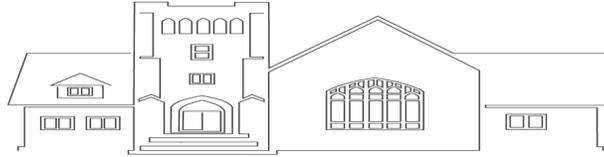


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*“The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Iowa is to share the love of God and grow the body of Christ through joyful worship and fellowship, devoted prayer and study, and humble service in our community and world.”*

# THE MESSENGER



JULY/AUGUST 2017

## Meghan's Musings

### We Are Family

(high fives to anyone who hears the Sister Sledge song playing when reading the title 😊)

As I write this month's article, I have just finished officiating the memorial service for John Erickson—another service for a wonderful formerly active member of the church whom I am sorry to have never known. As the family told me about John I could tell what a special man he was. And one thing struck me especially. In his last years, he lived in a wonderful care facility in Georgia, next to one of his sons. Despite the great care he received, he kept talking about wanting to go back to Newton. His kids would remind him that all his family had moved away from Newton and most of his friends were gone, too. And John would reply, “but my church is in Newton.”

A few months ago, when Curt was injured, I wrote an e-mail to the church officers to explain what was going on. I said that I was his sole caregiver because, like me, Curt didn't have any family in the area. One officer reminded me that I do have family in the area: my church family.

And that's an invaluable reminder that I want to pass on to each of you. We are family. And the more we see each other as family and love each other as family and authentically reach out to others to invite them into our family, the closer we will be to what Jesus invites and calls us to be. Because, as Eugene Peterson notes:

*Most of us, most of the time, feel left out—misfits. We don't belong...One of the ways we have of responding to this is to form our own club, or join one that will have us. Here is at least one place where we are “in” and others “out”....The terrible price we pay for keeping all those other people out so that we can savor the sweetness of being insiders is a reduction of reality, a shrinkage of life. Nowhere is this price more terrible than when it is paid in the cause of religion. But religion has a long history of doing just that, of reducing the huge mysteries of God to the respectability of club rules, of shrinking the vast human community to a “membership.” But with God there are no outsiders....*

*As Luke tells the story, all of us who have found ourselves on the outside looking in on life with no hope of gaining entrance (and who of us hasn't felt it?) now find the doors wide open, found and welcomed by God in Jesus.*

Eugene Peterson, Introduction to the Gospel of Luke, *The Message*



To the family of John Erickson. John's memorial service was held July 3rd at First Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorials be made to the church.

Born on June 10, 1929, John grew up on a farm in Boone and graduated from Drake University. After serving in the Army at Ft. Belvoir near Washington, DC, he began a 39 year career with the Maytag Company. He managed Maytag's branch offices in New Orleans and Cleveland before moving back to Newton where he served as Director of Field Education until his retirement.

John married LaVonne Peterson in 1952 and they celebrated 62 wonderful years together before LaVonne's passing in 2014. John enjoyed being a member of Rotary International, playing golf and was a life-long Iowa Hawkeyes fan. He loved spending time with his three sons: Rob, who resides in Denver, Colorado; Mark (Nancy) who lives in Milton, Georgia and Chris (Connie) who lives in Peoria, Arizona. He was especially proud of his six grandchildren: Tom, JD, Chelsea, Peter, Sara and Emma.



- ✦ Our best wishes, thoughts and prayers go out to Marshall, Stephanie, Whitney and Jane Hadley Critchfield, as they move to Virginia soon. Marshall has been working in Washington, DC, at the U.S. Department of the Interior since January, so they state that while it was a hard decision, it will be good to be reconnected as a family.
- ✦ Our sympathy goes out to Peggy Lickiss for the death of her father, Thomas Grundman, of Cherokee, Iowa. Mr. Grundman died in his sleep on June 8 at the age of 93.
- ✦ To Garrett Sturtz, who broke his right thumb playing in a basketball tournament on June 18. Hope is that he will be able to return to playing basketball yet this summer.
- ✦ The Neuhaus family (family friends of Meghan) as they grieve the death of wife/mother Ann.



