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## Daily reasons to celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.



## General Synod Service Project

Several ladies from the church got together on June 28th and put together 57 kits! We had quite the assembly line going. Once they were assembled, we delivered them to a delegate from another church in our area who took them to Indianapolis.

Each kit contained two 2 oz. bottles hand sanitizer, three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags, one travel pack of Wet ones, ten unscented tampons (5 regular and 5 super), ten unscented sanitary napkins, one bath size bar of soap, one pack of flushable wipes, and six laundry detergent sheets.

UCC General Synod surpassed their 1,000 goal and 3,157 kits were put together!

Thanks to everyone who donated money, time, and efforts to accomplish this mission. It was very much appreciated.



The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Which list below includes a city that is not among those seven?

- A. Ephesus, Thyatira, Philadelphia
- B. Smyrna, Laodicea, Galatia
- C. Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna
- D. Sardis, Ephesus, Laodicea

Answer: (See Revelation 2–3.)

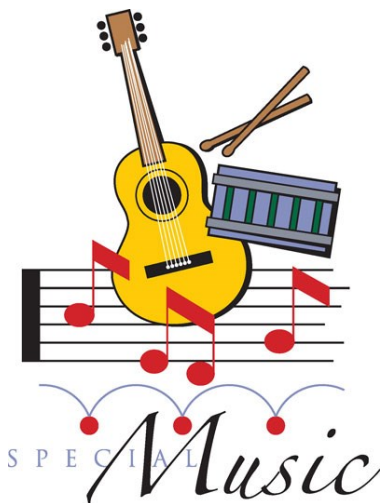


## NAMI Walks 2023

NAMI Greater Mississippi Valley contacted us recently to see if anyone from the church wanted to form a team for this year's NAMI Walks on Saturday, September 16th. It is going to be held at the Bend XP amphitheater in East Moline. All funds raised stay local to fund NAMI's free support programs. You can sign up on their website [NAMI Walks](#) or contact the walk manager, Lori Leipold, at 563 343 0566 with any questions.



## Special Music this Summer



We've been enjoying some wonderful music at our church services this summer! Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to sing for us. We really appreciate the sounds while the choir is off this summer — Amy Dowell, Autumn Dowell, Pam Edmond, Gregory Minnich, Don Walton, Pastor Linda, and Susan Senn.

The first Sunday in August, Corey Kendrick, jazz pianist and instructor for Black Hawk College, will be organizing a jazz group made up of his students to perform for us. He is planning on piano, bass and drum!

Thanks, also, to Susan Senn for coordinating all the music for us all year long...

## ACCEPTING DONATIONS THROUGH OCTOBER 1st

The committee has been meeting to sort through attic item donations that have been brought to the church. If you have some things to donate, please don't wait until the last minute to bring them to the church. The cutoff date for bringing items to the church is Sunday, October 1st.

And, remember, that we appreciate when the items have been cleaned. The Holiday Bazaar is just around the corner. It will be here before we know it!



### Backpacks and School Supplies

We collected lots of school supplies and backpacks during the month of July.

Thanks to everyone who donated \$\$, shopped for others or brought items in.

**Shout out** to our mowers! Gary Hoker, Jim Spies, Karsten Hulme and Logan Young. We appreciate you taking care of our property!



### In-Kind Donations

Most of our programs wouldn't survive without the generous in-kind donations from everyone of you. Your donation is recorded on your year end statement as well as in the accounting system to show a more true "cost" of the individual programs. Please turn in your donation receipts for what you donate to the sandwich program, share a meal program, holiday bazaar, and any mission program such as the "backpacks and school supplies" or "cookies for the blood center". We want receipts for anything that is purchased for the church whether it be gasoline for the mowers or coffee or treats for the coffee hour.

**Reminder: Please don't wait until the end of the year to turn in any receipts!**

# FROM THE COUNCIL



## Church Council Highlights – July 9, 2023

**Property:** Obtaining bids to take down large pine tree near parsonage.

**Outreach:** Share-A-Meal will be served 78 on June 30.

**Spiritual Life:** Combined summer worship with First Christian..

**Christian Education:** No Sunday School for the summer.

**Other Business:** Faith First Committee Meeting July 12.

**Next Council Meeting: Sunday August 13, 2023**

## 2023 Council Meetings

Second Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.  
We will meet face to face, unless otherwise requested.

Aug. 13	Sept. 10
Oct. 8	Nov. 12
	Dec. 10

## Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

August Newsletter article deadline is August 20.

August Newsletter will be mailed by August 30.

