

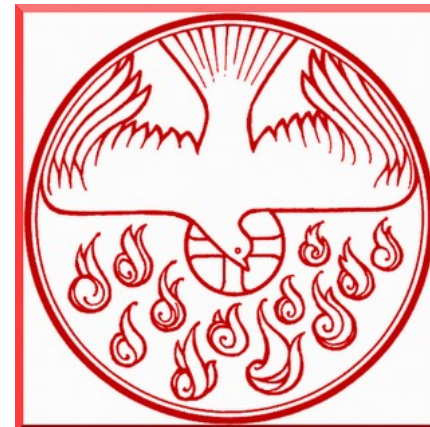
JUNE 2019

SUNDAY JUNE 9TH

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!

**THEN PLAN TO STAY FOR THE POTLUCK AND
OLD-FASHIONED TALENT SHOW!**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Becky Sherwood	Pastor
Karol Ellison	Church Secretary
Laura Brown, R.N.	Parish Nurse
David Blakey	Choir Director
Gail Glockhoff-Long	Bell Choir Director
Linda Miller	Organist
Sarah Lack	Nursery Attendant
Cathy Dillon	Indoor Custodian
Marty Ellison	Outdoor Custodian

Please Keep Our Nursing Home and Homebound Members in Your Prayers

Crosstown: Helen Stone, Ramona Zude; Friendship Manor: Marynell Kirkwood, Mary Catherine Sneed; The Fountains: Dorothy Horton; Good Samaritan Village, Geneseo: Kay Etzel; Park Vista: Carol Brewer, Bob & Jan Dravis, Betty Hogue, Al Uzzell; Personal Residences: Ted Frels, Lloyd Strohm, 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), Caleb Kassehin, ROTC, National Guard, Michael Kassehin, Army, Ft. Campbell, KY, Major Kyle Curry, MN Army National Guard, Warrant Officer Dustin Hergert (Dixie Volk's nephew), Marines.

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

Ines Kassehin—Pharmacy School, Washington D.C. Caleb Kassehin--University of Dubuque; Greg Layer--WestPoint; Jack McNeil—DePaul University, Katey Maxwell & Devin and 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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When and How to Get More Water in Your Daily Life

- *Start your day with a cup of lemon water, hot or cold.
- *Choose water over soda.
- *Drink a glass of water before each meal.
- *Drink water before, during and after being outside.
- *Drink a cup of water before bedtime.
- *Add herbs such as mint, basil or sage, or add lemon, lime, orange or cucumber wedges to ramp up the flavor of your water.
- *Be wary of bottled water. It costs 2,000 times more than tap water, and is not as well-regulated for purity. Carry your own water bottle when out and about.

Drinking enough water will help you feel younger, act younger, and look younger! It's like a magic potion!!!!

Shalom!

Laura Brown, RN
Parish Nurse

June Sundays: 9, 23, 30

July Sundays: 7, 14, 21

***Don't forget that Laura is available "on-call" during the week.
You can call her at 309-314-5605.***



UnityPoint Health

PARISH NURSE NEWS

Elixir of Youth

While I try to avoid promoting merchandise for health, there is a shining star in the world of hype of “forever young” products that I would love to share with you...Water! Hydration, or having enough fluid, is essential to optimal functioning of our bodies. Here are the top 10 Reasons to Hydrate!

- **1. Fight Fatigue** – Water is an important source of energy for your body, contributing to good sleep and restoration of body systems through enzymatic processes.
- **2. Reduce High Blood Pressure** –Blood is approximately 92% water. Staying hydrated helps to keep the blood moving freely through the veins and arteries, helping to prevent high blood pressure along with other cardiovascular ailments.
- **3. Halt Allergies and Asthma** – When the body is hydrated, it inhibits histamine production. Too many histamines and we will feel congested, and have other allergic reactions caused by the body’s response to foreign bodies.
- **4. Reduce Acne, Dermatitis, Psoriasis, and Premature Aging of the Skin** –Without hydration, our skin cannot get rid itself of toxins efficiently. Our skin in response becomes irritated, causing itching, acne, redness and the look of aging skin.
- **5. Stop High Cholesterol** – The body uses cholesterol to aid the function of our cells when there is not enough water in our systems.
- **6. Eliminate Digestive Disorders** – A well-hydrated body simply purges toxins and metabolic wastes better, decreasing the incidence of bloating, gas, ulcers, acid reflux, and constipation.
- **7. Flush Out Unwanted Bacteria from the Bladder and Kidneys** – Drinking water helps prevent bladder and kidney infections, by flushing out toxins.
- **8. Speed Up Joint and Cartilage Repair** – Stiff joints? The padding around our joints is made up of water, so if you don’t drink enough water, you’re going to feel it in your joints.
- **9. Dehydration = Unwanted Weight** – When we are dehydrated, our energy goes down, and our brains call for fuel in order to energize. All too often this call for fuel is interpreted as hunger not thirst. If you think you are hungry, even though you may have eaten recently, try a glass of water first!
- **10. Slow the Aging Process** – All of our organs need lots of water to function properly. Our bodies have to work harder when we are dehydrated, which means we age faster.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 GRADUATES! HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, TECHNICAL SCHOOL & GRAD SCHOOL GRADUATES DURING WORSHIP ON JUNE 9TH

