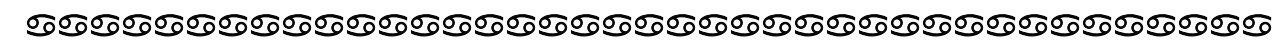


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*Ada/Minneapolis United Methodist Community - JULY, 2017*  
*Christ’s Ambassadors by Inviting, Sharing, Nurturing and Forgiving*

From the Heart of the Pastor!

As of July 1, 2017, I am back in ministry with you for at least another year! God is not done with us. God wants us to work together for at least another year. I am more enthusiastic and excited. I love you all! Summer is here full time! Harvest is progressing very well for some. Children and youth and counselors are busy, busy, busy with camping activities. For us, especially at Minneapolis, VBS is done and by the time you receive this newsletter some of our kids would have been done with camping. Thanks to all who made these important activities a success. Yes, summer is here full time! Generally church attendance is low. Some people are on vacation and it's healthy for our families, communities and businesses. But surely we can attend Sunday worship service wherever we are that particular Sunday. I urge you all, wherever you find yourself on Sunday and every Sunday, go to church for worship service. It is not only a good habit, it is healthy for you and your family.

One of the major purposes/missions of the Church is to be a community! Yes, a community of believers. Community has become an important word when it comes to groups. For some, community is an assumption. For others, it is an aspiration! Every group has a goal of achieving a community. The church's main purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are in the business of building the Kingdom of God. Every day, every week and indeed every Sunday is critical for the building of this kingdom. When we joined the church , we made a commitment to support this community. We pledged to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, by our presence, our gifts and our services! On Sundays we go to church not only to worship, but engage in some conversations and fellowship with fellow believers in a free and comfortable environment. It does not matter where you are, the church environment is safe, free and comfortable for both members and nonmembers. The world is becoming more and more hostile to believers, that we need each other. Sunday is a good day, a good time for believers to revive, inspire and encourage each other for the next week. At church and in church, we help each other to understand what God is saying to us and help each other obey what God is saying to us!

This community called the church does more than gather together once a week for a conversation! They move to the next level and establish systems to make sure that their members and neighbors are cared for. Caring for our own members, most of us do. We care for our members to make sure that we are a healthy congregation that functions well and reduces conflict. We are not selfish but self-caring in order to look after our neighbors. We cannot give what we don't have! A healthy congregation is defined by the way it treats its neighbors. Jesus clearly defined “our” neighbors when he gave the parable of a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, got beaten up by robbers and left half dead. A Samaritan helped him by providing him which his critical needs. Churches are caring communities. Finally, churches are commissioned communities! A commissioned community is one that is healthy and outward-looking! A commissioned community serves beyond itself and touches the larger community from where it is located. It becomes intentional about inviting people to a specific program that inspires and empowers others who will never pay you back or meet you in person. Join with me as we reach out to people we will never meet but touch their lives in a significant way! Thank you all. See you all in church! Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza.

## JULY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Joe & Sylvia Kvacik
- 5 - Lanny & Vicki Zadina
- 6 - Andrew & Melanie Kuder  
Paul & Kristi Ocker
- 20 - Jeff and Summer Blake
- 22 - Gary and Rhonda Bacon  
Nick and Tammy Krueger
- 25 - Danny & Stephanie Banks
- 29 - Bryan and Shasta Weatherman

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Joan Smith and Ron Feldt
- 3 - Charlotte Collins and  
Braede Weatherman
- 4 - Tim Hamm
- 5 - Kenzil Lynn
- 6 - John Fleming
- 8 - Colette Henderson
- 9 - Steve DeWitt and Christopher Plush
- 10 - Kandi Buchwald
- 12 - Demian Wegehaupt
- 13 - P.J. Ocker
- 18 - Sharon Foust
- 19 - Bonnie Parker
- 21 - Harry Kibler and Jay Cummings
- 22 - Easton Blake
- 23 - Janet Callarman, Diana Fraser,  
And Cody Nichols
- 24 - Alyssa Catron
- 27 - LeeAnn Plunkett and Josh Lott
- 28 - Ken Wedel, Kermit G. Wedel, Carol  
Smusz, Raychel Smith, Drew Wedel
- 29 - Angel Constable and Kendra Plush
- 30 - Gail Eckart and Ryan Wedel
- 31 - RaeLynn M. Hamm

### ACOLYTES

- 2 - Riley and Ethan Bohl
- 9 - Connor and Jordan Peck
- 16 - Braxton and Gracen Grimes
- 23 - Joel Abell and Brinley Boyer
- 30 - Maddy and Dalton Krueger

