

# The First Epistle



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*Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 7.*

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## "Commit to 50" Kicks Off with \$10,000 Donation

### *What can 5 do?*

#### **If you multiply 5, it can do a lot!**

Two anonymous church members stepped forward to kick off our "Commit to 50" campaign. Each donor gave \$5,000 in the hopes that we can raise an additional \$5,000 by the time we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Building Re-Dedication Ceremony on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

As you can see each Sunday, our church is growing. New people are joining, Sunday attendance is up, guest musicians perform monthly, and our choir is getting larger.

But we will not grow fast enough to offset our budget deficit.

Fortunately, we have enough financial resources to survive through the middle of 2022. This resource came to us through a large estate gift from Dr. Ken and Grace Covey.

But this is not enough to guarantee that we will survive past 2022. This is where you come in!

*Although it may seem small, any increment of 5 helps.*

*Can you give \$5?*

*Maybe you can give \$50?*

*Maybe you can give \$500?*

What would happen if you gave \$100, and joined with four other families each giving \$100? That would make \$500!

Maybe you can give \$1,000 and join with four other families each giving \$1,000?

That would make \$5,000!

Any increment of 5 helps.

The deadline is the 50<sup>th</sup> Building Re-Dedication Ceremony on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

We already have \$10,000. Help us raise at least another \$5,000.

Talk to Pastor Robert or Garrick Larson if you have questions or would like to help. Please write "Commit to 50" in the memo section if making a contribution.



# The First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead

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## MEMORIAL COMMITTEE ON TRACK



Through the amazing generosity of Moorhead Presbyterian church members, the Memorial Committee is on track to reach their 2018 goal of adding 10 new leaves to the Tree of Life. Installed in 2003, the Tree of Life, located in the narthex, reminds us how important it is to support the church financially. We only need four more leaves to reach this goal for this year.

Each leaf on the tree represents a gift of \$500 or more (beyond regular pledged giving). If you would like a leaf engraved in honor of someone, please see Pastor Robert or Arlene Munighan.

We want to send a special message to all the young families at Moorhead Presbyterian. We consider your greatest gift to the church to be the laughter, shouts, coos, and gurgles of your children. Every time one of your kids runs down the hallway or leaps up to join Pastor Robert for Children's Sermon, we see thousands of engraved leaves falling from the sky. Your children are your greatest gift to this church. Thank you.

## CALLING ALL CHIME RINGERS

The Chime Ringers will meet Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall to prepare for ringing at our birthday celebration on Nov. 18. If you have played in the past, or would like to join now, please come Wednesday, Oct. 3, so we can see how many chimes we can cover. Maggie Sambo has agreed to convene the rehearsal.



## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Children from ages 3 years through 2nd grade are welcome to join a worship time that has been designed just for them. Immediately after the Children's Sermon, kids may head to Room 10 where a kid-friendly worship space has been set up. The goal of Children's Worship is to provide a developmentally appropriate environment that enables young children to encounter and worship God. Our worship time includes biblical stories, prayers, songs and activities that help children understand scripture and experience God's presence. Children also learn about the sacraments (baptism and communion) and the liturgical seasons of the church year. Leaders for Children's Worship are Jane Lobitz and Barb Worman. Parents are always welcome to join us. Parents should pick up their kids in Room 10 right after worship ends.

In October we will be focusing our worship time on scripture related to communion and two Old Testament stories (Creation, Abraham & Sarah).

On World Communion Sunday, October 7th, the children will rejoin their families in the sanctuary so they may participate in communion with our entire church community.



## **THE 2018 AUCTION & MARKET BAZAAR: DON'T HESITATE, PARTICIPATE!**

Following up on the article in July's Newsletter, we are now calling all members of our fun-loving, talented congregation to help provide items for the 2018 Auction & Market Bazaar. In 1968, the Bazaar by the Women's Association generated \$2,500 to benefit our church. Let's make those women proud! Mark the date, Friday, November 2, 2018.

We need your help:

- Invite your friends to join us that evening for the opportunity to bid on awesome items.
- Provide some awesome items for our guests to bid on and ask your friends to provide some too! Below are some popular auction goodies from the past plus some additional suggestions:



A lake cottage or home for a weekend getaway

A gourmet dinner for two (prepared by you?)

Gift baskets

Quilt

Snow removal service

Garden work

Monthly pots of soup or home baked breads

Private music performance

Tickets to music or theatre events

Other ideas for auction items:

Custom artwork, hand thrown pottery, or art glass

1968 Mustang

Autographed sports memorabilia

Restaurant gift cards

Airline miles

1968 Johnny Cash "At Folsom Prison" album

Game tickets: Bison, Cobbers, Dragons, Vikings, Twins, MN Lynx or MN United

Services, such as rides to medical facilities or grocery shopping.

