

First Light

Our *Vision* is to see the world transformed to love, worship and serve Christ.
We do this through our *Mission*, which is to welcome all people, equip them for a deep and living faith in Jesus Christ, and send them into the world to share God's love.

Hello June

Pentecost Sunday
June 5, 2022

Countdown to June 23!!

Youth Mission Trip

We leave for our Mission Trip in just over 3 weeks! Wow, what a wonderful season it has been praying and preparing for this trip. Thank you for all of your support, because of it, we have EXCEEDED our fundraising goal and have covered the costs for this trip.

Prayer

Please join us for a prayer of sending on June 19 during the worship service as we commission our youth and adult leaders.

Happy Father's Day

June 19

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Remembering Glenn Hackney



Our church family and the wider community of Fairbanks is still grieving the loss of Glenn Hackney. Here at the church office, we do not currently have any information on a memorial service, but we will inform you when we receive that information. In the meantime, we wanted to share a few photos of Glenn including a lovely picture of Glenn and Esther and a poem that Glenn wrote for his beloved after her passing. Glenn wore many hats throughout his lifetime and we could dedicate a book to all of the stories told by people who encountered this loving, steadfast, and sharp man with a poet's soul. For now, I will tell you that I have never met a man who better embodied the role of a Servant Leader; someone who followed Christ Jesus with their thoughts, words, and actions every single day. I am grateful for the scant few years I was able to meet him, carry food-boxes alongside him, hear his poetry, and be inspired by his constant posture of humility, joy, and love. We know that Glenn is with Jesus in the Resurrection now, and that he has Perfect Peace.

David McConnell-Booher

You are invited to the

Annual Church Baby Shower

**We will be honoring six new babies on June 11, 2022 from 10am to 12pm.
Please bring a dish to share as this will be a potluck event**

Caxton Marney (Boy) born 11/1/2021 to Scott and Rackell Marney
Caxton is in Size 3 Diapers and is good on clothes up to 12 months.

Holden Kohl (Boy) born 12/1/2021 to Adam and Emily Kohl
Holden is in Size 4 Diapers and currently in 9-12 month clothes.

Jaden Colasacco (Boy) born 3/17/2022 to McKinley Colasacco
Jaiden is in Size Newborn currently and is in need of bottles.

