

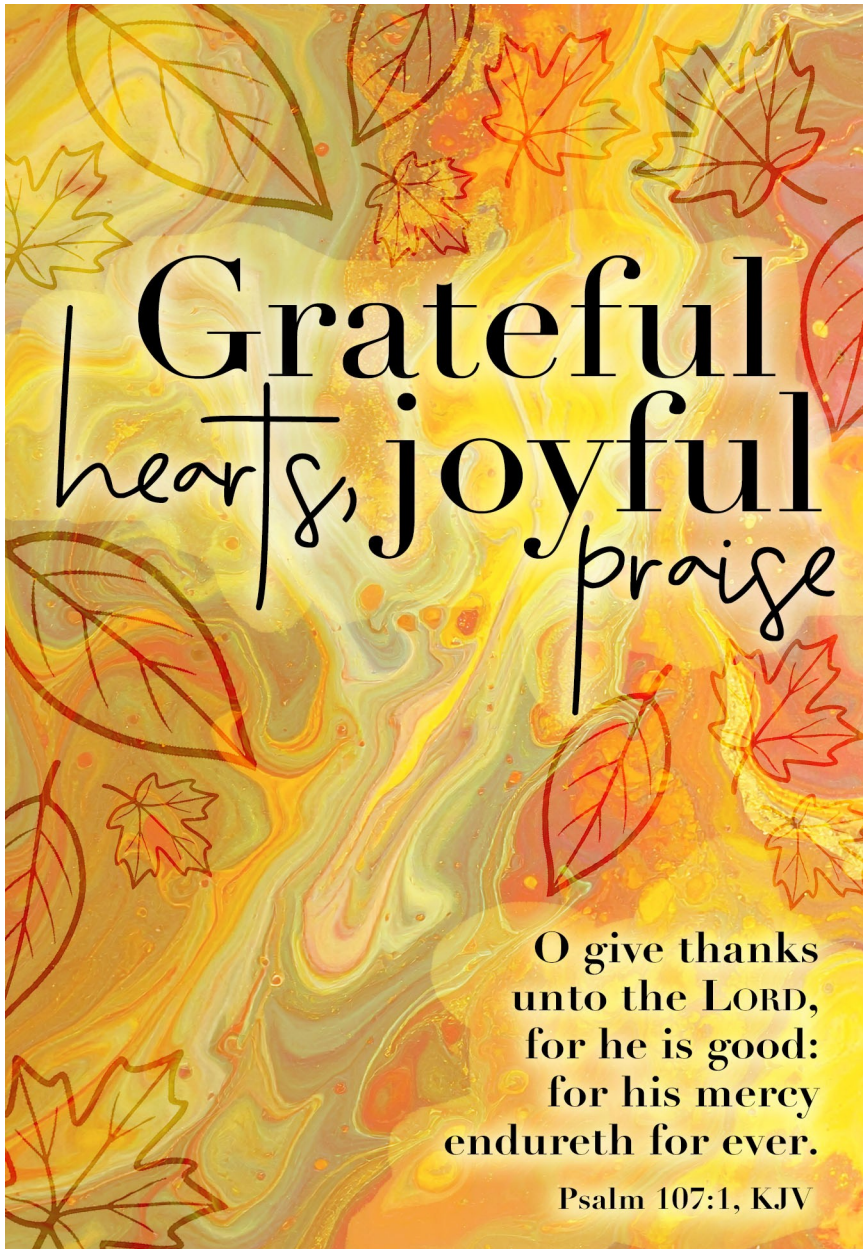
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First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

10-11 a.m.- Worship
11 a.m. - Fellowship
11:30 a.m. -Adult Sunday School

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Worship - Sundays at 10 a.m.



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join our worship livestream, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the FPCE Facebook page. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>. Worship services can also be viewed on our You Tube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Please note: There are times when Facebook and/or YouTube will mute parts of a worship recording that they deem to be infringing on copyright protections. To see the service online, uninterrupted, you'll need to watch the live broadcast.