- \* Natalie Camp, and four of her fellow Thespians from the spring production of "Beauty and the Beast", performed at the Des Moines Civic Center June 5 to a sold out crowd at the 2017 Iowa High School Musical Awards. The night was for outstanding performances and awards! This is truly an experience they will remember forever!
- ◆ Josh Ventling was chosen for and played in the Senior All Star Soccer game on June 17.
- ◆ Officer Curt Brass graduated from the Police Academy in Des Moines on Friday, June 16. He is now a member of the Des Moines Police Department.
- ◆ Taylor (Peska) and Michael McGonegle were married on Saturday, June 17. Their wedding took place at our church with Rev. Meghan Davis officiating.
- ◆ Keisha Huyser and Spencer Udelhoven will be wed on Saturday, July 22. They will be married at our church with Rev. Meghan Davis officiating.

## My Trip to El Salvador - Part 2

Warren Erickson

**April 18, Tuesday** Here we go! La Tortuga arrived and the teachers and I got aboard for the ride out. The translator didn't show up for the trip to Muñoces so I was on my own.

We got off at the school. The teachers headed to the school and with some nervous anxiety I started the walk up to the Church/Community Center. Students on their way to school passed me and smiled. Then a mother with a small child and a large basket of food balanced on her head for the students at the school smiled and greeted me. I knew her and greeted her by name.

Then I saw Manual Chavez and his wife, Aminta, and their children. The Directiva didn't permit us to visit them the last time, but this time Manual called me into their yard and I received a warm greeting from them. A little further up the road and I spotted Juan Carlos and Rene, both members of the Directiva and we walked on to the Church/Community Center.

We moved our chairs into a semi-circle and sat down and then we just sat for a long time, looking and smiling at each other, wondering who was going to speak first.



It seemed like a long wait. I decided that I ought to go first. If I led the conversation I might be able to control the meeting a little.

I thanked them for welcoming me and said I was pleased to have this meeting. Then I thanked Manual and Juan Carlos for setting up the meeting.

I said we had received their letter informing us that they had decided to terminate the relationship and that we were sad. We had written a letter explaining the problem from our perspective. I said we had a letter for each family and asked them if they wanted me to read it. After some discussion Fredy, President of the Directiva, said yes.

I gave each a copy and proceeded to read it. I told them we hadn't wanted to end the relationship but that, sadly, we would respect their decision to end the relationship.

I explained that our issue centered on a document we had received from Compañeros and the Equipo Pastoral which described people as bad folks who were our friends, neighbors and members of participating churches in Newton. We knew them to be kind, committed, and loving people. Because we knew the people weren't as described, we objected to the document and wouldn't agree to its statements. Then they quietly, in voices which I couldn't hear, discussed the content of our letter and what I had said.

Then Fredy talked about the rules which the community had adopted. He said that there were about 6 to 8 families which weren't participating as expected and that had caused morale problems for the rest of the community. That was the reason we weren't permitted to visit them in 2015.

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I said we understood that a group had to have rules and that it is difficult for a group (community or family) to function efficiently when some people weren't doing their part. I also said we wanted to be friends with everyone, that we felt badly when we had to walk past the homes of people we considered friends. It was painful for us and we didn't feel comfortable being used as a carrot or stick (I couldn't come up with the words to express this so I used the words dulces o acido = sweet or acid)! They understood but, nevertheless, Fredy held to his position. I don't think everyone agreed although no one else spoke up.

It became a somber moment.

Again I thanked them for their hospitality and generosity.

... for sharing their lives with us, inviting us into their home and allowing us to take pictures of them. I said I hoped they enjoyed the pictures we brought back to them. I gave them some pictures from our 2015 trip and requested they give them to the pictured people. I encouraged them to continue taking pictures and left several more cameras. I encouraged them to keep pictures as a way to maintain a history of the community for generations to come, 50 to 100 years in the future.

... for all the meals we had shared together. We will long remember all the fiestas and the piñatas we enjoyed as well as the fine music their community band provided. I reminisced about the memorable trip when I needed a place to lie down and rest until my stomach settled down.

