



The CHIMES

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

Summer 2022

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From the Pastor Summer 2022

by Rev. Judy Hockenberry, Acting Head of Staff

Dear Friends,

I can't believe it's only taken me seven years and Alex's sabbatical to get on the front page of the Chimes! This summer is beginning on a high note!



I am both excited and privileged to be the pastor on staff this summer. It sounds like a daunting task but after thirty-six years of ordained ministry in a variety of roles, I think I'm up to it. Besides, it's only for 103 days and who is counting? I will be preaching frequently but not every week. We will have guest preachers like Ken Hockenberry, Jana

Blazek and Craig Howard, the Executive Presbyter of the Chicago Presbytery, among others. We have an opportunity to hear new and different voices in worship and continue our exploration of who we are as disciples of Christ.

If any of you are worried or concerned about my leadership, I hope you will speak freely to me. I also want to give you a brief lesson in Presbyterian Polity 101. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, and your Session is the governing body of the church. The pastor of any Presbyterian church has very little real power. That's okay with me. I've operated that way for the last three decades.

I respect the Presbyterian system of government. I love the church. We have a great group of Elders right now who are working hard to keep our church the vital presence it is in our community and in our Presbytery. We also have Deacons and Stephen Ministers who work with me closely in our caring ministry, and the Trustees who will continue to be good stewards of our building and our finances.

There are a host of amazing people who will work with me throughout the summer so that we remain the strong church that we are today. I also have every one of you. Remember the Bible School song, "We are the Church"?

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

We are the church together! I invite you to join me in our adventure this summer. I couldn't be more excited to work with each of you as part of your incredible church.

Blessings, Judy

Summer Worship
ONE SERVICE
10:00 am
May 29 – September 4

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Summer Worship 10:00 am

For the summer, we have moved to one worship service at 10:00 am. We will continue with this schedule through Sunday, September 4 and return to two services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am on Sunday, September 11. Preaching will be led by Judy Hockenberry and several guest preachers. Music will be provided by our many ensembles, soloists and instrumentalists.



Music Appreciation Sunday

Plan to attend worship on **Sunday, June 12** as we show our appreciation and say thank you to all the musicians who make our worship so uplifting. Adam Hendrickson will be preaching the sermon “The Unity of Christ”. Readings: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 and “The Bundle of Sticks” from *Aesop’s Fables*.

Summer Communion

We will celebrate Holy Communion this summer:

Sunday, June 5

Sunday, July 31



Join the Summer Choir!

Tune up your voice because we would love to have you join the Summer Choir. If you have ever wanted to give singing in the choir a try, please join us for any of these three Sundays. No prior membership in any of our choirs or any choir at all is necessary. Just come at 9:15 am for rehearsal to learn our anthems and we’ll sing at the 10:00 am service.

SUMMER CHOIR DATES:

Sunday, July 3 – Wear something red, white & blue

Sunday, July 31

Sunday, August 7

Contact Adam Hendrickson for more information.

Commissioning during Worship

This summer we have two youth mission trips and our **Vacation Bible School** and **MissionFactory** programs for children. During worship this summer, we will commission our mission workers and our leaders of these programs. We invite all participating to be present in worship on the following days as the congregation commissions you for this important work.

Sunday, June 26, 10:00 am – Middle School youth and leaders going to Milwaukee, WI

Sunday, July 10, 10:00 am – High School youth and leaders going to Puerto Rico; leaders for Vacation Bible School and MissionFactory

Summer Worship Music

- June 12 - Music Appreciation Sunday
- June 19 - Chancel Choir
- June 26 - Compass Praise Band
- July 3 - Red, White & Blue Summer Choir
- July 10 - JoAnn Thompson, soprano;
Nick Pulkowski, tenor
- July 17 - Kathy Sobeski, soprano
- July 24 - Compass Praise Band
- July 31 - Summer Choir
- August 7 - Summer Choir
- August 14 - Soloist
- August 21 - Michelle Fielder, Oboe;
Joan Morrone, Horn; Michael Morrone, Violin
- August 28 - Compass Praise Band
- September 4 - Soloist



Commemoration of Juneteenth

Our congregation has been invited to two opportunities to observe Juneteenth at Trinity Church in Mt. Prospect and First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville.