The possibilities for memorable experiences, helpful services, and unique objects are endless.

We are trying something different this year. Food items, such as lefse, cookies, and jams, or other items donated in multiples, are most welcome and will be offered for sale at our market bazaar stall for a fixed price, yours upon payment. We are doing this to make the silent auction more accessible and the check-out process more efficient. Plus, the buyer will no longer need to wait until the end of the auction to pay for these purchases.

If feasible, we'd like to treat you to a Dutch Auction for a few select items. The Dutch Auction is a type of auction that originated some 300 years ago in the Netherlands during the "tulip mania." Google "Getting to Know Dutch Auctions" to learn what that's all about.

Auction donation slips will be available in our Fellowship Hall or by emailing Ineke.

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

In honor of World Communion Sunday, we will celebrated the Lord's Supper with a diversity of breads from around the world on Saturday, October 7th. Did you find the lefse on the communion table?

World Communion Sunday began in 1936 in a Presbyterian church in Pittsburgh, PA pastored by Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr.

In 1940, The Federal Council of Churches adopted it and encouraged their members to participate. Twenty denominations world-wide will participate this year, emphasizing Christian unity and the ritual of sharing within the body of Christ. Jesus instituted the first such meal and calls us back together to celebrate the liturgy "in remembrance of me."

Submitted by Patti Kratky



**MSUM STUDENT OUTREACH**

Moorhead Presbyterian is busy doing all sorts of student outreach events.

Pictured here are Barb Worman and Robert Drake hanging out with students at DragonFest at MSUM. This is an annual event where local businesses, non-

profits, and campus organizations host a table, give out free food, and provide information on who they are. It gives students a chance to know what's out there in Fargo-Moorhead.



In the first photo, you might recognize, Anna, who joined our choir recently. In the second photo is a student from the local chapter of "Society for Creative Anachronism."

**Circle One Bible Study**

October 10 at 1 PM in Fellowship Hall. We'll discuss Lesson 2, "God With Us In Our Uncertainty", and review the Introduction and Lesson 1 (with DVD). All are welcome to attend!

**Nursery Staff:**

October 7  
October 14  
October 21  
October 28

**9:15 Staff**

Adam/Joni Massie  
Maggie Sambo  
Mallory/Brady Dickelman  
Nicole Hestbeck

**10:15 Staff**

Kim Kelsh  
Eric/Danielle Mullen  
Holly Martin  
Megan/Dan Wheeler

The Gourmet Soup Kitchen, a Benefit for Churches United for the Homeless will be held Monday October 22, at the Holiday Inn Fargo. A Social and auction preview begins at 5pm, dinner at 6pm, Program and Live Auction at 7pm. This event supports the mission of Churches United for the Homeless. See the brochure on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for details.

**SESSION NEWS**

Session has been keeping close watch on the church budget deficit. As reported in the Sunday bulletin, the budget deficit is approximately -\$24,500 at this time. Church committees -CE, New Life, Personnel, Action Ministry, Building & Grounds, Worship and Stewardship & Finance- continue to do their work. The Stewardship & Finance committee is working with the committees to manage our limited resources and allow them to do their necessary work. Being good stewards of our resources is important to session. Communication is key to the work done within session and its committees. We strive to keep each group abreast of the happenings and workings in our committees.

Plans & preparations continue to be made to celebrate the Re-dedication of the church building on November 18 with a special worship service in the afternoon. Session hopes you will celebrate the milestone presence of First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead in our community.



### MEMBER REFLECTION: 50 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE

If you saw the front page of the newsletter, then you know that we are kicking off our “Commit to 50” campaign.

“Commit to 50” is not just a monetary commitment to honoring the last 50 years of our current church building, “Commit to 50” is also a forward-looking commitment to the next 50 years of our church, both monetarily and in ideation. The 50th year celebration is honoring our history AND a kick-off to all the great things our church can do and be in the next 50 years.

Can you imagine First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead in 2068? By 2068, the Fargo-Moorhead/Cass-Clay County area is projected to be nearly 1/2 million residents and be a major center for business, healthcare, innovation, and education.

With massive population growth, is there room for First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead? What role will we serve in the community?

