

# 1st Pres NEWS VIEWS

July / August 2025

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## From the Pastor

Summer is a season that beckons us outside: into gardens and parks, onto hiking trails and beaches, and even into quiet moments on porches as the sun sets late. These spaces—far from pews and stained-glass windows—are not separate from our life of faith. They can be sacred places where we deepen our relationship with God and one another.

Throughout scripture, we find that God's presence is not limited to temples or sanctuaries. When Jacob fled into the wilderness, he laid his head on a stone and dreamed of a ladder reaching to heaven. Waking up, he exclaimed, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" (Genesis 28:16). Likewise, Jesus taught on hillsides and along seashores, meeting people where they were and revealing God's love in the midst of daily life.

Our faith is not meant to be compartmentalized to one hour on Sunday morning. It is meant to infuse every aspect of our lives. In Romans 12:1, Paul urges believers to "present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." This call reminds us that the way we live, move, and interact with the world can be an act of devotion.

This summer, as you find yourself in new places and rhythms, consider these ways to grow your faith beyond the sanctuary:

### Practice Gratitude Outdoors

Take moments to pause and thank God for the beauty you encounter—whether a breathtaking

sunset, the laughter of children at play, or the quiet peace of a morning breeze.

### Bring Scripture Along

Read a psalm or listen to a devotional podcast while sitting by a lake or walking a trail. Let God's word accompany your steps.

### Pray Creatively

Use what you see to guide your prayers: pray for peace as you watch flowing water; pray for resilience as you notice strong trees; pray for the flourishing of all people as you witness the diversity of God's creation.

### Keep a Summer Journal

Jot down where you notice God at work each day or week. Reflect on what these moments teach you about trust, wonder, or gratitude.

### Extend Hospitality on the Go

Summer brings travel and encounters with new people. Practice kindness to strangers, recognizing each interaction as an opportunity to embody Christ's love.

By intentionally weaving faith into our summer activities, we remember that church is not just a building—it's the people of God, living as Christ's hands and feet in the world. May this season deepen your awareness that wherever you go, God goes with you. And may you return to our gathered worship with stories of grace, joy, and transformation.

Grace & peace, *Pastor Heather*



## Sermons for July & August

### The Life and Times of Elijah

In July, we'll be finishing up our time with Elijah.

#### July 6: 1 Kings 21:1-10, 15-21a

"Tough Talking"

When King Ahab takes over the vineyards of another, Elijah must confront him regardless of the consequences.

#### July 13: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8:15a

"God in the Silence"

On the run and afraid for his life, Elijah hides in a cave and wishes to die. God shares an important lesson about God's pervasive presence in our lives.

#### July 20: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

"The Next Generation"

Elijah meets Elisha and passes his role as God's prophet on to the succeeding generation.

### Dylan & the Divine: A Gospel of Protest & Grace

#### July 27: Ecclesiastes 1:2-7, 14, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8,11, and John 3:5-8

Blowing in the Wind

How many times must we ask the same questions before we hear the truth? Join us as we explore Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind" alongside Ecclesiastes' timeless reflections on life's mysteries and Jesus' invitation to be born of the Spirit. Together, we'll wonder how God calls us to live faithfully when answers seem elusive and the wind of the Spirit is our only guide.

#### August 3: Joshua 24:14-18, Galatians 5:13-14

Gotta Serve Somebody

Who do you serve with your life? Dylan's "Gotta Serve Somebody" reminds us that none of us are truly neutral—we all serve something or someone. This week, we'll reflect on Joshua's challenge to choose whom we will serve and Paul's vision of freedom expressed through love, discovering how discipleship shapes our everyday choices.

#### August 10: Isaiah 58:1-12, Luke 4:16-21

The Death of Emmett Till/Hurricane

What does true worship look like when the world is broken? Dylan's songs "The Death of Emmett Till" and "Hurricane" cry out against racial injustice past and present. This Sunday, we turn to Isaiah's call to loose the bonds of injustice and Jesus' mission to set captives free—hearing how God calls the church to lament, confront sin, and work for a more just world.

