

The First Presbyterian Church in Wamego

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Pastor's Ponderings

by Bill Vincent
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

Wow! What a whirlwind start!

As I write this, Easter Sunday was yesterday (a great celebration with worship and fellowship and activities) culminating my first two weeks as your pastor. These two weeks included my first worship service with a welcome luncheon following, first choir practice, first Session meeting, first Palm Sunday celebration, first Holy Week series, first Deacons meeting, first Maundy Thursday service, first Sunrise service, and (of course) first Easter Sunday. And tomorrow will be my first Presbytery meeting.

It is great to be here! It is great to be with you! It is great to be part of God's presence in and for Wamego and beyond!

Thank you for your welcome! Thank you for your embrace! Thank you for your patience (especially in learning names)! (And thank you to those who continue to wear their names tags!)

As I begin ministry in your midst, I'd like to 'introduce' myself to you with a few words that share how I see my calling as a pastor: the gifts I bring, the shape of my ministry, what I have to offer.

I am a *Communicator of the gospel*, primarily in and through worship and preaching; but also through teaching, both in formal and informal settings; and through how I relate to people and how I treat people: in all of this, seeking to communicate the love of God, the faithfulness of God, the presence of God, and the call of God.

I am a *Companion on the journey*, engaged with people through the joys and sorrows of life, whether it be in times of sickness or death, in the hospital or on the front porch.

I am a *Catalyst for action*, helping others work together, think through ideas, and develop plans.

I am a *Coach in ministry*, keeping before us the big picture (the game plan), and also encouraging others along the way, cheering people on as they give of and invest themselves in ministry, service, and worship.

I look forward to 'caring, worshiping, teaching, proclaiming, serving, and doing' ... together!

Peace in Christ,
Bill Vincent

May

- 2 **Women's Study group** in fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m.
- 3 **Session meeting** in conference room at 7 p.m.
- 4 **AA** moved to the conference room at 8 p.m.
- 5 **Gently Used Sale** in lower level fellowship hall from 5-7 p.m.
- 7 **Seite de Mayo** lunch following worship
- 9 **Sewing/Crafts** in fellowship hall from 3-5 p.m.
- 10 **Moms of OZ** in lower level fellowship hall at 9 a.m.
Deacons meeting in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 11 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 12 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 16 **Women's Study group** in fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m.
- 17 **Council of Churches meeting** at First United Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m.
- 18 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 19 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 25 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 26 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 29 **Memorial Day** - Office closed

June

- 1 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 2 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 6 **Women's Study group** in fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m.
- 7 **Moms of Oz** in fellowship hall at 9 a.m.
Session meeting in conference room at 7 p.m.
- 8 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 9 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 10 **Walk/Run for Wellness** at Wamego Recreation Center at 7:30 a.m.
- 12 **Birthday Bash & Pot Luck** following worship
- 13 **Sewing/Crafts** in fellowship hall from 3-5 p.m.
- 14 **Deacons meeting** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 15 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 16 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 20 **Women's Study group** in fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m.
- 22 **Lions Club meeting** in fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.
AA in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 23 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 29 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 30 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.

July

- 4 **Independence Day** - Office Closed
- 5 **Session meeting** in conference room at 7 p.m.
- 6 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 7 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 9 **2nd Sunday Picnic** after worship
- 11 **Sewing/Crafts** in fellowship hall from 3-5 p.m.
- 12 **Moms of OZ** in fellowship hall at 9 a.m.
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OUR CHURCH

In the News

First Presbyterian Church

601 Elm Street
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Elders

Glenn Brunkow	Craig Johnson
Vernon Fails	Mary Beth Pfrang
Sarah Hancock	Dick Shields
Terri Hollenbeck	Brian Wohler
Barry Jacques	

Deacons

Kathy Bracken	Alex McKenzie
Jennifer Brunkow	Pat Nelson
Norm Delay	Brenda Patterson
Betty Kastner	Lorinda Sultzer

Others

Corporation President: Darold Brunkow	Treasurers: Sherry Breymeyer and Julie Shields
Family Emergency Fund: Callie Hildebrand, Darold Brunkow, and Pat Nelson	Assistant Treasurers: Stan and Susan Symons

