

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWTON, IOWA
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“The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Iowa is to share the love of God and grow the body of Christ through joyful worship and fellowship, devoted prayer and study, and humble service in our community and world.”

THE MESSENGER



JULY, 2014

Message from Pastor Meghan

“The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love the stranger as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.” ~Leviticus 19:34

“And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.” ~Deuteronomy 10:19

It's hard to believe I've been in Newton almost a month now. In some ways, it feels like I've been here longer than that. (What was I doing before I got here? Sometimes I forget...) And in other ways, it feels like it's only been a few days. Part of that might be because I'm still very much in transition and somewhat homeless.

However, the great news is, I will no longer be homeless as of July 14 and the even better news is that my belongings should be arriving on or shortly after that date so then I will truly be on the path to being settled here in Newton. While I eagerly anticipate the day when my stuff and I will be reunited and I will no longer be living out of a suitcase, I've found my transient period to be educational. I have learned how difficult it is to do some very basic things when you don't have a home address such as: open a bank account, get a driver's license, register your car. Of course, these hiccups would be compounded if I were both truly homeless and unemployed without a place of employment to use for an address, which explains in part why homelessness is such a difficult situation to overcome both on an individual and societal level. But that's a topic for another time.

I've been so grateful for the welcome I've received both by the church and even the wider community. One of the reasons I felt God was calling me to Newton was the sense of community and genuine friendliness I perceived in my initial visit. So far that impression has been affirmed. Thank you all so much!

The best part about being without a place to call my own is that some of you have even opened up your homes to me, offering for me to stay with you until I'm able to move into a house. Many more have offered than the two families I have stayed with. Thank you all for your offers.

I am reminded of the old saying that the best way to understand someone is to walk a mile in their shoes. I've found that the best way to get to know parishioners is to housesit for them. You really get to know someone by living in their house. (I told someone that today and she said that's why she never wants to have a house sitter!) Just to be clear, it's not because I snoop, but simply because seeing how someone lives, what their routines are, the stuff they choose to surround themselves with says a lot about them. If only I could spend the next year or two spending a week with each family...

But since I can't spend a week in each of your houses (insert your audible sighs of relief) the next best thing is to set up times for me to get together with each family in your home, or if you prefer, we could go somewhere for coffee. Starting in July (when I return from work week) I'll start scheduling times to get together for coffee or tea. My goal is to meet with each family as soon as possible. And soon we will be strangers no more!



In Our Prayers

- + Vickie Carson, who had back surgery on June 26, for a combination of stenosis (narrowing of the spinal canal) and scar tissue from previous surgeries.
- + Jane Wallace Reilly, whose condition remains about the same.
- + The Work Week group as they travel to Nebraska and spend the week working on a Native American reservation.
- + Those who are struggling in one way or another that we are unaware of.

Deacon's Report

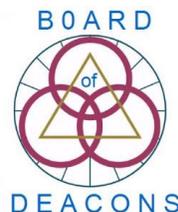
Sara Hopkins, Moderator

Reports of May Visits were given. Pastor Meghan stated that it is her plan to make visits on Wednesday afternoons and had done three this week.

Treasurer's Report was looked over and after discussion it was decided that we should give some money to worthy projects. We donated \$300 to the work week committee for the upcoming trip.

Card Report: Barb reported that she had sent graduation cards to John Miller, Chandler Sturtz and Jen Ventling; a sympathy card to the family of Veda Holloway; thinking of you to Jane Wallace Reilly and Pat Koppin; and a birthday card to June Crawford. A thank you was read from Linda Curtis-Stolper and one from Ruth Appleby for the Easter lily and the bouquet.

Discussion was held on members who might want the Deacons to visit. Necessary contacts will be made.



To Gary Haynes, Dana Hashman and the rest of the Haynes family on the death of Gary's youngest brother, Jay, of Marshalltown. Jay died on Friday, June 6. Visitation and the funeral were held on Friday, June 13, at Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown.