#### August 17: Isaiah 43:16-21, Mark 2:18-22

The Times They Are A Changin'

How do we respond when the world shifts beneath our feet? Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changin'" invites us to face change with courage. We'll hear Isaiah's promise of God doing a new thing and Jesus' challenge to embrace new wineskins, as we consider how God invites us into holy adaptation in a changing world.

#### August 24: Romans 8:18-25, Revelation 21:1-5

I Shall Be Released

How long must we wait for freedom? Dylan's "I Shall Be Released" echoes creation's groaning for redemption. This week, we'll reflect on Paul's hope for glory beyond suffering and John's vision of a new heaven and earth, finding strength in God's promise that release, healing, and renewal are on the way.

#### August 31: TBD

What does it mean to grow in faith while staying "forever young" in spirit? On this Labor Day weekend, we'll explore Dylan's heartfelt blessing and God's call to lifelong growth. Together we'll celebrate how we are blessed to be a blessing, leaving a legacy of faith through our work, relationships, and commitment to love across the generations.



## Outdoor Worship July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10 Indian Creek Nature Center

### Outdoor Worship at Indian Creek Sunday, July 20 @ 10:00 AM Indian Creek Nature Center Amazing Space

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a special outdoor worship service on the patio at Indian Creek Nature Center. We'll gather in the beauty of creation, accompanied by the joyful bluegrass music of Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen. After worship, we'll head indoors for a potluck lunch and a time of fellowship. While some seating will be available on the patio, we encourage you to bring your own lawn chair or blanket for comfort. There is plenty of seating indoors for lunch.

#### Potluck Contributions:

Last names A–M: Please bring a side dish.

Last names N–Z: Please bring a dessert.

We can't wait to celebrate, worship, and share a meal together—see you there!

## FOOD GROUP



July 17 @ 6:00 pm

Mextizo

1140 Blairs Ferry Road NE

RSVP by July 14

Carolyn Horton - 899-0225 / horton6902@msn.com

August 21 @ 6:00 pm

Leonardo's

2228 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

RSVP by August 18





## Readers-R-Leaders Camp July 21st-25th, 9am-3pm

Reading is one of the most important skills that children learn in their early elementary years and is foundational to the rest of their educational career. First Presbyterian in partnership with Coe College and Jane Boyd tries to strengthen that foundation for 2-4th graders who are a part of the summer programming at Jane Boyd.

Right now we have a few more spots for Reading Mentors who come in to read with the kids in a one on one setting and help guide them through learning stations. Mentors are needed from 9-Noon each day. We'd love people who can volunteer for the whole week, but there is also always need for mentors who fill in for a day or two. Contact Pastor Heather to learn more. This is also a great opportunity for late middle and high school students - and we are more than happy to sign off volunteer hours for school clubs and honor societies.

If you don't have the ability to volunteer, you can still support the program with your donations. Each of the children receive books to take home, a t-shirt, and lunch and snacks each day. Those items are completely donor funded. If you'd like to donate, you can send a check to First Presbyterian with Reading Camp designated in the memo. Thanks for your support!

### Care Commission: "We Care" Buttons

Look for our Care Commission members wearing "We Care" buttons on Sundays! These buttons make it easy for you to find us if you have ideas or concerns about how we can make our church an even more welcoming place.

Is the building clean and inviting? Are our signs helping you find the children's Sunday School, the sanctuary, and other important areas? Would you like to host Fellowship Hour or dedicate flowers for the altar on a special Sunday?

We are here to serve you and our congregation. Please don't hesitate to share your thoughts—your input helps us care for our church community even better!

## From the Youth Director

A young man was eager to grow in his Christian life. He got a piece of paper and made a list of all the things he would do for God. He wrote down the things he would give up, the places he would go to minister and the area of ministry he would enter. He was excited. He took the list to church and put it on the altar. He thought he would feel joy, but instead he felt empty. So he went home and started adding to his list. He wrote down more things he would do and wouldn't do. He took the longer list and placed it on the altar, but still felt nothing.

