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Rejoice
in the Lord
always;
again
I will say,
rejoice!
Philippians 4:4



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August Birthdays

8-01 Kathy Johnson	8-18 Gene Archer
Heidi Milner	8-19 Dixie Lindsey
Paul Muraski	8-20 Connie Hollenbeck
8-04 Brandon Smith	8-21 Stacey Gray
8-05 Larry Bergquist	8-22 John Victor Murray
8-06 Robbin Albert	Haylee Lingel
Tracy Murray	8-23 Edith Virtue
8-11 Xavier Kundo	8-24 Gerald May
8-13 Marissa Olson	8-28 Morgan Milner
James Saunders	William Crosby-Spires
8-16 Morgan Olson	8-29 Don Maxwell
Nadia Barbour	Faith Genrich
8-17 Aarionte Mahone	8-30 Gloria Silberman
Amelia Spires	Zander Ruffcorn
8-18 Marion Lingel	

Faith Builders Women's Bible Study
meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays
of the month.

July and August they will be
studying and discussing

"The Upper Room"

Please come and join the group!
If you having questions please contact
Laura Chiodini at 814-985-2432

The Treasure We Are

Author Eugene Peterson wrote:

*A friend told me this story. He was teaching a group of young people the parables of Jesus. They were reading together the kingdom parables of the treasure in the field and the pearl of great price (Matthew 13:44-46). He asked them what exactly they thought this 'treasure' and this 'pearl' was. They responded readily, but also, as is the style of young people, noisily. One girl had not spoken. The teacher asked her, 'And Brenda, what do you think this means?' In a quiet voice, and with considerable shyness, she said, 'I am the pearl of great price.' The tenor of the discussion immediately changed. Reflections turned inwards as they considered the kingdom within them-the treasure that was them-that the farmer and the merchant sold all that they had to buy. And yes, that Jesus had sacrificed all that he was and bought-me.**

The way to access the presence of God is to look inward rather than outward. We incarnate-put flesh on-Christ when we respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit by loving, feeding, clothing, visiting, healing, and being present to *the least of these*. Our *doing* for Christ should be a result of our *being* with Christ and with his people. Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathering in my name, there I am in the midst of them (Matthew 18:20).

May we continue to gather the treasure that is *us* as the body of Christ, committed to witnessing the hope of Christ to our corner of the world.

Pastor Steve

* *from God of Surprises (Gerard Hughes 2008)*

“Bible Stories We Thought We Knew”

Worship during August

We are continuing our journey through some notable portions of scripture.

Aug. 7th Water into Wine

Story: Jesus performs a sign at a wedding

Read: Exodus 17 and John 2



Aug. 14 Jacob Comes Home and Makes Up

Story: Two feuding brothers reunite

Read: Genesis 32 & 33 and Mark 3:13-19

Aug. 21 Mission Trip Report Back

Mound Ridge Camp and Retreat Center

Photos and Testimony from the Team



Aug. 28 Love Songs of the Old Testament

Story: Poetry which has brightened many weddings.

Read: Song of Songs 4 and I Corinthians 13

Coming in September:

How to Give Your Faith Away



Newsy News

Cathy Logsdon has been very busy driving for Bible School. She has been hauling 5 children back and forth each day. Thank you Cathy! She reports that the children are really enjoying their time. How wonderful to hear!

The Hartshorns and the **Milners** celebrated their father/grandfather Don's birthday in northern Minnesota. That is a great reason for a lovely get-away. We wish Don a Very Happy Birthday!

Meanwhile, **Glenda Hammer** and **Jeanne Virtue** have been very busy sewing. Since Christmas, they have made over 1,100 reusable maxi pads for the girls in Ghana.

The head director of the **Girls of Ghana** brought back material from Ghana and Glenda and Jeanne are using this to make envelope pillow covers. Let's give Glenda and Jeanne a big Thank You for doing all of this for the girls. What a great way to use your talents, ladies!

Send your "Newsy News" to Kay at RLYBRD1@gmail.com

Thru the Pastor's Eyes Visions of Scotland



Sunday August 14th following worship

***Shared Dish Luncheon**

***Photos and Stories of Historic Scotland**

Bring a dish to pass, beverages provided

Elder

Do you have a desire to help shape the life of the church?

Deacon

Want to minister to those who are aging, hurting, grieving?

