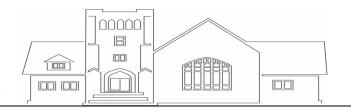
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THE MESSENGER



JUNE, 2014

Message from Pastor Meghan

Grace and peace! To paraphrase the Apostle Paul's words to the Thessalonians, I give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in my prayers, remembering before our God your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

As I write this, I am sitting in my mom's house in Sacramento, but by the time you receive this newsletter, I'll be with you; I am so excited to be coming to serve First Presbyterian Church and the greater Newton community! Since January was a long time ago, and I was with you so briefly (and I didn't get the chance to meet some of you at all) I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, or remind you who I am. I was born and raised in Taos, New Mexico and had my first sojourn to the Midwest when I attended the College of Wooster in Ohio where I majored in comparative literature, minored in theater and Russian studies and spent a semester in Russia. Next, I attended Ohio University for an MA in theater history and criticism. I was a dramaturg (don't worry, no one else knows what that means either, but ask me and I'll be happy to explain) and worked at theaters in Chicago, Louisville, Cape Cod, San Francisco and even Singapore before leaving the theater gypsy life to answer God's call to ministry. I earned my Master of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary. My training included Clinical Pastoral Education (or "pastor boot camp") at the Mayo Clinic and an internship at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Napa, CA. I am coming to Newton after five years in my first call at Longview Presbyterian Church in Washington State.

As most of you probably know, I am a certified yoga instructor and took about three months between leaving Longview and coming to Newton in order to work on a book I'm writing about incorporating yoga into Christian spiritual practice. That book is not yet complete but the time was invaluable for getting the project going, not to mention some quality R&R and family time! I look forward to teaching Christian yoga classes here at First Pres., as well as joining you in the ministry you already do so well: mission, worship, music and education programs, and exploring areas together where we can learn and grow.

Most of my family is in California including my sister and her family—fair warning: you'll hear a lot about my two beloved nephews— and my mom. My dad and his wife live in New Mexico. When not doing ministry or yoga, I enjoy reading, watching movies, knitting (poorly), and running (slowly) and I am looking forward to getting to know Newton and Iowa.

Again, many thanks to the PNC for asking me to be your pastor, to all of you for affirming that call and for your warm welcome in January.

Message from Pastor Linda

One of the Psalms in my daily devotional reading on the day I write this message is Psalm 9. Verses 1-2: "I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High."

As this incredible blessing draws to a close, I do indeed give thanks and praise to God for giving me the opportunity to serve as your interim pastor. My life started with upbringing in the church and my acceptance of Jesus as my Savior; specific events directly leading me to this place stretch back over several years. In hindsight, it's amazing to see God's hand shaping and preparing me for the position! I'm awed and humbled to have been given the privilege of serving God in this way.

And I am enormously grateful to all of you. Your love, patience, support, and concern have been present from the start and have been much appreciated. It's been my blessing to have had opportunities to share conversations and committee meetings and worship of all sorts. What a joy to have been able to get to know so many of you in new ways! Thank you for all you've given, with a very special "Thank you" to my dear husband, Dave, who never expected he would become a pastoral spouse.

As most of you know, Dave and I leave very early on June 3 for a two-week trip to Germany. We'll be living in an apartment in the village of Oberwesel, located on the Rhine River, and are looking forward to soaking up lots of culture, history, and atmosphere. This trip is a direct result of me "unretiring" and drawing income as your pastor – thank you for making it possible! Beyond that, I'm looking forward to seeing what God has planned for the next stage of my life.

Whatever the future holds, wherever it may lead, this remains my church home with all of you as my beloved church family. As I return to being a member of the congregation, I will continue to hold the special moments I've shared with you in my heart. As we move together into the next stage of our journey following Jesus, God's abundant blessings will continue to fill our lives with love and joy.

Bless you all – thank you! Pastor Linda

PNC UPDATE

Dear Church Family,

In a matter of days, we will be embarking on another transition as a church family. We will be celebrating the gifts of ministry that Linda Curtis-Stolper has shared with us and welcoming the new gifts of ministry that Rev. Meghan Davis will be sharing with us.

