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THE MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2014

Pastor Paul's Perambulation

I have begun a short series of sermons (six in all) on the so-called "Minor" Prophet, Habakkuk. This little book is labeled Minor not because it is unimportant, but because it is brief. Its content, though brief, is anything but minor.

It is a book primarily concerned with the doctrine of the providence of God. Question number 27 of the Heidelberg Catechism says that the Providence of God is:

The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

This doctrine rests upon the foundation of the Sovereignty of God. The notions

that God is in control, that His power and might are sufficient, that His knowledge is perfect, that His rule is intimate all encourage us to put our trust in Him in so far as we know Him to be good.

But what of the times of trouble, or difficulty, or pain, or doubt? What of those times when God feels, to us, absent or aloof, or uncaring?

The Book of Habakkuk answers these questions with clarity and energy and, sometimes, in ways that will surprise you. I encourage you to come and hear the voice of God, through the book of Habakkuk, or at least to take advantage of the website where these sermons are available to be read or to be listened to.

In the life of the church today, as well as in the world, it is good to be reminded that your life is not ruled by luck, or fate, or horoscopes, but it is ruled, rather, by the gracious and powerful providence of our God.

From the TREASURER and STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



August 2014 Treasurer's Report

AUGUST		YEAR TO DATE	
Balance on Hand	\$-5,267.26	January 1, 2014	\$ 2,316.03
August Income	23,328.24	Income to Date	156,742.49
August Expenses	<u>19,121.47</u>	Expenses to Date	<u>160,119.01</u>
Income/Expenses	4,206.77	Income/Expenses	-3,376.52
August 31, 2014	\$-1,060.49	July 31, 2014	\$-1,060.49

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Reformation Day Potluck/Hymn Sing

One of the traditionally little noted and underappreciated aspects of the Reformation was the recovery of congregational hymnody. Vocal music in the church had become primarily the province of professionals who sang in Latin, which was not understood by the large majority of the congregation. With the Reformation

came a return to the people singing, mainly Psalm settings, in their own language. In recognition of this fact we will have a Reformation Hymn sing on Sunday afternoon, October 26, following the Pot luck and brief program. Singing will begin at about 1:30 PM.

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The Kenya Connection

The Free Medical Camp in the Kamwangu Nendini, Kenya, for which we collected over-the-counter medications, was a huge success. Sharon Secor, our friend from FPC Fargo, was there and sent us these wonderful pictures.



The decision to have the clinic at the Murambani church (pictured, above) was made because it is located next to the main road and a small market, therefore, the people of the Kamwangu area would have easy access to the camp.



In the pictures above, meet Pastor Mackylas, our partner in ministry!! The medical clinic was held at the Murambani Church, one of the 4 churches he pastors in the Kamwangu Nendini. Sharon says he worked all day to direct over 1400 parish members to various services available to them at the clinic.



(Above) Line-up for OTC medications; the turquoise sign on the right of the picture says "Pharmacy"





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**Coming
October 22nd at 5:30 P.M.
HARVEST DINNER
Hosted by Parish Life, and
catered by the lady who
makes such wonderful pies!
More details coming soon.**



Is God challenging you to read through the Bible in one year?
Follow this link to get started:
<http://www.oneyearbibleonline.com>

MISSION STATEMENT

Out of humble gratitude for the free and undeserved gift of grace we have received through Christ, the mission of First Presbyterian Church (EPC) is:

To proclaim, with boldness, God's glory, truth, and love revealed to us in his Word through the Holy Spirit. We seek to worship him with our entire lives, being continually reformed to Scripture, our only guide in faith and practice.



October Birthdays
6th June Ann McDaniel
11th Henry Groenberg
12th Albert "Pete" Anderson
13th Doris Anderson
13th Brooke Jeffers
14th Dave Zagurski
18th Alice Palmer
18th Sheryl Barksdale
19th Vi Truchot

Ministry/Committee Meetings

Parish Life	Oct. 6, 2:00 P.M.
Evangelism	Oct. 13, 5:30 P.M.
Stewardship	Oct. 13, 7:00 P.M.
Board of Deacons	Oct. 20, 6:15 P.M.
Session	Oct. 20, 7:00 P.M.
Worship	Oct. 27, 8:45 A.M.
Facilities	Oct. 27, 5:30 P.M.

