

## Chip's Chatter



I happened to be reading an article in one of my flying magazines. Even though I retired from professional piloting in 2014, I still keep up with the industry through reading and magazines. I attend a sort of refresher course every 2 years. One article caught my attention. It seems an older pilot, like me, was remembering his first days learning to fly. He recounted how his instructor told him to read the Federal Aviation Regulations that pertained to becoming a Private Pilot.

I can well remember those early days. I started flying on April 4, 1964. I still have my early training books in my library. So, I went and looked at those early Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs). I found the booklet I used; it was 60 pages long and read like a legal document. Along with those Regulations, was another document then called the "Airman's Information Manual." You had to search to find the document and it was difficult to purchase. Instead, you relied on your instructor to teach what was contained in it. I couldn't help but wonder how things had changed/grown in the 58 years I have been flying.

The early FARs have grown from 60 pages to 250 pages for the Private Pilot. The "Airmen's Information Manual" has now become the "Aeronautical Information Manual" (AIM) and is readily available. It contains information on Airport Markings, Airspace, Navigation, among many other topics. The document, when I finally found one in 1964, was about the size of a large pamphlet. Today, it has grown to over 550 pages. When the AIM and FAR are pub-

lished together in one book, it becomes a book of over 1,000 pages and is 2 inches thick!

Why the growth over the years? It is because the FAA has taken on increasing responsibility in all aspects related to flying. Today this includes not only full size aircraft, but also drones and most recently, Radio Controlled Model Airplanes. Secondly, regulations tend to grow in response to accidents and incidents. The goal is to eliminate that type of accident from happening again. If you ever violate a rule in the Regulations or a Procedure contained in the AIM, I guarantee you will hear from the FAA and it may not be a pleasant conversation! Oddly, neither of those two documents tell a pilot what to do if you get a "low oil pressure" warning light.

So what does this have to do with this month's topic? While the flying documents may change, our personal regulations and procedure book, the Bible, does not change. There are no meetings or discussions to add or subtract from the Bible. A group doesn't get together and say we need to add "another chapter to Romans to account for our society today."

Our Seeker's group just finished a 6 week series on the bible; "Why We Trust the Bible" by Dr. Stephen Nichols. As the title suggests, the Bible can be fully trusted even though it never changes. It has remained constant for hundreds of years without addi-

tion or subtraction.

We discovered three doctrines in the study: The Doctrine of Inspiration; The Doctrine of Inerrancy; and The Doctrine of Sufficiency.

**The Doctrine of Inspiration** states that the Bible is the Inspired Word of God. Our Presbyterian agrees and further believe that the Bible is the most authoritative source for faith and practice for all people. The Bible is an inspired record of the Revelation of God to all. The authors of the Bible were not “the pens of God” as pre-Christian writers believed. Instead the writers were “inspired” by God to reveal God to all people.

**The Doctrine of Inerrancy** states the Bible is without error. In Proverbs 30:5 we read “Every word of God proves true.” 2 Samuel 7:28 says “And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true.” External evidence in the form of archeological findings and data support and confirm what is contained in the Bible.

**The Doctrine of Sufficiency** states that the Bible is the sufficient guide for life. It tells us God’s word works both in us and on us. In our postmodern world, culture teaches us to be suspicious. Secular humanism also enters and results in cultural pressures sneaking into the word of God. This is the most subtle form of attack against scripture.

So what does this mean? It means the Bible is our absolute foundation in all that we do. It contains not only “rules” but also “procedures” on how to live our lives. If you should experience the “warning light of sadness”, the Bible is the first place that can address the problem and aid in recovery. The Bible also carries how we are to love one another and how we are to relate to each other and to the world. It also means we must pay attention when culture tries to tell us there is a different way. They may even say a better way. But, our first response to all the pressures is to ask “what does the Bible say?”

We should remember the Doctrines of Inspiration, Inerrancy, and Sufficiency apply.

As we spend time reading and meditating over scripture, let us remind ourselves of the three Doctrines and listen carefully as the Holy Spirit guides us to understanding.

Chip

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## **NATIONAL CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM DAY**

To observe National Chocolate Ice Cream Day on June 7th all you need is chocolate ice cream. Who says you have to stop there, though? You can have it in a cone or make it from scratch. Add sprinkles or syrup or whipped cream.