First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead has always been a social-justice centered, intellectual, and contemplative church, a church that leads by example in thought AND action. In the future, we can be THE church that is in touch with the problems and solutions of the current day. We can be THE church that is inclusive of all diversity, not just in the varying identities of people, but also the breadth of ideas of people. We can be THE church that is not just in touch with the modern and ever-changing world, but THE church that helps positively influence the faith of peoples in thought and action, a church that is both a hub of faithful stability and adaptable transformation.

What our church needs right now is time, time to share our church’s good news of who we are today, and time to build the best of what our church is to be in the future. We may not be building a new structure for 50 years from now, but we are constructing the church that the community, the area, and the world needs for the future.

As plainly as possible, our church needs designated giving to buy time to build the future of our church. We have the right forward-looking pastor, staff, and leadership. We have the right invitational and thought-filled current congregation.

Let’s give with optimistic, visioning hearts to buy the right amount of time to make our church’s transfiguration possible.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

As everyone knows, our church building turns 50 this year! We moved into the wonderful building June 16, 2018. However, the formal dedication occurred later that fall, on Sunday, November 17. Way back then, 400 hundred people attended the formal dedication worship service.

On the afternoon of Sunday, November 18, we will celebrate with a re-dedication of our building following the exact same worship bulletin we used in 1968.

In an effort to fill the sanctuary with 400 people just like in 1968, we will publicize our re-dedication ceremony in local papers and through social media. So, mark your calendar for Sunday, November 18, the exact time is still to be determined.



**MEET BOB AND MARY LONG**

How many of us can claim that a famous comedian rode in our car? Probably none of us.

Bob and Mary Long can!

Jack Benny, a wildly popular comedian from 1932-1974, rode in their 1911 Maxwell AB when he visited Fargo in 1967.

There's quite a history behind the car that Jack Benny sat in that day. Bob's dad, Harry, used to own a Dodge and Maxwell dealership in Aneta, ND, and he sold a customer that car. But then, not long after, the customer left water in the radiator overnight, and it froze, busting the radiator (this was way back in the day, when, if it was going to freeze, you had to drain your radiator). The man called Bob's dad and said he busted the radiator, and he could have the car back for "the cost of a bottle of booze." Bob's dad got the car back, and it's been in the Long family ever since.

This is not the only Maxwell that has an extensive history with the Long family. Bob and Mary also own a 1908 Maxwell HC. It was originally owned by Bob's grandfather, and has never been out of the Long family. It is so original that Bob has been advised to never restore it or re-paint it.

Both cars are fully functioning and have been driven in many parades. Bob and Mary are founding members of the Fargo Red River Valley Horseless Carriage Club. Going back many decades, they have driven their Maxwells in the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run.

Two fun facts: Mary does not drive! As to why, Mary only said, "I tried it once when the kids were little." Second fun fact: If you ever get a chance to see the Maxwell collection, never touch the brass!

There's more to Bob and Mary than just their antique car hobby. Mary was born in Liverpool, England. When she graduated from school, Mary worked as a switchboard operator, first for the Royal Court Theatre and later for Vernon Pools (similar to state-run lotto games).

Bob grew up in Sharon, ND. He attended Wahpeton State Science School (now North Dakota State College of Science), studying aircraft mechanics. He entered the US Airforce in 1951, and was stationed at Burtonwood Airforce Base, working on aircraft electrical systems.

The airbase was not far from Liverpool, which is how Mary and Bob met. This part of their story gets a little tricky to tell. A friend of Mary's was having a birthday party, and Bob attended that same party. But, he was going with "another gal at the time," as Bob tells the story. There must have been something about Mary, however, because one year later, they were married in 1955.

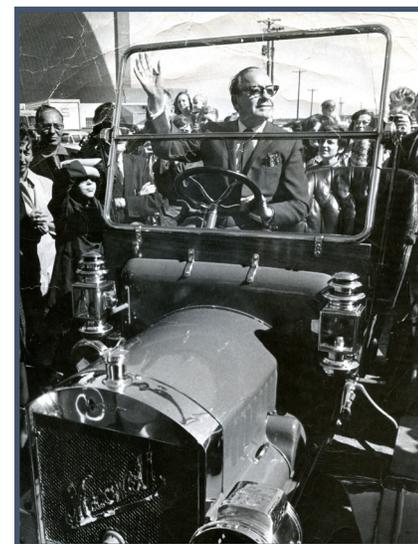
After the Korean War, Bob and Mary settled in Fargo, where Bob worked full-time for the North Dakota Air National Guard. His specialties were aircraft electrical systems, fire control (radar control over outgoing live-fire), and inertial navigation. Bob's fire control duties included machine guns, .275 rockets, and the nuclear-armed AIR-2 Genie Rocket. He retired as an E8, Senior Master Sergeant.



