



St. Andrew's Society 37th Annual Dinner Program

The St. Andrew's Society of the Fargo-Moorhead area will have its 37th annual dinner/program, that celebrates Scottish culture and heritage, on Saturday, November 5 at The Courtyard By Marriott, 1080 28th Ave. S., Moorhead, MN. The social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the dinner/program will begin at 5:30 p.m. The meal will include a beef dinner, haggis, scones, bashed neeps, shortbread, and cranachan (Scottish dessert). The program will include performances by the Heather and Thistle Pipes and Drums Band; dancing by members of the Minnesota Celtic Dance Association; and a singer who will perform famous Scottish songs. Anyone interested in Scottish culture and heritage is welcome to attend. Tickets are available through November 2 by calling 402-981-2333.

(FOR EVERYONE'S PROTECTION, IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL ATTENDEES BE FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED.)

Message from B&G

The Building and Grounds committee welcomes observations, suggestions, questions, and concerns; and appreciates volunteers who help with building and grounds maintenance and improvements. If you wish to provide input or help with anything related to our facilities, please coordinate with Facility Manager Rick Fiebiger or the B&G committee. Please do not undertake any building or grounds work without communicating with B&G. Thanks!

Delivering Thanksgiving Meals / Hope Blooms

Again this year, we are partnering with Heart n' Soul to deliver 300 Thanksgiving meals. **NEW THIS YEAR** – we will be assembling bouquets of flowers to deliver with the meals through Hope Blooms, a local non-profit that repurposes flowers into small bouquets to give to people in need; all with the message "You matter." **IN THE MEANTIME**, we are collecting small glass jars for vases. Clean them out, please! (We can handle stubborn labels!) Meals and bouquets will be delivered on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Watch bulletins and the website for signing up details in early November.

Message from Pastor Sarah

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace, the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
-Isaiah 55:12

When the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, Jerusalem had rested in ruins for 60 years. The land was in poor condition for planting and the crops were insufficient to feed the people. Yet, the prophet Isaiah reminds his people that everything has a purpose and when serving that purpose, its very existence praises God. The mountains sing and the trees clap because their very existence pleases God. Those returning to Jerusalem were being restored to their purpose and that was reason to praise God.

We too are returning from exile when we were forced to be apart and worship in ways that were unfamiliar. However, things are not the way that we imagined they would be upon our return. Many of our friends have not returned with us. We have a new pastor. We are the same but different. Yet, like the Jewish exiles, God is restoring us to our purpose -- to praise God, with our worship, with our work, and with our lives. This is cause for celebration.

Friends, we are a new creation, a new church with a new future and there is evidence of it all around us. We are truly blessed. So, let us do what we were created to do -- join with all of creation in expressing our gratitude to God!

Pastor Sarah



Kirkin' o' the Tartans, Nov. 6

We will observe our traditional celebration of the origins of the Presbyterian Church in Scotland on Sunday, November 6 at 9am and 11am. The Kirkin' Choir, orchestra, Heather & Thistle Pipe Band, Highland Dancers and the familiar Calling of the Clans will all be part of the service. The 9am service will be livestreamed on the church website for those who cannot attend in person.

Serving at Micah's Mission Continues

Thank you to those who have been preparing and serving meals at Micah's Mission (part of Churches United for the Homeless). Our commitment continues every second Thursday of the month. A sign up sheet is on the Volunteer Opportunities Board if you're wishing to help for November and December. We need 4 meal preparers from 3-5pm and 4 servers from 5-7pm. Consider forming a team, or being part of a team. See Pastor Mary if this is for you! Come and be a part of this longstanding partnership.

Piano for Sale \$200

Do you know a young musician starting piano lessons this year? The church has an extra piano that could use a new home! This Everett spinet piano, with bench, is in good condition. The buyer will need to have it moved. For further information, contact Sally Harmon, sharmon@firstpresfargo.org.



Welcoming our New Neighbors

Remember that song from Sesame Street? "Who are the people in your neighborhood?" During COVID we got some new neighbors! The Fargo Veterans Community Resource and Referral Center moved into the Dawson Insurance building. The mission committee thought a fall Holy Buckets drive would be a warm way of welcoming the Veterans Center into the neighborhood. We will be collecting items for the Veterans that are **brand new** and still have the tags on. They are in need of:

winter coats (M-3XL), cold weather hats/caps (no homemade ones at this time), insulated gloves (L or XL), insulated coveralls/bibs (L or XL), sweatpants (S-3XL), Tee-shirts (S-3XL), men's underwear (S-2XL) XL and XXL are the most needed sizes. Carhartt coats are good and warm. Consider asking a First Pres Fargo neighbor to share the cost of a coat (or any other neighbor you might have). Cash donations will also be accepted and the mission committee can do the shopping.

Thanks to Gracia for bringing the needs of our new neighbors to our attention. Stay tuned for a new Giving Tree this Christmas for our new neighbors.

FPC Financial Summary

September 2022 - General Fund Only

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$551,161	\$594,267	-\$43,106	\$818,800
Expense	\$632,067	\$639,402	-\$7,335	\$857,950
Net/Shortfall	-\$80,905	-\$45,135	-\$35,771	-\$39,150

ManUp Bible Study for Men

The ManUp Bible study for men returns to the Jennie Roberts Room on Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 6:45 -7:45 a.m. Intended to help men understand what the Bible says in relation to what is expected of a Christian man, the study this month takes up the 2nd lesson in the study guide to the Book of Job. A copy of the study guide can be obtained from Bruce Maylath by e-mail at ring4linguist@yahoo.com. No advance preparation is required for each month's study. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be served. New participants may join at any time.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

BISON WATCH PARTY

FOOD, FOOTBALL AND FUN

Bring your lawn chairs and favorite game day snacks to share with others. "Tailgating" starts at 12:30 - complete with corn hole and other games.