Each person's list of the things they want to accomplish spiritually is not going to look the same. My area of ministry is also my job, which is to help young people understand Jesus and help them grow in a relationship with Him. When they understand and know Jesus, they will see Him in their lives and know how to live their lives as He desires. Growing in faith isn't just making lists of things we will do or won't do and placing them before Jesus.

To grow in our faith, we must deepen our relationship with God and this often involves removing the things we are most comfortable with in our lives, or fasting, or even spending moment's each day in devotion. Our faith is about getting closer to God, and it means the steps you take may not look the same as mine. God knows where you are in your journey and it's important for you and I to be faithful in the guidance God provides for our spiritual growth. The more we take those steps in our growth process, the easier it becomes for us to find ourselves closer to Jesus

I hope and pray that you may continue to seek Him and share your spiritual practices with those close to you so they may see and learn how to grow spiritually. I hope that you continue to grow in His grace as you grow spiritually closer to Him.

In His Service,  
**Stan Letscher**

Director of Youth Ministry

## Presbyterians @ Pride July 12th from 12-6pm NewBo Market

Stop by the vibrant NewBo Market on Pridefest weekend and visit the First Presbyterian Church booth! We're excited to celebrate our LGBT+ siblings and extend God's love and radical welcome to everyone in our community. Our booth will offer a warm smile, free goodies, and information about our church's inclusive ministries—because we believe God's love is for all, without exception.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share our commitment to justice, hospitality, and joy with our neighbors. Whether you're already a part of our church family or simply curious about who we are, we'd love to meet you!

Want to help? If you'd like to join our Pridefest hospitality team—greeting visitors, sharing resources, or helping set up—please reach out to Pastor Heather. Together, we can embody Christ's welcome and show our community that God's love is for all!

### Youth Events This Summer

#### Wednesday July 9th, 7-8 pm

Mini Golf at Airport National Golf

Cost: Students \$4, Adults \$7

Bring money for Ice Cream afterwards

#### Wednesday July 23rd, 7-8 pm

Mini Golf at Twin Pines Golf Course

Cost: Students \$6, Adults \$8

Bring money for Ice Cream afterwards

#### Wednesday August 6th, 6-7:30 pm

Bowling at Cedar Rapids Bowling Center

\$4 per game (we will play two games)

#### Wednesday August 13th, 6-7:30 pm

Come jump with us at AirFX

Cost is \$18 for 90 minutes



### Little Muddy Luncheon July 16th | 11:30-1:00 Elmcrest Country Club

Who should attend the Little Muddy luncheon on July 16? Persons who are interested in learning the answer to any of the following questions:

What's in a name? Learn about FPC, Little Muddy and the California Gold Rush.  
Why does the church have an endowment and when was it started?  
How & where is the FPC endowment invested?  
How does having an endowment help the church?  
How much money is in our endowment and how is it managed?  
Can I make a small donation to the endowment, and how would it be used?

I'm curious. How do I register? Sign up after church at the WELCOME console in the Gathering Space or email Stormy@fpccr.org





### Blessing of the Backpacks August 24, 2025

As a new school year begins, we want to surround our students, educators, and school staff with love and prayers. Join us during worship on Sunday, August 24, for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks! All students—preschool through college—are invited to bring their backpacks to church as we offer a special blessing for them and the year ahead. Teachers, administrators, and school staff are also encouraged to attend as we lift up all who support learning in our community.



### School Supply Drive

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community and help support your neighbors and their kids as they head back to school? We have just the opportunity for you. During July and August we will be collecting back to school supplies to distribute to a couple of our schools that may have families who are not able to afford some of the essential items that their kids need to head back to school. We pray that you would consider donating any items that you can and please pass the word along to any friends or family who may be able to give a donation to this drive as well. The following is a list of items that will be needed:

- Reusable drinking bottles
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Markers
- Boxes of Kleenex
- Disinfectant wipes (for the classrooms)
- Hand Sanitizer: 12 oz/50-51 oz pump bottles

### Back to School Bash!

Middle School Students (students entering grades 6-8), please join us for a back to school bash on Saturday August 16th from 5-7 pm at the home of Bill and Mary Snapp, (359 Wilshire Ct NE, Cedar Rapids, IA) Come gather with us as we have a time to share in food, games, fun before the start of a new school year. We hope you can join us and please feel free to bring a friend.

