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North Star

August 2019

Making Disciples - Making a Difference

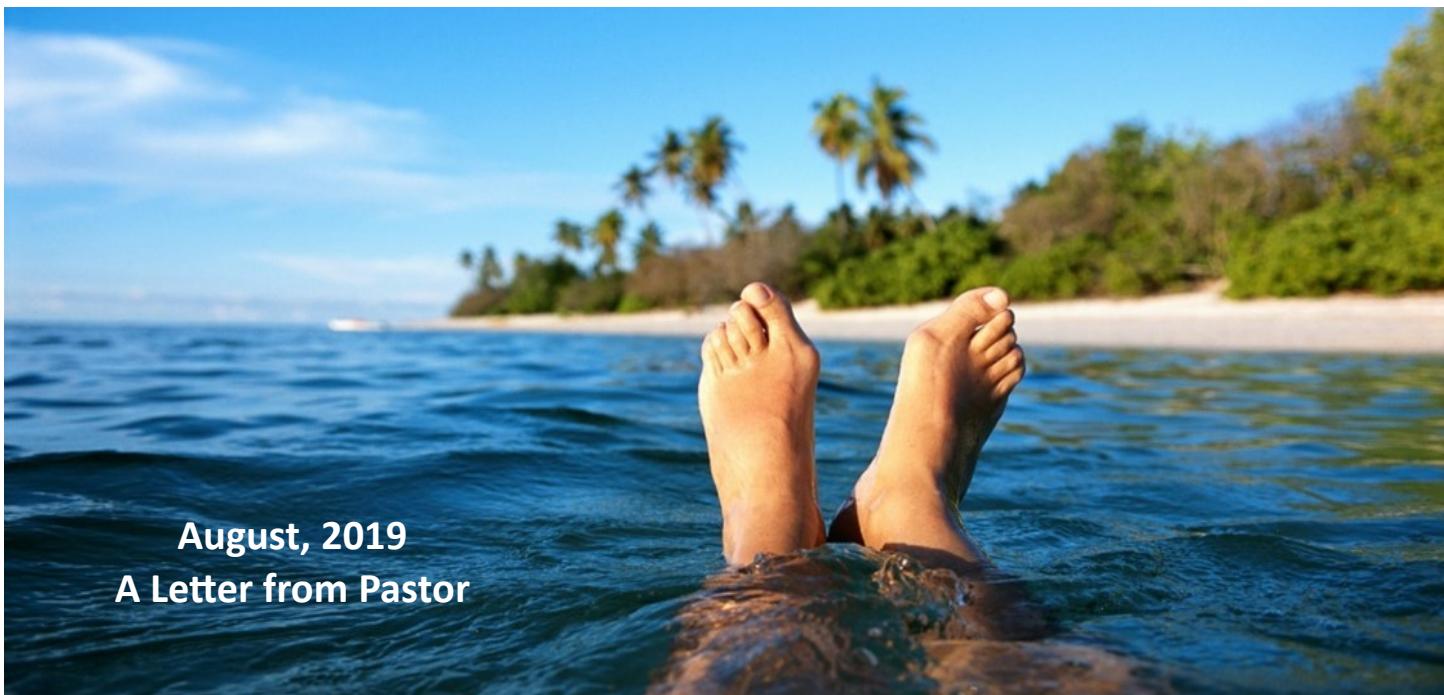
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Meet our Staff:

Rev. Jim Hicks Office Schedule	Temporary Supply Pastor Monday and Tuesday, 9 am - 1 pm pastor@northpres.church
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August, 2019
A Letter from Pastor

Jesus took a vacation. Yes, He did.... But His vacation was interrupted. The whole story is recorded in the sixth chapter of the gospel of Mark. Jesus had sent His twelve disciples into the countryside to preach the gospel of repentance and to heal the sick and troubled by the anointing of oil. When the disciples returned, weary from their first preaching tour, Jesus said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest” (vs. 31). And so Jesus and the disciples got into a boat and sailed across the Lake of Geneseret to a solitary and deserted place.

