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NOTICE: As CDC/NYS guidelines change, please stay tuned to our FB page & website for updates.

August, 2021
A Letter from Pastor Hansen

I am fascinated by time. As human beings, we live in “time.” Whether we measure it using an atomic cesium clock or measure it by lunar cycles, humankind organizes itself around time. We use time to gauge how productive we are, whether it is how many tasks we complete over a span of hours or the time we spend on one, particular task. We use time to determine when we celebrate holidays, religious festivals, birthdays, anniversaries, and when we are supposed to get up in the morning. Everything we do revolves around time – whether we like it or not.

Rabbi Abraham J. Herschel observes in his book *The Sabbath*, “The [Hebrew] Bible is more concerned with time than space. It sees the world in the dimension of time. It pays more attention to generations, to events, than to countries, to things; it is more concerned with history than with geography.” Herschel, 6-7. Time for us is like oxygen – we live surrounded by it, we depend on it, and we cannot exist without it. And when we become fixated with time and we try to possess it and control it, we transform time from being an essential part of our existence and a blessing into an unforgiving tyrant who denies us our desire for more of it. Viewing time as an enemy or a tyrant to be conquered or overthrown or a barrier that must be cast down, we forget that God is the God of time – God created time. God created and set into place the very objects we use to measure time, whether it is the cesium atom or the sun, the moon, or the stars; and God declared time to be good. Genesis 1:14-18 (NRSV).

As humans who follow Christ, we are not immune to the very human tendency to view time as a curse of not enough. Consumed by efficiency, productivity, and the worry that we are wasting our time; we prioritize time above everything else and we slowly, quietly, and very effectively turn it into an idol. Believing the lie that we can control and possess what we cannot, we turn what is a gift of God into a burden around our necks.

As someone who has struggled (and struggles) with the monetization of time, I am certainly not immune to what I have described above – I have lived it and it is part of who I am as a human. However, my wrestling with time has helped me understand that ultimately – the gift of time is the gift of relationship and the gift of love. Our relationship with God is not grounded in what we have or acquire or achieve – but it is grounded solely in God’s love for us. Therefore, as creatures who live in time, our relationships with each other should be grounded in love and in time.

As people of faith, we must avoid seeing living inside of time and having a beginning and an end as a curse; and instead, we should see it for what it is – a gift of being known and knowing God and each other in relationship. For it is only through time that we see God’s work in our lives and God’s love for us and each other and we have hope. As much as our watches, our phones, our clocks remind us of the time and whether we are “early,” “late,” or “on time;” they are also a reminder of one of the greatest gifts we can give anyone – the gift our time and our attention whether it is in prayer, in conversation, or simply sitting with someone who just needs us to be there. For the time we give to each other is a gift of God’s love; and, that is the greatest gift we can ever give.

Warmly in Christ,
Pastor Evan



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The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases.

If you would like to donate Chancel flowers (\$35), please contact Lori Lee at 739-3176.

Available Sundays for August and September 2021 are:

August 8 & September 5, 19 & 26.

Please take the flowers home to enjoy after the service.

If we are not in the sanctuary on your chosen date, we will be in touch with you to make a plan.



August Worship Volunteers

Tech Booth

August 1 Steve Allison
August 8 Ed Wilson
August 15 Bill Furnas
August 22 Steve Allison
August 29 Ed Wilson

Greeters

August 1 TBD
August 8 TBD
August 15 TBD
August 22 TBD
August 29 TBD

Children & Youth Message

August Deb Stamp

Ushers

August 1 Tim & Cheryl Allison
August 8 Kurt & Cindy Kalweit
August 15 George Batrowny, Pat or Jeff Richards
August 22 Janice Williams, Phil Carpentier
August 29 Jerry Russell, Joe Rolls, Bob Russell

Counters

August 1 Annette Stevens, Jim Mosher
August 8 Dolores Cummings, Janice Williams
August 15 Suzie Hoskins, Deb Stamp
August 22 Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards
August 29 Cindy & Kurt Kalweit

Wee Worship

August 1 Ann Motley, Ethan Wilson
August 8 Allie & Scott Sevey
August 15 Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea
August 22 Liz Wilson, Brenna Wilson
August 29 Mickey Vischansky, Deb Stamp

