

FIRST THINGS FIRST

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STERLING, COLORADO

AUGUST 2023



Have you thought about joining choir?

**Chancel Choir rehearsals resume
on Thursday, August 24 at 6:30pm**

For more information, contact Darla Korrey Gertner.

A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE. . .

Hamster Wheel or Ferris Wheel

For the last year and a half, I've been participating in a cohort that's looking at the ways in which modern culture seems to be accelerating. There are many benefits to modern technology and modern life, but as the pace of life keeps accelerating, there are some consequences, too. Everything feels like a competition. Rest feels indulgent and lazy. We always feel behind... we just learned how to use this phone, and now there's an update? How am I supposed to remember *another* password?! The to-do list is never complete. Or: everyone else is speeding successfully along, but you can't keep up, so it feels like everyone and everything is passing you by. People have used the analogy of the hamster wheel... you just have to keep running fast in order to keep the wheel going. Some of us may feel like we're on the hamster wheel; others may feel like they've been flattened beneath it.



What if instead of the hamster wheel, we took a turn on the Ferris Wheel? It's slower (and up at the top, quieter). When you're on the Ferris Wheel, you're not in control. It gives you a new perspective, a more expansive view. It takes you away from the crowds, but it puts you in close proximity to one or two people. It usually evokes a contented sigh and a smile (unless you're afraid of heights?).

Maybe a literal ride on the Ferris Wheel isn't for you, but just like the hamster wheel is a metaphor for the way we move through life, perhaps the Ferris Wheel can be, too.

As summer begins to wane, may you find a Ferris Wheel kind of pace. May you find the blessing of an expansive perspective. May you experience some slowness, some calm, some quiet... and may you enjoy it and be renewed and refreshed by it.

Rev. Michelle

Food Pantry

You may bring your donations to the church
and put them under
the table outside the church office,
or in the box in the elevator vestibule.

Cooperating Ministry: August

Chunky or Progresso Soup

NJC Food Pantry:

Nuts, Dried Fruit, Trail Mix; Jerky;
Tuna or Salmon (cans/packets);
Protein Bars; Peanut Butter; Nut Butter;
Crackers; Granola; Fruit/Nut Bars;
Instant Oatmeal; Popcorn; Microwavable meals.

THANK YOU!

August BIRTHDAYS

1	Jomari Lechtman
1	Ryker Jackson
2	Jana Lock
2	Marryn Sheldon
3	Dennis Kaan
5	Connie Brown
9	Mike Tyson
10	Jenilee Spicer
10	Chris Jutz
12	Logan Guenzi
14	David Ruygrok
15	Cody Weingardt
16	Don Korrey
16	Chad Borner
19	Kim Jackson
19	Emi Reeves
19	Danny Duodu
26	Dan Torres
27	Alex Hicks
30	Rick Meier
30	Tammie Malone
30	Pat Borner
31	Kay Rich
31	Bev Fritzler

Happy Birthday...

May your day be blessed!



Agnes Rundus celebrated her 95th birthday with friends from Sterling in June at the Presbyterian Church in Broomfield.

Thank You...

I want to thank the
Church family for all of
the support and love and
kindness since the passing of
my daughter Nancy in early
March. Sincerely
Joan Whitney

Dear Michelle and the 1st Pres Sterling
congregation,
Thank you for your warm welcome to
Eric, Zoey, and me last week. It meant
so much to be able to share our life
and ministry in Guatemala with people
who care about us and support us.
Thank you for the lunch and hospitality
and for your continuing partnership!
With love & gratitude,
Betsey Moe

**Rev. Betsey and Eric Moe,
PCUSA Mission Co-Workers
in Guatemala, came to
Sterling last month to give a
presentation on their life and
ministry in Guatemala.**



PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Military Personnel

Luke Brigham (Randy & Terry's son)
Thomas Gage Snyder (Kim Schlup's son)
Cameron Venn (Doris Ramsel's grandson)

For those with special needs or concerns....

