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First Presbyterian Church

The Stone Church with a Warm Heart

The Grapevine

Welcome to the 30th edition of our electronic Grapevine. In 2011 we started using our electronic newsletter, and we invite and welcome your feedback.

**From
Pastor
Dave's
Desk**



Dear Members & Friends of First Presbyterian,

On July 1, 2013, we celebrate 20 years as pastor and people of First Presbyterian Church; from the very first Sunday when the cork on the stopper in the communion cruet didn't want to come out to the celebration of our 150th year in ministry and mission.

It is my intent to retire in 4 years and Sharon and I have decided to make Geneseo our home. That complicates things a bit. There are too many incidents in churches around the country of retired former pastors getting in the way of the ministry of new pastors. I do not want to be an impediment to your future pastors. Therefore, I am requesting Session and you, the congregation, to dissolve the pastoral relationship in order to provide the

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July Worship -Worship
Times will vary
After Church Coffee
following worship

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Please be praying for
 Dennis Carton, Shane
 Haas, Janet & Irwin
 Borkgren, Sandy
 Haas,
 Archie Cullen, Carol
 (Mrs. R.C.) Johnson,
 Phyllis Keag, Virginia
 Nelson, Julie Rash-
 Ulven
 Nathan Simpson

Bob and Joyce Will's

space you need to build a relationship with an interim and an installed pastor before that time comes.

A congregational meeting will be called by the Session to act on my request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship we have had. So it doesn't interfere with our reception for Greg, I've asked them to hold the meeting on Sunday, July 7th, following worship.

We'll spend the next 5-6 weeks bringing our pastor-people relationship to a close, then as of August 1, 2013, I will serve as the Transitional Pastor (what used to be called Interim Pastor) of the First Presbyterian Church of Galesburg for at least the next twelve months and then who knows, we are trusting God that there will be other congregations to serve.

The elders and staff are aware of my decision and will do their best to lead you in the days ahead. The PResbytery will be a valuable and ready asset to guide you.

As I reflect on the call of the Pastoral Nominating Committee when I came, we have accomplished together all of what they told me they expected: (1) to have a long-term pastorate to rebuild trust; (2) to demonstrate a stable marriage relationship; (3) to reconnect the church with the community; (4) to hone in on a vision, mission and values; and (5) to restore pride in being Presbyterian.

As I have spent almost a third of my life with you, we have built bonds of friendship and affection which cannot be broken and will continue, and we have shared important moments in our lives together, but as of July 31 I will no longer be your pastor.

I know that God will continue to love you and guide you toward your vision, mission and values.

Sharon and I thank you for your ministry to us and our family.

Your partner in Christ,
Pastor Dave

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MUSICAL NOTES

Our choir is on summer sabbatical and hopefully will be back in September. Thanks to Choir Director George Swift, Organist / Pianist Greg Wolf, and all choir members for the past musical year. With decisions being made this summer as to the musical direction of First Presbyterian we hope to see everyone again in the fall. Once again, we thank Greg for his years of service to

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S. Illinois Street, B6,
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MILITARY PRAYERS

Pvt. Chase Shannon,
US Army, grandson of
Don Griffith deployed
in October to
Afghanistan
Justin Knox, Kristin
Esche's brother
deployed to Bahrain



NO PW ACTIVITIES IN JULY

Birthdays JULY

1 Karen Brookens
2 John Schang
2 Alexandra
Mongreig
5 Rose Mary Urban
7 Lynn Sturm
8 Kathy Mahraun
10 Barb Asay
12 Chuck Stephens
12 Jordan Lambin
13 Deb Klemmer
15 Archie Williams
17 Scott Stephens
18 George Swift
18 Judy Vidakovich
19 Kate Wolf
23 Sherry Brophy
24 Don Simpson
24 Sherry Stephens
25 Greg Wolf

First Presbyterian and wish him the best. Greg will be honored Sunday, June 30 at a special After Church Coffee where we will salute "The Best of Greg Wolf". We look forward to seeing everyone.

26 Courtney Gentry
 28 Robin Gravert
 28 Rachel Brossman
 28 Justin Burbridge
 31 Melanie Curran
 31 Tanya Stephens

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FROM THE
Geneseo Food Pantry



FOOD NEEDS FOR THIS

MONTH: pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti, frosting, elbow macaroni, cereal, pudding, jello, oatmeal, peanut butter, jiffy cake mixes, ramen noodles and sugar-free snacks and cookies. Sugar free products are in high demand!

NON FOOD NEEDS: bar soap, dish soap, sunscreen and diapers in sizes 3, 4, and 5.

