

In Touch with FPCR

FPCR CELEBRATES FAMILIES IN MAY AND JUNE

FPCR loves its family! Mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, husbands, wives, widows, widowers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins—all make up the FPCR family. FPCR takes advantage of Mother's Day and Father's Day to celebrate families as well as to appreciate the connections within the church. This year, on May 14 (Mother's Day) and June 18 (Father's Day), FPCR celebrated with wonderful services by Paul Zachow, MAPS, Pulpit Supply. After the services, treats were served; and the group enjoyed visiting. Additionally, there was a small gift for the women on Mother's Day and the men on Father's Day.



Mother's Day geraniums were distributed to the women in attendance on May 14. As always, they were beautiful; and the recipients enjoyed planting them as a reminder not only of the love among their family members but also within the group at FPCR.



When touching base recently with some of the members of FPCR about this year's geraniums, several women

commented that their plants were SO healthy . . . BUT that they hadn't blossomed for a while. It seems the dry conditions of this summer are creating challenges for the plants. However, as shown above, the blossoms are beginning to return and will elicit smiles in just a few short days!



On Father's Day, the men in attendance were gifted homemade soap by FPCR's soapmaker, Jean Schoeni. Beautifully packaged and lovingly made, the soaps included fragrances such as: Ultimate Savage, Ocean, Harvest, North Woods, Pachouli, Sandalwood, Orange Citrus, Orange Clove, and even Perfect Man! Making a choice was difficult, and everyone enjoyed discussing the options available.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendars to attend FPCR services on **July 9** and **July 23**.

Next month's Bible Study will take place on **July 16**.

The **FPCR website** contains up-to-date announcements. Check it if you have questions about a service or deadline.

www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

All are welcome for upcoming 10 am Sunday Services.

JULY 9
SERMON: CHRIST'S YOKE

JULY 23
SERMON: WAITING IN HOPE WITH PATIENCE

Additional and updated information is posted on the website:
www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com

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JULY BIBLE STUDY—SECRETS OF THE SPIRIT

The next Bible Study is **Sunday, July 16**, at **10 am** via **Zoom**. A link to this online meeting will be sent **Thursday, July 13**. To join the group for the first time, please email FPCR or contact leader, **Elaine Schmidt**.

The group continues to study the Book of John and will discuss John 16:5-15 on July 16.

June's lesson, *The Cost of Friendship*, was based on John 15:12 to 16:4. The first question asked us to pray for our closest friend. The group then discussed important qualities of friends. From there, the discussion expanded to some of the issues we face when being a friend.

The lesson emphasized that Jesus is our friend. We are privileged that he wishes to have a personal relationship with us. Also discussed was how our relationship with Jesus is a model for the relationships in our lives. It was noted that there are many non-Christians in today's world who treat Christians poorly. Prayer is a solution. Praying will help us to be strong and courageous in difficult situations.

Next month's topic, *Secrets of the Spirit*, begins with a discussion about saying goodbye and helps us understand how the Holy Spirit is available as we face struggles and problems.



SUMMER NEEDS AT THE SLINGER FOOD PANTRY

Meals in a Can

(examples: Ravioli, Spaghetti, Spaghetti-O's)

Chunky soups

Saltine crackers

Shampoo

Conditioner

Toothpaste

Laundry detergent

Paper towels

Toilet paper

Kleenex



The Pantry is very grateful for any/all donations. Please place your donations in the bin found in the Church's narthex. Cash donations are always welcomed and appreciated! Checks payable to FPCR may be mailed to PO Box 22, Richfield, WI 53076. Include SFP in the memo section of your check or make a cash donation at the church by placing your donation in the offering plate using the special envelope found on the narthex table. Again, mark SFP in the memo section of your check.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following individuals who have health concerns:

Carol and Jim Frank; Carol Frank's son, Jim; Ron Grunke; Ron Grunke's daughter, Shelley; Melissa Kujawa's father, Bill; Jean Zeller's granddaughter, Ashley; Hartford High School Student Athlete, Michael Turner; and Daryl Schmidt.

Please pray for the **family of Rosemarie Schmidt**, FPCR member who passed away on May 22, 2023.

Please pray for the **family of Daniel Schmidt**, father/father-in-law of Tony and Kathleen Schmidt and grandfather of Jennifer and Katie. He passed away on June 9, 2023.



JUNE SERMON JOTTINGS

Date: June 4, 2023
Text: Matthew 7:21-29
Sermon: Built on a Rock
By: Paul J. Zachow, MAPS, Pulpit Supply

The setting for this sermon is the end of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. He is teaching that one's faith and life needs to be built on the sure rock of God—not on sand.

