brown	August 13
Steve Rodie	August 14
Elizabeth Berry	August 15
Laura Anderson	August 16
Marla Boyd	August 16
Sarah Anderson	August 18
Bill Hudson, Sr.	August 20
Samuel Kanoski	August 23
Evan Walters	August 23
Alex Barrett	August 29
Evie Boyd	August 29
Michael Patten	August 29
Don Gockley	August 30
Michelle Lynch	August 30
Kari Serl	August 30
Amber Stover	August 30



### 4:12 Tweens Retreat

4:12 retreat- This past month we 4:12 was blessed with another incredible weekend at Calvin Crest! We continued our theme of *Friends for the Journey* with the idea of lasting bonds. Not only do our friends effect out lives, but they affect us as well. With this idea in mind and a weekend packed with fellowship and fun we got to continue our relationship with each other and god!

## *Library News*

The following books were donated to the library and are ready to be checked out!

Who Is This Man by John Ortberg, book and study guide

Daily Guideposts, 2017 by Guideposts

The Most Revealing Book of the Bible—Making Sense of Revelation, by Vernard Eller

### Bottom Page Thoughts “DNR”

Keith has been in the hospital a lot lately. In addition to registration and a lot of health questions, the nurses, doctors, aids...anyone with direct contact with the patient are required to ask:

“If for any reason your heart may stop, do you want us to take extraordinary measures to resuscitate you, including pounding your chest to get your heart beating, defibrillation, a technique that sends an electric current to your heart, and to place you on a respirator which will help you breathe?”

Every time someone I love has been asked this question, I pray from the deepest parts of my heart that they respond with a resounding “yes!” Until last week, that has always been the case.

Keith’s latest hospitalization was one of the less traumatic to date. He was fully aware, not in significant pain and his vitals and blood work all appeared normal, however he developed an infection due to edema which was due to excess fluids pooling in his legs; which was due to his lack of exercise and normal food intake; which was due to weakness; which was due to his emergency surgery at the end of May; which was due to holes in his stomach and intestine; which was due to radiation and various drugs for...cancer. It seems that in our lives, Kevin Bacon has been replaced by cancer in the “Six Degrees of Separation’ game.

When he was admitted, the question was asked and he and I both stated the affirmative...at least four times. Then his oncologist came to check him out and she, too, asked the question; followed by a very honest, forthright discussion about what the resuscitation terminology actually means. She first reassured us that she is still confident in continuing this battle against the dreaded cancer enemy. She still believes that there is a good chance to knock it back even after it took a lead during his latest setbacks. She assured us that she is not expecting the need for the DNR to be carried out during his latest visit or anytime soon, but she asked that we carefully reconsider for this and future hospital stays.

The extraordinary means that it takes to resuscitate people more often than not leaves the patient bed bound, in pain and she emphasized that rarely, if ever, do they go back to life as it was prior. DNR does not mean that his current care would be discontinued, or that he would be denied procedures and medication, but it would prevent him from being brought back in a way that would make living life too unbearable; even for someone as strong as Keith has proven to be. We both agreed that he would not want to live with those consequences and we changed our minds about the order. Whew, tough decision made, feeling fairly confident...until...a nurse came in and added one more wristband to his arm: a deep purple one marked DNR. My heart sank as I read those three letters, knowing what it meant, knowing what one day I may have to face. The reality proved to be a true test of faith for us both.

As Keith napped after a sleepless night, I couldn’t help but fixate on that bracelet. The color immediately took me to Lent, and in my mind I saw it draped on Jesus’ cross, blending in with the purple cloth traditionally hung there replacing the crucified Christ. That strip of purple material signifies both a mourning cloth at His death, and a royal sash at His resurrection.

I recalled Psalm 139:16, “Your eyes saw my unformed body; all my days were written in Your book and ordained for me before one of them came to be.” It was in this moment I realized that a DNR order was not necessary to determine Keith’s life, or death. God had done that long ago. Knowing this eased my anxiety and strengthened me enough to concentrate on alternate meanings for those three really letters. **Do Not Regress** in your faith. **Do Not Reject** My promises. **Do Not Resist** My plan for you. **Do Not** have **Reservations** about all I have told you...**Did I Not Resurrect** for You?

That DNR bracelet is so much more than a sign for medical personnel, it is a promise from the Lord that He is in control and only He knows when our heart will beat its last, allowing our soul to be with the Lord forever and experiencing true resuscitation.

# WORSHIP

## *Shares and Prayers*

**Prayer is such a powerful thing, and when we gather together as the Body of Christ to lift our voices in prayer, God can do amazing things.**

**Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers throughout the month.**

**For Peace and Comfort to the Families of Those who Died:** Elmer Reynolds \* Anona Trutna \* RH Fanders \* Jill Oestmann \* Bill Hudson and Family \* Joy McGinnis \* Lois Ellwanger \* Anne Swanson

**For Healing & Strength/Blessing & Guidance:** Jane Adams \* Natalie Bauerkemper \* Bill Beatty \* Doris Buford \* Pat Carsner \* Christine \* John Davis \* Donald \* Arlis Dowding \* Steven Durant \* Keith and Jeanene Gustafson \* Heather \* Larry Heidebrecht \* Lauretta Heidorn \* Maryellen Johnson \* Jennifer Kneibler \* Larry MacDonald \* Peggy McDonald \* Pam Smith \* Louise Rodriguez \* Stryker \* Leanne Malecha White \* Kathy Wilson

