



INTO THE FOLD JULY 2022

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Ponderings by Pastor JoEllyn...

The Black Dot



One day a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They waited anxiously at their desks for the test to begin. The professor handed out the question paper, with the text facing down as usual. Once he handed them out, he asked his students to turn the page over to begin. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions -- just a black dot in the center of the page. The professor seeing the expression on everyone's face, told them the following:

"I want you to write what you see on this page."

The students confused, got started on the inexplicable task. At the end of the class, the professor took all the answer papers and started reading each one of them aloud in front of all the students. All of them with no exceptions, described the black dot,

trying to explain its position in the middle of the sheet. After all had

been read, the classroom remained silent, the professor began to explain.

"I am not going to grade you on this, I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot -- and the same happens in our lives. We have a white paper to observe and enjoy, but we always focus on the dark spots. Our life is a gift given to us by God, with love and care, and we always have reasons to celebrate -- nature renewing itself every day, having our friends around us, the job that provides our livelihood, the miracles we see every day. However, we insist on focusing only on the dark spots -- the health issues that bother us, or the lack of money, the complicated relationship with a family member, the mistake we made at work or school, the disappointment with a friend, etc. The dark spots are very small compared to everything we have in our lives, but they are the ones that occupy our minds."

Now take your eyes away from the black spots in your life. Try not to be distracted by specks or spots or dots, but to see around it and through it to all that is good.

Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you. Be happy and approach life with a more

positive attitude. We are what we think!

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."

--Winston Churchill

I remain, Always...

Praying You Through, Pastor JoEllyn

Bette's Bits & Bytes:

July 25th marks my 5th year as the church Secretary.. I've learned much, in these 5 years, about the functions of the Church.. I've enjoyed every moment of it.. I find this position very rewarding. I sometimes feel like, in a small way, I am being extensions of Jesus's hands and feet..

I've followed in my Mom, Marian Watnick's footsteps as she was also the Church Secretary.. I think, but not totally certain, she may have been secretary while Herb Wingard, Rev Byrd, Rev Northrup, Ken Mahan, Joe Andrews were the ministers...

What I do remember is going with Mom once in a while when it was time to print bulletins... YIKES! She used a mimeograph machine. She wore old clothes, because you never knew if you would get splashed with that blue ink.. She'd have blue fingers and sometimes a smudge or two of blue on her face somewhere...

I am quite thankful that my job is much easier, because of computers and copy machines...

RPUMC is my home church.. This is where my parents, sister, & I've attended, most of my life, except for a brief 2 or 3 years when I attended Lamb's Chapel. For whatever the reason God called me to go to Lamb's, then he told me to come back here.. Maybe I needed to grow. Learn something elsewhere, to be able to serve in this position now.. But this Church has always been home in my heart... I love this church family...

I've known many of you, which seems like forever, I've really grown close to so many of you since my time here as Administrative Assistant, the fancy title Pastor JoEllyn tells me to use .. Speaking of Pastor, she is great to work for...She has become a wonderful friend & confidant.

You, my church family, here at RPUMC are the best... This is a great place to call HOME!

I thank each of you for your support, fellowship, love & hugs..

I don't know how many more years I have here, but I will take however many God and you will let me stay ..

I am not certain of the dates, but here is a list of Secretaries from 1958 to present & the pastors they served during their time here... If anyone knows the more precise dates, please feel free to pass that info on to me... Maybe it is time to update the Pastors list to include those after Marcia Porters History of RPUMC in 1996.

Other Secretaries:
Charlotte Kitchenmaster,
1958 – 1962 Herb Wingard
Shirl Sater, 1978 - 1984

Joe Andrews, Richard Pickering,
Cherie Everill Ringer, 1984 – 1988,
Rick Pickering, Ron Dixon

Peg Griezowski, 1985 – 1993
Ron Dixon – Phil Lutz
Fran Hedstrom, 1994 – 1999
Phil Lutz, Andy Martin
Kathy Jack, 2000 – 2013
David Tripp, Dorothy Jones
Gail Dailey 2013 – 2017
Debbie Beason
Bette Schaefer 2017 – present
JoEllyn Chadwick

Before you know it we will
being saying.....



Christ's Love to you all, Shalom,

Bette

The June
Meeting of
Best Years



met at Jenny Rae's, Wednesday June 15.
Hosted by Bette Schaefer, Iva said grace ,
food order taken, followed by lively
conversations.

Birthdays: Linda Everingham 6/5, June
Lenig, 6/25, Sharon Campos, 6/28, &
Evelin Hamilton 7/17...