But the story continues. The people who had been impressed by the ministry of Jesus followed the Lord to His vacation hideaway. And despite the fact that Jesus had gone there for a needed vacation for the purpose of rest, He “saw the people and was moved to compassion toward them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd” (vs. 34). When the disciples urged Him to send the people away who were spoiling their hard-earned vacation, Jesus said, “Give them something to eat” (vs. 37). And miraculously the Lord fed the five thousand who were there, using His vacationing disciples as waiters. The only miracle that is recorded in all four gospels of the New Testament is this one which interrupted a vacation.

What do I learn from this story? Personally, I am informed about how I am to conduct the ministry generously given to me here in Elmira. Interruptions are a part of a pastor’s calling. People come first – their genuine needs, their spiritual longings. Personal agendas must take a back seat to the essential tasks a pastor must address. Why? Because a pastor is working on behalf of a cause greater than self.

This principle of “people come first” is a good one for all of us to keep in mind, because the meaning of life is not all about us. At its root, life is about our relationships to others, the redemption of our lives for a higher purpose, and the cultivation of our fellowship with God in Jesus Christ. I encourage you during your vacationing this summer to put people first, your agendas second, and God above all.

Relaxing in the Son,
– Jim Hicks
Temporary Pastor
TP (with TLC)

A Warm Welcome

New Women's Bible Study Opportunity: You are warmly invited!

"Messy People: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes"
by Jennifer Cowart

Every life gets messy at times. Sometimes these messes are literal, like a house that would be easier to condemn than to clean. But sometimes they are intangible messes such as illness, conflict, depression, abuse, bankruptcy, divorce, and job loss. And these messes can be painful, hurting our hearts and our homes. But as we see in the Bible, God loves to use messy people!

In this six-week study, we will dig into the lives of biblical heroes who were messy people just like us but who were used by God in powerful ways. Together we will examine the stories of five wonderful but messy people and one messy parable character: Rahab, the Prodigal Son, Josiah, Mary, David, and Daniel. From their stories, we will learn how God can use broken people, restore damaged hearts and relationships, give us power to handle our critics, and help us deal with the hard moments of life. Along the way we'll discover that we don't have to just endure messy lives but can actually learn to thrive with God's guidance and help. In the hands of God, our messes can become His masterpieces!

When: September 12th through October 17th

Where: Keyser Library

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Please contact Cindy Kalweit if you are interested in participating.

Ckalweit63@gmail.com or 742-5911.

We look forward to seeing you there!!



We Are Family



And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”
-Hebrews 10: 24-25



Dear North Pres Family,

The family of Lynda Carpentier wishes to thank the entire congregation, staff, deacons and so many others that we couldn't name individually, for the love and support they have shown us during Lynda's illness and celebration of Life. We are sure Lynda will join the many other guardian angels watching over our congregation.

-Phil Carpentier and Family



August 4
Annette Stevens
Pok-Sil Swan

August 11
Wendy Swatling
Brian Tebin

August 18
Rhonda Tebin
Hazel Thompson

August 25
Sylvia Tuller
Audrey Vanderhoff

Send a Card Today!

August 4
Adele Roberts
1722 West Church Street
Elmira, NY 14905

August 11
Glenn & Dorla Bolt
105 Morrow Street
Elmira, NY 14901

August 18
Anita Kirk
715 Riverside Drive
Elmira, NY 14904

August 25
Hope Dubois
8 Aspen Ridge Apartments
Elmira, NY 14904



CHILDREN & YOUTH

KIDS CORNER

WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.

Children and Youth Ministry August 2019

As we welcome August in and say goodbye to July, it's fun to reflect on our week of Vacation Bible School:

- All the little unexpected happenings, the fact that some of us were making our second, third, maybe fourth trip to crazy-ville and best of all, the laughter and pure fun all over the faces of the kids as they ran through the church like they owned the place.
- The tears we wiped, the booboo's we bandaged and the phrase "why not?" or "how come?" that we answered countless times during the evening only added to the joy of working with these precious children.
- The wonderful friendships made and the love all around us.
- The challenge between the boys and girls to see who could bring in the most nonperishable and canned food goods for the NPC food pantry (our mission).