*Bob and Mary in the 1911 Maxwell AB*



*Bob driving the car in downtown parade near Fargo Civic Center*



*Jack Benny in Bob's car at the Fargo Airport 1967*

Mary and Bob raised three children. Patricia is the oldest and is currently retired from the US Postal Service in Colorado. Dean joined the Marines in 1978, retiring as a Major, and now works for Honeywell in Phoenix. David, the youngest, lives in Detroit Lakes, and is retired from SJ Rhombus Electrical, where he worked as Chief Maintenance Engineer.

Bob and Mary have been longtime members of First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead. Make sure to say "hi" the next time you them in church.

## WARM AND WELCOMING HOSPITALITY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

It is now time the 4th Quarter of the 2018 year -- time for a new group of church members to step up and offer the wonderful friendly hospitality our church is known for. It is a great way to make all to feel welcome and comfortable at our church. Our weekly tasks include greeting at the door, ushering (handing out bulletins, collecting the offering and cleaning up the sanctuary after worship), and preparing and serving beverages & treats for fellowship time following worship.

Team members for the rest of this year are: Chris & Nadine Swee, Dagne Forbes, David Miller, Jane Tandberg, Julie Sorenson, Arlene Munighan, Walt Worman, Jay & Bonnie Erickson, Frank & Patti Kratky, Julie Munsey, Steve Knorr, Flory Austin Greeters only: Jim & Marlys Winter, Liz & Vern Bancroft

A sign-up sheet for the next three months is posted on the easel in Fellowship Hall. Please stop by and sign up for the dates and tasks you wish to do. Or you can contact Barb Worman -- email to [bgmw54@aol.com](mailto:bgmw54@aol.com) or text/call to 701.367.9498

## ALL SAINTS JAZZ SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday is a somber and reflective worship opportunity for us to remember family and friends who passed away over the last year. We honor and celebrate the people we love who are no longer with us.

This year we will make sure to celebrate the somber memory of those we love, but we will also celebrate their earthly life and their new heavenly life.

We will worship in the tradition of New Orleans jazz funerals. Music will be at times reflective and at times jazzy and celebratory.

Joining our phenomenally jazzy and rocking pianist, Joni Lordeman, will be local musician Isaac Edwin Schwartz. You can read his biography and see his photo on this page. Together with our choir, Joni and Isaac will craft a time to reflect and celebrate.

If you have the name of a loved-one you would like printed in the bulletin, please email Kathy Shark at [admin@firstpresmhd.org](mailto:admin@firstpresmhd.org) or call and leave a message with the church office.



## SPECIAL GUEST MUSICIAN SERIES

As part of the Special Guest Musician Series, Moorhead Presbyterian is proud to welcome Isaac Schwartz. He will perform for our All Saints Jazz Sunday on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

Isaac Schwartz was born in Ithaca, NY, began playing trumpet in the fourth grade, and graduated from Ithaca High School in 2007. He attended Lawrence, University in Appleton, WI and graduated in 2011 with a degree in Music Education. He spent two years teaching band in Wisconsin and travelling all over the state performing with Boogie and the Yo-Yo'z, a popular variety/wedding band. He moved to West Fargo in 2014 and has been teaching sixth through eighth grade band at Liberty Middle School ever since. He is currently pursuing a master degree in Music Education from Ithaca College through their summer program. Isaac presented a solo trumpet recital in June of 2018 and performs regularly with the Lake Agassiz Concert Band.

## NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

After a very long search, after reading many resumes, and conducting many interviews, the Personnel Committee is proud to announce that Lisa Gigler is our new Office Administrator.

The length of time it took to find just the right person for this position is a testament to how diligent the Personnel Committee worked to ensure the right fit. It is also a testament to our current Office Administrator, Kathy Shark.

Lisa's first day with us will be Monday, November 5th. Make sure to welcome her to our church family. As many of you know, the Office Administrator is often the first person visitors see on a weekday. They are also the person with whom many of you interact on a weekly basis while conducting committee work. The Personnel Committee is confident that Lisa will excel at these very important duties.

Lisa Gigler is originally from Mayville, ND. She attended college at Mayville State University graduating with a BS in Administrative Office Services. She is married to Doug and they will be married 30 years in October. They have 2 dogs -- a basset hound, Clarice and a puppy Sheepadoodle, Luka. They have lived in Fargo for 26 years and love their weekends at the lake near Walker, MN. Lisa worked 20+ years in sales and marketing.

Lisa enjoys her various volunteer work as a board member of Her Story and the planning committee at TNT Kids Fitness. She is also active in her professional networking group.



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