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Newsletter of Rockton United Methodist Church July 2019

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Potluck Picnic



Sunday, July 7th

Fellowship Hall

Immediately Following the Worship Service

WE WILL PROVIDE:

Table Service
B-B-Qs
Beverages

YOU BRING:

Your favorite dish to
pass!



CARITAS

JULY is HAIR CARE MONTH



This is the time that we ask for folks to donate hair care products for Caritas. These products are not provided by the organizations that provide the food to Caritas. This is the only time during the year that we ask for your contributions to fill the Hair Care Shelf.

From Sunday, July 7 - Sunday, July 28, there will be a large blue tub in the narthex for your donations. Watch the sales, purchase smaller sizes of shampoo and conditioner, as well as combs and brushes, and let's work to fill that tub!

If you have any questions, please ask Judy Schellenberger.

Robert Burton to lead our service on July 28

Robert was raised in Flint, Michigan, by wonderful Christian parents. He sang in the choir, played cornet in concert band, and even though he has worked in churches most of his life, his church work eventually included leading a choir without any formal training. He was saved and baptized at the age of 13, and attended several Bible colleges after high school, acquiring a degree in Theology. Robert attended Mott Community College in Flint for graphic arts and is presently a member of the Art Council downtown. He likes to paint, but he loves to write songs.

Robert began writing songs around the age of 28 and twenty years ago, he produced a CD consisting of 11 original songs. Robert's song writing was put on hold as he cared for his elderly mother, but after her passing in 2016 at the age of 95, he began working on songs again, producing a new CD. He has sung in over 30 churches, performed concerts, sang in folk festivals and at community events.

Robert is 59 years of age and has 2 adult children, a son 28, a daughter 30, and a grandson 11.

He says his desire is to love the Lord Jesus Christ and serve him through song and speaking for the rest of his life.



There are many things that get done for our church and congregation by members that expect nothing in return for their good deeds. If you know someone that we should acknowledge please let the church office know. This month it was mentioned we should express our thanks to:



- ◆ Bill Campbell for spraying the weeds in the parking lot
- ◆ Donna Granath for pruning the rose bushes around the flag pole
- ◆ The men and women that prepared food, served meals, and cleaned up afterward for the bicycle group from South Bend, Indiana



- ◆ Members of the congregation that contributed money to buy the groceries to feed the bicycle group
- ◆ Mark and Matthew Alcorn for changing the curtain and banners in the chancel area

SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULED FOR JULY

- July 7 Good News Band (Roscoe UMC)
- July 14 French Horn Trio (Carolyn and Ethan Branch and Teresa Walters)
- July 21 Abe Vaughn (Vocalist and guitar player)
- July 28 Robert Burton (Travels from Flint, MI, to a different state each summer to provide an entire musical service)

Thank you to Sarah Landerholm, The Basin Street Boys, and Wade and Loann Collier for providing our special music during June. A love offering of \$304 was collected for The Basin Street Boys.



Congregational
Care Team



July 2019

We don't want to miss anyone who could use a visit. Please call the church with names of members who are not able to attend worship services for one reason or another. We would love to drop in on them during the month. We always call first to make sure it is a convenient time to visit with them.

If you would like to be part of this visiting group of our congregation, please leave your name with Pamela in the church office and a member of our team will contact you!