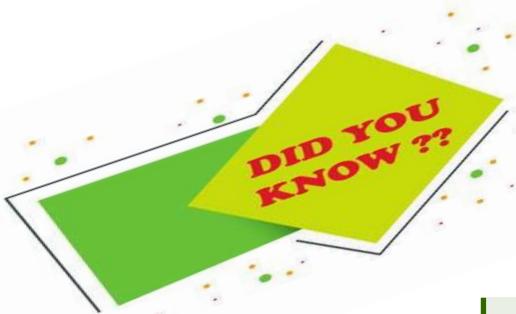
All of these things made for a fun-filled week for all!

Thanks to all our VBS kids we were able to donate 109 items to the NPC food pantry this year which were received with much love and thanks from the volunteers who staff the pantry. All the behind the scenes work we put into everything from the scenery to the curriculum (Bible), recreation, the food and the crafts was worth it when you saw the smiles and heard the laughter of all who attended.

I would like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy summer schedule to help make VBS a safe, fun learning environment for the children. As we now start planning for September and the startup of Sunday School (Rally Day), please keep our young children and youth in your prayers. We pray for a learning and sharing year where God's word is the center of our focus in all things.

Blessings in Christ,
Deb Stamp
Director of Children and Youth Ministry





The following events are on a much deserved summer break! See you in September!

- Men's Bible Study
- Men's Saturday Breakfast
- Music Programs
- Saturday Church Workdays
- Sunday School
- Wednesday Fellowship Supper
- Wednesday Noon Bible Study



Are you on break but don't see your event or group here? Please call the church office and make sure we have current information!



NPC is actively engaging in a proactive strategy to increase congregation engagement and community involvement via social media, beginning with Facebook. Posts are scheduled 14 days ahead to include save the dates, announcements, programming, and helpful information. If you have ideas or info to include on our Facebook page, please let the church office know!



- ♦ The announcement slideshow you see in worship on Sunday is the same one that is conveniently available for viewing each day in the church narthex. *Did you know* it is updated every Friday and throughout the week as needed to keep you up to date with the most current information and happenings? If you have an announcement that you would like shared with the congregation about your committee's work, volunteer needs, or upcoming church events, please notify the church office!



PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

Staff and committee chairs have church email addresses!

If one of these addresses belongs to your position and you are in need of assistance setting it up, please contact the church office.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT EFFECTIVE
9.1.19 THE OLD CHURCH OFFICE
EMAIL ADDRESS WILL BE
DISABLED.**

Committee/Coordinator	Email Address
Audit	audit@northpres.church
Buildings & Grounds	campus@northpres.church
Building Use	building_use@northpres.church
Clerk of Session	session@northpres.church
Deacons	deacons@northpres.church
Education	education@northpres.church
Fellowship	fellowship@northpres.church
Finance	finance@northpres.church
Mission & Outreach	mission_outreach@northpres.church
Nominating	nominating@northpres.church
Staff Relations	staff_relations@northpres.church
Tech & Communications	tech_com@northpres.church
Worship & Music	worship@northpres.church

Staff	Email Address
Church Administrator	office@northpres.church
Director of Youth Ministries	youth@northpres.church
Financial Secretary	financial_sec@northpres.church
Music Director	music@northpres.church
Organist	organist@northpres.church
Pastor	pastor@northpres.church

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***Check out our website*
or contact the church office for more details.
And thank you for supporting NPC!**

What's Happening



The August 18, 2018 church service will be held at 10:30 am, an hour later than our normal time, in the Hal Roach Pavilion at Grove Park, Elmira. The park is bordered by Walnut Street and is located north of Fourth Street. During the worship service Carrie Hooper will be playing keyboard with Paul Holland on guitar.

Immediately following worship, we will move on to activities and the picnic . The fellowship committee will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, lemonade and water. *Congregation members are asked to bring a favorite dish to pass and their own table service.* We are looking for some members to bring their own lawn chairs to supplement the 56 seats that are already there.

