

# Faith-ful News

United Faith  
Presbyterian  
Church

July 2017

## Conversations with Pastor Kathleen...

When we worked through our Mission Study process last year, we affirmed a desire to connect more strongly with our neighborhood, and continue to provide a place where all sorts of people can experience Christ's love. As a part of that mission, and after discussion and consideration for the needs both of members and guests, Session has decided to make a few changes around our building over the coming months. First - we will be shortening two pews on each side of the Sanctuary, in roughly the middle of the room. While our building is much more accessible to those with mobility issues due to the lift (and the new carpeting in there - see page 4), our Sanctuary is still not the most accessible. Shortening a few of the pews will create space for persons in wheelchairs to sit with family, and without sticking out into an aisle. It will provide a space to set a walker, without being a tripping hazard. And, for those with long legs, it will offer a place to sit with a bit more room. It gives us more flexibility in the use of the room and in creating a welcome worship space for all. And - we expect to be partnering with one of our Scouts with this being a possible part of their Eagle Scout project!

The other change we're planning is to move the Nursery from it's current space downstairs, up to the room next to the Sunday School classroom on the breezeway. This will put all the children's activities on the same level, close to parents in worship, and in a place that is easier to monitor for children's safety. We hope this will make this a more attractive and safe place for parents of young children. Our July mission project will focus on these renovations (see page 2 for more info), and we've got a team working to develop a wish list of items for the new Nursery. The old nursery room will be painted (and possible recarpeted) and turned into a meeting room/adult classroom. We will need to rewire the speaker that is in the downstairs nursery so volunteers can listen to the worship service, so let us know if that's an aspect of this project you can help with.

Both of these changes are coming from a desire to make the building more accessible, friendly, and safe - for visitors and guests alike. As we continue to find ways that we can partner with our community and reach out to our neighborhood, we are doing our best to insure that they will find a welcome hospitality here at United Faith, with nothing to hinder the opportunity to experience the love and grace of Christ.

*Pastor Kathleen will be on vacation July 5th through July 18th. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Ann Pitman at Grace Presbyterian. Rev. Ben Gates will be our guest preacher on July 9, and Rev. Bill Haworth will be with us on July 16.*

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## Sunday Schedule

9:15 a.m.  
Church School

10:30 a.m.  
Worship

**Deadline** for submission of items for the August newsletter is Thursday, July 20

## Summer special music...



We would love to include special music in worship during the summer months. Do you play an instrument? Would you want to sing a solo - or a duet/trio?

What can you offer to enrich our congregational worship? Please talk with Phyllis Bush or Pastor Kathleen. There are several weeks still available in August.

## Food Pantry

Don't forget the Food Pantry over the summer. Donations are down, but the need is still pressing - especially with children home from school and missing regular meals provided there. The biggest current needs are:

- ◇ Crackers
- ◇ Mac n cheese
- ◇ Pasta
- ◇ Beans (prefer canned to dried) esp. pork and beans
- ◇ Tuna
- ◇ Veggies
- ◇ Canned fruit

Checks are also welcome so we can buy perishable items through Community Harvest. Thank You!



## Summer Mission Project

While the months of summer are a bit more relaxed and less busy at United Faith, we have had for many years, a mission project during the month of July. This year will be no different. I had planned to review the many projects that we have sponsored through the years but guess what? All of my Worship/Mission notebooks are packed in boxes as we prepare to move on June 23. A few of these July mission projects stand out as personal favorites. "New Soles for Nebraska School" when we purchased athletic shoes of all sizes for the elementary school across the parking lot, when we purchased infant/baby clothes for new mothers enrolled in rehabilitation programs at Whittington House, when we gave cash gifts as extra financial support for our PC (USA) mission workers helping others around our world-just to name a few. I believe this year's project will become a new personal favorite.

Session has discussed and approved the relocation of our church nursery to the room now known as the Conference Room, which is currently being used for Bible Study, committee meetings and Session meetings. By moving the nursery to the sanctuary level of our church, it will be next to the Christian Education room used by John and Bev Evans for the older children's Sunday School classroom and more in compliance with United Faith's Child Protection Policy.

With this change, our July mission project will focus on updating our nursery with new equipment. We will need an up-to-date changing table, Pack 'n Play units, and several other pieces of newer equipment. Cash gifts for the nursery update will be welcomed any Sunday during the month of July. Your gift may be placed in a pew envelope marked "July mission" or "Nursery". As we plan for the future of United Faith, it is exciting to envision a welcoming place for our youngest worshippers!



Peg Kelley

## Conner Prairie Trip



**Friday, July 28**

Join us for a day at Conner Prairie. Explore Prairie Town and the Civil War Journey

### Admission:

Adults: \$17

Group rate available if we have 20+ sign up

Seniors: (ages 65+): \$16

Youth Under Age 2: Free

Lunch is available for purchase on site and be prepared to Walk!

They are open 10-5 so we'll leave around 8 and get home when we're all tired and ready to leave!

If we have at least 10 people sign up, we'll take the church van. Otherwise, we'll work out carpools.

