

# The First Presbyterian Church in Wamego

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## Pastor's Ponderings

by Bill Vincent  
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

**October 29th: Reformation Sunday.** This year is a special celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

So "The church affirms *Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda secundum verbum Dei*, that is, 'The church reformed, always to be reformed according to the Word of God' in the power of the Spirit" (Book of Order).

Reformation = re-formation, to re-form, to form *again*, to re-shape.

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.* (Romans 12:2)

So that re-forming involves you and me, too, here and now.

**October 1st: World Communion Sunday.** When the world joins around the Table. Or at least, when the world acknowledges the invitation to the Table. An invitation to all. An invitation from the Lord of all.

*Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will sit at table in the kingdom of God.* (Luke 13:29)

An astounding invitation. A grace-filled experience.

**Then there is stewardship.** Yes, stewardship: the faithful management of the household – the household of God, the household of faith, your household, my household – the faithful management of all that we have and all that we are.

The Reformation is part of our stewardship. And stewardship is part of our re-formation. For our stewardship is not simply for ourselves; it is the faithful management of all that we have and all that we are for God and God's purposes and God's work in the world, including God's communing with the world and God's invitation to the world.

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## Ongoing

- Women's Study group** at 1:30 p.m. on 1st & 3rd Tuesday's in fellowship hall
- AA Thursday's** at 8 p.m. in lower level fellowship hall
- Inductive Bible study** Friday's at 6 p.m. in fellowship hall
- 2nd Sunday Lunches** monthly\*
- Session meets** 1st Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in conference room\*
- Deacons meet** 2nd Wednesday monthly at 6 p.m. in fellowship hall

## October

- 2 Holy Fest meeting** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 4 Christmas Bureau meeting** in fellowship hall at noon
- 8 P.R.A.Y. Board meeting** in fellowship hall at 2 p.m.
- 11 Moms of OZ** in fellowship hall at 9 a.m.
- 15 Blood Pressure Clinic** following Worship Minstrels to Vintage Park at 2 p.m.
- 26 Lions Club meeting** in fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Last day** for Farmers Market
- 29 Stated Congregational meeting** following worship

## November

- 2 Set up for Holy Fest** at 5:30, dinner provided
- 4 Holy Fest** from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 8 Moms of OZ** in fellowship hall at 2 p.m.
- 9 Lions Club** meeting in fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Christmas Bureau meeting** in fellowship hall at noon
- 19 Blood Pressure Clinic** following Worship Minstrels to Vintage Park at 2 p.m.
- 20 Christmas Bureau meeting** in fellowship hall at noon
- 23/24 Office Closed**
- 29 Christmas Bureau meeting** at noon in fellowship hall

## December

- 6 Moms of OZ** in fellowship hall at 9 a.m.
- Christmas Bureau** in fellowship hall at noon
- 9 Christmas Bureau Distribution** at First United Methodist Church
- 10 Mission Committee meeting** in conference room following lunch
- 17 Blood Pressure Clinic** following worship
- Christmas Caroling** at 2 p.m. followed by refreshments at church
- 24 Christmas Eve Communion Service** 7 p.m.
- 25 Office Closed**
- 28 Lions Club meeting** in fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.



# 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
Bette Kastner	Lorinda Sultzer

#### Others

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

#### Staff

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#### Website

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So how are we using all that we have and all that we are to be a part of God's gracious, loving work in the world? How are we using all that we have and all that we are to come together to the Table, to invite the world to the Table, and to welcome the world to the Table even as we are welcome?

It is part of our forming and formation. Part of our re-forming and re-formation. By God. With God. For God. To the glory of God!

Thanks be to God! Amen! ■

In Christ,  
Bill Vincent



Pastor Bill enjoys reading a story from "The Family Story Bible" during a recent Children's Sermon.

## Thank You

**Huge shout out** to Tatum Brunkow for supporting CHM and those in our community that may need a little help!

Teens Living In God's Hands Together - TLight thru the Night, a Lock-In with a Mission, was held on August 26th at the Presbyterian Church. Their mission project was to supply 2,000 meals in 2017 to support Community Health Ministry.

Twenty youth spent the night packing 325 packages of food and each package will feed 5 people. That is a lot of food!

Thanks to Tatum, the volunteers and the First Presbyterian Church!

- Community Health Ministry ■

**Thank you** to my church family for visits, gifts, flowers and cards during my recent stay in the hospital and during my recovery.

- Evelyn Webb ■



## Smiling Faces

**September 10th, Christian Education classes began** again after the summer break. Pictured above are the happy faces of Reade Wohler's class. This class is for children up to the 5th grade and meets during the worship hour.

Nursery is available for pre-K and younger. ■

## Called Congregational Meeting

**Called Congregational Meeting** immediately following worship on Sunday October 29th for the purpose of

- receiving the 2018 budget
  - receiving and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee, including the election of officers and at-large members for the 2018 Nominating Committee
  - reviewing and approving the pastor's terms of call.
- Please plan to attend. Thank you. ■

15<sup>th</sup> Annual

# HOLLY FEST

Saturday, Nov. 4  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Crafters and Vendors on each level of the Church,  
Cookies-By-The-Dozen, Pulled Pork Sandwiches  
with Chips, Ham and Beans with Cornbread,  
Veggies with Dip, Homemade Pie

Let us know if you would like to set up  
a booth or if you would like  
to volunteer to help  
during the event!

