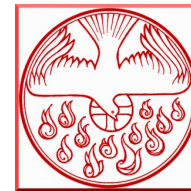


JUNE 2017

SUNDAY JUNE 4TH

PENTECOST CELEBRATION IN WORSHIP!

MANY WAYS TO BE INVOLVED



On Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the church and the spread of the Christian Gospel to the world.

**THIS YEAR...BRING A RED CANDLE OR
A CANDLE IN A RED CANDLE HOLDER**

to help decorate the front of the Sanctuary with the flames of the Holy Spirit. When you arrive in worship bring your candle to the front and light it from the Christ Candle. Use one of the small taper candles to light your candle. These small tapers come from Jerusalem, and were brought to Becky by a friend on her last visit there.

***ALSO** Plan now for what **RED OR FLAME-COLORED CLOTHING** you'll wear on Pentecost as we remember the Holy Spirit descending like tongues of flame on the leaders of the young Christian Church!*

THE PENTECOST BANNER

HONORING OUR FAITH MENTORS

Come to the Red Banners outside the Sanctuary ON MAY 21ST OR 28TH OR BEFORE WORSHIP ON THE 4TH and **ask yourself:**

- Who told you the stories of Jesus?
- Who read the Bible with you
- Who were Sunday School teachers and Pastors who helped shape your faith?
- Whose life showed you how to live the Christian life?
- Whose prayers taught you to pray?

Please write your name, and the name(s) of those people who were your mentors and teachers in the life of faith, on one of the cards and pin it to one of the banners.



Pentecost All-Church Birthday Party & POTLUCK & CUPCAKE CHALLENGE!

Sunday, June 4th, Right after worship

Who doesn't like birthday parties...especially when there is going to be a cupcake decorating contest and the money raised will help fund the Watertown and Christ United Food Pantries? Yep...this year we will celebrate the church turning a year older with **a wonderful potluck, some good old-fashioned birthday party games and a cupcake challenge based on your birth month.** We are borrowing a Togolese tradition of raising mission money based on the day you were born...we are going to use the month we were born in. Starting May 1st place your spare change...or dollars...or checks in the container for your month...let's see who can raise the most for our hungry neighbors.

So come to the potluck with your creative idea—or two—to decorate a cupcake. Please also bring a main dish, salad or side dish to share. Place settings and drinks provided!

Thank you and see you there!

Your Outreach & Fellowship Commission

2. **Large Hail** can damage crops, cars, buildings and people.

Get indoors, and stay away from windows.

3. **Straight Line Winds** can be just as strong and damaging as some tornadoes. Just as you would for tornadoes, move to an interior, lower level room of a sturdy building, and stay away from windows.

4. **Heavy Rain** can cause flash flooding, washing away roads. Avoid driving through large puddles; seek higher ground if you are out in the rain.

Most importantly, have a severe weather plan in place before bad weather happens. Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to plan in advance: how you will get to a safe place; how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations. To find out how, visit <http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

May you have peace in these summer days-not because there are no storms in the world, but because the Lord is our peace in the midst of the storm. {Read Psalm 107:29-30 (NIV)}

Laura Brown, RN
Parish Nurse

June Sundays - 4, 25



PARISH NURSE NEWS

When It Rains On Your Parade

Ahhh, the joys of summer, with its picnics, swimming, baseball games, camping, and fireworks!

But it's not always sunshine, gentle breezes and perfect temperatures. In fact, summer weather can be potentially lethal.

Heat is typically the leading cause of weather-related fatalities each year. A heat wave is abnormally hot and humid weather, generally lasting more than 2 days. Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke can occur, especially for the elderly and the very young, as their bodies have more difficulty regulating body temperature.

Heat related deaths are preventable. When outdoors, stay hydrated, take breaks in the shade as often as possible or limit outdoor time and strenuous activities. Never leave children, the elderly or pets unattended in the car. Check on your neighbors who are elderly, sick or without air conditioning.

