

The FPC Herald

**The Monthly Newsletter
of
First Presbyterian Church
Roswell, New Mexico
July 2023**



Reflections of Rev. Randy Nolen

2023rd PSALM

Recreation is my shepherd, I shall not stay home. It maketh me to lie down in a sleeping bag; It leadeth me down the interstate each weekend. It restoreth my suntan; it leadeth me to state parks for comfort's sake. Even though I stray on the Lord's Day, I will fear no reprimand, for I am relaxed. My rod and my reel they comfort me. I anointed my skin with oil, my gas tank runneth dry. Surely my trailer shall follow me all the weekends of the summer, and I will return to the house of the Lord this fall. But by then it will be hunting season, and that's another psalm.

--Zion Evangelical Congregational Church, Mohnton, PA

-- via The Presbyterian Pipeline, First Presbyterian Church, Antrim, NH

Summer is upon us, and with it, vacations. If you are going out of town this summer, I urge you to find a church wherever it is you are visiting and be in worship on Sunday. One of the most moving worship services I ever attended was on a Sunday morning at one of the lakes just outside of Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. The service was conducted by a National Park Service chaplain, and the presence of God was palpable in the glorious surroundings. Remember that God never takes a vacation. God is always with us, pouring out God's great grace and love upon us. Don't take a vacation from God.

Remember, also, that the church's bills don't take a vacation, either. Summers are frequently times of low attendance and low offerings in churches. But the gas, water, and lights have to be kept on for the faithful few; the insurance still has to be maintained; and staff still has to be paid. If you are going away this summer, particularly if you plan to be gone for an extended period, please consider contributing in advance or mailing your offering in from wherever you happen to be. I know the Church Management Committee and the Treasurer would be most grateful.

Wherever you go and whatever you do, go in God's grace, be careful, visit your local Presbyterian church or other house of worship on Sunday, and have a wonderful time!

Pastor Randy Nolen

July 2023 Calendar

The Summer Children's Day Care Program started in the Fellowship Hall, on Tuesday, June 13th and will end August 7th

Sunday, July 2nd - Communion Sunday, Worship Service, 10:00am

Monday, July 3rd - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

Tuesday, July 4th - Independence Day Holiday, Office closed

Saturday, July 8th - Memorial Reception for Jim Young

Sunday, July 9th - Worship Service, 10:00am

Monday, July 10th - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

Wednesday, July 12th - Wednesday Evening Dinner, 6:00pm

Sunday, July 16th - Worship Service, 10:00am
Ice Cream Social after Worship Service in Fellowship Hall!

Monday, July 17th - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

Thursday, July 20th - Session Meeting, 5:15pm in Library

Sunday, July 23rd - Worship Service, 10:00am

Monday, July 24th - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

Friday, June 23rd - Community Kitchen Ministry, 9:30am

Sunday, July 30th - Worship Service, 10:00am

Monday, July 31st - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

July Scripture Readings

July 2 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

July 9th - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-35

July 16th - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23rd - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8 and Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30th - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

[Read the Scripture passages here.](#)

Serving in July

Week of July 2nd

Liturgist: Paula Grieves

Service Elder: Deb Prince

Camera Operator: Bob Kurtz

Moment for Young Disciples: Dietta Hitchcock

Inspirational Phone Message: Jon Hitchcock

Week of July 9th

Liturgist: Paula Grieves

Service Elder: Doug Lunsford

Camera Operator: Lynn Karnes

Moment for Young Disciples: _____

Inspirational Phone Message: Roberta Pess

Week of July 16th

Liturgist: Wayne Bevers

Service Elder: Bill Wolf

Camera Operator: Lynn Karnes

Moment for Young Disciples: _____

Inspirational Phone Message: Anna Maria Matteucci

Week of July 23rd

Liturgist: Margy Barbour
Service Elder: _____
Camera Operator: _____
Moment for Young Disciples: _____
Inspirational Phone Message: Wayne Glass

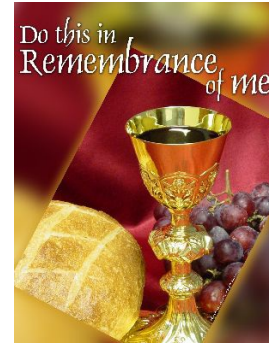
Week of July 30th

Liturgist: Margy Barbour
Service Elder: _____
Camera Operator: Lynn Karnes
Moment for Young Disciples: _____
Inspirational Phone Message: Ross Robertson

Communion Sunday **Sunday, July 2nd!**

Come celebrate the Feast of the Lord!

Join us for the celebration of the Sacrament in person or online. If you join us online, you are welcome to prepare bread and cup for your participation in the Sacrament.



Worship Live Streaming

We continue live streaming worship services to the church's [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) (go to YouTube.com and search for John Gardiner – First Presbyterian Church) or go on the First Presbyterian Church [Facebook page](#). You may join us at 9:55am (or later) for worship as it happens, and a link to the worship recording will remain on [the church's website](#) after the live stream is done.

The worship bulletin (order of worship), hymn music and lyrics, and weekly announcements can also be found on that webpage, fpcroswell.org, before worship every Sunday. Those who join the live stream can check in and make comments throughout worship using the chat columns in both Facebook and YouTube.

Join us for "live" worship or check out the recordings afterwards!



Coffee Fellowship is Happening!

You are invited to join us for coffee and cookies served after Worship Service in the narthex! There is a signup sheet on the desk in the narthex if you would like to volunteer to bring cookies one Sunday.

Ice Cream Social, Sunday, July 16, 2023!

We will have an Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 16, 2023, following Worship Service. Sandwiches, potato salad, chips, etc. will be served for lunch and ice cream for dessert! Please join us!