I encouraged them to work with Equipo Pastoral and search for another church with which to connect. They have enriched our lives and we have learned from each other. I didn't say it but I was thinking that they need a new source for the assistance they have been receiving from our church for fertilizer, scholarships, medical and other needs. I left some community directories and told them they can be used to demonstrate the organization in their community to an NGO who might come in with some plans.

There was some discussion by the group and then they asked if I would take a letter to our church if they wrote it quickly and got it to me before I left. I said I would be very happy to deliver it to our church. It is shown on page 5.

**For a complete review with lots of pictures of my 2017 El Salvador tip, go to:  
[savorsalvador.blogspot.com](http://savorsalvador.blogspot.com).**

**Warren Erickson**

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## Christian Nurture

**Karen Quinn, Chair**

Vacation Bible School was held June 12-16 and was a combined effort of First Presbyterian, First Lutheran and United Presbyterian Churches. We had about 30 participants including junior helpers. From our church we had Shae Koenan as a participant and Skye as a junior helper. Adults from our church who helped included Jane Repp who commandeered the kitchen providing snacks loved by the children. Linda Curtis-Stolper helped with the young children from age 3-6. Dave Stolper was the photographer and provided a slide show every day. Karen Quinn assisted wherever needed. VBS had an offering of \$345 which will be given to the Open Your Heart program through the PTA here in Newton. This organization provides medical care like glasses or other needs for students in Newton. School supplies were also collected to donate. We finished the week with a combined church service at United Presbyterian Church. This was the nicest group of children I experienced in three years. They were calm and polite and everyone had a great time.

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Letter from The Directiva  
El Caserio los Muñoces

18 of April 2017

Estimados amigos de First Prebyterian Church de Newton, Iowa. Siempre estaran en nuestros corazones.

*Dear friends of First Presbyterian Church de Newton, Iowa. You will always be in our hearts.*

Hemos resibido (recibido) y leído la carta que nos trajo nuestro Warren quien ha bicitado (visitado) nuestra comunidad hemos combersado (conversado) nuestra problematica, y nos ha commovido (conmovido) con sus palabras la cual no fue nuestra intencion, experamos que los disculpen si los hemos ofendido las confuciones y males entendidas que ubieron.

*We have received and read the letter that our Warren brought us who has visited our community we have discussed our problem, and he has moved us with his words. It wasn't our intention, we hope that you will pardon us if we have offended you with confusions and misunderstandings that took place.*

Queremos decirles que ustedes han formado parte de nuestras vidas en nuestra comunidad la cual recordaremos por siempre, Gracias por darlos alegria y paz en nuestros corazones, con ustedes descubrimos que por grande que es nuestro planeta siempre hay alguien pensando en la gente necesitada, Gracias por todo los queremos mucho. Que Dios, nuestro Dios derrame mucho vindiciones en ustedes, y si un dia deciden volver aqui esperaremos.

*We want to tell you that you have been part of our lives in our community which we will remember forever, Thank you for giving us joy and peace in our hearts, with you we discover that however great our planet there is always someone thinking about the people in need, Thank you for everything. We love you very much. May God, our God, pour forth many favors on you, and if you ever decide to return here we will wait.*

Sign:

Rene Mercedes Gonzalez

Rosa del Carmen Quintanilla

Carlos Gonzalez

Jose Miguel Gonzalez

Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Fredy Antonio Dominguez

Cruz Alberto Fuentes

Jose Ricardo Arevalo

**MEMBERSHIP**



**MOMENT**

**MUSIC**

The **Sundays @4 concert on Sunday, June 11** featured a brilliant piano performance by Newton dentist Katie Lee (who also holds a Masters' Degree in piano performance), and lighter and delightful duets -- on piano and flute by Glenda Duffus and Kris McKlveen and four-hand piano duets by Norm and Marlys Grimm. The concert was well-received and we hope these talented musicians will be willing to grace our sanctuary with their joyful sounds again in the future!