Other forms of severe summer weather include tornados, large hail, strong straight line winds, thunderstorms, lightening and heavy rain. It is very important to be prepared for any weather emergency, including knowing what each specific warning means.

Severe Weather Watch: this means BE PREPARED. Pay extra attention to the weather and be ready to act.

Severe Weather Warning: SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY, as severe weather is present.

Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that can destroy buildings and cause significant injury or death. In the event of a tornado warning, seek shelter immediately in an interior room on the lowest level of a sturdy building, away from window, and covering your head to protect yourself from flying debris.

Severe Thunderstorms can bring damaging lightning, hail, wind, and heavy rain.

1. **Lightning** causes significant injury. If you hear thunder, move indoors, away from windows.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 GRADUATES! HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, TECHNICAL SCHOOL & GRAD SCHOOL GRADUATES DURING WORSHIP ON JUNE 11TH

Elizabeth Bartleson, daughter of Greg and Diane Bartleson, graduated from Black Hawk College School of Nursing with her R.N. degree and is currently employed by Genesis East Medical Center in the Intensive Care Unit.

Alex Curry, son of Clay and Susan Curry, graduated from Glenview Middle School and will be moving on to United Township High School.

Michael Kassehin, son of Innocent Kassehin and Angele Mivedor, graduated from University of Dubuque with a degree in Aviation Management. On May 11th he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army National Guard. He will be serving in the Army National Guard for the next 8 years.

Mike Maxwell, son of Mark and Denise Maxwell, graduated from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale with an MFA in Interdisciplinary Media Arts.

Kyle Michaels, son of Bob and Joelle Michaels, graduated from Glenview Middle School and will be moving on to United Township High School.

Riley Olson, grandson of Wanda White, graduated from Moline High School and will be heading to Black Hawk College this fall.

Khrystina Reynolds, son of Charles and Tina Reynolds, graduated from Glenview Middle School and will be moving on to United Township High School.

Betty Aldene's grandson Kyle Freeborn graduated from Scott Community College and will continue on at University of Northern Iowa this fall.

Jane Anderson's great-granddaughter Tora Anderson who is the daughter of Josh Anderson and granddaughter of Greg Anderson graduated from Colorado Mesa University.

Jane Anderson's great-granddaughter Katlyne Anderson who is the daughter of Justin Anderson and granddaughter of Greg Anderson graduated from Moline High School.

Mitchell Ellison, son of Marty and Karol Ellison, graduated from Carl Sandburg College and will continue his studies at Mt. Mercy University this fall.

Betty Knollman's grandson Jordan Turnbull graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Statistics and Finance. He will be employed by Modern Woodman.

Ginny Wruck's grandson Tim Wruck graduated from Wheaton College with a degree in International Relations and German. His fiancée also graduated from Wheaton College with a degree in English. They were married on May 26, 2017.

Where is Pastor Becky June 25th (After Worship) to July 3rd?

I am once again returning to the Washington Island Forum, on Washington Island, WI, for one of my week's of Study Leave. I will be joining my friends the Revs. Loren & Judy Anderson-Bauer from Duluth, MN. I'll be driving as far as Green Bay after worship on the 25th and then driving back July 3rd. Read below for more details! There will be a pastor on call during that week. Just call Karol Ellison, Laura Brown or Cathy Runburg and they will get you in touch with the pastor on call.

Conference: The Challenge of the Christian Bible. Presenter: John Dominic Crossan is generally regarded as the leading historical Jesus scholar in the world. He is the author of several bestselling books, including *The Historical Jesus*, *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography* and *The Birth of Christianity*, and *Who Killed Jesus?* He joined DePaul University in Chicago in 1969 and remained there until 1995. He is now a Professor Emeritus in its Department of Religious Studies. Through four comprehensive lectures, Dr. Crossan will examine: Is the God of the Christian Bible violent? Is the historical Jesus, Rider on the Peace-Donkey of Gospel, or the apocalyptic Jesus, Rider on the War-Horse of Revelation, the norm, criterion, and discriminant of the Christian Bible?