Chocolate ice cream is the second most common flavor, surpassed only by vanilla. The chocolate-flavored ice cream has been in existence well over a hundred years and has been popular in the United States since the late 19th century.

Cocoa powder is blended in with eggs, cream, vanilla, and sugar to make chocolate ice cream. The cocoa powder is what gives the ice cream a brown color. Other flavors, such as rocky road or triple chocolate chunk, use chocolate ice cream in their creation.

While you can enjoy this day with a scoop or two, you could also explore the variety of chocolate ice creams available, too. “How many kinds of chocolate ice cream can there be?” you might ask. Well, you might be surprised. For starters, of course, there’s dark chocolate and milk chocolate. But then we can add peanut butter or marshmallow. We just recently celebrated Rocky Road. And don’t forget all the kinds of fudge. Some people like chocolate and mint mixed together, too. And the list goes on and on.

# A peek into your congregation.



## CARLA ERICKSON'S BIO

BORN IN ST PAUL, 1961  
MOVED TO BEMIDJI WHEN I WAS  
FIVE YEARS OLD  
GREW UP IN BEMIDJI, WENT TO CEN-  
TRAL SCHOOL  
AND BEMIDJI HIGH SCHOOL , 1979  
GRADUATED

BECAME AN EMPLOYEE OF THE  
BEMIDJI POLICE  
DEPARTMENT AND SHERIFF'S OF-  
FICE IN 1979 AND  
AFTER TWO YEARS OF OFFICE  
WORK BECAME A DISPATCHER  
FOR 35 YEARS.

TWINS MARRIED TWINS, MY MAR-  
RIAGE LASTED FOR  
16 YEARS AND THE OTHER TWINS  
HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR  
31 YEARS.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WAS A GREAT PLACE  
FOR ME TO GROW UP IN – YOUTH  
GROUP, CONFIRMATION,  
HELPING IN THE NURSERY, PLAYING  
ON THE CHURCH SOFTBALL

## TEAM.

I RETIRED 5 YEARS AGO TO ENJOY  
A LIFE OF LEISURE AT THE LAKE.

I USE MY FREE TIME BEING  
FRIENDS IN A HELPFUL WAY WITH  
THE  
RESIDENTS AT THE BAKER PARK  
SENIOR  
LIVING IN BEMIDJI.  
ANOTHER GREAT EXPERIENCE  
HAS BEEN BEING PART OF  
THE GIRL SCOUT  
ORGANIZATION FOR  
SEVERAL YEARS IN THE  
ROLE OF BEING A GIRL SCOUT,  
TROOP LEADER,  
AND IN CHARGE OF THE GIRL  
SCOUT COOKIE PROGRAM IN  
BEMIDJI

## Message to the congregation:

I would like to include  
all members of the con-  
gregation in this "Peek  
into the congregation"  
and I need and would  
love your co-operation.

Those of you that have  
computers and email, if you would please write a  
short version of the history of yourselves and then  
email to me here in the office at pres-  
bji@paulbunyan.net, or call me at 218-444-5016,  
and we can do this over the phone, or better yet,  
stop into the office. If you do not wish to be in-  
cluded in this project, please let me know. Thanks  
to all who have participated so far.



**FINANCIAL REPORT—Month Ending 4-30-2022**

**Monthly requirement to meet our budget \$10,705.00**

Total Income	\$8848.40
Total Expenses	\$8539.75
Net Income	\$ 308.65

**Thank you** for supporting our church

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

May 1	38
May 8	31
May 15	28
May 22	31
May 29	



- 10 Barb McGregor
- 17 Mary Lou Miller

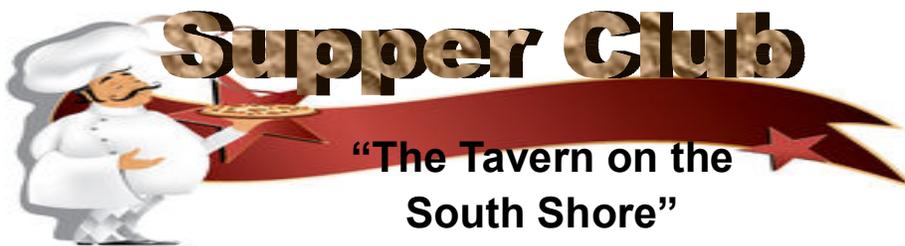
People born in June are considered **social butterflies** because they are charismatic, talented and good looking! They are very intelligent, are extremely inquisitive and have a childlike nature. June borns are great communicators and can easily draw everyone's attention.



