

# PARISH SOUNDS



July 2015

A newsletter for Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church of Berthoud

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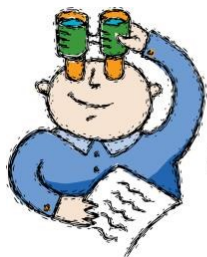
Adult Bible Study - 8:30 am  
Worship Service - 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School  
before worship is available upon  
need or a request. If you know  
of a specific need, please call  
the church office or Sally Seitz.

The Nursery is available for  
parents with infants and young  
children.



## PASTOR'S SEARCH UPDATE



### Pastor Search

#### A Minute for Pastor Search

Session has been meeting every week, reading Pastor's Information Forms (PIF's), and praying. With upcoming travels, there will be a couple of weeks that we don't meet.

Due to the nature of the computer matching process in Louisville, the PIF's we have gotten so far have not been good matches. "Examples in some of the PIF's: *Wants an urban church in a poverty neighborhood; will reinterpret Scripture; bi-lingual in Eng.-Arabic; bi-lingual in Eng.-Korean; a clergy couple of 2 women; a 'new way of doing church'; will address the gender of God controversy and refers to the H.S. as 'she'.* The Session is hoping for a mutually beneficial relationship with a pastor, and these applicants skill-sets would not be put to good use in Berthoud, and our needs would not be met.

I re-read your comments on the survey now and then to refresh my mind on what your hopes for the church are. And as we read over a PIF, we consider you as individuals, and think how would this candidate affect so and so.

A couple of PIF's from 2 pastors in Kansas and Nebraska looked promising, but after contacting them, we found out that they did not know that their applications had been sent to our church, and they were not interested in relocating. We just changed the previous experience requirement, and that resulted in several more PIF's.

Since we are not completely satisfied with the PCUSA computer matching process in Louisville, we did ask Jen Rotar, the webmaster for our church website, to come to our last meeting and she gave us suggestions for other online pastor search sites. We will look into that. Gary Letourneau from Mt. View Pres. is looking around for anyone he might know that would be interested.

We are trusting God that when the time is right, a pastor will be provided. Nevertheless, this process does remind me of a conversation I had with my mom years ago. A staunch Presbyterian in Gordon, NE, my hometown, she would never have thought of leaving the church. I asked her, "What do you do when you have a pastor you don't like?" She said, "Oh, we just turn our hearing aids down."

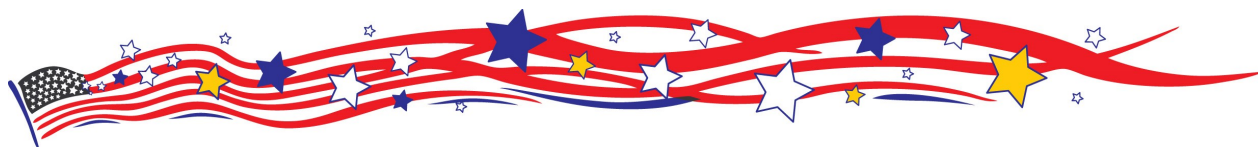
We continue to look for someone who will, like the Scripture says about David, "shepherd his people with integrity." But remember, we still have THE Good Shepherd, who restores our souls every day, and leads us in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. For this we thank God.

Submitted by Sally Seitz, Elder

## NEW COLOR COPIER

Yes, we are getting a color copier! How exciting to be able to print our bulletins, Parish Sounds, church flyers and other publications in color. Did you see the June Parish Sounds? It was printed on a color copier like the one we are purchasing. Over the last couple of years, Pastor Steve and I have "treated" you to examples of how beautiful our publications can be in color and we have had very positive comments. Now, we can chose to have color or experience the sharp details of black and white.

The copier will arrive July 7 and we will schedule training session for those who use the copier on a regular basis. If you are interested, please let the office know and we will put you on the schedule.



