

Third Presbyterian Church

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Third Pres. Church

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**Praise to our God
who created summer!**

***“Sun is shining. Weather is sweet.
Make you want to move your feet.”
Bob Marley***

Early Summer Specials at Third PC

June 4th at Noon

**Salad Luncheon with Andy Gannon
Bring a friend and a salad to share!**

June 8th—The Day of Pentecost

10:15 am Worship in the Spirit

3:00 pm ECHO Handbell Concert

6:00 pm Gospel Concert at Levings Lake

June 15th—Father’s Day

Recognition Gifts for Fathers and Others

June 22nd- ‘50’s Drive-In Fundraiser

5:00-7:00 pm

June 23-27 Vacation Bible School

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O COME LET US SING UNTO THE LORD

June 1, 2025

Ascension Sunday

The Lord's Supper

"The Holy Spirit in Mission and Witness"

Acts 1:1-11

June 8, 2025

The Day of Pentecost

"Holy Spirit, Come On Down!"

Acts 2:1-21

A Season of Psalms

*Each week during the summer we will reflect upon
a Psalm from the Old Testament.*

June 15—Trinity Sunday—Psalm 8

Fathers' Day Recognition

*"O Lord our Sovereign, how majestic
is your Name in all the earth."*

June 22nd Pentecost 2—Psalm 42

*"As a deer longs for flowing streams,
So my soul longs for you, O God."*

June 29 Pentecost 3—Psalm 77

*"I cry aloud to God, aloud to God,
that God may hear me in the day of my trouble."*

CELEBRATIONS



6-3	Mandy Archer	6-19	Taylor Leber
6-5	Fred Miner		Linda Clikeman
	Loretta Fields	6-20	Charlie Raum
6-6	Marcus Bentley	6-21	Andy Hanson
6-7	Richard Williamson		Peyton Schwager
6-8	Andre Edwards	6-23	Jeanne Virtue
6-9	Jayne Maxwell	6-24	August Sovina
	Jack Van Meter		Carol Ritzman
6-11	Pamela Reed	6-25	Logan Gray
6-12	Cody Grandstaff, Jr.		David Lyford
	Kevin Busker	6-26	Mallory Birch
6-14	Elizabeth Duckett	6-27	Doug Pearse
	Mikayla Gray	6-30	Cathy Logsdon
6-18	Becky Chapman		Nicole Facer
			Kevan Kalb

Anniversary 25 + Years

Russell & Ruth Skorborg	June 04	70 yrs.
Doug & Karen Gray	June 10	53 yrs.
Doug & Joyce Pearse	June 13	66 yrs.
Greg & Robbin Albert	June 13	26 yrs.
Brik & Katie Volk	June 16	31 yrs.
Fred & Cindy Miner	June 17	64 yrs.
Frank & Kay Carriglitto	June 22	63 yrs.
Michael & Tammy Feierday	June 26	43 yrs.



LOOKING AHEAD

Leaders Make A Difference at Third



The Nominating Committee has begun seeking qualified members to serve on the church boards and in corporate offices beginning January 2026 .

Candidates are needed for the following positions:

Elders—Serve on the Session and govern the life of the congregation in its worship and work.

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 building and grounds and make suggestions for improvements.

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to serve?

Pastor Steve

Family worship resumes 10/5/25

Sunday school resumes on Rally Day 9-7-25

Important Safety Update

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been installed on the wall outside the Main Church Office. While we hope it is never needed, it is ready for use in case of an emergency.

Thank you to everyone who made this life-saving resource possible.



PENTECOST

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

By Pastor Steve



Can you name a song that...

you might hum along with on the radio...

brings you comfort when you are sad...

you share with a special someone...

Music holds a special place for us because it cues our emotions and may even move our bodies. Even if we don't think of ourselves as “musical,” each of us has the capacity to make music in one way or another, by humming, singing, playing an instrument, or even by drumming our fingers.

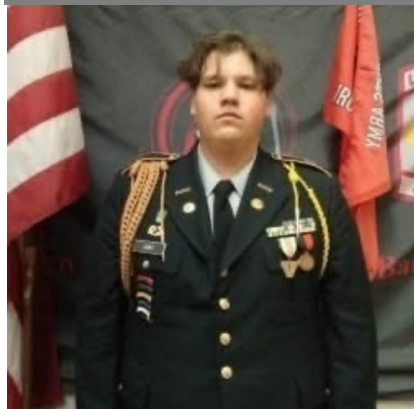
The songbook of the Bible is **The Book of Psalms**. In it we find prayers, pleas, challenges, declarations of love, and more. “Those who sing, pray twice” is a quote commonly attributed to St. Augustine. When we sing in worship we not only put words to our faith; we open the channel of our emotions to connect with God in a rich way. Psalms make good morning or evening devotions.