**PEW**

A **"PEW" (Pray, Eat, Work) event on Thursday, June 8 at 5:15 pm**, was attended by about a dozen hard workers, who started with work cleaning interiors of windows and light fixtures, followed by a delicious cavatelli dinner, and ended with a brief devotion.

**HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

Church member groups led by Gary Parsons attended a men's high school soccer game (Jordan Norvell and Josh Ventling), a CMB softball game (Megan Ritter), and a women's high school soccer playoff game (Allie Norvell). It's fun to support these fine young athlete church members, and we intend to continue this new activity next year.

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE**

The City of Newton's **4<sup>th</sup> of July parade** theme for this year was "American Innovation: Famous Firsts". The First Presbyterian float highlighted Presbyterian astronauts Neil Armstrong (first man to walk on the Moon) and Sally Ride (first woman in space). We were happy to have many church members volunteer to participate in this fun event, and have found that a combination of seating available on the float, as well as the opportunity for those who choose to walk and hand out candy and favors, has worked well. Thank you to Steve McKee for driving and for the use of his vehicle and trailer for the float!

**T-SHIRTS!**

First Presbyterians participating in events now have the opportunity to wear **church T-Shirts**, which will help raise our visibility in the community. Our first opportunity to wear them was in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade! Church members who intended to order a shirt but missed the June 11 deadline should contact Rachel Peska, as she ordered 10 extra shirts in various sizes and would be happy to sell those! A big thank you to Rachel Peska and Kevin Peska for their collaborative effort in designing the shirts, taking and placing the orders, and coordinating delivery and distribution. It's agreed that the shirts look **WONDERFUL!**

**MESSANGER DELIVERY**

At the beginning of each month, Messengers are being distributed at church. Members are asked to deliver to neighbors who weren't in attendance. In response to questions, we provide these instructions to simplify those deliveries:

- \* Personal contact with the person is wonderful but not necessary; it is up to the deliverer.
- \* Do not put copy in mailbox (it is against the law unless it is a 'drop box'.)
- \* If there is a storm door that is unlocked, placing the copy between the doors works very well.
- \* If the storm door is locked or there is not a storm door, place the copy in a plastic bag (such as newspapers are delivered in) and place it near the front door where it is not readily visible from the street. The plastic bags will be available when the Messengers are handed out at church.

If you have comments or questions, please contact Val McKee, Gary Parsons, or Mickey Van Baale.

## Church Life

**Tara Zehr, Chair**

Date & Time	Event
July 16, 2017, 10:00 am	Worship at Woodland, jointly with Worship and Music committee
August 27, 2017, 10:00 am	Rally Day Ecumenical Worship Service
September 17, 2017, 4:00 pm from church	Hayride and Weenie Roast at the Ritter Camp
October 15, 2017, 4:00 pm	Progressive Dinner
November 19, 2017, 11:30 am	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion, jointly with Worship and Music Committee
December 17, 2017, 4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling followed by supper

We will *Worship at Woodland* on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 brats, hotdogs, 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.. If we happen to have bad weather the event will be moved to Fellowship Hall.

## Worship and Music

**Linda Kirchhoff, Chair**

During our recent meeting, we reviewed special worship services. The Maundy Thursday, Easter, Youth Sunday, and Graduation Sunday services all went well. Due to some confusion, "Pomp and Circumstance" was not played for Graduation Sunday, but will be played on future Graduation Sundays. Meghan affirmed that there had been a decision previously to have only two hymns on communion Sundays.

Upcoming services noted are:

- \* First Presbyterian Church Worship in the Park will be July 16.
- \* Joint worship with the UCC congregation will be July 23 at First Presbyterian and August 13 at UCC.
- \* The downtown churches' block party and outdoor worship will be August 27.

Larry reported that special music has been scheduled for the first two Sundays in June and a few other Sundays, and he is working on filling the other Sundays.

It was decided by Session that we will cut the bread for summer communion by intinction rather than have people tear off a piece of the loaf.

Our next meeting will be in August.