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, June 3rd

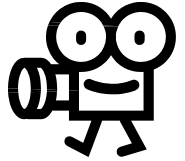
9:00 am—12:00 p.m.



June 3rd has been chosen for our church spring clean up day. We'll need all the able bodies we can get to help brighten up our house of worship grounds: trimming bushes, cleaning after winter, weeding and rearranging things that need it. Please sign up for three hours of stewardship and dedication from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Thank you, Your Property & Maintenance Commission



2ND FRIDAYS AT THE MOVIES **FRI. JUNE 9TH—6:30 PM—YOUTH ROOM** ***Sully***



"Viewers around the world were astonished in 2009 when airline pilot Chesley Sullenberger safely landed an Airbus 320 on the Hudson River after both engines were disabled. This fact-based drama illuminates Sullenberger's life and heroic achievement. " (Netflix)

PLEASE BRING a movie munchie or pop/juice/drink to share and join the fun! *We decide on the next month's movie at the end of the night, so bring your suggestions!* **NEED A RIDE?** Call Pastor Becky

JOIN US 2ND SATURDAYS TO CREATE PRAYER SHAWLS!

JUNE 10TH, 9:00 TO 11:00 A.M.



Shawl
Ministry

FIRST-TIMERS & BEGINNERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I TAKE A SHAWL? #1

Please put your name and the number of shawls you've taken in the Prayer Shawl Book on the counter above the Shawls AND #2 Take one of the tags on the counter and attach it to the Prayer Shawl! **We would love to welcome some new people to this group**, the yarn is provided...we just need your knitting or crocheting fingers!

YOGA at FPC

Just bring a yoga mat, blanket, or large towel and join Deb in some basic yoga any Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. Hope to see you there!

Presbyterian Women

We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Please join us on June 6th. If you would like a Study book, talk to Sandy Kirchhoff.



PRESBY SENIORS

Presby Seniors will meet JUNE 28TH at Noon.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at high NOON and *WELCOME*

all who consider themselves "Seniors!"

at The Deerfield Inn Restaurant.

2215 John Deere Road, East Moline

Pastor Becky drives the church Minibus to the luncheon each month.

If you would like a ride to the Lunch

please contact the church office by Tuesday morning

before the Wednesday lunch. See YOU There!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Becky Sherwood
Karol Ellison
Laura Brown, R.N.
David Blakey
Gail Glockhoff-Long
Linda Miller
Sarah Lack
Cathy Dillon
Marty Ellison

Pastor
Church Secretary
Parish Nurse
Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Organist
Nursery Attendant
Indoor Custodian
Outdoor Custodian

Please Keep Our Nursing Home and Homebound Members in Your Prayers

Friendship Manor: Mary Glockhoff, Marynell Kirkwood, Mary Catherine Sneed;
The Fountains: Dorothy Horton; Hope Creek: Viola Lyon; The Lighthouse of Silvis: Florence McCaulley; Park Vista: Carol Brewer, Lloyd Strohm; Personal Residences: Shirley Belanger, Kay Etzel, Ted and June Frels, Bev Warren

Please remember in your prayers those who serve in the armed forces. May God bring comfort to them and their loved ones, until all are reunited in peace. Lance Corporal William (Billy) Betsworth, Bethel's grandson, is scheduled to be deployed in April 2017. Both Michael and Caleb Kassehin are in ROTC through the National Guard. Captain Kyle Curry, Minnesota Army National Guard

Please keep our college students in your prayers, that they may know God's love and guidance:

Edwige Barrigah—Quincy Univ., Ines Kassehin—Pharmacy School, Caleb Kassehin—Univ. of Iowa, Jack McNeil—DePaul University, Lathan Reynolds—Black Hawk College. If you have a college/technical school student to add to this list please call the church office.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES!

“Continuing on the journey of faith.”

