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JUNE 2019

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 GRADUATES!

Olivia Avery, Sara Morgan and Summer Stocks



*Go confidently in the direction of
your dreams. Live the life you have
imagined.*

- Henry David Thoreau



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Don't you love grabbing a cup of coffee and a bit of a snack after worship service? The Deacons need volunteers to host our Sunday Coffee Hour! A new sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall each month.

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The Messengers

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June 23rd Lodi Presbyterian Church
Sunday, June 23 - 9 a.m.

Celebrating 36 years of Music Ministry

“Ministering with Music for 30 Years”



Dear friends,

We have been through a lot of changes recently. It can feel overwhelming. Your session has been diligent in listening to and responding to your concerns and is determined to discern and follow where God is leading us. Change always invokes a feeling of loss and this makes it difficult. We must release what was in order to receive what is coming. Often we want to return to glory days, fondly remembered and often not really measuring up to our memories.

It is at times like this that I am so grateful to be a Presbyterian and not a member of a more hierarchical denomination. I know that I could not and would not want to lead a church without the support and participation of all of you. We are Church together, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Recently a pastor was updating his PIF and when he came to the question of what it meant to him to be a leader he wrote:

“God forbid! I'm not a leader. It's hard enough to try to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, our sole and sufficient leader. I want no part of a 'pastor-driven' church. I strongly affirm the distinction between ruling elders and teaching elders. Too often, 'leading change' actually means attempting to control or even resist real change. Change is life; life is change. Only death never changes; life always does. God is the giver of life. God is in control of life. We are called to be grateful for the gift, to trust God, and to take change as it comes — embracing God's grace as it embraces us.

Flannery O'Connor said that human nature resists grace because grace changes us, and change is often painful. We who follow the cross must not shirk from pain. We must learn to give thanks for grace even when it's hard, when it unsettles us or threatens us. We must reassure, encourage, challenge, love and cling to each other as grace floods the earth and old buildings, habits, assumptions, and pieties are washed away.

I've certainly been part of many changes, great and small, in the churches I've served. As I help sessions and congregations discern God's will, I hope I'm a steady, cheerful, creative, bold, balanced, efficient, patient, effective, punctual, prayerful, and faithful colleague. With God's help, I surely try to be. In all things, I strive to be 'gently guided, gently guiding.' I never want to take myself too seriously or others too lightly.”

When I read this I laughed out loud. Too often we look to the pastor as the one “in charge” and forget that we are all in this together, but I never forget. Most of my work with you and for you is intended to help you embody the ministry of this church. It is to invite you into a transformational process of following Jesus, knowing that when he said, “leave your nets, follow, let the dead bury the dead” these were hard things! So much of my work is about making myself redundant. It is inviting you to preach and witness. It is inviting you to visit and love one another. It is inviting you to discern the future of the church and follow where God leads. It is about helping all of you become part of the Church Universal. It is helping you learn the skills to welcome all people, even those who are difficult, hard, divisive, and uncomfortable.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

June 2 Open
June 9 Open
June 16 Open
June 30 Open

Check our website
for schedule updates at
lodipresbyterianchurch.org

USHERS

June 2 Richard and Vonda Lee Schmidt
June 9 Jim and Dawn Salzman
June 16 Ron and Gale Nelson
June 23 Howard and Dorothy Richards
June 30 Pam Odorizzi and Dave Heebner

GREETERS

June 2 Open
June 9 Open
June 16 Open
June 23 Open
June 30 Open

Check our website
for schedule updates at
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COUNTERS

June 2 Jean Spataro and Dudley Mehlretter
June 9 Herb Damsteegt and Jeff Leckwee
June 16 Ron Nelson and DeAnn Richards
June 23 DeAnn Richards and Jean Spataro
June 30 Ron Nelson and Jeff Leckwee

ACCOMPANISTS

June 2 Rana Hughey
June 9 Anna Salzman
June 16 Rana Hughey
June 30 Anna Salzman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JUNE!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in June and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

6/6 MATTHEW
AMMANN

6/9 BAILEY LECKWEE
RILEY LECKWEE

6/13 MARK DESELLE
BEN HUGHEY

6/19 JARED BAUER
LINDA DAMSTEEGT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(NEW) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **JULY** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, June 19th at 9 a.m.** If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at office@lodifpc.org or leave it on the desk in the church office.

