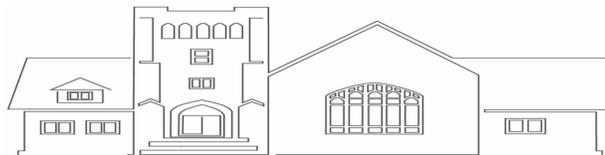


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## THE MESSENGER



MAY 2015

### Meghan's Musings

So... What's the deal with the yoga?

Last September when I began teaching yoga classes here at the church I wrote about it here in the newsletter. However, I have recently discovered that some questions remain about the yoga classes so I'd like to take the opportunity to address those of which I am aware.

The main question seems to be about money. When I began teaching the classes, I requested and Session approved a suggested sliding scale donation for those taking the classes. The reasoning? First of all, for better or worse, people seem to value and take more seriously ventures when there is a monetary commitment involved. Secondly, the donations help offset costs associated with the yoga ministry: because of the donations we have been able to purchase yoga blankets and other props for the classes; donations also will enable me to get further training—I will be taking a kids yoga training this summer and hope to expand the yoga not only to the kids in our church but hopefully it can be an outreach to kids who are not already active in our church community. Additionally, these donations can help pay for the cost of heating the room for yoga, should the Budget and Finance Committee determine that necessary. My dream would be to one day use the donations to help fund the transformation of one of our unused Sunday school rooms into a yoga studio, but that would be way off in the future.

When we discussed this in Session, the question arose whether I would be getting a “cut” of the donations. Some Session members felt that would be fair and were in support of the idea. However, I feel strongly that the yoga ministry is part of my call as a pastor in general and part of my call to First Presbyterian Church specifically. If I were leading a monthly Taize style worship service and a free-will offering were taken, there would be no question as to whether or not I would receive a portion of those donations. Likewise, I feel it would be equally inappropriate for me to receive income from the donations received for the yoga classes.

As a ministry of this congregation, that raises other questions about what exactly we mean by “donation”? Is it *really* a donation or is it really *expected* that participants pay? My answer is this: first, it is *really* a donation. It is a free-will basket. No one is watching to make sure you throw some money in or how much money you donate. Second, no one is turned away for lack of payment. If you cannot donate or choose not to, you are still welcome no questions asked. Third, if you are already contributing financially to the ministry of First Presbyterian and you feel like you do your share, then by all means, do not feel obligated to donate to this particular aspect of our ministry. However, there might be some who are already tithing 10% (or more) to the church who choose to donate additionally when taking yoga classes as a way of supporting this particular ministry. Which is also more than welcome. Whether or not, how much and how often participants donate is all up to their own discernment and is entirely between them and God.

And finally, I would like to stress the value of the yoga ministry not only as a discipline for physical, spiritual and emotional health but also as an outreach of this congregation. I would estimate at least half, perhaps even more, of the participants in the classes are not even members of this First Presbyterian. So yoga really is a valuable outreach, spiritual practice, health practice and service to the community that First Presbyterian Church is offering.

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### Be Praying For...

- ✚ Wilma Manning, who was in Skiff hospital. She has returned to her home at Newton Village.
- ✚ Loretta Wendt, who is in Skiff hospital. Visitors are welcome but for short stays as she tires easily.
- ✚ Mel Wohlwend, sister of Helyn, who fell about a month ago and is still experiencing times of passing out. Doctors are planning on doing tests to determine if she might have MS or what is causing the blackout spells.
- ✚ Katelyn Camp who has two ruptured disc in her back. She will be seeing a specialist to determine what can be done.
- ✚ Sam Cutts who will be having surgery on May 7. In January she had ACL surgery and it is not healing as the doctor's had hoped. This surgery is to open up the incision site and clean it out.
- ✚ Kert and Kimberly Schnell and Kert's family. Kert's mom, Andrea, has been diagnosed with endometrial and skin cancer. She had surgery on April 24.
- ✚ Norm and Marlys and the Grimm family. Linda Grimm, wife of Norm's youngest brother has had a rapid onset of memory loss.
- ✚ Val McKee and her family as they continue to deal with the sudden death of her nephew, Kevin, who died of a heart attack at age 47.

### Fifth Annual Choir Concert at First Presbyterian

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 10, at 4 PM** for a combined choir concert featuring our own Chancel Choir, the Newton High School Varsity Chorale, and the Central College Chamber Singers. This has become an anticipated event since it began in 2011.

