

In Touch with FPCR

JEAN AND CAROL - FPCR'S BIBLIOPHILES

On Sundays, we come together as a church family to worship God. The building, scripture, sermons, and music inspire us. Belief in God is the foundation that holds the FPCR family together, but we also enjoy the diversity of talents and interests each member willingly shares in conversation.



For example, did you know **Carol Frank** and **Jean Zeller** are avid readers? After most Sunday services you can find them in the parking lot EXCHANGING BOOKS! Jean comments that it is a wonderful coincidence or “God-incidence” that she and Carol found each other. Not only do they love to read, but they both have green thumbs. As avid gardeners, they share plant growing and cultivating tips and tricks, successes and woes, and maybe even a few gardening books.

So, let's find out a little more about our parking lot bibliophiles (people who love and frequently read books). Both Carol and Jean:

- Find reading relaxing and enjoyable and read every day, considering the Bible a must read.
- Cite historical fiction as their favorite genre but like to stretch their reading repertoires.
- Keep books in circulation—they share with friends and family, use libraries, buy used or inexpensive books, sell their books at rummage sales, and/or donate them.
 - Carol and her cousin use media mail to inexpensively ship books between Wisconsin and Utah.
 - Jean developed the habit of checking out books when she worked in their local high school and Town Hall libraries.
 - Neither collects books but both keep some inspirational, esoteric, cookbooks, and gardening books.
 - Prefer “real” books over digital books.
 - Jean prefers to hold a book in her hands and turn the pages.
 - Carol agrees and comically adds, “I have ‘old school’ eyes which seem to tire more easily with a screen.”

Jean credits her mother, an avid reader, for instilling a strong interest from a young age. When Jean was between 5 and 7, her mother (a WWII widow) bought Archie comics which they read together. Today, Jean shares books with her daughter, Jess. Selecting books to share isn't difficult considering Jean reads 35 to 45 books per year plus the Bible, devotionals, and magazines.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendar to attend FPCR services **June 5, June 12, and June 26 (communion)**.

The next **Bible Study** is **June 19** to discuss John 8:12-59.

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 a.m. Sunday Services.

JUNE 5

**PENTECOST
FATHER'S DAY
CELEBRATED
SERMON: SPIRIT**

JUNE 12

**DEDICATION OF
MEMORIAL FOR JEFF
ZELLER
SERMON: GOD'S LIGHT
AND LOVE**

JUNE 26

**COMMUNION SERVICE
ANN GIBBS
PRESBYTERY OF
MILWAUKEE**

**ELDERS AND
BOARD OF
DEACONS**

Elders

**Carol Frank
Jim Frank
Debbie Heppe
Melissa Kujawa
Rick Romanski**

Clerk of Session

Elaine Schmidt

Deacons

**Emma Kujawa
Cathy Romanski**

JOIN THE JUNE 19 BIBLE STUDY

The next adult Bible Study is **Sunday, June 19, at 10 a.m.** via **Zoom**. The group will discuss John 8:12-59.

A link to this online meeting will be sent on Thursday, June 16. To join for the first time, please email FPCR or contact Elaine Schmidt.

Last month, the group discussed forgiving, seeking forgiveness, and God's willingness to forgive us. The story of the woman who committed adultery was used as an example. The lesson was summarized with the statement that none of us is perfect—we all fall short of God's hopes for us.



DEDICATION AND SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR JEFFREY ZELLER JUNE 12, 2022 - 10 A.M.

Please mark your calendars to attend a service on June 12 to honor our friend **Jeffrey Zeller** who passed on May 20, 2021. His loving wife **Jean** has been working with **Paul Zachow** and **Ryan** and **Melissa Kujawa** to make this a very special service. It will be a time to honor Jeff's memory and present a memorial gift to FPCR.

Congratulations to **Emma Kujawa** who received her license and is now a hair stylist at Inizio Salon and Spa, Commerce Drive, Slinger, WI.

If you're looking for a someone who cares about your hair, book a haircut or color with Emma by calling 262.644.0700 for an appointment.

Slinger Food Pantry donations will be delivered by **Rick and Cathy Romanski** after the June 12 service. Present needs include: **Personal hygiene items, tuna, breakfast bars, and cake mixes**. Items of your choice and cash donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

Pentecost Offering donations may be brought to church or mailed to the PO Box between now and June 12. FPCR's 40% share will be donated to the Albrecht Free Clinic.

More information about this offering is available at:
<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost>



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following individuals who have health concerns:

Carol Frank	Ron Grunke
Carol Frank's son, Jim	Ron Grunke's daughter, Shelley
Jim Frank	Joyce Koehn
Jim Frank's son, Tom	Daryl Schmidt



SERMON JOTTINGS

Following are summary notes from May's sermons by Pulpit Supply Mr. Paul Zachow, MAPS.

Date: **May 8, 2022**

Text: **Psalm 23**

Sermon: **Following the Shepherd**

The May 8 Scripture Reading (Psalm 23) is familiar to all of us. We memorized it when we were young. It is a scripture passage that we read in times of sorrow, loss, or challenge. It gives us comfort to know that God is our shepherd and is near us.

The book of Psalms is a book of instruction. Psalm 23 follows that—it is active, God is active:

“He makes me lie down,” “He leads me beside still waters,” He restores my soul” . . .