JUNETEENTH

at First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville

What: Ecumenical dinner and worship service commemorating Juneteenth

When: Wednesday, June 15

Time: 6:00 pm dinner and 7:00 pm worship

Location: 219 West Maple Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048

Info: 847-362-2174



When: Saturday, June 18, 2022

Where: Trinity Church in Mount Prospect

605 West Golf Road

Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Time: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

3:00-4:00 Children's Activities

4:00-5:00 Food Served

5:00-7:00 Entertainment

(Music, African Dance)

Questions: Please contact Trinity Church in Mount Prospect (847) 439-0950

Donations Accepted – make checks payable to Trinity Church

Backpacks for Christopher House

The month of June is the time to think of backpacks for the scholars of Christopher House. We are so proud to see our second graduating class head off to high school. We are asking for your support to ensure each student will have the same opportunity for success by providing them with a backpack and supplies. The suggested donation is \$20, but any amount is welcome! Look for the backpack sign in the Narthex on Sundays in June or donate through the church's website. Choose "CH Backpacks" from the dropdown menu. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women and be sure to indicate CH Backpacks on the memo line. Thank you for your support.



Engraved Brick Orders

Engraved bricks in the Memorial Prayer Garden honor loved ones and friends, living or deceased, in a beautiful setting. Engraved bricks require a donation of \$50 for two lines of 12 characters and spaces or a donation of \$65 for three lines of 12 characters and spaces. Forms are available in the form rack by the church office. **For installation in the fall of 2022, please have your orders in by Monday, June 20.** Bricks are ordered once each year and are installed only in the fall, usually September or October. Late orders will not be ordered until next year. Mail or deliver your completed order form and attached check to the church office. If you have questions, you may contact Betty Launer at 847-749-0402.



Sacred SOIL, Sacred SOUL



With the beautiful landscape of the Morton Arboretum as a backdrop, over 100 First Pres friends and family enjoyed our all-church retreat in April. Led by Rev. Amy Heinrich, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville, the retreat gave us a chance to enjoy fellowship, discussion, study, and reflection. Rev. Amy opened by helping us to see the interconnectedness of faith and science, belief and nature, by recognizing that we can simultaneously look to the science of nature while also being amazed at God's perfect creation.

The morning session reminded us of our sacred responsibility to care for the earth and all that is in it, because as the earth goes, so too do we. And by caring for creation, we are showing our love for God and each other. We are called to steward, not dominate, this precious resource.



Rev. Amy Heinrich

Following a delicious lunch, Rev. Amy taught us that spending time in nature offers restoration physically, mentally, and spiritually. Time outdoors has been proven to reduce stress, alleviate anxiety, and helps us feel better. But the earth is groaning under the pressure we are piling on. As Amy said, the earth that has always healed us needs healing from us.

A guided meditation and outdoor closing worship allowed us to get outside and enjoy the gifts of nature. For just the time we needed, the rain stopped and we were able to raise our faces and hands to the sky and thank God for God's incredible gift of creation.



Summer Reading With Stone Catchers

You're invited to join Stone Catchers, First Pres' social justice ministry group, for our summer book club.

We will kick off the summer with Yolanda Pierce's *In My Grandmother's House*. Pierce tells stories that center the experiences of those living on the underside of history, teasing out the tensions of race, spirituality, trauma, freedom, resistance, and memory.

Next, we will explore *The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez* by Aaron Bobrow-Strain. Aida Hernandez tells the story of what happens when an undocumented teen mother takes on the U.S. immigration system.

Our final book of the summer is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. A New York Times #1 Bestseller and one of Barack Obama's favorite books of 2021, *The Vanishing Half* tells the story of twin sisters who grew up together but whose adult lives couldn't be more dissimilar.



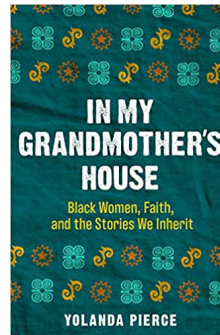
Mark your calendars now for a summer of engaging reading with your fellow Stone Catchers! We will meet for a light dinner and book discussion in the Parlor at 6:00 pm on the following evenings:

June 22 – *In My Grandmother's Kitchen*

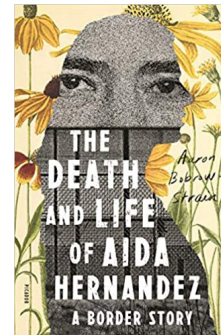
July 27 – *The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez*

August 24 – *The Vanishing Half*

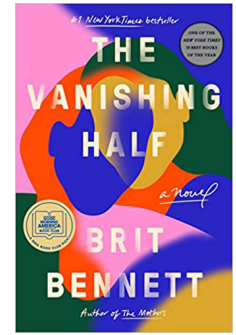
Please contact Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org or Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org with questions about Stone Catchers or our summer book club.



