

*First Presbyterian Church*  
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## ***TOWER TOPICS***

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Join us for fun and fellowship on September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Main dishes and beverages will be provided. Please  
bring a side dish or dessert to share.  
Hope to see you there!



## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Back at the end of July, 29 people from our congregation attended Synod School at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA. I have been there before (this was my fifth year in attendance in the last seven years), but this was one of the best years. The keynote speaker, the worship (particularly the music), and the workshops I took were all inspiring and educational. There was a great consistency to the theme of the keynote speaker and several of the workshops I took. But there was one workshop I did not mean to take. I had signed up for a class called “Immersed in the World” which I assumed would be a class about how the local church participates in the wider community. (Apparently, I do not read course descriptions.) When I got to the class the facilitator got out pads of paper and pens and started talking about creative writing. I got my schedule back out and looked again. The class was actually called “Immersed in the Word” and was a creative writing class. My first thought was, “I am out of here.” Poetry and creative writing are not really my thing. But so as not to be rude I stuck out the first class. Lo and behold it became a class to which I looked forward each day. Every day started with reading a Scripture passage by lectio divina. Lectio Divina is slow, deliberate reading of the same passage several times. The first time, you just listen. The second time you read it you listen for a meaningful word or phrase. The third time you read it you listen with the question in mind, “What is God saying to me in this passage?” or “What does God want me to do?” Then we would begin writing. One day it was poetry. Another day it was entering a Bible story as one of the characters or props and telling the story from our perspective. Another day was writing our spiritual memoirs (a telling of a significant spiritual event or journey). In all these ways I allowed myself to open up and try something new and experienced an outpouring of creativity.

So, lesson number one: try new things. I did not share what I wrote with the class, or even very many people. I just let it enhance my understanding of my own thoughts or a Scripture passage. I learned a lot about myself. I learned to get out those things that are inside looking for an outlet. I never would have done that without that simple mistake of misreading the name of the class. So try something new. Try journaling your prayers or doodle while you pray. Try a new way of reading scripture or a new style of prayer. Do something to break out of the ordinary practices of your faith and tap into some creativity.

Lesson number two: Try your hand at writing in particular. You do not have to share your writing. You will not be judged on its quality. There is no need to even keep it long if you don't like. But I find that spirituality and creativity often go hand in hand. So let me give you an easy assignment to begin. Pick a Bible story. It is easier if it is a story and not a psalm or something out of the letters of Paul. Pick a story, take on the perspective of one of the characters, or a prop in the story, or make up a character, like a

by-stander, or an animal in the background, and write what you see from their perspective. Just write until you are done. Try that once. If you like it, try it again. Try it for a week. Pick a new story each day. It will open your eyes to the story and draw out your creativity.

I have become a big believer in the power of writing. It is powerful stuff. Give it a try; it may be the key to unlock a new experience with God and God's Word.

*Lance*

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**Treasurer's Report:**

General Operating Fund

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 7/1/2018 | \$34,863.99        |
| Receipts                   | \$29,929.19        |
| Disbursements              | <u>\$18,393.28</u> |
| Ending Balance 7/31/2018   | <u>\$46,399.90</u> |

Building Reserve Fund

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 7/1/2018 | \$56,025.43        |
| Receipts                   | \$ 68.00           |
| Disbursements              | \$ 0.00            |
| Interest                   | <u>\$ 4.90</u>     |
| Ending Balance 7/31/2018   | <u>\$56,098.33</u> |

IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT

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## **DEACON'S MINISTRY**

**Chain 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 be 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.

## **SHALOM SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY**

On August 7, 2018, 10 church volunteers greeted and served at the Soup Kitchen. Carole Serpe gave us a new, simple soup recipe to serve and everyone enjoyed it. Five people brought cupcakes too.

