

THE BLADE

June and July 2023

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

John 3:16 NRSV



*Our vision is to see lives changed through joyful worship, supportive relationships,
faith formation, heartfelt service empowered by the mercy, grace, and love of Jesus Christ*



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Please check the website www.brookingspresbyterian.org for the "Prison Lighthouse Ministry Newsletter"

The Church Office will be closed

on Monday, June 19
and Tuesday, July 4
in observance of Federal holidays



Many thanks to our members and friends for your continued financial support. Offerings can still be made by sending a check to the church or to David Peterson.

*For your information, the per capita per person for 2023 is \$38.00. If you have not done so, we would appreciate your donation.



If you would like our team of prayer volunteers to pray for you or a loved one, please contact **Jan J at 692-5325, Lee P at 692-7757**, or the church office at 692-2416 who will contact the prayer volunteers. *(Your concern will not go beyond the prayer team unless you request it be shared with others)*

Prayer Families

Prayer is an important part of our life as a community of faith. We encourage you to pray for the people listed each week during your time of daily prayer.

June 4: Richard & Dolores C, Ginny C, Maxine D

June 11: Bill & Ann D, John E, Mary E

June 18: Bob & Pat F, Robby & Donna F

June 25: Joel & Bonnie F & family Lynn, Paige & Gayle; Neal & Julie F

July 2: Elizabeth F, Betty G, JoAnn G

July 9: Jon & Linda G & family Grace & Lottie; Scott & Jennifer H & family Skylar, Saige, & Ramsie

July 16: Dean & Sharon H, Nelda H, Dennis H & Carolyn C

July 23: MK H, Roger & Marvis J, Bob & Jan J

July 30: Dan & Michele K, Don K & Carol G, Delores K

Session Update May 2023

	Deacon of the Month	Elder of the Month
June	Nancy O	Bruce W
July	Carol G	Terry S

Session met on Thursday, May 11 and these are some outcomes:

1. Session received updated contact information for the Presbyterian Foundation Regeneration Project- a resource to help churches evaluate resources and clearly evaluate and identify their church mission. We will again request to participate in the program.
<https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/project-regeneration/>
2. Session approved the motion to appoint a search committee to begin the search for a part time, stated supply pastor. The first task will be to define the position. Dan Kemp will chair the committee, Dave Peterson will be a second elder on the committee and two other members will be tapped to form a 4 member committee. If you have thoughts on this position, please contact Dan or Dave.
3. The Worship Committee suggested that a document be made available in the pews for people to complete either to provide contact information as new attendees or to make requests. Session has asked the Worship Committee to prepare such a document.

Please keep the session, deacons, committees and each other in your prayers as we all work together to do God's work in our world.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Flint
Clerk of Session

Summer Read

If you are looking for a good read this summer, join members of Session who have been reading *Part-Time Is Plenty* by G. Jeffrey MacDonald. The book describes ways in which small churches can thrive under leadership of a part time pastor. As the committee called by session begins its work to search for a part time pastor, this book provides some interesting models for how "part time" would work in a church like ours that wishes to remain vital and impactful.

Synopsis of *Part-Time is Plenty* (from PCUSA online store):

Churches experiencing numerical and financial decline may dread the day when they can no longer afford a full-time pastor. Freeing up funds that would go to a full-time salary sure would help the budget—maybe even enough to turn things around—but is it even possible to run effective ministries with just a half- or quarter-time professional?

Journalist and part-time pastor Jeffrey MacDonald says yes—churches can grow more vibrant than ever, tapping into latent energy and undiscovered gifts, revitalizing worship, and engaging in more effective ministry with the community.

Readers of *Part-Time Is Plenty* get a much-needed playbook for helping congregations thrive with a part-time ministry model. They learn to see the model in a new light: to stop viewing part-time as a problem to be eradicated and to instead embrace it as a divine gift that facilitates a higher level of lay engagement, responsibility, playfulness, and creativity.

Review of Part-Time is Plenty:

“Increasing numbers of mainline Protestant clergy are becoming part-time pastors. Jeffrey McDonald reframes this phenomenon as more than a financial necessity; it’s a God-given opportunity. Whereas many congregations think of a part-time pastor as a sign of scarcity, McDonald reminds us that the American church’s time of greatest vitality was led by part-time pastors. He gives practical advice for how pastors can move from being the sole source of pastoral care and leadership into the role of the pastoral team leader, uncovering and developing the God-given talents of the laity and leading their churches in a way that doesn’t rob the laity of their baptismal responsibility to be Christ’s church in this time and place. This is a hopeful, helpful book for such a time as this.”