4 year olds through 12th Graders —Sunday School Rooms downstairs RESUMES SEPT. 10TH!...plan to come to Vacation Bible School!

ADULTS: TAKING THE TWO HOUR CHALLENGE

Give a 2nd hour to God on Sunday Mornings

The Good News Class & The 2nd Floor Seeker’s Class

Have Combined—Studying the Bible with the Presbyterian Church! Come to the Classroom by the Elevator---we meet all summer!



SUNDAYS JUNE 11 & 18

BAKE SALE & CRAFT/GIFT SALE

**TO HELP OUR KIDS—Anna Barrigah,
Madelyn & Daphne Curry, Kylee Littlejohn
& Brianna McGill—GO TO SUMMER CHURCH CAMP**

This summer 5 of our children & youth are going to camp at Stronghold in Oregon, IL. As you may remember our church covers half the cost of their camp from Memorials. Between them the five need to raise their half of the cost of camp, which for the three of them totals \$935!

WOULD YOU BE A

Baker for the Bake Sale?

Or do you have Craft Items, Treats you've canned, Treasures to Sell?

If you would be willing to donate baked goods, or other sale items for the Bake Sale, Sign Up TODAY on Mission Central...for Sunday June 11th or Sunday June 18th, or both! If you are baking please bring your baked goods to the church Kitchen by 9:15 so they can be prepared for sale!

Thanks You,

The Christian Education Commission & Our Campers



“The Noakes family would like to thank everyone for their support over the last several months. Your cards, visits and prayers and food were greatly appreciated by both Peg and the family. As you reach the hard times in your lives it is awesome to have the love and support from our church family.”

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and phone calls following the death of my brother Larry. Also, a special thanks to Sheila Sheer for doing the funeral service. Love, Dixie

First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your Member Church contribution of \$290 to Churches United of the Quad City Area. Your contribution will help with the general operating cost of Churches United of the Quad City Area. With your contribution we will be able to continue our mission of serving our community. Thanks again for your contribution.

Blessings, Anne Wachal, Executive Director

Dear Members,

Thank you for the knitted caps that were recently mailed to me. The yarn that was used was perfect. Thank you for your support of Operation Shoebox and our troops.

Operation Shoebox (at our weekly Monday meeting) is now filling 400+ ditty bags with items that we refer to as “a touch of home” for our deployed troops. We would not be able to complete this mission without your help.

Sincerely,

Anne LaChance

Operation Shoebox

Caps Project Coordinator

Save the Date! FPCEM Bunco Blast!

The Mission Commission will be sponsoring an afternoon of Bunco on September 24, 2017. Plan on joining us for an afternoon of Bunco fun to raise money for some of your favorite local organizations and missions. They include Winnie's Place, Christian Care Center, Bethany Children's Home, Youth Hope Camperships, Wassertown Food Pantry, Braking Traffik, King's Harvest Mission and The Red Cross.

The event will be held at the Short Hills Country Club. The doors open at 2 p.m. and the tournament begins at 3 p.m. During that initial hour you can look at the baskets we will be raffling off and, if you don't know how to play Bunco, there will be people there to teach you! At 5 p.m. a light dinner will be served and at 6 p.m. prizes for the most wins, most Buncos, most losses and the 50/50 winner will be awarded. The tickets are \$25 and \$12.50 of that will help support these worthy missions.

As noted above, the afternoon will also include the raffling off of baskets. The Mission Commission will be putting these baskets together, but

WE COULD USE THE CONGREGATION'S HELP WITH GATHERING BASKET ITEMS.



We are asking that you donate items that you may have such as vases, quilts, decorations, unused gift cards to local store or restaurants, toys, etc. *Please only offer gently used or new items.* You may also assist by **giving a monetary donation** that the committee can use to purchase items for baskets.

This event is our spring fund raising effort to increase our congregation's ability to support local missions. In the two previous years the Mission Commission sold Braided Butter Bread, which raised just over \$850. The commission decided that rather than ask you to buy something, we would raise money to supplement our budget by asking you to participate in an afternoon of fun! Please help make this a success by attending and donating for the raffle baskets!