Carl Anderson
Florence Annan
Grace Ann (Connie Clark's relative)
David Balabanis Family
Tye Bennett (Neblett's grandson)
Norm Blackburn
Brenda Boeff
Paul Budin
Gabe Chapin
Confirmants & Mentors
Cooperating Ministry
Jeanne Crouch & Family
Cierra Davis (friend of Becky Cranwell)
Andrew DeSouza (Michelle Hawkins' son)
Gary Espinosa (Arden Fennell's family)
Family Resource Center
Rev. Greg Faulkner
Norman Foos
Koehn Gertner (Mike's grandson)
Meredith Goodwin (friend of Propsts)
David Hashman, SCF Inmate
Highlands Camp
Sonja Holden (friend of Arden Fennell)
Hollis Jackson
Chris Jutz
Josh Jutz & Kaylee
Janae (Klindt) Kerr
Kiel/Alva Family (friends of Weingardts)
Robert Koehler (friend of Laura Guenzi)
Debby Korrey (Delinda's & Darla's sister)
Patty Moriarity Korrey (Delinda's & Darla's sister-in-law)
Ann Leh and Family
Jimmie McCaffree

Emerson McClanahan (Ellen Bernhard's daughter)
Delinda Korrey McDowell
Aline Marquez (friend of Becky Cranwell)
Rev. Betsey & Eric Moe, & the people of Guatemala
Rose Neblett
Jeni Porter (In-law of Blackburns)
Frances Rhodes (Dave's mother)
Jerry Rich (Gary's brother)
Agnes Rundus
Betty Scharf
Steven Shinn (friend of Jim Leh)
Darrell Smith
AJ, Sara, & Baby Leo Sonnenberg (friends of Weingardts)
Becky Stieb, Justin & Torin (friends of Michelle Hawkins)
Charlie & Roseanne Thompson (friends of Nebletts)
Peggy Thompson (Carol Arnold's daughter)
Mike Tyson
Amy & Byron Uhrich (Jill Vollmer's parents)
Under the Umbrella
Robert Vance (Michelle White's dad)
Norma Wagner (Jana Lock's mom)
Declan Nash Warner (Jason Rose's grandson)
Derek Weingardt (nephew of Rhodes and Weingardts)
Masi Wells (friend of Taylor Cranwell)
Jeff Weskamp
Joan Whitney
Jim & Jean Williamson

Condolences to...

Pam Werner on the death of her father,
John Wernsman;
Bev Cumming on the death of her husband,
Chuck Cumming;
Ellen Miles on the death of her daughter,
Debbie White.

Do you have an update on anyone listed
on our church prayer list?
We'd love to hear the good news of recovery,
healing and answered prayer.

If you have a joy to report, let us know!

Congratulations...



Dedication of the Carrie Mann Theater



It's truly inspiring to know
about Carrie Mann's
remarkable journey and her

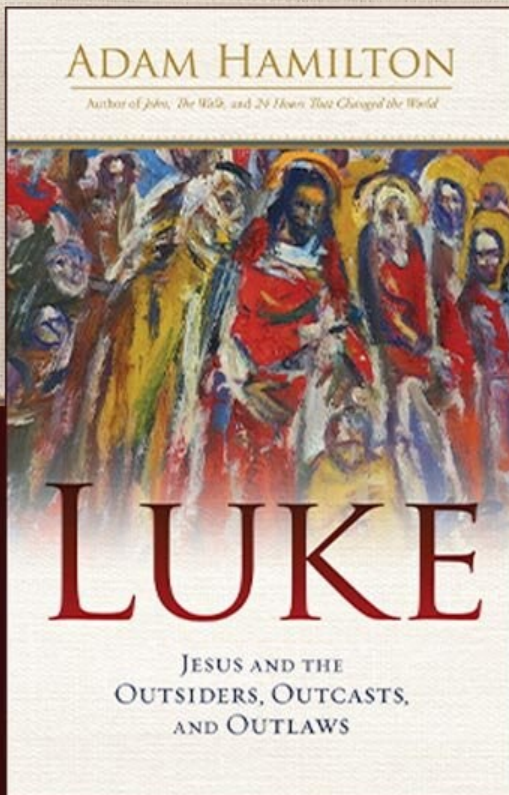
profound impact on the world of dramatic and musical
theatrical productions. Her dedication to the arts and her influence on students and the
community are undoubtedly invaluable.

From her early involvement in play production, painting stage flats alongside her father, to
her decades of commitment to Merino students and the arts community, Carrie Mann's
passion and mentorship have left an indelible mark. Her Drama program not only imparts
essential skills to students but also instills in them a sense of determination that can be
transformative.

The dedication of the Carrie Mann Theater on August 21, 2023, is a fitting tribute to her
enduring legacy of artistic excellence and mentorship. This honor not only recognizes her
contributions but also serves as a reminder of the positive and lasting influence she has had
on countless individuals and the wider community.

Carrie Mann's story is a testament to the power of passion, dedication, and the arts to
shape lives and create a meaningful impact. Her journey serves as an inspiration to aspiring
artists, educators, and community leaders alike.

Please help us celebrate with her family, friends and students on Monday, August 21st at
6:00pm at the Merino High School Performance Room for the dedication ceremony.
Refreshments to follow.



