

June 2017 Innovator

News



9:30am Worship begins May 28th



Please join the Hill Family for an evening of thanks and celebration on June 9th from 7pm-8pm at North Church. We are so thankful that Kathryn has made it a year since diagnosis! We could not have done it without all the love, prayers, and support from all of you. We are so thankful for each and every kind thought, card, gift, prayer, meal, ride, act of service, and financial support. We would love to say thank you with some delicious desserts and entertainment from the Hill kids. We will not be accepting gifts or donations. This is a celebration of thanks for all who have made this year of life possible! We hope to see you there!

*Congratulations,
Graduates!*

Gabby Boyles is graduating from North High School and plans to attend the University of Wisconsin—Stout. Her school activities have included Relay for Life, softball, and prom committee. Her most memorable experience at North Church has been going to workcamp and the youth group retreats, because she learned so much from everyone.



Garrett Colton is graduating from Mahtomedi High School and plans to study video game design at the University of Wisconsin—Stout. His school activities have included being a member of the ACDA Honor Choir and National Art Honor Society. Garrett has participated in youth group, Triennium, youth praise band, workcamp, and as an Elder on the Session. His most memorable experience at North Church was Triennium. The entirety of Triennium was an amazing experience that he will never forget.

Emily Gerhardson is graduating from North High School and plans to study health, wellness, and fitness at the University of Wisconsin—Stout. She has participated in youth group, workcamp, Triennium, youth praise band, and volunteered in the tech booth. Emily's most memorable experience was Triennium, because it played such an amazing and important role in her faith journey and it still affects her today!





Sam Hickman will be graduating from Hill Murray High School and plans to attend Macalester College. His school accomplishments have included National Honor Society, Honor Roll, MSHSL Superior and Excellent Ratings for trumpet performance. Sam has been active in youth group, workcamp, Triennium, and playing trumpet for the choir. His most memorable experience was attending Triennium.

Nate Holle is graduating from Tartan High School and plans on studying music at Concordia College—Moorhead. While at Tartan, he was a member of the All-Conference Jazz Band and National Honor Society. Nate was a member of the Praise Band and has participated in workcamp and the Deep Freeze Retreat. He appreciates all the friends he has made while at North Church.



Emily Marah is graduating from North High School and plans to study ASL and child development at St. Paul College. She is an accomplished dancer who has been active in youth group, workcamps, and has worked as North's childcare provider. Her most memorable experience was workcamp in Kentucky where she grew closer to everyone.

Ryan Purrington is graduating from Stillwater High School and plans on attending Swenson College of Science and Engineering at the University of Minnesota—Duluth. While at Stillwater, Ryan participated in FIRST Robotics Competitions, Physics and Robotics Clubs, and the tennis team. Ryan has been active in VBS, Sunday school, and youth group. His most memorable experience at North Church was confirmation and making the faith banners.



Brady Ross is graduating from Mahtomedi High School and plans on attending college this fall. Brady is a member of an ultimate frisbee team and has participated in youth group, workcamp, the Deep Freeze Retreat, and Triennium. His favorite memories from North Church are attending the Deep Freeze Retreats.



Elizabeth Zoya is graduating from North High School and plans on studying history or the arts at Southwest Minnesota State University–Marshall. Her school activities include Show Choir, Link Crew, drama, and Anime Club President. Elizabeth has participated in youth group, workcamp, youth band, Praise Band, VBS, the Deep Freeze Retreat, and Triennium. Her most memorable experiences at North Church have been the workcamp trips. They have been such an amazing activity to attend with many memories she will cherish forever.

HANDS-ON MISSION

Thank you to everyone who participated in this month's Hands-On Mission project. We decorated and assembled 140 care packages for veterans at the Hastings Veterans Home. We appreciate all your work. You made a difference in these men's lives. Our next Hands-On Mission event will be on Sunday, June 18. We will be assembling snack bags for Catholic Charities children's programs and Higher Ground Shelter. Please sign-up in the Narthex or at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4bada92aa7f94-volunteer.



Prayer Labyrinth

We invite you to walk our Prayer Labyrinth. It is located on the east lawn of the church, behind the sanctuary. On your journey to the center of the labyrinth, let go. Once in the center, center with God. On your journey out of the labyrinth, allow yourself to feel how to lovingly serve.

WORK CAMP FUNDRAISERS



Please support Workcamp 2017 through the "Wall of Money" located in the entryway. Please donate the amount of money indicated on an envelope and follow the enclosed instructions. Your donation will support our youth and their mission work in Racine, Wisconsin from June 16-24. Thank you for making God's love visible!

GERTEN'S PLANTS & FLOWERS WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who purchased plants during our Gerten's Plant Fundraiser. Because of your support, we were able to successfully raise \$798 in support of our 2017 Youth Workcamp! The youth sincerely thank you for helping make this mission trip possible!



ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

The youth will be hosting the 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser after church next Sunday. Presale tickets are available to purchase in the Narthex for \$8/adults. Prices at the door are: \$10/adults and \$5/kids 6-12. Kids who are under 5 are free. Please join us!