Thank you, Your Mission Commission

WILL YOU SHARE YOUR GIFT OF MUSIC WITH US THIS SUMMER?

During the summer our Chancel Ringers and Singers take a much-deserved break, which creates an opportunity for **YOU** to share music with us. Would you like to help lead us in worshipping God, through singing, playing an instrument, or sharing a reading with us? If you are interested, please sign up on Mission Central.

Then, if you need an accompanist, please talk to Linda ASAP so you can set up a time to practice! Please consider sharing your gifts with us! Thank You, The Worship Commission



CREATING BULLETIN COVERS



Calling all Children & Adults who like to Draw, Color, Doodle Sketch and create Word Art

Summer is a great time to let your inner artist create! Children, teens & adults, the blank front cover of our Sunday Bulletins is waiting for you! Our bulletin covers are 7 x 8.5"...or you can give us your design and we'll shrink it to fit.

Parents, please consider helping your child have the pride of seeing their art on a Sunday bulletin! Share the gift God has given you!



**FATHER'S DAY—JUNE 18TH—
WEAR A TIE TO SHOW YOUR LOVE!
A FOURTH YEAR OF STUNNING TIES!**

On Father's Day, EVERYONE is invited to wear a tie to honor fathers, grandfathers and men who are like fathers in our lives. Women, children & men, let's find the most memorable, funny, or ugly tie and wear them....with whatever you are wearing that day...in honor of all those dads who've gotten ties through the years. We have a few hand-me-down ties for those who forget, or don't own a tie—if you find yourself getting rid of old ties...bring them to the church, so they'll be on hand for next Father's Day!

HELP BUILD THE APRON LENDING LIBRARY--FOR MOTHER'S DAY NEXT YEAR! There were many people who donned stunning Aprons on May 14th this year...can you help us get ready for next year? Do you still have some unused aprons to donate to the Apron Lending Library? Please keep dropping them off! And keep your eyes open for them this summer when you are at garage sales--help us get ready for honoring the mothering women in our lives next year!

A Note from the Finance Commission:

April Income	= \$22,846
April Expenses	= \$17,329
January-April Income	= \$71,890
January-April Expenses	= \$63,096

Watertown Food Pantry News

Once again, we'd like to thank you for the support that has been given during the first three months of the Churches United Watertown Food Pantry re-opening. We have received \$131 in cash and food from the cart in the hallway, a generous donation from the Mission Commission, as well as several private donations during April. Special thanks to the Youth Group/Sunday school class who purchased and assembled 40 more Birthday Bags for the food pantry clients - these are a fun surprise for those having a birthday in their family. We have also welcomed Jim and Linda Barber as volunteers from our congregation.



During the month of April we helped 64 families which were composed of 118 adults and 84 children. As word gets out that the pantry has re-opened, we will become much busier. Please consider a donation or volunteering for an afternoon shift. Our open hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 1-4 pm. There will also be opportunities for stocking shelves, inventorying donations, etc.

At this time we have enough plastic bags thanks to your generosity, but other ongoing needs aside from monetary donations are: toilet paper, any cereal, macaroni and cheese, corn bread/muffin mix, any canned **fruit**, canned tuna/ham/chicken, boxed dinner mixes, instant mashed potatoes - almost anything to make a meal. All food items must be within their "fresh date" per Churches United regulations. We use some of the cash donations to buy fresh milk and eggs. Bread and sweets are donated by Hy-vee. Again, thank you all for your support and prayers and please feel free to ask us any questions you may have. Until next month—Mike & Pat Tyler

Mission News

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM YOUR MISSION COMMISSION: THREE WAYS TO HELP! ON OUR 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MISSION—



The Mission Commission invites you to **#1**— bring food for the **Food Pantry**, and to **#2** — bring aluminum pop/beverage cans to support the **Children & Youth Going to Church Camp**. Please make sure pop cans are rinsed out, and **#3** — don't forget to take off the pop tabs (and other kinds of pull tabs too!) and bring them to support the **Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City**. Please join us in our mission!