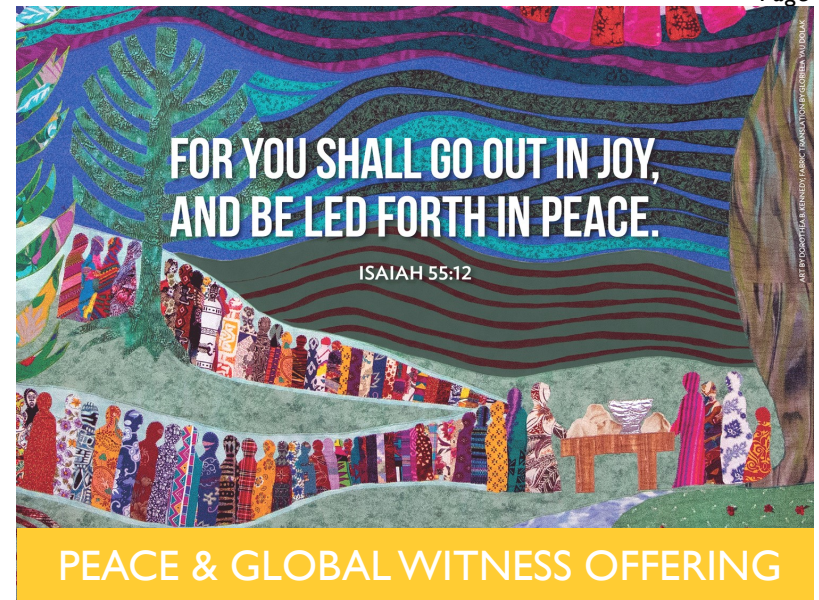
Trustee

The church is not a building; it has a building.
Someone has to take care of it.

**Be ready for a call
from the Nominating Committee**

Get
up off
of your knees.
Come out of your
churches, your mosques,
your temples. God can hear
your prayers for peace, justice,
and hope in this broken world just
fine while you're out creating peace,
working for justice, and giving hope to
this broken world. When are we finally
going to realize that humanity is the solution
to inhumanity? When will we finally understand
that we are all drops of the same ocean, hurting
together, healing together, hoping together?
So don't just pray for hands to heal the hurting.
Pray with hands that are healing the hurting.
Don't just pray for arms to help the helpless.
Pray with arms that are helping the helpless.
Don't just pray for feet to respond to need.
Pray on feet that are responding to need.
Don't just pray for someone to do something.
Be someone who does something.
Don't just pray for answers.
Be the answer.

L.R. King



We are the church, together.
We are peacemakers, together.
We are the builders of God's household of peace. Together.
And when, together we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

This August, your gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

Our congregation will be able to use 25% of this offering to connect local people with Christ's peace. Our Presbytery / Synod retain 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Our community, our country and our world urgently need to work toward peace. Please give as generously as you can.

Help Build the 2022 Habitat for Humanity House!

**Our workday is
Saturday, August 13
8 am—3 pm**
(work the day or come and go as
you are able)



Jobs are available for people at all skill levels.

Workers must be 16 years of age.

Sign up in the Church Fellowship Room or call the Church Office.

Can't do physical work?

Help make or donate items for lunches for the workers.
Talk with Lorie Michaelis.



Radio Station WTPB 99.3 FM & online



Happy August! Where does the time go!

This month I would like to remind you of all the good listening available thanks to the programs of Dave Fagen, here on 99.3 FM. You may recognize Dave's name as he is one of our Sunday morning Radio Control Operators for the worship broadcasts. Dave worked several years at the East Branch of the Rockford Public Library. "DJ Dave" can be heard hosting "Only Oldies" on our station at 9 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Dave also hosts "A Little Night Music" from 7 – 8 PM on Thursday, Saturday, and Tuesday evenings!

During August, Don Ferguson's "Music from Broadway and Hollywood" will include "Mame," "On the 20th Century," "Pete's Dragon," "Funny Girl," and "I Can Get It For You Wholesale." His program airs Mondays and Fridays at 10 AM, and Wednesdays and Sundays at 4 PM. Do you recognize Don's name as well? He is also one of our Sunday Board Operators. Don hosts the Monthly Movie night at the Beloit Public Library at 6 PM on the third Wednesday of the month. He selects award winning Musical or Dramatic films from the 50's, 60's, or 70's and gives some background prior to each showing.

Both, Don and Dave, are pretty entertaining guys, and I am so happy they share their talents on 99.3 FM!

Thanks for Listening!

Murray Hanson, Station Manager



Everyone had a wonderful time at "Spark Studios" VBS this year!

It was held at Halsted Road Baptist Church.

The theme was based on Ephesians 2:10.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."



There were quite a few Third Pres people that attended:

Aurora Layng, Savannah & Zachery Kujat, Becca Truitt, Junie Sabaka, Jace Leber, Emily Monroe, Nolan Hollenbeck, and Izzy Dilonardo. Pastor Steve, Katie Malnor and Debbie Geisler were helpers.