MESSENGRS TO BRING MUSIC MINISTRY TO LODI

Lodi First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, June 23

After 36 years, The Messengers still take their message to heart: spreading God's word through music. What started as a one-time singing experience for a Good Friday church service has evolved into a three-decade musical outreach ministry, touching the lives of people everywhere they perform. The Messengers will bring their special blend of Gospel and contemporary Christian music to Lodi Presbyterian Church for a special service on June 23 at 9:00 a.m.. All are welcome.

The Messengers hail from Baraboo, Wisconsin and feature the voices of bass Rex Flygt, a doctor of internal medicine; baritone Jim Allen, a piano technician; and lead Jim Kieffer, an accountant; as well as the keyboard talents of Rex's wife, Charlene Flygt, a former middle school music teacher.

The Messengers were born out of a conversation between Rex Flygt and Jim Kieffer in 1983 about forming a Gospel quartet to sing at an ecumenical Good Friday service. Since then, some of the musicians have changed, but the music hasn't stopped. Three of the four members have been with the group since the beginning and the fourth has been performing with them for the past 28 years.

Such constancy is unusual among musical groups. "We have been together longer than 95% of most of the professional groups out there and their memberships change constantly," Allen noted.

Over the past three decades, The Messengers' repertoire has grown to 300 songs. Their musical program is refreshed annually.

The Messengers have produced several recordings and toured as far as Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, DC. These days, the group averages 6 to 10 appearances per year, primarily during the summer, in Wisconsin.

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When I visited the Bay Harbor Mission church in San Francisco I learned that the pastor, our denominations moderator at the time, Bruce Reyes-Chow had stopped preaching there. He said, "People were coming to hear me preach, not to worship God." He has since left that church. Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber left the church she planted recently. She too found that people were coming to hear her, not to worship, not to be transformed by the word of God and now she is a traveling speaker. It was important to her that people not conflate coming to hear her with worship.

It is important to me that this church be a church be a Jesus-led church and not my church, not your church, but one that embodies the ministry of Jesus Christ. This means we must be willing to leave our nets and our comfort and walk into this mysterious and unknown future. We know the Church Universal is changing and I believe that God has a place for First United in this new Church. I believe that, as solid, stable, and faithful as we are, that we will be called upon to reach out and support others, to embody the Church to those who long for it.

I don't know what this will look like, and I suspect we need a rest from change right now. I want you to know that your session is being diligent in discerning this future, in watching over you, and caring deeply about the pace and direction of our growth. We are all aware that this is not my church, it is not any particular member's church. It is the church of Jesus Christ and we want to embody that as fully as we are able.

I am grateful today for your incredible session, your faithful deacons, and all who speak up and participate in the life of the church. I am grateful for courage you all have shown and I am hopeful that we are entering a long and lazy summer. I am longing for long evening rides in the beautiful Wisconsin woods and picnics with friends. I hope that you too will find ways to restore and renew your soul.