**For Those On-Going Special Prayers of Care:** Don Brewer \* Ann Brietenbauch \* Jean Carter \* Esther Dye \* Gwen Elsasser \* Betty Fulton \* Lois Goss \* JoAnn Haafke-Anderson \* Shirley Hancock \* Martha Helligso \* Jeff Hogue \* Carol Hunter \* Emily Irwin \* Jon \* Pauline Kawamoto \* Tyler Keenan \* James Kindig and family \* Connie Krause \* Ralph Kroupa \* Bee Lowrey \* Linda Lynch \* Lyndsay MacDonald \* Doug Marr \* Kathy McDonald \* Lindsey McKee \* Mary McLendon \* Karen Morrison \* Verlyn Olsen \* Grace Perleberg \* Pat Rock \* Danny Simms \* Dolly Wilson

**For Those with Cancer:** Alex Barrett \* April Clark \* Debbie Donahoo \* Steven Durant \* Dee Engelbert \* Sally G \* Phyllis Gentry \* Michelle Kirkpatrick \* Michelle Miles \* Linda Nelson \* Norma Olsen \* Keith Petersen \* Leona Post \* Michelle Sheets \* Kim Shillito \* Heather Sjodin \* Bill Spransy \* Chae Starks \* Terry \* Velvet \* Teri Viseck \* Michelle Williamson \* Isaac Wolff

**For Thanksgiving:** The birth of Daniel Eliot Schulz

### **Care Members and Home Bound**

Brietenbauch, Ann:	Lakeside Village Assisted Living 17600 Arbor St. #4 Omaha, NE 88130-4649
Dye, Esther:	Elmwood Tower, #604, 801 S 52 St., Omaha, NE 68106-1810
Fulton, Betty:	Bloomfield Forum, #223, 9804 Nicholas St., Omaha, NE 68114-2179
Lowrey, Bee	Brookestone Meadows, 600 Brookestone Meadows Plaza, #1301, Elkhorn, NE 68022
McLendon, Mary:	Skyline Retirement Community, 7350 Graceland Dr., Omaha, NE 68134-4301

**\*The prayer requests we receive will be published on this prayer list for one month's time. We would be glad to renew the request, simply let us know.**

**Prayer Requests can be emailed to [spetersen@fpcomaha.org](mailto:spetersen@fpcomaha.org)**

## *The FPC Sunday sermons are now available on-line.*

The sermons can be streamed directly from the First Presbyterian Church website ([fpcomaha.com](http://fpcomaha.com)) or downloaded for portability.

To see a list of sermons ready to stream, please follow this link:  
<http://www.fpcomaha.org/media/>



# MISCELLANEOUS

*E-Giving:  
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E-ssential*

**Want to give electronically to First Presbyterian Church?**

You can by visiting the website([www.fpcomaha.org](http://www.fpcomaha.org)) or use your smart device to scan here



## *Parking /Building Reminders*

The refrigerators throughout the buildings will be cleaned out on the first Tuesday of every month. Please mark anything you want to keep. Also, for the safety of all, please park in designated areas only. The alley can be used for immediate loading and unloading only. Vehicles must not be left unattended. Thank you for your cooperation.

## *Church Van Info*

The van drivers are more than happy to pick people up and bring them to church, and to return people to their homes, but due to insurance concerns, the church van drivers are not permitted to make stops for errands or lunch breaks.

## *Pictures, Please!*

If you have pictures of church events from 2019, please share them! You can email pictures to [pictures@fpcomaha.org](mailto:pictures@fpcomaha.org). Pictures may be used before church and/or at the annual meeting. Thanks!

## *Church Web Site [fpcomaha.org](http://fpcomaha.org)*

Our goal is to keep our website fresh and full of the latest information pertaining to news and events here at FPC. Contact Pastor Jenni if you would like to make a submission.

## *2019 Per Capita: \$39.55*

Per Capita is per member dollar amount that each church pays to our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. This is to help cover the costs of having resources available to us from these higher governing bodies. These resources appear in the form of staff members, (like an Executive Presbyter or Stated Clerk), Call Process help when calling a pastor (like the Church Leadership Connection national database), our regular Presbytery and Synod meetings, and national General Assemblies, as well as various educational resources for all Presbyterians.

Many church members have made a decision to pay their own per capita, which helps First Presbyterian Church greatly. If this is something you would do to help, simply indicate on a check, or on an envelope that you would like that payment to go towards your per capita. Thank you!

## *Reminder*

Anyone who enters the building is asked to advise the staff of your arrival and departure. Due to safety concerns it is important that the staff is aware of those working in the building.

## *Directory Updates*

***Did you know that First Presbyterian Church has an on-line church directory? Anyone with an email listed in the directory can access it.***

***Go to [InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the instructions to sign in.***

*Please let Us Know...*Occasionally throughout the year we are required to complete congregational reports which ask about the ethnicity of the congregation. If you identify yourself as being a part of a particular ethnic group and wish to be considered such for the sake of statistics, please let us know! Thanks.

***SCRIP NEWS...***SCRIP is handy to have for Birthdays, weddings get well gifts, vacations and year-round fun! Order through Pastor Jon or check with Sherri to see what is on-hand. Your order means money back to FPC!



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