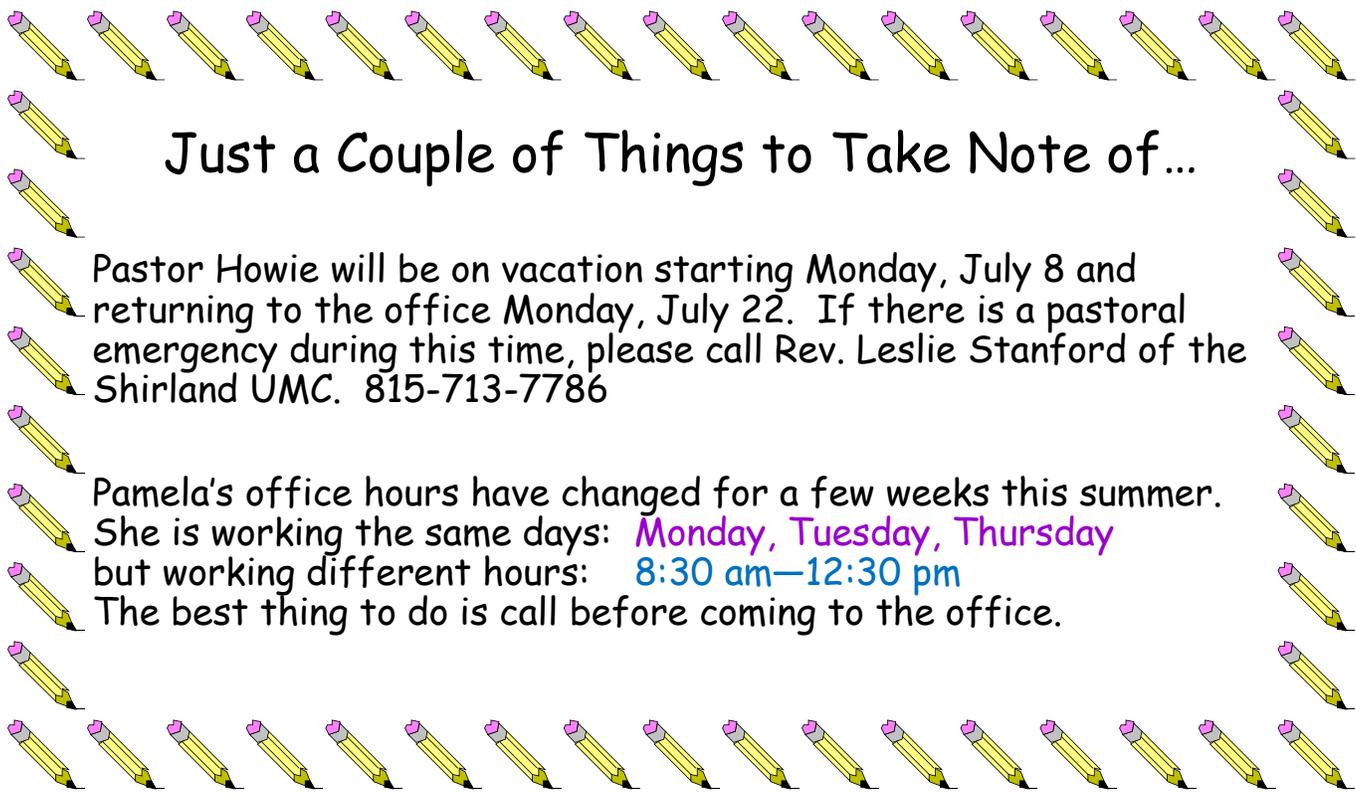
Blessings to each one of you.

Mary Louise Muench



As a member of the Fellowship Committee, and on behalf of those also on the committee and non-members who volunteer with our projects, I want to thank Gail Johnson, Chair of the Fellowship Committee, for organizing, ordering the food, and prepping some of it in advance when we have to prepare meals for the congregation (Easter breakfast, two meals for the Clay Church Firehouse Youth Ministries bikers overnight at our church and several more functions). It makes the day of preparing the meals very efficient for all the workers. Thank you, Gail!

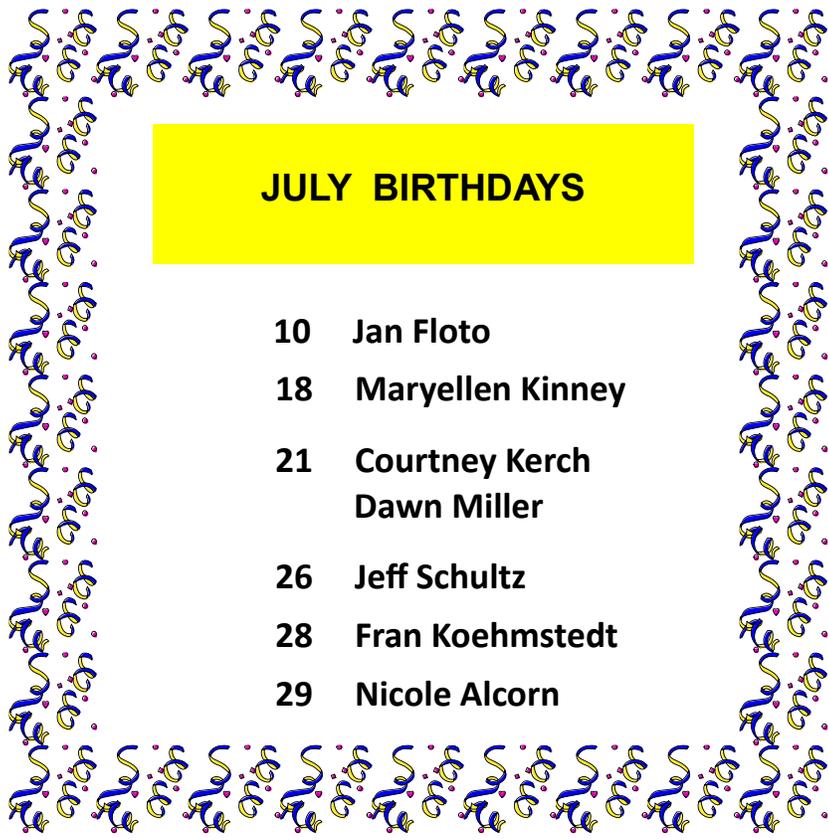
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Just a Couple of Things to Take Note of...

