

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

Be a special part!! One of the ways we express love for God and others (and are shaped by Him) is through serving others. Check out these opportunities!

Sunday Produce Pick Up!

We need more produce pick up help to add to our rotation. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Art Wellnitz at 715-796-5274 or arwellnitz@gmail.com

Communion Prep

If anyone would be interested in preparing communion (cups and trays) every other month, contact Linda Quam or the office.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Go to www.rfcov.org and click on the *Electronic Tithing* link under Resources.

Weekly Operational need 2019#: \$12,474.75
Regular Giving 1.5.20: \$7,376.55
Weekly YTD average: \$7,376.55
Mortgage balance as of 1.1.20: \$469,385.73
Quarterly Pay Down to Principal: \$36,000.00
Attendance on 1.5.20: 88 & 165 = 253

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Rob & Pat Stevens
(10:45) David & Brenda Pomfret
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, John Witt,
Melinda Hampton, Jerrett Feyereisen, Dave Schatz,
Amanda & Mitch Rand, Isaac Gabriel
SOUND: Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Ben Gabriel
THE HUB: (8:15) Linda Lundstrom **(10:45)** Sarah Johnson
NURSERY: (8:15) Nate, Heather & Blake Baar
(10:45) Deb Gilbertson, JO & Octavia Heuschele
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Rochelle Jacobs
USHERS: (8:15) Brian Halling, Dan Wallace, Steve
Splittgerber
(10:45) Dan Pearson, Adam Johnson
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Bob Hoaglund
(10:45) Bill Hickox
CAFÉ' CREW: Renee Kruger, Ellen Peterson
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Brian Halling

THIS WEEK

TODAY 1/12
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes
2:00p Middle School Snow Tubing
MONDAY 1/13
6:00p Financial Peace University
6:30p Pastoral Search Committee Meeting
TUESDAY 1/14
9:00a MOPS Bible Study (Mothers of Pre-schoolers)
WEDNESDAY 1/15
9:30a Women's Precept Class begins
3:30p Confirmation
5:30p Fellowship Supper for all!
6:30p Awana (gr K-6), Confirmation,
Sr. High Youth Group, Adult Prayer Group
8:45p Iron: Men's Small Group
THURSDAY 1/16
10:00a Lake Pepin District Pastors Mtg. here
6:30p Leadership Team Meeting
FRIDAY 1/17
9:40a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
SUNDAY 1/19
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, January 12, 2020 | 8:15 & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING & PRAYER

(10:45) Children ages 5-7 can go to Rm 306 for Junior Church.

Parents: Please walk your child to the room and pick up after the service.

MESSAGE

Seeing What We Expect

Pastor Tim

CLOSING SONG

Prayer Partners are up front after the services for your prayer needs.



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICES!

Guests, we welcome you!

- ❖ **WELCOME PADS** help us to care and connect! Please feel free to share your contact info and pass it down the row. Inside are prayer request cards, sign up for the weekly e-news, and more. *If you leave your address*, we will send you a Welcome letter with next step ideas to get to know us...and no extra mailings!
- ❖ **CHILDREN/FAMILIES:** (The Ushers would love to help you too!).
 - Nurseries (Infants to 4 y.o.).
 - 8:15- Nursery Room (To the right of the main entrance).
 - 10:45- Nursery Room.
 - Infant Room—On right as you enter Worship Center. Service on screen.
 - 10:45- Junior Church—5-7 y.o. in Rm 303.
 - *Children's Activity Bulletins* (ages 4-7) and *Jr. Sermon Notes* (ages 8-12) are available on the usher's cart AND "*Busy Bags*" for kids @theHub!
- ❖ **OFFERING** is an act of worship and a privilege of our church family. We are just glad you are here to worship with us today!
- ❖ **FREE GIFT:** As an expression of appreciation, pick up a gift @theHub and get to know us from the info.

**FINANCIAL
PEACE**
University

STARTS TOMORROW!

Mondays, Jan. 13 - March 9 | 6:00p

Stop by the table today!!

What will you learn?

- A proven method on getting out of debt and stay out of debt
- How to budget your income and stick to the plan
- If you are married, how to set financial goals and work together to achieve them
- Dave Ramsey's seven baby steps to financial freedom
- The importance of insurance and the best buys in the insurance world
- How to plan for your child's college and retire with dignity
- How to live like no one else, so you can live and give like no one else

Please stop by the FPU table today to ask questions or to get signed up!

Childcare available by letting FPU leader Luke Strehlau know.

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **TODAY HYMN SING!** Sun., Jan. 12, 9:45-10:15a in Worship Center.
- ❖ **TODAY! Name Tag Sunday.** Prepare a tag so we can get to know each other!
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** (Jan. 19) Pastor Tim's message will be from 1 Cor. 12:1-11, "Why the Church Needs NORA".
- ❖ **WED. FELLOWSHIP SUPPER:** 5:30-6:15p This week serving pizza sliders. Sign up on the Welcome Pad or call by Tues. noon. **Open to everyone!**
- ❖ **SAFETY/ WELLNESS RENEWALS FOR 2020 due January 31.** An email has been sent with the policy and any forms you need (let the office know if you think you need one). *It is important to know and practice FirstCov's Safety & Wellness.* Please review it, sign and return to the box in the office. (forms also available in the office).
- ❖ **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Save the date! Sun., Jan 26 (2020 Budget focus) and a youth's triennial conference, Unite2021 (formerly CHIC), Soup's On Lunch will be served after our 2nd worship service..
- ❖ **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:** Join us on Fri., Jan. 31 at the Eagan Packing Facility. We'll leave church at 5:00p for a 6:00-7:30p shift. Sign up through our E-news link, or @theHub.
- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE! THE RESCHEDULED ECUADOR BANQUET** Feb. 15 at 6:00p
- ❖ **THIS QUARTER'S FOCUS ON LIFE THEME: Anxiety Disorder.** Keep an eye out for opportunities to learn about this topic, including your Jan. Clarion article!