## SERVING SCHEDULES

### USHERS

#### July 5

Dorothy Kurlander, Dave  
Dinsmore, Bettie Dinsmore

#### July 12

Marian Thrush, Linda Olson,  
Ann Hughes

#### July 19

Donald Houle, Dianne  
Pollock, Chris Pollock

#### July 26

Sandy Hagberg, John Prock,

### COMMUNION SERVERS

#### July 19

**Preparer:** Carolyn Kube

**North Center Aisle:**  
Carolyn Kube

**South Center Aisle:**  
Rebecca Johnson

**North Outside Aisle:**  
Virgil Downing

**South Outside Aisle:**  
Mark Johnson

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### July 5

Mark Johnson

#### July 12

Beth Sommers

#### July 19

Rebecca Johnson

#### July 26

Sally Seitz

## PRAYER CONCERNS



Barbara Schaal	Natalie Austin	Lorraine Thompson
Mark Heim	Mike Salomonson	Schinke Family
Charlene Gunther	Lentz Family	Bud Allshouse
Jeanne Edmistrn	Bettye Gruber	Ed Adsit
Todd Wynn Family		
Stan & Jeanne Edmiston's daughter		
Liz Hartman's Aunt Pat		
Dale and Mary Ann Louis—mission trip to Mongolia July 1-22, 2015		

Our Military Folks serving around the world, Our Veterans,  
Our leaders, local and national, Peacemakers and Reconcilers,

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2	Bettie Dinsmore
July 2	Lee Rardin
July 3	Gabriel Smith
July 15	Kathleen Felix
July 17	Marian Thrush
July 20	Flossie Barrowman
July 25	Judy Allshouse
July 31	Dean Hardin
July 31	Annette Sterkel



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 3	Virgil & Vivian Downing
July 3	Dan & Carolyn Kube
July 14	Bud & Judy Allshouse
July 31	Eric & Jan Lord



*If we have missed any birthdays or  
anniversaries, please call Judy Dill  
at 532-2192*

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS



## Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will not meet for their monthly luncheon in July. If you have questions about Women's Fellowship, call Norma Huffaker (970) 776-9646 or Marian Thrush (970) 532-5989. Women's Fellowship lunches are for all women in the church. If you haven't joined us before, plan to join us in August to enjoy this time of fun and fellowship.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast for everyone will be Monday, July 6 at 8:00 am. All are welcome. The men will continue to meet the rest of the month on Monday mornings at 8:00 am. This is a fellowship time to have coffee and chat.

Skeins of Love meets on the third Monday of the month. We will meet on Monday, July 20 at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We have been given more yarn and will be sorting our yarn into possible afghans. Come join this fun group. If you know of anyone needing TLC, please let us know.



## CHURCH PICNIC



Sunday, July 12

After Worship Service at Pioneer Park in Berthoud

All are welcome to attend.

Please sign up for either a salad or dessert on the sign-up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary.

The meat, buns, and drinks will be provided.

Bring chairs for your comfort.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR IHN WEEK—July 19-26

Our next week to co-host Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) will be July 19-26. IHN is an organization made up of churches in Loveland and Berthoud. The purpose is to support homeless families with children in our area. The goal is to help these families become self-sufficient. A very high percentage of the families who participate DO become self-sufficient. We hear so much about poverty and homelessness and often feel very helpless in the face of such problems. IHN is a way you can contribute to helping with these issues in a very real way.

IHN operates almost entirely through the efforts of volunteers. Our church has participated with IHN for about 15 years and we always need new Volunteers. Some examples of ways you can help are: Prepare a meal (usually 2-3 people contribute to a meal) Evening Hosts: The Evening Hosts arrive at the church at 5:00pm. They greet families, help set tables for meal, participate with families as needed. It is very easy to take cues from families on how much interaction they would like. Over Night Hosts: A representative of the church is required to be present at all times. The overnight hosts arrive at 8:00pm and leave at 7:00am the next morning. A private and comfortable sleeping room is provided. Laundry Host: The Laundry Host picks up linens at the end of our week, launders and returns to church. There is usually one load of laundry.

There is a sign up board in the back of the Sanctuary which gives full details about the schedule and the various Volunteer opportunities. We do need **VOLUNTEERS** so please look at the board if you might be able to help.