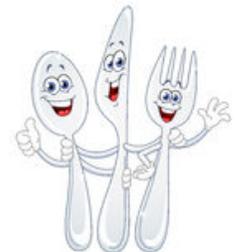
If we have left off your birthday, please let the office know, 444-5016

**Head Usher: Cheryl Hiltz**

June 5	Betty Hanson-Lehman	Ken Paulson
June 12	Ruth Andersen	Kathy Burger
June 19	Donna Enfield	Gini Sande
June 26	Dianne Roholt	Barb McGregor



929 Lake Shore Dr NE "



**Supper Club will be meeting on Thursday, June 16 at 5:30pm**  
 Please call Dianne Roholt directly at 444-2859 for your reservations!  
 This is an evening full of joy, laughter and good food.  
**All are welcome!**

## Our June Benevelance

### SCOUT TROOP 25

Scout Troop 25 of First Presbyterian Church in Bemidji is growing and strong. We have meetings every week, campouts every month, and we throw in extra day outings and service projects here and there. This spring, we had 6 new Scouts join our Troop, so we are up to a membership of 30 Scouts. We have a strong contingent of adults who continue be wonderfully committed to the success of our program. At our last adult committee meeting, 10 people showed up!

Since my last writing last fall, we have had lots of outings. In October, we held a "Bushcraft" campout southeast of Bemidji. At Bushcraft, the Scouts sleep in shelters that they construct themselves and cook over fires rather than stoves. In November, we camped at Paul Conklin's farm west of Bemidji and had inter-patrol competitions in the snow. In December, we spent a weekend in Duluth touring the aquarium, the maritime museum, and the lift bridge, and we did a small service project at the new Scout property called "Adventure Base."

In January, we held our annual Lock-In at the church. In February, we attended the Klondike Derby near Iron, Minnesota. At the Klondike, Scouts vied against other Troops in various Scout skill competitions. We camped at nearby Camp Chicagami, and the Scouts earned their "Zero Hero" award by camping out in sub-zero temperatures. We had a back-up shelter if it was needed, but every Scout who attended camped outside all night! It was a terrific weekend for building self-confidence!

In March, we held a sledding and snow ball campout at Camp Wilderness, south of Bemidji. In April, we had 17 scouts at our annual "New Scout" campout at Camp Nushka on Cass Lake.

During the fall and winter, we also had fun with Law merit badge. The Scouts had a great time with this merit badge which included holding a mock trial. A record 17 Scouts completed the merit badge. In January, we spent several meetings cross country skiing at the Montebello Trail and at Three Island Park, and 14 Scouts completed the Snow Sports merit badge.

We are now in the midst of introducing our new Scouts to Scouting and camping. Very soon, we will be starting Canoeing merit badge. We will be canoeing every Monday and ending the summer with a trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness Area.

This June, one of our Scouts is on staff with NYLT (National Youth Leader Training), and 3 of our Scouts will attend this week-long training near Duluth. NYLT has been a wonderful program and has helped several of our Scouts in recent years gain strong leadership skills.

In July, we will spend an adventurous week at Camp Wilderness. I expect we will have 20 Scouts attend summer camp this year.

As you all know so well, Scouting is a tremendous program for growing responsible, strong, independent, and resourceful young people who will be the leaders of our future. Thank you, First Presbyterian, for being our sponsor and for your support of our Bemidji kids!

Greg Roberts

Scoutmaster, Troop 25, Bemidji

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest scouting organizations and one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, with about 1.2 million youth participants. The BSA was founded in 1910, and since then, about 110 million Americans have participated in BSA programs

# Your session at work

## First Presbyterian Church

**Bemidji, MN  
May 17, 2022**

The monthly stated meeting of the session of First Presbyterian Church was held in the conference room on May 17, 2022, at 1:00 pm. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator, Pastor Chip Holt.

**ELDERS PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:** Donna Dickinson, Cheryl Hiltz, Linnea Mostad, Terri Murray, and Gloria Phelps.

