



October 2021

MEASURING UP⁺⁺

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THIS OCTOBER AT FIRST PRES



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 9:30 am Bulletin Folding 6:30pm Korean Prayer ← Amber Miller out of office → C.P.M. Presby. Meeting 9-1pm	2 8am Men's Breakfast (Perkins) 
					3 Communion 8am Praise Team 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 2pm Korean 	4 9am Chef Heather 1pm Community Quilters 5pm ~ 9pm PEO Chapter D
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17 8am Praise Team 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 2pm Korean	18 9am Chef Heather 1pm Community Quilters 5pm ~ 9pm PEO Chapter D 7pm M&A Mtg.	19 9am Chef Heather 1pm Community Quilters 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm The Chosen Bible Study Home Communion	20 12pm Chair Zumba 6pm Mission Mtg. 7pm Worship Committee Mtg.	21 6pm Praise Team Practice 2pm After Eve Book Club 7pm Session Mtg.	22 9:30 am Bulletin Folding 6:30pm Korean Prayer	23 ← →
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CLERK'S CORNER

This is a reporting of all action taken by the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks Church on the Edge during its September stated Session meeting that will affect the life and work of the church:

Approved the Session Meeting minutes from 26 August 2021.

Recorded Communions served online and in person on 5 September 2021.

Recorded Home Communion served on 21 September to 3 individuals.

Motion approved to receive the Treasurer's report for September 2021.

Motion Approved to make changes to statistics:
remove Rae Ann Larson [deceased] from active membership, add Thea Flaagan to baptism.

Motion approved to staff nursery for Praise Team Practice on Thursday nights.

Motion approved to move the stated October Session meeting from October 28 to October 21 due to Pastor Homan being out of town.

Motion Approved to not hold Thanksgiving Dinner at the church but to encourage members to invite others to their home.

Motion Approved to modify Applefest to not serve pancakes but hold the New to You, minimal Bake Sale, Quilt Raffle, and Craft Sale on October 16 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Recorded that Session Minutes for 2020 and 2021 were read on Saturday, September 18 and received 100%.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR AUGUST:

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

It was reported there WILL NOT be a Lutefisk Dinner for 2021.

MISSION COMMITTEE:

It was reported that the southside schools have received their first batch of school supplies and snacks.

M&A COMMITTEE:

It was reported that the committee is created a Service Animal Policy.



For the entire month of October, we will look forward to our future together as a congregation as we look ahead to 2022 as part of our stewardship drive. We would love all of our members and friends to consider making a pledge so we can do all that God has called us to do this next year.

All support is helpful. Please pray about what you can do to support our church.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Kate Douthit
- 5 Heather Mickelson-Schneider
- 7 Scott Halstead
- 9 Lucille Franklin
Lindsey Graham
Amber Miller
- 13 Bob Sheppard
Cheryl Henry
- 16 Ruth Sanders
- 19 Patricia McGurk
- 22 Pam McGurk
- 23 Valerie Bauer
Ed Olson
- 26 Emily Walker
Lowell Thompson
- 29 Randy Knutson
- 30 Faith Krueger

Church Funnies



In Memory of those we lost . . .

Rae Ann Larson



What's Happening

Amber Miller will be out of the office during the following dates.

Tuesday, September 28 to Wednesday, October 6

Pastor Homan will still be in the office if you need assistant.




MEN'S BREAKFAST
JOIN THE MEN AT
Perkins
RESTAURANT & BAKERY
SATURDAY
October 2nd @ 8 AM
All men are welcome!

A WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS WHAT YOU ARE READING. OPEN TO ALL.

October 21
Thursday at
2:00 pm @
First Pres

AFTER EVE

Pastor Vacation
October 24th-29th
Pastor Homan will be on vacation
October 24 -29.



Contact the church office if you need pastoral care or any other assistance.

Bible Sunday

Please join us on October 31 as we present Sunday school children with their new bibles, during both worship services.



Please help us celebrate Reformation Sunday by wearing red to worship on Sunday, October 31st



REFORMATION SUNDAY

The Presbyterian OUTLOOK



Getting Rid of Stumbling Blocks: A Christian Ed Lesson.