High School Students (students entering grades 9-12), please join us for a back to school bash on Friday evening August 22nd from 5-7 pm at the home of Bill & Esther O'Donnell (2190 Country Club Pkwy SE, Cedar Rapids, IA) Remember to bring or wear a bathing suit as we gather together to enjoy the pool, play some games and share in some food and fun before the start of the new school year. We hope you can join us and feel free to bring a friend.



### Welcome Bridge to Opportunities Group!

On Thursdays in July and Tuesday & Thursdays in August FPC is welcoming a new group that encourages learning, connection and fun for seniors and others. Bridge to Opportunities hosts a variety of speakers and activities to build connections with others and with our broader community. Meeting from 1-3pm, all First Presbyterian members and friends are encouraged to join in. Upcoming programs for July are below.

**Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-3 pm, Bingo.** Come for the fun – and, with luck, win a prize.

**Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm, Game Day:** Join us to play Phase 10 (a rummy-like card game), Hand and Foot (card game), Mexican Trains (a version of Dominos), or Scrabble. Is there interest in starting a Euchre group? Or bring a favorite board game. These games can be played by anyone. There is enough room and tables to play several different games.

**Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm, Chair Yoga & Intergenerational Connections:** Tammy Bayer will be leading a beginner level chair yoga class. She will adapt the class as needed to fit your needs and mobility levels. Chair yoga uses a chair for support with seated and (occasional) standing postures. This makes yoga accessible to those who are new to it, have various physical limitations, or find other yoga classes challenging. The Intergenerational Connections Program is a collaboration between Coe College and Aging Services of AbbeHealth. The program pairs older adults 55+ with Coe College students to build friendships. The partners get to know each other and engage in activities they find mutually enjoyable.

**Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm, Wisdom Circle:** Join us for *Wisdom Circle* — a heartfelt gathering where we come together to share life experiences, celebrate the richness of aging, and explore what it means to grow older with intention and grace. In this open and respectful space, we'll reflect on the joys, meaning, and lessons gained throughout our life journeys. Through conversation and connection, we'll honor the wisdom that comes with age while also discussing the challenges that may arise — and the strategies that help us navigate them.

### Registration Is OPEN for Vacation Bible School Every Living Thing August 3, 10, 16 & 17

Come celebrate God's amazing world at our brand-new Vacation Bible School! This August, join us for a joyful adventure as we discover how God cares for *every living thing*—from the tiniest insects to the tallest trees, and yes, each one of us too.

After worship each Sunday, we'll gather for a delicious meal together before diving into a lively afternoon of Bible stories, creative crafts, joyful songs, and exciting games. And there's something for everyone: kids, youth, and adults will each have their own engaging track to learn and grow in faith.

Plus, don't miss our special congregational event on the evening of August 16—it's a celebration you won't want to miss!

**Mark your calendars now for this time of faith, fun, and fellowship for all ages! Invite your kids, grandkids, friends, cousins, neighbors, classmates! Let's grow together as we explore God's love for every living thing.**



### APNC Update

The APNC has been busily working this last month to put together our church's MDP (description of our church, our community & the position). As the newsletter goes to print, the description has been completed, approved by both the Session and the Presbytery, and uploaded to the PCUSA national church site. Now the process of interviewing candidates and discerning a good fit for our congregation begins. Your prayers for wisdom and discernment are appreciated by all committee members. The APNC members are: Alisa Shields, Chris Tyler, Lynda Barrow, Keith Rippy, and Joe Houtz



Session Notes  
June 2025

The following were approved/accepted in an Omnibus Motion:

- Approve Minutes from the June 4, 2025, regularly scheduled meeting
- Approve Statistical Report for May 2025
- Accept minutes of Commissions
- Receive Financial reports for May 2025

Action Items/Main Business

From Care Commission for the Quilting group, it was MSA to add \$1,000 as a line item to the 2026 budget for materials for quilts for graduating seniors.