- He calls us to be in relationship with Him in living out our days. God “pursues” us and is active in our lives even when He seems absent from us and the world. This gives us hope, comfort, and peace.
- The Psalms are poetic discourse between Israel and God and stem from the actual worship of the community in the Temple during Biblical times.
- The Psalms show us that we all can speak with God. We learn from the Psalms. They reassure us that God is indeed present in our lives.
- We are called not to be passive, but to pursue God as well. We are called to love one another, to trust in God, follow goodness, mercy, compassion, justice, peace, nurturance, and love.

Date: **May 22, 2022**

Text: **John 14:23-29**

Sermon: ***Peace I Leave With You***

This scripture takes place the night before the death of Jesus. Jesus is preparing the disciples for his death and resurrection and their life in the Holy Spirit. Jesus is trying to calm the disciples—bring them peace. Jesus taught his disciples about God’s love and kin-dom in the world during his earthly life. After Jesus leaves this earth, the Holy Spirit will teach, much as Jesus did. The Holy Spirit will teach us how we are to live our lives in love for all people.

- The Holy Spirit is the link between the historical ministry of Jesus and the future life of the church after Jesus’ death
- The peace and love that Jesus teaches the disciples and us can only come from God—not from the world. We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in love and peace—in our world and in our lives.
- We need to be an alternative community of love, peace, tolerance, acceptance, inclusion, kindness, and justice for all people—always.
- We are called to be a non-anxious, compassionate and listening presence to and with one another, in this church, our lives, and our communities . . . and in the world.
- This can reduce our anxiety, fear, and troubled hearts and give us true peace—from God.

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE YOU.

JOHN 14:27



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

1 - Ryan Kujawa

5 - Annette Schmidt

6 - Wayne Tutkowski

7 - Cathy Manthei

17 - Emma Kujawa

23 - Michael Schmidt



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

to the following couples who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in **June**. May the Lord bless you and keep you for many more years to come!

20 - Tony & Kathleen Schmidt

30 - Jerry & Alice Schmitz

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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, **Melissa Kujawa** and **Elaine Schmidt** for coordinating the Mother's Day geraniums. What a lovely gift that will be enjoyed all summer!

Thank you **Elaine Schoeni** and **Jean Schoeni** for assisting with newsletter articles and proofreading.

Thank you **Shira Gui** for playing the keyboard EVERY service. We enjoy your talent each and every time! AND, congratulations on getting your driver's license. Yay!

Thank you **Ryan** and **Melissa Kujawa** for lawn care. The church yard looks great!

Thank you **Rick Romanski** and **Allen Schoeni** for evaluating the trees on the church property and thank you **Allen Schoeni** and friend **Kevin Strupp** for removal and clean-up of trees and brush.

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Carol comments that although she reads daily, some days she only reads devotionals and the Bible. For her, reading isn't a hobby that always requires a lot of time. You can fit it into an available time slot or spend the whole day reading! Carol says that during her "off-season" (when she cannot garden and should be cleaning) she reads 1 to 3 books a week and even enjoys rereading old books.

If you would like to share and/or discuss a book with Jean or Carol, know that they will consider reading anything that piques their broad-ranging interests—adventures, mysteries, light romances, inspirational writings, biographies, cookbooks, gardening books, and much, much more! Jean thinks that picking a favorite book is like asking "Who is your favorite child?"; but admits to reading Hiroshima by John Hersey several times due to her feelings about the War. Carol's most memorable books are The Outlanders series, by Diana Gabaldon. The series is a 17th century Scottish love story full of adventure and history. Since she and Jim have Scottish ancestry, the first book fascinated her enough to read the rest (nine books to date with another promised). However, she cautions potential readers that these books, made into a popular TV series, contain some blood, gore, and adult content.

Jean noted she used to read book reviews and keep folders with lists of books to read, but now she reads what she gets from a friend or something that might interest her. Carol agreed and added that she will read a book if she likes the author. She also mentioned that the Jesus Calling series by Sarah Young which Pastor Barb emailed each day during the pandemic interested her. Jean shared that those books could be purchased at Hobby Lobby.

In parting comments, Jean noted that she has been reading articles which state that reading is good for your brain. Think about it—all those characters to keep track of, visualizing the setting, figuring out who done it and sometimes even wanting to change the ending. Carol advised: Read your Bible. "I've read mine from cover to cover many times and only read two pages a day to remain focused. I have a Charles F. Stanley Life Principles Bible with a built-in Bible Study and many "mini sermons" throughout the book."

Thank you, Carol and Jean, for sharing how your love of books, reading, and gardening have created a bond between the two of you that brings joy into your lives. Perhaps the ease with which you discuss your reading passion will inspire more of us to share our favorite book titles with the rest of the FPCR family. As you said, there is always time to read. So, grab your favorite book and a cup of tea! Happy reading.

MOTHER'S DAY BROWNIES - FROM CAROL FRANK

(also known as Chocolate Crunch Brownies)

- 1 cup butter or margarine softened
- 2 cups sugar (Carol cut back on the sugar and used approximately 1-1/2 cups)
- 4 eggs
- 6 tablespoons baking cocoa
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow crème
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 cups (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
- 3 cups crisped rice cereal

In mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar; add eggs. Stir in cocoa, flour, vanilla, and salt. Spread into a greased 13" x 9" x 2" baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until the brownies test done. Cool. Spread marshmallow crème over cooled brownies. In a small saucepan melt peanut butter and chocolate chips over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in the cereal. Spread over marshmallow layer. Chill before cutting. Store in refrigerator.
Yield: 3 dozen.