—Will Willimon, United Methodist bishop; Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry, Duke Divinity School; and author of *Leading with the Sermon: Preaching as Leadership*

Available for purchase here: <https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/0664265995/parttime-is-plenty.aspx> or <https://www.amazon.com/Part-Time-Plenty-Thriving-without-Full-Time/dp/0664265995>



Thank you to Ella, Dan & Michelle, Rick & Bonnie, and Nancy T for being the hands and feet delivering 60+ meals in June.

-PIECES AND PRAYERS will be taking the summer off and resume quilting in the fall. Please check the August/September BLADE for that date. Thank you for all your support and donations!



The Food Pantry is in continual need of packaged and canned foods. Donations to the Food Pantry can be made on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10am to 5pm at their new location, 908 Hope Drive located off of Harvey Dunn St. The Brookings County Food Pantry entrance is the left (front) side of the building with a west facing door. (Official signage coming soon) **Monetary donations** can be placed in the offering plate with a notation on the check to go to the Food Pantry.



Worship Committee

We want to thank musicians who have sung in choir and provided special music for church services. Please let Nancy O (605-204-0691) know if you would like to sing or play an instrument in church during the summer months. Visiting relatives and friends are welcome to participate as well.

Thank You!



Thank you to the Fellowship/Outreach Committee and Congregation for presenting us with the Sr. Presbyterian Award. We are very proud and appreciative of this award and will honor and cherish it.

*Mike M and David P for 2022
and Marvis J and Ella L for 2023*



News You Can Use

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, June 4:	Worship Committee following worship service
Tuesday, June 6:	Mission/Finance via Zoom at 6:30 PM
Thursday June 8:	Session Meeting at FPC at 3:00 PM (note time change)
Sunday, May 11:	Fellowship/Outreach following worship service
Sunday, July 9:	Fellowship/Outreach following worship service
Tuesday, July 11:	Mission/Finance via Zoom at 6:30 PM
Thursday July 13:	Session Meeting at FPC at 7:00 PM

STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE GROUP** 9:30ish AM at First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
- THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** at 9:30 AM in the FPC Center Meeting Room
- SISTERHOOD** on June 15 and July 20 at 11:30 AM at First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
- MEN'S BROTHERHOOD** on June 15 and July 20 at 5:30 PM at the church basement

Serving in June

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Roger J

	Pulpit Supply	Liturgist
June 4	Elizabeth F	Dan K
June 11	Donna F	Robby F
June 18	Robby F	Donna F
June 25	Elizabeth F	Dolores C

Serving in July

Sunday Coffee Fellowship TBA

	Pulpit Supply	Liturgist
July 2	Rev. Stan G	Nancy O
July 9	Donna F	Robby F
July 16	Elizabeth F	Lee P
July 23	Steve VB	Linda B
July 30	Pastor Mark W	Terry S

Joys to Share

Congratulations to our 2023 High School Graduates!

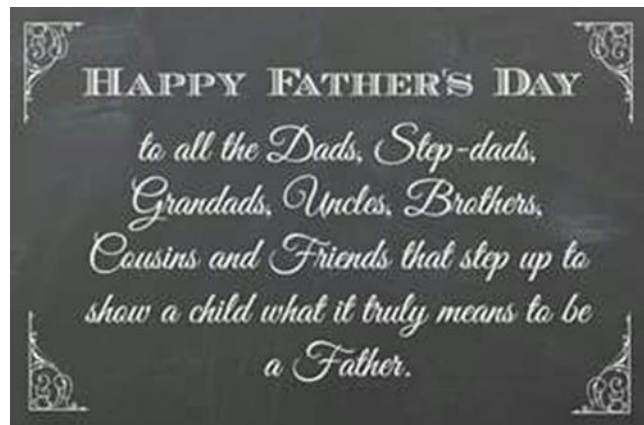
During our May 28th worship service, we recognized FPC High School graduates, Paige, Jolena, & Saige. They were presented with a Bible from Christian Ed Committee plus a quilt stitched with lots of love and prayers from the Pieces and Prayers quilters.

Best wishes and blessings!



Congratulations to Robby & Donna F on the birth of a new granddaughter!

Here are Matt, daughter Jen, Chase (2), and little Rylee Marie born May 11, 2023.



June & July 2023

Andrew L'Amour



Men's Brotherhood Notes: Mens Brotherhood was canceled this month. Mike is recovering from a recent illness. We will see you next month.

“The human body was not designed to last forever.” These are some of my most commonly used words these days especially when people inquire into my health. We certainly celebrate the creation of man and the miracle of life as explained in the bible and observed and acknowledged ever since. Even if one does not believe in the bible creation story, it does not change what an exceptional creature that humans are.

The newness of life and the development period of youth, when everything is fresh and thriving, are exciting times. We can run faster and jump higher and do more thrilling physical things every year it seems.

