

Summer 2018

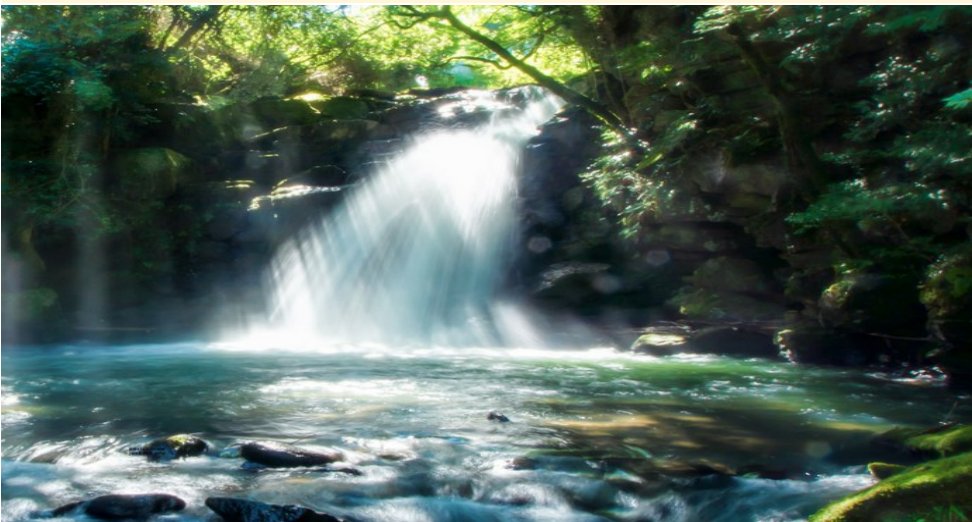
First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear community and friends of First Presbyterian Church,

I recently walked through the two passages that describe the characteristics of an elder in the New Testament with the nominating committee here at First Presbyterian – 1 Timothy 3 and the passage above in Titus. As I've noted before the list of characteristics is not a list of specific skills, nothing really about leadership qualities even other than the ability to teach. It is actually a list of fruit – it is the character that matters and less of the skills one has. In fact, most commentators note that besides "teaching" or being "able to give instruction in sound doctrine" the list is simply a list of the fruit that should be identifiable in all Spirit-filled followers of Jesus. In both lists it says elders are to have the fruit of hospitality.

This year our newsletter articles are focused on what it means to be the church for our community. And perhaps there is no more powerful or more over-looked way of being the church than simple hospitality. Hospitality comes from the same root word we get the words "hospital" and "hospice." The Webster's Dictionary in my study gives the exact same primary definition for both of those words: "a place of shelter and refuge for travelers." Now, we typically think of "hospitals" as places for the sick and "hospice" for those in the last stages of life – but of course even as these words have evolved they still identify what Jesus says he came to do, "those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:17). The church is to be a place of shelter and refuge. Because we have been welcomed into a relationship with God and have a place at the table in Christ we are to welcome others.



"For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered, or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined."

Titus 1:7-8

CON'T FROM THE PASTOR

At one of our recent elders meetings one of the elders made the observation that when someone new musters up the courage to walk into a new place, a new building, a new congregation, not really knowing what to expect or what is going to happen when they get there when the visit they must having something going on in their life that propels them to do so. Most people don't just randomly wake up and say "I'm going to go to church today for the first time." They are either facing a difficult crisis in life, in search of purpose or meaning, lonely, or have tried just about everything else the world has to offer. In other words, they are seeking shelter, refuge, healing, and hope.

And so we of course want to be a place that exhibits the fruit of hospitality. However, most of our neighbors, family, co-workers and friends are experiencing those same situations – personal crisis, loss, loneliness, despair – but haven't mustered the courage to walk into a church building or for whatever reason it would never occur to them to try. Which means our homes must become little outposts of hospitality. Our living rooms and backyards and dining room tables are the places where real people with real lives meet us. I say it often, I wish I lived it more often, but all of us average 21 meals a week and so do the people around us – why not invite someone over. The great thing about being a church family is we can practice on each other. Find someone you don't know in the congregation and ask them to dinner. I guarantee it will change the way you interact with that person every Sunday you see them from that point forward. Knowing that you are known and cared for is one of life's greatest gifts. Paul says it is so important that it is a requirement to be an elder in the church. But, think how counter-cultural that is – in a world that seems to just add more chaos on top of more chaos one of the defining characteristics of the church is to be a people marked by "refuge and shelter."

Grace and peace,

Doug



WINDOW PROJECT UPDATES

The window project is a little behind schedule but is still planned for this summer. The first bid package, for the entire project as presented to you, went out to bid and we received three bids that significantly exceeded our budget. We then reduced the scope of work to concentrate on the main floor, east side windows, and went out to bid again. We received six bids and we are currently working with the low bidder to see how many windows we can replace with the money available for the project.

We will give updates as the final details are completed and a contract is in place.

Window Project Committee

GREETINGS FROM STEWARDSHIP!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as you can see from the below numbers we currently have an approximate \$20,000 deficit for our operating budget this year. We feel it is our duty to keep you informed about the church's financial situation, and unfortunately this level of deficit spending half-way through the year far exceeds what we had anticipated. This year we have been blessed with significant giving for the East side window project, and we are blessed with reserve funds in various forms. Those reserves, however, are finite.