THANK YOU!! For questions: Ann Hughes 970-587-4057 or Sandy Hagberg 532-0764



Put these exciting events on your calendar!

## July 2015

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## July Events

7/4 Independence Day

7/6 Men's Breakfast

7/7 Deacons

7/12 Church Picnic

7/13 Session

7/20 Skeins of Love

7/25 HNS Food Drive





## SESSION MEETING - June 16, 2015

- Session met June 16 with Bill Kyle, an elder from the Broomfield Church as Moderator. He is our new liaison with the Committee on Ministry.
- Sally Seitz reported that the Nursery Attendant has been there every Sunday, the volunteer list is set and now we need children.
- A new copier has been purchased and will soon be installed in the office.
- Karin Sommers has been approved and added to the list of counters and also to help with the deposit at the bank when needed.
- The Churchill House is now vacant. Some pastors are open to living in a manse, so the house will not be rented at this time.
- Our Insurance coverage has been adjusted to better fit our needs. There was very little cost involved.
- An awning has been purchased for the north door to protect the finish and make our weekday entrance more visible. One light fixture has to be moved, and then the awning will be installed.
- The dying apricot tree just south of the gardens will be removed.
- We are now looking for a full time pastor. That should give us a better selection of candidates.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Sommers

## DEACON NOTES - June 2, 2015

The Deacons met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Cards and home visits were discussed as both sent and received. Recommendations were made for future visits and congregational care.

The Mother's Day Strawberry Shortcake celebration that was held in May was a great success. Plans were discussed and finalized for a Father's Day Ice Cream Social to be held on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Deacons were updated on the pastoral search; any issues that may arise during the transition may be made through any of the Deacons which will be coordinated through Karin Sommers. If you know of anyone who might be in need of assistance or have a particular request of help for yourself, please contact one of the Deacons. As always, we thank all of you for your support.

Blessings to each of you!!

Respectfully submitted by Niccole Deister, Deacon

## THANK YOU NOTE

**THANKS**  
— from the —  
**HEART**

Thank you all for the care, love, support and prayers during Max's confinement and illness. He so enjoyed all the visits. Thanks, also, for the beautiful memorial luncheon. It was delicious and very much appreciated.

God bless you all,  
Dee Metrock

## NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Dorothy Kurlander's new email address - [lildot544@gmail.com](mailto:lildot544@gmail.com)

### SESSION MEETINGS

7:00 PM  
2nd Monday of month

### DEACONS MEETINGS

6:00 PM  
1st Tuesday of month

Meeting times and dates may be changed to accommodate holidays and other schedules.

If you have a question, Call the church office 532-2192.



## SPECIAL MUSIC NEEDED

Many people are drawn to church by the music of the choir, the organist and special music solos or groups. They like vocal, instrumental, piano, organ and any other form of music.



Would you please consider signing up at the back of the church to share your talents by providing special music this summer while our choir is on vacation? We would appreciate it and enjoy it so much!

## THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Amid the beautiful rolling terrain just outside Bardstown, Kentucky sits the Abbey of Gethsemane in which resides a community of Trappist monks. All who enter the Trappist Monastic Order take vows of poverty, work, and silence in order to discipline themselves for a life of prayer.



On my first visit to Gethsemane, I took with me a suspicion that these hooded figures were running from the world. After a day in this community of prayer, I quickly changed my mind.

Selected monks are allowed to break their vow of silence in order to speak with visitors to the monastery. Conversing with our host for the day, the question was asked, "How do you justify living so completely apart from the world?" No defensiveness marked the monk's answer, only firm resolve. After acknowledging that God calls people to many different tasks, the man said, "Our ministry is prayer. We pray for the world. We pray for the success of the gospel in the world. We pray for people in all areas of life. Our ministry of prayer is as important as other functions in life, more important than most." Never before had I heard such a moving statement about the importance of prayer.

I thought of the regularity with which Jesus went alone to pray and of the eagerness of the disciples to learn how to pray. The gift of prayer is an extension of God's action in creation and redemption; an indication of God's desire for fellowship with that part of creation shaped in the divine image.