June 22



July 27



August 24

The Bridge Parade of Patios

This summer we will resume our annual Parade of Patios. This will include a patio party every two weeks starting in early June at the home of a member of The Bridge.

- June 8: Home of Therese & David Haines in AH
- June 23: Home of Kate & Kirk Ingemunson in AH
- July 7: Home of Chuck & Patti Yedor in Lake Zurich
- July 22: Home of Tom & Jody Stautzenbach in AH
- Week of August 1: Date TBD: Home of Kelly Dean in Palatine

Join us on the patio by bringing a small appetizer or dessert to share. Don't forget to bring your own beverages too. Planning to attend?

Please RSVP to Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com so we know how many to expect. The fun and fellowship will start at 7:00 pm for each patio party.



Pictures from Easter Brunch, Worship & Celebration



Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

At the May 15 Congregational meeting, the congregation elected the following members to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) to find a new Pastor for Children, Youth and Families. Below are the bios for the committee members.



May Allen (Youth): My name is May Allen. I am 15 years old and I attend William Fremd High School as a freshman. I am a starter on my school's Junior Varsity water polo team. I was baptized at First Pres and have grown up here along with

my peers with whom I attend HSYG. I attended VBS and MissionFactory and once I was old enough, I volunteered to be a VBS game leader. I am excited to be on the APNC and to select a new youth leader who will benefit my younger peers that will join the program in the future as well as the current youth. I also believe it is important to have a youth voice when it comes to choosing a youth leader.



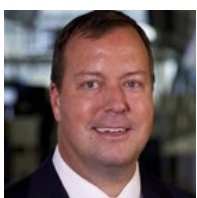
Kristie Cerniglia: I am excited to be a part of the APNC! I started attending First Pres about 10 years ago and have four kids who have been very involved with Youth Group. My older daughters were so fortunate to have such a great experience

and I am hopeful my younger daughters will have a similar experience with an energetic, positive leader!



Kelly Dean: Having grown up in the Presbyterian Church, I was pleased to find a church home at First Pres and have been a member since 2002. Over the years, I have served our church in various ways: task forces, search committees,

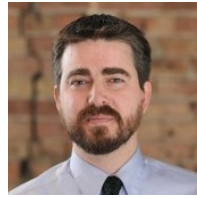
Nominating Committee, Children's Ministries, at-large committee member, music ministry, small group and Bible study group leader. I have two daughters: Bailey is 21 and is finishing her junior year of college at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and Reagan, 16, is a sophomore at Fremd. Both of my girls have been and continue to be very involved in the Youth Ministries program. I am excited to serve on the APNC and look forward to seeing where this committee leads us as a church community.



Steven Doering: I live in Arlington Heights with my wife, JoAnne, and three kids Garrett, Evan and Nora. Our children have been active in our Sunday School and Confirmation programs. Garrett has recently been confirmed as a member and

Evan has recently entered into the journey with us. Nora is

in middle school and enjoys participating in the Sunday School program. I have grown up with our church and have been a long-term member for over 40 years. Outside of church, my wife JoAnne and I enjoy coaching and watching our children through baseball and skating. My family and I also enjoy vacations to national parks, downhill skiing, and hiking. I am looking forward to being part of the team to help select a leader for our youth program.



Brian Landwehr: I have been a member at First Pres for over 25 years, and have been volunteering with the High School Youth Group for the last 15 years. I have loved going on many summer mission trips, including Haiti and Peru, and will be

helping lead this summer's trip to Puerto Rico. My family is excited as our 4- and 7-year-old sons are starting their journey in the youth program.



