



Salem First United
Presbyterian Church is:

Alive!

THE KEEPER OF THE PIGS

Have you ever wondered about the origin and development of words or terms which we, as a church community, use freely? Let's consider **STEWARD!** This English word has its origin in medieval Europe. There are two roots to the word: **WARD** - a keeper or one who guards; **STY** - an enclosure for animals, especially swine. (Swine were an important part of wealth in the Middle Ages.) We apply this concept of stewardship to a person or group charged with the general administration of household affairs such as auditing accounts, maintaining property and husbandry. The session members, whom you elected, are charged with managing these tasks for the congregation.

This congregation is blessed with a beautiful church building, an historical landmark in the community. It is our responsibility and we know it is need of care and repair and are working on ways to accomplish this task. However, too many people when they think of stewardship apply the concept only to physical property. Stewardship also encompasses, most importantly, CARE FOR THE CHURCH WHICH IS THE PEOPLE, not just the building. Mission projects, nurturing each other and outreach to the local and global communities must be included in our understanding and execution of stewardship. We are the family of God as stated beautifully in a quote from 1 PETER, iv, 8, 10 *"Above all hold unflinching your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins.....As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."* AMEN.

Sylvia Graham, Elder

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Special points of interest:

- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than the 20th of the month.
- Community Hymn Sing - June 14th

From the CRE

Greetings church!

As the summer weather has somewhat arrived, this tends to be a season when we get together with family outings , picnics, and days at the beach. Sunday's go from attending worship to spending time with family. I remember when I was growing up that we didn't attend church that much in the summer because of all the items mentioned. Whether it is to be with family or just to enjoy the sunshine, I ask you - keep God apart of your day.

We are slowly introducing some new things. The worship service is one and the updated look and feel of the ALIVE is another. Many of you receive this via email or look on the website instead of having it printed and/or mailed to you; for that we are grateful.

As I write this I am placing the final touches on our first-ever "Fifth Sunday" worship service. The Session and I are excited in introducing a different way to worship. This will also be a time that we can informally bring the entire church up-to-date with our building needs and concerns as well as the pastoral search.

On pg. 7, I have listed the items we discussed during the "Fifth Sunday" worship service. We introduced the new Mission Statement. We also welcomed two new members to our church; Laurie Little and Donna Holmes. To help us close out the worship we started looking at US as a church. If you were unable to attend, think about these four questions:

- What brought you to First United Presbyterian Church the very first time?
- What made you stay after that first visit?
- Finish this sentence: Our church is...
- Finish this sentence: Our church is not...

We will discuss more of these types of questions throughout the year. If you wish to respond to these questions and you were not able to attend please feel free to send me an email.

God's Holy Spirit is working through all of us to do God's will. May the Spirit be with you this day and everyday! Alleluia!

Michael Barron, CRE

Scriptures

Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear in June will come from the following readings:

June 7th - 1 Samuel 8: 4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15), Psalm 138: 1-8
2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1; Mark 3: 20-35

June 14th - 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20;
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4: 26-34

June 21st - 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 or 1 Samuel 17: 57-18:5, 10-16
Psalm 9:9-20 or Psalm 133; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41

June 28th - 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8: 7-15; Mark 5: 21-43

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Foundational in Community,

Foundational in Faith, and

Foundational in God's Love.

First United Presbyterian Church was founded and this community built around our church. When times change, the people change and new faces emerge. We have been a foundation for the community by never wavering, always present, and ready to serve our sisters and brothers.

First United Presbyterian Church believes all people are called to God at some point. We are ready to show God's love through our missionary work in helping our sisters and brothers in the community. We rely on God's strength and love to help us maintain our foundational presence in our community; a community founded in faith, hope, and love.

Session Notes

The Session of the First United Presbyterian Church of Salem held a regular meeting Wednesday evening, May 20, 2015 at the church chapel.

Michael Barron, CRE called the meeting to order at 7:00 and opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the April 16th meeting were APPROVED as presented.

The **treasurer's report** was ACCEPTED as presented.