The Varsity Chorale is directed by Norm Grimm and accompanied by Marlys Grimm. The Chamber Singers are directed by Newton native Mark Babcock. The Chancel Choir is directed by Virginia Bennett and accompanied by Sandy Smit. Each choir will perform separately and then combine forces for Haydn's *Agnus Dei*, Gwyneth Walker's *Crossing the Bar* and *Soon Ah Will Be Done* by William Dawson.

There is no charge for this event - a free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall following the concert.

We hope many of you will attend and invite your friends.



*With Deepest Sympathy*

**To the family of Henry Birkenholz. Henry died on Sunday, March 29, 2015, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 2015, at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Meghan Davis presiding. Henry will be remembered by his three sons, Larry (Lynette), Daniel (Ronda), both of Newton and Scott of Mesa, Arizona; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.**



- 🔔 George Wilkening and Shirley Stevens, who are planning to be married on June 21.
- 🔔 Sandy Smit and Chris Simbro, who are planning an October wedding.

Your church family offers you our congratulations and the very best of wishes.

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Below is the text of the sign on the donation basket:

**Yoga at First Presbyterian**

Following a first trial class (no donation requested) participants are invited to support this ministry with a sliding scale suggested donation of \$12-35 per 6 classes or \$2.50-\$5.50 per “drop-in” class. Checks can be made out to “First Presbyterian Church” with “yoga” in the memo line.

Church family already contributing financially to First Presbyterian are encouraged to discern your ability to contribute further.

No one will be turned away for lack of donation. See Meghan for further details.

If anyone has any questions regarding the yoga, please feel free to ask me.

Peace,  
Meghan



I would like to thank everybody for the food, cards, phone calls, visits and especially the prayers. Everything is very much appreciated. I feel blessed.

Dixie Zegers

**Special Olympics**  
Iowa



Congratulations to Shawn Robertson for winning at the recent district Special Olympics held in Marshalltown. Shawn placed 2nd in the 50 meter race and won a red ribbon and placed 4th in the 100 meters and received a white ribbon. Shawn is our newest tenor in the choir, while his mom, Connie, can be found in the front row of the choir, singing soprano.

**Budget and Finance Corner**

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

Pledges for the month of March were \$10,961. This was \$857 below budget for the month. Other regular giving was \$900 for the month. Investment Income reports dividend income of \$955 and an unrealized gain of \$1,165 on our Edward Jones account. In total for the month of March, expenses were \$2,461 over budget.

Year-to-date, pledges are \$373 above budget and expenses are \$2,009 above budget.

The Deacons received donations for postage. Money was donated to the El Salvador fund. The Mission-Local fund received donations of \$120 and paid \$90 for participants fee at the Kids Against Hunger food event.

We received \$591.72 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.



Pentecost Sunday is May 24. Please remember to wear red!



Wear Red for Pentecost

**Worship and Music**

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

Although the Worship and Music Committee did not formally meet in April, we wish to thank all those staff members, musicians, Deacons, and other volunteers who made Holy Week and the entire Easter Season so meaningful. It is always special to have the lamb sculpture, a memorial from Bill and Nancy Shields to their son, appear in the sanctuary during Lent and Easter.





Congratulations to Sam Cutts for winning a proficiency award at the recent state leadership conference held in Ames.

According to the FFA website, 100% of all FFA members have proficiencies as part of the agricultural program and the FFA. These proficiencies range in the areas of Agricultural Communications to Home and/or Community Development and from Diversified Agricultural Production to Swine Production. Proficiency Award winners have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Programs. These awards encourage members to develop specialized skills that will apply toward a future career.

State winners will advance to the National FFA competition where they will compete against winners from the other State FFA Associations. The four national finalists that are selected from each area will be recognized at the National FFA Convention and Expo in October.

Again from the website, here is the information on Sam's exact proficiency area:

**Proficiency Area: Veterinary Science –**

**Entrepreneurship/Placement**

**State Winner:** Samantha Cutts

**FFA Chapter:** Newton FFA Chapter

**Description:** The winner in the area of Veterinary Science is Samantha Cutts of the Newton FFA Chapter. Cutts worked 440 hours earning \$3,339. This was done at the Newton Animal Clinic. Cutts most important skill gained would be responsibility. Cutts also learned a good work ethic. Cutts plans to attend DMAAC in Ankeny for 2 years and then transfer to a 4-year college to earn a bachelor's degree in animal science

Congratulations, Sam and good luck at Nationals.