Emily Bartleson graduated from University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a degree in Business Administration.

Madelyn Curry graduated from Glenview Middle School and moves on to United Township High School.

Katey Maxwell will graduate from Black Hawk College with an Associate in Science degree in July and will transfer to Augustana College majoring in Biology/Pre-Med.

Ellie McNeil, daughter of Porter and Mary McNeil, graduated from Moline High School and will be attending Loras College majoring in Special Education. She will be swimming for Loras as well.

Jack McNeil, son of Porter and Mary McNeil, graduated from DePaul University in Chicago with a Political Studies major and Minor: African and Black Diaspora Studies.

Drew Noakes, son of Paul and Jennifer Noakes, graduated from United Township High School. He will be attending Black Hawk College working toward his Electrical Engineering Technology degree.

Lathan Reynolds, son of Charles and Tina Reynolds and grandson of Bob and Dixie Volk, graduated from Black Hawk College with his Associate in Arts.

Jim & Linda Barber's great-nieces, all 5 of them, are graduating this year. Izzy Gunderson, Michaela Gurnet, Jillian Jones and Meghan Wahl who are all cousins, graduated from Omaha High School. Their other great-niece, Rachel Richards, graduated from USC Law School in Los Angeles, CA.

Marty Ellison, our Outdoor Custodian and Karol's husband, graduated from Walden University with his Master's degree in Teacher Leadership. He is currently a Business Education teacher at UT.

Chuck & Mary Lou Massa's granddaughter, Rachel Massa, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, Health and Human Behavior. She will be continuing on to get her Master's Degree in Speech & Language Pathology at SIUE.

Mark & Denise Maxwell's grandson, Cody Young, graduated from Riverdale High School and will be attending Black Hawk College this Fall.

Bob and Dixie Volk's great-granddaughter, Avalyn Bull, graduated from preschool and will be heading to Kindergarten at Franklin Elementary in Moline this Fall.

Drew Noakes invites you to...

His Graduation Open House
June 8th - 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Scott Family Park Clubhouse
Colona, IL

Taco Bar & Desserts will be provided.



**FATHER'S DAY—JUNE 16TH—
WEAR A TIE TO SHOW YOUR LOVE!
A 6TH 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!



PENTECOST Potluck Lunch

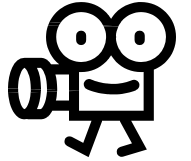
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Please bring a main **dish, vegetable, or salad** to share. Outreach and Fellowship will

provide the **birthday cake and drinks**. After lunch, it's time to have some fun! Outreach and Fellowship



**2ND FRIDAYS AT THE MOVIES
Fun, Food, Fellowship...And A Movie!
FRI. JUNE 14TH—6:30 PM—YOUTH ROOM
Movie: Can You Ever Forgive Me**



"In this fact-based drama, author Lee Israel (played by Melissa McCarthy) strikes gold in the 1970s and '80s with a series of successful celebrity biographies. But when tastes shift and her demons begin to disrupt her writing, she turns to forgery to support herself." (Netflix)

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!
JUNE 8TH, 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!



Presbyterian Women **JUNE 4TH**

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

Please join us on June 4th.
If you would like a Study book,
please talk to Ella Layer.



PRESBY SENIORS

Presby Seniors will meet on JUNE 26TH 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!*



Sandy Kirchhoff's new phone number:
309-912-9123

Ramona Zude's new phone number:
309-912-1727

**PRESBYTERIANS OF ALL AGES! JUNE 2ND LAST DAY TO
SIGN UP! FOR SUNDAY JUNE 9, 2019**

THE PENTECOST

"OLD-FASHIONED TALENT SHOW"

What is that hidden, or not so hidden talent that
you've always wanted to share with your church
family? Poetry, shadow puppets, impersonations,
unicycles, solos, duets, trios, a band, dance, jokes,
ukuleles...

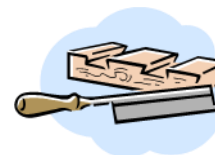
What will you share?