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

- 2 - Dale Henderson
- 9 - Jill Runnion
- 16 - Tamala Lott
- 23 - Lance Johnson
- 30 - Rosalee Tibbits

### GREETERS

- 2 - Paul Muller and Dale Parker
- 9 - Bruce and Gretchen Cleveland
- 16 - Bruce and Gretchen Cleveland
- 23 - Steve and Pat Baccus
- 30 - Paul Muller and Dale Parker

### LITURGISTS

- 2 - Tamala Lott
- 9 - Tamala Lott
- 16 - Lance Johnson
- 23 - Lance Johnson
- 30 - Steve Baccus

### NURSERY HELPERS

- 2 - Deb Pounds & Becky McDuffee
- 9 - Rosalee Tibbits & Becky McDuffee
- 16 - Kristi & Paul Ocker & Becky  
McDuffee
- 23 Angel Constable & Becky McDuffee
- 30 - Barb Kibler & Becky McDuffee

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - ADULT

- Adult Sunday School Class meets every  
Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Following  
are the lessons that will be discussed.
- 2 - Moses and the Burning Bush
- 9 - Isaiah in the Temple
- 16 - Jeremiah's Call and Commission
- 23 - Ezekiel's Call
- 30 - Amos' Call

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Nothing scheduled for July

## REMINDER-----

### SIGN UP FOR LIFE LINE SCREENING TO BE HELD ON JULY 20....

For more details, see the church office  
window in the foyer.

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Remember....Donations are always  
welcome for the Salina Rescue Mission  
for men and the Ashby House for  
women and children. Both places need  
clothing and toiletries. The donation  
boxes are in the hallway south of the  
Church office.

### DILLONS REWARDS

If you have a Dillon's plus account and  
an e-mail address: Search Dillon's  
Community Rewards  
Sign in OR create an account - Click on  
"Enroll Now" - Enter the 5-digit NPO  
and search: First United Methodist  
Church No. is 24771

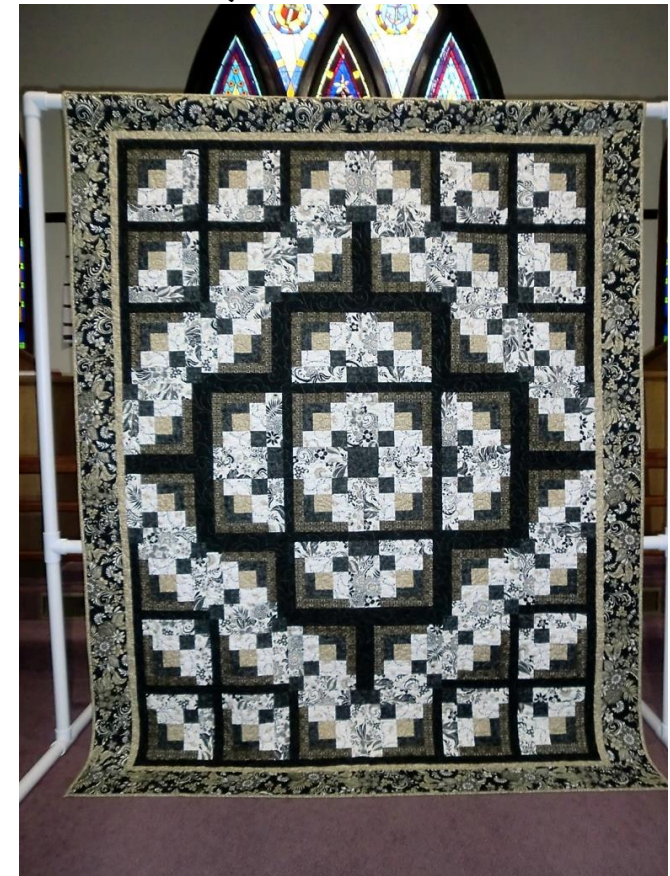
### SAVE-A-LABEL PROGRAM

We are officially registered in Best  
Choice "Save-A-Label" program.  
Save only the UPC symbol from Best  
Choice products. Some products are  
excluded from the program: aluminum  
soda cans, aerosol cans and cigarettes.  
Please leave labels in the box provided  
in the foyer. All money earned from  
this program will be used for youth  
projects. Contact Colette Henderson  
with questions.

### MEDICINE BOTTLE LIDS

The Missions Committee is collecting  
medicine bottle lids from the local  
pharmacy, Auburn Pharmacy. These  
lids will be turned in to the pharmacy  
for funds that will be used for local  
missions.

## QUILT RAFFLE



Mary Ann Tasker has made the  
above displayed beautiful quilt  
that has been machine quilted by  
Kathryne Perney.