## Opportunities

There are opportunities within our Presbytery for church members to join that you may not know about. There are several committees within the Presbytery that are at times looking for new members. Currently Mickey Van Baale is serving on the Congregational Reconciliation Task force and Gary Parsons just accepted a position on the Nominating Committee. The best way to see the workings of the various groups is to attend a Presbytery meeting, which are held quarterly. Due to the size of our church, we are required to have an Elder in attendance, who can vote on business that is conducted, along with Meghan. Any church member, however, is welcome to attend as a visitor.

In addition to these, there are a couple more you might be interested in. Currently John and Barb Taylor are active in the MIMS (Mariners in Mission) program. This is like Work Week for adults only, however youth and children are welcome to attend. This group goes to various Presbyterian work sites such as camps and do construction repairs, make new curtains, etc. Either couples or singles are welcome to join. For more information, please contact John or Barb.

Barb is also active in Presbyterian Women. Presbyterian Women (PW) is an independent organization within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of more than 300,000 women. The programming and resource options for the organization offer a variety of ways for women to live out their faith in an inclusive, caring community. Individual churches can have PW groups that meet, as well as the quarterly meetings on the Presbytery level. If you are interested in knowing more about PW or even joining, please let Barb Taylor know.



## Church Life Activities

Diane Moles, Chair

Our committee met in January and planned out the year's events for Church Life. These are events that we hope appeal to a wide audience and are meant to encourage fellowship and camaraderie. Food is always involved in some way! Please mark your calendars.

Here's the list of events, with dates and times. Watch the Sunday bulletins, Church Happenings, and monthly Messenger closer to the event for more details. Most are events we've done in the past that were so much fun we just have to do them again! And, we've added in a couple of new ones. Please note that we moved Worship at Woodland up a couple of weeks, so that we don't compete with the State Fair.

Date & Time	Event
May 24, 2015, 9:00 a.m.	Graduation Breakfast*
July 26, 2015, 10:00 a.m.	Worship at Woodland with picnic**
August 16, 2015, 3:00 p.m.	Arboretum Fun, Bike Ride, and Supper
September 20, 2015, 4:00 p.m.	Hayride and Weenie Roast at the Ritters
October 25, 2015, 4:00 p.m.	Progressive Dinner
November 22, 2015, 11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion**
December 20, 2015, 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling and chili supper

\*Joint venture with Christian Nurture Committee

\*\* Joint venture with Worship & Music Committee

We'll also be investigating interest in an I-Cubs game at Principal Park some evening in June and viewing Jolly Holiday Lights in December.

And, if you want to see what happened at some of the events last year, check out the Church Life bulletin board in Fellowship Hall – the red one on the north wall. It's got all new photos and the schedule for the year.

Easter 2015 was a beautiful morning, where about 70 people gathered to enjoy a hot breakfast in Friendship Hall of egg casseroles, baked blueberry oatmeal, muffins, coffee cakes, cinnamon crisps, pumpkin bread, banana bread, and the Ritter fruit kabobs. Thanks to Jane Repp, Connie Robertson, Kim Miller, Kay Parsons, Tom Mott, George Wilkening, Linda Erickson, Diane Moles, Ann Cutts, Linda Curtis-Stolper, Deanna Manley, Joan Tyler, Dick Mielke, Wilma Manning, Carol Camp and the Ritter family for feeding everyone!

Our next celebration is the Graduation Breakfast, which will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 24, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served for graduates, their families, and church members before a program that will feature each of our four graduates. Samantha Cutts, Macy Leonard, Cole Doerring, and Jeffrey Fitzgerald are the featured guests. This is a joint venture, with the Church Life Committee providing the breakfast and the Christian Nurture Committee providing the program and decorations. Please mark this on your calendar, get up a little bit early on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and join us in celebrating these fine young adults.

From your Church Life Committee:

Dan Ritter, Nancy Mott, Kay Parsons, Randy Camp, Janie Moles, and Diane Moles



## Mission Committee

Linda Erickson, Chair

### Work Week Update:

We do not have much new to add this month. Another covenant meeting was held where discussions were held on the activity we might do on our free day. The Brooklyn group are planning a fund raiser at their church. It may be a potato bar. We will send some of our work week attendees over to help. Watch for further announcements on the date. It would be great if some First Presbyterian members could attend.



Plans for the ice cream social on **June 2** are well on their way. Opportunities for donating pies or cakes, or for helping in other ways will soon be announced. We hope everyone will be willing to say "yes" should you be asked to help in some way. This is our main fund raiser for our trip. Please tell your family and friends to plan on coming to our ice cream social on **June 2nd**. The menu will consist of: turkey sandwiches, BBQ pork sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, pies and cakes and, of course, ice cream.