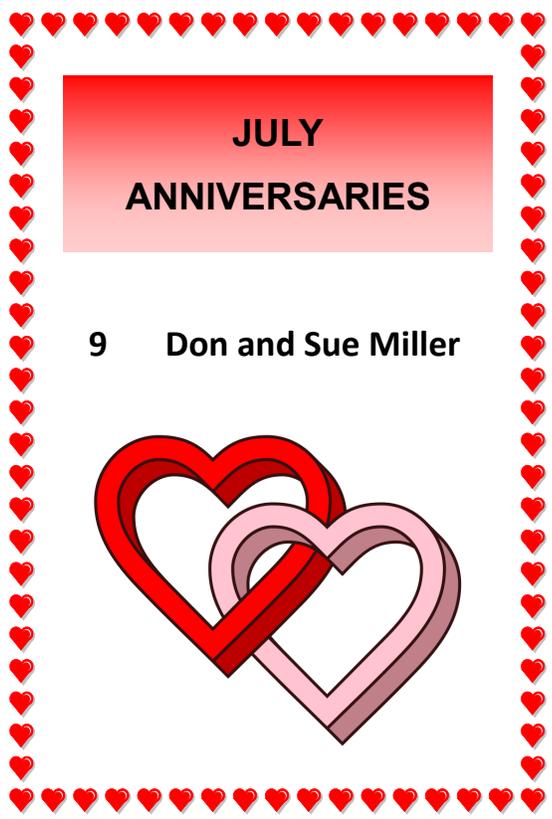
Pastor Howie will be on vacation starting Monday, July 8 and returning to the office Monday, July 22. If there is a pastoral emergency during this time, please call Rev. Leslie Stanford of the Shirland UMC. 815-713-7786

Pamela's office hours have changed for a few weeks this summer. She is working the same days: **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday** but working different hours: **8:30 am—12:30 pm**
The best thing to do is call before coming to the office.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Jan Floto
- 18 Maryellen Kinney
- 21 Courtney Kerch
Dawn Miller
- 26 Jeff Schultz
- 28 Fran Koehmstedt
- 29 Nicole Alcorn



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Don and Sue Miller



The bicycle riders from Clay/Firehouse ministries, part of the UMC in South Bend IN, arrived for an overnight stop at our church on Sunday, June 23. Enjoy some of the pictures of their time with us and our church members that helped serve them home cooked meals.





The bicycle group included a lot of music at their church service Sunday night.



And they're off!





Come and be part of our church Prayer Team

The Prayer Team meets the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 10:00 am. They are now meeting in the home of Bruce and Mary Louise Muench at:
6918 Saladino Dr. Roscoe, IL

Let Us Pray For:

Recovering from health issues:

Sheila Bates
Judy Cunningham
Rev. Gloria Halvorsen (Gail Johnson's sister)
Joel Hunt

Continued prayers for:

Family of Carol Kingery
Charlie Cunningham
Jack Sine (Phyllis DeGraff's nephew)
Dawn Johnson (Jim & Gail's daughter)
Lyle Covert
Matthew Cooper (Grandson of Kathy Markley,
Nephew of Lori Oostendorp)

Prayer requests will appear for about 1 month after submission. Contact the church office to add or remove names. **For an urgent prayer request, call Sharon Ruff to start the prayer chain: 815-229-1932**



We Welcome New Members

On Sunday, June 30th, after attending the new member class the week before, we received into membership three new members.

Kathy Markley and Lori Oostendorp come to us as new members of the United Methodist faith.

JoAnn Medernach transferred her membership from The River of Life Church in Beloit, WI. Welcome to our flock!



Not Quite "Up To Speed" with the Fruits of the Spirit? Then take a moment to practice those lyrics!

The Fruit of the Spirit's not an apple
The Fruit of the Spirit's not an apple
If you want to be an apple,
you might as well hear it
You can't be a fruit of the Spirit
Cause the Fruit is
Love, Joy, Peace, Patience
Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness
Gentleness and Self-control
(Repeat)

July 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p><i>1</i></p> <p>Trustees 12:00 pm</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>Boy Scouts in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday at 6:30</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>Office Closed</p>  <p>4th of July</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>
<p><i>7</i></p> <p>Worship 9:00 am</p> <p>10:00 am Potluck Picnic Bring a dish to pass</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>Prayer Team 10:00 am</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>
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<p><i>21</i></p> <p>Worship 9:00 am Max Dodson Filling the pulpit</p> <p>Howie on vacation</p>	<p><i>22</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>Prayer Team 10:00 am</p> <p>Finance meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>Ad Council 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>26</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>
<p><i>28</i></p> <p>Worship 9:00 am</p> <p>Food on the 4th</p>	<p><i>29</i></p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	<p><i>31</i></p>			