Worship Assistant

August 1 Cindy Kalweit
August 8 Tim Allison
August 15 George Batrowny
August 22 Wendy Swatling
August 29 TBD



August 1:
Vicki Balon

August 8:
Joan Barneski

August 15:
George & Sandra Batrowny
Brooke and Molly Batrowny

August 22:
Debi Batrowny

August 29:
Eustacia Bean

**Jesus tells us
to pray without ceasing
for the good of God's people.**

August 1:
Rita Derry
550 Wilmette Ave., #217
Ormond Beach, FL 32174

August 8:
Maxine Burroughs
99 Demarist Parkway
Elmira, NY 14905

August 15:
Theresa Gublo
456 Roe Avenue
Elmira, NY 14901

August 22:
Betty Carney
74 Smith Road
Millport, NY 14864

August 29:
Margaret Densberger
660 West Washington Avenue
Elmira, NY 14901



Cards for the
Homebound

*Please send a
card to our
Homebound
Friends
today!*



**We would like to remind everyone that they
are welcome to attend Session Meetings.**

**If you are interested in attending one, please
contact the church office.**



Weekly Prayer Chain Email

Did you know that you can pray or be
prayed for? You are invited to let the church
office know how you would like to be
involved.

We are stronger together.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

KIDS CORNER

Children and Youth Ministry August 2021

August is a time to wind down, rest awhile and then start planning for Fall. Fall brings the start of Sunday school and all the many activities which start up after summer break.

Before we start planning for fall, we must look back on the past month of July. July was a month full of planning and anticipation for the upcoming VBS week. VBS was held July 18th-22nd and what a wonderful time we had! “Rocky Railway” made its debut on Sunday, July 18th and from the very start we could feel that it was going to be a special week. The amount of volunteers who turned out was nothing short of a true blessing. Volunteers of all ages helped throughout the week to make sure VBS ran on track and that everyone had a good time. Kids brought neighbors, friends, and extended family to join in the fun. We had a great week of song, bible stories, crafts and just good old fun playing games in the yard. Every day we had a yummy meal of kid favorite foods. If you’ve ever helped out at VBS mealtime, you know it’s quite a feat. The last evening we held a blacktop carnival with games/prizes and face painting and a visit from the “Kool Treats” ice cream truck. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the last evening with friends old and new! I can’t say thank you enough to all who volunteered their time for our children.

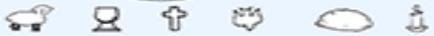
We will be ordering curriculum and making plans for a year of learning and fun as we head towards the end of summer, but we still have some weeks ahead of warm summer weather to enjoy. Speaking of warm weather and fun times, don’t forget the “Service in the Park” on August 15th at 10:30. Youth Ministry will provide games for the kids. So grab your blanket or lawn chair and come join us! Be safe, be happy, and most of all, continue to follow Christ, for we never walk alone with him by our side.

Blessings in Christ,

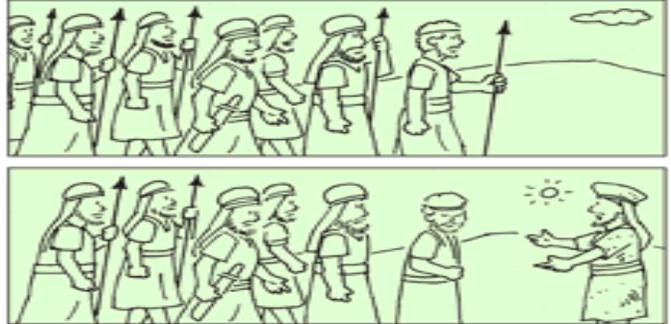
Deb Stamp

Dir. of Children and Youth Min.

Paul Prays for the Ephesians
Paul prayed for the Ephesians.
Find and circle the hidden objects.




David Mourns for Saul
When David had returned from battle, he heard about the death of King Saul.
Circle 5 differences in the second picture.



Did You Know?