The friends we meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the Soup Kitchen always enjoy and appreciate our homemade soup, sandwiches, cupcakes and friendliness. In case you weren't aware, in addition to the new Shalom Center/Soup Kitchen on 39th Avenue, various inner city churches also serve meals from 5-6 pm on Monday through Friday. The food is brought to each location from the Shalom Center. So our soup, sandwiches and cupcakes are enjoyed at two locations each night. These churches wanted to be sure that the folks who are unable to get to the 39th Avenue location can still have a good meal. The locations are as follows:

Monday: Immanuel Methodist at 5410 Sheridan Road.  
Tuesday: Christ the King Church at 5934 8th Avenue  
Wednesday: Grace Lutheran Church at 2006 60th Street  
Thursday: Bethlehem Temple at 2528 Roosevelt Road  
Friday: Blessing Center at 1925 65th Street

We will serve again on Tuesday, **September 4, 2018**. If you are interested in baking, making sandwiches or serving, check out the sign- up sheet on the bulletin board. We are ALWAYS looking for people who would like to make soup...any recipe you would like to share! There are hands available to help you and Deacons has a budget to cover your costs. Thank you!

**Our next Deacon's meeting is Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

## **DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES**

### **SEPTEMBER 2018**

- Sept 1** – Psalm 122, 149, 100, 63; Job 9:1; 10:1-9; Acts 11:1-18; John 8:12-20
- Sept 2** – Psalm 108, 150, 66, 23; Job 11:1-9, 13-20; Rev. 5:1-14; Matt. 5:1-12
- Sept 3** - Psalm 62, 145, 73, 9; Job 12:1-6, 13-25; Acts 11:19-30; John 8:21-32
- Sept 4** – Psalm 12, 146, 36, 7; Job 12:1; 13:3-17; Acts 12:1-17; John 8:33-47
- Sept 5** – Psalm 96, 147:1-11, 132, 134; Job 12:1; 14:1-22; Acts 12:18-25; John 8:47-59
- Sept 6** - Psalm 116, 147:12-20, 26, 130; Job 16:16-22; Acts 13:1-12; John 9:1-17
- Sept 7** - Psalm 84, 148, 25, 40; Job 19:1-7, 14-27; Acts 13:13-25; John 9:18-41
- Sept 8** – Psalm 63, 149, 125, 90; Job 22:1-4, 21-23:7; Acts 13:26-43; John 10:1-18
- Sept 9** – Psalm 103, 150, 117, 139; Job 25:1-6; 27:1-6; Rev. 14:1-7, 13; Matt. 5:13-20
- Sept 10** – Psalm 5, 145, 82, 29; Job 32:1-10; Acts 13:44-52; John 10:19-30
- Sept 11** - Psalm 42, 146, 103, 133; Job 29:1-20; Acts 14:1-18; John 10:31-42
- Sept 12** – Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, 1, 33; Job 29:1; 30:1-2; Acts 14:19-28; John 11:1-16
- Sept 13** – Psalm 97, 147:12-20, 16, 62; Job 29:1; 31:1-23; Acts 15:1-11; John 11:17-29
- Sept 14** – Psalm 51, 148, 142, 65; Job 29:1; Acts 15:12-21; John 11:30-44
- Sept 15** – Psalm 104, 149, 138, 98; Job 38:1-17; Acts 15:22-35; John 11:45-54
- Sept 16** – Psalm 19, 150, 81, 113; Job 38:1, 18-41; Rev. 18:1-8; Matt. 5:21-26
- Sept 17** - Psalm 135, 145, 97, 112; Job 40:1-24; Acts 15:36-16:5; John 11:55-12:8
- Sept 18** – Psalm 123, 146, 30, 86; Job 40:1; 41:1-11; Acts 16:6-15; John 12:9-19
- Sept 19** – Psalm 15, 147:1-11, 48, 4; Job 42:1-17; Acts 16:16-24; John 12:20-26
- Sept 20** - Psalm 36, 147:12-20, 80, 27; Job 28:1-28; Acts 16:25-40; John 12:27-36a
- Sept 21** – Psalm 130, 148, 32, 139; Esther 1:1-4, 10-19; Acts 17:1-15; John 12:36b-43
- Sept 22** – Psalm 56, 149, 118, 111; Esther 2:5-8, 15-23; Acts 17:16-34; John 12:44-50
- Sept 23** - Psalm 67, 150, 46, 93; Esther 3:1-4:3; James 1:19-27; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18
- Sept 24** - Psalm 57, 145, 85, 47; Esther 4:4-17; Acts 18:1-11; Luke 3:1-14
- Sept 25** – Psalm 54, 146, 28, 99; Esther 5:1-14; Acts 18:12-28; Luke 3:15-22
- Sept 26** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; Esther 6:1-14; Acts 19:1-10; Luke 4:1-13
- Sept 27** – Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; Esther 7:1-10; Acts 19:11-20; Luke 4:14-30
- Sept 28** – Psalm 88, 148, 6, 20; Esther 8:1-8, 15-17; Acts 19:21-41; Luke 4:31-37
- Sept 29** – Psalm 122, 149, 100, 63; Esther 9:1-32; Acts 20:1-16; Luke 4:38-44
- Sept 30** – Psalm 108, 150, 66, 23; Hos. 1:1-2:1; James 3:1-13; Matt. 13:44-52

