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It's Our Turn Again!

We will be hosting the Fall Presbytery meeting this year from October 11-13. There are many ways you can help our church with this endeavor. Below is just a short list:

- * Transportation to and from the airport, beginning Wednesday evening October 10
- * Housing the commissioners and other guests; probably between 15-20 beds needed, the majority for Friday evening the 12th only
- * Shopping for food and other needed items
- * Preparing and serving meals
- * Setting up for and cleaning up after meals

Our administrative assistant, Allison, will handle the communication and task coordination aspects of the meeting.

After worship on Aug 26 we will have a brief get-together to talk about the Presbytery meeting and identify those willing to help. Please prayerfully consider helping us with this most important meeting as it is a reflection not only of our congregation but our dedication to serve our Lord in his ministry.
Questions? Please talk to Rev. Cartland.

Thank you very much,
The Session



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FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Friends,

All summer long in worship we have been talking about *God at Work*, reading the stories of Samuel and David the shepherd king, the miracles of Jesus in Mark's and John's gospels, and Paul's letters to the Corinthian and Ephesian churches. We've been exploring the myriad ways that God is working in our individual lives and in our life together. We've seen God at work in all the people who are caring for our garden beds, our lawns, and our building. We've seen God at work in people who are helping in worship and in the kitchen and in the nursery. We've seen God at work in the musicians who have stepped up as we are looking for a new music director.

God wouldn't be at work in any of us unless at some point we have entered into a relationship with him. Our Reformed heritage teaches that God is at work in each of us before we acknowledge it, and it's God's Spirit who enables us to respond in faith. For some of us our relationship with God started as an unmistakable call, a voice that we couldn't ignore. For others, that call was a subtle whisper and our response has taken years. All of us experience times of certainty and times of doubt, times of wandering and times of following a clear path.

When I was a girl I attended a church that placed a great deal of emphasis on having a date and time that I had invited Jesus into my heart. I went through a great deal of heart searching because that wasn't my journey and I couldn't name a specific day on the calendar when I began to know God. Eventually I realized that how my faith journey began wasn't nearly as important as the fact that I was on the journey at all.

There was a little article in the August edition of the resource we use for weekly and monthly clip-art, kids' coloring pages, and newsletter help. The article sheds some light on how God works in our lives: *Some Christians know the exact date they received Jesus as Savior. Others come to faith through a gradual process; they can't*

say precisely when they became a disciple.

Norman Warren (How Do I Face Life's Uncertainty?) tells of meeting refugees who'd fled horrible circumstances and crossed into Austria. One woman had left Yugoslavia after her parents died of starvation. At the Austrian border she was given a visa stamped with the date and time of her entry, so she could always name the exact moment she stepped into her new life.

Another refugee had journeyed over the mountains from Communist Russia. He didn't know precisely when he crossed the invisible border line, but when he arrived at an Austrian village, he knew for certain he was free.

God leads people into new life in various ways. We travel different routes but — thanks be to God! — our final destination is the same.

That's exactly it! We all travel different routes and our routes change with the circumstances of our lives. But God is always, always at work in each of us, individually and together. God delights in the fellowship we have with him and each other, and that fellowship — born of God's Spirit — nurtures and challenges us on our faith journey, whether the journeys are winding and dark or straight and full of light. We are on the road together, and that makes all our journeys easier.

It's a blessing to be on the journey with you, dear friends!

In Christ,
Piper



Allison Denton	3-Aug
Lloyd Pool	3-Aug
Ruth McNearney	3-Aug
Rhys Cottle	6-Aug
Jennifer Cottle	10-Aug
Simon Kiehl	10-Aug
Amelia Kerner	14-Aug
Sandra Charlton	16-Aug
Bill Swears	17-Aug
Chris Woodard	17-Aug
Kierin Frick	17-Aug
Teri Swears	17-Aug
Gay Stewart	19-Aug
Melody Musick	20-Aug
Adrienne Koon	22-Aug
Brian Peterson	23-Aug
Jim Mitchell	25-Aug
Joanne Banks	28-Aug
Kacie Kmak	28-Aug
Stephanie Spencer	30-Aug



Dale and Emily Berry	August 12
Dennis and Stephanie Spencer	August 14
Bill and Diane Walters	August 23
Jeff and Joanne Banks	August 27

ERPC FINANCIAL REPORT as of July 31, 2018

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net Income</u>
January	\$16,295.50	\$19,186.31	-\$2,890.81
February	\$19,679.62	\$16,929.21	\$2,750.41
March	\$17,280.85	\$20,191.49	-\$2,910.64
April	\$23,933.33	\$16,908.63	\$7,024.70
May	\$17,488.28	\$17,947.38	-\$459.10
June	\$18,538.41	\$18,397.31	\$141.10
July	\$21,002.48	\$15,738.21	\$5,264.27
TOTAL:	\$134,218.47	\$125,298.54	\$8,919.93

INCOME HISTORY

Contributions

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Jan-Mar	\$39,050.26	\$37,714.00	\$1,336.26
April	\$17,799.75	\$19,076.00	-\$1,276.25
May	\$13,332.00	\$13,049.00	\$283.00
June	\$13,627.00	\$9,563.00	\$4,064.00
July	\$14,929.00	\$13,273.00	\$1,656.00
Total:	\$98,738.01	\$92,675.00	\$6,063.01

Rental & Misc Income

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Jan-Mar	\$14,205.71	\$15,870.22	-\$1,664.51
April	\$6,133.58	\$8,075.10	-\$1,941.52
May	\$4,156.28	\$4,764.92	-\$608.64
June	\$4,911.41	\$4,859.62	\$51.79
July	\$6,073.48	\$6,699.77	-\$626.29
Total:	\$35,480.46	\$40,269.63	-\$4,789.17

Total Income	\$134,218.47	\$132,944.63	\$1,273.84
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EXPENSE HISTORY

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Jan-Mar	\$56,307.01	\$55,003.86	\$1,303.15
April	\$16,908.63	\$23,280.60	-\$6,371.97
May	\$17,947.38	\$13,237.23	\$4,710.15
June	\$18,397.31	\$19,317.70	-\$920.39
July	\$15,738.21	\$22,569.66	-\$6,831.45
Total:	\$125,298.54	\$133,409.05	-\$8,110.51

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MUSIC DIRECTOR POSITION

Eagle River Presbyterian Church is looking for a Music Director for our small congregation in downtown Eagle River. The position is flexible and may be shared between two people. Ideally our music director would play the piano or organ during our 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship services as well as direct our choir. Minimally we need piano or organ accompaniment during worship.

Salary depends on the amount of responsibility but will vary between \$100-\$200 per week.

The position begins September 2018.

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