

# First Presbyterian Church of Alma

## A Note from Rev. Katrina

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During the last week of July I had the joy of being a co-advisor for Young Adult Advisory Delegates. My role was to support and cheer on young adults who spoke up, advised commissioners how to vote, and to generally answer questions.

I didn't get to see as much of the meeting as I hoped to, but was caught up pretty quickly. At the end of each day, sometimes multiple times a day, we heard a moderator say, "Can we ask Ian Hall about the financial implications of our decisions?" Ian Hall, (PCUSA CFO) would come up onstage, sometimes with a bar graph, and often the per capita changes, and explain what each decision made at General Assembly did to the budget, which would need to be approved by the end of the week. Somehow, Ian Hall became a bit of a celebrity in the PCUSA circles, but that is a story for another time.

As fiscally responsible Presbyterians, and stewards of the resources God gives us, we should and do consider financial implications of our choices and actions. We don't ask for a bar graph as often as General Assembly commissioners do, but I think it's fair to say money is often on our minds.

Financial Implications are important. I say this as we begin talking about our Stewardship campaign. But there are other implications to our actions - human implications, environmental, communal. What might be the most fiscally responsible might not be the most environmentally or ethically responsible.

As we enter a time of pondering how we might best give of our gifts, let's look not just at financial gifts, but the gifts God has given us.



# Session Notes

Session met on July 22nd, 2024.

There was discussion of the job description for the Director for the Community Cafe, making changes to hopefully have more applicants for the position. Personnel also updated session regarding the organist search, and that interviews will begin within the next couple weeks. Much of the discussion centered around the future of the church, including goals and mission statements and a vision for the future. This is just the beginning and more conversation will be had, including the congregation.

Session approved the wedding of Christina Fisher and Christopher Wymer on November 2, 2024. The next meeting of session will be August 19th at 6:30pm.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

Office & Pastor@firstpres.net are deactivated.



8-5 Katherine Smith  
8-10 Tim Lambrecht  
8-20 Julie Frick  
8-28 Barb Weis



8-15 Bob & Sue Deel  
8-16 Michael Selmon & Sarah Horn  
8-21 Jeff & Joyce Elsea

### Please Note:

If you do not see your Birthday or Anniversary Listed on your Month it is because you did not update your information for the Church Directory at the beginning of the year and we do not have the information on file.

# AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING



The special offering for August is 2 Coins Per Meal. This is an offering we do through the Presbytery of Lake Huron.

Find more info at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G62lqWhOVAA>  
and  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G62lqWhOVAA>.

Please consider giving to this fund!



## CALLING ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

Outreach Committee is starting a needlework group that will meet in the evening, weekly, in the Chapel basement beginning the third week of August. We will be inviting Alma College students and are looking forward to having an hour of casual conversation, needlework knowledge and fun. Please let Rev. Katrina know if you are interested in joining.



## Coffee Hour

August 4th Charlene & Jimm Lyon  
August 11th Michael Selmon & Sarah Horn  
August 18th Nick & Jeri Piccolo  
August 25th Tiny Goggin & Mona Hirson



Please remember that Rev. Katrina begins covering for Rev. Davis through the middle of October at Alma College. While Friday remains her day off (please only contact in case of emergency on Fri) she will be spending more time at the college. If you'd like to meet with her, please email in advance.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 5:30pm Community Café Rev. Katrina on vacation	2	3
4 Parish Deacons Meeting after Worship	5 5pm Spiritual Growth 6:30pm Pine River Arts	6 1:30pm Food Pantry	7	8 5:30pm Community Café	9	10
11	12	13 1:30pm Food Pantry 5:30pm Child Advocacy	14	15 5:30pm Community Café	16	17
18 Matthew 25 Worship	19 6:30pm Session Meeting	20 1:30pm Food Pantry 4:30pm Outreach	21	22 5:30pm Community Café	23	24
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