## **FIRESIDE FRIENDS**

Fireside Friends will meet on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Joining us will be Mrs. Gladys Peterson, wife of Dr. Cliff Peterson. September is usually our emphasis on education, so we will learn about “Gladys’ Journey of Faith”. She will guide us through this interesting life of hers. So we hope you are all back from trips and can join us. If you can, once again please bring a cleaning or baby product for Women and Children’s Horizons. If you have questions, please contact Mary Wirch or Julie Iorio.

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## **PRAYER SHAWL**

Prayer Shawl will meet on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All knitters and crocheters welcome!

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## **SENIOR LUNCHEONS**

Our senior luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18<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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## **SOUP KITCHEN**

On Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</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.

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

There are only 11 more weeks before National Collection Week. Our church wide packing party will be on November 11<sup>th</sup> from 6pm -8pm. We are in need of many items to make this year a record year. There are baskets set up in the link for hygiene and school items but don't forget that underwear, socks, and small toys are items that are just as crucial to children around the world. If you have any Kohl's cash or other gift cards you would like to donate for the mission committee to use to buy items, please leave in Leslie Pottorff's box in the church office. Boxes for individuals to pack will be available later in September. Additionally, First Presbyterian will once again be the only collection center in Kenosha.



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## **NOT ONLY THE PICNIC**

Much has rightly been said about the upcoming church picnic on September 9, but let us also not forget about our once-a-year indoor Tent/Gospel Service which will occur BEFORE the picnic on the same day. This throw-back service celebrates an older style in which we fill the service with many of your favorite old Gospel songs from a previous century, and substitute the traditional piano/organ accompaniment with our very own Jonah's Wailers. Come a bit before normal time to enjoy (possibly participate in) Prelude music and prepare yourselves for a somewhat older relaxed style, the way it used to be!

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## **THANK YOU**

This note is an expression of our utmost gratitude for all of the countless acts of kindness and show of concern for us these past few weeks. An auto accident changed our lives abruptly, but God's enduring grace and the love of you, our "extended family," have made this easier to bear.

Lois & Tom Van Dahm

## **VOLUNTEER VACANCY**

Would you like to volunteer for the easiest job at church? Can you push a red button twice? Every Sunday we have one of five people recording the service and, in general, running our sound system. This team is very stable and turnover is rare, but we currently have the occasion of a team member retiring from the rotation. Each team member serves only every fifth Sunday (barring special services), as stated, the job is easy (though important), and training of less than an hour is included. Team members can be anyone that can make the 1-in-5 rotation, male or female, young or 'not-so'. If you would consider serving on the sound system team, please contact Ron Meinhardt at church, 262-705-2222 by phone, or [rmeinhardt@wi.rr.com](mailto:rmeinhardt@wi.rr.com) for email. Thank you.

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## **MOVIE NIGHT**

Movie night will be Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. The movie shown is still TBD. Look for a sign-up sheet soon.

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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.

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

August 5	96
August 12	71
August 19	106
August 26	116
Sunday Average	97



## **UPCOMING WORKSHOP**

Aretha Franklin knew she had a terminal disease. John McCain knew he had a terminal disease. Aretha Franklin left no will. John McCain talked with his family and friends about his approaching death, what he had done about his finances, and what he wanted for his funeral service(s). Both families grieved. But which family do you think had the least anxieties and worries when their loved one died?

From our experience, the answer is clearly John McCain's family. Moreover, we believe that we all want our families and friends to focus on the good memories rather than being apprehensive about dealing with our estate, doing what we want about our funeral, closing accounts, etc. But often we postpone the thoughts, the talks, and the tasks necessary to remove the uncertainties our families will have after we die. We will also discuss ideas/questions about dealing with grief--our own or that of others...why do we grieve, what to say (to ourselves/to others), does it ever end, etc.

