

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR SEPTEMBER



Greetings Friends!

I cannot believe that it is already fall!

Fall is one of my favorite seasons. I love the changing of the leaves, the sweaters, and Halloween! I am hoping Minnesota fall will be much cooler than fall was in Tennessee.

This fall it is my prayer that we as a church family would continue to support each other, even if it is from a distance. Things look so different than we had hoped but the Spirit is still alive and well at First Presbyterian.

Opportunities to get together virtually will happen soon, so stay tuned to the Facebook page, email and the regular mail for more information.

I hope that you are enjoying the worship services on our Facebook page and on the DVD's. Our worship team has done an amazing job with this and I'm so grateful for their hard work.

Dick Hewitt has done a fantastic job with the sound since I arrived in June. He is taking a break from his sound duties and I want to acknowledge all that he is doing to make sure that we are heard in worship. Dick, we will miss you, but are so thankful for the time you have served in this ministry! Paul Riggs and others will help continue to help with the sound.

Socially distanced driveway visits are still happening. As long as the weather is decent I will continue to offer them! I will bring my own lawn chair, wear a mask, and sit on the edge of your driveway for a short visit. This will give me a chance to get to know you and you get to know me, while keeping everyone safe. If you would like to schedule a visit please call the church office or email me at presbypastor@kmtel.com.

My verse for us this month comes from Galatians 6:9. "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up."

Let our hearts not grow weary as we enter this fall season. We know that Jesus is with us every step of the way.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda

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AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Sep. 1	Becky Brainard
Sep. 8	Judy Gransee
Sep. 10	Dallas Hrtanek
Sep. 11	Ron Carlsen
	Joan Springsted
Sep. 13	Chris Brogan
Sep. 15	Dusty Heiserman
	Coy Borgstrom
Sep. 18	Jane Hesar
	Jared Johnson
Sep. 19	Larry Pedersen
Sep. 20	Zachary Kase
	Ian Frodermann
Sep. 22	Tom Fogal
	Ryan Jurgensen
Sep. 24	Chris Castner
	Shay Berg
	Michael Brigham
Sep. 26	Al Riedel
Sep. 27	Gary Bromley
	Dick Wolff
	Bjorn Hellickson
Sep. 28	Carol Prenzlowl

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Sep. 30 Chris & Ally Holtz



Pray for those who are serving our Nation's defense: Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force at Hickam A.F.B, HI.
Also, Peyton Wilke, after 2 weeks in quarantine, he arrived safely at Camp Pendleton MCRD to begin his 13 weeks of boot camp.

Pray for those in the care center: Jean Weinknecht..

Pray for a speedy recovery for Pastor Clint's hip replacement surgery.

Pray for healing for Diane Krejci's husband James, who is experiencing medical issues.

Pray for healing for Vivian Royce's family in this time of sorrow.

August Session Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 5:30 pm.



**Worship
Committee**

The Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 pm using Zoom. Members will receive an invitation to the meeting in their email.

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PW CORNER



Greetings all church women,

Well, summer is slowly drawing to a close, how sad is that!! However, the season to follow, fall, can be a very beautiful time of year with all the wonderful colors mother nature creates on the trees and surrounding foliage. It is a time to look back on all the adventures and good times of the summer and prepare for the coming of cooler weather and our wonderful holiday season. Even though our activities this summer and past spring were limited, hopefully we can look upon these last months with a measure of pleasure. This would be a good time to maybe call a friend or two and catch up on how their lives have been and to share good thoughts and Christian love.

As stated in the last newsletter our next event would have been the retreat at Jane Carlsen's cabin in Lake City, but in view of the COVID19 situation sadly that will not be able to take place. If anyone has an idea on how to have the PW gather safely, perhaps in a park, please share your thoughts with Carol or Sue. It would be fun to just gather for some fellowship and sharing and be able to see each other again.

If anyone has taken part in a fun, safe activity this summer, please feel free to share that with Carol or Sue by emailing it to church in care of the PW and if you don't mind it will be shared with everyone in the next newsletter. Sharing something fun and uplifting would be a great thing for everyone to read about and bring some joy into our lives. If you don't have email, you can share with us by phone or letter.

As always, please keep those members of our church who are struggling with health issues in your prayers. Also pray for those of us dealing with the loss of a loved one, a friend, or neighbor, as everyone is dear in our lives and in the sight of the Lord. Pray too for everyone in the armed forces, for all in public service, our health care workers and all in government positions.

