

First Presbyterian Church of Richfield

A growing, giving family, relevant to the community
where all are welcome to come and worship God.

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In Touch with FPCR

Readers: This month's newsletter is abbreviated. As FPCR is in transition, there are fewer activities and pieces of information to report. Please know that the FPCR family is working to "chart the future" and hoping to be "back on track" soon!

Update . . . Where Are We Now

What is in store for FPCR? None of us are able to answer that question; however, the church family is praying for guidance as we move ahead, one step at a time. At a meeting of the congregation May 4, the group concluded closing the church is not the chosen path at this point. The group wants to work together toward a solution. Here is what we know at this time:

1. Lin McCracken, whom many met at the May 4 meeting, is working as our liaison between the Presbytery of Milwaukee and FPCR. She has identified her role to include assisting with support and a listening ear as we decide our path going forward. She has offered to lead some services.



Lin McCracken is assisting FPCR during the transition.



Breakout groups facilitated discussion at the May 4 Congregational Meeting.

2. Cathy Romanski, Clerk of Session, has learned that our moderator is a retired pastor named David. He will be able to oversee session meetings.
3. As you already know, it is VERY difficult to find a "supply pastor". Cathy Romanski continues working tirelessly to fill as many Sundays as possible.
4. The committees working under the "vision" umbrella are stepping back but not disbanding. Watch for future updates.
5. We will continue contributing to the Slinger Food Pantry. Monetary donations from this quarter (April 1 through June 30) will be submitted at the beginning of July. Donations of non-perishables as well as hygiene items may

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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 10 am Sunday Services during this transitional time as follows:

JUNE 1

Communion Service
Pentecost Special Offering
Slinger Food Pantry
Collection

JUNE 22

Worship Service
by
Ann Gibbs
Presbytery of Milwaukee
Slinger Food Pantry
Collection

Stay updated by checking the website
or contacting
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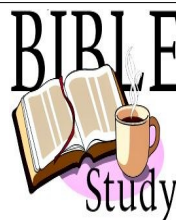
203 items were delivered to the Slinger Food Pantry the week after the May 18 service!
Thank you all for your generosity.

The Pantry's supplies are low. Helpful items include:

Coffee and Juice
Chunky Soups
Cereal
Feminine Hygiene Products
Hair Conditioner
Any Non-Perishables you wish to donate.

Bible Study will be held on **Wednesday, June 25, at 6 pm** via Zoom!

Please see Elaine Schmidt to join as we begin a new study titled, *Meeting God*. In June, Elaine will distribute books to those participating.



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be brought to the church at any time and will be delivered in a timely manner. Check page 2 of this newsletter or the website (www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com) for a complete list.

6. Our church has received an honor. In a letter Ann Gibbs wrote: "At yesterday's Presbytery gathering, Wilson Smith, a representative from the PCUSA, came to celebrate congregations within our Presbytery that are 4 for 4 participants, meaning they've participated in all four of the special offerings. First Richfield was one of those!! I have a framed certificate for you and even lovelier, y'all were lifted up as **one of only 47 congregations across the country** who have participated in the One Great Hour of Sharing for 25 years. For this they had a special banner made for you. I have both and would love to come out to you, join you in worship, and bring those gifts. I could join you on the 22nd of June if that works for you." And she is coming and will lead worship on June 22.

7. Updates on future services and other events will be communicated through the website, announcements at services, emails, this newsletter, and word of mouth.



Pentecost Offering

FPCR's 40% portion of this June 1 special collection will benefit **Lakeshore Community Health Care** in Jackson, WI. The remaining 60% is submitted

to the Presbyterian Church (USA) and supports children at risk, ministries with children and youth including the Youth Triennium this July in Louisville, and the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program.



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

05 - Annette Schmidt
06 - Wayne Tutkowski
07 - Cathy Manthei
17 - Emma Kujawa
23 - Michael Schmidt
24 - Melody Li



Happy Anniversary to the following couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversary in **June**. Anniversary blessings to you!

20 - Tony and Kathleen Schmidt
30 - Jerry and Alice Schmitz

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