

In Touch with FPCR

BE THE LIGHT

God's love and light was shared to the world by Jeff Zeller in many ways. On June 12 Jeff's family and the FPCR family shared in a fitting service to dedicate a memorial in his memory—a light above the cross in the church.

The beautiful service was created by **Paul Zachow, Jean Zeller, and Elaine Schmidt**. Jeff's "light" was celebrated from beginning to end. Elaine Schmidt recalled Jeff's spark, highlighted the twinkle in his eye, and recalled the smile he had for everyone who arrived at the church. She read from *Your Spark—Celebrating the Brightest Part of You!*, a book by Lisa Leonard.

Music including, *Your Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet* (by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith) and *This Little Light of Mine* (by Harry Dixon Loes) continued the theme.

A light was installed over the cross in Jeff's memory. (The cross was a previous donation to FPCR by Harold and Lillian Hartman). Dedication of the light was followed by Paul Zachow's uplifting sermon titled, "God's Love and Light".

The FPCR family will always remember Jeff as someone who shared his spark and light with us and with the world!



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

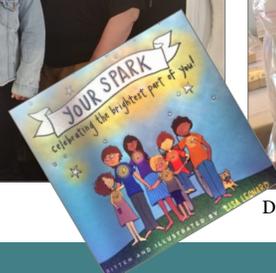
Mark your calendar to attend FPCR on **July 10 and 24**.
The next Bible Study is **July 17**.
The **FPCR website** contains up-to-date announcements. Check it if you have questions about a service or deadline.
www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com



Jean Zeller and family on June 12.



Debbie Heppie holds blocks crafted by Jeff & Jean's daughter, Jennifer.



UPCOMING SERVICES

All are welcome for upcoming 10 a.m. Sunday Services.

JULY 10
5TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
SERMON: GOD'S MERCY

JULY 24
7TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
SERMON: GOD'S GIFTS

AUGUST 7
9TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
SERMON: WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE AND YOUR HEART?

ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

Elders

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Jim Frank

Debbie Heppe

Melissa Kujawa

Rick Romanski

Clerk of Session

Elaine Schmidt

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Emma Kujawa

Cathy Romanski

ALMOND-GINGER BISCOTTI

Crisp and Crunchy. Perfect to dip into a cup of hot tea or coffee. Thank you, Martha Stewart, for this easy, low-calorie recipe . . . and thank you, **Carol Frank**, for sharing this recipe.

Makes 3 dozen

1 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 cups sugar plus extra for dusting
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 tablespoons grated lemon zest (about 2 lemons)
1/4 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 cups whole almonds
1/4 cup chopped crystallized ginger
3 large eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, 3/4 cup sugar, baking powder, zest & salt. Stir in almonds and ginger.
3. Transfer dough to a lightly floured work surface, knead until smooth. Divide dough in half. Shape into two logs, each about 1-inch high and 3-inches wide. Place on parchment-covered baking sheet. Sprinkle with remaining sugar.
4. Bake until logs are puffed and outside is firm--the tops may crack--about 30 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely, about 2 hours.
5. Using a serrated knife, thinly slice logs crosswise, 1/4-inch thick. Lay slices on parchment-lined baking sheets. Bake until crisp and lightly golden, rotating pans and turning biscotti over halfway through the 20 minutes total baking time. Cool completely before storing.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for the following individuals who have health concerns or are awaiting test results:

Carol and Jim Frank

Carol Frank's son, Jim

Chris, Jean Zeller's friend

Ron Grunke

Ron Grunke's daughter, Shelley

Cathy Romanski

Rick and Cathy Romanski's granddaughter, Brin

Daryl Schmidt



Please pray for those who have recently lost loved ones.

Scott and Shelley Schoeni and extended family on the loss of Maxine Henk, Shelley's mother, on June 28, 2022.

Jim and Carol Frank and their extended families on the loss of Jim's son, Thomas, on June 9, 2022.



SERMON JOTTINGS

With our present schedule, it is sometimes difficult to follow the continuum of church lessons and sermons. Here are the summary notes from the June services.

Date: **June 5, 2022 (Pentecost)**

Text: **Acts 2:1-21**

Sermon: ***Spirit***

Pentecost—celebrated 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The setting for today’s scripture is a house in Jerusalem. There are people from nations located in all directions. While gathered, the people heard a mighty wind (the Holy Spirit). All were talking in their native languages. All heard the Holy Spirit speak to them. Imagine their puzzlement!

Then, Peter spoke, telling them it was not the wine, but the Holy Spirit. Some believed him, some did not, just as today. (Peter was a rejected disciple just as Jesus had been.)

- Even though diverse, we are all united in the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit came to teach the people and disciples the good news of love for all.
- Pentecost represents the inbreaking of God’s purposes for all humanity, bringing humanity together. The followers of Jesus are now given the gift of empowerment by the Holy Spirit.
- Communicating in all languages represented the first gift of the Holy Spirit and brought the good news to all.
- On this Pentecost Sunday we are called to come together in unity, one in and through Christ, and care for and love one another every day.
- Listen to the winds of the Holy Spirit in your life!

