

THE Carillon

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July 2018

Sunday Worship Schedule:

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship

11:00 am - 11:30 am - Fellowship

11:30 am - 12:30 pm -Adult Sunday School

During Worship - W.A.T.C.H.

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Off the Wall with Pastor Alan

“When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will

know fully, even as I have been fully known.” – 1st Corinthians 13:11-12

I recently pulled the Bible I received from my parents while in middle school off the shelf. It is a New International Study version with footnotes, cross referencing of scripture, and a concordance. It was the bible I wanted when I was in 7th or 8th grade. It even has my name embossed on the front cover. It is a special bible to me that represents my growth from my 3rd grade children’s bible (which I also still have) to my middle school years where I wanted something more in depth.

I have fond memories of lugging this Bible, it is large, to youth group, retreats, camp, and even off to college. In college I picked up my first copy of the New Revised Standard Version and it was smaller without the notes and could easily fit in packs to travel, so it became the bible of choice until I went to seminary and bought another one. I have many bibles on my shelf here in the office. I have more at home. I’ve worn some out and others have barely been opened.

But the other day, someone asked a great question: why do you read and/or interpret scripture the way you do? This question and others like it [who taught you to read scripture, how did I learn to interpret, what causes me to look at some verses one way and others another, and what makes me certain that the way I’m looking at scripture is the way I’ll be looking at it in the next year, or five?] have bounced around my head.

These are good questions to ask your pastor. That’s why I picked up my middle school bible. At first glance, I thumbed through the book to see if I had written anything in the margins. I had. I had underlined passages and added a date. I found that there were parts I had bracketed and noted these were the verses for a specific retreat or youth group event. Then there were verses I had underlined without a date, making me wonder what I was going through or how I was praying or reading at the time, that verse was important. It was like a signpost from another period of discipleship in my life. I was very grateful I picked it up.

Then I thought, I need to do an experiment. I need to find a passage that meant a lot to me previously by the fact it was underlined and see if I could tell why it meant something to me then and how it would resonate with me today. I found a passage, read it, and could not for the life of me think how I would have interpreted it when I was younger.

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That's not to say the verse had no meaning to me then or now, but I could not put on my lenses from being a high schooler anymore. Let's say I underlined that verse I was looking at when I was 15 years old. There have been 37 other years in between. I graduated high school, college, grad school, post grad school, dated, was married, divorced, accepted two calls to serve churches, met and lost friends, found love again, remarried, and find myself almost four decades removed from what initially caused me to underline the verse I was looking at. So, what causes me to look at scripture now?

All of the things I just outlined plus training and other life events have shaped me to the age, time, and context I'm in now. Yes, when anyone asks me, how do I interpret scripture? The answer is both complicated and easy. Here's the complicated version: I grew up going to church, we read scripture, I memorized verses, I had teachers and pastors who shaped and guided the beginning of my faith journey, I accepted Christ at summer camp, came to realize Jesus was always with me, I turned toward God again and again and that process of reforming and reorienting my life would happen time after time. I had youth pastors and leaders who loved me, I had parents who gave me a bible, I had homework assignments to read the Bible and I found that I enjoyed learning, I went to college and struggled, I had Intervarsity leaders and fellow classmates who cared for me, I attended church, I listened to the sermons being delivered and checked them against the Bible I held in my hands, I worked at camp and taught lessons, I needed to outline a lesson and figure out how and what I wanted to teach, I discerned a call to seminary where they stripped all of my learning down and asked me to learn again, I interned at churches that asked me to preach, I took preaching classes, I passed ordination exams, I served in Carson City, my life happened, I felt God open new doors as I went on mission trips, attended post grad school, and finally was called here to Everett. Since then, I've constantly been challenged in good ways by our congregation, our staff, and my own faith walk to read, look, listen, pray, and speak, leaning on grace, and trying my best to follow where the Spirit is leading me. Now I'm here where I am today. Here's the easy answer: I find life when I follow God and read God's word. My life has been changed, refined, challenged, and made better when I travel the road Christ leads me on.