North Area Churches Red Cross Blood Drive
June 12th, 1-7 p.m.
North Haven Church



If you would like an appointment or wish to be on the walk-in list, contact Kathleen at 651-271-9342 or at www.redcrossblood.org. If you do not wish to schedule an appointment, you can just show up. WALK-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! NOTE: 16 year olds are allowed to donate but need a permission form signed by their parent or guardian. You can contact me to obtain a form. THANKS for considering this mission opportunity.



VBS ~ July 9-13 ~ 6:00-8:00pm

At *Maker Fun Factory* VBS, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are but for a purpose too. *Maker Fun Factory* is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! A hands-on mission project, science experiments, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats help faith flow into real life. Mark July 9-13 from 6 – 8pm on your calendars! Registration forms can be found on the VBS bulletin board in the entryway or in the Narthex. The cost is \$10 per child or \$20 per family.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Please read the following job descriptions and prayerfully consider whether you can volunteer at least one evening during July 9-13. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Kristensen at 651-777-4044 or north@northchurch-mn.org.

Sound Wave Sing & Play Leader: Co-lead the opening and finale each day using video clips and skits provided in the curriculum.

Game Maker Leader: Play games with the children that relate to the daily Bible point.

Snack Factory Leader: Set up the snack prep area and guide kids in making the snacks each day.

Imagination Station Leader: Lead science experiments that relate to the daily Bible verse.

Spotlight VBS Leader: Take pictures of children and copy them into a special slide show to use during the *Funshop Finale*.

Bible Expeditions Leader: Perform simple roles as Bible characters along with other volunteers.

KidVid Cinema Leader: Present a DVD segment followed by a short discussion.

Crew Leaders: Participate in fun activities while shepherding a group of 3-5 children.

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of June is Coleen Colton, 651-497-7514.

MISSION MATTERS

By Pat McKisson

**“A Congregation of Pentecost”
From Bryce Wiebe, Director, Special Offerings**

Promise. As a verb, it’s one of the earliest concepts we learn. To promise means to offer a firm commitment—not just “I will,” but “I DEFINITELY will.” It can also be a noun, expressing assurance or hope for the future.

Scripture contains many promises that God makes to us. Acts 2:39 speaks of the Holy Spirit’s presence as a promise “for you, for your children, and for all who are far away...” This means the Holy Spirit is guaranteed to us, today, just as surely as it was promised to those who heard the words of Peter as he uttered them. In the Pentecost Offering, the Holy Spirit is celebrated as a promised gift to the world. It also fosters the promise in our young people through ministries that support children at risk and nurture the development of faith and service among youth and young adults.

Parkway Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi, Texas could be called a congregation of Pentecost. The Pentecost red is a favorite for t-shirts and promotional materials, and it welcomes worshipers who walk upon red carpet at the center of the church.

In addition, Parkway sees the work of the Pentecost Offering through its impact on youth who attend Triennium and on young adults who experience the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program. Their youth come home passionate about sharing the love of Christ, and their congregation is more passionate about nurturing young adults.

Sixty percent of your Pentecost Offering gifts go to our national church for ministries that encourage, develop, and support our youth and young adults and address the needs of at-risk children. Congregations retain the other 40 percent for local ministries that serve people in the first third of life.

Parkway has used its share of the offering to help a local shelter provide emergency and transitional housing for homeless women and children. It also has helped its presbytery’s camp rebuild after flooding.

As we get ready to give to the Pentecost Offering, remember your support is a promise that joins with the Holy Spirit in the work of creating a solid foundation for our young people during the first third of their lives—a foundation that can sustain them throughout their lives—extending that promise to all.

Please check the Lost and Found in the church office and in the coat closet for any items you may have misplaced. All items that have not been claimed will be donated June 5th.





by Pat McKisson

The women of North Church celebrated our mission at our May 20th brunch. After fellowship and brunch, our speaker, Trish Kauffman, Executive Director of Solid Ground, our mission of the year, spoke about how their organization works to help homeless families get back on the track to independency. Her presentation was very informative and highlighted the needs of families in our area.

2017 BIRTHDAY OFFERING “GOD PROVIDES”

The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women celebrates Presbyterian women’s history of mission giving. It was launched in 1922 when Hallie Paxson Winsborough challenged each member of the Woman’s Auxiliary of the PCUS to give a penny for each year of her life as a “birthday gift” for Miss Dowd’s School for Girls in Japan. These gifts were to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman’s Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS).

Since that time, it has become an annual tradition and has funded nearly 100 major mission projects that continue to make a difference in the lives of women and children. While the projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women’s commitment to improving the lives of others has not. We continue to need broad, consistent support from Presbyterian women and others to continue funding mission projects like the ones selected for 2017.