Riders on the Orphan Train

The sanctuary was teeming with school children last month! A total of nearly 1,500 students attended three performances of *Riders on the Orphan Train*, an Artcore presentation which was held at FBC on September 25th and 26th. A public performance was also held during the eve-

ning of the 26th, and all of its audiences were enthralled with fascinating information and authentic musical performances.

FPC is pleased to have the opportunity to offer our sanctuary as a venue for this and several other Artcore presentations this year.

From Facilities -- New Building Use Applications

Do you or someone you know need to use the church or some of its equipment for an event besides our regular "church activities?" If you do, you can get that process started by asking Barb for a Building/Equipment Use Application Form, which will let us know the particulars and give us contact information for the person responsible for the request. After you turn in the form, the Facilities Committee or Session will

review your request. Once your request has been approved, you will be notified and your event will be placed on the calendar.

Hopefully this process will help prevent conflicts with scheduling dates and ensure that the required facilities and equipment are available and ready for your use.

If you have suggestions on improvements to this process, please contact a Facilities mem-



**to Jane Drake for helping trim the bushes in September.
Thanks for your service, Jane!**

Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting was held on September 14th for the purposes of

- 1)filling three empty seats on the Elder Board,
- 2)electing members to a Pastor Search Committee, and
- 3)revising our church's Mission Statement.

The Congregation approved the nominations of the following Elders to the Session:

Class of 2015:

Heidi Walker
Al Sanford

Class of 2016:

Henry Groenenberg

There was much discussion involved in the revision of the Mission Statement, but a consensus was finally reached. Please take time to thoughtfully read the newly-revised version of the Mission Statement at the bottom of the previous page.

Finally, with the impending retirement of Pastor Paul at the end of 2014, it has become es-

sential that we form a Pastor Search Committee to get started on the monumental task of finding a replacement for him. Seven people agreed to be nominated in that capacity, and they were then approved by the congregation to make up that committee. The Pastor Search Committee members are as follows:

Session:

Greg Irwin
Zach Vreeman

Board of Deacons:

Jane Drake
Janis Hall

Congregation at large:

Cara Fankhauser
Brad Christensen
Leith Culver

The church would like to thank our newly-elected committee and Session members for their willingness to serve in those very vital capacities. We appreciate your dedication and the commitment of time and energy that these responsibilities require.



From Parish Life - Changing Lives through Central Wyoming Rescue Mission

Recently, Brad Hopkins, Executive Director of the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission sent out some statistics which might be interesting to you ...

~ Since the first of 2014, CWRM (through Rescued Treasures) has distributed more than \$8000 worth of vouchers to help struggling community members with clothing, furniture, and household goods. Some in our own church community have benefited from these blessings.

~ CWRM serves more than 3,700 meals per month to guests in the shelter and to those in the long-term life-recovery programs.

~ CWRM is the largest provider of emergency shelter in the area. An average of 2,050 nights of safe lodging are provided each month for homeless men and women and their children.

~ On any given day, as many as 16 men and women are participating in the mission's long-term faith-based life-recovery programs.

~ \$.83 of every dollar you donate to CWRM is used directly for programs and services that uplift the hungry, homeless, and poor.

~ 70% of the guests at CWRM and TTC are homeless for the first time.

~ It costs CWRM \$2.05 to provide a meal for a homeless man, woman or child.



More from Parish Life - 80+ Brunch

A grand time was had by all at our Parish Life Ministry's 2nd Annual FPC (EPC) "80+ Brunch" for our olderlies on September 13th!



Bev even played oldies on our 1914 oak piano, and Jean sang along when Bev played *Sentimental Journey*. Betty reported that Clare was able to name every tune but one!