To Marlys and Norm Grimm and family on the death of Marlys' mother, Bernadine (Berdie) Den Hartog of Sheldon, Iowa. Mrs. Den Hartog was 91 and died on Saturday, June 21. She had fallen on Sunday, June 17, breaking a hip. Berdie was taken to Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where she had surgery and was being treated for heart problems. Services were held Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at the Bethel Reformed Church in Sheldon with grandson, Cory Grimm, being one of the officiants.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and flowers, I received while at the care center. They were greatly appreciated.

June 30 I am to be released to go home!!

Pat Koppin



Emmett Edward Zehr, son of Tara and Erick Zehr, was born on Wednesday, June 25. He weighed 9 pounds and was 22" long. Grandparents are Kevin and Toni Peska and Rick and Pam Zehr. Congratulations to all from your church family.

Buildings and Grounds

Roger Harmelink, Chair

Deanna and Harold Danley have put mulch around the plants in the front of the church. Thank you - it really looks nice.

Plans are still in place to have the kitchen painted this summer. If you have left something in the kitchen, please pick it up. Anything left will be donated to the Salvation Army.

The parking lot has been repainted, making the parking stripes more distinctive as well as the arrows.

Our committee will be doing an assessment and coming up with a budget on remodeling Friendship House by Mariners in Mission. This project will hopefully take place in 2015.

Budget and Finance Corner

Terry Rickers, Chair

Pledges for the month of May were \$12,923. This was \$1,019 above budget. Other Regular Giving for the month is \$915, which is \$179 above budget. Total expenses are \$55 under budget. Year-to-date pledges are \$2,045 higher than budgeted and year-to-date expenses are \$560 under budget.

The memorial fund received contributions from the Russell family. The capital maintenance fund received income of \$3,850 from the Foundation's investment account earnings.



Worship & Music Committee

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

The committee was pleased to welcome Rev. Meghan Davis to their June meeting.

A review was held on past services, all of which were well received. No one has been added to the list of substitute organists. The pianists have been doing a good job when organists are unavailable. Marlys Grimm, who has donated her talent as a piano tuner in taking care of the sanctuary instrument, is retiring from that aspect of her life. The committee is looking into a replacement. Thank you, Marlys, for your service to the church.

A discussion on summer services was held. Services begin at 10:00. The congregation is encouraged to keep their announcements brief and to not repeat those printed in the bulletin unless necessary. Here are upcoming events: July 6- Sara Hopkins will preach: communion by intinction; July 13- presentation by Work Week; July 27- Pride of Iowa Chorus; Aug. 10- Worship in the Park with communion.

July summer music will include Tintinnabulation Bell Choir directed by Glenda Duffus on July 20. There are still openings in August. If you would be willing to share your gift, contact Kim DeGraff at 521-8571 or Larry Anderson at 792-5220.

The Christ candle and holder need to be replaced. The cost will be taken from the Memorial Fund.

Many of you are reading the Messenger online. Did you know that you can listen to past services online also? Go to the church's website <http://www.newton1stpresbyterian.org/messenger.cfm> click on "Worship," then "Listen to a Service" and lastly the date you wish. Did you miss the graduation breakfast, but would like to see the video? Click on "Christian Nurture", then "Youth," and finally the "Youth" tab on the left of the screen. There is much information on our website, including pictures and videos. The Worship and Music Committee encourages you to click away and explore.

Mission Committee

By Linda Erickson, Chair

Local Mission:

Free Community Meals– These will be held at McCann Center over the summer. See page 7 for more information.

National:

Presbyterian Women– Plans for a trip to Dakota Presbytery Mission Meeting from August 8-10 for the 142nd Mission Meeting – Oahe Chapel (located on the Oahe Dam, north of Pierre, SD). Eight women have signed up to go and there is still room for more if you are interested. Please let Denise England or Mary Lou Briles know if you would be interested in joining us on this journey. The Fall Gathering will be at Heartland Presbyterian this year in September.

Work Week:

We will be going to Winnebago, NE on July 5. Fund-raising has gone well and the covenant meetings continue.

Our financial statement was reviewed for the year.

John and Barb Taylor are involved with Mariners in Mission and have gone on 2 trips this year. We approved a motion to ask Session's approval for improvements to Friendship House re: kitchen, bathroom, and emergency exit from the upper room. Taylors are in charge of taking applications for these national work projects.