SUPPERS FOR SIX!

- ❖ **GET CONNECTED WITH OTHERS!** Sign up @theHub or through the Wed. E-News link. Deadline is January 15. Then groups are formed and they decide how many times to meet and if you'll take turns at each other's homes, or eat out.

NO REGRETS MEN'S CONF.

- ❖ **CONFERENCE** simulcast tickets on sale at rfcov.org. (or sign up@theHub). It is a special time for guys to seek Christ and get inspired! Sat., Feb. 1. For info, see Vern Larson or the office.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

- ❖ **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE INVITES INPUT** from anyone who would like to give input on the pastoral search process. Please put your thoughts in writing and either email them to RFFCC.search.com@gmail.com, or give them to Caye Bakken, Co-Chair of the Pastoral Search Committee, by January 31st. All correspondence must be signed. Since the search process must be confidential, you will not receive a specific response to your input.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ❖ **Gospel Project! 9:30-10:30a for Ages 2 y.o. to Adult** (**High School and Adults are doing a 6-week class together. Meet in High School Youth Room!**)

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- ❖ **INVITE!** Linda Anderson invites you to her home for coffee/tea on Sat., Jan. 25. Please bring your favorite cup/mug and your favorite hat! Sign up @theHub or in e-news for one of the times (2:00, 4:00, or 6:00p). Due to lack of parking, we will meet at church to take the church minibus there.
- ❖ **PRECEPT CLASS:** The Women's Precept Bible Study class is "Knowing God's Covenant". Starts January 15th 9:30-11:45a. Contact Pam Yelken or the office for info.

GET CONNECTED! SMALL GROUPS

- ❖ **WANT TO JOIN A GROUP?** God works in our groups through: 1) relationships & community, 2) Studying and Growing, 3) Prayer & Care, 4) Missional Service. Contact Pastor Brian to get connected.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

January 12, 2020

- ❖ That we may be renewed by Christ for 2020, with God's grace
- ❖ For our Pastoral Search Committee (working with our Northwest Conference Office) for a Lead Pastor Search. Members are: Brian Aust, Caye Bakken, Melissa Falde, Jason Hull, Steve Johnson, Lindsey Koskie, Brent Larson, Pat Nelson, John Aune (LT Chair).
- ❖ For Pastor Tim & Linda Anderson, in their time with us as our Interim Lead Pastor
- ❖ Missionary of the week: Campus Ministries (see below)
- ❖ College Student of the week: Desirae Lucht
- ❖ For Healing and Help: David Petersen, Joni Kolb, Terri Pearson, Bob Gilbertson, Nancy Erickson, Ernie Huland, Becki Reed, Shirley Peterson, Joyce Hasselquist
- ❖ As we continue forward in our Congregational Vitality process, continue to pray for our next phase called Strategic Ministry Planning and for these team members: Pastor Brian, Melissa Falde, Jason Hull, Evan Carstedt, Kathi Nelson, and Pat Stevens
- ❖ For our ECC (Evangelical Covenant Church) Leaders (see below)
- ❖ For our staff: Pr. Tim, Pr. Brian, Neil Vance, Emily Gabriel, Jake Jacobs, Jackie Wallace
We are glad to pray for you in joy or in times of need. Needs will be listed for up to four weeks, but please let us know if you would like it longer.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

For: Brent Wiersma (currently deployed), Roland Pomfret, Aaron Riess, Ryan Neel, John Meier, Murray Stoffa (currently deployed), Colin Arneson, Mckenzie Curtis, Max Elliott (currently deployed), Justin Petersen

OUR EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH LEADERS

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ECC President: John Wenrich

Start & Strengthen Churches: Alex Rahall, Interim

Make & Deepen Disciples: Michelle Sanchez, Executive Minister

Developing Leaders: Lance Davis, Executive Minister

Love Mercy Do Justice: Cecilia Williams, Executive Minister

Serve Globally: Al Tizon, Executive Minister

Director of Operations: Rebecca Gonzalez

Communications: Edward Gilbreath, Executive Director

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Campus Ministries – continue to pray for their ministry to students!

UWRF InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Brian Aust, Caleb Farber

UWRF CRU: Nicole & Lee Rickert, Francis Flood, Emily Dykstra, Sam Giesregen

Athletes InterVarsity Upper Midwest: Jason Hull

CRU – Middle & High School student in Mid-West Wisconsin: Debi Emery

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Desirae Lucht, daughter of Jay & Monica. Desi is a Junior at UWRF majoring in Computer Science. Her e-mail is: desirae.lucht@my.uwrf.edu. Please keep her in prayer as she is in the home stretch with just 3 semesters left to finish with her bachelor's degree. She will also be taking a trip to Germany near the end of May for one of her classes.

Seeing What We Expect

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Pastor Tim Anderson, Interim Lead Pastor

What did the people of Grover's Mill "see" that caused such panic?

Why were some who came to hear John the Baptist convinced he must be the Messiah?

Why was even John confused about who Jesus truly was?

Do you have any expectations about how God is supposed to work in your life this year?

Does this restrict what God might want to do in you?