As a congregation, we will all be welcoming Linda Curtis-Stolper back into the fold of First Presbyterian as a member. Pastoral care is a ministry we all provide to each other, and a particular way we can minister to Linda is to respect her role as a returning congregational member and address all our pastoral concerns to Rev. Meghan Davis, starting June 1, 2014. Part of the pastoral care we can provide to Rev. Davis is to assist her in her new ministry and help her acclimate to her new life in Newton.

In this spring season of new life and new beginnings, we have much to look forward to! Thanks be to God!

The Pastor Nominating Committee

Gary Parson, chair, Larry Anderson, Ann Cutts, Steve Hopkins, Linda Kirchhoff, Kelly Koenen, and Joan Tyler.



- → Jane Wallace Reilly, daughter of Albert and Helen Wallace, continues her battle with brain cancer.
- ♣ Pat Koppin, who was in Mercy Hospital suffering with sepsis. The doctors felt she would be spending extensive time in the hospital, but she has been moved to Newton Health Care.
- ★ Warren Erickson, who broke his right arm, at the top of the bone, just below the shoulder bone. He is in an immobilizer.
- Linda Curtis-Stolper and Dave Stolper for a safe and rewarding trip to Germany.



To David and Suzanne Funk in the death of David's father, Jerry, on Sunday, May 25. Visitation for Mr. Funk will be from 4pm to 8pm on Wednesday, May 28 at Wallace Family Funeral

Home. Services will also be at the funeral home on Thursday, May 29. Jerry was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Newton.

There will be a Sundays at Four on June 22 at which Kay and I will be presenting a program on our trip to Russia last year. We were on a river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow which was a very interesting, informative and beautiful trip that we enjoyed immensely. Some of the sights we saw were absolutely amazing -especially the palaces, art, and history related to the czarist era. As we have done in the past, we will order pizza for those that want it to be shared after the program. Please join us.

Gary Parsons

Welcome New Members

Sunday, May 4 was a special day in many ways. One being two ladies that were welcomed to membership of our church.



Karen Quinn joined by reformation of baptism from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fresno, CA. Karen was born and raised in Jasper County and graduated from Newton

High School in 1966. After graduating from UNI, she went to Arizona to get her Masters from the University of Arizona. She loved Arizona and worked in Tucson for 10 years before moving to Fresno, California to get her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. She worked in California for 30 years, the last 7 at Coalinga State Hospital with Sexually Violent Predators. According to Karen, she never really liked California and after returning from the state in 2012, she was happy to come home to Newton. She opened a part-time private practice and bought a house and is loving her home and garden and being close to family and friends. She has had lots of experience with different spiritual practices, including living in an Ashram and practicing Native American sweats and ceremonies. Karen tried several different churches on her return to Newton and found First Presbyterian to be beautiful with beautiful music and friendly people and is happy to join this church family.



Shirley Stevens joined by transfer of membership from the United Methodist Church of Boone. Shirley was born in Ames and grew up and graduated in Boone. She worked at the

Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone for about 30 years as a nurse aid and receptionist. After her husband died, Shirley changed her life and started working at 3M in Ames in the warehouse. She has 2 sons, 5 granddaughters, 1 grandson and 3 greatgranddaughters. Shirley has always lived in the country, but she is adjusting to city life. She loves being outside, horses, mowing yard, sewing, reading, decorating and enjoying her new friends at First Presbyterian Church.

Buildings and Grounds

Roger Harmelink, Chair

Discussion continues on the need of repairing the front sidewalk and the front steps. Also, the plan is still to have the kitchen painted, but no action has begun on this. Our committee did asked Session to use approximately \$350 from the Memorial Fund to have the Pastor's pictures updated, reframed and displayed. This request was approved by the Session.

Generous Gift

Connie Jagau, manager of Choices Christian bookstore, donated a number of reference books to our church library. In discussions of how we can make our library a place where all generations will visit and check our materials (books or videos), Mickey Van Baale contacted Connie for some ideas. The result of this conversation was the generous gift she made to our library.

Also, Mickey Van Baale and Virginia Bennett have purchased copies of Dr. Peter Steinke's seminars that will also be available in the library.