	For April	Year-to-Date
Revenue	\$5, 643.45	\$15, 353.38
Expenses for March	\$3, 034.30	\$15, 763.50

Building & Grounds Task Force: Bid for mowing was awarded to Travis Keys. Willie Linendoll has completed the electrical wiring for the exit lights and everything is now in compliance with the insurance company. Never heard from Quick Response, but AllPro has checked out the basement and stated the mold is not an emergency, but they will take care of the removal, the ash removal and installation of covering the floor. Still waiting for the bid figure.

Clerk's report: Session Minutes book was examined in Greenwich, Saturday, May 16 and approved without exception. Motion made and approved to purchase a fire proof safe for the office to hold Session and other valuable church records. A memorial service for former pastor, Charles Murn was held Sunday, May 17 in our sanctuary. The 4th of July Civil War Fashion Show has been cancelled with a "Thank You" received from the Civil War Re-enactment Committee. Sylvia Graham is elder for June. Fundraiser dinner to benefit the Food Pantry will be held on Halloween, Saturday, October 31.

Mission Team: Discussion of funding available for any child wishing to attend summer camp; Cinco de Mayo dinner raised \$377 for the Restoration & Renovation Fund and \$40 went to Mission. The date for the annual Pig Roast will be either October 10 or 17th, whichever Bob Wilcox has available. Motion made and approved to give \$50 in Hannaford Gift Cards to Senior Meal Site.

Worship and Music Committee - Lenten Lunches and Special services were well attended; a goodly number attended the Easter Sunrise Service, followed by breakfast. Jane Hayden has invited the congregation to worship at Hedges Lake on August 9th; carnations will be distributed on Mother's day; Plans are progressing for Pentecost and "A Community Hymn Sing." We will be hosting the baccalaureate on June 21st.

Restoration Committee - No report

Pastoral Care & CRE Report - David Simmons reported conversation with between 20-30 persons, cards, phone calls, and home visits to about 50. Home visit with communion to Elsie Jackson and Roberta Moore assisted by John Rea, Bible Study on Meaning of Easter; a new bible study to occur later in the summer with Old Testament studies. Michael reported that instruction has been completed to two prospective members, Donna Holmes and Laurie Little, They will meet with session and become members during Fifth Sunday worship.

Discussions during the session meeting also included discussion regarding an updated Mission Statement. Discussion regarding Pentecost Sunday, Fifth Sunday worship. Next Session meeting will be June 24th. Elder Seth Pitts closed in prayer. Respectfully

Submitted, Dolores Phaneuf, Clerk of Session

Committee Reports

Deacons

The Deacons met on May 11. Carnations were passed out to ladies on Mother's Day. 30 cards were sent by Nancy Roundtree. David sent out 8 cards.

David and John Rea visited Grace Sheldon and took communion to Elsie Jackson. David plans to visit Bert Moore.

Had discussion regarding the successful pie sale and plan to do it next year. We helped Alberta Murn with the reception for Charlie Murn's memorial service.

Our next meeting will be held June 15th at 12:30pm.

Mission Team

The Mission Team met May 11 at Dolores' home. Neal Rea, moderator, opened with prayer and the May 11th reading from :God Calling."

The RADA cutlery order will be sent on June 2nd. All orders must be received by 5/31/15.

There was a discussion on summer camp and the amount of money that would be available if anyone would attend.

The annual Pig Roast will be either October 10 or 17, based on Bob Wilcox's availability.

Motion made and approved to give \$50 to the Salem Meal Site for gift cards.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. David Simmons.

Next meeting will be June 15th at 7 pm. All are invited!

Worship & Music

Worship and Music met after church on May 17th and the following was discussed;

- August 9th will be our annual worship at the lake. Jane Keys will be in contact with Jane Hayden to confirm.
- During the Pentecost service we will have the Lord's prayer completed in "tongues." Checking on availability of persons who know other languages.
- Fifth Sunday will be a breakfast and worship with an update to the church, new members, and Michael will present visioning questions.
- Plans are in the works for a Community Hymn sing event to take place on June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, and September 13, and a date to be decided in November. We will re-evaluate after the November service.

Committee Reports

Faith Filled Friday's

Faith Filled Friday's will be coming to a close on another year, June 5th. I would like to thank all the people who donated time, snacks, and materials to help keep Faith Filled Friday's a way to keep young children in our community in the presence of God. I will have more information in the next ALIVE regarding our Vacation Bible School to be held in the summer. Thank you all for your prayers and support of an excellent outreach program to the young people of our community.