Then things don't seem to be improving yearly, but one is still in a holding pattern – not getting faster or higher but not losing . Then it seems that starts changing. It is a gradual change but it gets a bit more difficult to do what once was so easy. Lifting, walking, whatever was your favorite activity. Because we are all unique individuals some of these changes occur at different ages or times in our lives.

And of course there are disruptions in the normal progression of our development. Accidents or the imperfect human body itself malfunction. We may not fully develop as other humans. Lives are shortened sometime because of health. Some folks win the lottery and have reasonably good health into their later years. I use the lottery illustration because when you buy a lottery ticket you have no idea what you will get. Likewise many of us have no idea what health issues will crop up in our lives as we grow older.

This all being said I still appreciate all the God given physical talents, abilities, gifts etc. I have enjoyed in my life. Experiences that having a physical body can give anyone. Many things were not designed to last forever. The human body is but one of them. Take care of it the best you can like we take care of everything we cherish. And thank God daily for all of your abilities. Even as they diminish.

HY VEE

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

Goal: \$200,000.00
Receipts: \$120,494.28
Needed to Date: \$79,505.72

Required for \$1,000 donation:
\$200,000.00

Remember to bring in your
Brookings Hy-Vee receipts.

Email a copy of the receipt
from on-line orders to
presby@brookings.net;
Rozanne will forward it.





Troop 50724 Christine L'Amour

Our last troop meeting for the year will be June 15 but we're planning on having a get-together over the summer. The Brookings Service Unit has a few activities which the girls can opt to participate in. On May 18, we helped Terry plant flowers around the sign and then we decorated reusable bags as we earned our petal badge - "Make The World A Better Place."



Rimrock
Camp and Retreat Center

Summer Camp Dates:

Family Camp- July 6-9

Compass Camp- July 9-15, completed grades 9-12

Pathfinder Camp- July 16-21, completed grade 6-8

Men's Retreat - September 8-10

Women's Retreat - September 22-25

How can you support Rimrock? Volunteer, Pray, Share, Invite, and Donate. Paige and Gayle will tell of their camp adventures in the August/September Blade.

Synod School 2023



Our Family Story

2023 Synod School

July 23-28



Registration opens April 1

Looking for an enriching experience for the summer? Consider attending Synod School on the campus of Buena Vista University in beautiful Storm Lake, IA. Spend a week with other Presbyterians and choose from a wide variety of classes and worship experiences. The Embry Fund is available to assist with the cost—contact Donna Flint if you are interested.



June 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3
4 Trinity Sunday 10:30 Worship/Communion in our Sanctuary/Zoom	5	6 9:30 Coffee Group 6:30 M/F Meeting via Zoom BIRTHDAY: Alan Y	7 ANNIVERSARY: Dan & Michele K BIRTHDAY: Dolores C	8 9:30 Bible Study 3:00 Session Meeting at church	9	10
11 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom BIRTHDAY: Tate B	12	13 9:30 Coffee Group	14 <i>Flag Day</i> 	15 BLADE Articles Due 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Sisterhood at Mission Coffee House 5:30 Men's Brotherhood	16	17
18 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom BIRTHDAY: Bonnie S	19 Juneteenth  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED BIRTHDAY: Lynn F Nelda H	20 9:30 Coffee Group BIRTHDAY: Dave B	21	22 9:30 Bible Study ANNIVERSARY: Alan & Sue Y	23	24
25 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom BIRTHDAY: Lucy B	26 ANNIVERSARY: Richard & Dolores C BIRTHDAY: Dylan S	27 9:30 Coffee Group	28	29 9:30 Bible Study BIRTHDAY: Judy M	30 ANNIVERSARY: Dennis H & Carolyn C	



July 2023



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					OFFICE CLOSED	1 <i>Canada Day</i>  BIRTHDAY: Richard C ANNIVERSARY: Rick & Bonnie S
2 10:30 Worship and Communion in our Sanctuary/Zoom	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 9:30 Bible Study	7	8
9 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	10	11:30 Coffee Group Mission/Finance Mtg 6:30 PM via Zoom BIRTHDAY Skip Webster	12 BIRTHDAY Dan K	13 <i>BLADE Articles Due</i> 9:30 Bible Study	14	15
16 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	17	18 9:30 Coffee Group BIRTHDAY Marvis J	19	20 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 AM Sisterhood at Mission Coffee House 5:30 Men's Brotherhood	21	22
23 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	24 BIRTHDAY Sue Y	25 9:30 Coffee Group ANNIVERSARY Terry & Ann S	26	28 9:30 Bible Study	28	29
30 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	31					

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10:30 am Worship Service

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Our newsletter is available electronically by email.

Please contact the church office at presby@brookings.net or 605-692-2416, to notify us.