As Paul writes in 1st Corinthians, when I was younger, I reasoned, and learned as a younger person. But when I grew up, I began to mature and though I see through a dim mirror, there are enough glimpses of God to keep me coming back again to seek his face. And on this journey I and we go, we are all different than we were when we were younger. We've changed in the last 10 years as well. I believe we've all changed in the 8+ years I've served here. In the next 5, 10, and 50 years we'll be farther along following God than we are now. This is the good news about following Jesus; scripture is not static, it's dynamic. We can read the same passage as a teen and then again as an adult and something new will grab our hearts. We may hear something different. We would have a different question because our lives are in a new place. Maybe one area that did not give us comfort before, comforts us now. Maybe an area of confusion is no longer something we fret over. Yes, we learn. We study. We ask questions. And this means we never stay in the same place.

Right now, I'm re-reading my middle school Bible from cover to cover with three highlighters. I'm interested in the words love, land, and justice. Maybe as I read, other words or stories will need to be highlighted, but right now, that's where I am. Where are you? If you don't know or have not thought about it, then I invite you to challenge yourself with three options. First, if you don't know where to start, then pick up a *These Days* from the Welcome Booth. It's a great daily devotional for three months and a new set arrives. Second, bring your own Bible to worship on Sunday mornings and follow along when I read the verses for the sermon. Then as I preach, highlight or write in the margins thoughts you have. FYI, the reason the scripture is not printed in the bulletin anymore is for you to use the pew Bibles or bring your own. Lastly, if you just want to pick up and have some summer reading, then I say start with Matthew, Mark, Luke or John and a Psalm a day, then move on to Exodus, one of Paul's letters, and keep going on the psalms. If or when you want more, then talk with me. Join a Sunday school class and ask questions. Take what you hear in worship and dig out your concordance and look up and read every verse that has a word you thought you needed more explanation.

I know that many people line up books to read during the summer. Add the Bible to your list. I do not recommend cover to cover as we all get stuck in the genealogies. I believe you will surprise yourself when you add scripture, worship, and some educational opportunities to your goals this summer. You may find interpreting scripture gives you life, opens your eyes to new passion, and illuminates where Jesus is leading you.

Library Update: a Bit of Good News

Choosing reading material from our church library is, as of this month, easier than ever.

It's not new that we can check our OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) from any internet site in the world. What is new to us is how up to date it has become. Just this month we were upgraded - without additional charge (!) - to daily rather than weekly updates.

Just like the old card catalogs, the ones with actual cards, you can find books by author, title or subject and also learn an exact location in the library and see whether the book is currently available. This information is open to you at dawn or midnight, holidays or weekends almost immediately after an item is catalogued. The online image for each book is more colorful and attractive and the amount of information about each is more extensive than our early version of the catalog provided.

One example: You go to see the "Wrinkle in Time" film. Do we have the book? (Yes.) Are there more by this author? (Quite a few). Are they sequels to *Wrinkle in Time*? (Some are, some not.) Where are they shelved? (J Fic L'En). Are they available right now? (As a matter of fact, they are). Can you make a list of them? (Yes! Use the "Add to book bin" feature and let the computer do it for you)!

But what if you don't have easy internet access? Or you have a computer but can't find the online catalog. Is the system any help to you then?

As long as you have an old-fashioned telephone, you're fine. Just give me (Shirley) a call (425-252-2706) and I will be your remote research assistant. It would make my day.

Please let us know what is working for you and what is not so we can serve your needs for information and inspiration.

Your library staff,
Shirley Solberg & Fern Tully



Special dates:

- Canada Day, July 1, 2018
- Independence Day, July 4, 2018

Fourth Monday Book Group - Summer Reading

As you no doubt remember, the yearlong plan for Fourth Monday Book Group is to follow the categories set for Everett Public Library's "Reading Challenge 2018." The intriguing summer selections are:



June 25	Book by an author of a race or culture different from your own
July 23	Book with a red, white, or blue cover
August 27	Book of science or science fiction

Remember that an optional part of the library challenge is to post a picture of yourself with the book on select social media with the hashtag #EVERETTREADS. It's fun and gets some interesting comments and "likes" from friends near and far. There are also prizes, one per month. (The camera shy may post just a picture of the book.)