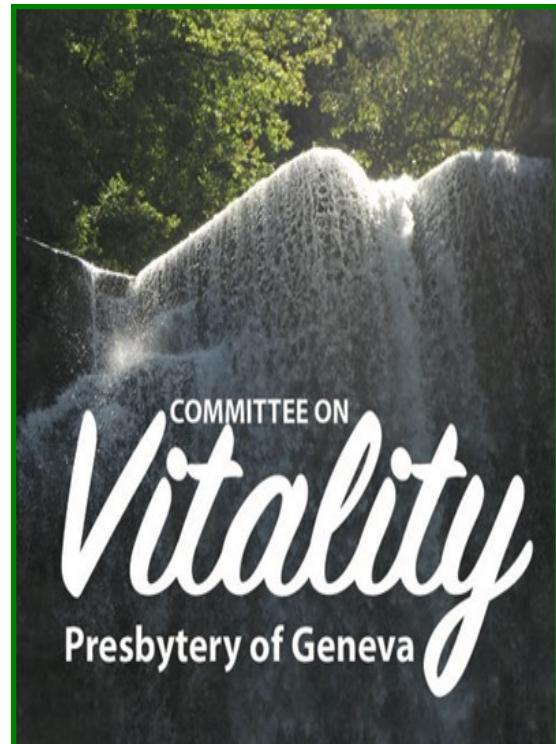
The parking lot entrance is located on Grove Street between Fourth and Logan Streets. The terrain is flat and easily accommodates those with mobility concerns. Bathroom facilities will be available throughout the day. The pavilion does not have a full working kitchen, but it does have counters, electrical outlets and a sink. We hope to see you all **August 18 at 10:30!**



"Discovering Spiritual Gifts"
Giving, Administration, Teaching, Exhortation,
Mercy, Prophecy, Serving

Come for a fun time of discovering which of the gifts of the Holy Spirit you have been given and how they make you uniquely able to share God's love in your communities and relationships.

- ◆ Saturday October 19th from 9am—noon
- ◆ Presbytery Office, 2472 State Route 54A, Penn Yan
- ◆ Facilitator: Rev. Cheryl Peeples
(Pastor FPC Ulysses in Trumansburg)
- ◆ To register: email officeadmin@presbyteryofgeneva
or call Elena Delhagen at 315-536-7753



Please save your gently used items for the annual NPC rummage sale, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 26. PLEASE do not bring any items to the church before October 16. We do not accept old technology items such as televisions or computers. See Ann Motley or Glenda Solowiej for more information or to sign up as a volunteer. Thank you!



We look forward to the return of our Harvest Dinner!

Gather with us this November and celebrate the abundance of harvest and the joy of fellowship while supporting our amazing youth ministry programming. It's sure to be a good time, with good food, and good company, with good purpose. Stay tuned for details!



In the Spotlight



THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 VBS VOLUNTEERS!

Photographer – Susie Hoskins

Tech – Steve Allison

Registration- Bonnie Perry, Susie Hoskins, Lori Lee, Annie LeFevre.

Kitchen – Ann Motley, Glenda Solowiej, Jeff and Pat Richards, Bobby and Bill Furnas, Lori Lee, John Townson and Chris Miller.

Bible class – Barb Duryea and Liz Wilson

Crafts – Mickey Vischansky, Bonnie Perry and Sylvia Tuller

Recreation – Ed Wilson, Ethan Wilson, Malik Marshall and Gunner Wilcox and Mike Stamp.

Teen Helpers – Mary Townson, Chloe Donovan, Brenna Wilson, Lucas VanRiper, Ethan Wilson, Gunner Wilcox, and Malik Marshall.

Group Leaders – Allie Sevey, Theresa Houck, Heather VanRiper and Linda Palmer.



Thank you to Bonnie Perry, John Townson and Mike Stamp for help with the backgrounds.

Special Thank you to these wonderful people who helped decorate and tear down. Heather VanRiper, Steve Allison, Mary Townson, Gunner Wilcox, Malik Marshall, Ethan Wilson, Mike Stamp, Bill Furnas, Susie Hoskins and John Townson.



In the Spotlight



A cleaner, brighter Food Pantry greeted visitors and volunteers when the renovated space reopened on Monday, July 15!