## Smock Senior Ministries Presents:

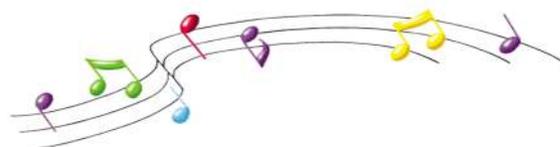
### "Presby Day"

Thursday, July 20, 2017  
(10:00-1:00 pm)

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

### "How Can We Keep from Singing?"

Stories of Hymns We Love to Sing  
By Dr. Chelsea Vaught



Call 260-426-7421 ext 132  
RSVP by 7/17/2017

Presby Day is a monthly gathering for spiritual growth, education, fellowship, lunch, and total life enrichment. All Presbyterians over 50 and their friends are invited.

NOTE: there will be no Presbyday in August.

## Church Fellowship at the Lake!

John & Bev Evans invite you to their home on Lake George  
Saturday, August 5th  
11-4



Drive yourself, or sign up for a ride in the church van (seats 15, we need at least 10 to take the van, otherwise we'll arrange carpools)

Bring a dish to share and a folding chair!

We have limited refrigerator space so a cooler with ice would be helpful.

## Serving in July

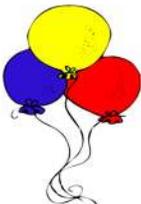
### Liturgist:

July 2 Charles Hill  
July 9 Dan Wolfe  
July 16 Ron Keck  
July 23 Peg Kelley  
July 30 Bob Mossburg

**Lock Up:** Judy Lehman-Wright

### Greeters:

July 2 & 9: Diana & Bob Mossburg  
July 16 & 23 Deb & Brian White  
July 30: Ed Trissel and ?



## July Birthdays

*If we've missed your birthday,  
please notify the office so we can  
update our records!*

July 7 Paul Moore  
July 11 Betty Osborn  
July 12 Carole Webber  
July 30 Adam Mossburg  
July 31 Dorothy Love

## Church Directory Update:

Dave & Peg Kelley:  
9355 Colchester Terrace  
Fort Wayne IN 46825-246

## SESSION NOTES



At it's regular stated meeting on June 15, your Session:

- ◆ Reviewed Chapters 11 and 12 of our study book, The Healthy Small Church
- ◆ Discussed and approved the shortening of four pews in the sanctuary to accommodate worshipers in a wheelchair or anyone using a mobility device
- ◆ Discussed and approved relocating the church nursery from the lower level to what is now called the Conference Room
- ◆ Received the May financial report and information indicating that for the first five months of 2017, receipts have exceeded expenses by \$8200
- ◆ Discussed and approved the renewal of Pastor Kathleen's Interim Pastor contract effective August 1, 2017.

## Space for Rent

If you know anyone in the non-profit sector, spread the word that we have rental space available. If you are on social media (ie. Facebook), consider mentioning it there, too. You never know who is looking for exactly this opportunity!

Thanks to the Crafty Ladies and Gents for purchasing new carpet to replace the cracked tiles in the access foyer to the lift. It looks much more welcoming now!



# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 10:30 Worship Decons Comm Meeting 9:30	<b>3</b> 9-11 FB/TS 9:30 Wellspringers	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed 6:00 Scouts	<b>5</b> 9-11 FB/TS 9:30 Wellspringers Girl Scouts	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30 Wellspringers	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:30 Worship W/ Ben Gates Cmm Meetings	<b>10</b> 9-11 FB/TS 9:30 Wellspringers	<b>11</b> 10-2 Tuesday Fellowship 6:00 Scouts	<b>12</b> 9-11 FB/TS 9:30 Wellspringers	<b>13</b> 7:00 NNA	<b>14</b> 9:30 Wellspringers	<b>15</b> 10-2 Thrift Store
<b>16</b> 10:30 Worship W/ Bill Haworth	<b>17</b> 9-11 FB/TS	<b>18</b> 6:00 Scouts	<b>19</b> 9-11 FB/TS Girl Scouts	<b>20</b> 10-1 Presby Day 12:00 BB&B	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10:30 Worship	<b>24</b> 9-11 FB/TS	<b>25</b> 6:00 Scouts	<b>26</b> 9-11 FB/TS	<b>27</b> 12:00 BB&B	<b>28</b> Conner Prairie Trip	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:30 Worship	<b>31</b> 9-11 FB/TS	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastor Kathleen will be away from the office July 5-July 18</i></p>				
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Key</b>            FB/TS: Food Bank/Thrift Store            W/M: Worship &amp; Mission Committee            NNA: Nebraska Neighborhood Association            BB&amp;B: Brown Bag and Bible</p>						



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The Rev. Kathleen W. O'Connell

Music Director  
Phyllis Bush

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

### Thrift Store and Boutique

Monday and Wednesday:  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
3rd Saturdays:  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Please Remember in Your Prayers



1 CORINTHIANS 15:54

**Shirley A. Hamilton**

**2/7/28- 6/25/17**

- ◆ Carl Hartup, in rehab at St. Anne's.
- ◆ Jennifer McAtee Jones, recovering from an accident.
- ◆ PNC: Dave Kelley, Rhonda Leeper-Smith, Joe Shultz, Maggie Slack, Mike Syndram, Erin White, Dan Wolf.
- ◆ College students: Caleb Curtis, Rachel Reed and Megan Zuber.
- ◆ Freyja Skaanning Groves, Jackie Grove's great-granddaughter, born November 30.
- Homebound: Lorene Hodell, Ray Dressel, Joanne Fagg, Andrea Davies, Melanie Dauplaise, Sue Fields, Dorothy Love, Cleo Hawkins.

## Fun at the Tincaps game