From Admin Commission, it was MSA to approve a salary range of \$55,000 to \$70,000 for the associate pastor, yet to be called.

APC reported that the MDP has been submitted Presbytery.

Commission Check In

None of the commissions brought forward business that is not in their minutes.

Kayleigh Bryant will fill the third position as a communion server on July 6.

Martha and Dan will count the cash offering on June 29. Others will sign up via Sign-up Genius.

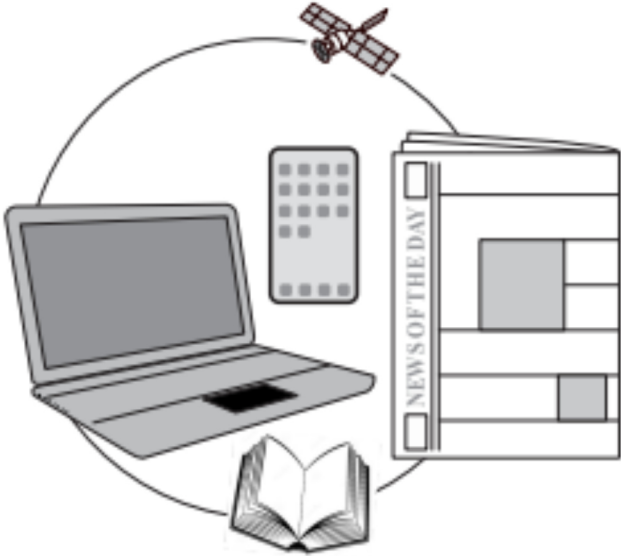
It was MSA to Adjourn. Closing Prayer was given by Pastor Heather at 7:55.

Next Meeting August 26, 2025 @ 7:00 PM.



**The Evening Book Club** meets at 6:30 pm on the third Monday evening of each month. **On July 21<sup>st</sup>** we will be discussing *A Monster in Mt. Pleasant: a Story of Murders and Justice* by CJ Williams, a federal judge in Cedar Rapids who grew up in Mt. Pleasant at the time of the murders. “In the quiet town of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, the idyllic calm of 1978 was shattered by a series of brutal murders. Karol Beavers, a vivacious high school junior, and her mother, Clementine, became the unsuspecting victims of a heinous act of murder. For six months, the case went cold, fear gripping a town unaccustomed to locking its doors. Then, another shocking murder occurred, tying the threads of horror together. Drawing from years of meticulous research, the story reveals not just the pursuit of justice, but the profound emotional scars left behind (Amazon).” The meeting will be at the home of Tom and Nancy Lackner, 11 Blake Ct SE. Please call (319-270-0087) or email ([tlackner@coe.edu](mailto:tlackner@coe.edu)) Tom if you plan to attend.

**On Aug. 18** we will meet at the home of Nan Riley, 5300 Lakeside Rd, Marion. We will be discussing *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. “In July 1962, a Mi’kmaq family from Nova Scotia arrives in Maine to pick blueberries for the summer. Weeks later, four-year-old Ruthie, the family’s youngest child, vanishes. She is last seen by her six-year-old brother, Joe, sitting on a favorite rock at the edge of a berry field. Joe will remain distraught by his sister’s disappearance for years to come (Good Reads).” Please call (319-389-4495) or email ([tnlakeside@aol.com](mailto:tnlakeside@aol.com)) Nan if you plan to attend.



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**7/13/25**

*Writing Your Story*

**Dale Kueter**, Retired Gazette reporter

**7/20/25**

*Putting it in Context: How Features Matter in a Hard News World*

**Elijah Decious**, Features Reporter, The Gazette

**7/27/25**

*Journalism: Challenges & Opportunities*

**Zach Kucharski**, Executive Editor, The Gazette

**8/3/25**

*Ethics In Journalism*

**Cathy Price**, retired free-lance journalist

**8/10/25**

*Poetry & Music*

**Vince Gotera**, Iowa Poet Laureate

**8/17/25**

*Sports & Sports Journalism.*

**John Steppe**, The Gazette

**ABARA**  
**Border Encounter: Educational Mission Trip**  
**October 27 – 31, 2025**

Are you interested in learning more about life on our country’s southern border? This fall several churches from our presbytery are hosting an educational mission trip in partnership with Rev. Marta Pumroy (originally from Cedar Rapids & First Pres, Marion) of the Tres Rios Presbytery Border Foundation and Abara Borderland Connections, an organization dedicated to fostering understanding and dialogue around immigration and border issues.