MEAL SITE MONDAYS THE 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Our church serves the meal at Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. as part of the Churches United Meal Site Program.

3RD SUNDAY BEVERAGE CAN COLLECTION CONTINUES!!! HELP OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH GO TO SUMMER CHURCH CAMP!

A Mission Project of the FPCEM Youth Group!

The collection of beverage cans for recycling will continue! The funds that were once raised for the First Day Fund will now help our Children & Youth go to summer Church Camp at Stronghold! So on the 3rd Sunday of Each Month just drop your bag of cans by the front walk and the youth will do the rest! (And don't forget to save those Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House ; just drop them in the House on the bookshelf in the library!)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL--JULY 16-21 CALLS CHILDREN AND ADULTS OF ALL AGES!

4 year olds to Going-Into 5th Graders (and 3 year olds welcomed if accompanied by a parent at all times!)

Registration Deadline: Sunday July 2nd

Registration Forms are in this Newsletter
and can be found at the church.

**PLEASE INVITE THE CHILDREN OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD,
FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TO JOIN US....THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SHARE THE
GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE WITH CHILDREN!**

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, FOR ONE NIGHT OR ALL OF THEM!

PLEASE SIGN UP ON MISSION CENTRAL!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers of ALL AGES Needed

Planning has begun for Vacation Bible School. "Maker fun Factory--Created by God, Built for a Purpose" is our curriculum this year. We are looking for your help with decorating the church, registration, individual session helpers (music, games, crafts, food..), group leaders (shepherd children from session to session), you name it— we can use you. *If you're shepherding a group we hope you can be there Sunday through Thursday for consistency for our youngest kids.—IT REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THEM.* Otherwise, volunteer for an hour, a day, whatever fits your schedule! PLEASE SIGN UP ON MISSION CENTRAL!

GOING-INTO 5TH GRADERS you get to be Jr. Leaders—in one of the four groups! **GOING-INTO 6th-12th GRADERS**—we need all of you, in all are—as...especially helping an adult shepherd a group around. **ADULTS—Not sure where you'll fit?** Talk to Wanda White, VBS Director, or Pastor Becky, Thank you!

Your Christian Education Commission

Snack Supply List:

- 1 box Rice Chex cereal
- 1 large container animal crackers
- 1 large container Gold Fish crackers
- 1 bag gummy worms
- 1 bag small pretzel sticks
- 1 bag mini marshmallows
- 2 bags big marshmallows
- 40 - 6" flour tortillas
- 40 mozzarella string cheese sticks
- 2 jars pizza sauce
- 1 box graham crackers
- 2 containers Cool Whip
- 1 bag chocolate chips
- 2 bags cinnamon & sugar tortilla chips
- 1 container fresh raspberries
- 1 container fresh blueberries
- 40 vanilla Yoplait Go-Gurts
- 10 gallons apple juice



Craft Supply List:

- Fabric paint (any color)
- Acrylic paint (any color)
- 100 sheets white card stock (11" x 8.5")
- 50 — 1" brass round head fasteners
- Q Tips

JOIN US IN THE "TWO TOWERS OF DIAPERS" CHALLENGE!!!

The mission for **June** will be Bethany Homes in Bettendorf, IA. Bethany for Children & Families is a voluntary, not-for-profit child welfare and social services agency that has provided services to children and families in western Illinois and eastern Iowa since 1899. This means they provide services for foster care, adoptions and victims of child abuse.



The greatest need they have right now is diapers but they also need A&D ointment, Butt Paste diaper rash cream and Baby Magic lotion. To make this collection fun for everyone we will be having a contest to see who can build the highest tower of diapers. We recognize that diapers are expensive to feel free to join in with another family or other friends. Please join us in supporting this very worthy cause while having fun at the same time. LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!!!