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CALENDAR

Calendar

Looking Ahead

Group Activities to Resume in September

Piece Corps — September 11
Journey Men's Bible Study — September 11
Dorcas Circle — September 12
Choir and Sunday School — September 22
Lucia Circle — September 24

Mark Your Calendar for Sundays to Come

July 28 — Triennium Report
 September 15—Rally day and 50's Drive-In
 September 29 — All Church Picnic
 October 6 — Blessing of the Animals
 Regular meetings will resume in September.



Saturday, November 9
10 AM—4 PM

Participation fee is \$30 and a donation for a raffle.

Proceeds will be used for the Night Crusaders High School Youth Group's Annual Mission Trip and other activities.

Capturing the Power of the Spirit

Summer Series: The Acts of the Apostles and Us

*Read along with Pastor Steve as we navigate the workings of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts.
 Feel free to read in your own preferred version.*

July 7 Pentecost 4

“Are You a New Creation?”

Read: Acts 9 and Romans 8

July 14 Pentecost 5

“Radical Inclusion: Are We Ready?”

Read: Acts 10

July 21 Pentecost 6

“Does God Choose Us or Vice Versa?”

Read: Acts 13

July 28 Pentecost 7

“When the Spirit Speaks Do We Listen?”

Read: Acts 16

Triennium Report

August 4 Pentecost 8

“Keep Your Eyes On The Prize: Hold On!”

Read: Acts 16

August 11 Pentecost 9

The Alfred Johnson, preaching

August 18 Pentecost 10

“Leaving Money on the Table”

Read: Acts 18

August 25 Pentecost 11

“The Sojourn at Rome: In Corridors of Power”

Read: Acts 20

“Here’s My Heart” by Pastor Steve

Connecting to a Church in Transition Triennium July 15-20, 2019

Some of us of a certain age can recall when we were encouraged by parents or mentors to “go away” on a retreat, or to a conference, where a speaker or team of speakers laid before us the gift and challenge of following Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.



In fact, some of us recall with great clarity moments when we first “heard” God speak to our hearts. The fact that we were away from home and able to think our own thoughts apart from our parents encouraged this. Our decision for Christ was a choice made from a growing sense of agency and independence, which added validity the experience.

A number of our young people will soon be traveling to West Lafayette, IN and Purdue University to attend Triennium 2019, the national (and beyond) gathering of 4000+ high schoolers and their leaders. The theme of the event is “Here’s My Heart.” In a variety of expressions, those who attend will be challenged to deepen their walk of discipleship or even to take their first steps of faith.

Here’s what is crucial: the church these young people will grow up into may look radically different from the one that nurtured the Greatest Generation, Boomers, and even Gen Xers—us! What is yet to come is largely unknown.

Whatever the church looks like, I take heart in a thought that was expressed early in the book of Acts: “If our undertakings are only human works they will fail. But if they are of God, they will never be overthrown”. (Acts. 5:38 paraphrased). God’s mission has a church—we will see what it will be.

Pastor Steve

What are Thirders Up To?



Sue Gustafson receives Presbyterian Women’s Honorary Lifetime Membership award at the Annual Salad Luncheon.



Pastor Steve presents the new homeowner with the board signed by Thirders.



Club and Group News

Summer **Piece Corps** will be on July 10 and August 14. Sleep in and plan to come from 10 am—2 pm. Please bring a sack lunch. We will eat at noon. Water, coffee and iced tea will be provided. Any questions can be directed to Nancy Justman 815-654-3512.



Dorcas Circle and **Lucia Circle** not meet in July or August. Call Alyce Lutzow about Dorcas at 815-962-1194 or contact Sandy Smith about Lucia at (815) 397-3650.



"The garden is developing. Take a drive down Fremont St. to watch the garden develop into a useful place - in the bus parking lot!"



Pastor Steve, Bill and Heather helping put up walls at a Habitat for Humanity build site in Rockford.

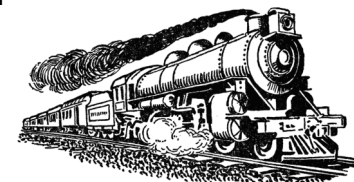
Summer Special Events

Spectacular Special Events

Tues. July 30 8 am Big Boy Whistle Stop Field Trip

Big Boy #4014, the largest steam locomotive in the world, will roll through Rochelle, IL as part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad.