Staff

Pastor: Bill Vincent
Administrative Assistant: Brenda Patterson
Clerk of Session: Richard Shields
Organist: Dale Breymeyer
Choir Director: Sarah Hancock
Custodians: Bob and Lorinda Sultzer
Child Care: Sydney Ward

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WELCOME *Pastor Vincent*

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Wamego. You are an answer to the prayers of so many, and we are glad you and Deanna have chosen to be a part of our family. ■





What a wonderful morning for our annual
EGG HUNT

After the Children's crafts, carnival, and bingo on Easter Sunday morning, the "Littles" headed out to find the plastic eggs filled with treasures that the "Bigs" hid for them. It was a beautiful Easter morning. Children and adults — a lot of fun was had by all. ■



Volunteers Needed

Everyone goes grocery shopping. You know the routine: take an item from the shelf and put it in the grocery cart. It's done the same way at the Council of Churches Food Pantry. Instead of using a grocery cart, various sizes of boxes are used instead. Items are taken from the shelves and put in a box. It's a very simple process. Three sizes of boxes are available to fill. Each box has a specific list. The smallest box is suitable for one to two people. The medium box accommodates three or four people. The largest box is used for families with five or more people. After the boxes are filled, they are placed on a table until they are requested by families in need.

The Council of Churches Food Pantry is located at the Methodist Church on Lincoln Avenue. It is easy to find. It is located one block east of our church, across the street from Howell Lumber.

Volunteers use the parking lot east of the church and knock on the back door near the kitchen to enter. Someone is there to answer the door and let the volunteers come inside. After you arrive, you will receive your instructions for filling boxes.

The Food Pantry is open only two mornings a week. Food is available to those in need on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to Noon. Volunteering for the Food Pantry only takes three hours once a month.

Currently, four Wamego churches are sending volunteers to fill boxes at the Food Pantry. I'd LOVE to add our church to the list of those who are willing to help others. Volunteering has many benefits: fellowship with other volunteers; the joy of knowing you've helped provide an excellent service; the happiness you feel when you leave, knowing that in a simple way, you've helped a family survive.

"Do you have time to give of yourself as the Master suggested in His word? Just three hours a month would be a great help." God bless you as you consider this request for volunteers. Remember, the commitment is only three hours one day per month.

Please call BJ Kerr (456-2363) or email: hereiamwamego@gmail.com for further information or to volunteer. Please. Let's put the Presbyterians on the list of volunteers for the Council of Churches Food Pantry.

Thank you. ■



Thank you for helping - **Meals on Wheels**

April was our month to deliver Meals on Wheels in our community. We're very grateful to those who helped:

Rosanne Allenbrand, Kathy Bracken, Betty Bretz, Dale & Sherry Breymeyer, DeAnn Bussart-Savalaja, Larry Bridgewater, Margaret & Francis Feyh, Sarah Heineken, Nancy Grondin, BJ Kerr, Alex McKenzie, Dora Morris, Sonny & Lynne Morton, Brenda Patterson, Kay Russell, Dick & Julie Shields, Bob & Lorinda Sultzer, Stan Symons, and Evelyn Webb. ■



Bunny Games!

The "Bigs" and the "Littles" having a lot of fun together Easter Sunday morning with a carnival, bingo, an egg hunt, and a photo booth. ■



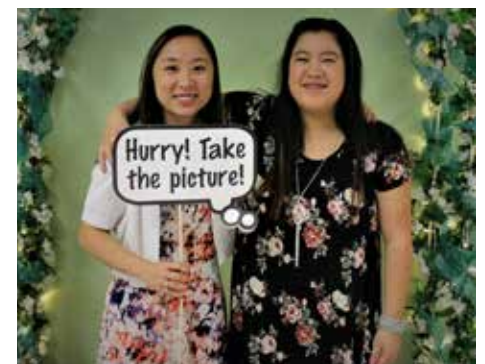


Photo Booth Fun!



Lunch after worship

Mark your calendar for the next few Deacon's 2nd Sunday Lunches after worship...