Online worship bulletins are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

Thank you for a great Summer of Joy! It was an amazing combination of worship, study, reflection, and prayer on the theme of joy. Joy is our yearlong theme and we will end this year strongly with joy.

Speaking of this year, how fast has time gone by? It's already fall! In the fall of 2011, I participated in a pastor's conference called CREDO. The conference was great, met new colleagues, appreciated the learning, worship, and rest. This conference was small and very focused on aspects of a pastor's life with in-depth teaching, personal coaching, and group work. One part of the conference was to think about what we would be taking back home. The challenge of any conference is what new idea will be impactful enough to be rolled out back home. However, instead of asking us to write one thing down, the leaders asked us to think about a large goal.

The question was, you've had time to reflect on your life and ministry, what is one massive goal you are interested in completing? Think about something outrageous, something big that if accomplished you knew it was from God, and something that would not be finished immediately but could captivate you through different seasons in ministry. They called this the Big Hairy Audacious Goal or BHAG for short.

It is a silly name. It might not make sense. But that's the point. Just think about a goal, a dream, a big, audacious, might put hair on your chest or decrease it from your head idea that's been in your heart and maybe, if you just wrote it down, made it real, would get your juices flowing to possibly, hopefully, prayerfully figure out a way to get it done?

Sorry, I'm not going to tell you my BHAG, and you do not need to tell me yours, but I never did anything like that at a conference before or after.

Since then, I have thought about my goal, tweaked it, held it up to time, and discovered, there are days when I just need to have a larger vision than what's in front of me. For me, there is a link between this BHAG and what I believe is a vision for God's kingdom. When I dive into scripture and think about the body of Christ, and how the Holy Spirit is calling us to live and exist differently, I am inspired and begin to move from my limited view of God's plan to a larger, more expansive vision of the heavenly kingdom.

As we move into fall, the lectionary leads us through Matthew's gospel with Jesus' parables. We might be familiar with them, but every time we read a parable and take time to seek what Jesus is teaching us, we experience something new. We might get a Big Hairy Audacious Gospel vision.

For instance, in Matthew 18:21, Peter thinks he's doing a great job of forgiving someone seven times. It's almost like he leans over to Jesus and humble brags, seven times, yep that's the depth of my forgiveness. In verse 22, Jesus says, okay, forgive 77 times. Next, he dives into a parable.

Jesus teaches Peter (and us) about radical forgiveness and the consequences of not forgiving. Jesus gives us a vision that is well beyond our understanding and challenges our thoughts on good news for us today.

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Beginning on September 13th, we are going to dive into Jesus' parables for five weeks. We are going to kick off the fall season with excitement and a renewed desire to see how a larger understanding of good news grows our walk with Jesus.

Peace, *Alan*



The Carillon Is Under Construction!

We've got a little construction project underway! We're still working on the redesign of *The Carillon* as we transition to a new design platform. And, well... **when has construction ever finished exactly on time?**

We had hoped to unveil our fresh new look in September, but we're giving our redesign team a little more time to hammer, measure, rearrange, and put on the finishing touches.



The new look for *The Carillon* will officially launch with the October issue!

Thank you for your patience as we work behind the scenes. We're excited about the new design and look forward to continuing to share the stories, ministries, events, and life of our church community in a fresh new way.

In the meantime, consider this September issue your **“under construction” edition**. We promise the finished product will be worth the wait!

Dear Friends Who've Contributed to Underground's **Victor Support Fund**,

We have more good news.

We didn't want to make this another polished newsletter. Just an old fashioned email between friends.

Many of you have asked "What's the latest with Victor?"

Last month, as Victor's heart condition got worse and worse while inside ICE Detention Tacoma, and we worked with a team of lawyers to appeal federally appointed judges' decisions to push Victor toward removal from the country--his wife Yesica got a phone call.

The next day Yesica was driving home with her husband Victor in the car, at last. Their sons Manny and Yovani with both parents, at last.