Attendance prizes were won by: Linda,
Karen & Ben Rison, Karen Fitzgerald,
Wayne Kirkham, Jean Snyder, Gail Dailey,
Sue Hartwick, & Iva Wasielewski.

Others present were Lester & JoEllyn
Chadwick, Shirley Kirkham, Rose Lenig,
Mary Kessler, Annette Clark, Cathy
Strakowski, & Joyce Blint..

The next meeting will be July 20th hosted
by Iva. Wayne & Shirley Kirkham will
host the August Meeting.
Stay Vigilant, Stay Safe, & Stay Healthy.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have finished the Wesley Bible
Studies series on Acts, and the study,
John The Gospel of Light and Life by
Adam Hamilton. We began the new
study, "The Women of the Bible
Speak" by Shannon Bream, Sunday
July 3rd. Led by Pam Dixon.. The
women of the Bible lived timeless
stories. By examining them, we can
understand what it means to be a
woman of faith. People unfamiliar
with Scripture often assume that
women play a small, secondary role
in the Bible. But in fact, they were
central figures in numerous Biblical
tales.

The Women of the Bible Speak
outlines the lessons we can take
from the valor of Esther, the hope of
Hannah, the audacity of Rahab, and
the faith of Mary. In broadening each
woman's individual story, Shannon
offers us a deeper understanding of
each, and wisdom and insights that
can transform our own lives today.

• Author: Shannon Bream • ISBN:9780063046597 •
Format:Hardcover • Publication Date:2021-03-30

Come join us for the discussion.



CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

We had good teacher sign up May &
June.. We still have July 17 & July 24
that need teachers.. We ask that you
prayerfully consider being a teacher
for those dates..

They continue using *Faith and
Science with Dr. Fizzlebop* It has easy
experiments for the children..

Dr. Fizzlebop's desire is to show kids how faith and science connect. Each experiment connects to a devotional that allows kids to go deeper and learn about God's amazing design for everything around them.

Our goal is to have you teach only one Sunday every other month.. We ask that you prayerfully consider being a teacher..

EVENTS & MEETINGS 2022

July



every Tuesday 7:30 a.m.

UMW Meeting

Tues. July 12 9:30 a.m.
Deborah Wordinger Hostess –
Myrna Everill Program

Food Pantry Fundraiser
Dollar for Dogs 9 a.m – 2 p.m
Saturday July 16 @
Kabelin's West

Culver's Give Back
Benefiting the Food Pantry
Tuesday July 19
Let Culver's Cook for You!

Best Years – Wednesday July 20,
Noon Jenny Rae's

August

UMW Meeting

Tues. August 9 9:30 a.m.

Annual Picnic

Everyone bring a fave dish to share..
Fellowship & Games

Board/Council Meeting

Sunday August 14 @ 5 p.m

Food Pantry Fundraiser
Dollar for Dogs 9 a.m – 2 p.m
Saturday Aug 27 @ Kabelins West



Missions & Outreach..
Thank you to those who

have given to the Kings Club to support the Missions of our church.



July Anniversary

- 2 Chris & Monica Stouffer
- 8 Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain
- 10 David & Sandy Wasielewski
- 21 Barry & Cheryl Pumroy
- 23 Harold & Carrie Carlson
- 27 Jim & Dottie Sue Davis
- 29 Joseph & Pam Pask
- 31 Bruce & Deborah Wordinger

July Birthday

- 02 Suzanne Jarka
- 05 Monica Stouffer
- 05 Aaron Richardson
- 08 Jean Dare
- 09 Richard Livinghouse
- 12 Amanda Lullenberg
- 14 Marc Tuholski
- 15 Eli Adams
- 17 Evelin Hamilton
- 19 Haley Schuck
- 19 Abigail Siford
- 19 Lea Richardson
- 21 Carmen Fuentes - * Garrido
- 22 Thomas Thresh
- 23 Grant Krivak
- 25 Barbara Parker
- 26 Kim Richardson
- 28 Ryan Nickerson
- 29 Julie Phillips
- 29 Daniel Siford
- 29 Gunner Ray
- 30 Mike Krivak
- 31 Jared Dare
- 31 Ella Wheatbrook
- 30 Cory Parker
- 31 Anthony Nickerson



August Anniversary

- 05 Dennis & Courtney Masek
- 06 Dave & Cheri Ringer
- 19 Paul & Sherry Iwaszewski
- 19 John & Patty Sardeson
- 1. 20 Kris & Stacey Moody
- 23 Glenn & Karen Swanson
- 28 William & Jean Dare
- 28 Joe & Jackie Watnick