• We are called to build our faith on the rock of God—not the unsure footing of sand which will cave in when problems arrive. We are called to have a personal relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

- Stephen Butler Murray writes that according to John Calvin . . . Christian believers today should live reflectively, representing the will of God and the advice of Jesus as best they may. (*Feasting on the Word*, Yr. A, Vol. 3, Pg. 96, Stephen Butler Murray).
- We are justified by our faith; we should think reflectively about our faith.
- We are called to live out our faith built on the foundation of the rock of God.
- We are called to live out the good news by doing good in the world, our lives, the church, and our communities.
- There are times we doubt our faith. This is a normal part of being human. We are called to build our lives on our faith and the solid rock of God even a little at a time.
- Those who hear and act on Jesus' teachings and focus on compassionate treatment of others represent the will of God and provide a solid foundation.

God is our refuge and strength!

Date: June 18, 2023 (Father's Day)
Text: Romans 5:1-8
Sermon: Hope
By: Paul J. Zachow, MAPS, Pulpit Supply

This lesson is about Paul speaking to the early Christian church. His topic is being justified through faith. He is providing the people with encouragement to have hope in the midst of their suffering and is explaining that God will be with them.

- God accepts us as we are. God is gracious, loving, and steadfast. This gives us hope.
- We do not earn God's grace—it is given freely from God.
- The love of God is poured out to us in the Holy Spirit.
- Believers may grow strong and rejoice in adversity.
- "The love of God is so powerful that it sustains us through suffering and empowers us to act according to our faith." *Feasting on the Word*, Yr. A., Vol. 3, Pages 136 and 183, Diane Givens Moffett.
- We are called to have hope in spite of what we face.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following individuals with birthdays in **July**. We wish you many years of God's blessings.

7 - Cora Schmidt

31 - Kenneth Schmidt

Congratulations!

Congratulations to FPCR's Moderator, **Pastor Cathy Manthei**. She conducted her last service at Apostle Presbyterian Church, West Allis, WI, on Sunday, June 11, and has officially retired!

We wish Pastor Cathy and husband Mark a summer of relaxation and time with friends and family.

Mark your Calendar!
Church Picnic
August 20, 2023



All are invited.
Stay tuned for more information.



First-class postal rates will increase on **July 9, 2023**, from 63 cents to 66 cents. Your "stock" of Forever Stamps will cover the increase.

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND FPCR'S BUDGET . . .

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.



- **Jean Zeller** for flowers to brighten the sanctuary during worship services.
- **Jean Schoeni** for providing the Father's Day gift of homemade soaps.
- **Carol Frank** for sharing wonderful Father's Day treats with all!
- **Elaine Schoeni** for careful proofreading of the newsletter each month.
- **Paul Zachow**, MAPS, Pulpit Supply for inspiring us with an a cappella solo, *Amazing Grace*, on June 18.

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FOR YOUR RECIPE COLLECTION

Carol Frank brought yummy treats to FPCR for Father's Day. Below is the cookie recipe requested by several individuals. Thanks for sharing, Carol!

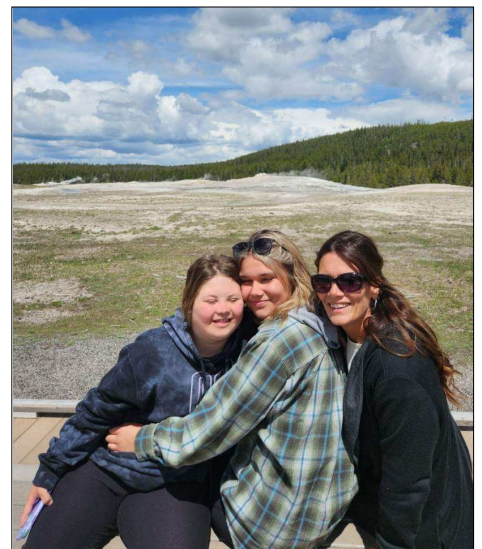
MOLASSES COOKIES

- 2 cups All-Purpose Flour
- 1-1/2 tsp Baking Soda
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp Nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1-1/2 cups Sugar
- 1-1/2 sticks (12 tbsp) Butter, softened
- 1 large Egg
- 1/4 cup Molasses

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Place 1/2 cup of the sugar in small bowl & set aside.
Whisk flour, baking soda, spices, and salt together in medium bowl.
Cream butter and remaining cup of sugar in large bowl.
Beat in egg then molasses. Gradually mix in flour mixture just until a dough forms.
Pinch off about a tablespoon of dough and roll into balls then roll in reserved sugar to coat.
Arrange balls about 3 inches apart on baking sheets. Bake 10-15 minutes, just until the edges are firm.
Cool 1 minute on baking sheets then place cookies on racks or parchment paper to cool completely.

*Anxiety weighs down the heart,
but a kind word cheers it!*
Proverbs 12:25

CHECK OUT THESE LOVELY LADIES!



The **Kujawa family** went West in May. These ladies made a new friend (left) and enjoyed spending time together in "Big Sky Country" (Kate, Emma, and Melissa).

What are you doing this summer? Snap a picture and send it to FPCR!