

JULY/AUGUST 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUMMER ADVENTURES AT FPCEM

SUNDAY JULY 9th--REQUIRED MEETING FOR ALL VBS ADULT LEADERS, HELPERS, TEENS & JR. LEADERS—(GOING INTO 6TH GRADE AND OLDER) RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY. See page 8 for more info!

Sun. July 16th--The Blessing of the Animals—10:00 am.

Worship out on the lawn! See pages 10 & 11 to make your plans and invite your friends and neighbors.

Sunday July 16th to Thursday July 20th--Maker Fun Factory VBS

See page 7 for information about Signing up for 4 year olds through going into 5th Graders & Signing up to HELP for going into 6th graders through adults! There is room for EVERYONE.... And don't forget to invite the children in your life and neighborhood!

FRIDAY JULY 15TH, 5:45 P.M.--ALL-CHURCH VBS POTLUCK AND MUSIC All VBS participants *and the rest of the church*

family too... come hear about our week! See page 9 for more details.

SUNDAY JULY 23RD, 10:00 A.M. VBS WORSHIP

A Couple of Notes from Becky

Last month I asked if you had ideas for sermons for this summer. One of your requests came with questions that are easier to answer outside of a sermon. The page wasn't signed, so I will just answer the questions here. The first question was: "How bad was the world in the time of Noah." The answer is that we don't know much, only what we read in Genesis 6:5-6: "The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart."

The second question asks why we are "Children of Abraham" and not Children of Noah. Great question! The answer to this has to do with Covenants that God made with God's people. The covenant with Noah (Genesis 9:8-11) was with all the world, that never again would there be a flood that covered the whole earth. The Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17:4-8) was that Abraham would be the father of a "multitude of nations." Abraham is considered the father of all three great monotheistic religions in the world: Judaism, Islam and Christianity. The covenant with Noah was for the earth, the covenant with Abraham was for the children of the earth, and we trace our religious ancestry to him.

I also want to let you know about an event that will be happening this fall that I am really excited about. Over the past couple years pastors and church members from Gaines Chapel, First Christian, Community Outreach Worship Center, Mt. Zion Baptist and First Presbyterian have been meeting together to get to know each other better and discuss issues of Racism--not only in our nation, but most particularly here in East Moline and in the Quad Cities. We have shared potluck suppers together and had deep and honest conversations with each other about our own life experiences, and our hopes and dreams for our community as people of faith.

Through our conversations we were able to dream together and create an Anti-Racism workshop for our community. Through work with Church Women United we were able to get a grant to invite a team of two teachers/facilitators to join us for a Saturday workshop where people of faith in East Moline and other QCA Communities can come and learn together about how to

HOUSEFLIES are dirty insects – one housefly can carry more than 1 million bacteria on its body, spreading intestinal infections by contaminating food. Keep food and garbage in closed containers and use window screens on your home.

FLEAS are small, wingless, agile insects that live off the blood of their host, usually a dog or cat, and then they move on to dine on people. Some people are very sensitive to flea bites, responding with itchiness. Do not scratch as that can cause a wound or infection. The best solution is to get rid of fleas on pets and in your home. Keep pets out of your bed and be sure to vacuum rugs daily. Spray insecticides according to directions on infested areas. Consider using a veterinary approved insecticide on your pet.

STINGING BUGS: BEES, WASPS, YELLOW JACKETS, HORNETS: Most bees only sting once, leaving their stinger in the skin and then they die. But a wasp, hornet, or yellow jacket can sting multiple times because it does not lose the stinger. Stings can cause serious reactions in people who are allergic to them. If you don't have an allergic reaction, simply remove the stinger (if present), clean the sting site, apply ice, take oral antihistamine for itching, and ibuprofen or acetaminophen for pain relief. If you have a severe anaphylactic reaction, use an epinephrine auto-injector if you have one. Call for emergency care. Lie down and carefully remove the stinger without squeezing the venom sac.

Contrary to popular belief, chiggers are not insects; they are mites, which are part of the arachnid family, of which spiders are part of. Chiggers only dine on humans in their juvenile form. Their bites are painless, but lesions are very itchy. Red welts appear on the skin and are itchy, usually peaking a day or two after the bite occurs. Over-the-counter products can help relieve itching. See your doctor if the skin appears infected or the welts appear to be spreading.

For more information, go to <http://www.webmd.com/allergies/ss/slideshow-bad-bugs>
These are just a few of the buggy critters you may encounter this summer. Just remember you are bigger and smarter; take precautions and treat any bites.