- Per NYS mandatory COVID-19 guidelines, all persons aged 2 years and up who are not yet fully vaccinated must wear masks and maintain social distancing.
- Session has decided that those who have been vaccinated will not be required to wear a mask while sitting, standing or singing.
- We will continue our contact tracing measures, for the time being.
- As long as there are fewer than 250 people in the building, we are authorized to use, and will use, the honor system in regards to vaccine status. We trust that persons will wear masks if they are not fully vaccinated.
- We will continue to use bulletin inserts for the music, for the time being. We hope to return to hymnals soon.
- The lyrics for the praise songs and hymns will continue to be sent with the Zoom link even after we return to using hymnals.



Parking Lot Worship:

- Please use only the North Entrance (towards Roe Ave.)
- Please tune your radio to 1700AM.
- Please exit through the South Entrance (towards the college).



Zoom Worship

- Zoom service Link will be emailed each week for those who would like to participate via Zoom.



Sanctuary Worship:

In order to comply with the CDC/NYS guidelines, the Session of NPC has decided on the following:

- Seating during worship will remain socially distanced.
- **Worshippers who are NOT vaccinated are still required to wear a mask.**
- **Vaccinated worshipers are not required to wear masks while sitting, standing or singing.**
- Churches with fewer than 250 persons in worship may rely on the honor system for reporting vaccination status.
- **Congregants will still need to register at the Welcome Center.**
- **We will no longer be using the Maître D' for seating.**
- Friendship pads and hymnals have been removed from the pews to minimize contact transmission.
- The service will always appear on the large screen at the front of the church.



August Food Pantry

Shopping List:

The following items are needed this month for the Food Pantry:

- *Canned pasta*
- *Peanut Butter*
- *Jelly*
- *Monetary donations are also welcome.*



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Pantry Patch



Our Pantry Patch is producing lots of veggies!

So far there have been snap peas, green beans, cucumbers, squash and Swiss chard harvested and donated to the food pantry.

Thank you to Pat and Jeff Richards for all of their hard work on this project!



Friendly Reminders

From the Board of Deacons

If you are aware of any member or former member of our church family who is sick, hungry, injured, hospitalized or homebound, please contact us at 607-734-2977. With the Pandemic still going on, it is hard to know who is in need of pastoral care, unless informed.



God Bless,
The Board of Deacons
Congregational Life

Please join us for the annual



October 20, 2021

More details to come soon!

If you have been receiving a monthly mailing—North Star Newsletter, Devotionals and Hometouch—and would no longer like to be included in the mailing, please contact the church office at 734-2977 or office@northpres.church.





Renovation house

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF MEN

North Presbyterian Church
921 College Ave.
Elmira, NY 14901

Dear friends and family of the Renovation House,

My hope in writing you is that you would feel my sincerest gratitude in the words of the letter that follows. For alone we've accomplished nothing. If you're receiving this letter, it is because God has used you to bless this ministry and you are a partaker of its fruit. 2021 marks my eighth year as Pastor and Director of the Renovation House. In that time, we've made many renovations to the facility in an effort to create a place where people don't just need to be, but want to be. The Lord has added, through gardens and trails, ponds, bridges, animals and most importantly, people.

We've had a lot of heart breaks along the way. We've been torn and crushed. Addiction is cruel and unmerciful, but our victories surpass any of our setbacks and have made this journey worth it. I love my position. I'm eight years deep into this; I'm still amazed that I get to be part of what God is doing here.

You gave, and people got saved
You gave, and shackles were broken, chains were shattered
You gave, and drug addicts & alcoholics became ministers of the gospel
They are out there now advancing the kingdom cause of Christ on the earth



We will continue to build • We will continue to be a place of healing • We will continue to be a place of restoration • We will continue to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness from sin and an inheritance.

The Women's Home has grown from a dream and is now a reality. It is our hope in 2021 to see it continue to grow, flourish, and stand on its own. We will continue to see drug addicts and alcoholics come in the front door and world changers exiting the back door.

Our facilities are aging and in need of constant repair, stuff wears out, things break, but we need to continue, lives are hanging in the balance.

We're beginning to see how from right here in Spencer, NY, we can literally change the world. Through disaster relief, humanitarian relief efforts, missions trips and whatever other crazy things the Lord puts our hand to, we are advancing the kingdom.

Thank you for thinking of us, thank you for standing with us

Sincerely

Rev. John P. Earley

Renovation house

SPENCER

Who We Are

Renovation House is a ministry committed to helping both men and women find freedom and restoration from addiction and other destructive life-controlling problems.