Our summer meetings should be stimulating and enlightening as we share the varied titles we have chosen. Of course it's also fine and fun if some or all of us read the same title. If you have a suggestion for any of the months, I would be happy to forward it to the group. I would also be privileged to help you find your own book for any of these months.

Dottie Villevik has graciously volunteered to lead the June discussion. Leadership for the other months is open if you'd like to offer.

So, keep reading, keep in touch! See you at Book Group, 10:00 a.m. in Calvin Lounge on the Monday mornings noted above.

Shirley Solberg (425-252-2706 / srsolberg@frontier.com)



I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you lived in them; you ate the fruit of vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant (Joshua 24:13)

I want to continue my reflections on our recent pilgrimage to Israel. I've been musing about the contradiction we all faced there between the title "Holy Land" and the tragic lack of holiness we witnessed in the treatment of Palestinian Christians and Muslims in Israel and the West Bank. The guiding question for me has been, "What makes the Holy Land holy?" Last month I wrote about the "Non-Stop Zionism" that has taken hold of the Israeli (Zionist) imagination to occupy the land of Palestine. I believe that Zionism is a secular version of priestly holiness that I spoke of last month. As I noted, priestly holiness is based on the notion of separation. Priestly holiness separates itself from everything unclean—everything that tradition deemed was not sanctified for God's use—certain foods, dead animals, menstruating women, foreign people and foreign land, etc. In doing so, one remains in God's care. One also affirms that everything unclean is outside the scope of God's care. Everything outside the scope of God's care essentially doesn't exist.

How does the Zionist juggernaut governing Palestine today replicate the priestly insistence on "separation"? I suggest that Zionism as it is manifest in the Holy Land today separates from all that is "unholy" by simply seeking to eliminate it. More starkly, the "separation" is working to render everything outside the interests of Zionism expendable. This egregious attitude was addressed by one of the people we met on our pilgrimage. Christopher Cook is a British journalist who has lived and worked in Palestine for 16 years. He also married a Palestinian, Sally Azzam, who owns the Liwan Cultural Café (the Palestine version of our own Zippy's!). They work together to build bridges in Nazareth. We dined at Sally's café on a Monday and then met Christopher the next day. He guided us to a place in Northern Israel that was once a thriving Palestinian town called Saffuriya. Tradition holds that Saffuriya is one of the possible sites of the birth of Mary. But there were no tourists there. Cook told us that those trained to be the official guides of Israel's tourist industry don't even know that the place exists. How can that be? Why would this certifiable "holy" site be completely ignored?

But no village exists; just an orphanage next to a non-descript forest. Cook told us that this forest is what is left of Saffuriya. The village was evacuated by the Palestinians in 1948 when the Zionists forced them to leave. Afterwards, the buildings of the village were bulldozed into oblivion. Furthermore, this area was once filled with fruit trees planted by the Palestinians who lived there. These trees, Cook told us, were removed and replaced by European pine trees that are not native to the land and don't do well there. Therefore, Cook surmised, there is no evidence in this place that the Palestinians had ever existed on the land. The Zionists did not live in the houses they did not build, nor reap the fruit of trees they did not plant. They actually went further. They refused to recognize that Palestinians had ever lived in Saffuriya. The fruit of "Non-Stop Zionism," at least as far as Saffuriya is concerned, was to enforce an egregious secular version of priestly holiness that completely eliminated the memory of the "unclean." You can't be any more "separated" from the "unclean" than that!

The truth of the matter is that one can't be any more far removed from caring for others than eliminating their memory. But how can such uncaring exist in a place called the Holy Land? Next month I want to consider a different understanding of holiness that places caring for the other front and center and understanding that moves in the opposite direction of "Non-Stop Zionism" regarding the treatment of the other.

Reel World Cinema XXXXI (Summer, 2018)

The Handmaid's Tale: Unholy Alliances between
Religion and Political Power



Description. We are witnessing today the rise of dangerous alliances between religions and political power. We see it in India with the rise of Hindu fundamentalism in Modi's government; in Russia with Russia Orthodoxy's close ties to Putin; in the Middle East with Islam and the secular version of Zionism's occupation of Palestine; and in the United States with American fundamentalism's commitment to conservative politics. Margaret Atwood, the Canadian novelist, presaged the phenomenon in her 1985 novel, *The Handmaid's Tale*, which has been made into a harrowing television series. We will view Season One.

