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First United Presbyterian Church



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Pastor's Message

Have you hugged your favorite exoplanet today?

There has been a lot of news lately about exoplanets. Sometimes they are called "Super Earths". What is an exoplanet? Well, I am glad you asked that question. An exoplanet is a planet outside our solar system. We likely know about our 9 planets, or what used to be the 9 planets in our solar system until Pluto got demoted. Finding planets within our solar system is far easier than finding planets outside our solar system. The distance of planets outside our solar system, the light their star gives off and the relatively low light a planet gives off have made it difficult to find planets outside our solar system. There were times in the past when astronomers wondered if our solar system was somewhat unique in having planets. So why is there news about new planets being found? Over the last couple years, astronomers have found ways to greatly increase the rate at which planets beyond our solar system can be found.

This brings up some interesting questions, especially as planets are found that share some of the characteristics, we know are needed to sustain life. Is there life on other planets? Is there intelligent life on other planets? Might individuals on other planets be looking out into the universe to

see if there is life outside their world? As a child who grew up during the space race and having watched T.V. shows such as "My favorite Martian" and the original "Star Trek", I find these questions intriguing.

It also raises some interesting theological questions. Are we alone in being created "In the image of God" or has an infinite God created other life in his image on other planets? The Bible does not directly answer such questions but does tell us in Psa 19:1-6 "For the director of music. A psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. {2} Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. {3} There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. {4} Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, {5} which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. {6} It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat."

God is glorified by our universe and it does give him praise. Once I was asked by someone about life in the universe and I explained how the vastness of space combined with the law of physics that nothing can travel faster than light really

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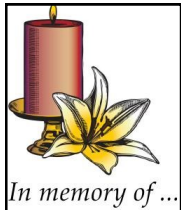
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The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit

Newsletters are sent by email unless you have made other arrangements.



In memory of ...

Gretchen Cox

03/06/21

Bob Nicholls

04/23/21



Prayer Requests

Family of Bob Nicholls, Family of Gretchen Cox, Charles Porter, John Burgess, Jeffrey Burgess, Carolyn Shaw, Gina Gough, Debbie Stover, Sandy Shaw, Scott Kallemeyn, Andrea Klier, Jennifer Veum, Della Porter, Joyce Pines, Shelby Myers, Donna LaPlaunt, Tom Woodgate, Jane Kellan, Joyce Cross, Matilynn Strange, William Kellan, Dave & Leslie Henderson, Patricia Farnhill, Lillian Donelson, Geraldine Carnahan, Tara Jean Brody, Wendy (Menard) James and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.

Food Pantry



Shopping & Bagging:
Doris Boogerd

Food Distribution:
05/11 –Connie & Wanda
05/25 - Jeanne & Wanda

Backpack Program
Jeanne Shibley

*Need a
Ride to Church?*



Cathy Akre,
Wanda Eby
&
Jeanne Shibley



Vera Steffens
Freighter View



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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Bev Ward

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Jane Kellan Room B15

Long Term Care

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Marion Osborn
Alice Soorus



Deacon's
Corner

The next Deacon's
Meeting will be held on
May 16th



**May
15th!!!**

**CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED**

Friday, May 21st
&
May 31st
Memorial Day



P.W. MEETING & COFFEE HOUR

Tuesday, May 18th
at 9:30 AM

Please join us for fellowship,
short meeting & treats.

All Ladies Welcome!

Gordon & Carol Rohweder
55 Years



Fred & Sue Michels
40 Years

MAY



Jaimee Gerrie	05/02	Meta Geyer	05/13
Janet Sarnowski	05/02	Carla Grenier	05/15
Phyllis McKechnie	05/03	Kristeen Mason	05/16
Colton Schmidt	05/04	Mary S. Nelson	05/17
Elizabeth Martin	05/06	Mary Stanaway	05/17
Olivia Martin	05/06	Glenn Trumble	05/21
		Renee Lawrence	05/25
		Charles Zane	05/25
		David Bernier	05/26
		Darla Krueger	05/29
		Ronald Cross	05/30



Gordon and Carol Rohweder	05/07
Fred and Sue Michels	05/23
Jeanne and John Shibley	05/24



The Deacons need YOU - your ideas for getting the word out about our Food Pantry, and drivers for members needing a ride to and from church.

We know there is a need for food, but reaching those in need has been difficult. More agencies and funds have been available for food since COVID became part of our daily vocabulary. However, it seems we are not reaching those who need it most. We look to you for suggestions and getting the word out. Or perhaps you know of someone who could use a bag of groceries and some meat. Please contact a Deacon or the church office to help us provide a meal for someone. We distribute on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 4-6 pm. Bags are also available from Denise in the office.