Budget and Finance Corner

Terry Rickers, Chair

Pledges for the month of April were \$10,941. This was \$963 below budget. Other Regular Giving for the month is \$800, which is \$64 above budget. Total expenses are \$563 over budget. Year-to-date pledges are \$1,027 higher than budgeted and year-to-date expenses are \$294 under budget.

The memorial fund received contributions from the Russell, Johnson and Smith families. The Muñoces fund received \$45 from Lenten breakfast contributions. We received \$160 in contributions to support Kids Against Hunger food packaging participants. We received \$792 in contributions for the One Great Hour special offering. Work Week received \$1290 from the style show proceeds.



Worship & Music Committee

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

The Worship and Music committee met in May and reviewed past services. The committee was especially impressed with Youth Sunday and the Sunday at 4 (5) concert. Congratulations to all those who planned and participated in these meaningful events. We are proud of all of you for sharing your talents with us. Our best wishes are also sent to our graduating seniors, John Miller, Chandler Sturtz, and Jennifer Ventling.

Summer church service hours will begin June 1 at 10 AM. On that day, Pastor Linda will preach and offer communion on her last Sunday with us as our interim pastor. It is anticipated that Meghan Davis will conduct the rest of the service. The choir will sing and then take a break until fall.

Larry Anderson with the assistance of Kim DeGraff will be lining up special music for the summer. If you are interested, we invite you to offer your musical gifts to the church. Contact Larry at 641-792-5220 or Kim.at 641-521-8571. Jenny Verwers will keep a master list in the office. Special music will not be needed on July 27th (Des Moines Barbershop Chorus here) or on August 10 (Worship in the Park.) There has been no progress in finding additional substitute organists.

Pastor Linda expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve God as our interim. The committee members thanked her for the time and creativity she has invested in enriching the congregation's worship experience and the dedication she has shown in pastoral care.

Mission Committee

By Linda Erickson, Chair

Work Week 2014

Time is getting closer for our departure to Nebraska. We have had some changes in who will be able to attend this year's trip. The final group going from our church is Jordan Norvell, Josh Ventling, Larry and Linda Anderson, Rev. Meghan Davis, Dana Hashman, Mickey Van Baale and George Wilkening. Others going are Josh Zieman from UP church and Rev. John Reynolds, Tony, Anna and Lara Hilpipre from Brooklyn Church.

The Brooklyn Church held their annual "Rev. John's BBQ Ribs Dinner" on Saturday evening, May 16. Their Session voted that the proceeds from this event would go to our Work Week trip. Larry and Linda Anderson, Dana Hashman, Seth Strand (who was going to go with us), Garrett Sturtz and Mickey Van Baale helped with this event. While the crowd wasn't as large as hoped, there was a good turnout, and several dinners were delivered. Thank you to the people from First Presbyterian who travelled to Brooklyn to enjoy a great meal of BBQ ribs, cheesy potatoes, green beans, apple sauce, dessert and drink.

By the time you receive this edition of the Messenger, the ice cream social will be right around the corner. We hope many of you will be able to attend. Tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives about this event, which is held June 3 with serving from 4:30 to 7:30.

Our remaining Covenant meetings and events are:

June 1 (Set-up for Ice Cream Social) June 3 (Ice Cream Social) June 22 (Final Covenant Meeting)

The Steering Committee -- Larry & Linda Anderson, Julie Fisher, Dana Hashman, Mickey Van Baale and George Wilkening



Ice Cream Social

JUNE 3—The time is drawing nigh. Things are coming together in getting ready for the social. We are still in need of pies and cakes. There are sign-up sheets in the kitchen that will indicate what tasks we still need help for. The Work Week group got together on May 31 and made the ice cream. The evening of June 1, this same group will be meeting at Fellowship Hall at 6 pm to set the tables, change the nursery into the "dessert" room with tables to hold and plate pies and cakes and ready the kitchen for the food preparation and serving.

Enjoy turkey and barbecued pork sandwiches, coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, pies, cakes, and..... HOMEMADE ICE CREAM between 4:30 and 7:30 pm on June 3. As in the past, we will be taking up a free will offering.