“O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our Salvation” Psalm 95:1 (KJV)

Throughout the summer, we will take time to consider Psalms of praise, lament, thanksgiving, wisdom, and hope. We will even sing a number of them. Here's to a Psalmic summer!

Pastor Steve

HONORING OUR 2



Corbin Gray

Auburn High School

Parents:

Sean and Stacey Gray

Sibling:

Liadan Gray

Corbin plans on attending NIU
and studying
environmental science.



Lillian Hanson

Auburn High School

Parent:

Andy Hanson

Sibling:

Eleanor Hanson

Grandparents:

Rev. Murray and Mary Hanson

Lillian plans on attending
Northern Illinois University to
study chemistry.



Macy Olson

Minnesota State University
Mankato

Macy graduated in December
with a Bachelor's degree
in Biology.

Parents:

Brian and Lori Olson

Siblings:

Morgan and Marissa Olson

RADIO STATION WTPB 99.3 FM AND ONLINE



WTPB Radio 99.3 FM in June Wtpblp.com

During June many of our specials will come during Father's Day week. We have some nice programs ready to air that week!

David Fagen was just updating me today on the all new one-hour shows that he is getting ready for his "A Little Night Music" hour on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings from 7 to 8 PM. Dave spends a lot of time researching his programs and each show usually features the music of one famous music artist or group. He also hosts the "Only Oldies" shows from 9 to 930 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

During June, Don Ferguson (Music from Broadway and Hollywood, Monday and Friday at 10 AM, and Wednesday and Sunday at 4 PM) will present these shows: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Carnival" (the Broadway version of "Lili"), "Key West Dreamers" (his original production), "Marilyn Monroe Songs", and "Songs That Tell A Story, Part 9."

Wishing you all a most wonderful summer and a warm and nice month of June!

Best wishes, Murray Hanson, Station Manager

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

**Drive-In Diner
& Pop Can Fundraiser**
Supporting Triennium 2025
Sunday, June 22nd
5:00pm-7:00pm

A fun evening of good food
and a great cause!

Bring your recyclable cans to donate!



2025 CHURCH PICNIC



Church Picnic
Sinnissippi Park Twin Shelters
Sun. August 17th Noon to 3:00pm.

Submarine Sandwich Buffet
Bring a dish to pass (side, salad, dessert)
and your own plates and flatware

Music, games for all ages, bingo
with many, many prizes!

Sponsored by the Board of Deacons

2025 GRADUATES



Aurora Insko

Carroll University

Aurora is graduating with a
Bachelor's of Science degree
in Exercise Sciences with a
minor in management and
leadership.

Parents: Chad & Angie Insko
Siblings: Hannah & Hudson



Jacob Minnier

Bradley University

Jake is graduating with a
Bachelor's of Science degree
in Civil Engineering.

Parents:
Chris and Jody Minnier



Olivia Watton

Rock Valley College

Olivia graduated from Rock
Valley College School of
Nursing with her Associate's
of Applied Science.

Parents:
Dan and Beth Amy Watton
Grandparents:
Alan and Nancy Justman

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday June 4, 2025 at noon Women's Association Annual Spring Salad Luncheon



Enjoy a delicious salad luncheon
and bring a salad to pass!
Bring a friend and enjoy good
conversation while listening to
Andy Gannon talk.
Everyone is welcome!

Family Night at St. Bernadette's Field

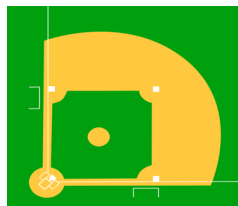
2400 Bell Avenue

Wed. June 4th—August 6th

6:00pm

Opening Day BBQ Picnic

Softball, basketball, and a supervised
playground for younger children, Play or
watch! Join the crowd cheering and
chatting on the sidelines—bring along a folding chair.



Popcorn & water provided.

Third Presbyterian Church Habitat for Humanity Work Day

To be determined at a later date.

Pray for the ministry of Habitat
In a season of uncertainty for funding
for endeavors such as this.

Pastor Steve



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Take the **Big Blue Bus** in the afternoon on
Pentecost Sunday to two special events:

ECHO Handbell Concert 2:15 pm departure

Levings Lake Gospel Night 5:30 pm departure

Bring a folding chair and water

Donations for fuel accepted.



There is still time to Register at
Stronghold Camp
Stronghold Campers from
Third Presbyterian Church
Receive a 50% scholarship!!!

Vacation Bible School
is a wonderful opportunity
to connect, fellowship,
and use your gifts
to make a lasting impact.
If you are interested in
volunteering, please plan
to attend one of
our upcoming
volunteer meetings.

May 31st

10:00am- 11:00am or

June 7th

1:00pm-2:00pm



Vacation Bible School –
June 23rd-June 27th
11:00AM-2:30PM, Ages 3-13
Mark Your Calendars
And Prepare
To Be MAGNIFIED!!!
Halsted Baptist Church –
register online.