



PRESBY-NOTES

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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

Friends in the Church,
"You Are Missed..."

I recently read this article, "A Letter To Young Persons" in The Presbyterian Outlook by Paul Heller, minister of First Church, Plattsburg, New York. I want to share the thoughts with you.

"If you are 18 years old or younger, you probably won't be reading this newsletter. But I feel that I need to write to you anyway. Do you know that you are missed? Do you know what you are missing?

You are missed whenever our church family gathers for fellowship, service, or celebration. But primarily, you are missed when you don't attend worship and Sunday School.

You really have no idea what you are missing. It is virtually impossible to understand the value of being "raised in the church" until much later in life. For all its failings, growing up in a Christian congregation gives you something to stand for. As the song says, "If you don't stand for something you'll fall for anything." Becoming mature is not easy, but the church continually points to your best hope—Jesus Christ. As the Bible says, "We must stop acting like children... Love should always make us tell the truth. Then we will grow in every way and be more Christ like..." (Ephesians 4:14- 15) What is more, growing up in the church means that you always have a spiritual home to which you can come at any time. You will never be without roots in your family of faith. When your life feels empty and you wonder what is missing, you will always have a place where you are loved and appreciated. When life gets tough, and it will have many rough spots, there is always hope in the Family of Faith. Now is your best chance to grow up in the church. You will need you mothers or fathers to get you there. You will need your parents' example as they go with you. And you will sometimes need them to push you, to make you go. But trust me, you won't be sorry. Because, I pray that you and all of God's people will understand what is called the breadth, and length

and height and depth of the love of God, I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. That you may be filled with the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:18-19) See you in church!"

This expresses what I would like to say to our young people (with their parents acknowledgement). You are missed, and you are missing out on what you will only appreciate as you get older. You are part of us; you are special to us; so, take advantage of what we can give you - our knowledge, our faith, ourselves.

In Christ's love,
Rev. Wakeman



- *Received a Thank you card from the Beatrice Food Pantry for all donations received
- *Sunday School to resume on 9/11/2022
- *Neighborhood picnic was held on 8/20/22
- *PNC continues search for a new minister for FPC of Beatrice
- *Next Session meeting to be held on Monday September 19, 2022 at 6:45 pm



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

PRAYERS: Maria Ojeda; Ardyth Orwen; Connie Dake; Carol Straub; Diane Mayer; Bob Hancock; Dorothy Appleget; Judy Prebyl; William Cook III; Barb Harrison; and Norma Jean McNamee.



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; 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).

Our sympathy is with the family and friends of Willard Engelman who passed away Wednesday, August 31



Sunday School begins September 11, at 9:30 a.m., with a Super Sunday in Fellowship Hall.

Backpack Sunday is Sunday September 11. Bring your backpacks and briefcases to worship

MISSION CONNECTION

Jim McGill

Mission co-worker serving in Niger

Jim is involved with the Eglise Evangelique de la Republique du Niger (EERN) which is the oldest Protestant church in Niger with 4 congregations in Niamey, a city with over a million people. The EERN has a program called "One Evangelist - One Well". The goal is to have at least one church, led by an evangelist or a pastor, in each of Niger's 63 administrative divisions. The "One Evangelist - One Well" program is a tremendous vision that emphasizes the EERN's understanding that having water available is essential to its holistic ministry. The availability of water for the evangelist/pastor has many benefits.

*Water is a welcomed asset that breaks down barriers between the Evangelist, their family, and the Christian church within a Muslim community.

*More available water means improved health, sanitation and hygiene.

*Increased access to water improves the communities financial situation through better health, livestock, and the growing of small kitchen gardens.

*Direct financial benefit for the church as water is sold at costs below what families already pay for water.

Manually drilled wells cost \$500. Some wells within and outside the Sahara Desert are so deep they require expensive rigs. Jim helps to prioritize the water needs of each congregation to determine the need against the cost of a well. Due to security issues around Niamey Jim cannot travel outside the city by road but just returned from a flight to Maradi, in the south-central part of the country, to assess sites for the well-prioritizing process.

Jim thanks us for our prayers and contributions.



Reverend Wakeman will be introducing and leading the 2022/2023 PW Horizons Bible Study, "Celebrating Sabbath, Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight", Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

A PW business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Bible study.

All are welcome, bring a friend and support our minister who kindly accepted the role of Bible Study leader.



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