

West Branch Friends Meeting

August 2022

“What’s In Store...”

So much in store as we wind up summer and head into fall...



- ◆ Join us for the annual Hymn Sing/Pie & Ice Cream Social as part of Hooverfest. We will sing and serve outside at the meeting-house beginning at 6:00 pm, Saturday, August 6.
- ◆ Don’t forget to check out the Hooverfest booth sponsored by Humans for Racial Justice. Our location is right in front of the meetinghouse! 10:30-5:30 Saturday August 6.
- ◆ New sermon series begins August 7. “After Jesus Before Christianity” explores the early followers of Jesus, what their movement(s) looked like and things we can learn for our faith walk today.
- ◆ Do you journal? Do you like to write your own prayers? Have you ever pondered your life of faith and what it all means? Ever heard the term “spiritual autobiography”? If these questions interest you, consider joining Pastor Chris in “The Arc of Your Soul” for 6 weeks in September and October. We will explore together the practice of writing a Quaker Spiritual Autobiography. (Course developed by Donald W. McCormick of Grass Valley Meeting in California). We will write for our own learning/insight, but for those interested, we will talk about sharing parts of our stories as the message each Sunday from October 30-November 20. Dates/times to be announced. Email Pastor Chris at deaconchris@peculiarpilgrimage.org to say you’re interested in the group.

I hope you enjoy these last days of summer, and find yourself beginning a new season with renewed vigor and joy. And I hope you’ll be part of all that’s happening at West Branch Friends — no matter the season!

In Riotous Joy,

Pastor Chris

August Worship Servants

August 7

Greeter: Lyn Kane

Zoom Host: Teresa Winder

Special Music:

Children's Message: Sue McCracken

Piano: Jonny Stax

August 14

Greeter: Carolyn Hansen

Zoom Host: Maxine Koepp

Special Music:

Children's Message: Kathleen Darling

Piano: Julie Tallman

August 21

Greeter: Gordon Edgar

Zoom Host: Jim Glasson

Special Music:

Children's Message: Joan Blumdall

Piano: Gwen Senio

August 28

Greeter:

Zoom Host: Lyn Kane

Special Music:

Children's Message:

Piano: Julie Tallman

Hymn Sing/Pie & Ice Cream Social Helpers

Pies

Gwen: 2

Gordon: 2

Kathleen: 2

Joan: 2

Sue: 2

Hilda: 2

Teresa: 3

Mary & Mike: 2

Ice Cream

Carolyn H. 1 gal.

Chris: 1 gal.

Mike T. 1 gal

One available

Set-up/serving/cleanup

Jim: all

Chris: set-up

Joan: serving & cleanup

Sue: whatever needed

Dick: whatever needed

Teresa; all

Allan: all

Mary: serving & cleanup

2 spots available

August Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays

August 1: Jon Hinkhouse

August 7: Talimaia Charlton

August 11: Deborah Suess

August 12: Abraham Scott

Jackie Rasmussen

August 13: Dustin Bowers

August 23: Mynor Meren

August 27: Eddie Starr

August 31: Sue McCracken

Cassey Bowers

Scott Bradley

Anniversaries

August 8: Mynor & Katy Meren -
Fuchtman

August 10: Joel & Alisha Jeddelloh
Jon & Ruthie Tippin

August 14: Jeff & Maxine Koepf

August 18: Bob & Theresa Arn

August 24: Ryan & Lauren Bowers

August 27: Al Bohanan & Sally Peck



Upcoming Events

August 6: Hymn Sing 6:00 pm

Pie & Ice Cream Social 6:45

DVIP Fundraiser

August 28: Special Offering for Love Fund

*NO Committee meetings this month

Sept. 4: Potluck after worship at Hoover Park
shelter

Gathering Music each Sunday 10:20 am

Meeting for Worship Sunday 10:30 am

Prayer Group Mondays 9:30 am at the
meetinghouse

BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS

Our Senior Friends

Larry Reiner

Lois Semotan

Fran Fritz

Nancy Stax

Maria Denmead

Mildred Torkelson

Darlene Baum

Pat Bradley

Sheila Tallman

Joys & Blessings

Celebrating Jeff's daughter's wedding

Eddie accepted for kidney transplant

Katy returned from a trip with her family to France in Italy — hiking in the Dolomites

The wonderful special music in worship from Lucas McCracken and Mary Denmead

Sam has an exchange student from Germany visiting



Requests for Prayer

Lois, back in her own home, dealing with health issues

Loren Hemingway in ICU

Erick's dad recovering from two surgeries

Traveling mercies and prayers for caregivers for Diane and Erick as they go to take care of Erick's dad and Diane returns to Iowa City for treatment

Robin's husband Mike and his mother whose Alzheimer's is worsening

Justin recovering from a broken rib

Morgan suffering with covid and a bacterial infection

Anita suffering with another bout of back pain/muscle spasms

Erin Senio and family upon the death of her father

The Ecumenical World Prayer Cycle for July

July 31-August 6: Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome, Principe

August 7– August 13: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

August 14-August 20: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

August 21-August 27: Liberia, Sierra Leone

August 28-September 3: Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

We Want to Hear From You!!



What are your favorites hymns? What scriptures do you hold close? Would you like to hear and sing these in worship? Let us know what they are! Please email Chris at deaconchris@peculiarpilgrimage.org with your hymn and scripture suggestions!

This is YOUR newsletter! What do you want to read about? Looking for something new? Missing something that used to be here? Let us know!

Please email Pastor Chris at deaconchris@peculiarpilgrimage.org with your content suggestions!

Thanks in advance for responding and letting us know your thoughts and preferences!