Following is pertinent information  
about the Quilt Raffle:

Quilt size: 70 X 88

The drawing will be October,  
2017

Tickets are sold at \$1.00 each

Tickets are available from:

Church members

Church office (785) 392-3029

Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce

(785) 392-3068

Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



E-mail received from  
Cassie Bohl written on  
the night of 6-28-17:

Hello all! It's 10:00 pm and I just returned from a hike with the older kids. Camp has been busy, busy, busy! I've watched these kids sing, dance, swim, climb rock walls, cross high wires, zipline, make crafts, make messes and make friends! We're learning about God's unending love for us and how to be more like Him by studying the fruits of the spirit. We even had a visit from Bishop Saenz today! The boys have all conquered heights and fears and the girls have formed relationships with counselors, staff and other campers.

I would like to thank everyone that helped make this camp experience a reality! Your generosity towards our youth does not go unnoticed.

Blessings and good night, Cassie

THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for sending me to camp. I had a lot of fun there. I made 2 new friends.

Your Friend,  
Brinley Boyer



OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR  
CHURCH STAND  
July 18 - 21, 2017

Just a reminder...there are signup sheets posted on the window of the church office for you to sign up to work in the church concession stand at the county fair and to bake pies.

Workers and pie bakers are needed! Your help and pie baking will be greatly appreciated! Everyone knows there's nothing like the smell of food and a good piece of pie at the fair!



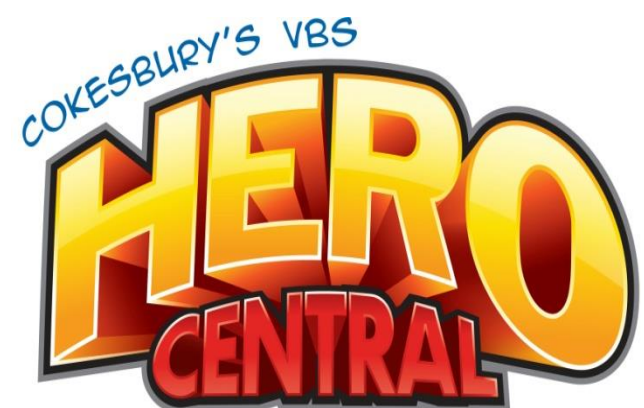
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion	3	4 Independence Day 	5 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	6	7	8
9 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Dinner at church hosted by the Trustees	10 8:00 am County Comm. Mtg.	11 7:00 p.m. City Council Mtg.	12 6:30 p.m. Bible Study  7:00 p.m. Admin. Council Mtg.	13	14	15
16	17	18  OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR	19 6:30 p.m. Bible Study  -----	20 8 am – 6 pm – Life Line Screening  -----	21   -----→	22
23   30 Adrian Hunley will preach.	24	25	26 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	27	28	29



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 19 - 23, 2017

A week of great fellowship,  
learning more about God, learning  
new songs, learning new games,  
making crafts and enjoying good  
treats!



## CAMPING WITH CHRIST AT CAMP HORIZON!!!

June 26 - 30, 2017



Monday morning, June 26, Cassie Bohl loaded up these youngsters to take them to Camp Horizon Church Camp for five days! LOOK AT ALL THE SMILES!!!

Those pictured: Back: Gracen Grimes, Braxton Grimes, Ethan Bohl, Middle: Jordan Peck, Brinley Boyer, Kaylee Tibbits Front: Riley Bohl, Conner Peck and Leader, Cassie Bohl.

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### NOW...WHAT HAPPENS AFTER CAMP?

*"Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God."* ([Jos 24:1 NKJV](#))

*"So Joshua let the people depart, each to his own inheritance."* ([Jos 24:28 NKJV](#))

Israel had camped for over forty years in the wilderness and then

as they moved into the promised land. I was trying to find when they stopped camping and found the last occurrence in the verse at the beginning of this write-up. There were many other military camps (like when they faced Goliath) but this is the last verse I found with all of Israel. From here, each tribe moved to the territory assigned to them. They settled in cities, farms and pastures and stopped the life of all camping together with the Lord and moved to the next part of the plan God had for them.

At the end of the summer, our camps come to an end and we all go back to our own settlements. We can't stay at camp forever and God calls us back to a life of serving him amidst the rest of the world. It's a joy to be together in worship and friendship at camp. We sometimes wish it would never end but it can also be exhausting. Israel had an intense period of camping, learning lessons God had for them, and seeing Him work, but then it was time to depart to the land God had prepared for them.

What are your favorite parts of camp? What was your most memorable moment at camp this summer? What do you look forward to when leaving camp? To what is God calling you after camp?

Author Unknown