



PRESBY-NOTES

July

2021

It is the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Beatrice to know Christ, to make Christ known and to exhibit Christ's love through worship, education and service

Faithful Footprints: Reflections on our journey following Jesus

Welcome to July, a time of year where organized church events traditionally take a Sabbath break. It is no different for our church where many (but not all) of our ministries are breaking this month; however that does not mean that the church isn't working, especially our leaders on session and committees. Although the session is also not planning to meet in July, there was a lot of energy and excitement around the table at our June session meeting as everyone shared the work their committee was doing to prepare for the fall.



There are so many ministries, experiences, and opportunities that session is preparing for our church this coming fall that I can't begin to share all of them or give them the due they all deserve. However, I will share a few. We are preparing curriculum and finding teachers to return to a full slate of Sunday school beginning in September, the Sunday after Labor Day. Session is also lining up greeters and ushers for worship, and cookie makers and hosts for coffee hour following worship. The return to hosting neighborhood picnics is also in the works. All of these are planned to be fully in-person as long as health trends continue to improve. Worship will continue to be livestreamed and recorded on our YouTube site ("Presbybeatrice").

There are also many plans for evolving our efforts to connect with the needs of our community. The little pantry continues to be used abundantly and along with donations always being sought, financial resources are being explored to supplement the gracious donations of our congregation. The "Frozen Chosen" feeding ministry also continues to be beneficial. As casseroles are seemingly handed out as fast as they are prepared, we are always looking for more casserole makers to keep up

with the need. We also continue to offer the bed ministry and anticipate that as the pandemic wanes, needs for beds will become expressed more. And there will be the addition of another avenue through which to connect with our new worship experience that will be tried in October. Called "First Wednesdays," this will be an alternative worship service held on the first Wednesday night of each month in the basement. With its goal being to connect with our neighbors of all ages, the service will entail a spiritual message from someone whose secular work holds a spiritual meaning for them, a shared meal, and activity. More details and a vision for the service will be shared in the coming months.

All of this is to say that although the church may seem a little relaxed this month, there is a lot of work being done to continue to grow in our discipleship of Jesus when we kick-off the fall. If you would like to get involved in any of these opportunities, please contact the office and we will get you connected to the ministry. We are a group of disciples of Jesus continuing to grow in our faith and action in the world. It is exciting and I hope you will join in these opportunities in some way.

Your partner in the journey,
Zac



- *Received a Thank you card from Colton Daake for supporting his education
 - *June 28, 2021 Shut-In Communion served by Zac Wolfe and Doris Martin to seven church members
 - *Nursery staffing plans to be discussed further in the upcoming Fall
 - *Updated Parish member lists and idea letter going out to Parish Leaders
 - *Sunday school planning still being discussed
 - *Confirmation Sunday will be held on Sunday September 19, 2021. Cake to be served for coffee hour following church service
 - *Separate financial account to be made for the Little Food Pantry
 - *Warren's Table to be served on July 6th, 2021 with youth group to make cookies and serve
 - *Little Food Pantry obtaining more volunteers
 - *First Wednesday service to begin October 6th, 2021 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall
 - *Next Session meeting will be held August 16th, 2021 at 6:45pm
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PRAYERS: Connie Dake; Carol Straub; Diane Mayer; Verna Light; Willard Engelman; Bob Hancock; Dorothy Appleget; Charlotte Carney; Judy Prebyl; William Cook III; Barb Harrison; and Dennis Luckey;

Also: Shannon Fanning; Vera Lyons; Elmer Cook; Linnel Rials; Skylar Nicola; Elizabeth Shotkoski-Jurgens; Pat Morris; Steve Arneal; Lori Eckert; Jake Frana; Timothy Briskey; Mike Willet; Judy Knispel; Stan Martin (Gene Martin's brother); Nancy Chalupa; Hope Johns (Maxine Arneal's great granddaughter); Imogene Johnson (Connie Dake's sister); Norma Mitschler (Frank's sister); Adam Ideus (Stephanie Ideus' brother); Kent Ruigh (Kristin Jurgens' cousin).

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Youth will be making cookies and serving Warren's Table on July 6.



Westminster Guild



June 7th members of Westminster Guild met at the home of Shirley Mitschler to make plans for the future of the organization.

The evening began in prayer. A brief business meeting was held followed by discussion. It was decided to meet August 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor for a covered dish supper at which time a schedule will be set.

Those who attend Guild enjoy the fellowship and want to keep the organization active.

All women of the church and friends are welcome.

Shirley closed the gathering with devotions from the book "Jesus Calling".

Presbyterian Women met on Thursday, June 17, at Legends for the Birthday Offering Luncheon. Fellowship was enjoyed by all and \$176 was raised. The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives.

Presbyterian Women will not meet in July and August.



Congratulations

To!



Bill Cook who was selected by the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce to be the Grand Marshal of the 2021 Homestead Days Parade.



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| Jilliyah Mick | 2 |
| Zemira Wolfe | 2 |
| Makira Smith | 5 |
| Renee Jones | 6 |
| Ava Bolli | 7 |
| Ashley McConnell | 10 |
| Cassidy Thavenet | 10 |
| Anita Cook | 11 |
| Mariah Cook | 11 |
| Sharon Matson | 12 |
| Makenna Blum | 18 |
| Emily Carothers | 18 |
| Lois Mertes | 18 |
| Don Harmon | 24 |
| Torian Sutter | 24 |
| Keziah Wolfe | 24 |
| Randy Schlueter | 25 |
| Maxine Arneal | 25 |
| Michelle Blum | 27 |
| Diane Mayer | 27 |
| Gary Higgins | 28 |

News & Notes

First Presbyterian Church will serve Warren's Table on Tuesday, July 6. If you can help please come to the Episcopal Church at 4:45.

The Casserole Contest is designed to collect recipes for the upcoming year for Warren's Table, Frozen Chosen deliveries and the First Wednesday Gatherings beginning in October.

Both men and women are encouraged to submit a recipe. This will allow the committee to begin making the necessary arrangements for putting them together. Submit your recipe by July 22 to Lennie in the church office or email to Doris Martin at rangerdoris@gmail.com.

You are cordially invited to the baptism of Keziah Wolfe, daughter of Zac and Rudi Wolfe, on Sunday, July 25 during worship.

Homestead Harmonizers will be at worship with us on July 25.

Please visit our new website at www.presbybeatrice.com. It has been redesigned and looks inviting and information is easier to find.

Help us stock our Little Pantry

The following items have proven to be very popular and we could use more so our Little Pantry stays full. Cash donations would also be appreciated. The brand of the product is not important we just wanted to show the type of item needed.



Pop Tarts



Cereal Bars



Peanut Butter



Fruit



Tuna



Tuna Helper



Saltine Crackers



Individual Cereal Boxes



Soup



Water



Honey



Individual Almond Milks



Deodorant



Shampoo/
Conditioner



Body Soap



Feminine Hygiene
Items

**Calling
All
Cooks**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grab those recipe books
and find those casserole recipes
your family asks for again and again.

Turn in the recipe
for the first ever

**Casserole
Contest**

Nine winners will be selected

Casseroles will be used for Warren's Table,
the First Wednesday Gathering and
Frozen Chosen deliveries.

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or email to rangerdoris@gmail.com.