Barb Taylor, Chair

Mission Committee

By Linda Erickson, Chair



Meet William Alexander

Another of the students we are helping to go to high school for a second year is William Alexander Dominguez Rivas. The first year was a struggle for William but he is determined, under difficult circumstances, to continue. Here is his letter to the Pastoral Team, written in December, 2013. Have a very good day Americans in charge of and that make up the Pastoral team. Receive a respectful and cordial greeting wishing you success in your daily labors from William Alexander Dominguez Rivas. After this short greeting I move to the following.

The reason for writing this letter to you is to thank you for the help that you have given me this year and hoping that you can continue helping me the following year because the help you gave me was a great help to me! With this I was able to buy my school supplies. I hope that you keep helping me to continue forward always with my studies. Thanks to you I was able to complete my first year of Baccalaureate in the National Institute of Berlín. These are my words of thanks. Thanks for your understanding. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that God and the Virgin pour out many blessings to every one of you.

Wednesday Night Free Meals

As is tradition, the summer Wednesday night meals will be served at McCann Center starting in June. Meals will be served only on the second and fourth Wednesday nights. I have not received confirmation, but it appears we will be doing the meal on the 4th week and will be working with the Lutheran church. Please watch Church Happenings and the bulletins for further information.

Thank you to those who helped in any way during the winter months when the meals were served at First United Methodist Church.

Barb Taylor, Coordinator

Church Life Activities

Randy Camp, Chair

We worked in connection with the Christian Nurture committee and prepared the meal for the Graduation Breakfast on May 25. We served scrambled eggs, fruit kabobs, and a variety of breads and coffee cakes to graduates, parents, grandparents, and church members.

Again we are hoping to attend an Iowa Cub's game as a group. Watch the bulletins and Church Happenings for further information as it becomes available.

First Presbyterian Church Multi-Media Mosaic Project

By Cat Rickers



With guidance from an article in "Call to Worship" magazine, the congregation began a multigenerational art project for Lent 2014. The project outlined in "Call to Worship" had been for Advent and featured an image of Mary and an infant Jesus. The directions for the project were simple – choose a canvas or Masonite background in a size that works for your image or space, then outline the design on the background and choose an area to start.

From this point on, the project works like a "paintby-number". Magazine photos, brochures, church bulletins or pages of sheet music are torn into 1inch to 1.5-inch pieces in the chosen color. The pieces are applied to the canvas with acrylic medium in a process very similar to decopáge.

Our project started with a set of three pre-stretched canvases. The outer canvases are half the width of the center canvas. Our subject for the project was "The Good Shepherd". A base coat of blue acrylic wash was applied to the appropriate areas of the canvases, and the youth Sunday School class tore out and applied magazine pieces in various shades of blue. When all of the blue areas were completed, the yellow portion of the mosaic was given a base-coat and the torn magazine pieces applied were in tones of yellow. The project progressed until all of the color areas were covered with torn paper. All members of the congregation were invited to participate no matter their age, physical ability or artistic skill.

Thought was given to what sort of images should be included. The outer background areas are very general in nature, however the sheep are comprised of church bulletins and music to represent our congregation – Christ's Flock. The shepherd's staff contains images of the church building – the place where we find guidance. The image of our Lord as the Good Shepherd has images of faces for His face and hands for His hands. The faces and hands intentionally represent all genders, ages and ethnicities as our Lord's love is for all people. Members of the congregation applied images which they felt had meaning for them – a cardinal to represent Newton, a "cool looking" lizard, the "All seeing eye" of God, grass, water, items which evoked comfort, musical instruments, etc. One of the most meaningful parts of the project is the complexity of the layers of meaning shown. It is a remarkable thing.

It took most of February and March to complete the application of the mosaic pieces. Two weeks before Easter, the mosaic went home with the supervising artist for the final touches. Any paper extending beyond the edges of the canvas was carefully sliced away. As the mosaic was to look like a stained glass window, dark lines were applied to separate each color area. Light color washes were added to the Shepherd and the sheep to give them dimension without obscuring the mosaic underneath. Facial features were then added. Gold leaf was applied to the aureole surrounding the Savior's head as well as a final coat of paint to all of the exposed edges. The last step was to apply a sealer coat to the entire surface of the mosaic.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this project. We have asked all those who worked on the Mosiac to sign the back of it. If you haven't had a chance to do that, please get in touch with me, Cat Rickers, so I can help you in getting this done.

