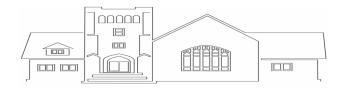
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THE MESSENGER



JULY/AUGUST 2016

Meghan's Musings

It's a Wonderful Life!

I have a big announcement: I'm expecting! ... a puppy. I'm expecting a puppy. Actually, by the time you read this, I'll already have a puppy. She's a Welsh terrier and her name is ZuZu's Petals (ZuZu, for short). Some of you might remember that in the film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, George Bailey's youngest daughter was named Zuzu. Early in the movie he put some petals in his pocket when he "fixed" Zuzu's rose. Then, toward the end of the film, one of the signs that he's back to his real life is when he finds Zuzu's petals in his pocket.

Anyway, I'm very excited to be expanding my family in this way but also a little nervous. I haven't had a dog since I was a kid, and we never had a puppy and... it seems that my breed of choice is particularly "independent" ("independent" is code for "difficult to train"). So, it's going to be an adventure. Below are the answers to some questions you might have:

Why a Welsh terrier? My first introduction to Welsh terriers was a family friend's. I just fell in love with the energy and playfulness. I also like the smaller size (they are considered "medium" but I think of them as small, 17-20 lbs as adults) And probably most importantly, due to my allergies, I need a dog with hair rather than fur.

Why didn't you adopt from a shelter? This is a decision I did not take lightly. On principle, I'm definitely a "shelter dog" kind of person. All the dogs we had when I was growing up were mutts who either we adopted or they adopted us. And not coincidentally, I also always had terrible allergies growing up. So... I need a dog that I won't be allergic to and that's difficult to impossible to do through a shelter. Another benefit of working with a responsible, reputable breeder is that they are very deliberate to mate for health and the puppy has had a good life/environment prior to coming into my life. So while there is certainly no guarantee that the dog won't have serious, costly health problems or emotional baggage that will manifest in behavioral issues in the future, I'm hedging my bets.

Couldn't you have rescued an adult Welsh terrier? Yes, however, because I need a dog that is well-trained for my lifestyle, I wanted to start with a blank slate (that whole thing about old dogs and new tricks, you know...) Also, I really wanted the opportunity to raise a puppy and have a whole (hopefully long) life together. It's entirely possible that at some point in the future rescuing an adult Welsh will be right for me but not at this time.

Ultimately, despite my love for the Welsh terriers, if it weren't for my allergies, Iwould have gone the shelter route. And if it weren't for my deep desire to have a relationship beginning with puppyhood, I would have gone the adult Welsh rescue route. But these two factors together led to getting a puppy from a legit, responsible, Welsh Terrier Club of America certified breeder.

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Lorna Beth Neerhof, sister of Marlys Grimm, died Thursday June 9, 2016 at Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Alabama from complications related to pneumonia.

Lorna is survived by her husband, Lee; her son, Lyle Neerhof (Madison, AL); and her daughters: Lorinda Neerhof (Oshkosh, WI); Lenore Neerhof (Schaumburg, IL); Lisa Kunza and husband B.J. Kunza (Summerset, SD); her grandchildren: Nevaeh Neerhof, Elijah Kunza and William Kunza; her father, Robert Den Hartog; and her sisters: Gayle Roelfs (Bruce), Marlys Grimm (Norm), Karen Alderink (Tim), Brenda Krahling (Jeff), Mary Ginn and her brothers: Jim Den Hartog (Eloise) and Tim Den Hartog (Gail).

The funeral service for Lorna was held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, June 17, 2016 at Apple Valley Church in Neenah.

Noel Burton passed from this life on Monday evening, June 13, 2016, at Skiff Medical Center in Newton. Allden Noel Burton, 76, was born December 20, 1939, in Newton, the son of Allden Eugene and Carol Noel (Hundling) Burton. He was a graduate of the Newton Senior High, and later attended Drake University in Des Moines. He was employed by Progress Industries as a production worker and book keeper, retiring in 2004 after twenty five years. Noel will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Newton.

Noel is survived by his cousins: Doug (Marilyn) Hundling of Newton, Nella Girolo of California and Kathryn Moore of Indiana; and his many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. A time of remembrance and funeral services were held on Friday, June 24, 2006 at the Pence – Reese Funeral Home in Newton. Burial was at the Newton Union Cemetery.