## Share-A-Meal

We are next scheduled to serve  
**Tuesday, August 29, 2023.**



Treasurer's Report June 2023			
PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	JUNE	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,370.00	\$ 6,173.50	\$ 40,476.63
OCWM	\$ 100.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 650.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 198.00	\$ 283.00	\$ 1,699.75
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 241.00	\$ 3,587.44
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$ 6,668.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,807.50</b>	<b>\$ 46,413.82</b>
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,370.00	\$ 6,414.50	\$ 44,064.07
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 218.24	\$ 787.72
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 8,663.05
Shared Space Inc	\$ -	\$ 1,141.28	\$ 8,382.29
<b>Total Gen Fund Inc</b>	<b>\$ 6,370.00</b>	<b>\$10,774.02</b>	<b>\$ 61,897.13</b>
Pastor Expense	\$ 7,055.08	\$ 7,490.48	\$ 41,036.22
Employee Expense	\$ 908.58	\$ 903.61	\$ 5,430.70
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 362.50	\$ 10.69	\$ 612.80
Office Expense	\$ 437.08	\$ 193.70	\$ 2,244.02
Property Expense	\$ 1,839.42	\$ 1,224.39	\$ 11,587.81
<b>Total Gen Fun Exp</b>	<b>\$ 10,602.67</b>	<b>\$ 9,822.87</b>	<b>\$ 60,911.55</b>
<b>Net General Fund</b>	<b>\$ (4,232.67)</b>	<b>\$ 951.15</b>	<b>\$ 985.58</b>
Submitted by Martha Watters			

Summer Greetings!



The start of a new school year is quickly approaching! That means that we will also be starting up Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. Look for more information on these soon.

Update on the pine tree in front of the parsonage - as you may have noticed, the tree is gone. Council received three bids and took the lowest of \$1,500 from Ranger Tree Service. They did a great job! Council also decided to have them grind out the stump, clean it up and put fresh top soil for an additional \$500. We were concerned with how it would look if the stump was left, and also the possibility of attracting unwanted pests. We had to have Iowa Illinois Termite & Pest Control come spray the property for carpenter ants. Apparently the drier weather we have been experiencing lets this type of pest thrive. Who knew?

We are also considering putting a Little Food Pantry in front of the church next to the Book Hut. There is one available, but we need to figure out who can get it set up. More to follow, but let me know if you have the skills to dig a hole and mix some cement. Our friends at First Christian are making a new door for the Book Hut.

That's all for now. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Your Council President

Cheryl Leamer

**WOMEN'S GROUP**  
Will meet August 3 at  
the church to do crafts  
At 6:45 p.m.



**Save the Date!**  
**September 10, 2023**  
Potluck after Church  
Honoring Pastor Heidi's  
Return from Sabbatical



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

13 Jay Watters  
Dustin Sierra  
17 Emily Davis  
22 David Adams  
Sophie Pepper  
29 Myrene Burton  
Barb Koenig  
Andrea Ohanlon



# PRAYER list

## We Pray For

*Spirit of Fire, kindle in our hearts a flame of love for all your children for friend and foe, and kindred all. Teach us to love each other; without malice, without jealousy, without envy, without fear of any under the sun. Bless us during this Sabbatical time. Grant your Spirit to direct us, your power to sustain us, your wisdom to guide us, your vision to light us, your ear to hear us. The guarding of Christ surrounds us, each step of our journey, to aid us and enfold us, each day and night. Amen.*

### Our Faith First Family

Deb Sullivan  
Blake Padavich  
Karen Risler  
Rev Barb Koenig  
Sharon Perreault  
Linda Cox  
Terri Raines

### Our Homebound

Millie Allison  
Paul Dammeier  
Connie Disney  
Jan Johnson  
Hazel McBride  
Lois Wellendorf  
Helen Wiese

### Our Family and Friends

Wren  
Taryn Menning  
Megan  
Judy Cummings  
Aaron Wellendorf  
Lisa  
Gregory Minnich  
Nick  
Baby Christopher  
Jeannine  
Scott  
Terry Showens  
Judy Prideg  
Don Erickson  
Dinah Lohmeier  
Jean Mumm  
Riley Bernnuer

### Our World

Eritrea, Ethiopia

Please Contact the office if you or someone you know is in need of a pastoral visit  
563-391-5726 Please note the hospitals no longer notify us.

## Sabbatical Travel Itinerary

Please Pray for  
Pastor Heidi and  
her family. She  
will keep all of  
us in her  
daily prayers.



*Pastor Heidi's*  
**SABBATICAL**

08/10 - 08/17	Visit friends in Elko, NV	Heidi
08/25 - 08/27	Family Reunion in Harrington, NE	Hulmes
09/05	Return to office	Heidi
09/10/2023	Return to Worship Reception Following	ALL

### Answer to July's puzzle:

Heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his lover endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV*

# Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

B J K Q X Z

BWJITJHQHOB L Z D G B O O K  
D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E X Z T  
O K X W J H O B M I Z T I J S D Q K U  
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R P J Z O W B E Q R T O A X C Z T X J






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PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answers: Next Month

# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 6:45 p.m. Women's Group at Faith UCC	4	5
6 10:00 a.m. Worship Communion	7  Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	8	9 	10	11	12 
13 10:00 a.m. Worship  11:30 a.m. Council Meeting	14  Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	15	16	17  5:30 Baskets	18	19
20 10:00 a.m. Worship  <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	21  Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	22	23 	24	25	26 
27 10:00 a.m. Worship	28  Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	29 5:15 Share-A-Meal	30  <i>Mail Newsletter</i>	31	