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***TOWER TOPICS***

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**UPCOMING SUMMER SERVICES**

August 6 – Guest speaker, Barry Smith – Reconnecting with nature, ourselves and God. Our guest speaker is Barry Smith. Barry has a BA in Biology from Rockford University in Rockford, IL, and earned a PhD in Plant Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Barry just retired in April after a second career in advertising. He resides in Chicago with his spouse, seven tropical fish and 89 houseplants. He is a member of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church.

August 13 – Communion service. Mary Carlin will be the guest preacher.

August 20 – Theme: Practicing Prayer

August 27 – “Something Old, Something New, Something Global, Something You” – a journey through the new Red Hymnal and its stories.

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Building and Grounds is checking into fixing an obstruction in the sewer
- Fellowship is making plans for the church picnic on September 10<sup>th</sup>
- Finances are looking positive at this point in the year
- Worship and Music has posted a schedule of remaining summer services in Tower Topics
- Jam Ministry has reached about \$1600 of its \$5000 goal so far

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### **Treasurer's Report:**

#### **General Operating Fund**

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 6/1/2017 | \$60,828.71        |
| Receipts                   | \$20,501.40        |
| Disbursements              | <u>\$20,780.46</u> |
| Ending Balance 6/30/2017   | <u>\$60,549.65</u> |

#### **Building Reserve Fund**

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 6/1/2017 | \$36,798.73        |
| Receipts                   | \$ 1,719.60        |
| Disbursements              | \$ 0.00            |
| Interest                   | <u>\$ 1.53</u>     |
| Ending Balance 6/30/2017   | <u>\$38,519.86</u> |

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Called into being by God's grace, we are Christians in progress;  
Called to grow together in God's ways through worship, study, fellowship, evangelism,  
and service;

Called to be servants of God's love to one another, to our community, and to the world.  
We welcome all to our community of faith.

## **CHECK IT OUT** by Sheryl Becker

Things have been busy in the church library this summer. With the generous help of Leslie Potoroff, we have gone through most of the adult books and are working on getting cards in all of them. We have also separated several very old and/or unused books that contain names of members that donated the books. Please feel free to take any that belonged to you. Unclaimed books will eventually be discarded or repurposed.

There are also several new books and magazines on the cart in the Fireside Room, as well as some Pastor Picks, personal favorites of Lance. There are selections to appeal both to men and women, and some darling ones for children. I personally am looking forward to reading a fiction book entitled *The Five Times I Met Myself*, by James Rubart, that received positive reviews. Have you ever felt "out of the loop"? Then *Uninvited* by Lysa TerKeurst might help. The new books have cards on the inside cover, so feel free to take out the card, sign and date it, and put the card in the small wooden box on the shelf.

Future plans include going through the children's books and relocating them. Other possibilities include book studies and optional book reviews to share with others. We're excited about Christian-based literature, and hope you'll share that feeling!

## **GARDEN NEWS**

Have you taken a look at our garden lately? It is truly amazing! Our sweet corn must be 5 or 6 feet tall (I didn't know sweet corn got that tall!). It has tasseled & is starting to form ears. The bush beans are starting to produce in abundance. Kale & Swiss chard are still doing well, peppers are starting to produce, tomato plants are coming along great, beets & onions starting to mature & cucumbers took over & crowded out the poor peas. Herbs & mint are still producing, and raspberry/blackberries enjoyed the rain - better shape for next year. We have collected about \$100 so far at church & I have made 3 trips to Shalom Center & 1 trip to Salvation Army with lots of greens & herbs mostly, for which both places seemed enthusiastically appreciative.

Thanks to all who have given their time tending, harvesting & selling. Thanks also to all who have purchased or donated - this is also a Mission money raiser, so please continue to give generously. We also need more people to sign up as Garden Keepers (watering through the week) & Garden Reapers (harvesting & selling).

Enjoy the abundance 🌿

Sandy B.

# Deacon's Ministry

**Shalom Center Food Ministry:** The first Tuesday of the month we volunteer for soup kitchen, except for the months of April and November. Please sign up, so we know how many are coming. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, our 16 volunteers served 56 people. Thank you Souper Stars for making the soup, all the volunteers, and the bakers that made cupcakes. Our next soup kitchen is August 1<sup>st</sup> and the Souper Stars are making the soup. In June we collected 5 bags of groceries. Our next Deacons Food Collection is August 6<sup>th</sup>. **IMPORTANT: WHEN THE SOUP KITCHEN MOVES INTO THE NEW BUILDING, WE CAN NO LONGER MAKE THE SOUP AT CHURCH OR HOME. IT MUST BE MADE AT THEIR LOCATION.....HEALTH REQUIREMENTS.** Will let you know when they move into the new building.