The project originally started because of the need to replace wooden storage cabinets with more secure metal ones. The plan mushroomed into a two-week mission, including multiple steps and more than a dozen volunteers. Work that was done included:

- Moving everything – food, clothing, furniture, files – out of the pantry into temporary storage;
- Taking down the more than 150 ceiling tiles, painting each one, and then reinstalling them;
- Removing the wooden cabinets, pegboard partition, baseboard molding and service counter;
- Cleaning refrigerators, freezers, shelves, windows and floor (mostly done by our wonderful ARC crew);
- Painting two coats on the walls and installing new base molding;
- Building a frame around two shelves and then installing and painting bead board over the frame,
for a brighter, cleaner, sturdier partition;
- Creating and installing a new service counter;
- Building, from kits, three new metal storage cabinets;
- Installing curtain rods and hanging new curtains;
- Creating and installing a bulletin board over an unused one-way mirror.

Most of the project was completed, and everything put back in its place, by the Monday deadline. A few more tasks need to be done, including installing a new faucet, but the pantry is up and running again.

There are almost too many volunteers to thank, but we will try.

Thank you for your help goes out to: Steve Allison, Tim Allison, Dana Carpenter, Marlene Carpentier, Ana Edwards, Bobbi Furnas, Lori Lee, Malik Marshall, Jeff Richards, Deb Stamp, Mike Stamp, Wendy Swatling, Gunnar Wilcox and Ethan Wilson.

-Pantry co-chairs:
Karen Mosteller and Pat Richards



YOU ARE INVITED:

Rally Day: Adult & Youth Christian Education with Dish to Pass Luncheon

September 8th is the start to a brand new year of Sunday School!

Kick off to Youth Sunday School, a new opportunity for adult Christian education, and a pot luck luncheon are some of the exciting events being planned for this year's Rally Day!

While we work out the specifics, we wanted to make sure you got this special opportunity for sharing God's love with one another on your calendar! Watch the Sunday bulletin, announcement slideshow, Facebook, or the September North Star for details as they become available. In the meantime, start thinking about what you want to contribute for lunch! We have provided a handy guideline to make sure we have all our bases covered!

If your last name starts with:

A—F

G—K

L—P

Q—U

V—Z



Please consider bringing a:

Main dish

Side dish

Non-meat option

Bread, fruit, or veggie

Beverage or dessert

...or bring whatever you like! We want to make this as simple as possible for everyone so we can focus on spending time together before the hustle and bustle of the Fall quickly rolls into holidays and calendars become as stuffed as a Thanksgiving turkey!

We truly look forward to slowing down a little and savoring the rich flavor that church family adds to our lives. We can't wait to see you there.

A Message About Stewardship

*God owns everything, and we get to manage it for Him.
The responsible management of these God-given resources
is called stewardship.*

- The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord.
– *Psalm 24:1*
- Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest.
– *Proverbs 3:9*
- Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.
– *1 Peter 4:10*
- Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.
– *2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

Recently in the mail, you may have received the return of your pledge commitment card for 2018-2019. As part of the Stewardship Campaign: People say: “Show me, and I will trust you.” God says: “Trust me, and I will show you.” These cards were completed and placed in a locked box at the front of the sanctuary. The envelopes were never opened or reviewed by anyone prior to their return to you. Your financial commitment to NPC is strictly between you and God, as you personally and prayerfully consider what to give in support of the continuance of the mission and ministry of God’s Church known to us as NPC.

Blessings and Peace,

Cindy Kalweit



NPC BUSINESS

Session Summary: June 17, 2019

Rev. Hicks called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present. The meeting was convened in Scripture and prayer led by Bobbi Furnas.

Session ratified the Call for the June 16, 2019 Congregational meeting.

Minutes of the May 20, 2019 stated Session meeting and the June 16, 2019 Called Congregational meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

The Financial Secretary reviewed the Financial Statements including the Profit and Loss Budget Performance for May 2019 and the Account Activity Summary for the Endowment Fund. Pledge income year-to-date is \$5,447.75 lower than the year-to-date budget amount. \$530 was collected and sent to Church World Service (Blanket Sunday). Session received the report (with thanks) including monthly and year-to-date financial statements as presented.

Rev. Hicks provided Session with a written report and “BLOG” thoughts. Rev. Hicks would like to meet personally with all members of the congregation. It was suggested that people might be willing to host a group in their home for such a visit. Rev. Hicks will follow up with more information in the North Star.