Isaiah Hull (Boy) born 4/9/2022 to Ben and Lynn Hull

Alaska Schaefer (Girl) born 5/16/2022 to August and Savanna Schaefer

Eileen Griggs (Girl) born 6/1/2022 to Daniel Griggs and Katie Lubowicki

**If we have missed any other expecting or new mothers,
please let Lindsey Dreydoppel know (907) 750-8208 or in person.**



~~~ A Message from the Pastor ~~~

Unique is defined as “being the only one of its kind, unlike anything else.” Like “fingerprints” they are unique and one of a kind. In 1880 Henry Faulds suggested, based on his studies, that fingerprints are unique to a human.

It is hard to think of billions of people living and, in the past, that don't share the same fingerprints with you. With endless possibilities, you would believe that one day someone will have the same fingerprints as you. Science says it won't happen. This is also true of your eyes. Apparently, it is one of the most secure ways of identifying you.

The “soul” is in that same category. It is “unique,” one of a kind, unlike anything else. C.S. Lewis is one of my favorite authors and theologians. Almost every day I read a devotion from him in a book called “The Year with C.S. Lewis.”

Recently I read this incredible devotion about “*The Signature of the Soul*” that I would like to share with you now.

“This signature on each soul may be a product of heredity and environment, but that only means that heredity and environment are among the instruments whereby God creates a soul. I'm considering not how, but why, He makes each soul unique. If you had no use for all these differences, I do not see why He should have created more souls than one.

Be sure that the ins and outs of your individuality are no mystery to him; and one day they will no longer be a ministry to you. The mold in which a key is made would be a strange thing, if you had never seen the key: and the key itself a strange thing if you had never seen a lock. Your soul has a curious shape because it is a hollow made to fit a particular swelling in the infinite contours of the Divine substance, or a key to unlock one of the doors in the house with many mansions. For it is not humanity in the abstract that is to be saved but you – you, the individual reader, John Doe or Janet Doe. Blessed and fortunate creature, your eyes shall behold Him and not another's. All that you are, sins apart, is destined, if you will let God have His good way, to utter satisfaction. ... God will look to every soul like its first love because He is its first love. Your place in heaven will seem to be made for you and you alone, because you were made for it – made for it stitch by stitch as a glove is made for a hand”

From “*The Problem of Pain*”

Pastor Peter Dembroski

Ephesians 1:11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, NIV



This month in Children's Ministry:



To our awesome Sunday school teachers for a great year! We will be out of session for the summer and return with the public school schedule in the fall.



VBS 2022

July 18-22 and is open to children 4 years to 6th grade. Registration is open to all community members at:

<https://vbspro.events/p/firstpreskids2022>



We have Middle schoolers!

The FNSB school district has moved 6th graders from the elementary school buildings, to middle schools (6, 7 and 8th). To recognize the change, we are building a new weekly program for this unique age group. Keep an eye out for an announcement late this summer!

Please keep Childrens Ministry in your prayers this month : for a safe, fruitful VBS that brings children closer to Jesus, for wisdom in building a middle school program, and for the Holy Spirit to begin speaking to next years volunteers!



1	Kyle Vanhatten	14	John Waddell
1	Mya Perkins	16	Lillian Ahsoak Fortune
1	Richard Halfhill	16	Kyle Sunderland
2	David McConnell-Booher	24	Sarah Rozell
2	Amy Richards-Wiegers	24	Liam Brewer
3	Aaro Mackey	25	Sarah Fortune
3	Henry Morris	27	George Bowder
4	Ellie Hull	28	Sara Williams
7	Roland Trapper	28	Jim Fuller
8	Steve Beene	29	Jacob Rozell
9	Kathleen Fagre	30	Taylor Young
9	Jerry Freel	30	Kyle Lundberg
9	Benaniah Vander Lugt		
10	Carla Lundberg		



Stand Up Comedy for a Cause with David Studebaker James Creviston

Date: June 5, 2022
Location: Friends Church
Address: 1483 30th Avenue
Time: 4pm
Price: \$35

Make plans for a laughter-filled afternoon of clean comedy. This event supports FYNDout Free Clinic (also known as the CareNet Pregnancy Center) and is sponsored by friends at the Woodway.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://fyndoutfree.com/comedy>

What follows is a short summary of the decisions and actions of the Session, at the May 17, 2022 Stated Session Meeting. The minutes of the meeting will contain a more complete record.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met in the Conference Room at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 17th.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Dembroski.

Moderator Dembroski presented a devotion based on Romans 8:26-30.

Elders spent time in prayer. After making prayer requests known, elders prayed for those needs

Between April 8th and April 11th, an email vote was conducted. It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to Commission RE Maggie Demers to attend the May Presbytery meeting as a commissioner, and permission to allow David Booher to attend as an observer.

Minutes from the last Stated Session meeting, the recent Congregational Meeting, and several special session meetings, and vital statistics from the last month were reviewed and approved.

A Consent Calendar item was approved the review and approval of the Deacons March 2022 Meeting.

A written financial report was received from Church Treasurer Christy Repasky.

A discussion on the position of Church Administrator was continued from the March Meeting, and further research is being done.

RE Stephanie Rozell provided an update on her research into the EPC's GO Center resources and programs for church revitalization. It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to invite Ken Priddy, Executive Director of the GO Center, to come to First Pres to present REBOOT and BOOM Training Events. It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 to cover program costs and travel, and to use earned airline mileage, as best as possible.

Pastor Peter presented a letter to Session about his time in Fairbanks and willingness to extend his contract. Session discussed a proposal to be presented for Pastor Peter to continue services as Transitional Pastor, on a month to month basis, after his current contract expires in July 2022.

A decision on the revision of the Schlofeldt Scholarship Policy and Application was postponed until the June Session Meeting.

Session approved a guest preacher for Sunday June 12th.

Written and verbal ministry team reports were received.

It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** that Session approve the following vacation days for TE Peter Dembroski: May 26-27, June 1-3, June 12.

It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to approve the addition of a new outreach, called Youth Street Outreach and Advocacy Program.

It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to amend the FY2022 budget by adding \$2,000 from the fund balance to the Youth Street Outreach and Advocacy Program budget line.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on June 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm, in the Church Conference Room.