Recently, we have been blessed to see an uptick on rides needed for those without transportation to get to and from church. More of our limited members are able to get out and want to attend services. Drivers are needed to provide assistance with this mission. We don't want to prevent anyone from hearing the word of God and experiencing Christian fellowship with our community. Please contact the office or Jeanne Shibley at 630-1707 if you are available (even on a limited basis) to provide a much-needed ride. Our only concerns are the ability to fit a walker into your vehicle, and that it is low enough for someone with potential leg movement limitations to get into.

Thank you for your continued support of our missions.

Your Deacons



Meet Your First United Presbyterian Board of Trustees!

By each member you will see their appointed roles and committee membership.

Mike Lussier – President - Offering Pickup, Building & Grounds, and Insurance Committees

Leanne Deuman – Vice President - Insurance and Building & Grounds Committees

Margaret Money – Secretary – Building Use Manager and Offering Pickup

Ann Bourque – Treasurer – Counter, Building & Grounds, and Memorial Committees

Sandy Borg – Counter, Newsletter, and Memorial Committees

Jackie Johnson – Personnel Committee

Tina Kay – Offering Pickup, Counter, Property Management, and Personnel Committees

Laura Moening – Newsletter and Memorial Committees

Jennifer Reattoir – Nominating, Property Management, and Audit Committees

Charmaine Styer – Building & Grounds and Audit Committees

Glenn Trumble – Audit and Finance/Budget Committees

*Alicia Cottle – Offering Pickup, Audit, and Property Management Committees

*Special mention and thanks to Alicia Cottle who is not currently an official Trustee but serves in a variety of ways and continuously shares invaluable knowledge and wisdom.

As Trustees, we are charged with taking care of the financial and physical welfare of the church. The officers elected become the officers of the corporation and committees are formed to complete the necessary work.

We meet on the third Monday of each month. Not only do we address the needs of the church but we get to know each other, share joys and concerns, and enjoy fellowship. We put our best efforts forward for our church community and that brings our hearts together. If you have ideas, suggestions, or questions you would like to discuss with any Trustee, we welcome conversation.

Peace be with you,

Your Trustees

CELEBRATE



If you have a High School or College Graduate to be honored this year, please call or email the church office with the graduates information. Get your information in by May 14th for Recognition Sunday on May 23rd.

906-632-7771 or office@soopresbyterian.org



Sunday
May 9, 2021
Mother's Day

limits what we can know about the universe. The truth is, even getting to tiny fractions of light speed for a human space ship requires enormous amounts of energy. Even if the universe was filled with intelligent life made in the image of God, the chances of us finding or being found are about as bad as winning the \$300 million lottery. The person I was talking to remarked, "Well, if God had wanted us to talk to the aliens (if they exist) he would have put us closer to them". I guess if God wants us to know the answer to if we are alone in the universe or not, we will get an answer. Otherwise, we can certainly enjoy the praise our universe gives its Creator.

Peace in Christ,
Mark

Bible Quiz

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke



Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode
Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.

CLUES:

Y = T, D = I

Y K T P Y D X Y J Z

V Q K R F D Y J O V V

C Q T K J Z O K Y, O X R

R Q X Q Y K Z V C Q X

C Q T K Q F X D X P D L J Y.

Answer: Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5, NRSV



PW NOTES

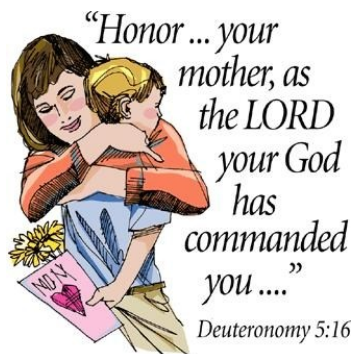


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*"Honor ... your
mother, as
the LORD
your God
has
commanded
you"*

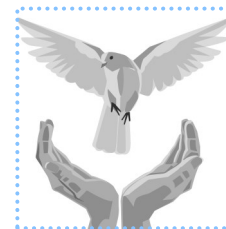
Deuteronomy 5:16



*Ladies
Coffee*

Hour

Our May PW Meeting and Coffee is
May 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
Hope to see you there!



Textile Social

The Thursday Textile Social is making a request for cotton fabric, specifically one yard or longer, of full width pieces. When you do your Spring 'sewing room's' sorting and cleaning, please remember us. JoAnn gift cards are always welcome.



