



In Touch with FPCR

How Was Your Summer?



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Tim Wang Plays Piano and Oboe

Each and every Sunday we are fortunate at FPCR to experience wonderful music played by area students. **Tim Wang** is one of those musicians. He is accomplished and experienced and shows his love of music each time he sits down at the keyboard.

Tim is a 16-year-old junior at Arrowhead High School. He has taken piano lessons and music theory for 9 years. For the past 3 years, he has studied and played the oboe. This year, he earned his 9th consecutive

Federation State music award in piano solo as well as in music theory.

Along with his class studies and music, Tim is involved in extracurricular and community activities. He was a member of FRC (First Robotics Club) Team 10294, the Edge, during the past school year. He is a member of the Arrowhead Boys Swim and Dive team and is part of the Youth Leadership Academy of the Milwaukee Chinese Community Center.

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The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

Psalms 85:12—The Bible (New Revised Standard Version)



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News and Notes

Happy 25th wedding anniversary to **Paul and Debbie (Schmidt) Fait**. We know we're a bit late (their anniversary was July 9), but we wish them God's blessings as they embark on the next 25 years! For those of you who may not know, Debbie was a FPCR member and organist. She is Kenneth and Elaine Schmidt's daughter.

Thank you, **Amy and Jack**, Rev. Barbara Jordan's daughter and grandson, for worshipping with us this summer. We appreciated the opportunity to meet and visit with both of you. Congratulations to Jack and his baseball team for raising \$17,265 to support JDRF during the walk in June. Phenomenal work, Jack!

Our prayers for God's healing continue for **Jim Frank** as he recovers from back problems. Good to see you at a recent worship service!

It was wonderful to see **Daryl Schmidt** and his family at the August 25 church service. Thanks be to God for the strength He has given Daryl, his family, and his friends. Daryl continues to work hard toward his "new normal."

Rev. and Joyce Koehn are doing well according to recent reports. Joyce did fall recently and needed some stitches in her head, but is recovering nicely. She also is rehabilitating from a bout with cellulitis and, we hear, has a new scooter to get around Heritage Lake Country Senior Living! That sounds like a perfect solution, Joyce!

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“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Holy Bible, Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Yes, summer is waning! Students are back at school, summer vacations have been taken, gardens and fields are being or getting close to being picked, and everyone is asking, “How was your summer?” Your “word” describing your summer was gathered so you didn’t have to write the commonly assigned essay! **Thank you** for participating and for submitting interesting words. Hopefully you enjoyed reviewing the graphic on page 1 to see how, collectively, we felt about *The Summer of 2019* here at First Presbyterian Church of Richfield.

The graphic shows all words in the form of a “word cloud.” If a word appears in larger text than other words, it simply means that multiple individuals submitted the same word. The color is for visual effect and doesn’t have any specific significance.

Jean Zeller’s Green Thumb Brightens FPCR Church Services



Each week during the summer, Jean Zeller arrives at the church with two beautiful bouquets to brighten the sanctuary and the narthex of the building. We all know how much work it takes to grow flowers and to keep them watered, weeded, and blooming. Additionally, there is the “gift” of being able to arrange them in the proper container.

Thank you, Jean, for sharing your beautiful bouquets.



Upcoming Services and Events

All are Welcome for Sunday Services and Holy Communion. Please Plan to Join Us!

October 6

World Wide Communion Sunday. Peace and Global Witness Offering. Church Service and Communion, 10 a.m.

November 24

Thanksgiving Service, 10 a.m.

December 1

First Sunday of Advent. Church Service and Communion, 10 a.m.

December 29

Last Sunday of 2019. Church Service and Communion, 10 a.m.

The announcements given during services and the church website will give information about upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas events.

Upcoming events will include: support for the Slinger Food Pantry, the Christmas Joy Offering, and the family at Gingerbread House.

Please plan to attend FPCR’s Christmas luncheon (date and details to be announced)!

A Page from FPCR's Summer Photo Album

Right: The road construction continues. As of this newsletter, concrete curbs have been poured. It has been an interesting summer of maneuvering down Highway 164 to FPCR. Thank you all who were faithful and brave enough to give it a try each Sunday.



Below: The Mother's Day geraniums enjoy the summer sun!



Left: Look carefully at the picture. Can you see several monarch butterflies on the beautiful sedum? This picture was taken on September 15 when there were approximately 50 butterflies around the church entrance. Monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico and California for the winter. Maybe they were gathering for the journey or just enjoying the nectar and beautiful church music!