Two Month Edition of the Messenger

Please note that this Messenger is the July/August edition. One will not be published in August. Many of our committees don't meet during the month of July and some take August off also. Therefore, there would not be enough news to warrant putting one together.

You will find both a July and August calendar with birthdays and events and the volunteer charts for each month. **Volunteers please note**: I made a mistake last edition and tried to change up the schedule for the Sundays we are not meeting at our church. Instead, **follow the schedule you were sent in the beginning**, and we are just skipping over the weeks we meet elsewhere. Sorry for the confusion.

As things come up during July and/or August, we will keep you updated using the weekly Church Happenings and the bulletins.

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The next few months especially are going to be a steep learning curve and an adventure. I began to question the wisdom of my selection when the breeder suggested I get a book called *When Pigs Fly* about training impossible to train dogs. And I really wondered what I was getting myself into when I asked Welsh terrier owners in an online forum for suggestions on what to get to prepare for my new puppy and the first response was: a big bottle of Scotch, another suggested whiskey and a third recommended a psychiatrist. So wish me luck!

Actually, even better than wish me luck, pray for me. I've been doing a lot of reading on puppy training in preparation for the new arrival and I was surprised to read Cesar Millan (the Dog Whisperer) talk about his use of prayer in the context of training. So, I'm hopeful that my experience with ZuZu will be more prayers out of gratitude than prayers out of frustration!

It was a serious discernment process to decide if/when/how to welcome a puppy into my life and I really see this as part of my call and ministry. I am ZuZu's momma but I see her as the church's dog, an unusual opportunity for outreach, and I plan to work our way up to therapy dog training so she can be part of ministry. And the way things have just fallen into place all along the route (including the happy discovery that she was born on my birthday!) I consider it a confirmation of that call. That being said, I am sensitive to the fact that some people just don't like dogs. Please know that I will not be forcing ZuZu on anyone who would rather not interact with her. Either way, please be open and honest with me and let me know if you do or do not want to interact with her.

P.S. If you are a dog-lover who would like to "dog sit" from time to time (for an afternoon or a day when I'm at presbytery meetings, for example) or if you have a dog and would like to have "play dates", please let me know!

Church Life Activities

Tara Zehr, Chair

Next Event: Worship at Woodland on July 17

Date & Time	Event
July 17, 2016, 10:00 a.m.	Worship at Woodland jointly with Worship and Music Committee
August 28, 2016, 10:00 a.m.	Ecumenical Worship Service and Block Party
September 18, 2016, 4:00 p.m. from church	Hayride and Weenie Roast at the Ritter Camp
October 23, 2016, 4:00 p.m.	Progressive Dinner
November 20, 2016, 11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion, jointly with Worship and Music Committee
December 18, 2016, 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling followed by supper

Worship at Woodland

We will Worship at Woodland on Sunday, July 17th, at 10:00 a.m. at the south shelter house at Woodland Park. We'll hold our Sunday worship service outside, followed by a picnic. The shelter house at Woodland Park is reserved and there are several picnic tables with benches as well as electrical outlets for those wanting to bring slow cookers. The Worship & Music Committee is managing the service and the Church Life Committee is in charge of the picnic and games. Grilled meat, some portabella mushrooms, buns, condiments, and drinks will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs, a dish to share, table service, and yard games (if you want). We have the shelter house until 4:00 p.m. Frisbee golf and a ball diamond are also available. Like last year, in the event of inclement weather, we will gather for worship and indoor picnic in Fellowship Hall.

WOODLAND

We hope to see everyone there!

Summer Music

We are looking for individuals and/or groups who are willing to share their talents with our church family sometime during the summer. The choir is on summer hiatus, and this is the time we enjoy hearing from others.

Please contact Norm Grimm at grimmnorm@gmail.com with the date you would like to offer special music.

Thank you.



summer music



At our June 12, 2016 meeting we:

- ♦ Received reports on visits.
- Learned that Marlys Grimm's sister had died.
- Reviewed our financial statement.
- Approved sending \$50 to the Food Bank of lowa and \$50 to the Salvation Army.
- Received a report from Shirley Stevens that she had sent out 28 cards since our last meeting.
 Diane Moles donated a bag of cards to the Deacons that had belonged to Janie Moles.

Dana Hashman, Moderator

Our Congratulations to...