Laura Brown, RN
Parish Nurse

July Sundays: 2, 23
August Sundays: 6, 20



PARISH NURSE NEWS

What's Bugging You This Summer?

According to NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association), our past winter was the sixth-warmest of record. We may have loved the milder temperatures, but so did the bugs! Add to this our warm, wet spring, and what do we get? A very buggy summer!

According to Popular Science, the National Pest Management Association recently released its "bug barometer": most of the continental United States (apart from the Pacific Northwest) will experience an uptick in insect numbers, especially ticks and mosquitoes.

TICKS: These little guys get under our skin-really! They attach onto you as you brush past grass and plants. While ticks do not always carry disease, but some may carry Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. When a tick latches onto the skin, it moves to the warmer, moister parts of the body, or hides in hair. The best prevention for ticks is to keep your arms, legs, and head covered when outdoors, and use an insect repellant with DEET on both your skin and clothes. Always check for ticks after spending time in grassy or wooded areas. If you do find a tick on your body, follow WebMD's recommendations for removing the tick:

- Use fine-tipped tweezers to remove a tick. If you don't have tweezers, put on gloves or cover your hands with tissue paper, then use your fingers. Do not handle the tick with bare hands.
- Grab the tick as close to its mouth (the part that is stuck in your skin) as you can. The body of the tick will be above your skin. Do not grab the tick around its swollen belly. You could push infected fluid from the tick into your body if you squeeze it.
- Gently pull the tick straight out until its mouth lets go of your skin. Do not twist the tick. This may break off the tick's body and leave the head in your skin.
- Put the tick in a dry jar or ziplock bag and save it in the freezer for later identification if needed.

After the tick has been removed, wash the area of the tick bite with a lot of warm, clean water. Be sure to wash your hands well with soap and water also.

NOTE: If you can't remove a tick, call your doctor.

MOSQUITOES: not just annoying, scratching a mosquito bite can cause a skin infection. Mosquitoes may have diseases such as West Nile virus and dengue fever virus. To protect yourself from mosquitoes, apply insect repellent and cover up when you go outdoors. Use window screens, and get rid of standing water in your yard.

listen to each other and our community across the racial divides that are an ingrained part of our community.

We are currently in conversation with the Workshop leaders, so the exact dates of the event are not yet set. Our dream is for each of us who has been a part of this "Common Table" gathering as they are called, will bring about 30 people with us to the Saturday workshop. I have so appreciated the conversations that have already taken place, and look forward to inviting you to join me as we grow the conversation about Race, Faith and our Neighbors.

May your summer journeys and adventures be blessed by God's protection and grace. And may we listen well for the guiding Love of our God and the ways that we are being called to faithfulness in these summer months.

Blessings, Becky

WHERE'S PASTOR BECKY JULY 24 TO AUGUST 7TH

I will be on vacation these two weeks. The first week I'll be around Illinois with friends, the second week I'll be driving to Northville, MI to spend time with my friend Jennifer Saad and her family in suburban Detroit. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please call Karol Ellison, Laura Brown or Cathy Runburg and they will get you in touch with the pastor on call.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

As we enter the middle of summer, and a time when people often visit our church, let's let people know who we are. Plus it's a great way to learn someone's name you've been sitting with for so long that you're embarrassed to ask! **If you are greeting during the summer, please wear your nametag!!!**

If you don't have a nametag, or yours has gone missing,

please leave a note IN THE SUNDAY NOTEBOOK outside the church office and there will be one waiting for you on the next Sunday.



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 worshiping 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

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2ND FRIDAYS AT THE MOVIES
Fun, Food, Fellowship...And A Movie!
FRI. JULY 14TH & AUGUST 11TH—6:30 PM—
YOUTH ROOM

July 14th-- The Eagle Huntress

This amazing documentary story follows 13 year old Aisholpan as she trains to become the first female in twelve generations of her Kazakh family to become an eagle huntress. Set in the Altai mountains in Mongolia. While there are many old Kazakh eagle hunters who vehemently reject the idea of any female taking part in their ancient tradition, Aisholpan's father, Nurgaiv, believes that a girl can do anything a boy can, as long as she's determined. (some parts subtitled)

August 11th --The Queen of Katwe This Disney movie is the true story the life of Phiona Mutesi, a Ugandan girl living in a slum in Katwe who learns to play chess and becomes a Woman Candidate Master after her performances at World Chess Olympiads.

