

SEPTEMBER 2026

NEWS TO PERUSE

The Official Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Hayfield

What's coming up!



- Sept 6 Worship with Communion
- Sept 8,9 First Days of School
- Sept 10 Presbytery Meeting
- Sept 13 First week of Sunday School
Potluck after worship service
- Sept 20 Coffee Hour Starts

Sunday School
Starting!
September 13
2nd - 5th at 9:15
younger ages
during worship

Church League Fantasy Football!
on [espn.com](https://www.espn.com)

Let Pastor Brad know ASAP
if you would like to join us this year.



FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

You will have to forgive me if my mind is a little preoccupied with dog thoughts at the moment. We just welcomed two beagles into our home, both a year old. Daisy is just a few months older than Rowan and we adopted them from the Winona Area Humane Society. They started their lives basically living in a factory. They are 2 of thousands of beagles that were rescued from a breeding and testing facility in Wisconsin which did not have a good record. So not only did they literally live a sheltered first year of life, they were also likely not well cared for.

You might be wondering what happened to our Buddy, also a beagle, that was part of our family for over 10 years. Well, he also was adopted and so was quite a bit older than the 10 years he spent with us and early in the Summer it became very apparent that he was not feeling well, and so we had to let him go. Buddy was a very loving and well-behaved dog for most of his life with us (after we finally got him to stop digging under our fence to escape in the early days). After Buddy passed we knew that another dog was likely in our future but we weren't in a big rush, that is until the story came out about these rescued beagles from Wisconsin. And not too long into that process some members of the family were asking other members of the family "what would you think about two?".

It seems that no one but the pocketbook objected and that is why you have Daisy and Rowan living their best life in your manse. You might ask if it was wise to get not only one dog, but two, so quickly after saying goodbye to our Buddy. Wouldn't it be smart to wait a while to make sure you are ready for that commitment again? And adopting dogs that come from that kind of facility sounds kind of risky, how do we know how they will react to life in a home with a family? Well, I will tell you that it appears that Rowan had never seen a television before I turned on the LLWS his first night and it took him a while to be okay with little people running around in that strange box. But on the more serious side, we are unsure how it will go along the way and also realize we are signing up for extra work, probably extra messes, and maybe the occasional new hole in one of our shoes.

This got me thinking about a podcast I listened to this week that was discussing the topic of how Americans are having less children and what kind of feelings, beliefs, and factors might go into adults choosing not to have as many or even any children. Now I am not one to say or preach that everyone should have children or for that matter even lots of them, but I find the motives behind the choices interesting and possibly somewhat similar to the decision to add pets to your life. (I know, pets do not equal children, but the decision making is related)

The hosts on the podcast generally believed that there is a popular idea in our culture that to be an adult means to be free to do what you want when you want. And so young adults are striving to sort of pack in all the 'excitement' if you will into their lives while they are young, and before children, because the thought is that once you have children you will lose that part of your life. Now I don't think there is much of a question that caring for children does bring some limits on a parent's unfettered freedom to do as they please. The question we might want to ask ourselves though is if freedom unattached to anyone and not having any responsibility for anyone is really the best way to live the life we have been given. I know I still long for times of no responsibility, where I'm free to do what I would like, but also I realize that too much of that does not lead to life at its fullest because we are made for connection and relationship. (both with people and animals 🐾)

Blessings,
Brad

Thank you! **VOLUNTEERS**

Septemer 6

Lay Leader	Kim Jacobson
Usher/Greeter	Dave & Jenna
Coffee Hour	none
Counters	Jack & John

September 13

Lay Leader	Rachel Gagliasso
Usher/Greeter	Tyler & Krystine
Coffee Hour	Potluck
Counters	John & Tyler

September 20

Lay Leader	Kristi Jacobsen
Usher/Greeter	Joe & Mariah
Coffee Hour	Jim & Patty
Counters	Tyler & Jim

September 27

Lay Leader	Kasey Krekling
Usher/Greeter	Tanner & Maggie
Coffee Hour	Joey & Jean
Counters	Jim & Nancy

Happy Birthday!

Sept 1 - Kayla Stanton

Sept 4 - Maeva Becker
- Kathy Peterson

Sept 9 - David Johnson

Sept 10 - Madison Heydt

Sept 16 - Sheila Fuller

Sept 20 - Dave Santjer

Sept 25 - Lesley Vander Waal

Happy Anniversary!

Sept 1 - David & Jenna Johnson
- Mike & Wendy Swanson

Sept 2 - Paul & Diane Stanton

Sept 3 - Mike & Marla Dahlen

Sept 10 - Scott & Kristi Jacobsen
- Randy & Judy Santon

Sept 19 - Delmar & Ruth Heikes

Sept 22 - Mark & Kathy Peterson

TIME TO Celebrate



Financial Information

General Fund

Last 4 Weeks

\$6,178

Budget for 4 weeks

\$8,878