In May, we will be featuring our Annual Mexican Buffet, May 7th, or Seite de Mayo! Come enjoy the Mexican feast, with enchiladas, a taco bar, rice and beans, and of course, chili con queso with chips.

In June, it's back! Our wonderful Birthday Bash is coming back! June 11, we are looking to have twelve tables decorated in themes for each month of the year. The table decorators will also need to provide the dessert for their tables. The meal itself will be a potluck lunch.

In July, we are going to have a picnic in Fellowship Hall after worship July 9, with hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, potato salad, baked beans, and ice cream for dessert.

If you would like to be involved with planning or assisting with these lunches, or would like more information, please see Lorinda Sultzer or call the church office, 456-2556. ■

Palm Sunday

Waving our palms high while the choir sang, then taking a palm cross home.



Ongoing Activities

Adult Christian Education Class

9 a.m. each Sunday in the Conference Room, nursery available.

Youth Christian Education Class

9 a.m. each Sunday in the Youth Room.

Younger Children Lessons

Younger children have a lesson on Sundays during worship following the children's sermon.

Worship

10:15 a.m. each Sunday.

Women's Study Group

1:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday in Fellowship Hall.

Sewing / Crafts Group

3-5 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

2nd Sunday Lunch

Lunch after worship the second Sunday of the month in Fellowship Hall.

AA Meets

8 p.m. each Thursday in lower level Fellowship Hall.

Inductive Bible Study

6 p.m. each Friday in Fellowship Hall.

News from the Pews

A look at what our members have been doing outside of church.

Wally and Carolyn Heineken, from Altus, Ok., and their grandson, two year old Augustus Heineken, visited **Sarah Heineken**. They went to church and to the egg hunt at church, then to the egg hunt in the park. A wonderful Easter was enjoyed by all!

Congratulations to Katie Zachgo and **Claire Wohler** for placing second in the State Science Fair, Intermediate Behavior Science division with their project - *Do men and women really see eye to eye?*

Sydney Ward, the church's child care provider, is currently performing in the Columbian's production of *High School Musical*. The production will continue through the first weekend in May. ■



ANNUAL BIRTHDAY BASH

Sunday, June 11 after worship

Mark your calendars! Our wonderful Birthday Bash Potluck Lunch is coming back! Join us June 11 after worship. We are looking to have twelve tables decorated in themes for each month of the year. The table decorators will also need to provide the dessert for their tables. The meal itself will be a potluck lunch provided by you.

If you are interested in decorating a table, there is a sign up available in the Narthex. If you have questions, please talk to DeAnn Bussart-Savalaja. ■

Thank you for attending the Deacon's

Easter Sunday Breakfast

We'd especially like to thank the following members for making our breakfast a tasty success:

Kathy Bracken, Jennifer Brunkow, Terri Hollenbeck, Bette Kastner, Alex McKenzie, Lynne Morton, Pat Nelson, Brenda Patterson, Kay Russell, Kristie Smith, Bob & Lorinda Sultzer, Evelyn Webb, Claire Wohler, and Reade Wohler. ■

Join us Sunday, May 7 after worship

SEITE DE MAYO

...because Cinco de Mayo is the 5th of May!

Back by popular demand, join us after worship Sunday, May 7 for our Annual Mexican Buffet. We'll feature fixings for crunchy and soft tacos and taco salad, chicken and beef enchiladas, chili con queso (cheese dip) and chips, served buffet-style. We will also have brownies and banana pudding for dessert.

There is no cost for the meal, but a free-will donation is appreciated. No reservation needed. Just come for the food and stay for the fellowship! ■

Take Note

Weekly prayer list

Weekly prayer list is located on the table beneath welcome board in the Narthex. ■

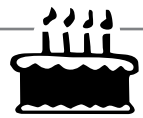
From the Deacons

The Deacons focus is Pray & Serve. We are here for you. Let us know if you are in or going into the hospital. We want to know how we can serve you by visiting, providing meals upon returning home and other needs you may have. If you are unable to call, you may ask a family member to call the church office at 456-2556.