Here's the short version:

Victor and his attorneys finally got a UW cardiologist (outside the ICE facility) to look at his heart. They sounded the alarm. It was operating at 17%. Talk of heart transplant list, at age 26, was brought up. ICE released Victor on a rare medical emergency kind of agreement.

This is bittersweet.

Sweet: after 13 months of separation, terror, incarceration, family need, a baby born, federal trial, "release" from criminal detention to ICE detention, a tiny "wedding" inside that hellish place with me in February, multiple immigration strategies and applications, a small boy struggling at school with a father who's been stolen from him, no release in sight, possible deportation preparations . . . Victor is suddenly home. Victor is home with baby Yovani each day while Yesica works. Victor plays with Manny each day and they go to bed reading stories together.

Bitter: a friend Brennan took Victor to an ICE appointment within days to get a GPS ankle monitor on. The long leash for a long immigration application journey. The next day I took Victor to the UW Medicine cardiologist. Learned of many appointments and tests to schedule. And then this: ICE snatched up Yesica's father. The boy's grandfather who's been caring for them every day. One of the key income earners to pay monthly housing costs. Yesica is back at ICE visitation this weekend.

Thank you for your generosity. The last 13 months we raised and spent over \$17,000 on legal fees, rental support, debt relief, basic needs, transportation, evaluations, and more, to get this far. Their family wouldn't be here without your help. We will continue to support their legal fight and basic needs, as Victor is still on a heart healing journey. Anyone can still contribute to that ongoing fund here online at: <https://victorsheart-undergroundministries.funraise.org>

Thank you for your prayers. Whether you call it prayer or not, there are very different spirits we can participate in--both within us and across our land. Thank you for joining yours. Now, it's for:

healing in Victor's oversized and weakening heart

healing in Yesica and the boy's hearts, during a family's re-knitting

a path for Yesica's father, now in ICE

Thank you for helping us live out a different story, together, in this chapter of history,

Chris Hoke

Executive Director | **Underground Ministries**

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Priscilla Circle Returns This Fall!

Priscilla Circle is back—and all women are warmly invited to join us!

We'll gather on **Monday, September 14, at 11:30 a.m. in Calvin Lounge** for fellowship, conversation, and the beginning of a new study: *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*.

Bring your lunch if you'd like, and come ready to explore how Paul's message of faith, community, and loving unity speaks to us today.

We hope you'll join us!

Save the Date: "So Many Hats"!

Ladies, mark your calendars! The **Women's Association Fall Gathering** is coming up, and you won't want to miss this special time of fellowship, fun, and connection.

Date: Saturday, October 3

Time: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Where: Calvin Lounge & Westminster Hall

Lunch included!

Our theme is **"So Many Hats"**, because women wear a lot of hats, and we're ready to celebrate them all!

A sign-up sheet will be available soon. You can also call or email the church office for more information.

Save the date and bring your favorite hat—or simply bring yourself! We'll see you there!



Announcements:

The Gathering

Join us for our monthly dinner and program Wednesday dinner called The Gathering. Our next Gathering is on Wednesday, September 16th at 5:30pm in Westminster Hall. More information will be coming soon!

Thursday Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible Study on Zoom will resume on October 1st at 4pm. More information to come.

New Members Class

If you have been worshipping and want to learn more about the First Presbyterian Church of Everett, are interested in what does it mean to be a presbyterian, have some questions about the church, or have wanted to become a member, then join Pastor Alan for a New Member's Class on Sundays September 27, October 4, and October 11th. Over these three weeks, Pastor Alan will talk about our church, membership, and our denomination. This class will be at 11:30am in the library.

Men's Breakfast

Start your Saturday with good food, good conversation, and good company! Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, September 12. Come enjoy breakfast and a chance to catch up with friends and connect with others in our church community.

Whether you're a regular or joining us for the first time, all men are welcome! Come hungry and bring a friend.



