

# First Press

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

***We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.***

***Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.***

***Romans 14:7-10(NRSV)***

In his letter to the church in Rome, the Apostle Paul has been explaining that

there are various faithful ways to live a Christian life. We don't all have to be alike, and if you have a good and faithful way to live, that is good but you don't get to judge what someone else believes is a different good and faithful way to live. It may be that you are both right!

This deference to others, I think, is an extension of Jesus' commandment that his followers love each other. And no doubt there are many different ways we could come up with to love each other. But whatever ways you can think of, ignoring each other is probably not going to be one of them. We are called to be together. To worship together, to praise God together, to pray together. Together.

Oftentimes in the summer, our getting



Together on Sunday suffers. I suppose besides, the air conditioning is working perfectly! Please be with us, Blessings,

Brian Jones



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### **Prayer request!!!**

**June 20 through June 28, thirty people from Miller (21 from our church) will be on a mission trip in Belize. It is a place of great needs and great challenges. We go as missionaries in the name of Christ, but also representing the Church of Jesus Christ. We go representing you. Please keep us in your prayers during that week.**

### **Music Notes**

There is no choir during the summer months of June, July, and August. Anyone willing to provide special music is more than welcome to help us out during the summer months! There are a lot of talented individuals (or groups) in our congregation that we would like to hear. Special music always adds a lot to our service on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to perform (either individually or as a small group), please let Janice Palmer or Pastor Brian know.

Thank you.

### **Bell Choir**

The bell choir had a busy year. A group played the bell trees for the Sr. High talent show which was fun. The ringers are a dedicated group, always eager to help move and set-up equipment as needed. Special thanks to Marilyn Dyer for helping with music preparation and

general organization. Now the bells and ringers are resting until fall although a few of us are considering attending a camp for bell ringing. If you are interested in attending one of the camps, or in ringing with us next fall, please let Ray know--we can always use new players!

Submitted by: Ray Caffee, director

## **Christian Education Report**

**We honored our Christian  
education leaders on May  
5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Christian Education Leaders  
2018-2019**

**Preschool/Kindergarten**

Angie and Shaylee Anderberg and  
Laura Duxbury

**Grades 1-3**

Kelly and Alexis Johnson, Kelly  
Wagner

**Grades 4-5**

Nicole Trefz, Tiffany McClure

**Grades 6-8**

Jody Speck, Stephanie Dietterle

**Confirmation Class (Gr. 7-8)**

Brian Jones

**Adult**

Janice Palmer, Brian Jones, Wes  
McClure

**Opening Exercises and Pianist**

Tyann Jones, Susan Jones

**Jr. Youth Group**

Kevin Hofer, Sarah DeHaai

**Sr. Youth Group**

Brian and Tyann Jones

**Substitutes**

Patty Crackel, Dawn Haar,  
Chelsea Pugh, Nicole Nelson,  
Christina Kruml

**Christmas Program**

Kelly Wagner, Laura Duxbury

**VBS Planning Committee**

Andrea Mushitz, Kelly Wagner

**CE Committee**

Kevin Hofer, Tyann Jones,  
Carolyn Rediger, Gayle Vrooman

**Thank You!**

**Thank you for sharing your talents  
with our church family.**

**YOU are APPRECIATED!**

**"He who had received the 5 talents  
went at once and traded with them,  
and he made 5 talents more."**

**Matthew 25:16**

*The Parable  
of the  
Talents*



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**Congratulations to our 2019  
graduates:**

Shelby Belmore

Joseph Wieseler

Eli Jones

Kylie Selting

**Thank you to the fellowship and  
CE committees for all the help  
with the graduates' reception.**

The senior youth group hosted a Talent Show on April 28. They are grateful for all the acts that helped make the event such a huge success.

Susan Jones, Marilyn Dyer  
Kaden Sivertsen, Cleo  
Kleinsasser  
Carol Skinner  
Bell Tree Ringers:  
Marilyn Dyer, Ray Caffee  
Kristen Moss, Teresa  
Eschenbaum  
Brian Winter  
Serenity Johnson  
Serenity Johnson, Tanner  
Wallman  
Grace Hofer  
The Senior Youth Group

**The Junior Youth Group** had a busy spring. In April the group (as part of their Wednesday night class activities under Jody Speck and Stephanie Dietterle) helped serve the Good Samaritan Volunteers Dinner. In May, they went to the Drive In together to watch "Break Through". They are still looking

for a date that works for a lock-in. Maybe they will find a date in October that works.

## SESSION REPORT

Session held its regular meetings on  
April 24, 2019 at 7pm  
(postponed due to bad weather) &  
May 8, 2019 at 7pm  
in the Campbell Library

## Baptism

Kohen David Resel  
son of Ryan and Payden Resel

## Communion

April 18, 2018

Maundy Thursday (85 served)

# Confirmation Sunday April 28, 2019

Shaylee Anderberg, Davin Bossert, Ruby Carder, Laura Evans, Sydney Johnsen, Serenity Johnson, Carter Kruml, Carson Miner, Heather Resel, Ian Speck, Cassie VanDerWerff, Landon Wagner

## Graduates Honored on May 5, 2019

Eli Jones, Kylie Selting, Shelby Belmore  
and Joseph Wieseler

## Christian Education Appreciation

**Sunday, May 5, 2019**

*Thank you* to all of our staff,  
teachers and volunteers for your hard  
work and commitment!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Please go to the website on the bottom of this postcard and register on-line for VBS!!  
VBS is at the United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Tyann Jones

## **Ushers and Greeters Wanted**

*Our ushers and greeters lists are becoming smaller. We would appreciate anyone interested in ushering or greeting to contact the office. We really appreciate those people who do these services and find that it adds a lot to welcoming people and serving our Church. Thank you!*



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## **E-Mail Addresses**

### **Wanted**

Our church would like to have the e-mail addresses of our members. If you could mail me at [secretary@firstpres.miller.org](mailto:secretary@firstpres.miller.org) , I can save your address in a folder, or please get them to me in writing if e-mailing is not an option. We are hoping to e-mail as many of the newsletter as we can in order to be more efficient with time and money. Thank you.