International:

El Salvador: See page 7 regarding a trip being planned for next year.

Old business: Discussion of the background on the Powers estate funds was held to refresh everyone's memory. We have sent our recommendations to Session and are waiting to hear back from them.

A request was made to discuss with session the possibility of serving only Don Justo coffee at fellowship time now that there is decaf available.

We will not be meeting in July.

Work Week 2014

Thank you to everyone who attended the ice cream social. There were several activities going on that evening and yet we had a very good crowd.

We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 12:30 pm on July 5, pack the vans and be on the road to Nebraska by 1:00 pm. Winnebago, NE is about 3 1/2 hours from here, so the plan is to take a side trip through the Loess Hills in western Iowa on the way out.

The latest information we have received is that we will be putting a new roof on a garage at one residence and putting siding on another. There are also painting projects lined up if we have a rainy day. On our "fun" day, which will be Wednesday, we are going to the Wild Water West water park in Sioux Falls, SD.

We ask that you keep us in your prayers during our trip from July 5 to July 12. We are anxious to see what God has in store for us.

Church Life Activities

Randy Camp, Chair

We had a beautiful late spring evening last Friday, when 21 of us traveled to Principal Park to watch the I-Cubs play the El Paso Chihuahuas. The Cubbies dominated the game, but did allow the Puppies a few runs – and gave the home crowd a thrilling final inning when the bases were loaded, and the relief pitcher FINALLY got that last out. Fireworks followed very quickly, to the oohs and aahs of the large crowd. There was plenty of fellowship time and an enjoyable time was had by all! Thanks to Diane Moles for heading up this activity and getting the tickets.

Mark your calendar for August 10. That is the day we will hold our annual Worship at Woodland with a potluck lunch. Watch Church Happenings, bulletins and next month's edition of the Messenger for additional information.

Registration Open for IMOM

By Dave Boyd

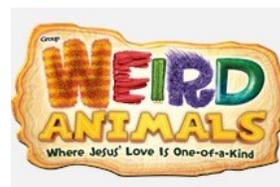
The 2014 Iowa Mission of Mercy is being held September 26 & 27, 2014 at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo, IA! We're very excited to be returning to Waterloo where our first Iowa Mission of Mercy was held in 2008. Dr. Marty Averill is again chairing the local steering committee.

There's a place for everyone to volunteer at Iowa MOM!

Of course, dentists, dental assistants, dental hygienists and dental lab technicians are required for Iowa MOM to happen but many other volunteers are needed! Medical professionals staff the Medical Triage area. Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are needed for post medications.

General volunteers are needed for key areas including registration, patient escorts, interpreters, child care, hospitality and exit interview

Registration is easy! Just go to [the Iowa MOM Registration website!](#)



This was the theme of our VBS, which was held June 16 to June 20. Again we held a combined VBS with First Lutheran, United Presbyterian and our church.

Robyn Friedman from First Lutheran was the head again this year. She did a great job of conducting the opening each morning, giving the children the Bible verse for the day, introducing the Bible buddy and helping the children learn songs. She also was the head of the closing each day, which was a review of the Bible lesson and included more singing.

Skye and Shea Koenan and Cody Barney attended from our church. Jane Repp and Kelly Koenen helped teach the Pre-K class. Virginia Bennett was the head of the kitchen crew who made snacks that went along with the theme each day. Valerie Barney helped in the kitchen. Mickey Van Baale headed up the Bible Adventures and Pastor

Meghan portrayed the Samaritan woman at the well. Pictures here give a glimpse of the week's fun.



Christian Nurture

Virginia Bennett, Chair

We welcomed Pastor Meghan to our church and to our committee meeting. We described for her the kinds of activities for which our committee has responsibility throughout the year. We discussed our efforts to produce and maintain a quality program for all members of the church. We focused particularly on the needs of children and youth for religious education and quality relationships within the church family. We also explained to Pastor Meghan our concerns regarding the small numbers of children currently taking part in our youth activities. In addition to discussing the needs of children we also focused on the needs of middle school and high school aged young people.