AND NOW, the highlight of this writing – another delicious recipe to share. Since the apple season will be upon us soon this recipe should be a real hit. Since it is a large recipe, you will be able to share it with friends and family. This is a recipe by Noreen Schwen from our 1981 blue covered PW cookbook – try it out and enjoy!!

APPLE SQUARES

Crust: 1 c. lard or shortening	2 ½ c. flour
2 egg yolks plus milk to make ¾ cup	¾ tsp. salt



Mix well as for a pie crust. Roll half of the crust to fit a 10 x 15 jelly roll pan. Place crust in the pan, draping some over all sides. Slice 8 or 9 cups of pared apples. Sprinkle 1 cup rice krispies on the crust. Place apples on top. Mix together and sprinkle with 1 cup sugar, 1 tsp tapioca, 1 tsp cinnamon, a dash of salt; dot with butter. Roll out the top crust and put over apples, slit well. Cut to fit and press with fork along edges. Whip 2 egg whites stiff and spread over crust. Bake at 375 degrees 40 to 50 minutes. Glaze with powdered sugar frosting if desired.

(A helpful shortcut if you don't like to make pie crust, you can purchase Pappy's frozen pie crust from the freezer section. You would need to use all 4 pieces of dough from the package. Just so you know, this hint is from Sue, not Noreen – she is a good cook!!)

BEAR HUGS

A friend of mine dropped by, dear God, for just a friendly chat... We sipped a cup of coffee and we talked of this and that..... Our visit was not planned at all, but as she passed my way... My friend just stopped to say "hello" and pass the time of day.

You know how much I'm grateful, God, for kind and thoughtful friends... It's folks like these that bring my life its richest dividends... Because they bring a friendly word, they share a smile or two... And skies that had a tinge of gray become a brighter blue. *By George Bilby Walker*

Blessings from Sue and Carol, PW co-chairs



Dick Hewitt, our audio/visual master is going to take a break from his duties. We can't thank him enough for all of his dedication and service to our church family. He has faithfully video taped and reproduced our services for many years.

Paul Riggs is going to take on the duties, as well as others to continue to share our services with our members.



September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

<https://www.nami.org/get-involved/awareness-events/suicide-prevention-awareness-month>

Presbyterians Walk & Roll

Virtual NAMI Walk 2020

Join the NAMI Walk with the Presbytery!

You are invited to join members of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area Disability Concerns Ministry to participate in and/or donate to the 2020 NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walk championing justice, dignity and respect for everyone affected by mental illness. This VIRTUAL event takes place on Saturday, September 26, 2020 anywhere that works for you.

Our team goal is to raise \$1,000 for NAMI. You can choose how far you want to go, what route you want to go, and walk or roll with friends and neighbors if you are comfortable with that during this time of COVID. You can walk or roll outside or inside. We will be together in Spirit if not in person.

To register and/or donate, go to our team page by clicking on the link for our team

<https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=39122>

Please follow these steps to get to our fundraising page.

1. www.namiwalks.org
2. Click on "Fundraiser Search" in the upper right of the page.
3. Type in Presbyterians Rock & Roll.
4. If that fails, type in Wendy Fields

If you have questions, please text/call Wendy Fields at 612-805-0406 or email at wagf55@gmail.com.

Outdoor Worship will take place on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 10am.

**We are so excited to move to this next step
of bringing everyone back to the church property to worship!**

When are we having outdoor worship?

If weather permits, we will have an outdoor worship service on Sunday, September 20, at 10:00am.

What if I am not comfortable worshipping in person yet?

We will have an online-only option starting at 8:00 am on our Facebook page for those who would prefer to worship that way. The DVD's of the pre-recorded worship service will still be available as well.

What do we need to bring if we are coming in person?

If you choose to come and join us in-person, we ask that you bring your own chairs and a Bible (if you wish to read along). You may want to bring a blanket if you have kids so there is more room for them to spread out. Everyone coming to outdoor worship must wear a mask. If you need a mask, we have some available.

What if it rains or the weather is bad?

If the weather does not cooperate, worship will still take place online on our Facebook page at 10am. Our rain date is Sunday September 27.

Where on the church property is this taking place?

We will hold worship at the front of the building, by the front doors. Everyone is invited to spread out 6ft apart. Families of the same household can sit together. The church building will not be open so please use the restroom before you arrive.