## Ongoing Activities

### Adult Christian Education Class

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

### Youth Christian Education Class

The high school/middle school youth will have class each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the youth room downstairs.

"The Littles" (K-5th) will have class downstairs during worship following the Children's Sermon.

### Worship

10:15 a.m. each Sunday.

### Women's Study Group

1:30 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in Fellowship Hall.

### Sewing / Crafts Group

3-5 p.m. 2nd Tuesday of each month in Fellowship Hall.

### 2nd Sunday Lunch

Lunch after worship the 2nd 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.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### October

- 2 Sandra Ninas-Scheffel
- 3 Angela Allenbrand
- 5 Kathy Bracken
- 6 Corbin Fink
- 8 Dick & Julie Shields
- 9 Tracy Howard
- 11 Stephanie Jacques
- 12 Carl & Sharon Oliver
- 14 Austin Fink  
Page Nelson
- 16 Sheena Savaloja  
Reade Wohler
- 19 Bob Sultzer, Jr.
- 20 Eric Artzer
- 22 Juanita Habluetzel
- 23 Bryan & Stacy Blanka
- 26 Bill Hollenbeck
- 27 Chris & Melissa Anderson
- 28 Nate Hollenbeck
- 30 Lizzie Allenbrand

### November

- 3 Connie Rockey
- 5 Tatum Brunkow
- 6 Callie Allenbrand
- 7 Alec Hupe
- 11 Sharon Oliver
- 16 Virginia Hupe

### November (cont)

- 17 Presley Hollenbeck  
Cadence Kueker  
Jimmy Tessoroff
- 18 Glenn & Jennifer Brunkow  
Barry & Stephanie Jacques
- 24 Nicole Block
- 25 Carter Block
- 26 Dan & Lisa Moser  
Brian & Sheryl Wohler
- 28 Jacqueline Wohler  
Bill & Connie Rockey
- 29 Kara White

### December

- 1 Lynne Morton  
Bill & Kim Ayres
- 6 Terri Hollenbeck
- 7 Nancy Grondin  
Gary Zinn
- 8 Brenda Patterson
- 15 Harper Jacques  
Max Russell
- 17 Jackson White
- 21 Bill Rockey
- 22 Ryan Kueker  
Anastasia Walker  
Max & Kay Russell
- 30 Phil Mahan



# TLight thru the Night

## *A Lock-In with a Mission*

by Tatum Brunkow

**On August 26th and 27th, I, Tatum Brunkow,** held a youth lock-in for area high school and some middle school youth. We started the night by eating, thanks to many volunteers we were able to have a Mac and Cheese bar. Then we went into the sanctuary and thanks to Chris Aytes were able to share some worship together. Rick McNary was then able to talk to the group about what he does and how he got started. Jackie Nider was then able to share with the youth about her experience with her summer mission trip. After hearing from those people we went into the fellowship hall and packaged the dry food packages with Rick McNary. We packaged over 2,000 meals or a little over 300 packages. All of the food was donated to Community Health Ministry. We finished the night with games and fellowship. Later in the night we went to bed and woke up to breakfast. Following breakfast we had Sunday School then church for anyone who wanted to stay. There were 20 kids present and 15 adults who participated and volunteered. Thank you to anyone who donated items, money, and/ or your time! ■



# Change for Change

**This Sunday school year** is off to an exciting start. On October 1st the youth are going to kick off the Change for Change Challenge. We have designed fun mason jars for each family to take home. You are encouraged to fill it with change. When it is full bring it back and dump it into a larger vessel in the back of the sanctuary. Take the jar back home and do it again.

The money is being collected for a very special cause. The youth have decided to continue to Tatum's Senior Project of packaging meals but this time bring it to the church. We will bring you more details as they become available. This spring you will all be involved in packaging meals for those in need.

Please support Change for Change. ■



## Take Note

### Don't forget Our Hymn Sing

**Remember: Hymn Sing**, Sunday, October 15th. If you have a favorite hymn you'd like to suggest, please notify the church office by **Wednesday, October 4th**. We'll try to use as many favorites as possible! Then come out to sing a joyful song to the Lord! ■

### Save Your Change!

**The youth are beginning** their project, "Change for a Change." Be sure to pick up your Mason jar at church to save your change. For more information, please talk to Sheryl Wohler or one of the youth in our church. ■

### Worship Leaders Needed

**If you would be interested** in assisting in the worship services by being liturgist, please let us know by signing up on the clipboard located in the Narthex. ■

### 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. ■

### Fill the cart at church with non-perishable food items

**Bring non-perishable food items** to church the first Sunday of each month. All items collected will be given to the Community Health Ministry Food Bank and the Food Pantry at the First United Methodist Church. ■



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## 2nd Sunday

### Lunch after Worship

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

**In October**, we'll have a Baked Potato Bar with all the fixings, salad, and dessert on October 8th after worship.

**No 2nd Sunday in November**, because of our Stewardship dinner after worship the first Sunday, November 5th.

**December 2nd Sunday** will be a variety of home made soups, prepared lovingly by our Deacons, biscuits, veggies, and desserts on December 10th after worship. Join us for lunch. Stay for the fellowship.

If you would like more information, please call the church office, 456-2556. ■



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