Emily Miller on being named the 2016 Jasper County Fair queen on Saturday, June 25. Emily will reign over the fair July 15-21 and will be a candidate for State Fair queen. Emily was also named the Jasper County Senior Cowgirl Queen, which qualifies her for participating in that event at the state fair. She is hoping she can participate in both. The Cowgirl queen is crowned the First Friday night of the fair and crowning of the lowa State Fair queen is the following day. Should make for a busy fair for Emily and her family.

Brad and Megan Ritter for having good seasons thus far for the CMB baseball and softball teams.

Garrett Sturtz for his good season thus far for the Newton Cardinal baseball team.

Jordan Norvell and Josh Ventling for making first team all conference for soccer. The team was stopped one game shy of going to state.



Budget and Finance Corner

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

Pledges for the month of May were \$11,441.00. This was \$921 above budget for the month. Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge, was \$500 for the month, which is \$236 below budget. In total for the month, expenses were \$375 under budget.

Year-to-date through May, pledges are \$7,113 over budget and expenses are \$2,122 over budget.

From the Memorial fund, several large print Bibles were purchased. The Capital Development-Maintenance fund received \$3,850 from the Foundation, which represents earnings on the Foundation balance. We remitted \$745.93 for the One Great Hour special offering to Presbytery. The Sundays at 4 Fund received donations of \$157 for their combined choir concert on May 8.



Building and Grounds

George Wilkening, Chair

The Building and Grounds committee did not meet this past month, but I did visit with Jack Topp, our architect, and the steps/walk project is still on schedule, providing the contractor has little weather related problems. We continue to experience difficulty at inopportune times with air conditioning and lighting, but all is being taken care of, thanks to the Manleys.



Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

Our committee did not meet during June. Several upcoming services will be shared with other congregations or held at alternative locations.



MEMBERSHIP

"I love a parade!" Is this you? First Presbyterian will have an entry in the Newton 4th of July parade, and we would love to have you join us! Our float will feature the eight U.S. Presidents who were

Presbyterians, and we'll need 8 church members to ride the float, seated, and hold photo posters of those Presidents. Additional members will walk behind the float and greet onlookers. Wear your patriotic red, white, and blue and come join us! We'll meet in the DMACC parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on the 4th.

The Membership Committee is also working on 'Sundays at 4' presentations for the fall months. We welcome your suggestions for either musical presentations or slide presentations on travel or other topics of interest. Please contact Val McKee, Gary Parsons, or Joan Tyler if you have ideas or a program to offer.

Christian Nurture

Karen Quinn, Chair

Vacation Bible School is over for this year. Between 20 and 25 kids attended each day. About \$112 dollars was collected for Habitat for Humanity and a box of food and toiletries were collected for Salvation Army.

Linda Curtis-Stolper and Kelly Koenen helped with the youngest group and they seemed to enjoy traveling between activities much more than being in a one pre-school room last year. Dave Stolper was the photographer for the program. Skye Koenen was a Junior Helper with the older kids. Karen Quinn helped with registration and with the Bible Cave Quest group. Jane Repp headed up the snacks, which were served at our chuch.

It really was a wonderful time for everyone. The kids were very cooperative and enjoyed the activities. The finale was our combined worship service and the VBS program at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 26.



Mission Committee

Marilyn McCallister, Chair

Mission Committee Purpose: To recommend, approve, manage, and terminate mission projects. The committee communicates about opportunities for mission involvement and promotes congregational participation.

Reports

May 14—Spring Style Show and Luncheon: Successful. Store owner would be interested in doing a fall show. Our profit from this even was \$1216.06. These funds will be used for various Mission projects.

June—Meals on Wheels deliveries completed. Thanks to our volunteers: Linda Curtis-Stolper, Dave Stolper, Doug & Ann Cutts, Dick & Shirley Mielke, Marilyn McCallister, Dixie Zegers & Sharon Black, Tom & Nancy Mott.

June 7—Ice Cream Social was held from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. This year we served 209, which was about 100 down from last year. Unfortunately, the newspaper didn't run our information even though it was submitted to them in plenty of time. KCOB radio did advertise the social, and several posters were put up around town. As of June 24, our profit was \$1368.69. We still have 4 buckets of chocolate ice cream for sale at \$15 per bucket. Thank you to those who donated pies and cakes, made potato salad, coleslaw, prepared the meat and worked at the even. An even bigger thank you goes to those who attended.