From October 27-31, they will travel to the U.S.-Mexico border for a "listening trip", engaging with local communities, hearing firsthand stories, and reflecting on how we, as people of faith, are called to respond. Lodging will be at the Abara Guest House apartments, which include shared bedrooms, living space, and a small kitchen. Meals are provided while on site. During the day, participants will engage in educational activities and even take a trip across the border to Juarez, Mexico.

There are a number of spots still available. Contact Pastor Heather by June 1 for more information about this opportunity to deeply engage in this issue.

# Calendar

**Sunday July 6**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**Fill the Cart for Food Bank**  
10:00 am Nursery  
10:00 Worship & LiveStream  
11:00 am Connection Sunday lunch  
**SEMP SCHEDULE**

**Monday July 7**  
5:30 pm Discipleship Commission

**Tuesday July 8**  
5:30 pm Deacons  
6:30 pm Care Commission

**Wednesday July 9**  
2:00 pm Mahjong  
6:00 om APNC meeting

**Saturday July 12**  
12-6: Pridefest

**Sunday July 13**  
9:00 am Insight & Nursery  
10:00 Worship & LiveStream  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Fellowship  
**SEMP SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday July 16**  
11:30 am Little Muddy Lunch  
2:00 pm Mahjong  
6:00 om APNC meeting

**Sunday July 20**  
9:00 am Nursery & Insight  
10:00 Worship & LiveStream  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Fellowship  
**SEMP SCHEDULE**

**Monday July 21**  
6:30 Evening Book Group

**Wednesday July 23**  
2:00 pm Mahjong  
6:00 om APNC meeting

**Sunday July 27**  
9:00 am Nursery & Insight  
10:00 Worship & LiveStream  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Fellowship  
**SEMP SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday July 30**  
2:00 pm Mahjong  
6:00 om APNC meeting

**Sunday August 3**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**Fill the Cart for Food Bank**  
9:00 am Nursery  
10:00 Worship & LiveStream  
11:00 am Fellowship  
**SEMP SCHEDULE**

**Monday August 4**  
5:30 pm Discipleship Commission

**Wednesday August 6**  
2:00 pm Mahjong  
6:00 om APNC meeting

**Sunday August 10**  
9:00 am Insight  
10:00 Worship & LiveStream  
11:00 am Picnic in the Park  
**SEMP SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday August 12**  
5:30 pm Deacons  
6:30 pm Care Commission

**Wednesday August 13**  
2:00 pm Mahjong  
6:00 om APNC meeting

**Saturday August 16**  
5:00 pm Back to School Bash

**Sunday August 17**  
9:00 am Insight

10:00 Worship & LiveStream  
11:00 am Fellowship  
**SEMP SCHEDULE**

**Monday August 18**  
6:30 Evening Book Group

**Tuesday August 19**  
5:30 pm Admin Commission

**Wednesday August 20**  
2:00 pm Mahjong  
6:00 om APNC meeting

**Thursday August 21**  
6:00 Food Group

**Sunday August 24**  
**Blessing of the Backpacks**  
9:00 am Nursery & Insight  
10:00 Worship & LiveStream  
11:00 am Fellowship  
**SEMP SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday August 26**  
5:30 pm Proclamation  
7:00 pm Session

**Wednesday August 27**  
2:00 pm Mahjong  
6:00 om APNC meeting

**Sunday August 31**  
9:00 am Nursery & Insight  
10:00 Worship & LiveStream  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Fellowship  
**SEMP SCHEDULE**