**Chains of Prayer:** Call Judy Wynstra at 262-605-1127 if you have a prayer request. If she is not home leave a message. She will make sure your request is taken care of. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain please contact Judy.

**Card Ministry:** The Deacons send cards to members who cannot join us Sundays in church, as well as those who may sick, hospitalized for some reason, or are going through some rough times and need support. Please contact Tana Baldwin if you know of someone who needs a card. Donations of cards are appreciated. You may put any donations in Tana's mailbox. If you would like someone to call you, serve you communion, or visit, please let us know.

## **HELP WANTED:**

Lydia Spottswood would like to retire as coordinator for the soup kitchen. She is willing to help anyone interested to learn the responsibilities of the job. We would really like to see more than one person take over the job, so the responsibilities can be shared. This is an important outreach service for our church, so please think about it and contact Lydia.

**Our next meeting will be announced.**

## **JAM MINISTRY CRUISES SLOWLY ON**

As summer moves on, new fruits are ripened and new jams (mostly old favorites) appear on the JAM TABLE. If your pantry or cupboard still has jams from last summer, it is time to use them up. You can always make scones (or buy English muffins, which aren't very English) and slather on butter and jam as a breakfast or teatime treat. That's what the Presbytery Council Retreat is planning on doing – with JAM MIN jams, of course. Several people have shared that they stir a little jam into natural yogurt and avoid all of the whatever comes with those fruit-flavored (or is it chemical-flavored) yogurts. And, if you heat jams with a little water, they make great toppings for ice cream. The mango jam is great on pork; so is the plum jam (available soon).

All that, and you can be helping the children and teachers of one of the poorest counties in the world through our **4-S: Support South Sudan Schools** project. South Sudan doesn't get much news coverage, but it is a war-torn needy area. The Presbyterian Work Mission and the churches there are working at peace-making between the fighting factions, but they are also trying to save the younger generation and provide some schooling for the children. A visitor to the country wrote:

The PCOSS students, teachers, and PTA members were ... grateful "to be remembered" and receive a visit. At one school, the PTA president, stated: "Education is a top priority for us." In the present context of overwhelming struggle, I was surprised to hear those words still rang true for this community elder. The head teacher made the same foundational statement, "Education is our top priority," and then went on to explain that the children did not have any water at school and many were not able to pay school fees.

Some good things have been happening, however. The quarterly report from the South Sudan project says that textbooks were provided to five schools, while one school was provided with a few basic supplies such as chalk, scissors, and pens, and another received reading books to boost literacy skills and to encourage reading for leisure. A two-classroom block for a newly-established school in a resettlement location was finished (see picture), plastering and painting were carried out in one school that recently re-opened, and construction of one classroom was started for a host community school. There is hope as educational work picks up.

And you can help with your generous giving. We are about ready to send off our first \$2,000, thanks to generous gifts from neighbors and friends as well as our own church people. But we can't be satisfied with that, can we?



## DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### AUGUST 2017

- Aug 1** – Psalm 54, 146, 28, 99; 2 Sam. 3:6-21; Acts 16:6-15; Mark 6:30-46
- Aug 2** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; 2 Sam. 3:22-39; Acts 16:16-24; Mark 6:47-56
- Aug 3** - Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; 2 Sam. 4:1-12; Acts 16:25-40; Mark 7:1-23
- Aug 4** – Psalm 88, 148, 6, 20; 2 Sam. 5:1-12; Acts 17:1-15; Mark 7:24-37
- Aug 5** – Psalm 122, 149, 100, 63; 2 Sam. 5:22-6:11; Acts 17:16-34; Mark 8:1-10
- Aug 6** - Psalm 108, 150, 66, 23; 2 Sam. 6:12-23; Rom. 14:7-12; John 1:43-51
- Aug 7** - Psalm 62, 145, 73, 90; 2 Sam. 7:1-17; Acts 18:1-11; Mark 8:11-21
- Aug 8** – Psalm 12, 146, 36, 7; 2 Sam. 7:18-29; Acts 18:12-28; Mark 8:22-33
- Aug 9** – Psalm 96, 147:1-11, 132, 134; 2 Sam. 9:1-13; Acts 19:1-10; Mark 8:34-9:1
- Aug 10** – Psalm 116, 147:12-20, 26, 130; 2 Sam. 11:1-27; Acts 19:11-20; Mark 9:2-13
- Aug 11** - Psalm 84, 148, 25, 40; 2 Sam. 12:1-14; Acts 19:21-41; Mark 9:14-29
- Aug 12** – Psalm 63, 149, 125, 90; 2 Sam. 12:15-31; Acts 20:1-16; Mark 9:30-41
- Aug 13** – Psalm 103, 150, 117, 139; 2 Sam. 13:1-22; Rom. 15:1-13; John 3:22-36
- Aug 14** – Psalm 5, 145, 82, 29; 2 Sam. 13:23-39; Acts 20:17-38; Mark 9:42-50
- Aug 15** – Psalm 42, 146, 102, 133; 2 Sam. 14:1-20; Acts 21:1-14; Mark 10:1-16
- Aug 16** – Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, 1, 33; 2 Sam. 14:21-33; Acts 21:15-26; Mark 10:17-31
- Aug 17** - Psalm 97, 147:12-20, 16, 62; 2 Sam. 15:1-18; Acts 21:27-36; Mark 10:32-45
- Aug 18** – Psalm 51, 148, 142, 65; 2 Sam. 15:19-37; Acts 21:37-22:16; Mark 10:46-52
- Aug 19** – Psalm 104, 149, 138, 98; 2 Sam. 16:1-23; Acts 22:17-29; Mark 11:1-11
- Aug 20** - Psalm 19, 150, 81, 113; 2 Sam. 17:1-23; Gal. 3:6-14; John 5:30-47
- Aug 21** – Psalm 135, 145, 97, 112; 2 Sam. 17:24-18:8; Acts 22:30-23:11; Mark 11:12-26
- Aug 22** – Psalm 123, 146, 30, 86; 2 Sam. 18:9-18; Acts 23:12-24; Mark 11:27-12:12
- Aug 23** - Psalm 15, 147:1-11, 48, 4; 2 Sam. 18:19-33; Acts 23:23-35; Mark 12:13-27
- Aug 24** - Psalm 36, 147:12-20, 80, 27; 2 Sam. 19:1-23; Acts 24:1-23; Mark 12:28-34
- Aug 25** – Psalm 130, 148, 32, 139; 2 Sam. 19:24-43; Acts 24:24-25:12; Mark 12:35-44
- Aug 26** – Psalm 56, 149, 118, 111; 2 Sam. 23:1-7; Acts 25:13-27; Mark 13:1-13
- Aug 27** – Psalm 67, 150, 46, 93; 2 Sam. 24:1-2, 10-25; Gal. 3:23-4:7; John 8:12-20
- Aug 28** – Psalm 57, 145, 85, 47; 1 Kings 1:5-31; Acts 26:1-23; Mark 13:14-27
- Aug 29** – Psalm 54, 146, 28, 99; 1 Kings 1:32-2:4; Acts 26:24-27:8; Mark 13:28-37
- Aug 30** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; 1 Kings 3:1-15; Acts 27:9-26; Mark 14:1-11
- Aug 31** – Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; 1 Kings 3:16-28; Acts 27:27-44; Mark 14:12-26

## **FIRESIDE FRIENDS**

Fireside Friends is taking its usual summer break in August in an unusual way. The coffee will be on at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall to give some of the chairs some TLC. So, if some of you would like to come, bring an old washcloth, old small towel, maybe a lint roller or lint brush to help with the process. Maybe we can spot clean quite a few chairs while we enjoy some good fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Mary Wirch or Julie Iorio.

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## **SENIOR LUNCHEONS**

Our senior luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All seniors and guests are welcome. Please join us for delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

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## **HELPING HANDS**



Do you need a little extra help? The Helping Hands program offers various types of assistance to our members. Contact Donna Bauman to see if we can help.

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

July 2	95
July 9	111
July 16	70
July 23	92
July 30	tba
Sunday Average	92

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## **THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Sadly, three church members passed away in July. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Warren Piehl, Oral Congdon, and Clarence Griffin.

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## **PRAYER SHAWL**

Prayer Shawl will meet at church on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. All knitters and crocheters welcome!