MY SERMON notes

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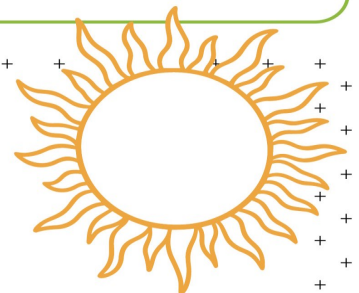
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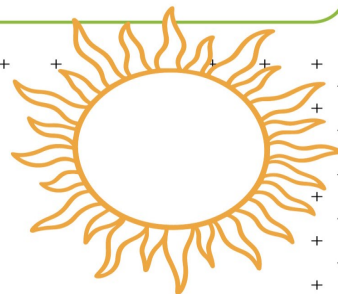
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On the flight home from my recent American Guild of Organists professional convention in St. Louis, Missouri, I found myself reflecting on a familiar question: **Where do you look for help?**

The convention was hosted at a beautiful hotel near the Gateway Arch and the Mississippi River. As our flight approached Sea-Tac, the wind was blowing out of the south, and Air Traffic Control directed our flight north toward Mount Rainier before making a U-turn. From my window, I could see Mount Baker to my right and, in the distance, the Olympic range.

My heart was stirred as I quietly recited the words of Psalm 121:

*“I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.”*

There, in what I can only describe as my own **“Sanctuary in the Sky,”** I imagined opening our blue Presbyterian Hymnal to hymn #234 and singing Psalm 121 quietly to myself. Surrounded by the beauty of God’s creation, the words took on new meaning.

I was also reminded of the late Jane Parker Huber, a great leader in Presbyterian Women. On her first visit to the Pacific Northwest, she was filled with wonder at our mountains, glaciers, and streams. Inspired by the beauty of this region, she wrote a hymn for our Synod of Alaska Northwest, set to the familiar tune **St. Denio**. Jane Parker Huber’s work is well represented in our blue hymnal, which includes eleven of her hymns.

The words of that hymn came back to me as I looked out at the landscape below:

*“Creator of mountains, and glaciers and streams,
Great splasher of fountains and dreamer of dreams,
We stand in awe and amazed at Your grace
As we ponder anew our work in this place!”*

What a beautiful reminder that the mountains themselves are not our source of help. Rather, they point us toward the One who made them—the Creator of mountains, glaciers, streams, and all that surrounds us.



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So, where do you look for help today?

Psalm 121 gives us a simple and enduring answer: **“My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”**

Sometimes, we may need to look no farther than the beauty outside our window—or perhaps even the view from a “Sanctuary in the Sky”—to remember that truth.



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS!

Anniversaries:

- 9/1 Christopher & Danielle Roberts
- 9/13 Jeff & Doreen Solberg
- 9/19 Randy & Debbie Roberts
- 9/27 Clayton & Kami Erickson



Birthdays:

- 9/2 Rob Sutin
- 9/10 Mary Davis
- 9/11 Marilyn Minch
- 9/13 Marne Larson
- 9/14 Mary Lou Finley
- 9/19 Christopher Roberts
- 9/20 Sharon Danitschek
- 9/20 Steve Torrence
- 9/21 Alan Dorway
- 9/22 Kami Erickson
- 9/23 Carol Gresham
- 9/24 Jeffrey Smith
- 9/29 Danielle Fowler

Special Dates in September:

Labor Day, September 7, 2026
Patriot Day, September 11, 2026
National Grandparents Day, September 13, 2026
Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, 2026
First Day of Autumn, September 22, 2026



Carillon: If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

Sunday, September 13, 2026

ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5 P.M. ON DUE DATE.



Please note that out drive-thru donation option has been discontinued.

If you have a large donation of food, or a heavy one, Ken Newman will be glad to help with collecting it before or after service on any Sunday.

Remember, we collect every week at the baskets at both doors to the sanctuary. Thanks to all who donate food to help those in need in our community.