We will continue to monitor the current health situation and adjust our worship service accordingly. This virus is ever changing so while we fully anticipate having outdoor worship on September 20, we will be flexible in our plans if necessary. Thank you all so very much for your patience and understanding!

Are you going to take my temperature? Or ask me questions about my health?

We will not be doing temperature checks or health screening for outdoor worship. Please assess your own health prior to coming to the property by asking yourself the following questions.

If you answer yes to any of these questions, please strongly consider staying at home to keep yourself and others safe and healthy.

Have you had close contact with a person with a laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19?

In the past 72 hours, have you had any of the following?

Fever of 100.0° F or greater, OR New cough OR new sore throat, OR new diarrhea OR new nausea or vomiting, OR new respiratory distress (shortness of breath or fast breathing), OR new chills OR new repeated shaking with chills, OR new muscle aches OR headache, OR new loss of smell or taste?

We ask that you continue to observe Minnesota Department of Health and CDC social distancing guidelines while on the property and to practice proper handwashing and hygiene.

I have a question that you did not answer.

Any other questions can be directed to Pastor Amanda. Her email is presbypastor@kmtel.com or she can be reached at church 634-7481.



The Unforgiving Servant

There was once a man who owed the king a lot of money.

But, he didn't have any money to pay.

The king said he and his family would have to become slaves to pay the debt.

The man begged for mercy.

1



The king forgave the man of his massive debt.

The man went to another man that owed him a little bit of money.

He grabbed him and told him he wanted his money back right away.

2



The second man also didn't have any money.

The man begged for a little bit more time to pay the debt.

But instead of forgiving the man, he threw him into jail.

3



The king couldn't believe what the man did.

He had been forgiven of so much but could not forgive a little.

The king ordered the man to go to prison.

Jesus said that we should forgive others because He has forgiven us.

4

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Matthew 18:21-35



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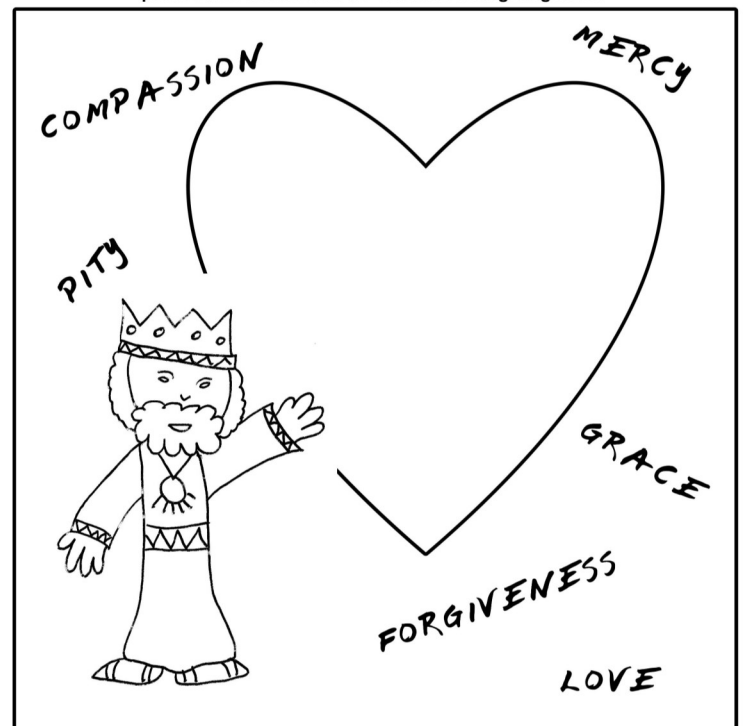
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Share God's Word

Jesus taught the importance of forgiving others just as God forgave us. Write or draw a picture that shows how we can have a forgiving heart.



Memory Verse

Then Peter came up and said to him,
"Lord, how often will my brother sin against me,
and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"
Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times,
but seventy-seven times."

—Matthew 18:21-22 (ESV)





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Amanda's Vacation -----			
		1	2	3	4	Pastor Amanda's Wedding 5
Amanda's Vacation -----						
6	Labor Day 7	8	Worship Comm. @ 7 PM by Zoom 9	10	11	12
Amanda's Vacation -----						
13	14	15	Session Mtg 5:30 pm 16	17	18	19
Outdoor Worship At 10:00 am						
20	21	22	Deadline for Newsletter 23	24	25	26
Outdoor Worship At 10:00 am	Meals on Wheels -----					
27	28	29	30			