

# *The Chimes*

*of First Presbyterian Church*

July 2016

*A monthly newsletter for friends and members of our church...*

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## Greeting from Jay Kim

### **Poor in Spirit...**

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit. for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

A few weeks ago in LA, I had a chance to visit one of my friend's Sunday School classes. There I saw a little girl drawing a picture of Jesus. Her portrait consisted of Jesus floating in the air and opening His arms to the people of the world. There was a light illuminating Him from heaven and it looked as if He was ascending to it. In the picture, one particular part caught my attention. Instead of a heart-shaped drawing, which usually expresses love, the child drew an empty bowl in Jesus' chest. I asked the little girl about the bowl and she answered, "Jesus' heart is so big that it contains everything and accepts all kinds of people, even if they've been bad."

The meaning of being poor in spirit goes deeper than merely being humble and obedient. It proposes:

- emptiness
- acceptance
- fulfillment

We humbly put aside our preoccupied experiences and knowledge, and therefore accept others for who they are. Some of them might be strongly opinionated, self-centered, or even a know-it-all. Others might have a biased opinion about our life and faith, so it wounds us and makes us feel uncomfortable to spend time with them. But, by following the example of Jesus we have to respect the differences of others, who they are and their life experiences.

Jay Kim

# It Takes a Lot of People

Wk	Flowers For Month	Elders Communion	Deacons	Ushers For Month	Greeters	Liturgist	Prayer Team	Children's Message
7/3	D. Kutschke	1) S. Fry 2) J. Butzine F. Tolstedt K. Toedtli G. Gatti	S. Kammerer G. Redecker K. Essex N. Green S. Nelson	C. Hansen J. Hansen A. Boots B. Dobry	Steve and Pat Nelson	Amanda Mittan	B. Kendle K. Toedtli	Hannah Weisgerber
	Communion Highland & Crossroads							
7/10	Open			Same	Bruce, Pat and Katy Dobry	Pat Nelson	S. Kammerer L. Perrin	Manda Clarke
7/17	Open			Same	Norm and Helen McConnell	Pat Nelson	K. Hielscher P. Dobry	Pat Dobry
7/24	Open			Same	Lyle and Diane Lurz	Sherrie Curtiss	B. Kendle R. Hielscher	Kim Hielscher
7/31	Open				Gary Leever	Sherrie Curtiss	S. Kammerer P. Dobry	Amanda Mittan

## **\*\*Men's Breakfast\*\***

Our Men's Life Group will be on vacation for the summer. The next breakfast is scheduled for September 10th. Enjoy your summer men of the church!



## **Coffee and Conversation Sundays**

**8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall**

- Different topic each week
- No wrong answers
- Come join the conversation



## **Statement of Receipts - Fin'l Secretary - June 2016**

Offerings	6/5	6/12	6/19	6/26			Monthly Total	Bal. Fwd	YTD - 2016
Pledged Offerings	4,348.50	962.50	817.50				6,128.50	44,540.62	50,669.12
Un-pledged Offerings	890.00	235.00	195.00				1,320.00	8,664.00	9,984.00
Loose Offerings	19.50	5.00	36.00				60.50	723.00	783.50
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$5,258.00</b>	<b>\$1,202.50</b>	<b>\$1,048.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			<b>\$7,509.00</b>	<b>\$53,927.62</b>	<b>\$61,436.62</b>

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- Website: www.alliancefpc.com - Reverend Jay Kim, Pastor -

**The LIVING STONES and WOMEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDIES** will be meeting together for the last two months of the summer. We will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and instead of having Bible Study they will have a potluck dinner and then watch a Christian movie. July 14th we will be watching the movie "Risen". Even if you are not a regular attendee of these Bible Studies, please free to attend their "once-a-month" gathering this summer for a blessed time of fellowship and sharing!



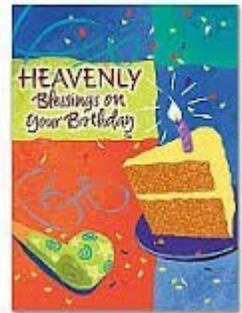
## Circle Meetings

Good Morning Circle and Serendipity Circle will not be meeting June through August. The first meeting in the Fall for Good Morning and Serendipity Circles will be on September 7th.

C.T. Board will not be meeting in June or July. Their next meeting will be on August 17th.