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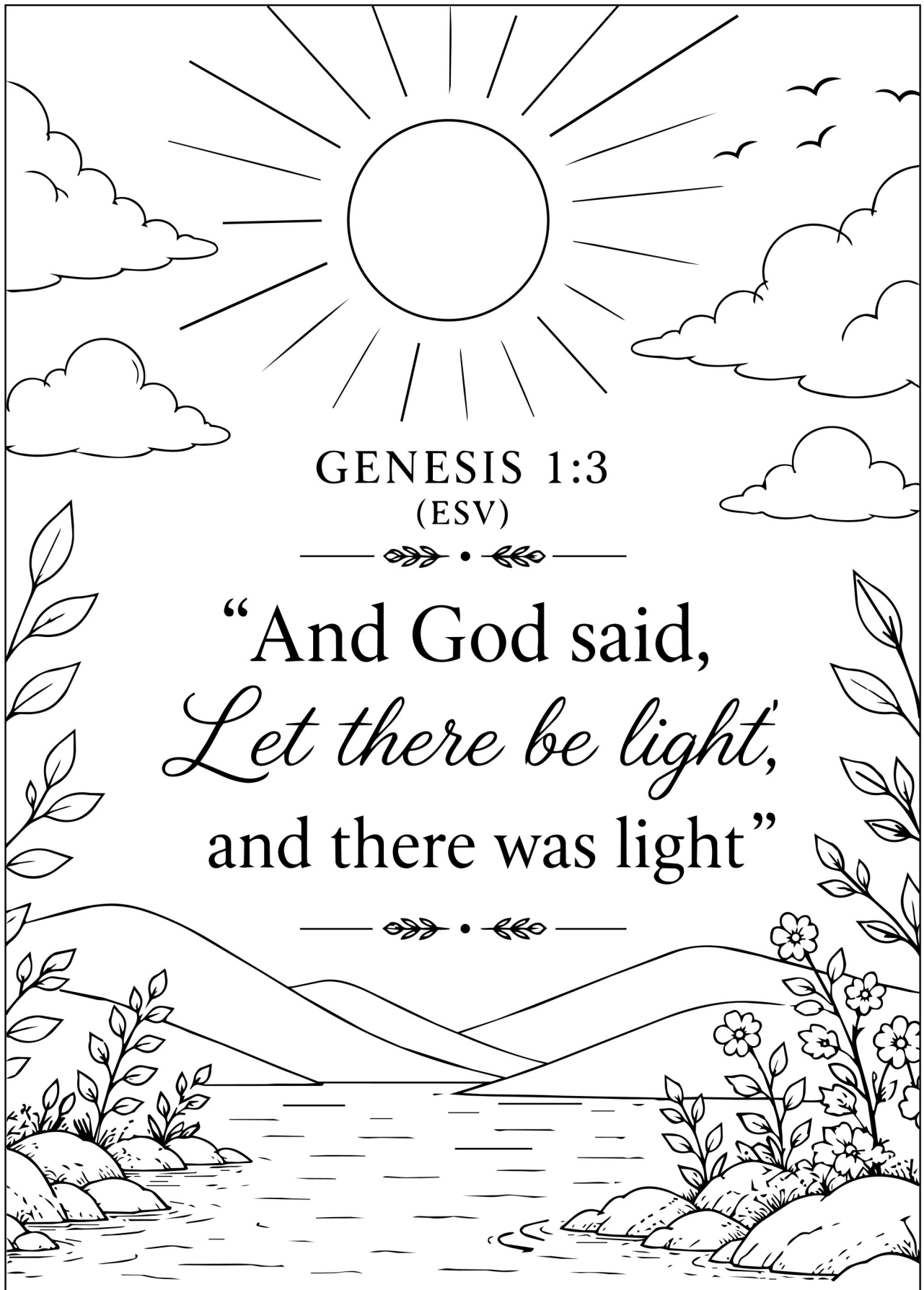
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AFTER WORSHIP

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 25TH

More details
to come! ♥





Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Randy Fehlhaber	Judy Campbell	Emily Alfrejd
Susan Lynn	David Baer-Peckham	Katherine Campbell
Kari Nupen	Terry Walker	Danielle Fowler

Deacons

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Rose Capetillo	Susan Davis	Joan Lyderson
Sam Capetillo	Judy Hammond	Barb Roetcisoender
Mike Davis	Marilee Richards	Lisa Villesvik