Pastor Meghan suggested some ideas for strengthening our programs. The first was a new curriculum called "Godly Play." She is acquainted with the person who designed the Montessori-like curriculum and believes it would be worth our time to examine the curriculum with the possibility of incorporating it into Kids Action Hour, if it seems worthwhile. She also suggested that we might generate a greater presence in the community by having a Facebook page to give information about our programs more publicity. The committee strongly agreed with the idea of having a Facebook page and our request will be presented to the Session at their next meeting. Finally, Meghan expressed concern that Google maps of Newton do not include any reference to First Presbyterian Church. We discussed how we might obtain this reference.

A number of ideas for programming for middle and high school students were also discussed. These included pizza parties, pool parties, games and other outdoor activities of various kinds. We agreed that reaching young people is a very important part of our mission as a committee. It was decided to continue this discussion by email.

MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

The Membership Committee is once again organizing an entry from our church in the 4th of July parade. This year we are honoring those veterans associated with our church that served during the Cold War/Korean war era (approximately 1946-1964). We have seven that will be joining us: Carroll Broderson-Army; Warren Erickson-Navy; Dale Gardner-Army; Warren Jontz-Army; Richard Mielke-Army; Dave Shannon-Army; Carl Zacheis-Army; Bill Zegers will be recognized but will be driving one of his tractors elsewhere in the parade. If there are any other vets associated with our church who served in this era who are not listed please let us know. We hope the rest of you will also join us for this fun event. We will meet at DMACC at 9:15-9:30 a.m. The parade officially starts at 9:30 so we will probably begin the march between 9:45-10:15. Once started it only takes about 20 minutes to complete. Most people walk but we will have room for people to ride also. If you are interested in joining us and have not already notified us please let Gary Parsons know at 792-6753 or email kgparsons@iowatelecom.net. Please join us.

The committee has almost completed the information gathering stage of the directory update. If you have not been contacted by a member of the committee updating your information (address, telephone, cell phone, email, etc.) please contact Gary Parsons at the phone or email listed above. We plan to start taking new photos in August and will inform you as to when via the August Messenger, Church Happenings, bulletin, and church announcements. If pictures need to be taken before August (for example, children leaving for college), or if you are unable to get to the church to have your picture taken please let Gary Parsons know.

Gary Parsons, chair

2015 Delegation to El Salvador

The El Salvador interest group met recently to begin planning for a possible 2015 delegation to Muñoces. 2015 marks the 20th year that First Presbyterian Church, Newton, has been involved with the mission in El Salvador. Through the years, our mission has changed from general information and assessment to medical, educational, and construction, and finally has evolved into our partnership with the little village of Muñoces. Dates are being selected for a possible delegation and celebrations of this ministry are being discussed both here and in El Salvador.

Anyone.....past delegation members or new delegates....is welcome to participate in the planning and the delegation. If you have any interest in helping with the preparations please speak with either Linda Anderson at 641-521-1153 or Linda Erickson at 641-792-8630.

Meet a Muñoces Scholarship Recipient

Meet Melvin Edgardo



One of the Muñoces students who is studying in Berlin with the help of a scholarship is Melvin Edgardo Mejia Quintanilla. He is in his second year of high school and is almost halfway through the school year (Feb. – Nov.) He is the second of 6 children in his family and is trying to be a good example to his younger brothers and sisters. When a delegation from First Presbyterian first visited Muñoces Melvin's mother was the head of the education council. Melvin's parents, Jose and Rosa, have great hopes for their children and have encouraged them to seek an education. The following letter was written as part of a scholarship application last December.

Brothers and Sisters of the Presbyterian Church. Receive a friendly greeting from your brother Melvin Edgardo Mejia Quintanilla wishing you much success in your daily labors and at the same time I give thanks to you for having helped this year with the scholarship that thanks to this scholarship and also with the help of God I have been able to complete my first year of baccalaureate. I feel happy and I hope next year you can help me with this scholarship to be able to continue with my studies because, if God grants it, I want to be someone important in the future. I hope that you have a merry Christmas and a happy new year. May God care for you and for me.

Thanks for having read my simple words that come from my heart.

Community Meals

By Barb Taylor

During the summer months, June through August, the community meals are served at McCann Center. Our first time of serving was June 25. Thank you to Linda Curtis-Stolper and Shirley Stevens for volunteering to do this meal. Also to Joyce Moen, who donated some delicious bars.