By Joelle Brummit-Yale

It's football season, which means it's also marching band season! One of the teens in our church youth group has joined his school's marching band. He tells me the band is off to a great start. The football team... not so much. Every week the band plays its heart out while the football team struggles on the field. This last week the team finally began scoring points and managed to pull off its first victory! While the football players likely attribute the win to their developing skills, I can't help but feel like the steady, positive presence of the marching band must have buoyed the team. We all benefit from support and encouragement more than criticism and reprimand, especially when we are doing our best. Jesus recognized this was as important for our faith development as it is in other areas of our lives. In today's lesson, children will see how Jesus calls us to encourage rather than criticize the ways others express their faith.

Begin the time with your group of children by asking them to think of a time when they were learning how to do something they had never done before. Encourage them to reflect on that experience. What did it feel like? Were they nervous, excited, etc.? Then ask them to recount what happened that helped them develop that skill. Did someone else help them? What did that person do that encouraged them to continue trying? Did anything happen that discouraged them? If so, what? Note that when we are encouraged and supported in learning something new, we often enjoy it more and are better able to learn. When we are criticized, scolded or told we aren't capable, more often than not, we give up or feel discouraged.

Set the context for the Scripture reading. Share with the children that today's passage directly follows last week's lesson — where we learned about Jesus responding to the disciples' argument about who has the most power in society. Jesus tells them that those who are willing to serve and those who are considered the least powerful (children) are the greatest in God's eyes. The lectionary reading for this week again shows the disciples thinking they know what is right. Jesus offers them a different view.

Read aloud Mark 9:38-50. If you're reading with younger children, you may want to use The Message translation of the text, as it modernizes some of the more challenging language. Also note that the imagery in verses 43-50 can easily be misinterpreted by young children. Jesus speaks metaphorically about removing body parts that cause us to stumble in our faith. Some children may hear these words literally causing them to be frightened or believe that Jesus calls on us to harm ourselves.

After reading the passage, ask the children to recount the concern that the disciples share at the beginning of the text. Note that they are upset because they have noticed someone attempting to do the work that Jesus has done. Because this person is not one of Jesus' "inner circle," the disciples try to stop him. Have the children wonder about what they might do in a similar situation. Do they become concerned when someone who is not a member of their congregation does something in Christ's name? What about if someone who is not Christian does something that Christians typically do?

Continue the discussion looking at Jesus' response to the disciples. Ask the children to share what Jesus says about the disciples intervening. Help them unpack the examples that Jesus gives. Note that Jesus uses some very strong – even shocking – images to make his point. He wants to be very clear that we are called to remove any barriers to the faith of others that we might be tempted to put in place. We should support one another as we express and develop our faith rather than pointing out what we see as the errors in their expression. Encourage the group to share similar experiences. When have they felt criticized for the way they have expressed their faith? When have they critiqued the way that others have shown their faith? Approach the conversation with care, noting that it's not uncommon for us to respond the way that the disciples did.

Extend this conversation by providing the children with an opportunity to enact Jesus' words. Ask the children to think of ways they have recently seen others express their faith. Encourage them to not only list examples that fit with their own approach to faith but also those that are different than their personal style. You can limit the focus to just your congregation or you can extend it to the larger community. Then have each child pick one example that is not part of her own faith practice. For instance, a child may mention that a friend goes to worship services several times a week while that child believes Sunday services are enough. The child would choose this example over one that is similar to their own practice.

Next, provide each child with a blank sheet of paper or a blank greeting card, an envelope and something to write with. Ask the child to write a note to that person encouraging him in this expression of faith. Have each child sign her note and seal it in an envelope. Distribute these notes to the people that they are written to by delivering them by hand if you'll see them in person or by mailing them.

About the author: Joelle Brummit-Yale is the director of children's and youth ministries at Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. When not at the church, she can usually be found at home with her son and husband caring for their many animals and developing their family

Brummit-Yale, Joelle. 2021 September. Getting Rid of Stumbling Blocks. The Presbyterian Outlook. <https://pres-outlook.org/2021/09/getting-rid-of-stumbling-blocks-weekly-christian-ed-lesson/>.



Getting to Know You!

Kasey & Lindsey Flaagan

What name do you like to be called by?

We like to be called Lindsey, Kasey, and Thea.

Do you have any children? What are their ages?