Giving to God Electronically Through Our Church

You may give to God through our church via the church's [online giving portal](#). You may specify a one-time or recurring gift using your checking account or credit card. You may also specify a donation to the church's General Fund, Deacons' Fund, or Pastor's Assistance Fund.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship of God's abundant resources!



A summary of the Summer Congregational Meeting, Sunday, June 25th!

The regular Summer Meeting of First Presbyterian Church Roswell was held on Sunday, June 25, 2023, after Worship Service. The Rev. Randy Nolen, Interim Pastor, served as moderator and opened the meeting with prayer.

The meeting agenda was approved. Bob Entrop, Clerk of Session, presented the February 12, 2023, Winter Congregational Meeting Minutes.

Bob Entrop, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the slate of candidates for Deacons and Elders.

Margo Fullinwider, Lynn Karnes, Edith Malcolm, and Lorrie Miller will be going off the Deacons and Bob thanked them for their diligent service.

The Deacons include:

Class of 2026 – Ross Robertson (second three-year term)

Class of 2026 – Candy Reynolds (first full term)

Class of 2026 – Lucy Tucker (first full term)

Class of 2025 – Jacque Allen (unfilled two-year term)

There were no nominations from the floor.

Mary Hubbard and Wayne Bevers will be going off Session and Bob also thanked them for their diligent service and support of the Church.

The Elders include:

Class of 2026 – Dietta Hitchcock (second three-year term).

Class of 2026 – Lynn Karnes (first full three-year term),

Class of 2025 – Jim Bloodhart (unfilled two-year term)
There were no nominations from the floor.

Church Foundation Treasurer, Andy Miller, presented the annual foundation report.

Rev. Nolen adjourned the meeting with prayer.



The Family Resource and Referral, Inc.
Summer Day Care
at First Presbyterian Church!

The First Presbyterian Church Session has approved the use of our Fellowship Hall to the Family Resource and Referral, Inc. for their Summer Day Care for this summer. The day care began Tuesday, June 13th, and will end on Monday, August 7th. The hours of the day care are 7:30am until 6:00pm, Monday through Friday. If you have a child that needs summer day care or would like to work as a daycare provider, please call the Family Resource and Referral, Inc. at (575) 622-9000.

"With Heart and Voice"

"With Heart and Voice" is a weekly organ and choral music series on local PBS radio station KENW 91.1 FM. Programming often celebrates the seasons of the church year. This excellent series is supported by First Presbyterian Church.

Tune in on Sundays from 8:00am to 9:00am!

Daily Inspirational Phone Message

**Start your day with an inspiring message.
Sit back, relax, and listen to words of peace, hope, and joy
to brighten your day and life!
Dial (575) 622-4923.**



Prayer Requests

Please relay prayer requests to the church office at (575) 622-4910 or e-mail at office@fpcroswell.org.

The June 2023 Session Meeting

At its June 15th Meeting, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church...

- Bob Entrop will present a written report prior to the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 25, 2023.
- Grace Church in Temple, TX requested a transfer of membership for Dixie Loy.

- Mary Hubbard packed the old choir robes for the Pakistan Ministry and shipped them to Rev. Majid Able in Dallas, TX.
- Faithful member, Sally Anderson, will be relocating to Santa Fe in mid-July.

[Read the full report here...](#)

The Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastoral Nominating Committee continues to review applications and interview for our Pastor position. Please pray for the PNC Committee as they diligently search for a permanent pastor. If you have any questions, contact Wayne Bevers, PNC Committee Chairman. The Pastor Nominating Committee includes:

Wayne Bevers, Committee Chairman
Paula Grieves
Dietta Hitchcock
Ross Robertson
Bob Entrop



Happy Birthdays in July!

5th - Cindy Miller

8th - Allison (Kurtz) Storms-Valdez

31st - Wendy Lunsford

Happy Anniversary

1st - Bill and Connie Wolf

2nd - Mark & Kate Daniels

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MISSION WORKER FOR
July 2023

**Larry and Inge
Sthreshley**

**Mission co-workers in the
Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Serving at the invitation of
Presbyterian Community of Congo
(CPC) and the Presbyterian
Community of Kinshasa
(CPK); seconded to IMA World Health
(Larry); and with the Methodist
Presbyterian Hostel (Inge)



As a health liaison, Larry Sthreshley assists with the development of the health ministries of churches and their role in the health system of Congo. His work involves designing and managing comprehensive health programs that work from the community level up through the ministry of health. The programs have a special emphasis on equitable health care financing, high impact interventions to reduce maternal and child mortality, and programs to address gender-based violence. Larry is seconded to IMA World Health and serves that organization as Congo's country director. He is also the chief of party of the ASSP (a French acronym that means Access to Primary Health Care) project and chairman of Good Shepherd Hospital (IMCK).

Inge also works on the nutrition, home garden, and clean cook stove components of the ASSP project in addition to giving oversight to the Methodist Presbyterian Hostel (MPH), which is a mission guest house and small conference center. MPH provides a much needed service to Presbyterian and Methodist mission workers, national and international church groups, work teams and individuals working in partnership in Congo.

[*Read more about Larry and Inge's work...*](#)

Worship Highlights!



Wayne Bevers & Bob Entrop sang on Sunday, June 4th!

Congregational Contact Ministry

Please continue to work with the Deacons and pastor to maintain contact by phone, text, email, and US mail with all of our saints. Thanks for your help with this important ministry.

Please Pray for Our Church!

Please pray for Christ's church in all of its variety in our city, nations, and the world. and...

For the revitalization and renewal of the First Presbyterian Church of Roswell, as we are led by God's Holy Spirit.

The landscaping at the First Presbyterian Church is looking great! **(Photos courtesy of Bob Kurtz and Lynn Karnes)**





Tuesday, July 4th/Independence Day!



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