

## United Presbyterian Church ~ July & August 2019 Newsletter

### Birthdays July

07 - Susan Williams  
07 - Kendyl Langfitt  
08 - Hope Polzin  
22 - Tabetha Waller  
22 - Jesse Howieson

24 - Floyd Keller  
28 - Deb Olson  
28 - Landen Kakacek  
29 - Bob En Tin  
30 - Kohen Langfitt

### Greeters

7 - 14 Mary & Jim Howieson  
7 - 28 Lori & Don Wason  
8 - 11 Eden Polzin & Lindsay Watne  
8 - 25 Keith Bell & Heinz Schmid

### Birthdays - August

04 - Darcy Robb  
10 - Pat Fisher  
14 - Tristan Kakacek  
17 - Norma Keller  
18 - Heinz Schmid  
18 - Alex EnTin  
25 - Jim Howieson

### Acolytes

Ushers

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Mark Fisher  
Heinz Schmid

### Committee of the Month

\*Peg & Ted Bunn  
Pat & Mark Fisher  
Heinz Schmid

Church Friends and Family,

July 2019

It is hard to believe that I am already writing for the July newsletter. July means that we are well into baseball season (go Cubs), and it also means that 2019 is half way over. Lucky for me I have Kathy and Nancy to keep me on task so I don't let time slip away.

Summer can be an especially busy time of the year. Summer is full of one activity after another – there is golf (if you like that sort of thing), the lake (and keeping the boat running), baseball or softball, family reunions, bicycle rides, the pool, vacation (if we can fit one in and if we can pay for it), mowing the yard, the garden (various kinds) and the list goes on and on.

All of this busyness makes me think. How do I best spend the time I have?

All of us have a limited amount of time and energy. Most of us have a limited amount of money as well. Logistically, we just can't do everything. So, how do I spend the time I have?

None of the things I listed above are bad things, but my responsibility is to answer the question; "What are the best things?" Of all the choices I have in life; "What is the best way to spend the 24 hours I have been given today?" What is the most fulfilling? What is the most impactful? What is the most rewarding? What is the most meaningful?

(This would be a good spot to throw in the reminder from Pentecost that God's plan is to hold our hand and for us to hold the hand of others. Just saying.)

Maybe if I asked myself these questions before I filled in my calendar for the summer I could make the best of this season.

My prayer is that we would all make the most of the days we have been gifted with.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Bill

Session Minutes  
United Presbyterian Church  
Clarion, Iowa  
June 12, 2019

The stated meeting of the Sesion was held Wednesday, June 12, 2019 p.m in the Conference Room. Those in Attendance were: Jeff Fankhauser, Mary Kallem, Malinda Howieson, Karen Wason, Peg Bunn and Rev. Bill Kem, Moderator. Excused: Mark Fisher. Rev. Kem opened with devotions and prayer.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Session voted to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was noted that \$10,000.00 needs to be taken out of the General fund and place in a Pastoral Housing Fund. Rev. Kem and Deb Olson will visit with Bruce Frink about a few minor changes to the Treasure's Report. A report of the Building Fund was given. We exceeded our goal of raising \$10,000.00 from the congregation by \$1000.00. The anonymous donor of \$10,000.00 if we reached our goal has given Rev. Kem that check. We agreed that we need to continue this fund raiser so that we can get our debt below \$100,000.00 dollars by the end of the year. At this time we owe \$124,950.70 before we pay the \$21,000 we have just raised.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** The Session voted to approve the May 8 Minutes.

We have received the letter of transfer from the Clarion Church of Christ for **Pat and Sherri Obrien.**

**We received a thank you from the Clarion Rotary Club for the Backpack donation. We approved the request for use of the church on June 30 by the Polzin family. It was suggested that the names of those serving communion be put in the bulletin and ask Nancy to send them a reminder on the Remind App.**

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Rev. Kem officiated at funerals for Floyd Keller and Dennis Hamilton, and a wedding in Omaha NB. He had a request from Heinz Schmid that his 3 grandchildren have asked to be baptized. The Session voted to approve that Ally, Wren and Nicholas will be baptized on either July 14 or 28. Heinz Schmid also requested that Bill would do a vow renewal for his daughter-in-laws sister and her husband.

**PW:** Mary Kallem reported that the fund raising meal for Festival In The Park went well. The board is going to discuss changing how much of the camp expense they pay for the kids going to camp.

**CHRISTIAN ED TEAM:** It is planned that new material from Cokesbury Publishing will be used starting this fall. It is a 3 yr plan and that the pastors will use the same scripture in their sermons as is being taught in Sunday School.

**LENTEN TEAM:** The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was overlooked during Lent, so we will have a time to collect this the end of July or first of August.

**MISSION TEAM:** They are talking about going to Marshalltown to help rebuilding from the tornado.

**ORDINARY TEAM:** They have discussed going to an Iowa Cubs game.

**PROPERTY TEAM:** The arm on one of the front doors is broken. Ted Bunn is getting repairs.

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Ted Bunn requests approx. \$250.00 to upgrade software in the sanctuary. It was M/S/A to allow this.

**SESSION ASSIGNMENTS:** Rev. Kem and Deb: visit with Bruce Frink about Treasurer's Report.

Rev. Kem: talk to Nancy about putting in the bulletin and sending a reminder to those serving communion.

Rev. Kem closed the meeting with prayer at 8:00.

Just a friendly reminder, please keep in mind that when you request to use the building, that request has to go through the Session to be approved and *then* we will let you know if it was approved and I will put it on the calendar so no one else can get that spot.

They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month except July.

There is a basket on Nancy's desk if you want to leave a request or any other notes. **Please** use that so the papers don't get misplaced or worst yet thrown away. Thank you!

Every month that has 5 Sundays, we will collect a "Deacon's Offering". This offering will be used by the deacons to help people in need.

We will collect the "One Great Hour of Sharing" (a special offering) on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Hey – check out the new webpage, it has a brand new look and you can even read the whole newsletter there! Great job Ted!!

GAME ON! Clarion Ecumenical Youth VBS is Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the First United Methodist church of Clarion. The program is open to all children who have finished 4 yr. old preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

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Jun 30	Jul 1	2 10AM Prayer Group Blood Drive 1-6PM	3 6AM Early Risers	4	5	6
7 9:30 AM Worship-UCCC	8	9 10AM Prayer Group	10 6AM Early Risers	11	12	13
14 9:30 AM Worship-UPC Connection Sunday	15	16 10AM Prayer Group	17 6AM Early Risers	18	19	20
21 9:30 AM Worship-UCCC Celebration of Communion	22	23 10AM Prayer Group	24 6AM Early Risers	25 Celebration of Communion at the Meadows 9:45 AM	26	27
28 9:30 AM Worship-UPC	29	30 10AM Prayer Group	31 6AM Early Risers	Aug 1	2	3

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