...Begin to dream and then get ready
for the afternoon of June 9th!



**We'll gather for a potluck and then
let the show begin in the Sanctuary!**

SIGN UP ON MISSION CENTRAL WITH YOUR "TALENT!"



NOT ALL TALENT GOES ON A STAGE!



Recognizing that "talents" aren't always a performance, *do you have something you collect, or something you create* that you would like to share with us: woodworking, needlework, paintings, YouTube Videos, photography, metalwork, etc. that you'd like to share? Tables will be set up in the Library for you to share your creating and collections!

For those of you new to American "Talent Shows," and a reminder to the rest of us, they are an old tradition of groups of people sharing things they love to do with each other. It's not about a perfect performance, but sharing a bit of yourself with your Church Family.

**FPCEM--100 YEARS OF WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST!
SUNDAY JUNE 2ND--RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP
JOIN THE PLANNING TEAM FOR OUR 100TH
ANNIVERSARY AS A CONGREGATION!**



On Nov. 11, 2021 First Presbyterian will turn 100 years old! Would you like to help us design the celebration of this milestone? Come to the Dining Room after worship on May 5th as we continue dreaming of how we will celebrate together! We hope to have a variety of ages, and a mix of long-time members and new members and friends join the planning team. Bring your ideas and let's dream together how we will thank God for the journey of being the church!

WE NEED YOUR PICTURES OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER!



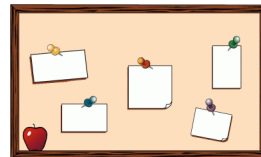
WE ARE MISSING PICS FROM THE LAST 10 YEARS AND OUR EARLIEST YEARS!

A reminder: We continue to collect pictures and newspaper articles about our friends and members. Just drop them off in the church office; please make sure newspaper articles have the date on them. It is ESPECIALLY helpful with pictures to

have dates and names.

A NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY--THE BULLETIN BOARDS OF FPCEM!

First, a huge thank you to our very own Sandy Kirchoff, who for decades has decorated the bulletin board in the hallway and the many bulletin boards in the nursery. At funerals of church members she has created heart-felt memorials to celebrate their lives. Sandy thank you for sharing your heart and creativity with us for so many years!



NOW IT IS TIME FOR ONE PERSON, OR SEVERAL, TO TAKE UP THIS MINISTRY! Would you, or you and a friend or two, be interested in creating bulletin boards? You can take all of them, or we can divide this ministry into the Hallway Bulletin Board and the Nursery Bulletin Boards. Sandy has shared all of her resources with us, so you have lots of materials to draw from, and you can create your own! If you are interested in this new ministry please talk to Pastor Becky.

Watertown Food Pantry News



First off, thank you to everyone who took advantage of HyVee's cereal sale a couple weeks ago and really helped stock our shelves with a great mix of flavors! It's always nice to be able to offer a variety of choices.

And coming soon: CHRISTMAS IN JULY sponsored by Churches United! This special food collection time was created by Churches United to help fill food pantry shelves at a time in the year when donations might be down but needs are definitely up. Please consider overfilling the cart in the hallway throughout the month of July! More info to follow.

During the month of April we helped 92 families which were composed of 196 adults and 126 children. And it's amazing that we continue to add new families monthly as the need continues to grow. Everyone we serve is thankful for the help and usually say so. We have heard "God bless you" many, many times and want you to know that you are a part of this ministry whether you donate time, food, money, or prayers.

Our ongoing needs aside from monetary donations are: toilet paper, 4# bags of sugar, 2# bags of flour, corn bread/muffin mix, any canned fruit or vegetables or tomatoes, canned **tuna**/ham/chicken, cereal - almost anything to make a meal. All food items must be within their "fresh date" per Churches United regulations.

We can also use individually packaged toothbrushes or even those little bars of soap or bottles of shampoo and lotion you get at hotels. Nothing goes to waste!

Please feel free to ask any of us questions you may have.

Looking forward to Christmas in July -

Mike & Pat Tyler

**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!

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 Shriner's Hospital--bring them to the bookshelf in the Library.

WHERE'S PASTOR BECKY JUNE 16TH AFTER WORSHIP THROUGH JUNE 24TH? I'll be on my 2nd week of "Study Leave.: I will be leaving right after worship on June 16th for a retreat at Siena Retreat Center, Racine Wisconsin. It starts at 3:30p.m. The Conference is entitled: "Awakening to the Depths." From the Catalog: "This year's retreat will explore "Mystic Companions on the Journey" through silence, meeting daily with a spiritual guide, morning and evening gatherings for prayer and other options. Come and join us for a week of listening attentively to the music of life and to the still small voice within. Each day we will be encouraged to deepen our own connection with God and with ourselves and with all creation by considering the wisdom of "companions on the journey" like Caryl Houselander, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Meister Eckhart and Julian of Norwich." I will appreciate your prayers for me during this week. There will be a Pastor on Call. Contact Aneita Buss, Laura Brown or Karol Ellison and they will get you in touch with the Pastor on Call.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES!