At 8 am the Big Blue Bus will depart from the church and travel to meet the Big Boy around 9:45 am. Afterward we will stop for lunch before returning to Third Presbyterian.



Registration is required as well as permission slips for those under 18 years of age. Cost: \$5 for fuel. Bring money for lunch.

Sunday, August 18th Dog Days of Summer Hot Dog Bar



Stay after worship for a summer lunch of hot dogs, chips, and watermelon. Sponsored by Outreach and Membership.

**Saturday August 24th
Habitat for Humanity
Building Day
9:00 am to Noon or
9:00 am to 3:00 pm**



Congregational News

8 Attend Camp at Stronghold

June 6-9 Grand Camp
Cindy Miner and Jenna Quitno

June 14-19 Night Owl
A'lisa Barbour, Nadia Barbour,
Eleanor Hanson, Lillian Hanson,
Corbin Gray, Allison Smith

July 21—26 Camper vs Wild
A'lisa Barbour and Nadia Barbour

Youth Activities Fund Update

Every year Thirders give generously to our Youth Activities Offering. This year we have received \$727.50 to date. This money is used to offer 50% Camp scholarships to our campers.

Thanks to the gift of a generous donation last year, we were also able to offer 15 % early registration discounts to campers.



The **Chancel Choir** is looking for new members. Practice starts on September 22. Come help us make a joyful noise.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 8/1 Heidi Milner
Vicki Minnick | 8/19 Dixie Lindsey |
| 8/4 Brandon Smith | 8/20 Connie Hollenbeck |
| 8/5 Leona Frey
Michelle Vosberg
Larry Bergquist | 8/21 Sean Gray
Stacy Gray |
| 8/6 Tracy Murray | 8/22 John Murray
Haylee Lingel
Gavin Raum |
| 8/11 Xavier Kundo | 8/24 Gerald May |
| 8/13 James Saunders
Marissa Olson | 8/28 William Crosby-Spires
Morgan Milner |
| 8/15 Patricia Lovett | 8/29 Donald Maxwell
Faith Genrich |
| 8/16 Morgan Olson | 8/30 Gloria Silberman
Zander Ruffcorn |
| 8/17 Amelia Spires | |
| 8/18 Eugene Archer
Marion Lingel | |



July Birthdays

7/1 Savannah Kujat	7/17 Marcia Adams
Joyce O'Connell	7/18 Skip Mosny
Amy Sovina	7/19 Macy Olson
7/3 Autumn Roell	7/21 Cindy Miner
7/4 Heather Lopez	Barbara Heinzeroth
7/5 Don Vandercreek	Scott Bentley
Nancy Babcock	7/22 Emma Archer
7/6 Ruth Skorburg	7/23 Pat Schroeder
7/9 Janette Pearson	7/24 Noah Taylor
James Crosby	7/25 Dylan Lingelbach
7/11 Ellen Marsh	7/27 Carrie Crosby
Joe Ponder, Jr.	Emily Hollenbeck
Jennifer Facer	7/29 Chris Minnier
7/12 Jennifer Wilson	7/30 John Maney
7/13 Sue Huston	Robert Monroe
7/14 Treise Crosby	Aurora Insko
7/15 Leigh Hammer	7/31 Wes Carlson
Beth Amy Watton	Shirley Green
	Kristin Tedrick



Celebrating 40+ Years of Marriage

- July 7 Don & Jacqueline Vandercreek
 July 31 Charles & Mary Raum, Guy & Carol Ritzman,
 Tom and Elaine Jacoby

Congregational News

With Sympathy in the Loss of a Loved One

Former member Karen Ryan who passed away in May.
 Virginia, sister of Dixie Lindsey who passed away in June.

Change of Address

Lois Seiter, 2929 Sunnyside Dr. #A300, Rockford, 61114
 Andy Hanson's correct phone number is 815-871-0261
 Richard Martinez is now living with a sister in Texas.