PLEASE BRING a movie munchie 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

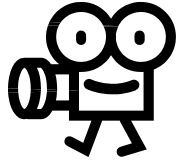


JOIN US 2ND SATURDAYS TO CREATE PRAYER SHAWLS!

JULY 8TH & AUGUST 12TH, 9:00 TO 11:00 A.M.

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 July 11th (NOTE the date change) and August 1st

We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Please join us on July 11th & August 1st.

If you would like a Study book, talk to Sandy Kirchhoff.



PRESBY SENIORS

Presby Seniors will meet

JULY 26TH and AUGUST 23RD 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 Sil-

vis: Florence McCaulley; Park Vista: Carol Brewer, Lloyd Strohm; Personal Res-

idences: 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 Na-

tional 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 Reyn-

olds—Black Hawk College. If you have a college/technical school stu-

dent 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

Resumes Sunday September 10th



ADULTS--TAKING THE TWO HOUR CHALLENGE

Give a 2nd hour to God on Sunday Mornings

Adults—Good News Bible Class by the Elevator —OR—
Class with Pastor Becky in the Library

The Good News Class—Studying the Bible with the Presbyterian Church!

The 2nd Floor Seeker’s Class—In March we will be joining the Good News Class in their Presbyterian Bible Study in their classroom. Books available on March 5th!

2017 VBS MISSION PROJECT--CLEAN WATER **FOR TOGO AFRICA**

We’ll be joining with P.A.D. Partners for Africa Development, which several of our church members belong to...in fact Regis & Shalom’s mom Rose is the President for this area this year!

Using shallow wells and deep drilling members of our church are part of a national group, P.A.D. who help their friends and families in Togo get safe drinking water and we are going to help them!

Each night at VBS you’ll learn more about how your offering will make a difference for children and their families in Togo.

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,

Thank you for your recent donation of 25 pounds of pull tabs to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois! Your gift keeps families close to their children and the care they need. Because of you and others like you, we are able to sustain the 31-room Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City, Ronald McDonald Family Room at St. Luke’s Hospital and Ronald McDonald Family Room at University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital. Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois maintains a strong and vital presence in the lives of families and children thanks to your support and generosity. We operate without the use of any tax dollars, relying 100% on private gifts. Sincerely, Victoria Mueller, Fundraising Coordinator

*Thank
you*

Dear Friends,

June is exploding with kids and teens as we begin an exciting and life impacting summer! Kids and teens are looking forward to a week at Camp Summit beginning June 5th with the last session ending July 28th. We also will continue with youth clubs, day trips and park outreach. Wow, so many lives hearing the great news about the only living God, Jesus Christ, and having a lot of fun! Thank you for making the summer of 2017 a life-changing one for hundreds of low-income kids and teens.

Mark Drake, Executive Director

A Note from the Finance Commission:

May Income	= \$24,901
May Expenses	= \$11,679
January-May Income	= \$96,791
January-May Expenses	= \$74,775

This reflects greater income than we would normally have at this time of year. This is partly due to some annual donations being received earlier than normal. Expenses through May are very close to our budget, and we anticipate a gradual reduction in the surplus through the rest of the year. By the end of December we expect to be close to a balanced budget.



YOU DID IT!

\$215.99 FOR THE WATERTOWN FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who gave their change to the Pentecost Birthday Challenge. Congrats to those who raised the most: August: \$60.06, November: \$32.18, and March \$28.52. You have all helped our hungry neighbors.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING SEND FIVE OF OUR CHILDREN TO CAMP!

Five of our kids needed to raise \$835 to go to camp...in two Sundays of Bake Sales you helped them raise \$670.... And we had \$330 left over from last year's bake sale....so we did it! Thank you to the bakers and creators who brought items for sale and thank you to all of you buyers who helped our kids have a week of faith-filled adventures with other children and youth from around our Synod at Stronghold Retreat Center! --The Christian Education Commission

To the members of the First Presbyterian Church,

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, for the prayer shawls (one for me and one for a friend I made while in the hospital), for the cards, flowers and food. You are a wonderful church family! Love Linda Kreuder

First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your contribution of \$600 to Churches United of the Quad City Area. Your contribution will help with the East Moline/Moline CareLINK program. 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 Friends,

On behalf of Family Resources thank you for your generous gift of \$290 made in support of our Braking Traffik program. Your commitment to eradicating human trafficking in Iowa and Illinois is sincerely appreciated. **Thank you** again for your support and investment in our work. It is because of your generosity and belief in our mission that we can continue to make a real difference. Warmest Regards,

Mary Macumber-Schmidt, President

Cathy O'Keeffe, Braking Traffik Director



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 can be found at the church,
or call the office and we'll mail you one.