Christian Nurture

Virginia Bennett, Chair

- 1) Youth Sunday. This event took place on Sunday May 11. Young people of the church led the congregation in worship and music. They also served as ushers, greeters and the candle lighter. The theme for the morning was the Good Shepherd and His sheep. The beautiful mosaic piece designed by Cathy Rickers and created by many members of the church was dedicated. The song, I Wanna' be a Sheep, was used several times in the service. Plans were coordinated by Interim Pastor Linda Curtis-Stolper.
- 2) Graduation Breakfast. This was served on Sunday, May 25, the day of Newton's Commencement, and honored our graduates: Jennifer Ventling, Chandler Sturtz, and John Miller. Jen Norvell led this project with the assistance of the CN committee members. George Wilkening served as the MC, Sarah Hopkins made the booklets to honor the graduates, and Marlys Grimm prepared a video of the graduates. Sincere thanks to the Church Life Committee who prepared and served the meal.
- 3) Kids Action Hour. The Final Sunday for Kids Action Hour was May 18. Students and teachers will be preparing special banners.
- 4) Vacation Bible School. This will be held June 16-20 from 9-12. Our theme is "Weird Animals" and it is the same group format we have been using the past 4 years or so. We will again be sharing this with First Lutheran and United Presbyterian churches. We are currently trying to fill spots for teachers. helpers with crafts, and help in the kitchen with snack preparation. If you have a student who will be participating, please let Jenny in the church office know. Also let Jenny know if you would be able to help with this year's VBS.
- 5) Care Givers Workshop: We will be hosting this two and a half hour, one-time workshop sometime before the end of July. We believe this is a topic which would be valuable to our members and friends. We are pleased that the Session supported this request.

Sermon Schedule for June, 2014

June 8 -- Acts 2:1-21 "Filled with the Holy Spirit"

June 15 -- Matthew 28:16-20 "With Us Always"

June 22 -- Genesis 21: 8-21 "Hagar the Egyptian"

June 29 -- Genesis 22:1-14 "The Lord will Provide"



MOMENT

Our committee is winding down our contacts to update the church directory. We are hoping to have contacted everyone on the Messenger Query list within the next week or two to obtain the vital info for the directory. If you have not been contacted by someone by the time you see this in the Messenger please contact me (Gary Parsons-792-6753). After we have completed that phase we will be starting into scheduling photo sessions after church for those that need new pictures. The dates will be announced at church, in the bulletin, Church Happenings, and the Messenger.

We welcome two new members to our church as of May 4-Shirley Stevens and Karen Quinn. We are very blessed to have them with us and hope you will make it a point to introduce yourself to them if you have not already met them. Please see the article about them in another part of the Messenger.

Gary Parsons, chair



Meet our 2014 Graduating Seniors



John Miller



John is the son of Kim and Rick Miller and has an older sister Laura and younger sister Emily. His grandparents are Sharon Miller and Caryol Nielsen. John has been very active in high school participating in the Newton High School Trap Team from eighth grade through 12th grade. He has been involved in 4H for the past seven years and in Future Farmers of America all four of his high school years, a member of the Homecoming float committee in ninth and tenth grades and a member of the Newton High School Boys Golf Team during ninth grade. John has participated in the DMACC Welding Program /Career Academy. He is one of four students chosen by the DMACC welding instructor to participate in the American Welding State Skill Competition. After graduation John will be attending the Tool and Die program at Des Moines Area Community College. Due to his participation in the DMACC Career Academy for the past two years, he earns an Associate Degree in Tool and Die and an Associate Degree

in Welding by the spring of 2016. He currently works at Product Development Partners, LLC and has been selected for a DMACC scholarship program where he will attend DMACC tuition free and continue this work with Product Development Partners, LLC. Eventually he would like to go into mold making and/or a machinist fabrication position.