July 6: "Offred" and "Birth Day" (Episodes 1 & 2)

July 13: "Late" and *Nolite Te Bastardes Carborudorum*"
(Episodes 3 & 4)

July 20: "Faithful" and "**A Woman's Place**" (Episodes 5 & 6)

Aug. 3: "The Other Side" and "Jezebels" (Episodes 7 & 8)

Aug. 10: "The Bridge" and "Night" (Episodes 9 & 10)

A Note of Thanks:

Alan, Vicki, and Peyton, would like to thank everyone for their generosity in helping us purchase a patio set. Here we are setting it up and getting ready to enjoy our first meal outside. We thank you!



A Note of Thanks:

My heart is filled with gratitude for the Everett First Presbyterian family. Thank you for all your expressions of love and support. Your prayers and kind words helped me through the surgery and on the road to recovery. My move to Spokane was as unexpected as the surgery and so many of you made it possible. The adult S.S. class came to the hospital with a beautiful cake to bid farewell.



Seven of you helped my son empty my apartment which was a tall order. Many of you sent cards with your good wishes. I miss you. I miss exploring the Biblical message we shared in the class. I miss the lovely walks at the Adopt A Stream Center with the Estuary Angels. I miss the high privilege of worshipping there with you each Sunday and hearing pastor Alan's sermons. Alan brought communion to me at the hospital and his visits bolstered my courage. My prayer for you is that you will be richly blessed.

-Bev Brandt

Bev's New Address:

Bev Brandt

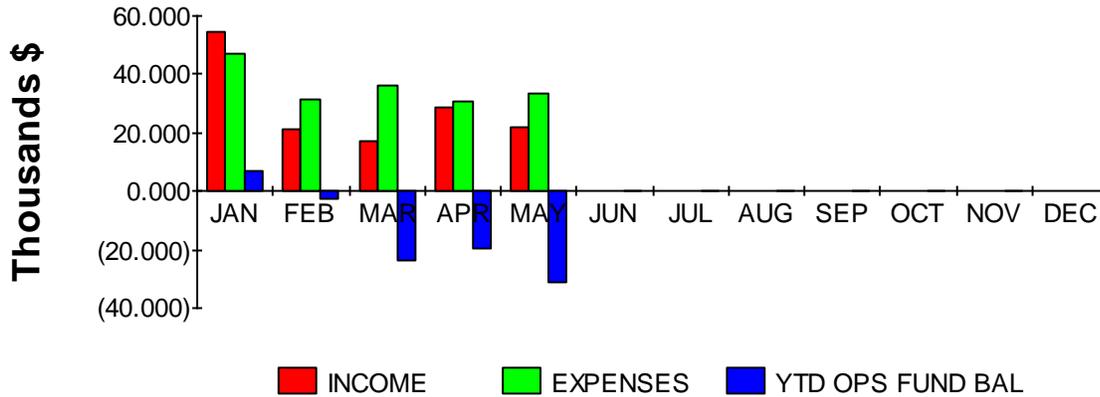
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Treasurer’s Report – as of May 31, 2018

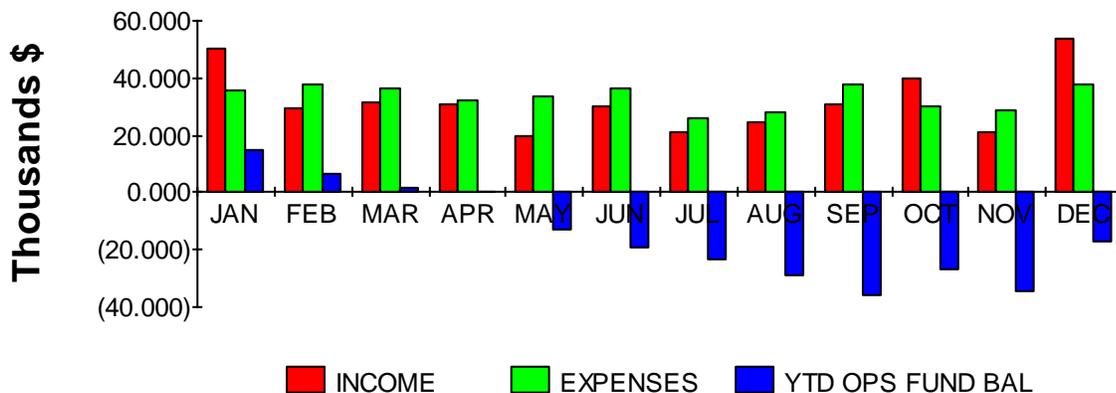
COMPARING INCOME, EXPENSES and OPS BAL Monthly for 2018