## Mission Committee

Marilyn McCallister, Chair

MEALS ON WHEELS were delivered every Saturday and Sunday in June. Many thanks to our volunteers: Sandy Shaver, Warren and Linda Erickson, Dixie Zegers, Larry and Linda Anderson, and Dave Stolper and Linda Curtis-Stolper.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL was a great success with 260 people served. Almost \$2,000 was raised to fund our new Ramp Building Ministry.

RAMP BUILDING MINISTRY On Saturday, June 17, some members of our church met to give Friendship House some love. Two main projects were completed. One was to replace the worn out flooring of the outside ramp and the other project was to clean and organize walkers to be hung in the newly repurposed walker room in the basement. The walkers are part of the Kid Assist Equipment Loan Program that uses Friendship House. Ten members contributed their time to make this happen. Linda & Larry Anderson, Linda & Warren Erickson, Dana Hashman, Shirley Stevens & George Wilkening, and Barb & John Taylor. Taylors prepared lunch and provided drinks and snacks, Marilyn McCallister brought brownies for the group to enjoy. Kid Assist covered the cost of the building materials used. Two more ramp requests are in the planning stages. More to come!

TAKE AWAY HUNGER Jasper County event to package foods needed overseas took place on Saturday, July 8 at the St. Luke Methodist Church. The following First Presbyterian members participated: Marilyn McCallister, Kathy Peterson, Mickey Van Baale, Skye Koenen, John and Barb Taylor, Dana Hashman and Dick Mielke.

SALVATION ARMY SCHOOL SUPPLY PROMOTION will begin soon. Stores already have supplies on the shelves. The staff at the Salvation Army will be assembling the backpacks with supplies the first week of August. Therefore, we would like to again collect supplies by July 27. While actual lists from the schools may not be out yet, the basics of crayons (Crayola only, please), pencils, pens, scissors, etc. will be welcome. We will have a special tote in the narthex for collecting these during the month of July.

SHARE PROJECT is in its third month and slowly growing in orders. Take a look at the food packages available for July. This information can be found on the Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or on-line at [www.shareiowa.org](http://www.shareiowa.org). Order deadline is July 17. You can give your check to Linda Anderson or drop it off at First Christian Church by 11:00 am Monday-Friday.

TRIP TO MUNOCES – part II. Be sure to read Warren Erickson's continuing article of his experience in El Salvador and Muñoces on pages 3, 4 and page 5.

FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON MISSION FUND RAISER is making a comeback with plans in the works for Saturday, September 23. You are welcome to be a part of the fun by volunteering to work as wait staff, kitchen crew, or help with table décor, advertising and more. Check with one of the following people to get involved: Elsie Nelson, Linda Campbell, Shirley Stevens and Mickey Van Baale. More details to follow as the date gets closer.

DAYS FOR GIRLS INTERNATIONAL held another successful workshop on Thursday, June 22. Twenty three (23) sustainable hygiene kits were completed. The willing workers of the day represented several area churches including a volunteer from Prairie City. The next Day for Girls workshop is scheduled for Thursday, July 27 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in our fellowship hall. All are welcome!

MARINER IN MISSION will hold it's next event at Camp Sawtooth in Ketchum, ID on September 17-23. The camp is next door to Tom Hanks' house and close to Sun Valley. Should be beautiful and great vacation area if anyone wants to join us. We will be painting, making signs, wainscoting, doing electrical repair, making a T shirt quilt and curtains, and any new repair work that is added.



At our June meeting, which was moderated by Sara Hopkins, we:

- ◇ Received and approved the May secretary's report
- ◇ Heard reports of April visits
- ◇ Were told of the Pastor's Remarks or Concerns Meghan reported on an eight-week study, *Unbinding the Gospel*. A second "pilot group" will begin meeting at a yet-to-be-announced date this summer, and Meghan invited deacons to be a part of this group when it convenes. The Session ultimately will decide if this study will be a church wide activity.
- ◇ Did not have a Treasurer's or card report.

Sara explained that a Meal Train has been put together for Kelly Koenen in the wake of her cancer surgery. Meal Train is an organized program of providing meals for individuals following a birth, surgery or illness. Some deacons already have volunteered.