June 20—Days for Girls International: Kay Hertz, Iowa Regional Representative shared the purpose, the project and the world wide outreach at this informational meeting. Days for Girls International is a grassroots non-profit creating a more dignified, humane and sustainable world for girls through advocacy, reproductive health awareness, education and sustainable feminine hygiene, because no girl should go without. The group of 10 attendees from our church and the community agreed to meet on Thursday, September 22, 9-noon in our Fellowship Hall to work on Sustainable Feminine Hygiene Kits. All are welcome to come.

Upcoming Events

July 9—Jasper County Kids Against Hunger will again package food to be sent to feed families in parts of the world where there is a shortage of food on Saturday, July 9 at St. Luke United Methodist Church, 501 E 19th St N in Newton. In the past years the Jasper County KAH has packaged more than 440,000 meals. The food was sent to countries such as Nicaragua, Honduras, Haiti and also here in Iowa. We would like to gather a "team" of 10-12 youth and adults to help package food from 10 -11 a.m. A donation of \$30 per person is needed and scholarships are available for anyone 7-20 years of age. Sign up in the church office by July 1 if you can join in this worthy mission project. For questions, contact John Taylor (792-6990) or Marilyn McCallister (792-9688).

Salvation Army School Supplies & Food Pantry solicitation. We continue to have our collections for the Food Pantry as the fourth Sunday of each month. If you happen to forget to bring your items at that time, you can bring them anytime you think of it. Our custodian, Bob, delivers them whenever there are items in the basket and let's the staff know they are from our church members. He tells us that the staff there tell him our church is one of the best donators. We will also be having a collection site for school supplies, but listing of what are needed have not been published yet.

July 31-August 6—Work Week 2016 This year's group will be leaving from Brooklyn Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 31. The congregation there will be doing a blessing and send us off with prayer following their church service. There are 11 going, 6 adults and 5 students. Unfortunately, 2 youth from Brooklyn had to drop out recently. We ask for your prayers for a safe and rewarding trip to St. Louis.

Note: Mission Committee has changed their standing meeting day/time to the second Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the church parlor.

Letter from Mariners in Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Iowa

Dear Meghan,

We are the coordinators for the Mariners in Mission organization, umbrella organization of PCCCA. We are notifying each congregation of the participation of their members in our work mission. John and Barb Taylor recently attended a work week at Mound Ridge Camp and Conference Center in Cook Station, MO. John and Barb served as directors of this event that involved recruitment of the teams (they came from 6 states), organizing their tasks, managing their physical needs and serving as the as the coordinators with the camp staff. As the directors, they also helped some of the teams.

The accomplishments of the week included: designing and building 4 screen doors for the dining hall; designing and making a T-shirt quilt banner; painting a variety of sites on camp; designing, routing and painting 26 signs for the camp; identifying and correcting a variety of electrical problems; installing new lighting in the kitchen and cleaning cabins, getting them ready for the summer season. Evenings are spent in relaxing fun. Dominoes and puzzles are the most popular. This particular week, they even played dominoes by flashlight as a storm took out the electricity.

Thank you for loaning them to us for the week. We hope that you and your congregation will join us in thanking them for participating. The MIM organization exists to help the camp, conference centers, and churches who need manual labor to help manage their budgets. We serve a week at a time for 3 organizations a year.

We offer our skills in building, woodworking, painting, sewing, electrical work, office help, and other needs the organization may have. In exchange, we get the satisfaction of serving the missions of others. Most of us are retired and realize the value of service in retirement.

In Christ's name.

John and Barb Taylor, National coordinators

Editor's note: As I understand it, the number of members in Mariners has decreased and new members are always welcome. John and Barb spend a good portion of their Summer attending these mission, but they also take place in the spring and fall. There is always a lot of work to be done at these camps and conference centers. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please get ahold of John and Barb. Perhaps you can try out attending one, if you are unsure if it is something you would be interested in doing.

Also, a big thank you to John and Barb for being the National coordinators and carrying on this important mission work.