We will be making ice cream on Saturday, May 30. If you have an ice cream maker we may borrow for that day, please have it to the church kitchen by that date. Please have your maker clearly marked with your name, so we can be sure to get it back to you. Thank you!

Steering Committee,

Linda Anderson, Julie Fisher, Dana Hashman, Mickey Van Baale

**Mission Coalition:** Marilyn McCallister, our representative, indicates that the Way of the Cross Walk was well attended, just shy of 100 participants. One suggestion for next year is to ask the participants to stay in the pews until the cross passes by them as the procession moves to the next church. The Mission Coalition moved to donate \$300 to RRACAP and \$300 to Salvation Army Food Bank from an anonymous donation that was given. The Mission Coalition also financed the Way of the Cross Walk booklets. Delivery of Meals on Wheels will be in June this year for First Presbyterian. Watch for sign-up sheets to appear soon, where you can indicate your willingness to help and the day and/or week-end you can help.

**Wednesday Evening Community Meals:** Thank you for those who helped with the two meals we helped with in April. The meals usually serve 80-100 people. Barb Taylor has observed that these meals serve both social and financial needs. See the article on page 6 for the needs for May.

**Kids Against Hunger:** John Taylor reported that the recent Kids Against Hunger event was successful. There was good publicity. Another event scheduled for May in Lynnvile. We will not be sending workers to that one as that area usually has enough volunteers.

**Presbyterian Women:** Barb Taylor attended the April 25 event held at the Winterset church. The interactive program was on diversity and Barb helped with one of the presentations. Attendees were asked to bring hygiene products to be donated to the Hanson Transitional House in Des Moines which houses women being released from prison. The church-wide conference will be June 18-21 in Minneapolis, MN.

**Mariners:** Barb Taylor reported that the dates and places for 2015 trips are:

May 4-8 in Okoboji, IA

September 13-19 Clear Water Forest, near Minneapolis, MN

November 1-6 at Kemmerer Village, Assumption, IL (which is the same place the Work Week group is going)

**El Salvador:** See an article on page 9 about the delivery of fertilizer in Muñoces.

## Deacon's Report

Dana Hashman, Moderator

- ✠ Donated \$30 toward Kids Against Hunger entry fees for participants from our church.
- ✠ Shirley Stevens has been sending out birthday, get well, and thinking of you cards to appropriate church members.
- ✠ Asked the congregation to donate any type of greeting cards they may have extras of.



The end of this school year will mark the retirement of our own Norm Grimm, the ending to a remarkable career. Norm is currently Director of Choral Activities at Newton Senior High School where he has conducted the Frosh Choir, Newton Singers, Varsity Chorale, Jazz Choir and Chamber Choir since 2008. He is a graduate of Williamsburg High School and Central College, Pella, with graduate hours in music education at the University of Northern Iowa and the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. Norm has also taught at Ackley-Geneva, Williamsburg, Sioux Center and Northwestern College. During his teaching career his choristers distinguished themselves with over two-hundred members in OPUS, All-State, Regional and National honor choirs, thirty-five consecutive years of Large Group and Chamber Choir superior ratings and over forty Outstanding Performance Awards. Choirs under his direction twice sang at the Dorian Choral Festival, were named Outstanding Choir at the 2004 New York City Choral Festival on Staten Island, and in 2000, sang at Carnegie Hall. Grimm is a frequent adjudicator and clinician and with wife, Marlys, as collaborative pianist, has been guest conductor for many Junior High and High School conference, regional and honor choirs throughout Nebraska and Iowa, including the 1993 OPUS Boys Honor Choir. He is Past President of the 900 member Iowa Choral Director's Association. For twenty years Norm sang with the gospel trio "His Light", with whom he recorded seven albums and sang nearly 400 concerts in churches and convention centers throughout the upper Midwest. He and Marlys have four talented children, four wonderful children-in-law, and ten adorable grandchildren.

## MEMBERSHIP



### MOMENT

The new church directory is now here. They will be available in the library after church on April 26, May 3, and May 10 and in the office during the week when Jenny is there. Her hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You will be receiving the new pages which will go in the three ring binder which contained your directory pages that were issued approximately four years ago. Please remove or at least keep separate the new pages from the old. If you have lost your old binder or have never had one please ask for one. We have enough for replacement or for those who will receive the directory for the first time. We are asking that you consider a donation of \$5 to \$10 to help defray the cost of printing. You will also be receiving a new binder front cover and "spine" which makes identification in a bookcase easier. We hope you will enjoy it and that it will be helpful.