**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 areas...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

SUNDAY JULY 9th--**REQUIRED**

MEETING FOR ALL VBS ADULT LEADERS, HELPERS, TEENS & JR. LEADERS--(GOING INTO 6TH GRADE AND OLDER) RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY. This is our 5TH year of do-

ing this and we've found its very helpful to have all the Jr. Youth and Adult leadership together, so we can be ready to welcome the children on that evening July 16th! Please mark this on your calendars NOW!

ALL LEADERS --JR., YOUTH & ADULT PLEASE BE IN THE SANCTUARY BY 5:30 AT THE LATEST EACH NIGHT TO WELCOME YOUR GROUPS!

SUNDAY JULY 16TH--5:30 p.m.

CHILDREN, COME A FEW MINUTES EARLY TO FIND YOUR GROUP! ADULT & JR. LEADERS PLEASE BE IN THE SANCTUARY BY 5:30 AT THE LATEST TO WELCOME YOUR GROUPS!



FPCEM Bunco Bonanza Blast!



Come to an afternoon of Bunco fun on September 24, 2017 and support local missions! The event will be held at Short Hills Country Club, 2500 11th Street, East Moline, Illinois. This event will raise money for some of your favorite local organizations and missions including Winnie's Place, Christian Care Center, Bethany Children's Home, Youth Hope Camperships, Watertown Food Pantry, Braking Traffik, King's Harvest Mission and The Red Cross. The tickets are \$25. One half will support these missions and the ticket includes a light dinner.

The doors open at 2 p.m. and the tournament begins at 3 p.m. If you don't know how to play Bunco, there will be people there to teach you! At 5 p.m. the 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 event will also include the raffling of a variety of baskets and the money from that raffle will also support these 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 new items that you may have such as vases, quilts, decorations, unused gift cards to local store or restaurants, toys, etc. You may also assist by giving a monetary donation that the committee can use to purchase items for baskets.

This event is the Mission Commission's fall fundraising 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!

Watertown Food Pantry News

Once again, we'd like to thank you for the support that has been given during the first four months of the Churches United Watertown Food Pantry re-opening. In May, we received \$35 in cash and food from the cart in the hallway as well as donations from civic groups and people who have heard the pantry has re-opened and want to help. And we couldn't function without the volunteers from our church. They're the best!

During the month of May we helped 61 families which were composed of 109 adults and 87 children. In June, as word has gotten out that the pantry has re-opened, we have become much busier, serving 10-15 families each day. 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.

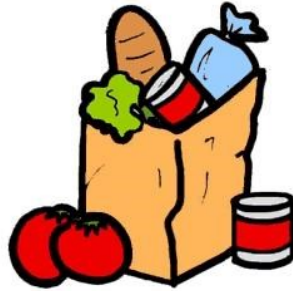
It is amazing how often store clerks ask why we're buying all the milk, or eggs, or flour. When we tell them it's all for the Watertown Food Pantry we often hear how they have been helped in the past, through a tough period, by this or some other food pantry. There is a big need for this service and an even bigger gratitude for the help.

Ongoing needs aside from monetary donations are: used grocery bags, 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. Another suggestion is soaps and shampoos from hotels or samples. We can find a taker for just about anything! **And watch for the Minute-for-Mission and the big cardboard box from Churches United as our church participates in THANKSGIVING IN JULY which is an extra effort to supply the food pantry during the busy summer months!**

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



FRIDAY JULY 15TH, 5:45 P.M.

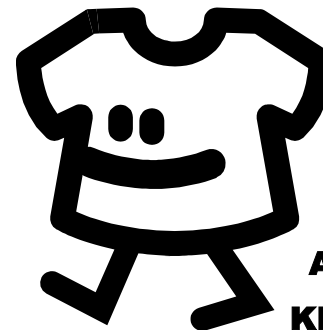
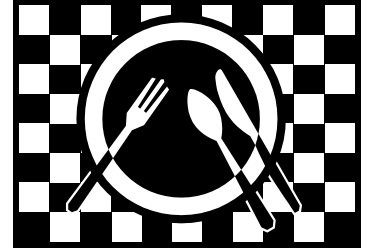
ALL-CHURCH VBS **POTLUCK AND MUSIC**

WHO: All VBS participants and the rest of the church family too...come hear about our week!