Chandler Sturtz

Chandler Sturtz is the son of Carma and Stan Sturtz. He has an older sister Mallory and a younger brother Garrett. His grandparents are Henry and Arlene Horstmann and Norma Sturtz. Chandler has been very active in high school in sports, academics and service groups. He has been involved in baseball, basketball, and soccer all four years of high school. One of his highlights is that he was chosen all conference in each of the sports in which he participated. During the 2013 baseball season, Chandler earned All-Little Hawkeye Conference first team honors as a utility player. As a member of the 2013-2014 Newton Boys Basketball team, Chandler earned an IHSAA Excellence in Academic Achievement Award. He has also been active in Big Brothers Big Sisters, Link Crew, DECA, National Honor Society, an initial NHS Hall of



Fame committee member. Chandler has been a regular on the A Honor role during high school and he was nominated by his peers to be a candidate for Newton Senior High School 2013 Homecoming King. His fondest memory of high school is participating as a special needs PE helper. After high school he plans on attending Central College in Pella, lowa. His major is undecided at this time. He will be continuing his athletic career at the collegiate level by playing baseball at Central.

Jennifer Ventling



Jennifer Ventling is the daughter of Doug and Kathy Ventling. She has an older brother Matthew and a younger brother Joshua. Sports and academics are two areas that have played a big part in her high school years. Jennifer is a four-year member of the Newton High School volleyball team. She joined the varsity squad as a sophomore. During her junior and senior years, Jennifer was a starting member of the varsity squad. Highlights of her senior year volleyball include the following: most wins in a season in school history (26) and winning the school's first ever Little Hawkeye Conference title in volleyball. Jennifer's other favorite sport is tennis in which she played varsity three of her four years. Highlights of team tennis include earning the Little Hawkeye Conference title three years, Little Hawkeye Conference Tournament champs two years, and serving as co-team captain her senior year. Her biggest highlight was winning the chance to go to State in doubles play. She and her partner were the

first juniors in school history to earn this honor. Other high school highlights include being a member of the Homecoming Court, Link Leader, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, organizing a fund raiser for Toys-for-Tots, and playing first chair French Horn all four years of band. Academically, she was on the A Honor roll every semester and on several Academic All-Conference teams. Jenn is one of 40 individuals, from among all the Hy-Vee stores, to receive a Hy-Vee Foundation scholarship. Jenn's post-graduate plans include attending the University of Northern Iowa.

Highlights from Session

Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session

Heard report from second quarter Presbytery meeting including:

Closing of the Leon church and The possible move of our Presbytery offices to the Cottage Grove church in Des Moines.

- Approved moving all flammables from the church (per insurance company directive) and hiring of mowing
- Heard updates on front sidewalk & step project
- Approved hosting a workshop for caregivers before the end of July
- Approved a Continuing Education time for Meghan.
- Approved having the Deacons receive loose offering from Graduation Sunday in addition to the 1st Sunday of the month
- Approved using Memorial Funds to update the picture display of our Pastors to include Meghan
- Confirmed Shirley Stevens as back-up Wedding Coordinator

Presbytery Meeting

Pastor Linda, Gary Parsons and Mickey Van Baale travelled to Lucas, Iowa the morning of Tuesday, May 20, for the Presbytery Meeting. This was a unique setting, as the church in Lucas is too small to host Presbytery, so it was held in their Community Center. Break-out meetings were held down the block at the museum.

A very moving worship service started out the morning, themed around the cross. The song, *The Old Rugged Cross*, was written by George Bennard. Bennard was born in Ohio, but raised in the vicinity of Lucas. June 7, 2013 *The Old Rugged Cross* celebrated its 100th year as a beloved Christian hymn.

The afternoon was spent hearing committee reports. The Administrative Commission for Cottage Grove church had many suggestions and ideas on reaching a workable agreement. Therefore, a special, called meeting of Presbytery will be held on June 7 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Indianola.

