

Announcements for June 19

Adult Sunday School Class will continue meeting during the summer at 9 am for a time of fellowship, checking in with each other and discussion on a variety of topics. All are welcome to join the class in fellowship hall each Sunday during the summer.

Thank you to everyone who supported the **PC(USA) Pentecost Offering**. You can give donations to this offering through the end of June and your offering will help our church encourage, develop, and support its young people and address the needs of at-risk children. 40 per cent of the Pentecost Offering is used locally and the remaining 60 per cent is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency for young adult volunteers, ministries for youth and children at risk. This year's local part of the offering will be used to help the families we are supporting through Neighborworks. We will use the money to help furnish a child's bedroom for one of the families when permanent housing is secured. You can donate online on our website or with a check to FPC and put Pentecost Offering on the memo line.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins tomorrow!

Our volunteer staff of youth and adults are ready to welcome children to our "Knights of the North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor." This week children will be invited to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Children will take on the role of brave Knights and through Bible stories will discover different pieces of protective armor: the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith and the Helmet of Salvation and learn how that armor works in their lives as they follow and serve God.

There is still time to register for VBS! Fill out a form today or show up tomorrow at 9:15 am.

Ways to Help with VBS

- Pray for our VBS staff and the children attending
- Donate food snacks for our VBS (see note below)
- Help take down the sanctuary on Wed (June 22) at 1:30 pm

We will be dismantling the decorations in the sanctuary on Wednesday afternoon to accommodate the memorial service for Ed Rasmuson on Thursday. Help is needed to take down the decorations and reassemble them in the chapel.

- Help reassemble the sanctuary on Thursday (June 23) after the service
- Help with the clean up of the picnic on Friday at 1-2 pm
- Help with the clean up of the building on Friday 1:30-3:30

Donate to support our VBS

We will be serving snacks each day during VBS and having a family picnic on Friday. If you would like to help with the snacks check out the list below and donate what you would like to. Please bring your donations the church tomorrow.

bananas	ranch dressing
carrots	grapes
goldfish crackers	pretzels
tangerines	roll up fruit pouches
string cheese	fruit snacks (individual bags)
rice krispie squares	
apple sauce (individual size containers)	
and	

baked goods and fresh fruit to share with our volunteers
(breakfast pastries, cookies, etc.)

If you would like to give a monetary gift to support the VBS you can write a check and memo it "VBS" or donate online on our FPC website.

..... I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME!

You can make a difference! The fundraiser event to support female prison inmates who are in the running program at the Hiland Mountain Correctional Center in Eagle River is **this Thursday!** The money raised is used to buy running shoes and sport bras for the women who are bettering their lives by being a part of the running program.

This year's event "Running Free Loopty Lo" provides two ways to participate:

In-person race June 23, 7 p.m.

Virtual race June 16 – 23

The in-person race will be held at APU since the prison is still off limits due to COVID.

Learn more about the event and sign up at:

<https://www.runningfreealaska.com/about>

You can also donate on-line at the above link or write a check to First Presbyterian Church and designate it: Running Free Hiland Fundraiser.