



In Touch with FPCR

Road to the Cross a Huge Success

On April 22, 2019, Rick and Cathy Romanski delivered 176 canned/dry food items to the Slinger Food Pantry as a result of the Road to the Cross food collection held at FPCR during Lent.

Each week of the Lenten season, church members and friends brought one or more food items to the church service. Donations ranged from chicken noodle soup to raspberry pie filling, Cheerios to jasmine rice and peanut butter to tuna. The boxes, cans, and packages were lined up from the back of the church to the front to depict the path Jesus traveled to the cross.



After the Easter Sunday service the 176 items were gathered into boxes and moved to the Romanski's vehicle for delivery the next day.

Members and friends of FPCR were certainly generous during the Lenten season and the Food Pantry thanks each and everyone who donated.

In this Issue

- Andy Liu—Talented Keyboardist at FPCR
- Road Construction Affects FPCR
- Easter Season at First Presbyterian Church of Richfield
- Congratulations Lydia Wojcieszak
- Thank You Students
- News and Notes and Upcoming Birthdays



Andy Liu—a Scholar, Musician and Athlete

At FPCR, we are blessed to have a group of very talented musicians who provide music each Sunday. One of those incredible musicians is **Andy Liu**.

Andy, age 16, is a scholar, musician, and athlete. He will be a senior in the fall of 2019. As a student at Brookfield Academy, he is No. 1 in his class and is involved in many extracurricular activities. Yet, he finds time to prepare for his turn in the FPCR music rotation.

Andy has been playing piano for ten years and cello for seven. He is a cellist in the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra's Senior Symphony where he not only plays but also volunteers to mentor and teach young cellists. He participates in his school's orchestra and quartet. As a pianist, he earned a second place in the Wisconsin Youth Piano Competition.

Andy was named the Chapman Memorial Piano Competition Winner

(Continued on page 4)



And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him . . .

Romans 8:28 (The Bible, Revised Standard Version)

Present Elders and Board of Deacons

Elders

Melissa Kujawa
Rick Romanski
Kenneth Schmidt
Allen Schoeni
Jeff Zeller

Clerk of Session

Elaine Schmidt

Deacons

Cheryl Weber
Jean Zeller

News and Notes

(Please email us your updates to include in a future newsletter!)

Yeah! **Daryl Schmidt** was released from Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee mid-May and is happy to be home! He receives daily therapy at Froedtert Hospital and much loving care from Brenda, Jayden, Cora and other family and friends the rest of the time. He is making daily progress which seems very tedious to those around him, but amazing to those who do not see him each day. Thank God for Daryl's ongoing progress!

Rosemarie Schmidt is blessed to be back home from her recent stay at Glacier Hills, a local care facility. She reports she is better and says "hello" to her beloved church family.

Happy Retirement to **Rick Romanski** and **Leslie Schmidt**. Rick has put away his lesson plans and grade book after many years of teaching. Leslie will continue farming his own property but will not be employed in other capacities. Congratulations to both of you! Enjoy!

Rev. and Mrs. Koehn are doing well after their recent move to Heritage Lake Country Senior Living. They are busy organizing their household, making new friends, and adjusting to a new lifestyle.

On June 13, the Koehns celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary to one of FPCR's favorite couples!

(Please email FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com if you would like the Koehn's new address.)

Road Construction Affects FPCR

If you haven't had the opportunity to "enjoy" the summer detours in the area, you might want to be aware of the updates to Highway 164 around the church's location. Many of you who are "locals" know and live with the fact that this highway is being widened, but each Sunday has been a new experience for members, friends, musicians, and ministers heading to FPCR . . . and Google just isn't keeping up!

Plans by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation have been underway for several years. This, however, is the first year it affected the church property. You may remember discussions about the fact that some of the church's property along the highway will be used and that one of the driveways will be eliminated.



A lot of dirt has been moved and trees along the route have been removed. One of those trees was in front of the church. We will miss this tree as one of the markers to turn into the church driveway.

An after-church discussion determined the tree to have been over 150 years old.

Easter Season at FPCR

Easter season observances included a luncheon on April 7 and services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. The Easter Service included a special song by the Sunday School children. The church was decorated with lovely Easter lilies (thank you **Scott Schoeni** and **Stange's Greenhouse**). Over 90 members and

friends attended services and participated in communion during April. Thank you Rev. Barbara Jordan for your special services and your time and energy to make Easter special at FPCR!