We have created a successful, Christ-centered alternative to rehab through a residential, 12-month discipleship training program where men and women, who want to, can come encounter God and be set free.

Leadership

DIRECTOR, PASTOR
Reverend John P. Earley

MEMORIAL PASTOR
Joe Arminio
1957 - 2019
Abundant Life Worship Center
in Whippany, NJ



Reverend John P. Earley
and his wife, Heather

Our Program

Our program is made up of four components that provide a well rounded curriculum here at Renovation House.

1. Classes and Chapels

During their stay at Renovation House, residents will receive classes and Bible studies from local pastors and ministers geared to help equip them on their journey. Classes are each week day.

2. Work Practicum

This doubles as the "Work Therapy" aspect of the program and also as a way to keep tuition cost down. Students' tuition covers 23% of their stay here, so the men work around the grounds in addition to crafting cutting boards to sell and supplement tuition costs. The women also participate in work throughout the day and craft items to sell. We don't believe that being idle is healthy. It is good for us to work and then see the fruits of our labor.

3. Counseling

During classes and chapels, there is a lot of organic group counseling through the teaching and discussions that follow. Individual counseling is also available.

4. Work Hard, Play Hard

We work hard, but we also play hard. We make sure to schedule time for recreational activities such as bowling, days at the lake (boating, swimming, tubing), hiking, extreme sledding, fishing, ball games and much more.

Our Mission

Discovering and Dealing with the underlying roots that are fueling addiction.

Teaching men and women WHO GOD IS and WHO THEY REALLY ARE in Christ.

Equipping students to walk in victory, spiritual authority, and health.

Working toward the restoration of broken relationships.



RENOVATION HOUSE

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES
OF MEN AND WOMEN

**"No matter what you've done
How far you've fallen
Or how damaged you think you are
There is a hope for you
There is a future for you
There is a destiny that awaits you."**

Reverend John Earley

CONTACT

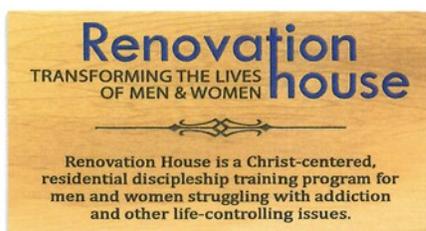
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Begin your journey to freedom today

Renovation House is a Christ-centered discipleship training program for men and women struggling with addiction and other life-controlling issues.



"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

Acts 26:18



MEN'S HOME

WOMEN'S HOME

"One of the greatest privileges of my life has been to serve the men of Renovation House. The miracle never ceases to amaze me. To watch a broken, hopeless and guilt-ridden countenance melt before the Lord and be changed to one of peace, joy and expectation for a future yet to be realized."

"We are committed to having the atmosphere where God is welcome, and men that want to, can find Him and be transformed. We created a place that feels more like home than an institution."

- Reverend John Early

"To open their eyes, and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, and that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

- Jesus (Acts 26:18)

Renovation House for Women is a faith-based residential ministry for women who have become ensnared by life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. We offer a 12-month discipleship program to teach women to walk in VICTORY over the very things that enslave them.

"Since coming to Renovation House for women I have found peace. I no longer walk in the darkness of depression, anxiety, fear and addiction. I am thankful and grateful to God that I have been reconciled to my family and have been given purpose. Living together and experiencing life with the women at Renovation House has truly helped me to build relationships to last a lifetime."

- Casandra

"... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor."

- Isaiah 61:3

Admission

1st MONTH:

\$1000.00

Non-refundable admission fee

MONTHS 2 - 12:

\$400.00

Monthly

** We do not have the ability to accept insurance of any kind

What if I can't afford \$400 per month:

Time to get sponsored. Most people can't afford to pay for the program out of pocket. This is when potential students need to start reaching out to friends, family members, or churches who have invested in their lives and want to see them walking in freedom. Often times, several people will come together and figure out how to cover the cost.