"Continuing on the journey of faith."

May 19th is the Last day of Sunday School

We'll start again September 9th

Adults—

The Good News Class—Studying the Bible with the Presbyterian Church! There is no prep, just come to the classroom by the library and we'll read and learn together.

Continues all Summer!



CHURCH CAMP BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

June 2nd—After Worship

Daphne Curry and Eunice Dogbe are going to Stronghold Church Camp this summer. Help them raise the remainder of the money with a delicious bake sale! If you can donate baked goods, please let Susan Curry know. Thank you! Christian Education Commission

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC IS LOOKING FOR
MORE VIDEO TAPERS
FOR SUNDAY MORNING!**

Would you like to be behind the camera on Sunday mornings? Training provided! If you are interested please talk to Wanda White or Pastor Becky and we'll get you ready to help with this ministry of our church! Thank you!





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL--JULY 14-19
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 June 30th

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. "To Mars and Beyond--Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!" is our curriculum this year. We are looking for your help with 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!

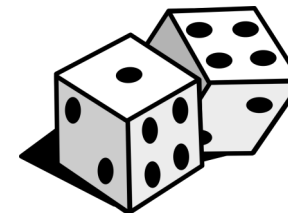
GOING-INTO 6TH GRADERS you get to be Jr. Leaders—in one of the four groups! GOING-INTO 7th-12th GRADERS—we need all of you, in all areas ...especially helping an adult shepherd a group around. ADULTS—Not sure where you'll fit? Talk to CE Elders Laura Brown or Denise Maxwell, or Pastor Becky, Thank you! Your Christian Education Commission

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



The mission for **April, May & 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. The organization staffs a professional team of social workers, licensed counselors, case managers, and educators. With 22 programs and services, Bethany serves more than 9,000 children and families annually. The services they provide include child welfare services, therapy services, homeless services, education services, Give Kids a Smile and Phoenix Day Treatment. This means they provide services for foster care, adoptions and victims of child abuse.

The Mission Commission has been in contact with Bethany Homes to see what their current needs are so that we may help them get the necessary items. 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. In the library, there will be two spots for the twin towers. Those who have birthdays in January thru June will place their boxes of diapers in one spot and those who have birthdays in July thru December will place their boxes of diapers in the other spot. We also 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!!!!



**SAVE THE DATE!!!
3RD ANNUAL BUNCO BLAST
FOR CHARITY
AT SHORT HILLS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**



THE COLLECTION CONTINUES! PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS

The Breakfast Optimist Club is continuing to collect plastic bottle caps to help defer the cost of a Buddy Bench for a local elementary school. **DIRECTIONS FOR COLLECTING** are

in the Library. The **The large red tote** by the puzzle in the library is waiting for your donations! Extra copies of this list are on the table by the doughnuts.

Questions? Ask Pat Wendt, Nick Maro or Mike Tyler. **PLEASE NOTE: BOTTLE CAPS ONLY, no medicine bottles. Thanks!**



NEW MEMBER CLASS—COME AND JOIN US!
ONE MEETING JUNE 29TH, 10 A.M. & THEN
MEET WITH THE SESSION JUNE 30TH 9:00 AM
SIGN UP ON MISSION CENTRAL BY JUNE 22ND

This is the class for you if you are new to us and would like to learn about membership, or you have been attending for years and feel ready to join, or you have questions about the Presbyterian Church and our church specifically and want to learn more! We will meet together for one meeting. There is a sign up on Mission Central. (If date doesn't work, just mark on the sign-up sheets what days and times work for you!) Following the class you will meet with our Session on a Sunday morning and then be recognized in worship! We would love to have you join us, just sign up on Mission Central, the kiosk by the doughnuts. Please feel free to stop by or call with questions. Thank you and Welcome!, Pastor Becky