### QUORUM DECLARED

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - MSP to approve

**MEETING MINUTES** - MSP to approve the minutes from the April Session meeting.

### CORRESPONDENCE

A thank-you card from Betty Hanson-Lehman regarding her birthday celebration

A thank-you card from the Bemidji Food Shelf regarding our recent donation

### CLERK'S REPORT

First Presbyterian Church, Bemidji, MN, Clerk's Report - May 17, 2022

**Weddings:** None

**Baptisms:** None

**Deaths:** 1 (Bob Weber)

**New Members:** None

**Return to Active Membership:** None

**Request Transfer of Membership:** None

**Removed from Membership Roll:** None

**Communion:** May 1, 2022: 36 served

**Membership** as of May 17, 2022: 71

### **Sunday Worship Attendance:**

April 17th: 43	April 24th: 21	May 1st: 38	May 8th: 31	May 15th: 28
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**FINANCIAL REPORT** - Finances from April were reviewed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Administration/Personnel** Chairperson: Donna Dickinson; no report

**Buildings & Grounds** Chairperson:

Peter Nordquist; Terri has been assigned to act as chair for this committee in Peter's absence.

**MSP** to approve. Terri reported that she has replaced the weather stripping on the front door and made the custodial sink more user-friendly.

**Finance & Stewardship** Chairperson: Cheryl Hiltz; no report

**Adult & Christian Education** Chairperson:

Linnea Mostad; reported that the last Seekers' class until next fall is May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Nominating:** Chairperson: Cheryl Hiltz; No report

**Outreach** Chairperson: Terri Murray; reported that First Presbyterians served at the Bemidji Food Shelf the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in April. Discussion continued regarding our serving Meals on Wheels. Our next time to serve is June 13-17<sup>th</sup>. Since Terri is now chair of the Building/Grounds Committee, this committee is unassigned. **MSP** to approve

**Worship & Music** Chairperson: Gloria Phelps; The committee recommends that the Session allow members and affiliate members to prepare and serve communion.

This will increase the number of volunteers available to serve. **MSP** to approve.

### OTHER BUSINESS

**Computer Committee:** Chairperson: Cheryl Hiltz; Help is needed in the

office to learn the programs for creating the bulletin and newsletter so that Shirlee may have vacation time.

**Kitchen Fellowship Committee:** Session Contact Person: Cheryl Hiltz; No report

**Nominating Committee:** Chairperson: Cheryl Hiltz; No report

Discussion was held regarding the continued absence of one elder. A motion was made to continue with five active elders as necessary. **MSP** to approve

Chip updated the Session on the recent court appearance for the swindler. No progress was made.

Terri continues to pursue setting up volunteers for the Loop the Lake Festival on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** June 21st at 1:00 pm. in the conference room. Chip will moderate.

**MSP** to adjourn with prayer at 2:00 pm.

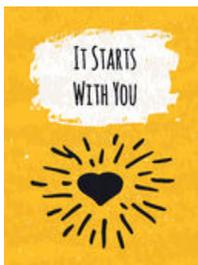
Respectfully submitted,

Libby Underhill  
Clerk of Session

## SEEKERS

The Seekers have finished their Bible Study and are on summer vacation.

**What would you like to see in your newsletter?**



# Christian One Liners

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

The good Lord did not create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?!

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.



A New Year is here and we are thinking of ways to brighten our days. In 2021 many of you did just that by bringing flowers. Jan Kuleta and Donna Enfield shared flowers from their gardens. Terri Murray, Ray Hamblin, and Joan Forbes shared flowers in memory of a loved one. We thank them for sharing.

You will find a "Flower Bouquet" next to the sanctuary where you too may sign up to brighten our days. Flowers may come from your garden. They may be in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, a special birthday, an anniversary, or special occasion. You might even want to share "incognito"!

**Sundays**  
**10:00 am**  
**Worship**  
**11:00am**  
**Fellowship**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30-Calvary Chapel	2	3	4
5 Pastor Chip Communion/ Fellowship	6 7pm-Scouts	7	8 6:30-Calvary Chapel	9	10	11
12 Pastor Chip	13 9:30- Meadows Mtg	14	15 <b>MEALS ON WHEELS</b>	16	17	18
		Pastor Chip 2:00 Inurnment	6:30-Calvary Chapel	5:30-Supper Club The Tavern		
19 Pastor Chip Fellowship	20 First City Singers Rehearsal 1- 2pm 7pm-Scouts	21 1pm-Session Meeting	22 6:30-Calvary Chapel	23	24	25
26 Pastor Duane Geisler	27 First City Singers Rehearsal 1- 2pm 7pm-Scouts	28	29 6:30-Calvary Chapel	30		



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