August Birthday

- 02 Michael Reese
- 04 Karen Rison
- 04 Dalton Huegel
- 05 Patty Sardeson
- 06 Colin Syverson
- 07 Brian Goodspeed
- 07 Scott Nordin
- 09 Lester Chadwick
- 09 Dan Hartwick
- 10 Susan Knowlton
- 10 Patricia Sue Hughes
- 10 Glenn Swanson
- 11 Alice Lenig
- 11 David McSurley
- 12 Kevin Swanson
- 13 Amy Manuszak
- 14 Grace Siford
- 15 Jennifer McSurley
- 16 Greg Snapp
- 19 Paula McClelland
- 21 Sue Hartwick
- 22 Sharon Reuer
- 23 Hugh Porter
- 24 Jayden Flagg
- 24 Jacey Dare
- 27 Connie Galloway
- 28 Brian Witkowski
- 29 Carrie Carlson
- 29 Harold Carlson
- 30 JoAnn Nickerson

If you have a need or you know someone that needs prayers, Call Pastor JoEllyn and she will relay to the next person to activate the Prayer

Chain. Or you can call Bette at Church as well....
 Pastor JoEllyn's Cell phone # for After Hours Emergency & Prayer Chain Request **(219)-363-5061**



**Needs plastic bags & Egg Cartons
 July Food Pantry Needs...**

Jar Apple Sauce – Any Cereal – Canned mixed vegetables
 Thursdays 8 am – Noon



Next Give Back day, for Food Pantry Fundraiser, is Wednesday, July 19th Let Culver's in LaPorte, fix breakfast, lunch, dinner, and they will donate 10% of net sales to the food pantry... Let the cashier know you are there for the kickback.. If you opt for the drive through tell the cashier to donate your receipt to the food pantry... Or if can't visit Culver's that day, just give what you would have spent, in donation to the Food Pantry

Malinda Lutz, wishes to thank everyone for the cards that are sent her throughout the year and for the newsletters... She appreciates it so much...



From the family of Burt Mickleson, Rose Lenig's Brother.

My Family & I want to thank you so much for allowing us to use part of your church for the gathering to celebrate Burt Mickleson's life.. Thank you, Karen Mickelson



The June 14, 2022 UMW meeting began in prayer given by Rose and was followed by reading our UMW purpose together. We, as always, had food! We acknowledged 2 donations given to the group, one for a funeral dinner and the other for Upper Room.

Cares and concerns are always part of our get-together and we weren't short on both of them. Iva told us that there had been a wonderful flag day ceremony at our local VFW. It is celebrated each year at the local post and the ceremony is beautiful. This is a place to bring tattered or worn flags to be burned. Penny also told us about the fantastic parade Three Oaks, Mi has each year to celebrate flag day. There were 108 units including her family!

The day happened to be a sad time for Pastor's daughter's family due to losing a pet. Their young dog, Oscar, died after eating a fast-food nugget (won't say the place but we all know nuggets!). They are checking into what exactly caused the death of their pet! Those of us that have pets know the pain of losing one of our precious companions.

Joyce's sister had been in the hospital due to an infection caused by a dog scratch.

Myrna was at our meeting and it was great to see her up and moving. Pam told us her rehab plans and updated us on the family. Myrna also told us about how she felt the Holy Spirit throughout her falling and now her rehab. God is Good!

Deb gave us the treasurers report and stated she had gotten paper products that were needed. We approved paying the remaining apportionments for Missions and Mission U. Penny will check on the backpacks for school closer to fall, to find out what might be needed.

Euchre night was put on the calendar for November 5, 2022. We will finalize plans within the next month or 2.

Myrna read our prayer calendar. So many women throughout the world share some of the same problems as women right in the United States. Our group tries to help with needs of women in the world. Sometimes it seems overwhelming but even small ideas and events might change lives! Rose had our program which was looking at nature and being as one. Nature is showing us the newness of God each and every day! Nights, when it is dark leads to beautiful mornings with light, sunshine, new blooms on plants, and birds chirping. God shows us that resurrection is continuing! Rose would like us to think about what is good in our community and somehow get the community interested in new and exciting events that might pull others to not only the community, but also the church. We have so many great events in the local area but we need to come up with a new, catchy idea! Penny is receiving a case of toothbrushes from her dentist to donate to "Phil's Friends". We will color some of the cards they use in their boxes at a meeting and then get them back to their group. Next month's meeting is July 12, 2022 @ 9:30 am. Deborah Wordinger is hostess (She wasn't aware until we told her that she had signed up in October of last year! Hopefully we didn't scare her off!) Myrna has the program for the meeting. We hope to see you there! We are saving you a seat! Cheryl Lenig RPUMW secretary

Church Family Health & Such Update:

Joe Knowlton has been transferred to VA friendly nursing home, Majestic, in Goshen, from Millers Rehab in New Carlisle..