Date: **June 12, 2022 (Trinity Sunday and Memorial Dedication for Jeff Zeller)**

Text: **Romans 5:1-5**

Sermon: ***God’s Love and Light***

- We have peace and reconciliation with and for God and one another.
- Jesus is the “means of access to the grace in which Christians stand” (New Interpreter’s Study Bible).
- Faith allows us a life of peace and confidence before God and assurance that Christ’s ability to save is greater than Adam’s ability to corrupt. (New Interpreter’s Study Bible).
- Pray even when you don’t feel like it. God loves us and accepts us for who we are.
- We are called to be God’s faithful disciples—beacons of God’s love and light in the world.
- Be the light and love in the world today for and with one another in our families, work places, communities, and the larger world. Jeff Zeller modeled this while in our midst.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to the following individuals with birthdays in **July**. We wish you many more years of God’s blessings.

7 - Cora Schmidt

11 - Rosemarie Schmidt

31—Kenneth Schmidt

MAXINE HENK

12-29-1939 to 6-28-2022



Several remember **Maxine Henk** who was a friend of FPCR for some years. Maxine occasionally attended FPCR with her husband, Randall, when in

the area to visit their daughter/son-in-law Shelley and Scott Schoeni. Maxine felt the services were uplifting and that FPCR was doing good things.

When COVID arrived Maxine enjoyed the daily emails sent by Rev. Barbara Jordan, and the two of them often talked.

Maxine is survived by her children Shelley (Scott) Schoeni, Tracy (Jeff) Yorton, and Karrie (TJ) Groff in addition to grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her husband, Randall, preceded her in death in 2018.

We will miss our friend, but know that she is now with God in the Heavenly Kingdom.

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.

Thank You

Thank you **Elaine Schoeni** and **Alice Schmitz** for coordinating the Father's Day chocolates. The chocolate fish were definitely enjoyed!

Thank you **Shira Gui** for wonderful music during June. Also, thank you **Claire Gui** for solos on June 5 and 26. Beautiful!

Thank you **Carol Frank, Jean Zeller, Jean Schoeni/Keith Clark** and **Alice Schmitz** for after-service treats during June.

Thank you **Ron Grunke** for communicating with WE Energies during the electrical outage on June 5. Service was restored as Elaine Schmidt began the announcements. So . . . it was Pentecost . . . the Holy Spirit's hand perhaps?

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SLINGER FOOD PANTRY REPORT—216/\$790



Through your kindness and generosity, **Rick and Cathy Romanski**, Slinger Food Pantry Liaisons, delivered **216** items on June 13. This is in addition to deliveries made directly to the Pantry by some in the FPCR family.

Cash donations of **\$790** were sent after the June 26 service to reflect your recent cash donations.

As always, the Pantry was thrilled to see the donations. For various reasons, their inventory runs low over the summer. Therefore, any items you are able to donate are much appreciated. The next delivery from FPCR will be made after the July 24 service.

Immediate needs are: **pasta, rice, Hamburger Helper, fruit, crackers, brownie mixes, personal hygiene items (liquid soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels)**. The Pantry thanks **Jean Schoeni** for the incredible homemade soap donations included with the last few deliveries. (The flyer above is available at www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com if you want a printed copy).

JULY 17 BIBLE STUDY

Stay tuned for information regarding the July 17 Bible Study. To date, internet issues have not been resolved for our leader, Elaine Schmidt.

PENTECOST OFFERING

Thank you for your gifts to the 2022 **Pentecost Offering**.

Checks from FPCR were distributed to the **Albrecht Free Clinic** (\$152). The remainder was sent to the **Presbytery of Milwaukee** (\$228) to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and world.

AUTHORS YOU MAY LIKE

(The following was held over from last month due to space.)

Here are some recommended authors from **Jean Zeller** and **Carol Frank**: Dan Brown, Lee Child (Jack Reacher mysteries), Michael Crichton, Clive Cussler, John Grisham, Thich Nhat Hanh, Jan Karon, James Patterson, and Phyllis Whitney.

SERMON JOTTINGS

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Date: **June 26, 2022** (Communion Service with Rev. Ann Gibbs, Presbytery of Milwaukee)
Text: **Acts 2:1-8, 11b-13 & I Corinthians 12: 1, 4-7, 11-13**
Sermon: **Gifts of the Spirit, Personal and Communal**



- Breathe—do it all the time. Conspire—breathe together.
- The Holy Spirit connects us—reminds us our breath comes from God. We take God's spirit in and out each time we breathe—we give it back to God when we die.
- The work of the Holy Spirit is personal and communal—each of us gets personal gifts; we share our communal gifts through the church.
- When talents are directed away from us and toward others, it is truly part of the Holy Spirit. A talent is not a strength until it is shared with others.
- Think what we could accomplish together using our talents and strengths, and then acting on them.