Heidi Meier: I have been attending First Pres since I was in fourth grade and was a very active youth throughout both middle school and high school. I have been a middle school youth leader for the past nine years. I am currently an Events

Coordinator at a nonprofit in the city called Chicago Youth Centers. I am excited to serve on the APNC to help find someone that is a right fit for not only the church as a whole, but for the youth as well. I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve on this committee alongside some amazing people and I know that we will choose the best person for this position.



Mark Smith: I am finishing my 26th year teaching Mathematics at Maine South High School. Among other roles, I have served as department chair of Mathematics and girls basketball head coach during my tenure at Maine South. I have been a

member of First Pres for the last ten years and have helped with Sunday School and Y-Search. I am married to Christine and have two daughters, Brianna, 13, and Haleigh, 10. I believe that replacing TC is a super important task that will impact the youth of this church in profound ways for years to come.

Meet our Interim Director of Youth Ministries, Jeni Eklund



Jeni is passionate about creating safe spaces and experiences for youth to explore their faith and build a community where they are seen not for their performance, popularity, grades, or age, but for being children of God. She grew up in a tiny desert town in Southern California and moved to Chicago to study Philosophy at Wheaton College. She has been a private tutor for the last 6 years, specializing in standardized test prep and AP humanities subjects. Most recently, she worked as a communications manager for a woman of color-owned independent coffee shop based out of Elmhurst, IL. She lives in an intentional living community in Humboldt Park, Chicago, with her four roommates, two bunnies, and lots of plants. She's looking forward to her wedding this June to her partner, Caleb, who attends McCormick Theological Seminary.



High School Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

From July 17 to July 22, our High School youth and their leaders will be on a mission trip to Puerto Rico. They will be staying at Camp El Guacio, a PC(USA) camp and helping the camp and surrounding areas with service projects. These projects will include painting buildings, pressure washing, ceiling crack filling, green area maintenance, and more. Please join us in worship on July 10 at 10:00 am as we commission them for this important work.

Celebration Sunday

On Sunday, May 1 during worship we celebrated the faith journey of our eight graders. These youth have spent the last year in study and fellowship learning about Jesus, his teachings and what it means to be a member of a faith community all while growing their personal faith. Congratulations to the 2022 class!

Sam Cerniglia

James Juneau

Evan Doering

Kate Nowak

Jack Gabrione

Kyle Runkle

William Haines



Middle School Youth Mission Trip to Milwaukee

From June 26 to July 1, our Middle School youth and their leaders will be on a mission trip to Milwaukee, WI. They will serve alongside organizations that support Milwaukee including (but not limited to) food pantries, soup kitchens, local gardens, and intergenerational care centers. In the evenings they will participate in a local worship service, go to the beach of Lake Michigan, hear from community friends who work with teens in the inner city, and more. Please join us in worship on June 26 at 10:00 am as we commission them for this important work.

Summer at the Loaves & Fishes Garden

Join us for Summer Sunday School!

Preschoolers – incoming 5th graders are invited to get their hands dirty in the Loaves & Fishes Garden this summer! Join us for Summer Sunday school on June 5, June 19, July 10, July 24, August 14, and August 28. Over the course of the summer, kids will get to see how the garden transforms from seeds and starts into a bounty of fresh produce that benefits our community. In addition to learning how to tend and care for a garden, kids will also have the opportunity to make some recipes from what they harvest and enjoy learning how our community garden helps us love and care for our neighbors. Meet us at 10:00 am by the garden boxes!



AGE: Preschool – 5th graders

DATES: SUNDAY MORNINGS

June 5, June 19

July 10, July 24

August 14, August 28

TIME: 10:00-11:00

WHERE: The Loaves & Fishes Garden



“Hoppiness” is an Easter Egg Hunt!

When our Children's Ministries families gathered for our annual Easter brunch and egg hunt, you could feel the excitement in the air! Families of all ages joined in the fun and enjoyed sharing fellowship with one another over brunch. But arguably the biggest draw of the morning was the egg hunt! Eggs were hidden throughout the Parlor, Narthex, and Library just waiting to be found! Three lucky bunnies found the golden eggs and were awarded prizes for their keen eyes! Thank you to all who attended, and all the volunteers who helped to make our Easter festivities a success!