The Circle groups will be taking their summer break. Please consider joining

one of the groups next fall when we convene again.

## New Spring Mission – Soles for Souls

Praise God – the sun is out today – what a glorious day!!

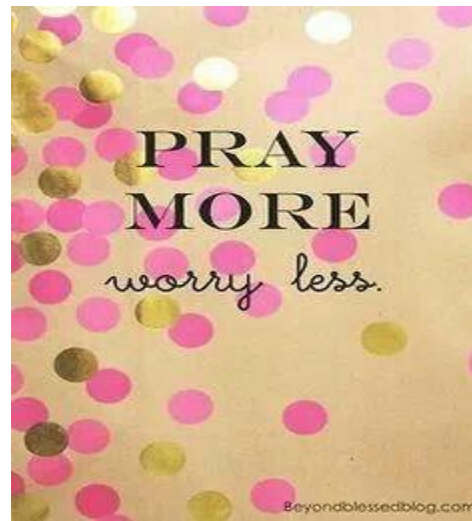
As I hinted in the last newsletter, the new PW mission will be a collection of any “gently worn” shoes that you may wish to donate to a good cause. A group of us discussed this over coffee at church one morning, so I know that I’m not the only one who would gladly pass along shoes that I no longer wear or need.

We will focus first on **sandals and flip flops to be taken along by the folks going on the mission trip to Belize. They will be carrying extra luggage with donations, so the lighter the shoes the better.** They could also use any extra luggage that will be left behind.

The trip will be June 20<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>. Please bring any sandals/flip flops to be **donated no later than June 16<sup>th</sup>** so that they can be sorted and packed for the trip. There will be a big tote placed in the fellowship hall to be used for collecting the donations.

Other shoes can also be left in the tote at any time. The plan is that these shoes/boots will be sent to one of the Native American reservations later this summer.

Remember as you are cleaning out closets, this is your chance to deliver “Soles to Souls”.



### **Birthdays in June**

2 - Jeff Heasley  
3 - Janice Arbogast  
4 - Lisa Droz  
8 – Haistyn Huss

9 - Jesse Vrooman  
13 - Jay Welk  
15 - Chad Selting  
16 -Marilyn Dyer

17 - Kevin Hofer  
19 - Brian Winter  
Brooks Johnson  
21 - Fern Droz  
22 – Jennifer  
Templeton

J.D. Bushfield  
Sena Rombough  
23 - Robin Vrooman  
24 - Jeanette Hastings  
Nikki Heidepriem  
Ivan Caffee  
25 - Scott Heidepriem  
26 - Jack Snodgrass

#### **Anniversaries in June**

1-Randy & Gwen  
Johnson  
2 - Jeff & Peggy  
Meyer  
Dennis & Mary  
Ellen Letsche  
3-Shane & Amy  
Bertsch  
9 - Larry & Janice  
Arbogast  
Wayne & Shar Ruhnke  
15 - Steve & Linda Zeigler  
18 - Larry & Suzy Blaseg  
Brian & Tyann Jones  
  
21 - Charles & Fern Droz  
Bob & Connie  
Templeton  
Curtis & Kelly  
Johnson  
23- Will & Brooke Jones

25 - Jack & Annette  
Snodgrass

#### **Birthdays in July**

4 - Madonna Blachford  
Justin Evans  
5 - Julie Taylor  
Curtis Johnson  
7 - Mickael Huss  
Tiffany Huss  
8 - Jean Johnson  
Alice Mareska  
Charles Droz  
9 - Robert Lager  
Mary Ellen Letsche  
10 - Robert Taylor  
11 - Pam Williams  
Warren Skinner  
14 - Joyce Wieland  
Rusty VanDerWerff  
15 - Connie Templeton  
Kay Mentzer  
Aubrey DeHaai  
16 - Naomi Caffee  
18 - Wendy Anderberg  
19 - Ben Moeller  
21 - Bob Templeton  
Jamie Mentzer  
23 - Christina Kruml  
Jennifer Jones  
Steve Zeigler  
27 – Landon Wagner  
29 - Peggy Meyer  
Ryan Fischer  
31 - Todd Lager  
**Anniversaries in July**  
3 - Chris & Ronalee  
Johnsen

19 - Leonard & Beth  
Fischer  
22 - Loni & Monica Haar  
Bob & Tammie  
Waldrop  
29 - David & Jean Johnson  
Scott & Holly Kopplin

#### **Greeters for June**

June 2: Lori Resel  
June 9: Jeff & Peggy Meyer  
June 16: Patty Crackel  
June 23: Marcy Lander  
June 30: Warren & Carole  
Skinner

#### **Greeters for July**

July 7: Angie Rosemore  
July 14: Wanda Stevens  
July 21: David & Jean  
Johnson  
July 28: Sue Jones

#### **Ushers for June**

Jim Jones, Doug Fritzsche  
Ray & Tammy Caffee

#### **Ushers for July**

Susan Jones, Nancy Williams  
Pat Crackel, Angie Rosemore

#### **Deacons for June**

Ronalee Johnsen  
Mary Ellen Letsche  
Annette Snodgrass

#### **Deacons for July**

Carolyn Rediger  
Charlene Beckett