In 2017, P.W. will answer the call to show Jesus’ love to the world by offering our prayers and financial support to three projects that support the critical need for shelter, health care and water in the areas they serve:

• First-Hand Aid’s Rural Clinic Development Initiative serving rural communities in Cuba

First Hand Aid Rural Clinic Development Initiative exists to diminish the suffering of the most marginalized Cuban citizens by providing them hope, dignity, and the basic necessities of life and health. The Rural Clinic Development Initiative is designed to establish six medical clinics in partnership with, and located at, Presbyterian Churches in rural Cuba that will provide medicine and care not available, or difficult to get, from Cuban sources in those communities. In rural Cuba, where people often do not have a means to get to, or the opportunity to benefit from, the resources located in large urban centers like Havana, people turn to the church for their basic needs— including certain medical needs. This project will build, fund, stock, and staff six medical clinics (“Program Clinics”) housed in long-existing and established Presbyterian Churches located in rural Cuba where needs are great and supply is limited.

• Safe Haven for Victims of Domestic Violence, South Carolina

The Family Justice Center (FJC) Safe Haven for Victims of Domestic Violence currently operates an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence in Georgetown and Horry Counties in South Carolina. With room for only 11 people, the shelter is frequently at capacity. The Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering grant will assist FJC in achieving its goal of constructing a new domestic violence shelter for victims of abuse living in these two counties of northeastern South Carolina.

•Navajo Water Project.

This project will eventually provide water systems to 205 families at the Smith Lake Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. This Birthday Offering grant will provide a running water system for 40 families that do not have access to running water in their homes. They currently store their water in pots, pans, and 55-gallon drums. The grant will provide each household with a cistern, pump, sink, shower and all pipes for the installation of their water system.



Thank you for your donation of 8 pounds of food items in April to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. It is through the generosity of such contributions that we are able to support so many in our area. ~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Food Shelf

Words cannot express our thanks to our North Church Family for the care we have received during Wayne's illness and now. We have been so blessed by your cards, prayers, and encouraging words. While we appreciate each of you, we have been especially comforted by visits and prayers with Pastor James, Roderick, the deacons and the Music Ministry of Mary Livingston and her harp. The "Celebration of Wayne's Life" was a time of joy amid our sorrow. We are grateful for the greeters, musicians, the meditation by Pastor James, and prayers by Roderick, and anyone who provided the lunch or attended the service. ~ The family of Wayne Leisman



Gail Zoya	June 2	Stan Meyer	June 20
Nate Holle	June 3	Morgan Langer	June 21
Clara Sandager	June 3	Wally Doehne	June 21
Emily Marah	June 3	Cindy Carlson	June 22
Jan Warner	June 5	Mary Ellen Meisenheimer	June 23
David Seely	June 7	Elsie Gunther	June 23
Kate Roth	June 8	Lucita Zoya	June 24
Alex Hummel	June 8	John McGehee	June 24
Karissa Pepin	June 11	Barb Walker	June 25
Barb Williams	June 12	Margaret Corwin	June 25
Calvin Atud Ndi	June 13	Dafney Sagnweu	June 26
Ron Javner	June 13	Ed Jones	June 27
Ann Purrington	June 13	Dillon Bergmann	June 28
Phyllis Volkman	June 17	Melissa Kraus	June 28
Gary Havran	June 18	Zach Morrisette	June 29
Pat Sim	June 18		



Thursday, June 1

6:00pm El Shadai
 6:30pm Faith Commission
 6:30pm Music Sense Band
 7:00pm Deacons
 7:00pm Life, Stewardship, Nurture

Saturday, June 3

2:00pm El Shadai Music Lessons
 6:00pm El Shadai 15th Anniversary

Sunday, June 4

9:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:45pm El Shadai

Monday, June 5

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 6

9:00am Comforters
 7:00pm 12-Step Program

Wednesday, June 7

10:00am Choral Bells
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 8

5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting
 6:00pm El Shadai
 6:30pm Cub Scouts
 6:30pm Music Sense Band

Friday, June 9

7:00pm The Hill Celebration

Saturday, June 10

2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, June 11

9:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:45pm El Shadai

Monday, June 12

8:00am ARM Breakfast
 7:00pm Personnel
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 13

9:00am Comforters
 7:00pm 12-Step Program

Wednesday, June 14

10:00am Choral Bells
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 15

6:00pm El Shadai
 6:30pm Music Sense Band
 7:00pm Session

Friday, June 16

8:00am Workcampers Depart

Saturday, June 17

9:30am El Shadai
 2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, June 18

9:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:00pm El Shadai Father's Day Celebration

Monday, June 19

3:00pm Guild Meeting
 6:00pm Quilt Guild
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 20

9:00am Comforters
 7:00pm 12-Step Program

Wednesday, June 21

10:00am Choral Bells
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 22

6:00pm El Shadai
 6:30pm Music Sense Band

Saturday, June 24

2:00pm Workcampers Return
 3:00pm El Shadai Wedding

Sunday, June 25

9:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:45pm El Shadai

Monday, June 26

Innovator Articles Due
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 27

9:00am Comforters
 7:00pm 12-Step Program

Wednesday, June 28

10:00am Choral Bells
 1:00pm El Shadai/Staff Meeting

Thursday, June 29

6:00pm El Shadai
 6:30pm Music Sense Band