See you in the Social Hall!

Milestones

We list FPC's births, baptisms, weddings and deaths, hoping to stay better connected with one another.

Deaths: Doug Froelich, August 8

Mary Bohnenblust, August 8

Baptisms: Theodore Akwetey Dottey, child of Carrie and Tetteh Dottey, September 4

Weddings: Mikayla Branden & Derek Lindseth, 9/2/2022

New Members: Bill Anderson, Whitney Anderson, Tom Bigwood, Robby Bigwood, Katie Bigwood, Will Cromarty, Tetteh Dottey, Carrie Miranda Dottey, Jennifer McKinnon, Sue Miller, Mimi Moreland, Eugene Robinson, Julie Robinson on 10/9/2022

Free Concert in November

The Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club invites everyone to attend a *Parade of American Music Honoring Our Veterans* on **Monday, November 7**, at 7pm in our sanctuary. This program is free and open to the public.

Hanging of the Greens November 27

Worship on Sunday, November 27 will celebrate the Hanging of the Greens, a well-loved tradition in many churches around the country. The readings, music, and visuals will focus on the meaning and symbolism of the different decorations that are used to adorn our sanctuary and homes during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. These preparations are but an outward reminder of our inner preparations for the coming of Christ. Join us in lighting the advent wreath as we begin this journey together.



Presbyterian Women News

PW Board: Presbyterian Women will have a board meeting November 8 at 9:30am in the Jennie Roberts Room.

Bible Study Leaders: On Nov. 9th Mary will present the Bible Study on Lesson 3 in the office conference room at 2pm. Zoom available upon request.

Circles: Circles will meet Nov. 15 in the Jennie Roberts Room; Naomi/Ruth Circles will meet at 9:30am and the Rachel Circle will meet at 1pm.

Upcoming Events: The Christmas Tea & Carolers is Dec. 6th at 1pm, with the Carols in the Sanctuary and tea in the Jennie Roberts Room.



MSUM Choir in Worship: On Sunday November 13, MSUM's Concert Choir, under the direction of Michael Johnson, will be singing in our worship service. They will offer several gifts of music, with works of Brahms and Virgil Thompson accompanied by Sally Harmon on the organ. Please plan to attend to support our area college musicians as they share their music with us in worship.



Daylight Savings Reminder: Remember to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night, so that you show up to the Kirkin' service of your choice at the right time!

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Dates to Remember
Nov. 6—Kirkin' o' the Tartans
Nov. 13—Special music by MSUM Choir & Communion
Nov. 24—Thanksgiving Day; Office Closed
Nov. 27—Hanging of the Greens

Date	Elder on Duty	Deacon on Duty	Usher Team	Reader
Nov. 6, 9am	Colleen Ford-Dunker	Debbie Tight	Marcia Foss	Kirkin'
Nov. 6, 11 am	Lisa Edison-Smith	Karen Rivers	Tom Bigwood	Kirkin'
Nov. 13	Dick Henderson	Gracia Fulwiler	No Collection	Lisa McEvers
Nov. 20	Ryan Johnston	Rick Herberg	Dianne Connelly	Brian McClure
Nov. 27	Scott Swanholm	Jane Mathew	Shane Erstad	Claudia Hansen

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30pm - Worship Cmt. (H) 7pm - Mission Cmt. Meeting	2 5:30pm - Kirkin Orchestra 6:15pm - Children/Youth Choirs 6:30pm - Westminster Ringers 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Sanctuary Choir	3	4	5 9:30am - Kirkin Rehearsal
6 9am - Kirkin' O' the Tartans Service (L) 10am - Celtic Dancers 10am - Fellowship 11am - Kirkin' O' the Tartans Service 12pm - Fellowship 5:30pm - Confirmation	7 5:30pm - Building & Grounds meeting 5:30pm - Personnel Committee Meeting	8 6:45am - ManUp Bible Study 9:30am - PW Board Meeting 5:30pm - Board of Deacons Meeting	9 2pm - PW Bible Study Leaders 5:30pm - Genesis Ringers 5:30pm - St Andrews Brass 6:15pm - Children/Youth Choirs 6:30pm - Westminster Ringers 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Sanctuary Choir	10	11	12 12:30pm - Bison Tailgate
13 Communion 9:15am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service (L) - MSUM 11:30am - Fellowship 5:30pm - Confirmation	14 6pm - Educon Committee Meeting	15 9:30am - PW Circle 1pm - PW Circle	16 5:30pm - Genesis Ringers 5:30pm - St Andrews Brass 6:15pm - Children/Youth Choirs 6:30pm - Westminster Ringers 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Sanctuary Choir	17	18 4:30pm - Holland/Thompson Rehearsal	19 4pm - Holland/Thompson Wedding
20 9:15am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service (L) 11:30am - Fellowship 5:30pm - Confirmation	21 6:30pm - Session	22	23 12pm - Messenger Deadline 5:30pm - Genesis Ringers 5:30pm - St Andrews Brass 6:15pm - Children/Youth Choirs 6:30pm - Westminster Ringers 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Sanctuary Choir	24 Office Closed	25	26
27 9:15am - Sunday School 10:30am - Hanging of the Greens Service 11:30am - Fellowship	28 5pm - Stewardship Committee Meeting	29	30 5:30pm - Genesis Ringers 5:30pm - St Andrews Brass 6:15pm - Children/Youth Choirs 6:30pm - Westminster Ringers 7pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Sanctuary Choir			