Triennium 2019 Delegation and Details

Leaders

Dan Chiodini, Brad Facer,
 Pastor Steve

Youth

Daniel Schroeder, Nicole Facer, Liadan Gray,
 Vernon Taylor, Macy Olson and Jalen Craglione

Work Crew

Dylan Lingelbach

Pray for God's good work in each one.

Peace & Global Witness Offering

MINUTE FOR MISSION CONGREGATIONS NURTURE NEIGHBORLY CHILDREN ACROSS ETHNIC, RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS LINES

In August 2016 racially charged violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, sent shockwaves of fear and grief across our country. Like many other Americans, Presbyterian pastor Jon Brown was distraught to the point of numbness.

But on the following Monday morning, his hope was renewed, due to his church's participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering. His spirits were lifted by dozens of elementary-aged children who had gathered for Peace Camp at the congregation he serves, the Old Bergen Church in Jersey City, New Jersey.

"To see children of different races, ethnicities, and faith traditions singing, laughing, and creating together was a powerful medicine for all of us in that moment," he says.

The camp was sponsored by local Christian, Jewish, and Muslim congregations. The children learned about ways to resolve conflicts and how to handle angry and sad feelings. They brainstormed about what is needed for a good neighborhood and built model neighborhoods out of cardboard boxes and other materials. They learned about the elements of a good neighborhood from resource people such as a police officer, librarian, teacher, and public health official.

The themes were adapted from a curriculum published with support from the Peace & Global Witness Offering. The curriculum, "Building a Neighborhood Together," draws a connection to Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, a PBS program created and hosted by the late Fred Rogers, a Presbyterian minister.

Brigid D'Souza, the parent of two campers and one of the camp's adult leaders, called it "a really important gift" to her children and other campers. "When I was growing up, I didn't attend Bible study camp or any kind of camp like that, so for me it was really informing to see what this type of camp could mean for kids," she commented.

Scholarships Awarded to Our Young People

Thanks to your generosity, the Christian Education committee is able to provide up to four years of support for young people who go on to higher education.

Here are the recipients of this year's scholarship:

1st Year

Jalen Craglione
Carrie Minnier

2nd Year

Hannah Insko

3rd Year

Abby Ponder

4th Year

Brandon Chiodini
Marissa Olson



Congratulations, students! We look forward to seeing you for check distribution during worship on either August 4 or 11.

2019-2020 College Prayer List

Alyssa Archer	Rock Valley College	Rockford
Brandon Chiodini	University of Illinois	Champaign
Jalen Craglione	Bradley University	Peoria
Hannah Insko	Loras College	Dubuque
Carrie Minnier	University of St. Francis	Joliet
Marissa Olson	Augustana College	Rock Island
Abby Ponder	Rockford University	Rockford

***"I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.
Plans to prosper you...
plans to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11***

WTPB—LP 99.3 FM News

Worship on the Air

Third Pres Worship is live on Sundays at 1015 AM, and repeated on Wednesdays 1015 AM. Westminster Presbyterian features the weekly scripture, sermon, and prayer on Wed and Sun at 1 PM.

Day1, the best of Protestant Preaching airs at Noon on Sun and Wed. Sing for Joy at 1230 PM Sun and Wed. And the popular Tabernacle Choir (formerly Mormon Tabernacle Choir) is heard at 9 AM on T, Th, and Sat.

Classics of the Radio Age

A couple of John "Radio" Russell's famous lines are "we play favorites" and "playing Rockford's Best Music 24 hours a day!" You can hear John every night from 8 to 10 PM.

Mike Williamson will soon be recording his 500th weekly show for our station. Each weekly show plays for 7 days (M,W,F,Sun 730 PM) and (T,Th,Sat 130 PM).



Dick Robinson's Show is 2 to 4 PM on Sunday and Wednesday.

David Fagen has two shows (Only Oldies M,W,F,Sun 9 AM) and (Night Music 7 PM T,Th,Sat).

Don Ferguson's Music of Hollywood and Broadway airs (M,F 10 AM) (Sun,Wed 4 PM). During July and August Don's shows will feature these musicals: Pajama Game, Kiss Me Kate, Guys & Dolls, Man of LaMancha, Lil Abner, Hello Dolly and more.

Of course, there are many more programs and special features in this, our 15th year of broadcasting!