LA NOUVELLE CLASSE DE MEMBRE - UNE RÉUNION LE 29 JUIN, 10h00
et SE RENCONTRE ENSUITE AVEC LA SÉANCE LE 30 JUIN 9h00

INSCRIVEZ-VOUS SUR LA MISSION CENTRALE AVANT LE 22 JUIN

C'est la classe pour vous si vous êtes inconnues à nous et voudriez apprendre de l'adhésion, ou vous avez été présents pendant les années et vous sentez prêts à adhérer, ou vous avez des questions à propos de l'Église Presbytérienne et de notre église spécialement et voulez apprendre plus! Nous nous rencontrerons ensemble pour une réunion, Il y a un signe en haut sur la Mission Centrale. (Si la date ne travaille pas, marque juste sur les draps engagez quels jours et temps travaillent pour vous!) Après la classe vous vous rencontrerez avec notre Séance un dimanche matin et serez ensuite reconnus dans la vénération! Nous aimerions nous vous faire rejoindre, nous inscrire juste sur la Mission Centrale, le kiosque par les beignets. Sentez-vous s'il vous plaît libres de passer ou vous appeler avec les questions. Merci et Accueil!, Pastor Becky

SNACK LIST:

- Small bottles of water
- Juice boxes
- Graham crackers
- Teddy grahams
- 2 bags of small pretzel sticks
- 2 bags of small pretzel twists
- 1 bag of chocolate chips
- 2 jars of marshmallow fluff
- 1 large container of cheese balls
- 2 bags of Goldfish crackers



CRAFT LIST:

1. 35 flat, round rocks, approximately 4" wide (can be found at Hy-Vee garden area and probably other garden areas.)
2. 175 canning jar rings (just the rings)
3. 3-4 rolls of clear contact paper

An Invitation from the Finance Commission and your Pastor-- A WAY TO HELP YOUR CHURCH IN 2019!

As you heard at our Congregational Meeting on December 2nd, we entered the new year with a substantial deficit forecast for 2019. What you also heard at the meeting is that there is an answer to this deficit. If each household in the congregation who is able were to give \$3 more per week/\$12 more per month, the deficit would decrease significantly. As you consider your giving to God, and the ministries and missions of our church in the coming year, we would like to invite you to consider accepting this challenge, as you are able. We are trusting in God's care, and our shared life together as First Presbyterian Church,

The Finance Commission and Pastor Becky Sherwood

A Note from the Finance Commission:

April Income	= \$25,062
April Expenses	= \$17,168
January through April Income	= \$74,458
January through April Expenses	= \$64,160



Dear Friends,
On behalf of Family Resources thank you for your generous gift of \$400 to support our Braking Traffik program. Your support means more than you know and we appreciate you choosing Family Resources!

Warmest Regards, Nisha Ladlee
Development Officer

Dear Friends,
Hundreds of kids and teens will have great memories, experiences and life-changing opportunities at YouthHope because of your prayers and giving of \$400! With your giving, you have sponsored a Kid for Camp 2019.

Mark Drake, Executive Director

Thank you for all of the cards, prayers and support for our whole family over these last few years. A special thank you to Pastor Becky for her support. It's been a long journey.
Ron & LeJeane Rahn and family

I would like to thank my church family for your prayers and cards. It was so appreciated! Thank you so very much!
Love in Christ,
Bev Warren

AN INVITATION FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH--JUNE 22nd, 12-3pm

At First Christian of East Moline, we're about halfway through our centennial year, our 100th year as a congregation. Each month during this year - which will end with a celebration of our 100th birthday in mid-October - we're holding a special event of some sort to celebrate the journey. Our June centennial event includes you - meaning the churches of the United Township Clergy Association; or more accurately, the churches who form something we've called the United Township Body of Christ.

We want to express our thanks to your church and our praise to God for our relationship with your and many other churches over the last many decades, so **we're holding a picnic-potluck at our church on Saturday, June 22, from noon-3:00p.m. (see attached PDF) We'll provide meats and beverages, and are asking people to bring a dish to share if possible.** BUT (!!!!) our hard-and-fast potluck rule, which has served us well forever, is this: If people can't or don't want to bring food, they should come for the meal anyway because as your church and our church have discovered again and again and again, God ALWAYS provides!

The purposes of this event are few and easy to state:

1) To say thanks to congregations - yours and others - for whose role in our history we praise God

2) To welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ to our grounds and to share a meal with them as part of our centennial year. We also have some fun games planned for this event, and some outside activities for kids, so spread the word! Blessings, Bill Coley, pastor, FCCM

BLOOD DRIVE

**First Presbyterian Church of
East Moline**

Saturday, June 22nd
(8:00 to 11:00 am)
MVRBC Donor Bus—777 25th Ave

**For more information call Ella Layer at
(309)-203-1135**
or email e.layer@yahoo.com

Last date to donate elsewhere: 4/27/2019
Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES! www.bloodcenter.org

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 or playing an instrument? 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 and Music Commission