When we pray, we make a contribution to God. Persons serious about prayer praise God's name, extol God's wisdom, express delight in God's presence, marvel at God's might, and bow in awe before God's love and grace. Even when requests dominate our prayers, we affirm God by our effort to commune with God. Offering prayers to God allows us to give to God a part of what God seeks from us. What could be more important than an action that brings pleasure to God?

Prayer is one important way we identify ourselves as human. When we honestly open our lives to God in prayer, we are not self-sufficient persons, but creatures who will never outgrow a need for our Creator. We are sinners in search of a forgiveness that is beyond our ability to earn or achieve. We are social beings longing for the kind of love and relationship that is available only from a God-sent Savior. We are complex personalities who are starved for acceptance. Praying to God we see our true nature as at no other time.

Only in prayer do we come to the kind of commitment to God that enables us to see life's greatest joys and fulfillment in terms of service, to understand our basic identity as servants of God. What could be more important than coming to see ourselves and our roles in life in the light of God's intentions for us?

Prayer is life in its most concentrated form. When we pray we are in touch with the One who created life and who remains involved in all of life. In prayer, we cannot separate religion and politics, moral principles and business practices, personal values and professional goals, convictions and expediency. Communion with God engages us in a conversation about the whole of life.

Jesus prayed regularly. The earliest disciples of Jesus recognized the importance of prayer and requested, as well as received, help for their praying. How do we see it? More importantly, how do we practice it? Nothing is more important than prayer.



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## VERSE BY VERSE BY JERRY GROVES

Text: 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1....."Dear friends, do not believe every Spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God...because many false prophets have gone out into the world"....

COMMENTS: The Apostle John was a tremendous writer, and very practical about his beliefs about God. He was very aware of the fact that there were many false teachers around in his day who were teaching false ideas about the identity of Jesus, and the reasons why Jesus had come to this world. Some of these teachings said that Jesus was just a man, and not the Son of God, as he claimed. Serious falsehoods were spread around at that time, and that is why John advised people to be careful about what they were hearing. "Test the Spirits", said John, "to see whether they come from God". In other words, question the teacher, to see if what they were teaching came from God, and was in accord with God's Word. This is very good advice, both in John's day...and today. "There are many false prophets gone out into the world", said John. Considering the number of messages that one hears today about the Lord, through TV and other means, this is an understatement!...As John says, we should be careful about what we hear.....and not believe every spirit [every teacher], because some of these messages are bogus and phony. Practical question....How does one tell whether a message about Jesus is true or false? One of the ways is to question the teacher about their feelings about Jesus' identity. Was Jesus the Son of God come to the world in human flesh...or was he not? Ask a teacher this question, and see how they answer it. If the teacher says that Jesus was indeed the Son of God in human form...then the likelihood of that teacher teaching right doctrine about Jesus is not necessarily guaranteed, but far more likely than if they believe that Jesus was just a man. [See 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:2-3] This is the touchstone question that John used to sort out the true and false teachers of his day.



## A SUNDAY MESSAGE

*(To make it possible for everyone to attend church, we are going to make some special arrangements.)*

A cot will be placed in the Sanctuary for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep."

Eyedrops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV too late on Saturday night.

We will have Steel Helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I showed up in church."

Blankets will be furnished for people who think the church is too cold and fans for those who think the church is too hot.

We will have hearing aids for those who think the minister speaks too softly and cotton for those who think he speaks too loudly.

Scorecards will be placed in the pew racks for those who might enjoy listing the hypocrites present.

One hundred TV dinners will be on hand for those who can't go to church and cook dinner too.

A putting green is being constructed near the altar for those who say, "Sunday is my golfing day."






Finally the sanctuary will be decorated with Christmas Poinsettias and Easter Lilies for those who never see the church without them.