Above: **Jack**, Pastor Barbara Jordan's grandson, who participated by fundraising and walking in the JDRF walk in Virginia.



Right: FPCR had a birthday party! Both **Cheryl Weber** and **Kate Kujawa** have their birthday on August 18 . . . and we all helped them celebrate!

It Wouldn't Be Summer Without Baseball!



Congratulations to **Jackson Kujawa** (No. 34—standing, fourth from the left) and his dad, Coach **Ryan Kujawa** (standing, far right). The team won the Pewaukee Baseball Tournament in July and had an exciting and enjoyable season. Jackson's team competed at the U14 level (8th grade) in Hartford, WI. They are a "travel" team and play against teams from other communities. **Noah Diebert** also played at this level but as a member of a different Hartford team.

Communion in Space

On July 20, 2019, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the *first man on the moon*. Thank you to **Rev. Barbara Jordan** for adding some interesting information about Buzz Aldrin during FPCR's church service on July 21.

Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first two humans to walk on the moon. At the time, Buzz Aldrin was an Elder at Webster Presbyterian Church, Webster, TX. He was allowed to take communion with him on the journey to the moon. When they landed on the moon, there was a short period of time during which the astronauts had to wait to leave the lunar module—time to acclimate. During that period, Astronaut Aldrin



took communion. He felt it was the best way to acknowledge the Apollo 11 moon landing and to thank God.

Webster Presbyterian Church was known as the "Church of the Astronauts." John Glenn, Buzz Aldrin, Jerry Carr, Charlie Bassett, and Roger Chaffee were active members during their service with NASA. Lunar Communion Sunday continues to be celebrated annually at Webster Presbyterian Church on the Sunday nearest the July 20 anniversary of the first moon landing.

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**Happy
Birthday to
the
following
individuals.**

**We wish
you many more years of
God's blessings.**



October

12—Cathy Romanski
14—Jeff Zeller
Rev. Donald Koehn
25—Kathleen Schmidt

November

2—Jennifer Becker
21—Justin Remillard

December

8—Scott Koehn
10—Diann Schmidt
11—Carol Frank
15—Karen Kubsad
18—June Neumann
22—Rick Romanski
25—Brandon Tutkowski
29—Maxine Henk



**Happy
Anniversary
to the
following
couples. May
God continue
to bless your**

**marriage for many years
to come.**

November

1—Rick & Cathy Romanski
20—Kenneth & Elaine
Schmidt

December

4—Scott & Pam Koehn

Tim Wang Enjoys Coming to FPCR

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This past school year, Tim wrote an essay and was awarded second place in the 2019 Wonder of Plastics competition, sponsored by the Milwaukee Society of Plastic Engineers.

Tim wants to pursue a major in either aerospace engineering or pre-medical. However, since Tim truly loves music, he plans to keep playing piano and learning more about music for the rest of his life.

Tim enjoys his time at FPCR. He loves that people are friendly and familiar. Tim states:

“Everyone is very kind toward me, and it almost feels like I’m at a second home when I step through the doors. It’s always a joy to make the service more musical!

Playing church hymns has really taught me a lot about sight reading music. I can learn to play new pieces much more quickly than before! This shorter learning curve helps not only with the hymns, but also with my competition pieces. I’m currently practicing new sets of pieces for this year’s upcoming Wisconsin Music Teachers Association (WMTA) competition and the Federation music festivals. The sight-reading skills I’ve picked up from playing hymns comes in handy when I work toward these new goals.”

During his free time, Tim is the keeper of three beautiful goldfish AND one large snail in a fish tank at his home. One fish is named Bubbles. Bubbles is the largest and spits bubbles—hence the name. He also has Pinky with red streaks along the eyes. Pinky is an albino—completely white. His third fish is Fins. Fins came to Tim from his brother who won Fins at a school fair. Tim reports that Fins is quite plain-looking! The snail is a recent introduction to the tank and was added in order to eat some of the pesky algae on the sides. Unfortunately, the snail doesn’t have a fitting name yet. Maybe one of this newsletter’s readers would have a suggestion for Tim?

Thank you, Tim, for sharing your gift of music with us and for always arriving at FPCR prepared and happy. We are blessed to have you play for us and wish you every success musically, academically, and athletically. We are so happy you will not be off to college for two years so that we can enjoy your musical expertise for the time being!

Updates, Please!

Please contact us with any news as well as any missed birthdays and/or anniversaries. We do not wish to exclude any news or events of our wonderful members/friends of First Presbyterian Church of Richfield.

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