The next meeting will be in September. (The second Sunday is Sept. 10). Deacons will continue to make visits in July and August.

Thank you to Sara for Moderating the meeting for me while I was visiting my family.

Mickey Van Baale, Moderator

## Budget and Finance Corner

Bev Rossow, Chair

Pledges for the month of May were \$11,322.50. This was \$678.50 above budget for the month.

Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge, was \$525 for the month.

During the month the following income was collected:

- Per Capita donations of \$100, bringing our total to \$3,956, which is \$350 below budget.

In total for the month, expenses were \$292 under budget.

Year-to-date through May:

- Pledges are \$4,864 over budget
- Other Regular Giving is \$1,791 over budget.
- Expenses are \$1,113 under budget.

Program Expenses for May:

- The Memorial fund received some additional funds.
- The Capital Development Maintenance Fund received \$3,850 from the Foundation account earnings.
- The Designated Mission Account received an additional \$105.12 for the One Great Hour offering, bringing the total collected to \$1,140.
- The International Mission account paid \$124.48 for Days for Girls supplies and received donations totaling \$978.
- The Undesignated Mission Fund donated \$300 for the Salvation Army Ministerial Compassion Fund.



THANKS FROM OUR GRADS

Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
I want to take this time to thank you all for putting on the Graduation breakfast and giving me the gift of the cross. This church family has always been so supportive and encouraging throughout my life, and I'm excited I could share this milestone with you! Thanks again!

Sincerely,  
Emily Miller

Dear Church family,  
Thank you for all of your support as I grew up here at First Presbyterian Church. I have so many great memories from attending Sunday School, to Logos, to attending 3 Work Week trips. I'm excited to continue my education at UNI and ask that you continue to hold me in your prayers as I begin this new journey!

In Christ's love,  
Jordan Norvell



# 2017 **BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS**

**Sun**

**Mon**

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**Sat**

						1
2 9:30 a Fellowship 10:00 a Worship 11:00 a Fellowship	3 <i>Diane Moles</i> 10a John Erickson's Memorial	4 <i>Frank Liebl</i> 	5 <i>Natalie Camp</i> 5:15p Membership	6 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga	7 <i>Dave Shannon</i>	8 <i>Kert Schnell</i> 11a-Noon-Food Packaging at St. Luke's Methodist Church
9 <i>Carl Zacheis</i>	10	11 11:30a Gentle Yoga	12	13 3p Chair Yoga	14	15
16 10 a Worship at Woodland with potluck lunch and games following	17 <i>Ken Johnson</i>	18 11:30a Gentle Yoga	19	20 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group No Chair Yoga	21 <i>Dana Hashman</i>	22 12:30p Kid Assist Board Meeting Friendship House
23 <i>Joyce Moen</i> Joint Service with UCC at First Presbyterian	24	25 <i>Chris Norvell</i> 11:30a Gentle Yoga	26	27 <i>Sam Cutts</i> 9a-2p Days for Girls 3p Chair Yoga	28 <i>Taylor McGonegle</i>	29 <i>Carol Camp</i>
30	31	*Gentle Yoga will be at 11:30a in July and August				

**SCHEDULE  
OF**



**VOLUNTEERS**

<b>July</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b> Worship at Woodland	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b> <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Tom Mott	Deanna Manley	Dave Stolper	Mickey Van Baale	Val McKee
<b>Host Elder/Deacon</b> <i>Church Life</i>	Kay Parsons	Larry Anderson		Dave Stolper	Steve & Sara Hopkins
<b>Greeters</b> <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Terry Rickers Bev Rossow	Cole Doerring Carroll Brodersen		Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Janet Shields Kim or Kert Schnell
<b>Ushers</b> <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Mary Jane Tripp Suzy Funk	Larry & Shari DeCook		Dick & Shirley Mielke	Kevin & Toni Peska
<b>Audio</b> <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Shirley Stevens	Dan Ritter		Les Gause	Mickey Van Baale
<b>Counters</b> <i>Budget &amp; Finance</i>	Mickey Van Baale Don Black	Dave Stolper Roger Harmelink	Mickey Van Baale Tara Zehr	Jonnie Carpenter Sandy Cheney	Jen Norvell Janet Shields
<b>Bread Ministry Baker</b> <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Diane Moles	Shari DeCook		Linda Campbell	Jane Repp
<b>Bread Ministry Taker</b> <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Barb Gallaher	Mickey Van Baale		Linda Campbell	Carol Russell
<b>Communion Set up</b> <i>Worship &amp; Music</i>	Val McKee Tom Mott				