Renovation house
WOODCRAFTS FOR A CAUSE

To purchase from our Etsy Shop scan our QR Code or visit us at www.etsy.com/shop/RenovationWoodCrafts



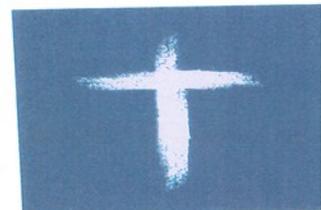
SCAN ME

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Visit our website www.renovationhouse.org

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Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. - Romans 12:12

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. Now more than ever, we are so grateful for your generous support.

Your contribution provides warmth, comfort and hope to neighbors near and far. It provides a tangible reminder to migrant families that they are not alone as they seek safety. It wraps refugees in warmth as they arrive in the United States to build a new future. It provides comfort to our neighbors who have lost homes or are struggling in the face of extreme challenges. Around the world, your support means relief and hope.

Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. Thanks to your compassion, we can--and will--change lives.

Sincerely,

Rick Santos
President and CEO
Church World Service

To stay informed on how you're helping people in need, at home and around the world, visit cwsglobal.org and follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **Twitter**.



Gift Receipt

Thank you!

Date of Gift: July 12, 2021

Amount: \$325.00

Purpose: Blankets

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No goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift; therefore, your gifts to Church World Service are tax deductible as allowed by law. Please keep this receipt for your records.

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The Fellowship Committee is providing a picnic for participants following Worship in the Park on Sunday, August 15th. Hot dogs and hamburgers cooked fresh off the grill will accompany individual servings of several dishes, including: baked beans, potato salad, fresh fruit cup, coleslaw and bagged potato chips. Water, lemonade and table service will be provided.

Please bring your own chair for seating if you would rather not sit at a picnic table. Additional tables will be provided.

We are looking for volunteers to prep and package food before the event.

Please contact Jeff Richards if you are willing to volunteer.

(607) 738-0685.

Looking forward to seeing you then!

Fellowship Committee



VBS this year was a big success! Thank you to all of our participants and volunteers who helped make our "Rocky Railroad" so much fun!





Stewardship Is
HEART WORK
Learning ♥ Worship ♥ Service

Missionary – a champion, crusader, apostle, evangelist, minister, preacher, disciple, messenger.

North Church through its participation (benevolences and per capita) in the PC(USA) supports missions and missionaries around the world with around \$9,700. North Church also supports local missions (Renovation House, NPC Food Pantry, and the Elmira Community Kitchen) and a mission in Honduras with local ties (Border Buddies).

With a budget of roughly \$325,000 for 2021, North Church paid \$6,250 in per capita expense, \$3,419 to our denominational partners (Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly Missions), and \$14,100 for general mission expenses for the Food Pantry (\$12,000), Border Buddies (\$500), Renovation House (\$500), Elmira Community Kitchen (\$200), Mission Interpretation (\$500), other local mission support (\$200), and the Personal Needs fund (\$200). These expenses comprise between 7 and 8 percent of our budget. In short, our charitable contributions are about \$23,800. The balance of the budget (over \$300,000) goes to the care and feeding of our building, staff and us. If we would actually tithe on our investments, what impact would those funds have on the community around us? On spreading the love and message of Christ?

Our denominational partners send us a bill; they tell us what we ought to pay them. It wasn't that many years ago when NPC did not even support the food pantry through its budget. Not everyone in our congregation was happy when this change was made, and even less happy with the amount of the support. So, after the \$12,000 to the food pantry, we choose to give \$2,100. Of that, \$200 goes into the Personal Needs fund which distributes \$25 gift cards to Weis; the Mission Interpretation and local mission support are discretionary accounts for the Mission Committee totaling \$700; and \$200 is given to the Elmira Community Kitchen to purchase food for its lunch program. Now what is left for our local missionaries? \$500 for Border Buddies and \$500 for Renovation House.

Michael Miller answered the call of God, sold his business and everything else he had in Horseheads, and headed to Honduras to teach children about Jesus, to show young men that there is a better life than being in a gang, to train young women to sew and earn some income, and to bring in medical professionals from the US to treat his community.

John Earley, Pastor of the Love Church in Horseheads, created "a ministry committed to helping men find freedom and restoration from addictions and other destructive, life-controlling problems." Renovation House is a successful, Christ-centered alternative to rehabilitation facilities. The participants enter a year-long discipleship training program. This program has expanded to also serve women. Renovation House receives no government funding. It is residential community located in Spencer, New York and contains gardens, a woodshop, and a small animal farm. The participants literally work to eat.