	Actual May	Budget May	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Total Budget Year of 2018
Income	8,735	11,752	46,252	60,261	146,031
Expenses	12,300	12,320	66,840	66,840	156,092
Net	-3,566	-568	-20,589	-6,579	-10,061

Our operating budget for this year was fairly lean, and our position on the stewardship commission is one of faithfulness. We favor continuing as budgeted for the foreseeable future trusting that God's providence will continue to bless the Aberdeen First Presbyterian mission to become closer to God, each other, and the community around us.

If you are in a position to make an additional gift to the church this summer it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any specific questions please feel free to reach out to someone from the stewardship commission, or the session.

God Bless, and thank you for your continued generosity and support.

The Stewardship Commission



First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen
East Side Window Project

Donor Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone number _____
 Email _____

Gift Amount

___ \$3500 (Whole Window)
 ___ \$1750 (Half Window)
 ___ \$875 (Quarter Window)
 ___ Other \$ _____

___ Monthly/Weekly/Other



Please write your check to First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen.
Memo: East Side Window Project

Thank you for your contribution!

Upcoming Events

Mon-Thurs, June 25—28, 2018—Family Vacation Bible School at Amazing Grace

Sun, July 1, 2018—Church Picnic at Sam Benn Park

Sun, July 29, 2018—Feed the Hungry at First United Methodist Church

Tues, August 7, 2018—National Night Out

Sun-Tues, August 12-14, 2018—Hosting Bike & Build at Church

Sun, September 9, 2018—Fall Kick-Off Party

"Rolling River Rampage"

VBS 2018

Online Registration

is available at



<https://www.aberdeenpres.org/vbs-2018>



Family & All Ages **VBS**
Vacation Bible School

Monday to Thursday

June 25 - 28 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Register in advance at participating churches listed below or at 5:00-5:30 pm, June 25th at Amazing Grace Lutheran, 111 N. 'I' St.

For more information contact: Amazing Grace at 360-532-8250
VBS begins with dinner at Amazing Grace each night!

Participating churches: Amazing Grace Lutheran, First Presbyterian, St. Andrews Episcopal and First United Methodist . in Aberdeen

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Birthday List as of May 09, 2018

January	February	March	April
DeSalvo, Dorothy	Crow, Dick	Caskey, Alyssa	Sundstrom, Dan
Caskey, Michelle	Babcook, Brent	Tupper, Daniel	Crow, Dorothy
Hole, Pat	Amada Smith	Daniel, Nadia	Anderson, David
Ball, Judith	Cavin, Sara	Wright, Candis	Carthum, Margaret
Tupper, Weston	Sundstrom, Patty	Sundstrom, Taylor	McNeal, Jeannie
Goheen, Fred	Wright, John	Plemmons, Floyd	Cavin, Bryn
Jones, Kerri	Greeley, Tara	Neisinger, Bob	Caskey, Barrett
Davis, Susan C	Ritter, Hadley	Light, Aries	Basler, Issac
Goheen, Barbara	Basler, Addie	Tupper, Jolene	Corban, Ericka
Kolb, Laurie	Whitaker, Laura	Beard, Karin	McNeal, Scott
Smith, Audrey	Small, Keziah	Hood, Griffin	Light, Judy Mei
Babcook, Briana		Sundstrom, Colton	Tupper, Dan
Scott, Georgia		Cavin, Kendall	Greeley, Nick
Carthum, Harry			Jamtaas, Jaime
			Hole, Rich
May	June	July	August
Daniels, Nikkol	Chrisman, Kelly	Cavin, Darby	Peterson, Wes
Robinson, Myles	Ritter, Suzy	Randich, Carleen	Neisinger, Nancy
Caskey, Kevin Sr.	Long, Chloe	Leggett, Steve	Smith, Dawn
Hall, Beverly	Nielsen, Ruth	Light, Scott	Landstrom, Robert
Basler, Doug	Ross, Don	Gordon, Corliss	Jensen, Cyndi
Ritter, Brian	Beard, Eric	Small, Levi	Ritter, Madi
Ross, Gean	Sutera, Kelly	Oliver, Katlin	
Caskey, Kevin Jr.	Becker, Stephanie	Cavin, Steve	
Oliver, Scarlett	Nelson, Sheryl	Hood, Jeff	
	Landstrom, Janet		
	Caskey, Barb		
September	October	November	December
Sturm, Marilyn	Cavin, Sue	Tupper, Silver	Smith, Patti
Anderson, Elaine	Battersby, Brenda	Harris, Richard	Smith, Steve
Plemmons, Shelley	Beard, Jo	Caskey, Kasie	Sutera, Tom
Small, Titus	Hood, Margo	Kolb, Gary	Peterson, Kay
Oliver, Hadley	Long, Kara	Lanning, Gordon	Beard, Jeff
Piehl, Becky	Babcook, Nancy	Small, Mordecai	Warwick, Elsie
Jensen, Larry	West, Opal	Coic, Jinnifer	Small, Mattaniah
O'Brien, Leslie	Noggles, Marian	Harris, Richard	Long, Levi
Ritter, Madi		Basler, Jackson	Piehl, Glen
Basler, Katie		Piehl, Glen	Backholm, Doris
McWilliams, Florence		Smith, Michele	Morgan, Jan
		O'Brien, John	Lanning, Pat
		Long, Brett	Morgan, Bill
			Anderson, Carolyn

If you don't see your name on the Birthday List,
please contact the Church Office at 360.532.1330 or email at info@aberdeenpres.org