Pictures are available at: <https://www.firstpresbyofrichfield.com/picture-galleries>.

'Tis the Season for Yard Work

It is amazing what winter does to our landscape . . . and how much fun (or work if you aren't a gardener) we have in spring. New mulch was added to the beds in the front of the church thanks to **Allen Schoeni** and **Jerry and Alice Schmitz**. One of the pine trees was in need of some work. Dead and broken branches were pruned and removed to give the tree a much needed manicure.

Additional news on the landscaping front is that **Ryan Kujawa** (with assistance by **Jackson** and **Melissa**) is taking care of the lawn cutting and trimming.

We appreciate that Ryan stepped up and know he and his crew have had quite a job keeping things looking nice outside the church. Will it ever stop raining?

Upcoming Services and Events

July 21—Church Service and Mid-Summer Communion, 10 a.m. (All are Welcome).

Help the Environment . . . Request an Electronic Newsletter

Please email FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com with your preferred email address so we are able to send you an electronic copy of this newsletter rather than a paper copy.

Stay in Touch . . .

First Presbyterian Church of Richfield

2281 Highway 164
Richfield, WI 53076

Worship Services are held each Sunday at 10 a.m.

Website:

<https://FirstPresbyofRichfield.com>

Email:

FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com

Thank You, Students

Thank you Nya, Dixie, and Duke Diebert and Kate Kujawa, plus Director Melissa Kujawa for the upbeat and entertaining song on Easter Sunday!



Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary to the following individuals. We wish you many more years of God's blessings.

Happy Birthday

July

7—Cora Schmidt
11—Rosemarie Schmidt
31—Kenneth Schmidt

August

8—Richard Schmidt
9—Reuben Heidtke
18—Cheryl Weber
Kate Kujawa
22—Elaine Schmidt
28—Cheryl Terman

September

26—Deanna Wojcieszak
27—Alice Schmitz

Happy Anniversary

August

2—Jean Schoeni/Keith Clark

Liu Enjoys Playing the Keyboard at FPCR

(Continued from page 2)

for 2019. This competition is held biennially for Waukesha County piano students aged 14 through 20. Each student prepares a selection from a repertoire list to perform by memory for a panel of judges. The competition winner receives a scholarship and the opportunity to perform with the Wisconsin Philharmonic. (The 2015 competition winner was John Schindler, a previous FPCR pianist.)

Andy is a varsity tennis player on Brookfield Academy's WIAA, Division 2 second place team. He is a member of the varsity table tennis team and varsity chess team (2018 Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Team Champions). He competes with the math team and in the science bowl. Andy serves as the school's Student Council Executive Board Treasurer and is a part of the Milwaukee Chinese Community Center's Youth Leadership Academy.

Another of Andy's accomplishments is being awarded the title of State Champion in the Wisconsin YES! (Youth Entrepreneurs in Science) competition. This is a statewide youth business plan contest with a mission of showing young people how science and technology innovations can be developed into solid business plans.

Beyond high school, Andy plans to pursue a STEM-focused major (science, technology, engineering and math). He is leaning toward fields involving a combination of physics, chemistry, and biology such as nanoscience or biochemical engineering. He hopes to pursue a minor in music and participate in his future college's chamber music groups and orchestra.

Andy adds that in his spare time—when is that??—he plays tennis and chess with friends. He is an avid reader of high-fantasy novels. He is interested in languages and has studied French and Latin since sixth grade. He and his parents speak Chinese in their home.

Andy enjoys coming to First Presbyterian Church of Richfield because he likes to share his music with others who enjoy it as much as he does. He says, "I appreciate the opportunity that FPCR gives me to play hymns and my own special music selection for the congregation. Everyone is very welcoming, and I appreciate the gratitude they show me every time."

Andy . . . you are a gift to our church family. We are so blessed to have you play for us. We wish you every success in your senior year and with your continued studies in music as well as in math and science. We will happily see you at the keyboard throughout the next year!

Congratulations!

Congratulations, **Lydia Wojcieszak**, on your high school graduation. We wish you the very best as you begin your studies at UW-Stevens Point in the fall. Thank you for your musical contributions to FPCR. Please come back to see us!