2016 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 10a Worship 11a Fellowship					1	2
3 Diane Moles	4	5 Natalie Camp 11:00 a Gentle Yoga 5:30p Building & Grounds 6:30p Worship & Music	6 5p Membership 6p B&F	7 David Shannon 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga 7p Christian	8 Kert Schnell	9 Carl Zacheis
10	11	12 11a Gentle Yoga 3:30p Mission	13	14 3p Chair Yoga	15	16
17 Ken Johnson 10a Worship at Woodland with picnic following	18	19 11a Gentle Yoga 6:30p Session	20	21 Dana Hashman 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga	22	23 Joyce Moen 10a Yoga Flow
24 Combined worship with UCC at their church	25 Max Worthington Chris Norvell	26	27 Samantha Cutts	28 Taylor Peska	29 Carol Camp	30
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July	3	10	17	24	31	August 7
Worship Leader Office	Val McKee	Jane Repp	Worship at Woodland Harriett Harmelink	Gary Parsons	George Wilkening	Linda Kirchhoff
Host Elder/Deacon Diane Moles	Norm Grimm	Tom Mott		Dana Hashman	Steve & Sara Hopkins	Karen Quinn
Greeters Julie Brodersen	Doug Cutts & Cole Doerring	Janet Shields & Valerie Barney		Randy & Carol Camp	Terry Rickers & Bev Rossow	Kevin & Toni Peska
Ushers <i>Office</i>	John & Barb Taylor	Larry & Shari DeCook	Leonard Family	Dick Mielke & Doug Cutts	Dana Hashman & Mickey Van Baale	
Audio Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Les Gause	Les Gause	Les Gause
Candlelighter Office	Skye Koenen	Natalie Camp		Allie Norvell	Garrett Sturtz	Cody Barney
Counters Jonnie Carpenter	Roger Harmelink & Dave Stolper	Jonnie Carpenter & Tara Zehr	Kelly Koenen & Jen Norvell	Terry Rickers & Mickey Van Baale	Dan Ritter	Roger Harmelink & Dave Stolper
Bread Ministry Baker Barb Taylor	Diane Moles	Shari DeCook			Jane Repp	Dixie Zegars
Bread Ministry Taker Barb Taylor	Barb Gallaher	Mickey Van Baale			Carol Russell	Toni Peska
Communion Set up Linda Kirchhoff	Sandy Simbro					Karen Quinn



August 2016 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 10a Worship 11a Fellowship	1 Rachael Rickers	2	3	4 Linda Campbell 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group	5	6
7	8 Lois Harrington	9 Nancy Shields 11:00a Gentle Yoga 3:30p Mission 5:30p Building & Grounds 6:30p Worship &	10 Dixie Zegers 5p Membership 6p B&F	3p Chair Yoga 7p Christian Nurture	12	13
14 George Wilkening	15	16 11a Gentle Yoga 3:30p Mission	17	18 Michele Leonard 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga	19 Helyn Wohlwend	20
21	22	23 Gary Haynes Larry Rossow 11a Gentle Yoga 6:30p Session	24	25 3p Chair Yoga	26	11:30a Pastor's Book Club
28 Bill Zegers	29 Danielle Hamilton	30 Kimberly Schnell 11a Gentle Yoga	31			



August	7	14	21	28	Sept 4
Worship Leader Office	Linda Kirchhoff	Mickey Van Baale	Val McKee	Rally Day Ecumenical Service	Bev Rossow
Host Elder/Deacon Diane Moles	Karen Quinn	Jonnie Carpenter	Sandy Cheney		George Wilkening
Greeters Julie Brodersen	Kevin & Toni Peska	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Dick & Shirley Mielke		Janet Shields & Valerie Barney
Ushers Office		Don & Sharon Black	Camp Family	Mary Jane Tripp & Suzy Funk	Terry & Cathy Rickers
Audio Doug Cutts	Les Gause	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter	Jay Koenen
Candlelighter Office	Cody Barney	Skye Koenen	Natalie Camp		Allie Norvell
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Lectionary —

July, 2016

July 3 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Kings 5:1-14; *Ps. 30*; Gal 6 (1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost Amos 7:7-17; *Ps. 82*; Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 17 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost Amos 8:1-12; *Ps. 52*; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 24 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost Hosea 1:2-10; *Ps.85*; Col. 2:6-15(16-19) Luke 11:1-13

July 31 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost Hosea 11:1-11; *Ps. 107:1-9, 43;* Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August, 2016

August 7 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost Isa. 1:1, 10-20; *Ps. 50:1-8, 22-23*; Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 14 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost Isa. 5:1-7; *Ps. 80:1-2, 8-19*; Heb. 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 21 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost Jer. 1:4-10; *Ps. 71:1-6*; Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

August 28 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost Jer. 2:4-13; *Ps. 81:1, 10-16*; Heb 13:1-8; 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14