Most years, Mike and Glenda Miller travel back to the area to see family and benefactors. Glenda has joined us many a January updating our members on their work. For years, Mike, at great personal risk, entered the prisons and removed the tattoos of gang members. They faithfully send report cards to keep us apprised of our sponsored students' accomplishments. Each month we also receive a letter from Renovation House detailing the life-changing success of one or more residents at its facility.

These two groups do more with the little we give them than anyone else I can think of. It reminds me of the five loaves of bread and two fish that Christ multiplied to feed 5,000 men (plus the women and children!). God is with them, blessing them, they are following His lead. I thank God that Pennsylvania Avenue UMC and Victory Highway and other area churches and individuals support the work of these organizations so they can continue their important work. They depict true stewardship – caring for God's people.

Please keep them and their ministries in your prayers. Please greet them with open arms and hearts when they are with us. They are doing the work in the field we are not or cannot. They are not pleading with us for more money, they have not asked - the conviction I feel is personal - \$2.2 million vs. \$1,000. If after reading this you think we should be doing more for them or for any ministry or program in the community that is reaching out and helping people with the love of Jesus, please talk to the Pastor or a Session member.

Thank you and may God bless each of you,

Linda Palmer
Finance Committee

From the Presbytery



Social/Emotional Health

Best Practices & Check-in Guide

Middle school and high school youth are part of Generation Z. They're more likely than others to report anxiety and other mental health issues. Two new resources focused on the mental health and wellness of youth are now available for free download from the Office of Presbyterian Youth and Triennium.

You can read more about these wonderful resources at

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/youthministry/presbyterian-youth-and-triennium/>

“As a recent Pew study shows, the personal religiosity of Americans continues to decline. We’d like to gently remind people of the significant good that religious organizations and individuals do for our society and economy,” said Kerry Troup, Communications Director of Faith Counts. “This database helps quantify religion’s contributions in a way that is accessible, interesting and readily available.”

To read more about this good news, visit the Presbyterian Mission [news site here](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/faith-counts-launches-first-comprehensive-resource-on-religions-impact-in-america/). <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/faith-counts-launches-first-comprehensive-resource-on-religions-impact-in-america/>



If you work in communications for your congregation, you are invited join the newly formed Communicators Network PC(U.S.A.) Facebook Group. Our goal in creating this group is to create a safe space for collaboration and conversation among Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) church communicators on effective communication tools and strategies.

We hope to provide you with quality content that engages, educates, and inspires. You can look forward to the latest tips, best practices, and social media content ideas. We also want to hear from YOU! What challenges, questions, and opportunities are you experiencing as a church communicator.

To join the Communicators Network PC(USA) Group go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/490961472321192> and click “Join”. If you know of anyone who might also benefit from being a member of this group feel free to invite them to join. We’re all in this together!

We look forward to seeing you and discussing all things communications in the Communicators Network PC (U.S.A.) Facebook Group!

August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Communion 	2	3 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours	4 Bulletin Info Due 9:30 am Finance Meeting 10 am Food Pantry 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours	5 12:00 pm Blood Drive	6 10 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA Meeting	7
8 9:30 am Worship Service	9	10 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 4 pm Christian Ed Meeting 7 pm Buildings and Grounds Meeting	11 Bulletin Info Due 10 am Youth Protection Committee 10 am Food Pantry 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 5 pm Worship & Music Meeting	12	13 10 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA Meeting	14 Saturday Workday
15 Worship in the Park  10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Communion  Picnic directly after worship 6 pm Board of Session	16	17 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours	18 Bulletin Info Due 10 am Food Pantry 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6 pm Bell Choir Practice	19 9 am Thurs Morning Musicales Board meeting	20 10 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA Meeting	21
22 9:30 am Worship	23	24 Newsletter Info Due 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 	25 Bulletin Info Due 10 am Food Pantry 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6 pm Bell Choir Practice	26	27 10 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA Meeting	28
29 9:30 am Worship	30	31 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours	 <p>Summer Blessings Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name. PSALM 97:11-12</p>			