



First Light

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*Hello
September!*



**Holy
Communion**

September 15

**SPECIAL CALLED
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

Sunday, September 22

There will be a special called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 22 at 12:30pm for the purpose of electing elders to fill out vacancies and add another member to the Nominating Committee.

The
Lord is
righteous
in all His
ways and
faithful in
all

He does.

Psalms
145:17

Faithful

Pray for Russ



Russ Vander Lugt was recently deployed to Germany, and has requested prayer during his deployment.



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FPC Promotional Video

Adam and Emily Kohl are graciously creating a FPC Promotional Video on behalf of the Pastor Search Committee and **WE NEED YOU!**



On Sunday, September 8th at 12:30pm, we need to fill the pews for a short filming session! Come sing, worship, and be joyful in the Lord with fellow church attendees in the sanctuary as Adam takes footage inside of FPC. Two songs that we will sing along with are Old Church Choir by Zach Williams and Church (Take Me Back by Cochren & Company, just in case you'd like to listen to them in advance).

All ages needed! Please help to spread the word!

In addition, we are seeking people willing to stay after the group video to share 1 word describing FPC on film. This can be done individually, as a family, or as a group of friends. Thank you in advance for helping promote this wonderful house of the Lord!



Quest Speaker

People of faith in Alaska welcome Dr. Katherine Hayhoe, an Evangelical Christian and an acclaimed climate scientist, who believes that faith and science are not in opposition. Come hear her talk about what it means to be faithful stewards of this earth and what gives her hope amid dire predictions of climate disaster. On Tuesday, September 10 at 7pm, Dr. Hayhoe will speak at Friends Church on : Caring for People and Creation: Roles of Faith and Science."

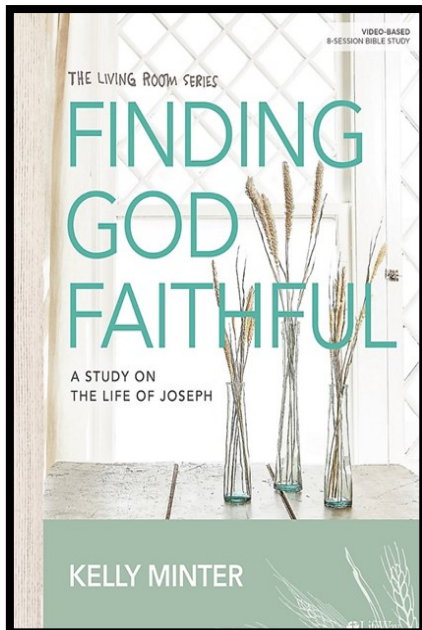
Friday Night Life Group

Paul and Terry Reichardt's Life Group starts up again September 13. It's a supportive fellowship time with Bible study, 6:30 - 8:30pm. Supper is provided. All are welcome. Call 455-6703 for more information and directions.



**No Matter the Changes that Comes Our Way,
He is the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever.**

Women's MINISTRY



Have you found God to be faithful? Do you believe God loves you and promises to never leave you? Do you trust that He is at work even during periods of waiting: Does God's Word bring you hope? Will God's plans for you be fulfilled? If you are seeking answers to any of these questions, then plan to attend the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study as we begin a new study, by Kelly Minter, called "Finding God Faithful." As we trace the path of Joseph's life in the book of Genesis, we will see how God remained faithful in carrying out His purposes...even throughout all of the difficult situations that Joseph encountered. No matter how confusing, challenging, or painful our circumstances seem to be, we can be hopeful and trust God to be faithful!

This Bible study begins on Tuesday, **Sept. 10th** and will last about 9 weeks, from **10-11:30 am** in the FPC Conference Room. **Childcare is provided.** Questions? Sign Up? Please contact Donna Brewer ASAP! (billanddonnabrewer@gmail.com or 907-378-3351)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the **WELL**



PLEASE JOIN US!!

Each week, First Pres will be offering a warm meal, an opportunity for informal conversation, a brief testimony or devotion about God's work in the lives of his people, and an invitation to prayer.

**Beginning
Wednesday, September 18
6-7pm**

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Did you hear about the 2020 Vision Quest?
Keep your ear to the ground!

First Pres Quest



For years, I have followed the Iditarod on television and been fascinated by the stamina, endurance, skill and incredible partnership of musher and dogs. Last February, I was snowmobiling down the Chena River when a beautiful dog sled team appeared on the horizon. As the driver passed me, another team showed up, about a mile behind. I learned that these were two of the more than 20 mushers competing in the Yukon Quest, a 1,000 mile dog sled race that finishes here in Fairbanks. How exciting that was!

You have probably heard of the Yukon Quest, but have you heard of the **FPC 2020 Vision Quest Relay (First Pres Quest)**? Yep, there is a new “Quest” in Fairbanks. This QUEST is being held right here at First Presbyterian Church this October. This **FIRST PRES QUEST** is a little different than the Yukon Quest. Instead of a quest for a finish line, it is a quest for a starting line, the start of a new church year of service. It is a quest for the Will of God for us, our families and the First Presbyterian Church. It is a quest for the vision God has given us for the new year that begins January 2020. This quest is also different from the Yukon Quest because instead of needing to qualify to participate (Yukon Quest requires that you successfully compete in a 200 and then a 300 mile dog sled race), everyone can participate. You qualify by participating.