WHEN: Friday July 21ST, 5:45 p.m.

**PLEASE BRING: A main dish, salad, side or dessert to share.
Drinks and plates and silverware provided!**

WHAT: We'll eat supper together and then head upstairs to the Sanctuary to share our singing with YOU!



SUNDAY JULY 23RD,

10:00 A.M.

VBS WORSHIP

**ALL VBS PARTICIPANTS:
KIDS, YOUTH AND LEADERS—**

We get to lead worship!

PLEASE WEAR your VBS shirt to Worship!



**Sun. July 16th--The
Blessing of the
Animals—10:00 am.
Worship out on the lawn!**

You and your favorite pet(s) are invited to dress casually (the pets don't have to dress!) and

join us outside under the trees on the lawn. All pets welcome, we've had the usual cats and dogs, plus guinea pigs, hermit crabs, birds, hamsters, gerbils, and a rat. I'm even willing to be brave about a snake! Bring them all! Together we will worship God and say thank you for God's good creation.

Please bring a lawn chair to sit on during worship (if you don't have one, chairs will be available). Please make sure your pets are on a leash or in a carrier or cage in which they will be comfortable (or at least relatively comfortable) during worship, which usually lasts about 45 minutes. Remember water if it is a hot day, and a couple snacks never hurt anyone! We'll also provide water, and human treats!

Our Speaker for the morning is Chris Bone, from King's Harvest Pet Rescue. Come hear about this ministry to Quad Cities Animals and the humans who love them! Please read below for ways you can help the Animal Shelter!

Following worship Pastor Becky will bless the animals you bring with you, giving thanks to God for the beauty of their creation and companionship in our lives.

You'll receive a certificate of blessing.

This is a great Sunday to invite someone to church who has children & who would enjoy this lively outdoor service, or to invite someone with a pet for whom they would like to give God thanks. This is one of the fun ministries that this church offers to the community. If we have rainy weather we will worship downstairs in the large Sunday School classroom (where Head Start meets during the

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

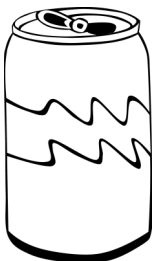
COLLECTION CONTINUES!!!

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!)



Summer Mission Collection

Mission continues to collect old cell phones, canceled stamps, aluminum can tabs, and used eyeglasses. The collection boxes for these items are in the library near the kitchen area. Please donate any of these that you have and Mission will deliver them to the appropriate organizations.

All the Details for our JULY & AUGUST COLLECTIONS

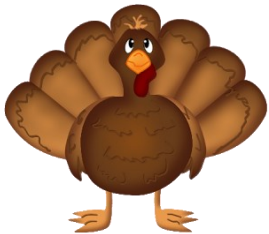
Pop Tabs help the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City, which houses families while their children are undergoing cancer and other medical treatment.

Used glasses are distributed by the Lions to those who cannot afford them.

Used cell phones collected by Winnie's Place and are used by battered women and women in the battered women's shelter to have access to a 911 call at all times. Remember the charger too!

"Box Tops for Education" Coupons help our local elementary schools with supplies and equipment.

Canceled Stamps are auctioned to stamp collectors by a local stamp collector's club every April and the money raised goes to cancer research.



THANKSGIVING in JULY

Yes that's right!

Churches United is sponsoring

THANKSGIVING in JULY!!

Look for the big cardboard box where you can place food donations to help restock the Food Pantry through the busy summer months.

THANKSGIVING in JULY -

Let's fill that box -

it will be here throughout the month of July.

THANK YOU!

school year). So let's pray for sun! Questions? Talk to Pastor Becky.

CAN YOU HELP? Please **sign up on Mission Central** if you can help Becky lead singing or help with Set-up at 8:45 a.m.



HELPING KING'S HARVEST PET RESCUE

Can you help us send a box of supplies back to King's Harvest with our Speaker? Their wish list includes: Paper towels, old blankets, Old Towels, clumping cat litter, cat & dog toys, Purina Kitten Chow, Dog Food, Dog & Cat treats, Puppy Pads. The Box will be in the hallway, by the grocery cart!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Right after Worship

All-Church Picnic at Mitchell Park

Wear your comfortable clothes. Bring what you want to drink and lawn chairs. We have a covered pavilion at Mitchell Park and we'll go there right after church for grilled hot dogs, potato salad, beans, chips, watermelon and smores for dessert. We'll have games and loads of fun!

ALL PROVIDED BY YOUR OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE.