Jeff Richards provided the Session with an update on Presbytery. To date, Camp Whitman has received \$230,000 donations as a part of the \$250,000 matching funds campaign. Over 80 people attended a fund raiser on June 8th that included upscale camp food paired with local wines. Hiring for summer camp positions is complete and almost all of the slots for the first week of camp have been filled. The Geneva Presbytery Camp Whitman Committee will hold an overnight retreat at Camp Whitman as they work on completing the mission statement for the camp. Theresa Houck commented that the cost of the Family Weekend (August 9-12) is quite expensive. Following some discussion, a motion to provide half-scholarships to any NPC member to attend Camp Whitman during the 2019 Season was made by Theresa Houck. The motion was seconded by Bill Furnas and carried unanimously.

Session approve a request from the Buildings and Grounds committee to replace the fire access monitoring hardware system at a cost of \$2422.00.

On the motion by Bill Furnas, seconded by Annie LeFevre, Session approved up to \$60 be used to provide remote access to the NPC network.

Jeff Richards reminded the Session of that Worship in the Park (Grove) will be held on August 18th at **10:30** a.m. Men’s Breakfast will start up again on September 14th

Anne Motley reminded the Session of the dates of VBS – Sunday, July 14-Thursday, July 18th. Volunteers are needed. This year’s theme is The Incredible Race.

On the motion by Annie LeFevre, seconded by Bill Furnas, Session approved canceling the July 15th Stated Session meeting due to a conflict with VBS.

The meeting adjourned in prayer at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kalweit, Clerk of Session

August Worship Volunteers

Worship Assistant

8/4 Kurt Kalweit
8/11 TBD
8/18 Suzie Hoskins
8/25 TBD

Children & Youth Message

8/4 Kurt Kalweit
8/11 TBD
8/18 Pastor Hicks
8/25 TBD

Communion: Intinction

8/4 Linda Palmer, Cindy
Kalweit, Kurt Kalweit, Suzie
Hoskins, Annie LeFevre, and
Pastor Hicks

Greeters

8/4 Allie & Scott Sevey
8/11 Ann Motley
8/18 Barb Duryea
8/25 Alan Russell

Ushers

8/4 Team Kalweit
8/11 Team Williams,
Furnace, & Marks
8/18 Team Allison
8/25 Team Russell

Nursery & Wee Worship

8/4 Theresa Houck &
Chloe Donovan
8/11 Liz Wilson &
Linda Palmer
8/18 Mickey Vischansky
& Deb Stamp
8/25 Ann Motley &
Glenda Solowiej

Tech Booth

8/4 Bill Furnas
8/11 Tim Allison
8/18 Ed Wilson
8/25 Cheryl Allison

Prayer Partner

8/4 Becky Kowulich
8/11 Bobbi Furnas
8/18 Cindy Kalweit
8/25 Wendy Swatling

Counters

8/4 Annette Stevens &
Jim Mosher
8/11 Dolores Cummings &
Janice Williams
8/18 Suzie Hoskins &
Deb Stamp
8/25 Phil Carpentier &
Deb Stamp

Fellowship Time

8/4 Anne Motley &
Glenda Solowiej
8/11 Cheryl Allison &
Gretchen Barneski
8/18 Barb Duryea &
Karen Mosteller
8/25 Wendy Swatling &
Janice Williams



August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 Find us on facebook.			1 8:30: Yoga 12:00: Blood Drive 6:30: AA Meeting	2 10:00: Food Pantry 5:15: AA Meeting	3 8:00 pm: AA Meeting
4 9:30: Worship/ Communion 10:30: Fellowship 	5 10:00: Food Pantry	6 8:30: Yoga 8:30: ARC Training 6:30: AA Meeting	7 Bulletin Info Due 10:00: Food Pantry 6:30: CCC Prayer Group	8 8:30: Yoga 6:30: Communications Mtg 6:30: AA Meeting	9 10:00: Food Pantry 5:15: AA Meeting	10 8:00: AA Meeting
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18 10:30: Worship and Picnic in the Park 	19 10:00: Food Pantry 7:00: Board of Session Meeting	20 8:30: Yoga 8:30: ARC Training 6:30: AA Meeting	21 Bulletin Info Due 10:00: Food Pantry 6:30: CCC Prayer Group	22 8:30: Yoga 6:30: AA Meeting	23 10:00: Food Pantry 5:15: AA Meeting	24 8:00: AA Meeting
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