Summer Fun at VBS and MissionFactory

There is something for kids of all ages at First Pres this summer! Preschoolers – incoming 4th graders are invited to join the Food Truck Party and learn how God provides for us in good times and bad in this action-packed Vacation Bible School program! Incoming 5th and 6th graders are encouraged to check out MissionFactory, our unique program designed especially for tweens. And finally, 7th graders and up are welcome to volunteer as leaders – we need your help and energy!

If you know a youth who would like to volunteer – both for fun and service hours – please contact Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org.

To register for VBS and MissionFactory, both held July 11-15, please visit <https://firstpresah.org/programs/children-families/vbs-mission-factory/>, or scan the QR Code at the right. Both programs cost \$35/child. Questions can be directed to Katy Allen.



VBS & MISSIONFACTORY

JULY 11 - 15

8:45 AM – 12:00 PM



Scan the QR code to register for VBS or MissionFactory!



PDO Summer 2022

PDO, Preschool and Kindergarten Enrichment classrooms are just about ready for summer vacation. We have had a great year learning, being more creative and doing our best to stay healthy. Our classrooms will re-open in September. If you are in need of enrollment information, please email PDO Director, Coleen Anzalone at coleenanzalone@firstpresah.org. Have a wonderful and safe summer!



May Session Notes

By Laura Carlson, Clerk of Session

Session Highlights from the approved minutes from the May 1, 2022, Special Meeting of Session and unapproved minutes from the Regular Stated Meeting of Session on May 15, 2022.

ACTION ITEMS

A MOTION was passed to approve the call for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 15, 2022, for the purpose of electing the candidates for the APNC.

On May 15, 2022, the Congregation elected the slate of candidates listed below, which was put forth by the Nominating Committee for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Session thanks these individual for their willingness to serve on this important committee. The APNC is charged with the responsibility of leading the discernment process alongside the Session for discovering who God is calling to help lead First Pres in this next chapter of First Pres life and ministry. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this important work.

May Allen (youth member)	Kristie Cerniglia
Kelly Dean	Steve Doering
Brian Landwehr	Heidi Meyer
Mark Smith (chair)	

I would also like to offer my deepest thanks to Kevin Kelly and Susan Schuffler who served with me on the APNC Nominating Committee.

Session approved the baptism for Isaac Amiran, son of Allana Amiran, who is a PDO parent, but not a member of First Pres. Session carefully considered the baptism request given that in W 3.0403 of our Book of Order it states: *When a young child is presented for Baptism at least one parent (or person exercising parental responsibility) should be an active member of a Christian church, normally the congregation in which the baptism takes place.* Session recognized this situation as different because the parent regularly attends First Pres and her son is enrolled in PDO for the fall.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kris Ward, Chair, of Worship, Music, and Sacraments addressed Session with concerns about communication between Session and committees, especially given the chair of WMS is no longer a current Elder. Kris summarized the issues that were included in the docket and asked Session to consider ways to improve communication so that WMS is involved in decisions that are considered the responsibility



of WMS. Session recognized that there were some bumps in communication during the transition period and that these concerns will be addressed. Session was appreciative of this feedback.

Gary Gehm provided an update on First Pres financial status and was happy to report Q1 2022 was the best ever!

There was enthusiastic discussion about the progress and plans for Culture, Internal and External Goals. The Culture Committee will explore ways to create more opportunities for the First Pres community to make connections on Wednesday nights and conduct focus groups with ushers and the hospitality team. Internal Goal Committee will coordinate with CLE and Deacons to explore ways to connect with: 1) empty nesters; 2) parents with kids in youth programming; and 3) the Moorings community. Session also watched three of five testimonial videos Alex created alongside the External Goal Committee. They were beautifully done and remarkable, heart-felt stories.

Personnel Committee updated Session on the progress for hiring an interim Director of Youth Ministries. Candidates were interviewed last week. The top two candidates are expected to be interviewed the week of May 23.

