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*Whosoever trusteth in the
Lord,
happy is he.*

Proverbs 16:20



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PERU, INDIANA**



Dear Friends,

June 11th is Trinity Sunday, and the scriptures for that day point powerfully to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. One of those bible passages, the one I'll be preaching on, is Matthew 28:16-20.

This bit of scripture is famously known as "the Great Commission." It contains Matthew's witness to the final earthly words of Jesus, words Jesus speaks to send his disciples on the mission that would result in the world's largest, and many say, greatest religion.

In the Great Commission Jesus authorizes and commands his followers to "Go therefore and make disciples..." Jesus further tells his followers to baptize these new disciples "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This threefold baptismal formula is, of course, why this particular passage is lifted up on Trinity Sunday.

For me, however, the power of this passage is not so much its foundational relevance in shaping the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, but in its establishment of the core identity of the Christian community as a sent people. We are commanded to go! Jesus makes us a missionary people. And Jesus defines our mission very clearly: we are to teach people what Jesus teaches us.

The primary thing that Jesus teaches his followers is how to be good citizens of the Kingdom of God. This is the first word Jesus publicly proclaims (Matthew 4:17) and it is the mission his followers are tasked with "... until the end of the age."

This is what I want to preach about on Trinity Sunday. I want to preach about being immersed (baptized) in the mission of God, the mission of making good citizens of what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called "the beloved community." This is the purpose of the Father, it is the work of the Son, and it is what the Holy Spirit gives the Church the power to do.

Tragically, the Church sometimes forgets that this is its reason for being. Sometimes a local church gets so pre-occupied with institutional survival that it doesn't remember what the institution of the Church exists for in the first place. A local church sometimes finds itself thinking: "we need to get more people to come to church so we can get more money, pay our bills (including the pastor's salary!), fix the roof, and keep the church open." When a church thinks this way it has one foot in the grave.

I have been truly gratified that over the past several months First Presbyterian Church in Peru has deliberately and faithfully determined that our top priority was going to be doing the mission of disciple-making in our community and beyond. In other words, we decided to purposefully shift from maintenance to mission!

This is a challenging and sometimes scary moment for a church, but as I hope to preach on Trinity Sunday, this is how we are faithful to the calling of the Father, it's how we continue the work of the Son, and it's how we experience the power of the Holy Spirit. If we are faithful and obedient, the triune God will be with us all the way... even to the end of the age. See you on Trinity Sunday, June 11, 2017!

Blessings,

Pastor Steve



ATTENTION – 2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS

To graduating seniors of Peru High School. I would like to introduce you to Hester C. Wood. She dedicated her life to the profession of teaching at Peru High School. Miss Wood's two great loves were the education of youth and the First Presbyterian Church of which she was a life-long member. Miss Wood died in 1960. Because of her graciousness and through her will, the Hester Wood Memorial Scholarship was established to provide financial aid for college students working on their undergraduate studies who are members of the First Presbyterian Church and Peru High School graduates.

*For the first time in a number of years, we do not have any Peru High School students graduating who are also active members of First Presbyterian Church. In keeping with the terms of her bequest, Session is required to open the scholarship to seniors and graduates of Peru High School. **Since we are now opening the application process to all graduates of Peru High School, Session felt it only appropriate to give first preference to applicants whose family are or have been members of First Presbyterian Church.** We are therefore giving graduating seniors the opportunity to apply for the Hester Wood Scholarship.*

The scholarship is available for a maximum of four years and the course of study must lead to a degree, certification or licensure.

The Dunkinson Scholarship is also available for seniors graduating from schools other than Peru High School and follows the same guidelines as the Hester Wood Scholarship.

If you have grandchildren or other relatives that would like to apply for these scholarships, please contact the church office or Clerk of Session- Beth Edwards for more information and application form.



- 01-Beth Edwards
- 02- Carolyn Webb
- 04- Kim Smith
- 17- Melanie Quinlan
- 24- Susan Newman
- 26- Jim Stackhouse
- 26- Christine Russell
- 28- Robbie Hahn

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!

- 06- John and Anna Peters
- 08- Dick and Andy Hamersley
- 09- Glenn and Bonnie Russell
- 22- Jeff and Janet Bowyer



First Presbyterian Church

Liturgists

June 4 - Jim Walker

June 18 - Cheryl Jaquay

June 11 - Betty Sprunger

June 25 - Bruce Embrey



JUNE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Pastor Steve away		
				10 am- COM Logansport Bethlehem	Office Closed	
4 Adult Ed— 9am Worship –10:30am Lord's Supper	5	6 Lifetree Café - 7pm 	7	8	9 Office Closed Peru HS Commencement	10
11 Adult Ed - 9am Worship–10:30 am	12 Trustees—9am	13 Lifetree Café- 7pm 	14 Ministry Cluster- Wabash 11am	15	16 Office Closed	17
18 FATHER'S DAY Adult Ed - 9am Worship -10:30am Grill Out-Pitch-In	19	20 Lifetree Café - 7pm 	21 Deacons - 7pm	22	23 Office Closed	24
25 Adult Ed - 9am Worship 10:30am	26 Session - 7pm	27 Lifetree Café - 7pm 	28	29	30 Office Closed	

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<p>Week of June 18</p>  <p>Imperfect Parents king an</p>	<p>Week of June 25</p>  <p>What Your Pet Tries to Tell You</p>

 Tuesdays at 7:00
You are Welcome - just as you are!

Miami Artisan Gallery
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Monthly Pitch-In Dinner

The monthly church pitch-in will be after the worship service on

June 18

Please bring a dish to share



Join in Fellowship!!

Worship

Opportunity



If you would like to view the worship service, turn to channel 95. It will be broadcast on Sundays at 10:30am and 5:30pm on Wednesdays!



**SUMMARY
FINANCIAL
REPORT**
through
April 2017

INCOME & EXPENSES

YTD Actual Income	\$ 64,795.30
YTD Actual Expenses	<u>\$ (55,309.30)</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 9,486.00

AVAILABLE CASH

Cash Reserve	\$ 61,463.88
Checking Account available balance	<u>\$ 13,821.98</u>
Total Cash Available	\$ 75,285.86

\$9,000 was transferred from the church investments to the checking account to pay for operating expenses. This amount is part of the surplus shown.

If you want additional financial information or if you have any questions about this report, please contact the church treasurer through the church office at 472-2962 or by email at church@fpcperu.org.



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August 18

Connor Prairie Bus Trip

“Rumors:

The Fleetwood Mac

Experience”