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# Lectionary —

## July, 2017

### **July 2 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost**

Gen. 22:1-14; *Ps.* 13; Rom. 6:12-23;  
Matt. 10:40-42

### **July 9 - 5th 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 16 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost**

Gen. 25:19-34; *Ps.* 119:105-112;  
Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

### **July 23 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost**

Gen. 28:10-19a; *Ps.* 139:1-12, 23-24;  
Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

### **July 30 - 8th 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, 2017

### **August 6 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

Gen. 32:22-31; *Ps.* 17:1-7, 15; Rom. 9:1-5;  
Matt. 14:13-21

### **August 13 - 10th 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 20– 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

Gen. 45:1-15; *Ps.* 133; Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32;  
Matt. 15:(10-20) 21-28

### **August 27 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost**

Ex. 1:8-2:10; *Ps.* 124; Rom. 12:1-8;  
Matt. 16:13-20



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<p>9:30 a Fellowship 10:00 a Worship 11:00 a Fellowship</p>		<p><b>1 Rachel Rickers</b> 11:30a Gentle Yoga 6:30p Worship &amp; Music</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga 7p Christian Nurture</p>	<p><b>4 Linda Campbell</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 4:45p Personnel 5:30p Building &amp; Grounds 7p Friendship House Group</p>	<p><b>8 Lois Harrington</b> 11:30a Gentle Yoga 3:30p Mission</p>	<p><b>9 Nancy Shields</b> 5:15p Membership 6p Budget &amp; Finance</p>	<p><b>10 Dixie Zegers</b> 3p Chair Yoga</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>13</b> Joint Service with UCC at UCC</p>	<p><b>14 George Wilkening</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> 11:30a Gentle Yoga 6:30p Session</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group</p>	<p><b>18 Michele Leonard</b></p>	<p><b>19 Helyn Wohlwend</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23 Gary Haynes Larry Rossow Karen Wathen</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 9a-2p Days for Girls</p>	<p><b>25</b> Articles due for the Messenger</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b> 10a Rally Day Ecumenical Worship Service</p>	<p><b>28 Bill Zegers</b></p>	<p><b>29 Danielle Hamilton</b></p>	<p><b>30 Kimberly Schnell</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>		
<p><b>*Gentle Yoga will be at 11:30a in July and August</b></p>						

**SCHEDULE  
OF**



**VOLUNTEERS**

<b>August</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>
Worship Leader <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Linda Kirchhoff	Linda Campbell	Joan Tyler	Jane Repp
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Church Life</i>	Karen Quinn	George Wilkening	Dana Hashman	Mickey Van Baale
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Randy & Carol Camp	Gary & Kay Parsons	Kevin & Toni Peska	Terry Rickers & Bev Rossow
Ushers <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Don & Sharon Black	Shirley Stevens Sandy Cheney	Dave Stolper Linda Curtis-Stolper	Dana Hashman Mickey Van Baale
Audio <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Kyle Doerring	Erick Zehr	Les Gause	Dan Ritter
Counters <i>Budget &amp; Finance</i>	Terry Rickers Chris or Peggy Lickiss	Mickey Van Baale Bev Rossow	Dan Ritter Don Black	Dave Stolper Roger Harmelink
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Val McKee	Dixie Zegers	Sharon Black	Diane Moles
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Toni Peska	Dana Hashman	Nancy Mott	Barb Gallaher
Communion Set up <i>Worship &amp; Music</i>	Val McKee Bev Rossow			