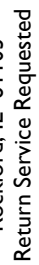


## June 2022





## SUMMER SERIES: BIBLE STORIES YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

*Over the summer we will ponder some of the more dramatic episodes in Scripture, each of which leads to an enhanced understanding of the purposes of God.*

*Pastor Steve*



**June 5— Pentecost!**  
“For Losers and Cowards”  
The Story of Gideon  
Judges 6:1-40

**June 12—Trinity Sunday**  
“When God Gets in Your Boat”  
Peter and the Bad Fishing Day  
John 21:1-19



**June 19—Father’s Day**  
“Delilah or Dorcas:  
Which Are You?”  
Judges 16, Acts 9

**June 26— Pentecost +3**  
Joseph and His Brothers = Family Feud!  
All Things To Work For Good  
Genesis 37-40



## CELEBRATIONS



6-3	Mandy Archer	6-14	Mikayla Gray
6-5	Fred Miner	6-18	Ginny Carlson
6-6	Andrea Pearson		Becky Chapman
	Marcus Bentley		Nicole Barker
6-7	Richard Williamson	6-19	Taylor Leber
6-8	Betty Pinkley	6-20	Charlie Raum
	Andre Edwards		Ashley Molsberry
6-9	Jayne Maxwell	6-21	Andy Hanson
	Jack Van Meter	6-23	Jeanne Virtue
6-10	Dennis Johnson	6-24	Edith Blank
	Tammy Feierday		August Sovina
6-11	Pamela Reed	6-25	Logan Grey
6-12	Harriet Keeling	6-27	Doug Pearse
	Cody Grandstaff, Jr.	6-28	Debbie Wise
6-13	Traci O’Connell	6-30	Cathy Logsdon
6-14	Elizabeth Duckett		Nicole Facer

### Anniversaries 40+ Years

6-4	Rev. Russell and Ruth Skorburg
6-7	Gene and Diane Archer
6-10	Doug and Karen Gray
6-13	Doug and Joyce Pearse
6-17	Fred and Cindy Miner
6-22	Frank and Kay Carriglitto
6-28	Dennis and Kathy Johnson



## CONGREGATION/CORPORATION

### Meeting to Approve Financing For a New Heating Plant For the Church

Thirders,

The Session is calling for a meeting of the congregation and corporation of Third Presbyterian Church to take place following worship on June 19th. Owing to the fact that this is Father's Day, we hope to shorten worship somewhat so as not to overly intrude on family plans.

Over the past 6 weeks the Board of Trustees, the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and the Session have deliberated over a plan to update the church's heating plant. While this has been considered in the past, it has become critical owing to an extraordinary increase in the price of natural gas which recently went into effect. While the heating system will be idle for some months, in the fall and next winter costs would become excessive.

In order to accomplish this the Session has chosen a bid from Area Mechanical of Rockford for \$106,000 inclusive of all costs. Work would be accomplished before the heating season. To accomplish this with minimal financial impact, the Session will pursue a loan for energy efficient projects offered by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

*The Session asks the congregation and corporation to consent to applying for a loan in the amount of \$100,000 payable over ten years at 2% interest. Watch for an email with further information.*

Pastor Steve Bowie  
Julie Leber, Clerk of Session

## ARE YOU WILLING TO LEAD IN CHRIST'S CHURCH?

### Making A Difference at Third Presbyterian Church

The Nominating Committee has begun seeking candidates to serve on the church boards and in corporate offices beginning in January 2023. In particular, candidates are required for the following positions:

**Elders**—Serve on the Session and govern the life of the congregation in its worship and work. Each Elder works in conjunction with one of the specific ministries of the church.

**Deacons**—Provide pastoral care to a Flock of members, assist with hospitality and the church picnic, and serve in a variety of other roles.

**Trustees**—Oversee the material assets of the church—its building and grounds—and make suggestions for improvements.

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to serve in one of these ways? Contact Gene Archer or the church office about your particular interest.

Gene Archer, Chair of Nominating 815-289-7145  
iso9000@mchsi.com



## SCOUT TROOP 23 NEWS



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### **Survival Camp**

#### **Torstenson Youth Education Center**

*Ten Scouts and their leaders took part in a survival camp at the Tortenson Center on May 14th. The Scouts were required to construct and sleep in a shelter of their own making.*

### **Summer Plans**

*With a number of new Scouts preparing to advance in rank, the Troop will spend much of the summer working at Rock Cut Park on the Swimming and Canoeing merit badges.*

*Contact Kevin Coke for more information 815-209-5865*



THANK YOU!

The College students wanted to thank you for all the cards and care packages during final exam time!

Sunday June 12, 2022 2:30 pm Court Street United Methodist Church presents

**The Ecumenical Community Handbell Organization**

Including our very own Elaine Jacoby



**Karen Jones** has a new email is  
karenjones.1941@gmail.com.



**Edith Blank** 4141 N. Rockton Ave. B249  
Rockford, IL 61103 815-316-1833.

## RADIO STATION WTPB 99.3 FM AND ONLINE

*(Sound of Radio tuning in...) Welcome to "Music of Broadway and Hollywood!" I'm your host, Don Ferguson. Today an original fiction titled, 'Charlene's Stormy Summer' based on a story by Sedoris Ferguson and Jennifer Brown! As the house lights dim, our story begins after this song.*

During June WTPB will have the world premiere of a new story called "Charlene's Storming Summer" based on a story by Sedoris Ferguson and Jennifer Brown.