**\*Mahjong** meets every  
Wednesday at 2:00 pm

## BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Katie Beer  
7/2 Ron Moore  
7/3 Joanne Buresh  
7/4 Sue Arthaud  
7/4 Darby Winger  
7/5 Marcia Smith  
7/5 Steve Stramel  
7/5 Tracy Zimmerman  
7/6 Peter Edmondson  
7/7 Komlan Ayewu  
7/7 Judy Isenberg  
7/7 Kim Lanegran  
7/10 Allen Armbrecht  
7/10 Taylor Courtright  
7/11 Oliver Davis  
7/11 Sylvia Popelka  
7/12 Amy Arthurs  
7/12 Evie Gehring  
7/15 Cairo Dinicola  
7/15 Claire Ottemoeller  
7/15 Delaney Steenblock  
7/16 Von Elbert  
7/16 Ellen Houtz  
7/17 Nick Tow  
7/18 Mary Ann Kucera  
7/18 Lisa Lamb  
7/21 Victor Houzou

7/21 Bob Naujoks  
7/24 Luann Astor  
7/24 John Burdakin  
7/24 Gus Keuseman  
7/25 Susie McDermott  
7/26 Gayle Morgan  
7/27 Brantley Elwick  
7/27 Delaney Golden  
7/27 Ann Schley  
7/29 Lila Morris  
7/29 Jackie O'Bannon  
7/30 Amanda Brause  
7/30 Connie Richardson  
7/31 Mary Ann Peters  
7/31 Hallie Younger  
8/1 Susan Baker  
8/1 Sherrie Bouton  
8/1 Bob Kolar  
8/2 Maclane Bryner  
8/4 Pamela Baseler  
8/6 Adam Tow  
8/7 Peter Riley  
8/7 Dick Shoemaker  
8/8 Calvin Gehring  
8/10 Ted Cronbaugh  
8/11 Heather Golden  
8/12 Glenn Dodd

8/13 Bill Dittmar  
8/14 Stephen O'Donnell  
8/15 Laura Runkle  
8/16 John Fischer  
8/16 Melissa Healy  
8/16 Pat Lusted  
8/16 Charlotte Ottemoeller  
8/16 Keeler Pettyjohn  
8/16 Zach Shields  
8/17 Laura Behrens  
8/17 Sergio Apely  
8/22 Kent Steenblock  
8/23 Moses Atchou  
8/24 Connor Davies  
8/24 Doug Schoff  
8/26 Precious Ayewu  
8/26 Tricia Bowen  
8/27 Tiffany Elwick  
8/28 Ami Proctor  
8/28 Lisa Thirnbeck  
8/29 Philip Andersen  
8/29 Sydney Proctor  
8/30 John Carver  
8/31 Priscilla Polehna  
8/31 Tracy Tow

## Anniversaries

7/1/1992 Dave & Martha Booth  
7/1/1978 Denise & Gary Ellis  
7/3/1994 Audrey & Steve Kossayan  
7/19/1980 Harold & Marty Brown  
7/20/2013 Mike & Beth Davies  
7/21/1979 Richard & Barbara Wagner  
7/22/2006 Hallie & Clete Younger

8/8/1992 Peter & Jan Jauhainen  
8/8/1987 Alan & Rochelle Naylor  
8/10/1991 Greg & Marcia Smith  
8/12/1989 Bill & Sally Brause  
8/13/1994 David & Susan Gehring  
8/14/2010 Darby & Matt Winger  
8/15/1981 Joan & Peter Riley  
8/20/2011 Cherie & Phil Thompson  
8/21/1971 Ron & Sue Olson  
8/22/1964 Glenn & Jane Dodd

## Fellowship Hosts

7/06 HOSTS NEEDED!  
7/13 HOSTS NEEDED!  
7/20 Betsy Kutter & HOSTS NEEDED!  
7/27 Gisela Steffe

8/3 HOSTS NEEDED!  
8/10 HOSTS NEEDED!  
8/17 HOSTS NEEDED!  
8/24 HOSTS NEEDED!  
8/31 HOSTS NEEDED!

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