Comparing performance between years can be helpful in discerning patterns. For example, the blue bars above are beginning to show the emergence of a challenge for later in this year. Notice how the YTD Ops Fund Balance has gone negative earlier this year – beginning in February – and by a greater amount than last year – where the Ops balance last year did not go negative until May. (Comparing Aprils notice the slightly **positive** balance last year – compared to the negative amount this year.)

I’ve continued using this comparative approach because the picture is worth more than my words would be. The message is rather clear – the summer slump will pose a growing challenge unless we reverse the trend. Interesting one of the church management e-newsletters we receive offers a book on curing the summer slump. Maybe it offers some helpful guidance for us. We’ll see! Stay tuned.....

COMPARING INCOME, EXPENSES and OPS BAL Monthly for 2017



And the Winner is...

Pastor Alan took the coveted spatula at the May "Third Sunday Event Challenge." His winning dish was cucumbers, tomatoes, pita, hummus, and olive oil.

Join us this month for our July challenge on July 15th. Details about the food challenge theme coming soon.

Hope to see you there!



Be a gardener.
Dig a ditch, toil and sweat,
and turn the earth upside down
and seek the deepness
and water the plants in time.
Continue this labor
and make sweet floods to run
and noble and abundant fruits to
spring.
Take this food and drink
and carry it to God as your true
worship.

—Julian of Norwich, Christian
mystic (ca. 1342-1416)

JULY CELEBRATIONS!

Anniversaries:

6 Peterson, Robert & Nancy
8 Solberg, Ralph & Shirley
9 Kuhnhenh, Jay & Julie
12 Henricksen, Erik & Sarah
12 Hill, Darrell & Tonya
16 Burgess, Frank & Beverly
23 Danitschek, Peter & Sharon
24 Grosse, Bill & Mary

27 Tonn, George & Mary
30 Mattix, Chris & Michole



Birthdays:

1 David Baer-Peckham
1 Alice Minor
2 Bernice Damon
3 Annie Fowler
3 Bea Swafford
4 Diane Preston
4 Emma Scoringe
4 Craig Skotdal
5 Lois Tysseling
7 Vicky Ahmann
7 Jordan Menken
7 Mary Simpson
7 Tiffany Van Eaton
9 Megan Cooper
9 Olivia Ryiter
10 Montgomery Johnson
10 Virgil Johnson
11 Martha Clemans
11 Shawnti Johnson
12 Dorothy Anderson
12 Rosemary Garner

12 Darrell Lynn
12 Roger Rice
13 Becky Giles
13 Magdalena Steele
14 Boyd Benson
14 Rebecca Lindell
14 Alexander Lueth
15 Elizabeth Campbell
15 Jeff Larson
15 Peggy Ulvestad
16 Sarah Henricksen
16 Holly Van Eaton
17 Jenna Owen
18 Julie Langabeer
18 Christian Norris
18 Daniel Shubert
20 John DeWater
21 Rose Capetillo
21 George Lockeman
21 Todd Morrow
23 Zachary Villesvik

24 Shirley Solberg
26 Teresa Good
26 Ashton Greso
27 Elizabeth Norris
28 Jim Roosma
28 Alec Sutin
29 Marilyn Nalbach
30 Veronica Bacon
30 Caitlin Hysmith
30 Laura Little
30 Megan Norris
31 Bill Grosse
31 Grant Hopper
31 Jan Hughes



E-Newsletter Submission Deadlines

If you have information you would like included in the e-newsletter, please send that information to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the Thursdays prior to the second and fourth Mondays.

Upcoming Deadlines:

July 5, 2018

July 19, 2018

The Carillon Submission Deadline

If you have information you would like included in upcoming editions of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com two weeks prior to the last Sunday of the month. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday.