Respectfully submitted by,
Laura Carlson, Clerk of Session

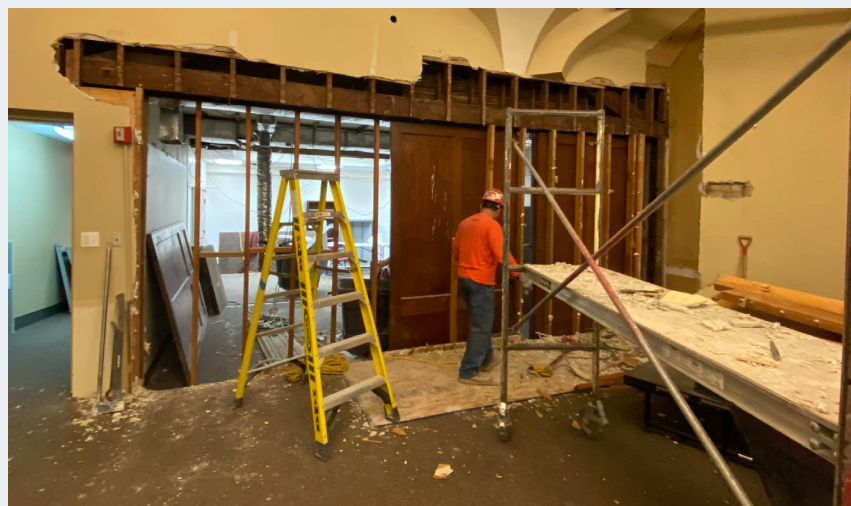


Chapel construction photos, see next page for article

First Presbyterian Church Financial Update

Below is a summary of the church's income for the month of March 2022 and Year-to-Date 2022. We encourage everyone to give regularly and generously. Thank you for your good stewardship!

	March			Q1 of 2022				
	March 2022 Actual	March 2021 Actual	Actual vs Prior Year	Q1 2022 Actual	Q1 2021 Actual	Actual vs Prior Year	2022 Budget	Actual vs Budget
Operating Income Sub-Total	164,125	134,511	29,614	367,089	326,015	41,074	316,500	50,589
Operating Expense Sub-Total	125,764	105,393	20,371	351,327	300,107	51,220	340,930	10,397
Operating Income/(Deficit)	38,361	29,118	9,243	15,762	25,908	(10,146)	(24,430)	40,192
ANNUAL BUDGET 1,266,000								



Construction Update

The Trustees, in conjunction with the Admin and Finance Committee, want to keep you updated on the Memorial Prayer Garden Hallway and the Chapel project. As the hallway project wraps up and the Chapel project begins, we want to keep you informed about the costs and how we are paying for these projects.

The estimated cost of the Memorial Prayer Garden Hallway project is \$491,065. This is higher than our original estimate due to the inflationary costs of materials and labor. We raised \$440,770 through our capital campaign. Therefore, we will be pulling \$50,295 from the PC(USA) loan to pay for the overages.

The estimated cost of the Chapel renovation is \$325,692. Again, this is higher than our original estimate due to inflation of materials and labor. However, with the Chapel, there were also major code upgrades that had to be handled

(i.e. fire safety, air circulation and ADA requirements). Our estimated shortfall will be \$122,829, which we will also pull from the PC(USA) loan.

In total, we are estimating utilizing \$173,124 from the loan, but the Trustees have authorized up to \$225,000 in case the costs increase further. The congregationally approved loan has a fixed interest rate of 2.4% and we will repay the loan utilizing our reserves. Given that the summer is often much lower in terms of attendance and giving, Admin and Finance determined that drawing on the loan was the best way forward to make sure we have enough cash on hand to pay for our bills over the summer.

We're looking forward to being able to occupy these renovated spaces in the next few months. Thank you again for your generosity and for making First Pres a wonderful place to worship God!

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SYMPATHY TO

The Deardorff family, on the death of Jeff Deardorff, former pastor of First Pres

The *Fick family*, on the death of friend and colleague, Fred Tellez

The Frazier family, on the death of Tom Frazier, former pastor of First Pres

The *Grochocki family*, on the death of Laura's uncle, Rob Klein

Ralph Larsen, on the death of his brother, Chris Larsen

The *Larson family*, on the death of Brian's father, *Don Larson*

The family of *Wanda Nolen*

The Roth family, on the death of *Dorothy (Dottie) Roth*

The *Treppa family*, on the death of Jeff's father, Jerry Treppa

BAPTISM

Sloan Elizabeth Fuentes, born October 13, 2021— daughter of *William and Kelsey Fuentes*

Greyson Bedford Lee Wolfe, born May 30, 2020 — son of Chris Holt and *Kylene Wolfe*

Brynn Willow Lewis, born February 7, 2022 — daughter of *Phil and Courtney Lewis*