Scott Thieme continues to struggle with his lung health.. He is home, with hospice...

Margaret Rimmer continues to struggle with her breathing. Effects of COPD.. Has been in hospital a couple different times in the last month or so...

Sharon Campos – Is doing better, off oxygen during day, but has to use during night...

Whatever comes our way we know that You, God, are in Control...

A Note from Margaret Rimmer; The hotter weather has been bad for me. Been in hospital twice since I spoke with you. Only 2-3 days each time but second one was worse. I thought I'd done well staying inside when it was hot and humid, but not enough... Love to you, Margaret...

Our Sympathies to the families of:

Judy Richmond – friend of Food Pantry
Jaymes Buckley O'Neal – nephew
Patty Sardeson



Lyle Syverson (Hospice began Monday June 27, dad, Neal & Sue),

Scott Theime (home, hospice), Joe Knowlton (transferred to Majestic Nursing Care, Goshen, In , health issues), Shirl Sater (rehab fountain view), Sharon Campos (doing better on oxygen@ night), Pam Dixon (Chemo, Cancer), Margaret Rimmer (COPD Health Issue),

The prayer list has started over other than a few who I left on.. If you want someone back on the list or added, please fill out new request card or call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette 219-778-2910



Eric Nieto US Army-grandson-in-law
June Lenig

Kaily Collins Tirone,
US Army
granddaughter
Marjorie Olah

David Armstrong US Army – grandson-in-law of Jean Snyder
Garrett Obenchain
Air Force Reserves -
Son Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain.
Grandson Rose Lenig
Dylan Elkins Air Force – brother of Brandon Elkins

Jacob Adams Army-grandson
Chris Adams

Craig Carlson (pilot) Air Force – son
Harold & Carrie Carlson

Matthew Chadwick Army – son
Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick

Michael Showalter Marines - grandson,
Wayne & Shirley Kirkham

Matthew Rompca Air Force - nephew,
Shirley & Wayne Kirkham

Katelyn Williamson Marines - Granddaughter of Jim Williamson



Have you ever been on Vacation?

Everyone needs time away to relax and have fun, right? I have a suitcase here...



Do you think you could help me come up with a list so I don't forget anything to take on vacation.

Clothes,
Hair Products,
Comfortable shoes
Sandals for the beach,
Swimsuit,
Camera,
a book, so in case get bored..
Money for food & souvenirs..

Anything else I may have forgotten? I want to make sure I have everything I might need on the trip..

What kind of things do you pack when you go on vacation or camping..

Sometimes we pack so much to take, it feels like we're not really "getting away from it all"- We are taking it all with us?

The Bible tell us that Jesus appointed 72 of His followers and sent them out, two-by-two, to go into every town and place where he was about to go..

Do you know what Jesus told them to take with them?

NOTHING! Can you imagine?
NOTHING!

Jesus said to them "Go!" Then He went on to say, "Do not even take a purse, or a bag, or a pair of sandals."

Why would Jesus tell them to leave everything behind? I think it's because none of that stuff could help them share the good news the way only Jesus could.

Just as Jesus sent out 72 people, He wants you and me to go to people today and share the good news about Jesus. We don't need to pack anything special; we can just go as we are and obey Jesus. Jesus loves us and He loves our friends. The results of us telling others about Jesus doesn't depend on upon us. We should not become proud when people receive the message and we should not be discouraged when they reject the message. Jesus tells us just to go and tell others and leave the rest to Him!

Dear Jesus, may we be ready and willing to go when You say, "GO!" and leave the results up to You.... AMEN,,

Excerpted from
<https://sermons4kids.com/depends-on-jesus.html>

Next Newsletter will be out in September.. If You have anything you would like to share in the newsletter please get to Bette by Aug.29..

Have a Great Summer!!



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July 2022
Dated Material

July 3, 2022
4th SUNDAY after Pentecost
2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30 (UMH 762)
Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10, 2022
5TH SUNDAY after Pentecost
Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82 (UMH 804)
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 2022
SCRIPTURE READINGS
From UMC Lectionary Calendar

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Church Office Hours
Mon – Wed 10.- 2
Thurs 12 - 4

Pastor JoEllyn Hours:
Tues & Thurs
12 pm – 4 p.m.
Other times by appointment

July 17, 2022
6TH SUNDAY after Pentecost
Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52 (UMH 804)
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 24, 2022
7TH SUNDAY after Pentecost
Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85 (UMH 806)
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13

July 31, 2022
8th SUNDAY after Pentecost
Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (UMH 830)
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21