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

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2014 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| Summer Worship Hours Begin | 2 John Miller Suzanne Funk Marilyn McCallister 4:45 pm Personnel 7:00 pm Christian Nurture | 3 Ice Cream Social 4:30 -7:00 p.m. | 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:30 pm Spanish Plus | 5 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group | 6 | 7 Karen Allen Jeanette Shannon |
| 9:00 am Deacons | 9 Tom Cheney | 10 John Erickson Indy Carson | 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Budget & Finance 6:30 pm Spanish Plus | 4:30 pm Missions | 13 Michelle Capman | 14 |
| 15 Matt Illingworth Happy Fathers DAY | 9-12 Bible School 6:00 pm Worship & Music | 9-12 Bible School 7:00 p.m. Session | 9-12 Bible School 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:30 pm Spanish Plus | 9-12 Bible School 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group | 9-12 Bible School | 21 Terry Rickers Val McKee Dave Stolper Cheryl Ritter |
| 22 Jordan Norvell Vince VerSteegt 4:00 pm Sundays at 4 6-7:30 pm WW Covenant Meeting | 23 Kelly Koenen | 24 | 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:30 pm Spanish Plus | 26 | 27 Brenda Lanser Shirley Mielke | 28 Isaac Mathison- Bowie |
| 29 Don Fisher Lauren Ferguson | 30 Melissa Mount | | | | 9:30 am Fellowship 9:55 am Announcements 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship | |



June



Volunteers

| June | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | July 6 |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Worship Leader | Larry Anderson | Linda Kirchhoff | Mickey Van Baale | George Wilkening | Jane Repp | Sara Hopkins |
| Office | | | | | | |
| Host Elder/Deacon | Norm Grimm | Dana Hashman | Sandy Smit | Sara Hopkins | Gary Parsons | Terry Rickers |
| Diane Moles | | | | | | |
| Greeters | Doug Cutts Cole Doerring | Janet Shields Valerie Barney | Gary & Kay Parsons | Dick & Shirley Mielke | Randy & Carol Camp | |
| Julie Brodersen | | | | | | |
| Ushers Office | Dana Hashman Mickey Van Baale | Terry & Cat Rickers | Camp Family | Tom & Nancy Mott | Gary Haynes Doug & Samantha | Max & Donna Worthington |
| | | | _ | | Cutts | _ |
| Audio | Roger Harmelink | Doug Cutts | Doug Cutts | Doug Cutts | Dan Ritter | Dan Ritter |
| Les Gause | | | | | | |
| Candlelighter | Emily Miller | Joshua Ventling | Megan Ritter | Natalie Camp | Allie Norvell | Garrett Sturtz |
| Office | | | | | | |
| Counters | Terry Rickers Dave Boyd | Dan Ritter Bill Shields | Roger Harmelink | Jonnie Carpenter | Kelly Koenen | Terry Rickers |
| Terry Rickers | | | Dave Stolper | Gary Haynes | Marshall Critchfield | Dave Boyd |
| Bread Ministry Baker | Linda Campbell | Jane Repp | Val McKee | Pat Mitchell | Dixie Zegers | |
| Barb Taylor | | | | | | |
| Bread Ministry Taker | Linda Campbell | Carol Russell | Joan Rusk | Barb Gallaher | Dana Hashman | |
| Barb Taylor | | | | | | |
| Communion Set up | Roger Harmelink Sandy Smit | | | | | Diane Moles Terry Rickers |
| Linda Kirchhoff | | | | | | |

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Return Service Requested

Lectionary —

June, 2014

June 1 - 7th Sunday of Easter Acts 1:6-14; *Ps. 68:1-20, 32-35*

Acts 1:6-14; *Ps.* 68:1-20, 32-33 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

June 8 - Day of Pentecost

Acts:2:1–21 *or* Num. 11:24-30 *Ps. 104:24-34, 35b*; 1 Cor. 12:3b-13 *or* Acts 2:1 - 21; John 20:19-23 *or* John 7:37-39

June 15 - Trinity Sunday - Father's Day

Gen. 1:1-2, 4a; *Ps.* 8

2 Cor. 13:11-13; Matt. 28:16-20

June 22 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 21:8-21; *Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17* Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt. 10:24-39

June 29 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 22:1-14; *Ps.13*; Rom. 6:12-23

Matt. 10:40-42

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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