Upcoming Deadline:

July 15, 2018

ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5:00PM ON DUE DATE.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW BOOK

Shutterfly will print our Stained Glass Window Book and will have copies here at the church for \$35.00 per copy.



Don't miss out on this opportunity to have a book devoted to the history of the Povey Bros. in Portland. It shows how they did these windows back in 1910 and what all happened when Roy Gresham worked on getting them cleaned and restored by the Bovard Studio in Fairfield, Iowa. It's an historical gem!

Your Stained Glass Window Team:

Roy Gresham
Dottie Villevik
Boyd Benson
Maggie Lamus
Shirley and Ralph Solberg
Kory Kanter
Laurie Povey Crawford

CARING FOR OUR EARTH (It's easy being green!)



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

From the Estuary Angels

Five Ways to go Zero Waste

Every day, the average American creates about 4.4 pounds of waste, adding up to 258 million tons in American landfills yearly. Kathryn Kellogg, founder of GoingZeroWaste.com, can fit all the trash she's thrown away in the past two years in one mason jar. Her recommendations for reducing personal waste:

1. **Buy less.** By simply consuming less, we can greatly reduce the amount we throw away.
2. **Don't put food scraps in the landfill.** Pay for a garden-waste bin for compostables, start a compost pile, or plug into a community garden.
3. **Stop paying for trash.** Switch from disposable items like paper towels to cloth rags, or compost appropriate items as above.
4. **Keep it real.** Use real plates, real flatware, and cloth napkins.
5. **Get your green clean on.** An all-purpose cleaner of one part vinegar and one part water can be used on everything except marble and granite.

Source: *Earth911*.

Reuse Greeting Cards

When giving birthday cards, don't write on them or on the envelope. Add a sticky-note greeting and ask the recipient to reuse the card. When sending greeting cards in the mail, you can make an envelope from a paper bag or other reusable paper, so the card envelope can be reused.

Special Days

July 3 is **International Plastic Bag Free Day**, now part of the broader Break Free from Plastic movement, working toward a future free from plastic pollution. A big way to help is to avoid single-use plastic bags by using reusable bags. July 10 is **Global Energy Independence Day**, promoting alternative energy, including solar, wind, and geothermal, as well as technologies under development. July 10 also is **U.S. Energy Independence Day**, coinciding with Global E. I. Day and reminding ourselves that America is too dependent on foreign fossil fuels. July 15 is **National Give Something Away Day**. Give to your favorite causes, and take unneeded stuff to a thrift shop. Most of us have more than we need to live. July 28 is **World Nature Conservation Day**. We all depend on natural resources like water, air, soil, minerals, trees, animals, food, and gas to live our daily lives. The state of nature has an impact on human survival, local and global economics, community life, and human health and wellbeing.

Enjoy the Beauty Around Us – Some garden tours to see in July:

July 7-8, **Whatcom Horticultural Society Garden Tour**, WhatcomHortSociety.org.

July 15, **Edmonds in Bloom Garden Tour**, EdmondsinBloom.com.

July 29, **Snohomish Garden Tour**, SnohomishGardenClub.com.

“There is simply the rose; it is perfect in every moment of its existence.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

MUSIC AT FPCE:

Save the Date: Summer Aire Concert Sunday, September 9, 2018 3:00pm

Senior Bells, Chancel Bells and Chancel Choir have wrapped for the season. Summer Choir and Summer Aire rehearsals are now underway. Summer Choir meets at 8:30am in the Sanctuary. Summer Aire rehearsals begin at 7pm on Thursdays in Westminster Hall.

Please note, there will be no Summer Aire rehearsals on Thursday July 5th and 12th.

The Summer Aire Concert is Sunday September 9th at 3pm.



Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Dottie Villevik	Todd Morrow	Joan Lyderson
David Baer- Peckham	Teresa Good	Laura Little
Marsha Lueth	Bill Grosse	George Lockeman

Deacons

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Ken Bosman	Sam Capetillo	Judy Kutz
Donna Bosman	Rose Capetillo	Sonya Beardsley
Judy Hutchison	Marilyn Nalbach	Nadine Smith