(This came from a Presbyterian Church Bulletin [not FPCB])



# JULY

## July 2015~ Activity Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																																																								
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## WHO'S WHO

Clerk of Session: Beth Sommers..... (303) 678-8493  
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     Vivian Downing ..... 622-8847  
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 Barbara Losche ..... '16 ..... 532-0842  
 Mark Johnson ..... '17 ..... 532-5228  
 Rebecca Johnson ..... '17 ..... 532-5228  
 Virgil Downing..... '17 ..... 622-8847

### DEACONS

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 Dee Metrock ..... '17 ..... 443-8142  
 John Prock..... '17 ..... 532-3564  
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## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Blessings are everywhere! Our church is experiencing a blessing right now. How can that be, you may ask? I see the blessing of the Session, nine devoted members who are giving their time and energy to the governing of the church and searching for a new pastor. Their job is a big one. Just leading a pastor search is daunting and Beth Sommers is doing a super job. I have been on several pastor search committees in my own church and it is exciting, disappointing, exhausting and exhilarating. It takes time, lots of time to review resumes, to match candidates with the wants and needs of the church and to discern if the candidate really does meet all the requirements. And then when you think you have the right candidate, they aren't interested. Well it just takes lots of prayer. Prayers asking for guidance, for patience, for energy, for discernment and prayers asking for blessings upon this church, First Presbyterian Church in Berthoud (FPCB).

As you can see from Sally Seitz article regarding searching for a pastor on Page 2, it sometimes seems like the cards are stacked against us. We know that isn't true because the Lord is guiding us through our leaders. You know blessings sometimes take a long time to come, but when they come what a joyous celebration we will have. I hope you will join me in showing appreciation for our leaders and praying for them as they go through the process of finding a new pastor for FPCB.

Another blessing is the efforts of Mark and Rebecca Johnson, chairmen of the Worship and Music committee. They are securing supply pastors for every Sunday. This isn't an easy task either, but they are doing a remarkable job! The supply pastors are also blessings as they share the word of God with us each Sunday. Pray for their continued success of securing pastors for our pulpit.

Our prayers should also go out to Karin Sommers and the Deacons who have stepped up their efforts in caring for our church members, friends and community. What a blessing they are to all of us. If you or someone you know needs some extra care, please contact Karin or one of the Deacons listed above in the Who's Who column.

My personal blessing is the wonderful volunteers who manned the church office while I was on vacation! What a great job you all did! Dorothy, Sally, Norma, Marian, and Karin, thank you so much for all your skills and efforts to make my coming back so easy! Thank you so very much!

Now are you feeling blessed? Well, you should! Remember blessings are everywhere, just look around!

God bless,  
*Judy*





# 2015

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am  
Adult Bible Study

10:00 am  
Worship Service

Children's Sunday School  
before worship is available  
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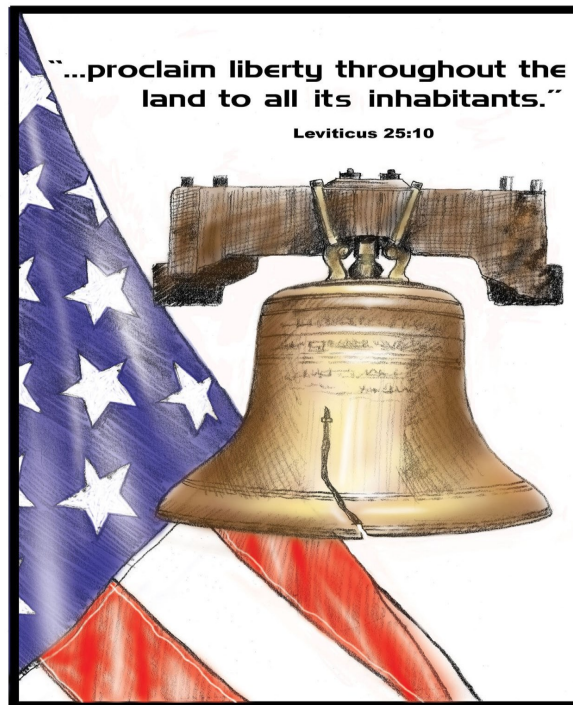


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