We are preparing for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and we are planning to honor the veterans from our church that served from approximately 1964 to the present time. If you served during this time in any branch of the service as well as the reserves or National Guard, please let Gary Parsons know.

Gary Parsons, chair pro tem

## Community Meals

By Barb Taylor

The menu for May 27 will be ham loaf, vegetable pasta salad, rolls and bars. We will need bars donated and also helpers. At this point, it appears we will be back to a 1-3 shift to prepare the food and a 5-7 shift to serve the food. We should be back in the Methodist church. As always, there are sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to those that have helped or donated food so far this year. I am hoping more members will be willing to become involved in the Mission.



Community Meal

## Christian Nurture

Virginia Bennett, Chair

**Action Hour:** We will not be having Action Hour with our youth until next Fall. The second and fourth Sundays in May are Youth Sunday and Graduation Sunday, so Action Hour will not be held then. Thank you to those who taught this year, and to the children who attended.

**Ages for Nursery and Action Hour:** Our staffed nursery is available for children up to Kindergarten. Action Hour is designed for those in K-6th grades. Children who are going to Action Hour should sit with their parents during worship prior to Children's Time and on the Sundays there is not Action Hour. Youth older than 6th grade should be sitting with their parents during the worship service.

**Youth Sunday:** will be held on Mother's day, May 10. We worked on this and determined what part of the service which child would do. The choir will be performing the anthem that Sunday.

**Graduate Recognition Sunday:** This year we have four graduates we will be honoring, Sam Cutts, Cole Doerring, Macy Leonard and Jeffrey Fitzgerald. Graduation Sunday will be May 24. We will have a breakfast that morning that Church Life is heading up. Our committee, under the lead of Jen Norvell, will be in charge of the program following breakfast.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held again this year in cooperation with First Lutheran Church and United Presbyterian Church. The dates will be June 15th through June 19th. Students in pre-school through grade 6 are welcome to attend. Middle School and High School students are needed to serve as group leaders. Refreshments will be unusually tasty this year!



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## Highlights from Session

Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session

- Approved use of Memorial Funds to support a document preservation project
- Heard a report from Budget & Finance that the Annual Audit has been completed
- Approved a study leave for Meghan for June 26-28
- Approved paying those who serve as pulpit supply including mileage if they are from out of town
- Approved streaming our worship service for members only. The scripture & sermon will be put on our website for anyone to see
- Personnel Chair reported that Kim DeGraff will be available to fill in as Administrative Assistant when needed
- Received a report from Personnel that a policy for employee background checks has been developed & will be placed in the Operating Guidelines binder in the office



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

Rev. Meghan Davis's schedule

**Office Hours**

**Monday & Thursday - 10 am - noon**

**Tuesday - 9 - 11 am**

**Wednesday - 11 am - 1 pm**

Sunday: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, afternoons and evenings as needed

Monday-Thursday 10 am - 6 pm, evenings as needed

Friday: day off

Saturday: as needed

# Fertilizer arrives in Muñoces!

By Linda Erickson, Mission Chair

Once again the generous donors of First Presbyterian Church have purchased fertilizer for the farmers of Muñoces. The planting season is beginning so the fertilizer was delivered to the community a few weeks ago. After hoping to help the farmers of Muñoces convert to natural fertilizers we have found that the process of using natural fertilizers does not work well in rural El Salvador. People who rely on their crops to feed their families cannot afford the years required to amend the soil when the land must not be used. And most of the farmers of Muñoces rent land rather than own it and land owners are not about to let the land be unused (and unrented!) while the soil is being amended. So chemical fertilizer remains the best way to produce a good crop from the rocky, depleted soil.

Each farmer who is able gives a small bag of corn to “pay” for the fertilizer which is, in turn, sold by the Pastoral team to help support communities in the area who do not have a partnership with a church in Iowa. We help the farmers of Muñoces and the farmers in Muñoces help the people of neighboring communities. A gift that keeps on giving!

The budding photographers trained by Warren Erickson during the last delegation took some photos of the fertilizer delivery with the camera donated by Pete VanElswyk.



To the right is the receipt that community members must sign to acknowledge that they have received their fertilizer. Those who have signed with a fingerprint instead of a signature cannot read or write. The picture to the left is a resident making his mark on the receipt.