The **FIRST PRES QUEST** will begin on October 13, when “mushers” will leave the First Presbyterian Church and visit 10 “Stations”, relaying sled bags from home to home. A sled bag will be brought to your home, in which will be the Vision for First Pres, which we are in Quest of, an Estimate of Giving Card for you to fill out and the address of the next home you are to take the bag to. It is a relay from station to station. The **FIRST PRES QUEST** is a fun, easy and faithful way for each of us to participate in First Pres’ quest of God’s Will for 2020. You will be hearing more about the **FIRST PRES QUEST** over the next 6 to 8 weeks. Keep your eyes open, parka handy, dogs ready and enjoy the ride!

Pastor Donald Baird ~~~





PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE AND YOU!

We are excited and soon will be sharing some new ideas for which we need your help. But the greatest help comes from the Lord, and we ask that you pray, pray, pray! Pray for the pastor that God is calling and pray for wisdom, discernment and strength for us.

Committee members: Ted Riggs, Sr., Michelle VanHatten, Sheila Williams, Sarah Albert, Sarah Curtis, Joanne Klaver



FPC Women's Association
Presents its

Annual Silver Tea

The Annual Silver Tea will be held on Saturday, November 30. This Silver Tea has been held annually for over 80 years and all funds raised go toward local missions. When the planning meeting is scheduled, the date and time will be included in the announcements each Sunday.

If you are interested in helping or if you have questions, please contact Janice Cleworth at 452-5551, or janice.cleworth@iCloud.com, or Jeanette Wrede at 479-5132, or jeanette.wrede@gmail.com.

September 29

POTLUCK
BRING A DISH!



AFTER SECOND SERVICE



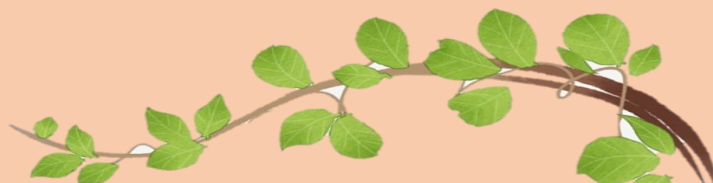


What follows is a short summary of the decisions and actions of the Session, at the August 20, 2019 Session Meeting. The minutes of the meeting will contain a more complete record.

- The meeting was opened by Pastor Don, who presented a “Pastor’s Study” on an overview of engaging new attendees into the life of the church. Pastor Don presented methods of “Opening the Front Door” to new folks and “Closing the Back Door” to retain new and current people.
- The Vice-Chairperson of the Pastor Search Committee (PSC) presented a brief report. The Church Information Form (CIF) is almost complete.
- The Session reviewed the latest draft of the CIF, made some suggestions and provided some information that the PSC had requested. The Session reviewed the Senior Pastor Job Description, that is to be included with the CIF. A motion to approve the CIF packet was passed.
- Session received a financial report from Treasurer Dave Stephenson.
- Reports from the Ministry Teams were received.
- Ruling Elder Russ Vander Lugt notified Session that he is being reassigned to another duty station, overseas and in the lower 48. He tendered his resignation from Session. The Session voted to accept his resignation.
- Ruling Elder Dawn Cogan tendered her resignation from Session, as she is attending another church. The Session Voted to accept her resignation.
- Consent Calendar items on the agenda were passed without objection. These items included:
 - Worship Committee moves approval of guest organist Gail Orcher to play at 1st service and present free concert, Sunday evening, November 10, 2019.
 - Baptism of James Thurman on August 24, 2019.
 - Approval of Deacons Minutes for May and June 2019
- A motion from the Stewardship and Finance Team, to approve an updated and amended 2019 budget was passed.
- The upcoming Session Retreat was discussed and a location was determined.

The next Session Meeting will be held on September 17th at 6:00 pm in the Church Conference Room.

Dave Dreydoppel
Clerk of Session





Terry's Gardening Class

September 30, 2019 — November 18, 2019

Each Monday, 6-8pm

If you are interested in enrolling in the class, please contact Marta in the front office at 452-2406.

FINANCE REPORT

THROUGH JULY 2019

TOTAL RECEIPTS	311,835
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>325,502</u>
NET	<u>(13,667)</u>

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Our mission is to welcome all people, equip them for a deep and loving faith in Jesus Christ, and send them into the world to share God's love.

Our vision is to be a beacon for Jesus Christ. With His love and joy, we will draw people into a safe harbor where they are welcomed, healed, restored, and nurtured, becoming radiant witnesses.





4	Dan Wells	19	Nancy Dreydoppel
6	Mark Lawson	19	Mark Wartes
7	Josephine Papp	20	Kil Whiteman
7	Shannon Riggs	21	Anarrakaq Hoak
9	Vern Canada	22	Debra Lynn Bush
9	Sherry Dudgeon	22	Kathryn Sorrels
10	Norman Klann	22	Adelaide Wietgreffe
10	John Purcell	22	Catherine Mathews
10	Ben Logan	24	Donald Putugook
10	Sarah Logan	26	Hannah Denton
11	Wanda Bowder	28	Meredith Nava
12	Alan Sims	28	Rachel Marney
13	Sandy Hoak	29	Scottie Klann
14	Rachel Perkins	29	Sage Gates
15	Qulvaq Hoak	29	Lorena Sims
17	Scott Marney	30	Julia Solomon
18	Patty Greimann		
18	Rick Stovarsky		
18	Jason Riggs		