The story along with music will debut on Don Ferguson's Music from Hollywood and Broadway, airing on Mondays and Fridays at 10 AM and Wednesday and Sundays at 4 PM.

This new show will play in rotation along with three other musicals that Don has selected to present to us the music and storyline in one-hour programs. These other shows are Sugar, Thoroughly Modern Millie, and the Unsinkable Molly Brown.

All of this excites me and brings back memories. In my first congregation after my ordination in 1973, we had a Sunday early morning at the local drive-in movie theater in Storm Lake, Iowa. Later in the morning we had a traditional service in the church sanctuary.

I loved the drive-in service so much, and so did many others. We had a group of guys who would arrive early Sunday morning and pick up all of the litter from the Saturday night movies, giving the regular clean up man a morning he could sleep in. We had a little shelter we opened under the screen for doing the worship service, rain or shine. My favorite part of the service was coming up with funny stories to open my message with, and if the story was deemed funny enough by the congregation sitting in their cars and trucks...they would honk their horns!

A lot of us would gather after the service at the nearby Lakeside Café for breakfast and coffee. It was casual, with some coming to worship and to the Café, in a bathrobe!

You would have enjoyed it!

Best wishes, and thanks for listening!

Murray Hanson  
Station Manger 99.3 FM and [www.wtpblp.com](http://www.wtpblp.com)





## NEWSEY NEWS

**Marissa Olson** has received a full scholarship to University of Michigan. We are so proud of you, Marissa!

Eric and Heidi Milner's daughter **Morgan** will have a dance recital in mid June. She will be performing a jazz song and a ballet. Enjoy the show!

**Laura Cooper**, our church secretary, joined a friend of 47 years on a short cruise from New Orleans to Cozumel. Now that sounds grand!

**Pastor Steve** and **Dan Chiodini** enjoyed an afternoon watching Corbin Gray and the Auburn Knights play the Guilford Vikings. Fun times!

**Paster Steve** will be in Edinburgh, Scotland in early June to take classes for his doctorate. He hopes to see Iona, St. Andrews, Inverness and a wee bit of the highlands. Sounds like a great way to work on a doctor-ate!

**Pastor Jeremiah Griffin** from Halstead Road Baptist moonlights as a BBQ chef. He'll be preparing the food for the church picnic. Yum!

**Mike Adams** took part in Framing Day for Rockford Area Habitat For Humanity. Thank you, Mike!

Thanks to all who taught our children and young people over the past year.

It has been a joy to see people from Third's past stop by worship on serval occasions.

**Pastor Steve** had a wonderful conversation with Mary Smith, who is doing well but misses being able to be present in person. We miss her, too!

Remembering our loved ones

**Leona Frey** will be remembered in and after worship on June 26th.

**Earl and Alyce Lutzow** hosted a gathering for their family in remembrance f their son Brian, who went to be with the Lord earlier this year.

Send your "Newsy News" to Kay at [RLYBRD1@gmail.com](mailto:RLYBRD1@gmail.com)



## PASTOR STEVE STUDIES

Dear Thirders,

By the time you read this I hope to be abroad in Scotland. Beginning June 6th I'll be embarking on two courses with my Doctor or Ministry colleagues. These classes will be held at New College in Edinburgh. One will consider the movements which have encouraged Christian traditions to work together more closely to do the work of God. The other will address how to follow Christ alongside people who worship in other traditions such as Islam.



Before class begins I will have a number of days during which I hope to explore some of the sacred spaces of Scotland and to join in celebrating Queen Elizabeth's unprecedented Platinum Jubilee.

On Pentecost Sunday (June 5th) I plan to worship at St. Giles' Cathedral, the preaching home of John Knox, the Scottish Reformer responsible for shepherding the Presbyterian Church into existence.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us into a future defined by the parameters of hope—a hope which nothing and no one can deny.



## 2022 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



**Vernon Taylor IV**

**Graduated from Guilford High School**

Parents: Vernon and Jennifer Taylor

Siblings: Andrew, Noah and Kodie

Will be attending Rock Valley College in the fall in hopes of pursuing an electrical engineering degree.



**Nicole Facer**

**Graduated from Guilford High School**

Parents Brad and Jennifer Facer

Sibling: Sydney (and dog, Ernie)

Awarded a Rockford Promise Scholarship

Will attend Rockford University to obtain he teaching degree



**Eric Pearse**

**Graduates with an Associate of Arts Degree from Rock Valley College**

Parents: Mike and Amy Pearse

Grandparents: Doug and Joyce Pearse

Will be continuing his education in the nursing program



**Allie Aufderheide**

**Graduated with a Masters in Education from University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.**

Allie (here with Olive) is the girlfriend of Isaac Mathison-Bowie, Pastor Steve's son.