MUNOCES ARROYO 2015		
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5	JAIRO JIBINI LEZAMA	[Signature]
6	JOSÉ FRANCISCO SANTOS	[Signature]
7	PEDRO ABELARDO SOLANO	[Signature]
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12	SANTOS ALFREDO CHAVEZ	[Fingerprint]
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14	ROSE GERMAN DOMINGUEZ	[Signature]
15	CARLOS FRANCISCO RIVAS	[Signature]
16	SANTOS BIENIGNO CRUZ	[Fingerprint]



# MAY

## 2015 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship				Meghan is on vacation until May 4.	1 Margaret Atwood	2 Warren Erickson  9:00 am Spanish Plus
3 Gary Parsons Ahren Rickers   <b>Work Week</b> Covenant meeting 6-7:30 pm	4 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	5 Tom Fitzgerald 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 pm Worship & Music	6 Andi Hollenbeck Cody Barney 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Membership Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	7 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga 4:30 pm Missions	8	9 Laura Miller 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
10 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:00 am Deacons 10:30 am  <b>Youth Sunday</b> Sundays @ 4	11 Nancy LeBlanc 6:15 pm Yoga Flow 7:00 pm Christian Nurture	12 Eloise Krajnovich 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 5:30 pm Membership	13 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Budget & Finance Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	14 Nancy Mott Dave Funk 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	15 Jason Roskilly	16 Anders Hopkins 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow 
17	18 Mary Jane Tripp 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	19 Nick Rusk Annette West 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 p.m. Session	20 Kim DeGraff 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Span + 7:00 pm Choir	21 Ruby Davis 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	22	23 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
24 Lacey Carpenter 9:00 am Graduation Breakfast	25 	26 11:00 am Gentle Yoga	27 Chandler Sturtz 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Span + 7:00 pm Choir	28 Dave Moles 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	29	30 Sandy Smit Porter Hamilton Rick Miller
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# May



# Volunteers

May	3	10	17	24	31	June 7
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	Tom Mott	Bev Rossow	Val McKee	Jane Repp	Terry Rickers	George Wilkening
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Diane Moles</i>	Val McKee	Virginia Bennett	Jeanette Shannon	Janet Shields	Linda Kirchhoff	Tom Mott
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Dick & Shirley Mielke	Gary & Kay Parsons	Randy & Carol Camp	Terry Rickers Bev Rossow	Kevin & Toni Peska	Chris & Peggy Lickiss
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Gary Haynes Dick Mielke Doug & Sam Cutts	The Ventling Family	The Miller Family	Max & Donna Worthington Shirley Stevens	John & Barb Taylor	Dana Hashman Mickey Van Baale
Audio <i>Les Gause</i>	Roger Harmelink	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter
Candlelighter <i>Office</i>	Skye Koenen	Natalie Camp	Emily Miller	Cody Barney	Garrett Sturtz	Allie Norvell
Counters <i>Terry Rickers</i>	Terry Rickers Dave Boyd	Gary Haynes Tara Zehr	Dan Ritter Bill Shields	Jonnie Carpenter Kim De Graff	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper	Kelly Koenen Jen Norvell
Bread Ministry - Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	George Wilkening	Barb Taylor	Linda Campbell	Jane Repp	Val McKee	Dixie Zegers
Bread Ministry - Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Mary Jane Tripp	Barb Taylor	Linda Campbell	Carol Russell	Joan Rusk	Dana Hashman
Communion Set up <i>Linda Kirchhoff</i>	Norm Grimm Karen Quinn			Virginia Bennett Val McKee		

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## Lectionary —

### May, 2015

#### **May 3 - 5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:26-40; *Ps.* 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

#### **May 10 - 6th Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)**

Acts 10:44-48; *Ps.* 98; 1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

#### **May 17 - 7th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; *Ps.* 1; 1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

#### **May 24 - Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21 *or* Ezek. 37:1-14  
*Ps.* 104:24-34, 35b; Rom.8:22-27 *or*  
Acts 2:1-21; John 15:25-:27; 16:4b-15

#### **May 31 - Trinity Sunday**

Isa. 6:1-8; *Ps.* 29; Rom. 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

### June, 2015

#### **June 7 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Sam. 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15)  
*Ps.* 138; 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

#### **June 14 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Sam. 15:34-16:13; *Ps.* 20  
2 Cor. 5:6-10 :(11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

#### **June 21- 4th Sunday after Pentecost (Father's Day)**

1 Sam. 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and  
*Ps.* 9:9-20; *or* 1 Sam. 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and  
*Ps.* 133; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

#### **June 28 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27; *Ps.* 130; 2 Cor. 8:7-15  
Mark 5: 21-43