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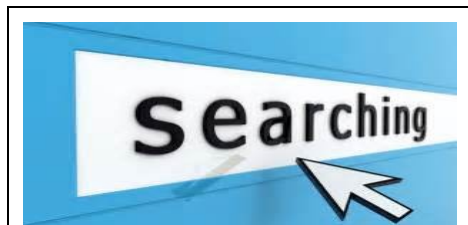
Worship Services continue!



Have you enjoyed the diversity of the worship experiences so far this summer? We may be between pastors, but the messages brought by those filling the pulpit continue to be uplifting and applicable to our daily lives.

Members of our personnel committee continue to search for people who will bring us God's word in a new and fresh way.

With summer going strong you may not be able to attend each week, but be sure to check out what worshipping each week can do for you!



The PNC continues it's search for an exceptional pastoral candidate. They are in discussion with several candidates and next week several members of the committee will be headed to St. Louis for the Big Tent event and an opportunity to meet seeking pastors face to face. Prayers of guidance for the PNC are especially encouraged.



*Please forgive me for this abbreviated newsletter.
Too much on my plate this month!*
Brenda



Vacation Bible School will be held July 18-21. Bring your young ones and their friends to the church from 9:00 am to noon.



There will be a campout on the church lawn on Friday, July 21.

Michele Yoder is collecting old CD's and toilet paper rolls for activities we will be doing at VBS. If you have items to donate drop them by the church soon.

Trip to Beach Ottumwa

Feel like a trip to the beach? Here's your opportunity. There is a group headed to Ottumwa for the day. There is no age limit!

Meet at the church by 11:30 am on Wednesday, July 26. Bring a brown bag snack. Tickets cost \$6.00.



Presbyterian Women:

Presbyterian Women will not be meeting in July. However, we will begin our new year on August 30. Our study will be Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews.



July 2--Immigration Sunday
 July 4--Independence Day
 July 25--Orange Day

Missouri Family Food Box Challenge

Last year the Fall Festival of Sharing received 111 food boxes from our presbytery. (Our church contributed 8 boxes.) That was about 8% of total boxes requested.

Recipient organizations located within the bounds of our presbytery received 286 boxes of food.

PW of Missouri Union Presbytery has once again challenged each church in our presbytery to contribute at least one box of food to Fall Festival of Sharing. There is a box in the Narthex for donated items.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – MISSOURI UNION PRESBYTERY
 Have issued their
3rd Annual Missouri Family Food Box Challenge
 to the
Congregations of Missouri Union Presbytery

INGREDIENTS	
1 16 OZ BOX OR BAG OF PASTA 1 CAN PASTA SAUCE (E.G., SPAGHETTI SAUCE) 1 LARGE JAR PEANUT BUTTER	3 BOXES MACARONI & CHEESE 3 CANS VEGETABLES & 3 CANS FRUIT (variety) 3 CANS TUNA FISH & 3 CANS CHICKEN

Food of the Month: Tuna

Our participation in the Community Food Depot has been waning. Therefore, a challenge to each of you: bring one more item that you brought last month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
A=Anniversary B=Birthday CF=Coffee/Fellowship following worship PYF=6:30		Clothes Closet 1:30-3:30			Food Depot TUNA	Clothes Closet 10:00-noon
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2 CF=First Feast Bell Choir practice 11:00 Fair Trade Orders Due	3 B= John & Hunter Giovannini	4 B=Julie Lockbaum Clothes Closet not open	5 A=Elaine & Tim AuBuchon	6 American Legion in FHall 6:00 pm PNC - Big Tent	7 PNC - Big Tent	8
9 CF=Session hosts Bell Choir practice 8:45	10 Budget & Finance 5:00 PNC 6:30 pm B=Stan Bohon	11 Deacons 6:00 Session 7:00	12	13	14 B=Jean Crawford A=Wanda & Joel Cagle	15 B=Bradley Collier
16 CF=Deacons host	17 PNC 6:30 pm B=Scott Thatcher	18 VBS _____	19 Presby Seniors Pancake City 8:30 am Mobile Food Pantry 10-12 B=Greg Marshall	20 B=Mike Ahrens _____	21 VBS camp-out	22 B=Mark Novinger
23 CF=Sun School hosts B=David Murphy	24	25	26 Beach Ottumwa 11:30 am B=John Settlage	27	28	29
30 Finger Food Free-for-All	31					

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Sunday Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



As well as Jacob's Eagle Scout children's clothing drive, Chris Marshall has asked the Closet to assist with his Eagle Scout project as well, so if you see him around the church helping out at times, tell him thanks!

Goody's Clothing Drive will be held from July 6 to July 18. The folding continues!

If things work out as planned the Closet's special event this month will be held toward the end of the month and will either feature junior sizes including jeans and summer apparel, or a t-shirt give away.

*Volunteers are still needed for
Saturdays and occasional
Tuesdays.
Be sure to sign up in Fellowship
Hall.*

If you would be able to help pick up clothing drive donations from Goody's or help Brenda sort clothes on third floor in the evenings, please let the church office or Brenda Martin know.

The donations are piling up and we need your help to get them ready to give away.