



June, 2017

NEWS AND NOTES



July, 2017

First Presbyterian Church
701 Chicago Avenue, Plattsmouth, Nebraska
9:30am Service

"We exist to love and serve God and to help all people know and experience the love of Jesus Christ."

Matt's Musings ~ June/July, 2017

Over the course of May several people have met on Wednesday morning or evening to talk, to think, to reflect on prayer. Using Max Lucado's video series entitled Before Amen as a starting point, we have talked of what it means to pray, of why we pray, of how we pray, of how we have seen prayer answered. Each week I have found myself remembering a book written by Anne Lamott: Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers. It is a gem of a book as most of her writing is, filled with humor and insight and more than a couple of "I can't believe she said that out loud" moments. But think about these three words for a moment:

HELP THANKS WOW

Can you think of a prayer you've uttered in your life that wasn't, as they say in music, a meditation on one of those three themes, if not all three? In the Psalms, one of the most common prayers is the lament, a prayer of complaint, a prayer in which the speaker protests that his or her world doesn't look the way he or she thinks it should. Yet almost every Biblical lament concludes with words of trust, with a word of thanks for a change or transformation that hasn't happened yet.

At the end of the prelude, Anne writes these words as an introduction to what the rest of the book will be about:

My three prayers are variations on Help, Thanks, Wow. That's all I ever need, besides the silence, the pain, and the pause sufficient for me to stop, close my eyes, and turn inward.

Praying

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

Mary Oliver (from Thirst: Poems, published in 2007)

MAY ATTENDANCE

May 7 107 Communion 106
May 14 114 Mother's Day
May 21 92
May 28 NA

COFFEE HOSTS AND HOSTESSES

Fellowship – Honoring our Seniors
Dale Draper, Larry Henry, Bill Sullivan, Roger Wehrbein
Cathy Day, Kirsten Wood
Fellowship

JUNE LAY READERS

June 4 Cynthia Bronson
June 11 Ed Vandenberg
June 18 Cheryl Hula
June 25 Julie Ludlow

JUNE USHERS/GREETERS

June 4 Gayle Casey, Jack Fullerton, Jay and Sheila Speck
June 11 Gayle Casey, Jack Fullerton, Jay and Sheila Speck
June 18 Gayle Casey, Jack Fullerton, Jay and Sheila Speck
June 25 Gayle Casey, Jack Fullerton, Jay and Sheila Speck

JUNE 4, COMMUNION SERVERS:

Paul Lambert, Scott Lubben, Meridee Lucas, JoAnn Murtha

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:15-9:15AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 – 10:30AM

Sunday school is offered to pre-school through 4th grade or older siblings of elementary age children. Please bring your children or grandchildren to church. **We are offering Summer Sunday school June 4th to 25th and July 9th to 23rd. We can always use helpers assist during Sunday school.** Contact Cathy Day, 402-296-2801, to help with one Sunday or several.

No Sunday School July 30th through September 3rd. Fall Sunday School Kick-off will be September 10.

Vacation Bible School's theme is "God's Galaxy" and will be offered evenings July 17th to 21st from 5:30 to 7pm. A snack will be provided. On Tuesday, only, we will join our Summer Picnic for a meal. Parents and siblings are invited to join at this time. **Anyone who would like to help with VBS, please contact Cathy Day, 402-296-2801, or anyone on the Christian Education Committee.** It will be out of this world!

Youth Group on Sunday evenings will not be scheduled during the summer, but we may plan some outside activities and post them in the bulletin.

Adult Sunday school is now being held from 8:15 to 9:15am in the library. Please think about attending.

SUMMER PICNICS SPONSORED BY MISSION AND EVANGELISM 6-7:15pm, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25

As in 2016, we will need people to fulfill specific duties to make these picnics successful. Signup sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall. This is a good outreach way to connect and help the community. Contact Linda Glup, 402-298-8986 or JoAnn Murtha, 402-296-6901, if you have questions.

CAMP CALVIN CREST

Calvin Crest has some great opportunities for children, youth and families. High schoolers can participate in mountain bike or ranch or work camp. Children under 10 years can participate in a more traditional summer camp option while families can enjoy a weekend together bonding as they enjoy a time of rest in God's creation. Brochures are available in the fellowship hall or take a look online at CalvinCrest.org First Presbyterian does have scholarships available. Speak with Cathy Day, 402-296-2801.

COMING THIS FALL

"Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis."

Strong in science. Strong in faith. This groundbreaking series presents the science of creation like you've never seen it. This 12-week series comprises of 20-minute videos followed by inspired discussions on biblical accounts of creation and defensible answers to some of the most provocative and controversial questions of faith and science such as: "How did life begin?"

Marv Dorsey will be moderating this program with 1-hour long sessions. If you're interested in attending, please let Marv Dorsey know, 402-235-2226.

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX

Prayer request cards are at the south entrance of the sanctuary. These requests remain confidential with the prayer chain group unless you wish to have them on our prayer list in the bulletin.

THANK YOU LETTER FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

"Dear Linda and JoAnn, I just wanted to say thank you again for the treats you bring the staff at PCMS and for your help during dinners. I know it makes dinners special for the teachers and everything is always so delicious. We are so fortunate to have you. Thanks Again, Tami Hakius"

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Summer takes us off to family reunions and many other fun activities. Unfortunately our financial commitments don't take a vacation. Even when you are unable to join us on Sunday mornings, please continue to remember us with your contributions. Thank you. The Finance Committee

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends... One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo, Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown.

One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

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BIRTHDAYS

6/6— Cathy Day	6/19—Jean Howland
6/8— Kalby Wehrbein	6/20—Janice Vandenberg
6/10—Russell Lambries	6/24—Joanne Glaze
6/11—Bob Day	6/27—Truman Berkland
6/12—Dee Gall	6/30—Weldon Condit
6/14—Amy Hurd	6/30—Patty Lambert
6/17—Mary Geschke	

ANNIVERSARIES

6/5/2010— Wesley & Sarah Ludlow
6/3/1956— Virgil & Marie Hammons
6/10/1995—Craig & Stephanie Schafer
6/11/1994—Russell & Bev Lambries
6/17/1972—Jim & Ruth Welstead
6/21/1953—Bill & Florence Corbin
6/26/1955—Bill & Sally Babbitt

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BIRTHDAYS

7/3 Jason Dorsey	7/15 Rhonda Heim
7/4 Dennis Heim	7/15 Angi Sharp
7/6 Jack Gorton	7/15 Grace Felthousen
7/6 Richard Hurd	7/17 Marion Dorsey
7/7 Julie Ludlow	7/18 Doris Hirz
7/9 Terry McCarl	7/21 Rick Murtha
7/10 Jaxon Stuart	7/23 Maurice Schuetz
7/10 Russell Lambries	7/27 Cortney Heim
7/12 Paul Lambert	7/27 Flora Belle Wehrbein
7/14 Matthew Stuart	

ANNIVERSARIES

7/1/1956 Truman & Karen Berkland
7/4/1993 Nick & Meridee Lucas
7/8/1067 Charlie & Bev Stoehr
7/9/1983 Lenny & Penny Bryant
7/20/1985 Dennis & Rhonda Heim
7/20/1963 Larry & Cheryl Henry
7/29/1967 Ted & Carol Wehrbein
7/30/1977 Mark & Cheryl Hula
7/30/1967 Terry & Georgia McCarl

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