Our two four-week workshops will help you bring peace and direction to those who will have to close your estate. The first one will held September 16, 23, 30, and October 7. It is geared mostly to those of us old enough to be AARP members (or those who are responsible for family members this old). This will be held AFTER Sunday School and Fellowship Hour in the Fellowship Hall and will include a light lunch. For this reason, we need to know how many are coming. If you are planning to attend, please call or email Sara (997-0752 / [SMiles303@wi.rr.com](mailto:SMiles303@wi.rr.com)) or sign the sheet in the Narthex.

The second workshop will be for those 21 and up, especially those with dependent children. This class will be held during the Sunday School hour on October 14, 21, 28, and November 11 (November 4 is the Congregational Meeting, so we'll have to skip that Sunday). The sign-up sheet for this class will be put out on September 30.

If you have any questions, contact Sara Miles or Karen Sorenson (652-4245 / [sorensonk@gmail.com](mailto:sorensonk@gmail.com)).

## **PARISH NURSE NOTES**

Summer is almost over. I can't really say I'll miss this one very much! Soggy, humid, hot—just not my favorite summertime weather. I miss the bright blue skies and soft breezes. Fall will be here soon—kids are heading back to school this next week, sports teams are getting started with new seasons, gardens are winding down, days are getting shorter, and there is a different feeling in the air. “For everything there is a season...” Let's hope for a gentle, colorful autumn, and remember to give thanks for the beauty to be found in each season.

Sleeping alright these days? In Macbeth, Shakespeare speaks of “sleep that knits up the raveled sleeve of care...”. I fear some of us, intentionally or not, have dropped a few stitches in our knitting! As a nation, we are sleep-deprived, most of us falling short of the 7-8 hours of sleep that we all need. Some people tell me “no problem here, I conk out as soon as my head hits the pillow!” Well, sorry to say, that actually is a sign that you are sleep-deprived. National Geographic magazine's September issue is primarily devoted to discussing sleep, and what we are doing wrong. Get ready to put away your phone and iPad and learn more about this, starting with the next Tower Topics. It's fascinating.

Our small but determined gentle exercise group will resume its weekly Thursday morning meetings at 9:30 starting September 20<sup>th</sup>. We would be happy to see some new faces! We may add a few new activities this year.

Watch for news about a mini blood drive in October. Roll up your sleeve and become a hero! Blood supplies are always needed, especially after the summer when donations tend to be a lot fewer.

Good health to all!

Karen Sorenson, Parish Nurse

## **JAM MINISTRY MOVES SLOWLY ON**

It has been a fairly quiet summer for the Jam Ministry, though we expect things to pick up in September when attendance picks up after summer absences and the raspberry jams become available. We have passed the \$2,000 mark for our 2018 project, 3-M: Move Madagascar's Mountain, a bit more slowly than the last two years. However, our gifts have been welcomed by the Presbyterian World Mission and Janice Heckler, the mission co-worker whose efforts to raise the standard of education in the church schools in Madagascar we are supporting. But we still have a long way to go.

Thanks to John and Shawna Neal who have helped make jams and serve the Jam Table, and to those who have donated fruit and new jars and supplies and brought back empty jars to keep our costs low. Because of your participation, we have been able to keep the "minimum donations" at the same level as last year even though the price of the local fruit we have picked has been higher. Of course, many of you say those much-loved words "Keep the change" – thank you for that, too.

The raspberry season is here and we hope to have plenty of raspberry jam (regular, seedless, and Splenda types) ready for the Church Picnic or the week after. Please continue to bring back your empty jars with the bands (and tops if undamaged). Keep an eye out for coupons for new jars and bring them in too – every little helps us towards building the kingdom by helping the children of Madagascar.

P.S. The Reformed Church in Madagascar, with which the PC(USA) partners, just celebrated the 50th anniversary of its formation from several missions. It is a large, but not well-funded organization. Several Presbyterian World Missions representatives were there for the celebration (see below).



The Reformed Church of Madagascar marches to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Say it isn't so! Summer always comes to an end too soon for me. I still have several books on my "to read" list, but things always get much busier around my house in September. The church library was still on my mind this summer, though. I go to a little shop in Sister Bay during our vacation each summer that has the most delightful books. This year I found a book called Earth Prayers From Around the World, 365 prayers, poems, and invocations for honoring the earth. It is divided into eleven different categories including The Ecological Self, The Passion of the Earth, and Cycles of Life. The following excerpt brings to my mind the church garden and its caregivers.