Bette Kastner (785-456-9161) and Alex McKenzie (785-844-2710) will be the contact Deacons for this part of our ministry.

If you have other needs or questions, please call the office. ■

Birthdays & Anniversaries



May

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| 12 Rosemary Crilly | 21 Bill Vincent |
| 13 Ethan Artzer | Ryan & Jessica Kueker |
| Kay Russell | 22 Dick Shields |
| 15 Austin & Emily Fink | 23 Regan Kueker |
| 17 Sonja Block | 24 Pam Delay |
| 19 Lance & Kara White | 30 Cayley Block |
| 25 Robert Fink | Bobby Sultzer |
| Vernon & Laura Fails | |
| 30 Bob & Lorinda Sultzer | |
| 31 Vernon Fails | |

July

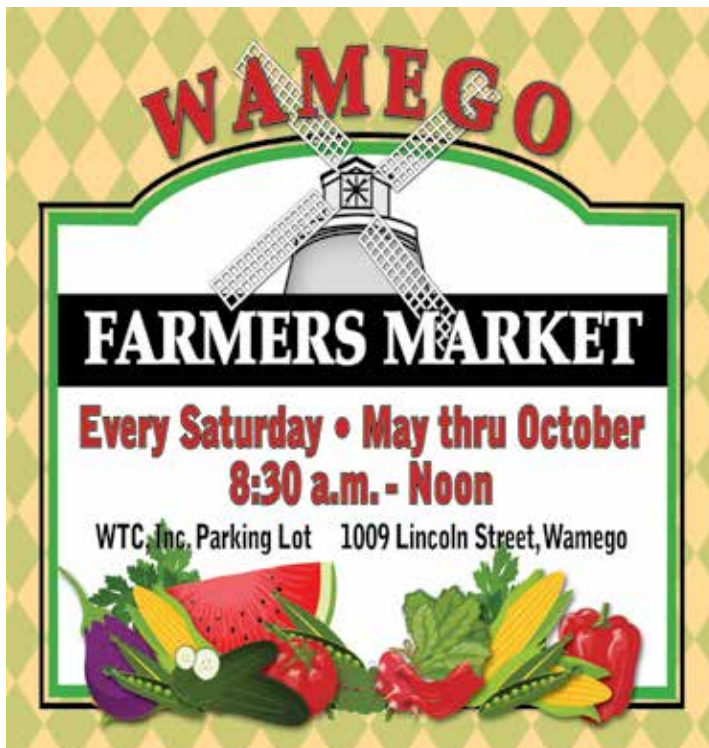
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| 2 Sara Uhrich |
| 6 Paul Eichem |
| David Hancock |

June

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| 1 Bette Kastner | 11 David Watts |
| B.J. & Dalene Eichem | 13 Melissa Anderson |
| 2 Dale & Sherry Brey Meyer | Sarah Hancock |
| 5 Charlie White | 14 Marjorie Dillon |
| 11 Skylar Ritter | 15 Dan Moser |
| 13 Jim Hildebrand | Dan Wiegers |
| 14 Evelyn Webb | 16 Shirley Walker |
| 15 Norm Delay | 17 Carol Fink |
| Noah Nelson | Jim & Callie Hildebrand |
| 16 Brecken Hollenbeck | 19 Evan Hancock |
| 17 Susan Symons | 22 Kelly Savaloja |
| Sonny & Lynne Morton | 26 Josie Fails |
| 20 Lorinda Sultzer | B.J. Kerr |
| Madison Wiegers | 29 Bill & Terri Hollenbeck |
| Mike & Sandra Scheffel | Dan & Cristi Wiegers |
| Charlie & Jan White | 30 Jill Hupe |
| | 31 Jessica Kueker |

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Gently Used Sale

Friday, May 5 • 5 - 7 p.m.
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Do you have items to donate?

You may start bringing them to lower level Fellowship Hall thru Thursday, May 4. We ask that your donated items be clean and not broken.

NO clothing, please.

We'll be serving hot dogs and chips for a free-will donation Friday evening.

Call the church office if you have questions.

Want to know more about activities at the First Presbyterian Church?

Visit www.wamegopresbyterian.org