JESUS' FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES

Women's Bible/Book Study 2023 – 2024

Third Thursdays ~ 1:30pm

Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws is Adam Hamilton's latest book (copyright 2022). This book along with the Gospel of Luke are the sources of discussion at the Women's Bible/Book Study beginning Thursday, September 21 at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Adam Hamilton's book reveals Jesus' concern for the marginalized; those who are perceived as "apart from" rather than "a part of." No matter your station in life, who has not felt left out or less than.

Come be "a part of" the Women's Bible/Book Study and experience Luke's Jesus who specializes in making us "a part of" of his powerfully healing love.

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		5:15 Fellowship				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/ Communion 11:30 Fellowship Coffee	9:30 Worship & Sacraments		10:00 Membership/ Stewardship	6pm Rundus Foundation		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Coffee		Newsletter Deadline 5:30pm Session				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Lunch	1:00 Finance			5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir		9:30 Presbytery- Alliance, NE
27	28	29	30	31	Sept. 1	
9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Coffee		10:30am Personnel		5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir	12:05pm First Friday Concert	

SERVING IN CHURCH — AUGUST

USHERS

August 6 Traci Reeves, Audrey Reeves
August 13 Kim Weingardt, Tammie Malone
August 20 Dean Boeff, Mason Boeff
August 27 Alie Sheldon, Michelle Hawkins

FIRST RESPONSE/BULLETIN DELIVERY

August Kim Weingardt

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

August 6 Worship and Sacraments
August 13 Christian Education
August 20 Fellowship
August 27 Personnel

COUNT OFFERING

August 6 Bob Smith
August 13 Connie Ham
August 20 Linda Meisner
August 27 Bev Cumming

LITURGISTS

August 6 Bob Smith
August 13 Darla Korrey Gertner
August 20 Gary Rich
August 27 Mason Boeff

AV TECHS

August 6 Justin Cranwell (sound)
Jacob Paiz (slides)
August 13 Dean Boeff (sound)
Pam Trimble (slides)
August 20 Tanna Prince & Rex
Witherspoon (sound)
Jeff Christenson (slides)
August 27 Justin Cranwell (sound)
Callie Jackson (slides)

COMMUNION: AUGUST 6 2023

PREPARING/SERVING COMMUNION

Preparing

Mike Tyson
Jomari Lechtman

Serving

Ava Reeves
Becky Cranwell
Linda Meisner



Remember to let the church office know if you trade serving dates with someone (522-2708).

Serving schedules subject to change. Check the website for most up-to-date schedules.
www.firstpressterling.org/servingschedules

Sundays in August: 10:30am worship//9am Sunday School

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A flawed yet faithful follower of Jesus

Garden of God's Abundance

Use the table in Fellowship Hall to:

Share produce from your garden.

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Enjoy produce from others' gardens.

Join our AV TEAM!

In the spirit of
"many hands make
light work," we are
looking to expand
our AV Team.

Let us know if you
are interested in
running sound or
slides on a Sunday
morning about once
every 4-6 weeks.

Help Wanted...

THANK YOU!



Save the Date!



Tasty Favorites ~~Pie~~ AUCTION

September 10



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

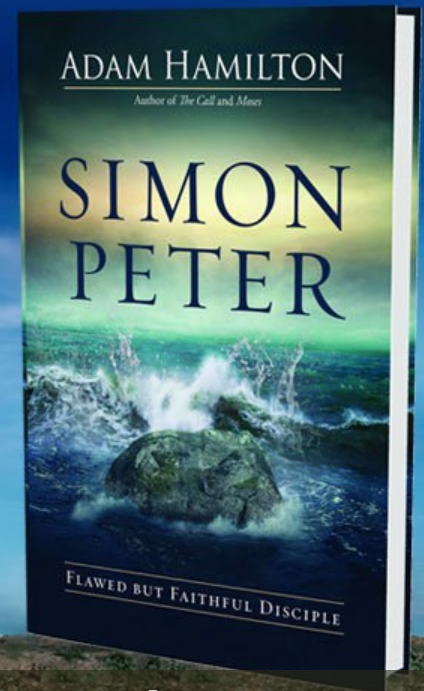
**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10
10:30 A.M.**

Summer **SUNDAY** School

Sundays in August @ 9am

SIMON PETER

AN ORDINARY FISHERMAN
WHO HEARD AN
EXTRAORDINARY CALL



Join us for a book study this summer!

Let us know if you'd like a book...

Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple

suggested donation: \$20/book

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Symbolism in the PC(USA) Logo



The Fish



The Dove



The Cup



The Book



The Pulpit



The Cross



The Fire



The Trinity