Our next meal to serve will be July 23. The menu is not finalized, but help will be needed to cook and serve.

Our final meal to prepare and serve will be on August 6. Again, the menu hasn't been set, but help will be needed.

Watch Church Happenings, the bulletin and next month's Messenger for additional information.

Highlights from Session

Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session

- Welcomed Meghan Davis to her first Session meeting at First Presbyterian Church.
- Received a report that Presbytery will be moving their offices to the Cottage Grove Church.
- Developed a plan to have a Facebook page for the church.
- Approved having a joint worship service at the First Lutheran Church on June 22.
- Asked Buildings & Grounds Committee to develop a plan & budget to upgrade Friendship House for use by overnight guests/groups.
- Approved serving only Fair Trade coffee at fellowship times.
- Set Sept 14 as the target date for Meghan's installation pending coordination with Presbytery.

Sermon Schedule for July, 2014

July 6 - Sara Hopkins preaching

July 13 - Report from Work Week group on their trip to Winnebago, NE

July 20 - Genesis 28: 10-19A
"Surely God Is In This Place"

July 27 - Romans 8:26-39
"What then are we to say about these things?"

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Church Office Hours: M, W, Thurs: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Custodian Hours: M-Thurs: 8 am to 11 am

Rev. Meghan Davis' schedule

Monday-Thursday 9 am-5 pm, (in office from 9-noon)

evenings as needed

Friday: Day off

Saturday: As needed

Sunday: 9 am-noon, afternoons and

evenings as needed

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Information from the 221st General Assembly

The General Assembly meeting was held June 14 to 21 in Detroit, MI. To get a full report of the happenings of the meeting, please go to www.pcusa.org. There you will find a lot of resources on actions that were taken. Due to the space available in this publication, I'll only highlight you on three actions that were taken.

- * Actions taken during the 221st General Assembly (2014) will increase the denomination's per capita rate 5 cents per year for the next two years. The amount rate per active member will rise from \$7.02 to \$7.07 for 2015 and \$7.12 for 2016. Increases necessary for the remainder of 2014 will be funded by internal adjustments, and will not incur any additional per capita assessment for the current year. The total budgets will be \$12.4 million for 2015 and \$12.3 million in 2016.
- * By a slim margin, Assembly approved divestment from three companies doing business in Israel/Palestine. With audible gasps from those in the plenary hall, the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on Friday narrowly approved divestment from three United States companies doing business in Israel-Palestine. By a vote of 310-303, the Assembly approved an overture calling for divestment from Caterpillar Inc., Hewlett-Packard and Motorola Solutions, companies some allege are engaged in "non-peaceful pursuits" in the region. A similar overture failed 333-331 at the 220th Assembly (2012). Although divestment was its most debated item, the overture also affirms the PC(USA)'s commitment to interfaith and ecumenical dialogue and relationships in the region, and a preamble was added on the floor to reinforce that, saying, "The PC(USA) has a long-standing commitment to peace in Israel and Palestine. We recognize the complexity of the issues, the decades-long struggle, the pain suffered and inflicted by policies and practices of both the Israeli government and Palestinian entities. We further acknowledge and confess our own complicity in both the historic and current suffering of Israeli and Palestinian yearning for justice and reconciliation."
- * Assembly approved allowing pastors to perform same-gender marriage where legal. Sent proposed constitutional amendment changing marriage definition. After clearing a number of procedural hurdles, the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) agreed to grant pastors discretion in determining whether or not to conduct same-gender marriages in civil jurisdictions where such marriages are legal. The action effectively removes the ban on Presbyterian pastors marrying same-gender couples in those jurisdictions. The Assembly approved sending out for presbytery approval a constitutional amendment to W-4.9001 of the PC(USA)'s *Book of Order* that would change the constitutional definition of marriage from "between a man and a woman" to "between two people, traditionally between a man and a woman." The vote on the authoritative interpretation – which takes effect immediately – was 371-238 or 61 percent to 39 percent. The vote on the proposed constitutional amendment – which goes to the denomination's 172 presbyteries for ratification – was 429-175 or 71 percent to 29 percent. A majority of the presbyteries must vote approval of the measure for it to take effect. Commissioners apparently agreed with speakers who argued that ministers must have pastoral discretion around marriage decisions, particularly in the 19 states and the District of Columbia where same-gender marriage is legal.