## July Birthdays

- 1 Donna Kutschke
- 3 Norma Green  
Allen Heckman  
Brandon Baldwin
- 4 Kiya Baldwin
- 5 Clifford Furrow
- 6 Tara Minnick
- 9 George Krejci
- 13 Sydney Roosa
- 14 Larry Debus
- 15 Michael Nason
- 18 Laona Perrin
- 19 Sandy DeBusk
- 20 Jeanne Rosenberger
- 21 Larry Dalbey
- 22 Matthew Oseles
- 23 Craig VanHewversyn
- 24 Jessica Mittan Lux  
Jerry Johannes
- 25 Linda Mills
- 26 Whitney Baldwin
- 27 Carolyn Krause
- 28 Marty Jones  
Tanner Weisgerber



## July Anniversaries

- 5 Mike and Sondra Mees
- 17 Dale and Joyce Lawrence
- 27 Don and Vickie Hughart





## Children and Youth News — July 2016

Sunday school is out for the summer, but will be starting again after Labor Day. We have several children from our church who are attending camps this summer, so please be sure to pray for their safety and that summer camp will be a wonderful , faith-building experience for each one of them.

### New Info for...



**Laona Perrin:**

**P.O. Box 783**

**Bridgeport, NE 69336**

**Phone: 308-262-2993**

### Temporary Info for...

**Annie Hughart:**

**920 Mayowood Rd S.W.**

**Hoff B, Room #2**

**Rochester, MN 55902**



Thank you to my church family and friends for the many prayers, get well cards and vis-

its while I was at Highland Park Care Center. I was there recuperating from a total reverse shoulder surgery. During my stay I also received physical and occupational therapy. So happy to be back home!

Blessings to all,

Janet Williams

**P**lease make plans to be in Worship on Sunday, July 31st. We will be hearing from Tad and Jane Gilmore, who have recently retired from their ministry to international students headquartered in Greeley, Colorado.

Many of you will remember the Gilmores from past visits to our church. They always have wonderful information to share and they have been so faithful in this ministry that God called them to.

Following Worship we will all be gathering at Marv and Kathie Toedtli's for a potluck picnic.

Please be listening for further information about the Gilmores and specific details regarding the picnic. See you there!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 -8:00 Adult Bible Study -9:30 Worship, Communion -10:45 CYM, SPF, Outreach Meeting	4 <b>Independence Day Office Closed</b> 	5 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads -9:00 Missions Meeting	6 -12:30 Family Bible Study	7 -11:00 Memorial Team Meeting	8	9
10 <b>DOVES Sunday</b> -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:30 Worship	11 - 7:00p Session Meeting	12 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads -6:30 Trustees Meeting	13 -12:30 Family Bible Study	14 -6:00 p Women of Faith and Living Stones combined potluck, movie night	15	16
17 -8:00 Adult Bible Study -9:30 Worship	18	19 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads <b>CHIMES DEADLINE</b>	20 -12:30 Family Bible Study	21	22	23
24 -8:00 Adult Bible Study -9:30 Worship	25 -7:30p Prayer and Worship Meeting	26 -6:30 <u>No</u> Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads	27 -12:30 Family Bible Study	28	29	30
31 <b>Welcome the Gilmores</b> -8:00 Adult Bible Study -8:50 Choir Practice -9:30 Worship <b>Potluck Picnic at the Toedtli's Following Worship</b>						 <p>Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD. <i>Psalms 33:12</i></p>

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## **A New Outlook...**

In Christ, we are infused with a new outlook. We're given a new hope, and the future becomes just as bright as the promises of God. We awake each morning saying, "This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). We close our eyes at night saying, "I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8). Day by day, the Lord meets our needs, reassures our hearts, deepens our faith, answers our prayers, and increases our optimism. This doesn't mean we're on a continuous emotional "high" or always in a "good mood." But it does mean we have an inner bedrock of hope that enables us to rejoice in the Lord always. How can we explain it? How do such peace, love, and joy come into our hearts?

**It took a miracle.**

So, if you think you've never seen a miracle, think again. You haven't been passed over. The Christian life is, in all its elements, supernatural, and all God's children have experienced miracles. All His Children **ARE** miracles.

That includes **YOU!**

***My Father is omnipotent***

***And that you can't deny;***

***A God of mighty miracles;***

***'Tis written in the sky.***

***It took a miracle to put the stars in place;***

***It took a miracle to hang the world in space.***

***But when He saved my soul,***

***Cleansed and made me whole,***

***It took a miracle of love and grace!***

***John W. Peterson***