Drop boxes at the church for Food Pantry donations are located by the bulletin stand and in the coat room off the front entrance. Donations are always appreciated and especially encouraged on the third Sunday of the month, which is designated Food Pantry Sunday.

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News and Notes

The Second Quarter of the fiscal year ends June 30th. Are you current with your giving? The financial needs of the church continue during the summer months. Please continue your generosity throughout the rest of the year. The second quarter financial statements will be ready the first part of July and will be available for pick up on the table at the back of the sanctuary. As a reminder, if you haven't made your per capita payment of \$28.00 per member, we would appreciate receiving that as well.

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Kid's Kingdom /Intentional Faith Development

As a reminder, there is no Sunday School or Confirmation from now until after Labor Day. Enjoy the Summer!

Again this year, the class has taken on the responsibility of mowing the church lawn for the summer. We appreciate their service to the church!

Anniversaries

JULY

11 Curt & Bette Spensley
 20 Eric & Erica Walker
 20 Joseph & Cindy Gragg
 22 Steve & Deb Klemmer

Grapevine Deadline

Deadline for article submission remains the 20th of the month prior to publication.

Email us at admin@geneseofpc.org

JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 7
 Communion
 Worship - 9:30 a.m.
 Sermon: Goody Two Shoes
 July 14
 VBS Program
 Worship - 9:30 a.m.
 Sermon:
 Vacationaries
 July 21
 Warm Heart Work Day
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sermon: Sis-ling

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Another fun-packed Vacation Bible School takes place at the First Congregational Church from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. on July 8th through July 12th. Our two churches are inviting all children, Pre-school (age 3 - MUST BE TOILET TRAINED) through Fifth Grade (completed), to be a part of the excitement at our Vacation Bible School. Our theme this summer is "Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together." During VBS, the children will meet friends from the Bible and explore the everyday life of neighbors from Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia and Mexico. The kids will learn that God's love welcomes everyone, as they understand how to love and serve God and be a neighbor to the world. As we do every year, children will enjoy singing, crafts, recreation activities and, of course, tasty snacks. We will end our week with a special Sunday service to be held at First Presbyterian on July 14th.

Olivia Melton, Christian Ed Director

Aluminum Can Recycling

Alex Williams and Maxx Gentry continue to oversee the aluminum can recycling at the church, with proceeds going to the youth programs at First Presbyterian.

The same requests as before, are in place ... do not crush the cans, leave them in plastic bags (no boxes or paper sacks), and leave them by the back kitchen door.

We thank Alex and Maxx for their willingness to continue this worthwhile money raising project.

CONGRATULATIONS JOAN!

2013 Honorary Life Membership in PW presentation ...
comments provided by Louise Rash ...

"Today's Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women has not been a moderator but has done nearly every other responsibility, including being secretary multiple times. She is a 68 year member of this church, joining in 1945. She was ordained as a Deacon in 1974 and has served in that capacity more than once, including now. She had a career in banking. She was a devoted wife, and now mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Our Joan Gierhart Crider became a circle member in 1970 and Coordinating Team Secretary in 1998. In 1999

Rivalry
July 28
Worship ??
Sermon: Relearning
the Lord's Prayer

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

The After Church Coffee Schedule has been completed, EXCEPT for August 28th. If you would be willing to host that Sunday, it would be appreciated. Just plug in the coffee pot and provide a light snack. Thanks so much.

GRAPEVINE PAPER COPIES ...

For those of you wishing to receive more information, paper copies of the monthly Grapevine are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take a copy. Due to new, stricter postal regulations, no bulk mailing is being made, and a limited number of copies are being mailed.

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she joined the Swiss Steak Dinner Committee and remained on that as long as it existed. She, along with many of you, fried steak, lifted roasting pans, made gravy, set up the dining room and everything else that went with that event for many years. Now, she and Marcia Fleming chair the funeral lunch committee. Joan worked side by side with her husband Bill at his career. Together they had three children who grew up here - Pam, Sherry and Mike. Joan has been a very active member here, as well as attending lots of ball games, socializing with her high school classmates, and seeing to the needs of her family.

Two bits of trivia - she and Kenney Atwell are first cousins, AND Ed Lambin and Bill Crider grew up as children next door to each other in Alpha and their families remain friends here in Geneseo. We love you Joanie!"

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
SUMMER FARMER'S
MARKET

Starting Sunday, July 14th, we will have a Summer Farmer's Market. Everyone is encouraged to bring plants and produce that you would like to share. Take something home for a contribution to our mission work. We'll provide space in the dining room each Sunday morning through the summer / early fall. There will be a container for your donations.

Risk-Taking Mission
Service Group



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