Again, these are only three of the many actions taken at General Assembly, and are only a snapshot of the actions taken. Please go to the denomination's website to get the full information on these topics, and to read the other topics discussed and voted on at the Assembly.

Mickey Van Baale
Editor



2014 **BIRTHDAYS** & **EVENTS**

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1

2

3 Diane Moles

4 Frank Liebl

5 Natalie Camp

5:30 pm
Community
Meals
6:30 pm
Spanish
Plus

6:30 am
Early
Men's
Group
9:00 am
Men's
Group

Happy 4th



6

7 David
Shannon

8 Jill Brown
Ron Funk
Kert Schnell
Kim Illingworth

9 Carl Zacheis
5:30 pm
Community
Meals
6:30 pm
Spanish
Plus

10

11

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13

14

15

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17 Ken
Johnson

18 Jean
Bloomquist

19

5:30 pm
Community
Meals
Membership
6:30 pm
Spanish
Plus

6:30 am
Early
Men's
Group
9:00 am
Men's
Group

20

21 Dana
Hashman

22

23 Joyce Moen
5:30 pm
Community
Meals
6:30 pm
Spanish
Plus

24

25 Max
Worthington
Patrick
Cupples
Chris Norvell

26

27 Samantha
Cutts

28 Janet Mount
Sherry
Reynolds
Taylor Peska

29 Carol Camp
Devin Carson

30
5:30 pm
Community
Meals
6:30 pm
Spanish
Plus

31

9:00 am
Adult S. S.
9:30 am
Fellowship
10:00 am
Worship
11:15 am
Fellowship

July



Volunteers

July	6	13	20	27	Aug 3
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	Steve Hopkins	Tom Mott	Dave Stolper	Val McKee	Jane Repp
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Diane Moles</i>	Randy Camp	Barb Gallaher	Margaret Atwood	Virginia Bennett	Randy Camp
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Kevin & Toni Peska	Terry Rickers Bev Rossow	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Doug Cutts Cole Doerring	Janet Shields Valerie Barney
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Max & Donna Worthington	Bill & Nancy Shields	Dick Mielke Barb Gallaher	Dana Hashman Mickey Van Baale	Larry & Shari DeCook
Audio <i>Les Gause</i>	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen
Candlelighter <i>Office</i>	Garrett Sturtz	Joshua Ventling	Megan Ritter	Emily Miller	Natalie Camp
Counters <i>Terry Rickers</i>	Terry Rickers Dave Boyd	Dan Ritter Kelly Koenen	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper	Jonnie Carpenter Gary Haynes	Kelly Koenen Marshall Critchfield
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Sharon Black	Diane Moles	Shari De DeCook	George Wilkening	Barb Taylor
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Nancy Mott	Joyce Moen	Mickey Van Baale	Mary Jane Tripp	Barb Taylor
Communion Set up <i>Linda Kirchhoff</i>	Diane Moles Terry Rickers				Virginia Bennett Steve Hopkins

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Return Service Requested

Lectionary —

July, 2014

July 6 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Ps. 45:10-17 or Song of Sol. 2:8-13

Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

July 13 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 25:19-34; *Ps. 119:105-112*

Rom 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

July 20 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 28:10-19a; *Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24*

Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

July 27 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 29:15-28; *Ps. 105:1-11, 45b or Ps. 128*

Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

August, 2014

August 3 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 32:22-31; *Ps. 17:1-7, 15*

Rom. 9:1-5; Matt. 14:13-21

August 10 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28; *Ps. 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b*

Rom. 10:5-15; Matt. 14:22-33

August 17 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 45:1-15; *Ps. 133*; Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matt. 15:(10-20) 21-28

August 24 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Exod. 1:8-2:10; *Ps. 124*; Rom. 12:1-8

Matt. 16:13-20

August 31 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Exod. 3:1-15; *Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c*

Rom. 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-18