Grateful, as always to serve you and serve with you,

Pastor Cyndi

Family Order Form

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Lodi First Presbyterian Church

See WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM for a list of ALL vendors. Please CALL & ASK if you have any questions. Most vendors have higher amounts than what is listed. Check out the SPECIALS tab online for short term promotions on higher rates!--Martha 608-220-5592

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$	Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.5%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Quality Inn \$50.00	4%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$	Kwik Trip \$100.00	4%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$	Sentry \$50.00	3%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$	Kwik Trip \$50.00	4%		\$	Shopko \$25.00	3%		\$
Best Western International \$25.00	12%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9%		\$	Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Comfort Suites \$50.00	4%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$	SuperAmerica \$25.00	4%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Old Chicago \$25.00	6%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	Olive Garden® \$25.00	7.5%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	TGI Fridays® \$25.00	9%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$	Visa® Five Back™ Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3%		\$
Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25.00	3%		\$	Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$				
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$100.00	3%		\$				
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$				
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$50.00	3%		\$				
GNC \$25.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8%		\$				
Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$	Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8%		\$				
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$								
Hotels.com \$100.00	6%		\$								

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PASTORAL CARE

Please remember that pastoral care is always available. It is very helpful to me if you will let me know if you would desire a visit or some time to speak over coffee. I'm not adept at discerning from a text message whether or not there is a crisis and I don't like to make assumptions that everyone enjoys a visit when they are in a hospital gown with their backside exposed. I know I would not want a visit at that time and I suspect many would not.

I enjoy spending time chatting with you all. If anything is bothering you, please let me know and I'll make time to chat. You can leave a message on my cell phone at 608-598-9566, or email me at pastor@lodifpc.org and I will get back to you within a few hours to set up a time to talk.

It hurts my heart to know that there are times when people thought I would "just know" I was expected to stop by and I didn't. You all are important to me. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you'd like a visit.

Pastor Cyndi

2019 CHURCH REMODELING PROJECT - BEFORE & AFTER

BEFORE



AFTER



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROOM USE REQUEST FORM

Event: _____

Are you a member or an outside organization? _____

Responsible person: _____

Phone # _____ Email address: _____

Alternate responsible person: _____

Phone # _____ Email address: _____

Number of anticipated participants: _____

Your meeting date or dates: _____

Start time: _____ End time: _____

Room or rooms requested: _____

Person requesting use of our facility is responsible for all setup needed and at the end of your event you must return the room or rooms to the way you found it.

You are responsible for cleanup, you are required to wash/ wipe off the tables, vacuum and take out the trash. If you are granted use of the kitchen all the equipment used must be cleaned and sanitized. If you use the facility on multiple dates you must remove ALL your items after each event, you cannot store your equipment or items here.

Cleanup fee June be assessed if you do not leave the facility clean and ready for the next group.

Usage fee June apply as per the Building Usage Guide

Fee Required : _____

Requester's Signature: _____ Date _____

Building use approved by: _____ Date _____

JUNE 2019

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
<p>May 2019</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>July 2019</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30 31</p>												
<p>Worship Service 9 a.m.</p> <p>Fellowship-10 a.m.</p> <p>Lodi H.S. Graduation-1 p.m.</p> <p>Poynette H.S. Graduation-1 p.m.</p>	2			AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7	8				
<p>Worship Service 9 a.m.</p> <p>Fellowship-10 a.m.</p>	9	10	11	<p>Brown Bag Bible Study, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Deacons, 6:30p.m.</p> <p>Committee, 7 p.m.</p>	12	13	14	15					
<p>Worship Service 9 a.m.</p> <p>Fellowship-10 a.m.</p> <p>Father's Day</p>	16	17	18	<p>Session, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	19	20	21	22					
<p>Worship Service 9 a.m.</p> <p>Fellowship-10 a.m.</p>	23	24	25	<p>Brown Bag Bible Study, 11 a.m.</p>	26	27	28	29					
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Financial Secretary: John Griffing
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

Newsletter Graphic Design: Jim Salzman

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Mae Stocks
Herb Damsteegt
Zack Dachel

Class of 2020

Diane Lukins
Jean Spataro
Ron Nelson

Class of 2021

Dudley Mehlretter
DeAnn Richards
Jeff Leckwee

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2019

Patty Seiler
Pam Odorizzi

Class of 2020

Marcia Brown
Sandy Deselle
Dave Heebner

Class of 2021

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Bobby Hanson
Laurie Fryman



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