Remember, 99.3 FM broadcasts 24 hours a day, and is now streaming on the internet. You will find a link on our webpage at www.thirdpreschurch.com.

Wishing you a Happy Summer of Listening,
Rev. Murray Hanson, Station Manager

Across the U.S., Presbyterians are helping to build peaceful, neighborly communities. Many congregations and mid councils use gifts from the Peace & Global Witness Offering to put creative ideas like Peace Camp into action.

Twenty-five percent of this offering is retained by our congregation for local ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation including Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity.

Another 25 percent will support these ministries at the mid council level, and the remaining 50 percent supports the peacemaking and reconciliation ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). Your gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering will help build more neighborly communities and a more peaceful world.

This special offering will be received throughout August. Talk to your family about how you hope to participate in supporting God's work of making peace.

Let Us Pray ~

Gracious God, we give thanks
for people everywhere
who reach out with your neighborly love
to bridge divisions.
We celebrate the diversity you created
as a gift from you.
Help us follow the way that leads
toward peace and reconciliation.
We pray in the name of the One
who forged this path for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord,. **Amen.**



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

July Events

**July 15
Pantry Sunday**

**Canned Tuna
Chicken
Catsup, mustard,
mayo and pickles**



**August 18
Pantry Sunday**

**Cereal
Canned fruit
Granola Bars**



**SUMMER SOFTBALL Wed. 6 pm
St. Bernadette's Field
2300 Bell Ave.**

Everybody 6th grade and up can play – bring a mitt if you have one, a folding chair, a picnic dinner (optional).



Soup Kitchen
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
412 N. Church St.
**Saturday, July 28,
10:30 AM—2 PM**

Third Pres. is sponsoring this soup kitchen and volunteers are needed. We plan to serve about 200 people! We will set up, prepare lunch, and clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship room. Can you help serve? Can you donate food items? Need info? Call Jeanne Fauerbach at 815-742-7890.

Third Pres. Church

esday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PM Softball	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6
M -2:00 Corps - lunch PM Softball	11 9:30 AM Dorcas Circle Breakfast @ Jerry's Cafe 9:45 AM Faith Builder's Women's Bible Study	12	13 Habitat for Humanity Lunches
PM Softball	18 9:45 AM Faith Builders Bible Study	19	20
Triennium			
PM Softball	25 9:45 AM Faith Builder's Women's Bible Study	26	27 10:30 AM Soup Kitchen @ Emmanuel Episcopal
PM Softball	Sunday Worship @ 10:15 am Worship Live Broadcast on WTPB-LP 99.3 FM Rebroadcast Wednesdays at 10:15 am		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1 Gary and Karen Jones Day @ Men's Softball	2	3 6:00 Summer
7 10:15 AM Worship w/Communion	8 Men's Softball	9	10 10:00 AM Piece Sack I 6:00 Summer
14 10:15 AM Worship	15 Men's Softball	16	17 6:00 Summer
21 10:15 AM Worship 12:00 PM NC Alumni Cook-Out @ Rock Cut State Park Food Pantry Sunday	22 Men's Softball	23 5:00 PM Personnel Committee 6:30 PM Worship Committee	24 6:00 Summer
28 10:15 AM Worship Triennium Review	29 Men's Softball	30 9:00 AM Newsletter mailing 150th Anniv. Transcontinental Railroad Bus Trip to Roscoe	31 6:00 Summer

Healthy Summer Eating

5 Tips for Healthy Summer Eating

- Work more veggies into your diet like adding avocado to sandwiches.
- Get the most out of your salad. Not all salads are healthy, especially at a restaurant.
- Avoid overdoing it at summer BBQs. Beat the temptation to overeat by filling up on the healthy stuff first.
- Cook at home rather than going out to eat.
- Remember to eat plenty of fruit!

7 Healthy Summer Foods

- Grilling fish is one of the healthiest ways to prepare fish.
- Gazpacho. This Spanish specialty is loaded with nutrient-packed summer produce: tomatoes, cucumber and red pepper.
- Iced tea has so many health benefits.
- Salad (prepared at home)
- Berries
- Corn
- Avocado
- Watermelon

Water is key to any good diet.