We have a daughter named Thea. She is 7 months old.

Where do you live? What part of town?

We live on Lou Ann Street. Just a block away from the church!

Which service do you attend? Why?

We attend the 9am service. We love the music and Lindsey loves singing with the Praise Team.

How long have you been attending First Pres? When did you join?

We've been attending since March and we became members in June.

How did you find First Pres?

We found First Pres simply by living so close to the church. We figured, "why not?" And we have loved it ever since.

What do you love the most about First Pres?

The friendly atmosphere is so inviting and welcoming. You can just feel joy when you walk in the door.



How are you active in the church?

Lindsey sings with the Praise Team and Kasey thinks of himself as a “Praise Team Fan Club” member.

What is your calling (career/purpose)?

Kasey is an Agronomist (Seed Sales Rep) and Lindsey is a Spine Implant Surgery Rep.

Where are you originally from?

Lindsey is from Otsego, MN and Kasey is from Aneta, ND. Thea was born in Grand Forks.

What is one hobby you enjoy?

Lindsey enjoys singing and Kasey enjoys hunting.

What is one thing you hope you never get asked to do?

Lindsey hopes she is never asked to go into a shark tank in the ocean. Kasey hopes he is never asked to choose between his life and another’s.





The CHOSEN

SEASON ONE



EPISODE ONE - "I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME" - OCTOBER 12TH @7 PM

EPISODE TWO - "SHABBAT" - OCTOBER 19TH @7 PM

EPISODE THREE - "JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN" - OCTOBER 26TH @7 PM

EPISODE FOUR - "THE ROCK ON WHICH IT WAS BUILT" - NOVEMBER 2ND @7 PM

EPISODE FIVE - "THE WEDDING GIFT" - NOVEMBER 9TH @7 PM

EPISODE SIX - "INDESCRIBABLE COMPASSION" - NOVEMBER 16TH @7 PM

EPISODE SEVEN - "INVITATIONS" - NOVEMBER 23RD @7 PM

EPISODE EIGHT - "I AM HE" - NOVEMBER 30TH @7 PM

17th Annual

OCTOBER 16



**9:00 AM
TO
12:00 PM**

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**APPLE PIES
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NEW TO YOU SALE**



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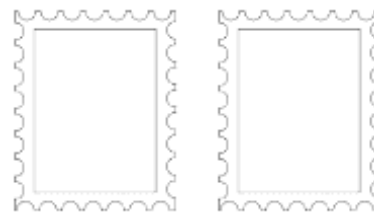
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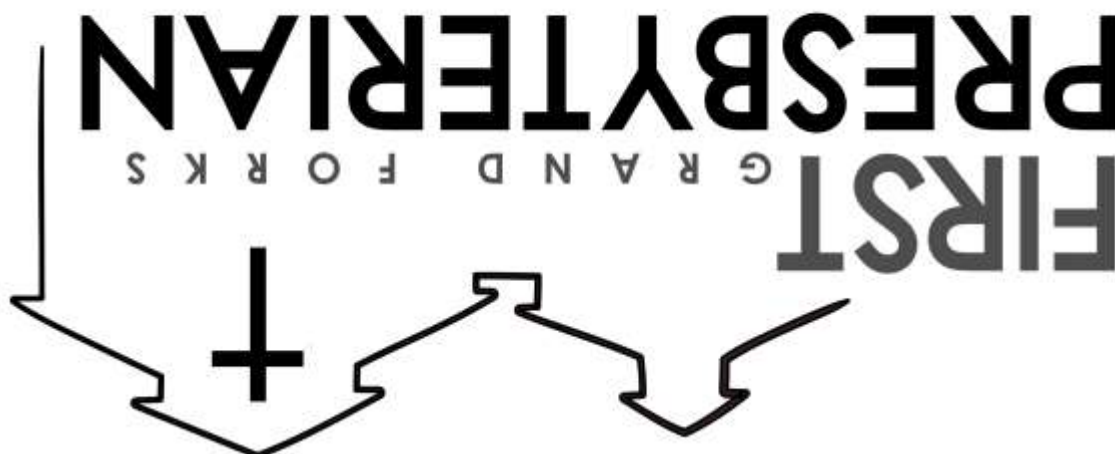
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