Announcements

Do you like to sing?

Do you have a favorite hymn?

Are there songs you just love to sing that we just can't get enough of during a church service?

We are planning our first **Community Hymn Sing**. Invite your friends and neighbors. We will join together in singing God's praise and glory by singing some new songs and some of our old time favorites.

Spread the word and join us **Sunday, June 14th at 3PM.**

Newsletter Articles

Deadline for Alive! articles is the 20th of the month!

Birthdays/Anniversaries

June Birthday's

June 7th - Tom Jilek
June 10th - Jim Tomasi

June Anniversaries

June 11th - Michael & Jane Barron

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471

Fifth Sunday Announcements

Some of the items discussed during worship were:

- Our buildings are in need of repair. The work will be completed in various phases. The first phase is currently underway. Once this phase is completed, the goal being at the end of 2015, this will allow more time for us to work on raising additional funds for other phases.
- The search for a permanent pastor was placed on hold by Presbytery. The repairs, their cost, the fact we will be starting a fundraising campaign, the and the fact that we are a smaller congregation are all considerations for new pastors. Some pastors would not even approach their start of a ministry or continue their ministry with all these items just beginning. This does NOT mean you will never have one again. It means we need to get things started and established before starting the search again.
- The Session has been working diligently to ensure everything is looked at and considered. The Session is looking at how we can afford future leadership; whether we switch to half-time, or yoked, or other opportunities. The cost of a full time pastor is currently out of our price range; a minimum of almost \$70,000 per year (this figure includes all their benefits.)

Prayers & Concerns

Those in our prayers during the last month:

Jordan Bardwell	Jane Barron
Arna Thibeau	Rev. Jerry McKinney
Sonia Truly	Tom Criag
Family of Emma Linendoll	
All College Graduates	Our Military
Emergency Service Workers	Leaders of the world

Each month we will list all of the people that we have had in our prayers for the past month. If you should have anyone you would like to add to our weekly list please place their names in the offering plate during Sunday worship or call the church office, 854-9471, by Friday at 3 PM. **Please notify when name is to be removed.**

Long Term Prayer Consideration

Donna Holmes	Hanna Goldman
David Fleming	Elsie Jackson
Alicia Barron	Sasha Blake
For those battling addictions	Homeless men, women, and children
Emergency Services Workers	All the Armed Forces

Hospital Admittance Update

Due to HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) the Salem First United Presbyterian Church will not be notified if you, or a loved one, are hospitalized. **Please call a deacon or leave a message on the church phone (854-9471) to let us know that you, or a loved one, have been hospitalized.**

When admitted, be sure to list Salem United Presbyterian Church as your affiliate and give permission to release the information so that Rev. Simmons, Michael, or a Deacon can visit. **Otherwise, your admittance and room number may not be available.**

In Nursing homes

Roberta "Bert" Moore

Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: _____

Cause for joy or concern: _____

You name (optional): _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Boy Scouts	2	3	4	5 2:30 pm - Faith Filled Fridays	6
7 10 am - Worship	8 6 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Boy Scouts	9	10	11	12	13
14 10 am - Worship 3 pm - Community Hymn Sing	15 6 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Boy Scouts	16 8:00 - 4:00 - WIC Clinic	17 11:30 - 1:00 - Soup & Sandwich Luncheon	18	19	20
21 Father's Day 10 am - Worship 11:30 am - Worship & Music Committee 7:30 PM - Salem Ecumenical Baccalaureate	22 6 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Boy Scouts	23	24 7 pm - Session Meeting	25	26	27
28 10 am - Worship	29 6 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Boy Scouts	30				

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Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!

Service begins at 10 AM

We're on the Web!
www.salemnyfirstupchurch.com

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Service Schedule for June 2015

Elder of the Month: Sylvia Graham

Sunday, June 7th

Reader: Jim Briglin

Coffee Time: Valerie Roche, Marie Bell

Sunday, June 21st

Reader: Kim Skellie

Coffee Time: Kay Tomasi, Jane & Tom Keys

Sunday, June 14th

Reader: Jane Keys

Coffee Time: Dolores Phaneuf,
Jean & Norma Skellie

Sunday, June 28th

Reader: Jean Skellie

Coffee Time: Nancy Roundtree,
Valerie Roche