May Mission Project

During the month of May, the Wednesday morning Bible Study group is checking with the Sault Area Middle School to see if their Student Supply Closet Program is in need of items.

Please watch bulletins for updated information.

We appreciate all your support with our mission projects since January, and know that any donations are greatly appreciated by the agencies we are serving.

Circle 3 Meeting



Thursday

May 13th

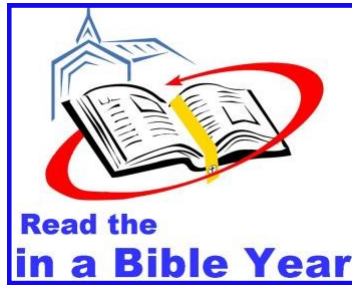
Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.)



**Birthday
Blessings**

Ron Cross

May



1	Acts 14	Joshua 22	Job 31
2	Acts 15:1-21	Joshua 23-24	Job 32
3	Acts 15:22-41	Judges 1	Job 33
4	Acts 16:1-15	Judges 2-3	Job 34
5	Acts 16:16-40	Judges 4-5	Job 35
6	Acts 17:1-15	Judges 6	Job 36
7	Acts 17:16-34	Judges 7-8	Job 37
8	Acts 18	Judges 9	Job 38
9	Acts 19:1-20	Judges 10:1-11:33	Job 39
10	Acts 19:21-41	Judges 11:34-12:15	Job 40
11	Acts 20:1-16	Judges 13	Job 41
12	Acts 20:17-38	Judges 14-15	Job 42
13	Acts 21:1-36	Judges 16	Psalms 42
14	Acts 21:37-22:29	Judges 17-18	Psalms 43
15	Acts 22:30-23:22	Judges 19	Psalms 44
16	Acts 23:23-24:9	Judges 20	Psalms 45
17	Acts 24:10-27	Judges 21	Psalms 46
18	Acts 25	Ruth 1-2	Psalms 47
19	Acts 26:1-18	Ruth 3-4	Psalms 48
20	Acts 26:19-32	1 Samuel 1:1-2:10	Psalms 49
21	Acts 27:1-12	1 Samuel 2:11-36	Psalms 50
22	Acts 27:13-44	1 Samuel 3	Psalms 51
23	Acts 28:1-16	1 Samuel 4-5	Psalms 52
24	Acts 28:17-31	1 Samuel 6-7	Psalms 53
25	Romans 1:1-15	1 Samuel 8	Psalms 54
26	Romans 1:16-32	1 Samuel 9:1-10:16	Psalms 55
27	Romans 2:1-3:8	1 Samuel 10:17-11:15	Psalms 56
28	Romans 3:9-31	1 Samuel 12	Psalms 57
29	Romans 4	1 Samuel 13	Psalms 58
30	Romans 5	1 Samuel 14	Psalms 59
31	Romans 6	1 Samuel 15	Psalms 60



Lee Mason
&
Connie Lawrence



The study group meets
every Friday morning
at 9:00 am.



Doris Boogerd



**Women's
Bible Study**

Meeting every
Wednesday at 9:30 am
in the Youth Room

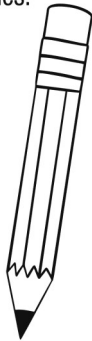
No Meeting
in the week that
Circle 3 Meets



Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our "circles."

What you need:

- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
2. With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house*, *my city*, *my state*, *my country*, *the world*. Draw a picture on each one.
4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.



A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____



Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

"But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School	3 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	4	5 9:30a Women's Bible Study	6 National Day of Prayer 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	7 9:00a Men's Study Grp	8
9 Mother's Day 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School	10 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	11 4:00p Food Pantry	12	13 Ascension Day 9:30a Circle 3 Meeting (SH)	14 9:00a Men's Study Grp	15
16 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting	17 5:30p Session Meeting 5:30p Trustee Meeting 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	18 9:30a Ladies Coffee Hour (SH)	19 9:30a Women's Bible Study	20 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	21 9:00a Men's Study Grp	22
23 Pentecost Sunday Recognition Sunday 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School	24 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	25 4:00p Food Pantry	26 9:30a Women's Bible Study	27 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	28 9:00a Men's Study Grp	29
30 Trinity Sunday 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School	31 Memorial Day Office Closed 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting					

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Monday through Friday
(closed 11:30-12)

Sunday Worship Schedule
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister
Brenda Ransom, CRE
Kay Boyne, Music Director
Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Witte, Sexton

**Deadline for June issue:
May 15th**

May

FATHER
SON
HOLY SPIRIT
Trinity Sunday



PENTECOST
SUNDAY