Sowing the seed,  
My hand is one with the earth.

Wanting the seed to grow,  
My mind is one with the light.

Hoeing the crop,  
My hands are one with the rain.

Having cared for the plants,  
My mind is one with the air.

Hungry and trusting,  
My mind is one with the earth.

Eating the fruit,  
My body is one with the earth.

Wendell Berry

I am also putting my copy of our book club book from spring on the book cart. It contains yellow highlights and some turned-back corners, but it's still full of good ideas! I am working on ordering some books Lance quoted in his sermons this summer. If you read any books this summer you think might be good to have in our library, please let me know!

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

## September Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	.....	Aprille Laupan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	.....	Nancy Quist
3 <sup>rd</sup>	.....	Elise Elmlad
6 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Keith Rusch
8 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Kevin Koesser
	.....	Sheryl Becker
11 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Mary Mock
	.....	Brad Kovachik
	.....	Mark Robinson
	.....	Theresa Kamphuis
16 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Emma Quist
17 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Boyd Frederick
18 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Paul Spottswood
20 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Marian Dykshoorn
21 <sup>st</sup>	.....	Mason Quist
22 <sup>nd</sup>	.....	Pat Meinhardt
	.....	Nicole Ingraham
	.....	Tana Baldwin
23 <sup>rd</sup>	.....	Sandy Billingsley
27 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Jim Langerman
30 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Lois Kronholm

### DEACONS

Tana Baldwin, Lori Barnes, Sherry Craig, Jane Frost, Lisa Hawley, Penny Ingraham\*, Brenda Langerman, Nancy McGovern, Carole Serpe



## ANNIVERSARIES September

11 <sup>th</sup>	.....	David & Dorothy Thompson
18 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Dave & Kathy Misun
20 <sup>th</sup>	.....	Dale & Jan Brandes
	.....	Aprille & Scott Laupan
21 <sup>st</sup>	.....	Kurt & Pat Koesser
	.....	Eddie & Karla Piehl
	.....	Elaine & Steve Azuma

### SESSION

Gary Anderson (Fellowship, Memorial)  
 Kelly Andrichik (Worship & Music, Personnel\*, Nominating\*)  
 Scott Barnes (Building & Grounds)  
 Sandra Billingsley (Christian Education\*, Mission\*)  
 Mark Bourque (Building & Grounds\*)  
 Walter Deignan (Building & Grounds, Nominating)  
 Cris Doil (Stewardship & Finance\*)  
 Marcy Hufendick (Christian Ed, Personnel, Memorial)  
 Shari Infante (Fellowship\*, Mission, Memorial)  
 Ron Meinhardt (Worship and Music\*)  
 Bill Misamore (Stewardship & Finance)  
 Leslie Pottorff (Mission, Fellowship, Personnel, Memorial)

( ) indicates committee assignments; \*indicates Team Leaders



# **SEPTEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**



**Head Usher:** Jourene Frederick

## **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Tana Baldwin  
Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
Reader: Charles Leicht  
Sound System: Todd Kotten  
Counters: Mark Putrow  
Volunteer Needed  
Nursery Helper: Tana Baldwin  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **September 9<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Carole Serpe  
Greeters: Carl & Karen Edenhofer  
Reader: Lydia Spottswood  
Sound System: Don Mandry  
Counters: Lynn Faulk  
Nancy McGovern  
Nursery Helper: Mandy Bergeson  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **September 16<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Penny Ingraham  
Greeters: Linnea Elrod  
Reader: Sandy Billingsley  
Sound System: Tom Berry

## **September 16<sup>th</sup> (cont'd)**

Counters: Mark Putrow  
Cris Doil  
Nursery Helper: Jamie Davis  
Fellowship Host: Fireside Friends

## **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Sherry Craig  
Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
Reader: Jean Bourque  
Sound System: Walter Deignan  
Counters: Mark Putrow  
Cris Doil  
Nursery Helper: Molly Bergnach  
Fellowship Host: The Azumas

## **September 30<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Carole Serpe  
Greeters: The Friemans  
Reader: Deb Kotten  
Sound System: Jerry Jones  
Counters: Becky Henn  
Julie Iorio  
Nursery Helper: Christi Deignan  
Fellowship Host: Mariners

# **THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**