## **PIZZA AND MOVIE NIGHT**



Please join us for dinner and a movie on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Pizza, popcorn and soda will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the movie(s) will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. The movie *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* will be shown in Fellowship Hall for both children and adults.

Alexander always seems to have bad days, and his family always seems to have good days. On his birthday, he wishes for his family to know what a bad day feels like. Soon, the whole family knows what it's like to have a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

All members and guests are invited. Please sign up for Movie Night on the sheets in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall to give us an idea of how much food is needed. Hope to see you there!



## **TRAINING AVAILABLE**

Leadership training will be available in September through the Presbytery of Milwaukee for our Session members and Deacons. Contact the office for more information.

## **SOUP KITCHEN**



On Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, our congregation is helping prepare and serve a nutritious meal for those in need at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. New volunteers are welcome. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.



## **THANK YOU**

Heartfelt thanks to the church family for the many expressions of sympathy during the illness and passing of our mother, Evelyn Anderson. We appreciate all the beautiful cards, phone calls, visits and memorials in her memory.

--Family of Evelyn Anderson



## **FALL RUMMAGE SALE**

On Sunday August 13 (communion), we're going to sell more merchandise that was donated to us by the Lake Forest Presbyterian Church. Make us that offer we can't refuse.





## August Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> .....Elaine Azuma
- 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Kim Mock
- .....Kristen Sorenson
- 5<sup>th</sup> .....John Hauter
- 10<sup>th</sup> .....Kathy Misun
- 12<sup>th</sup> .....Carl Edenhofer
- .....Beth Azuma
- 13<sup>th</sup> .....Karen Edenhofer
- 15<sup>th</sup> .....John Miles
- 27<sup>th</sup> .....Jerry Jones
- .....Brad Behling
- 30<sup>th</sup> .....Jackie Natzke
- 31<sup>st</sup> .....Dana Berry

### DEACONS

Kathy Anderson, Tana Baldwin, Lynn Faulk,  
Jane Frost, Nancy McGovern, Penny  
Ingraham, Julie Iorio\*, Brenda Langerman,  
Carole Serpe

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## ANNIVERSARIES August

- 8<sup>th</sup> .....Boyd and Jennifer Frederick
- 11<sup>th</sup> .....Carl and Karen Edenhofer
- 18<sup>th</sup> .....Brad and Deb Kovachik
- 22<sup>nd</sup> .....Carole and George Serpe
- .....Jerome and Marcy Hufendick
- 28<sup>th</sup> .....Bob and Laryssa LeFebve

### SESSION

- Gary Anderson (Fellowship)
- Kelly Andrichik (Worship & Music, Personnel\*,  
Nominating)
- Ron Bauman (Stewardship & Finance\*, Building  
& Grounds, Personnel, Nominating)
- Erika Behling (Worship & Music)
- Sandra Billingsley (Christian Education\*, Mission\*)
- Walter Deignan (Building & Grounds)
- Cris Doil (Stewardship & Finance)
- Marcy Hufendick (Christian Ed, Personnel)
- Shari Infante (Fellowship\*, Mission)
- Ron Meinhardt (Worship and Music\*, Personnel)
- Bill Misamore (Stewardship & Finance)
- Paul Spottswood (Fellowship, Worship and Music)

( ) indicates committee assignments; \*indicates  
Team Leaders  
Mark Bourque is moderator



# **AUGUST WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**



**Head Usher:** Alan Frederick

## **August 6<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Julie Iorio  
Greeters: Jackie Natzke  
Reader: Miriam Johnson  
Sound System: Don Mandry  
Counters: Miriam Johnson  
Lynn Faulk  
Nursery Helper: Mandy Bergeson  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **August 20<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter:  
Greeters: The Petersens  
Reader: Shari Infante  
Sound System: Walter Deignan  
Counters: Miriam Johnson  
Nancy McGovern  
Nursery Helper: Molly Bergnach  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **August 13<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter:  
Greeters: Karen Peters  
Reader: Tyler Peroutka  
Sound System: Tom Berry  
Counters: Miriam Johnson  
Lynn Faulk  
Nursery Helper: Christie Diegnan  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team  
Comm. Prep.: Kelly Andrichik

## **August 27<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter:  
Greeters: The Piehls (Eddie & Karla)  
Reader: Karen Sorenson  
Sound System: Jerry Jones  
Counters: Miriam Johnson  
Nancy McGovern  
Nursery Helper: Jamie Davis  
Fellowship Host: Mariners

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**