



Internally Nurturing – Externally Serving
July and August 2015

Congregational Care

“We Care” members celebrating birthdays in July and August are Margaret Ludlow on July 19, Richard Jacobs on August 14, Shirley Musselman on August 23 and Lorna Messerli on August 31. You may call the church office for their addresses.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Dixie Miller whose brother passed away recently.

Susan Knight sends her thanks for the many friends at FPC who sent cards at the time of her recent surgery. She appreciated hearing from so many old friends.

Rides to church during July are provided by Deacon Angie O’Connor and in August by Deacon Chris McAndrew. Call the assigned deacon or the church office to make arrangements. PLEASE don’t hesitate to take advantage of this service. Your presence in worship is important to your church family.

YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

July will be a busy month for our youth. On July 10 the high school youth will head to Coalmont, Tennessee, for a week of work in Appalachia with the mission trip organization, Mountain Top.

On July 29 the middle school youth will travel to Minneapolis for several days of work with Urban Immersion.

Keep our young people and their leaders in your prayers as they live out God’s call to “externally serve” those in need. On Sunday, August 9, they will share their experiences with the congregation.



Thanks to Navigators nights at Wendy’s, a pavilion has been rented at Thomas Park for an all-church picnic after worship on **Sunday, August 9th**. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Navigators is collaborating with the Evangelism and Membership Committee to bring you this event for our church family. Navigators will provide Maid-Rite sandwiches; E & M will provide table service and beverages. You should plan on bringing a dish to share – chips, salad, dessert or hot vegetable.

Watch the church bulletin for more information.



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(For Your Information)

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED! Those who had pictures taken by Lifetouch or submitted photos will receive theirs first. Others will be handed out first come, first served. They will be distributed after worship or stop in the office to pick yours up.



Please note that some of the directories have a line through pages 12 and 13. If you would like a different directory, please have it exchanged.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!?!?!?



The Mission Committee and the Evangelism & Membership Committee invite you to a *Christmas in July* brunch immediately following worship on July 26. We'll have great food and Christmas cookies of course!!! All donations will benefit Operation Christmas Child. Mark your calendar now!



Taste of the Cookbook II

Do you remember how much fun the *Taste of the Cookbook* was after worship last November? We will bring you *Taste of the Cookbook II* after worship on Sunday, August 30th. You will have an opportunity to taste all new recipes from the church cookbook. The recipes selected celebrate the last tastes of summer!



Watch the church bulletin for more information. Questions should be directed to Dixie Jurgens, Melanie Mabee, Ricky Machula, Barb Mineart, Shirley Pantini, or Verna Stutt.

By the way, our profit from cookbook sales combined with a couple of memorial gifts will allow us to install carpet tiles in the Lounge in early July.

Presbyterian Women

SARAH CIRCLE continues on vacation. Meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 2.

MARTHA CIRCLE

- Wednesday, July 8, at 7:00 pm in the Lounge. Chelsey McDill will present the program bringing those present up to date on her ministry at Bridgehaven. Shirley Nove will give the Sunshine Devotion.
- Wednesday, August 12, at 7:00 pm in the Lounge. Peg Heald and Ricky Machula will share their experiences from the PW Worldwide Gathering that they attended in Minneapolis. Sue Wallace will give the Sunshine Devotion.

CORNERSTONE

Sixteen ladies participated in the June luncheon at the Red Lantern. They will meet at the Longbranch for lunch at 11:30 am on Wednesday, July 15, with Katie Bock and Mary Mann as hostesses.

On Wednesday, August 19, they will meet for lunch at the Olive Garden with hostesses Bert Long and Dixie Miller.

Senior single members of FPC are invited to join Cornerstone activities. Contact Jane DeWitte for a ride or more information.

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CHURCHES OF MARION FOOD PANTRY

Each month the Churches of Marion Food Pantry highlights a specific need and requests contributions. In July they would like to stock supplies of peanut butter and in August, supplies of boxed pudding and gelatin mixes. If you wish to make a financial contribution, make checks payable to the Churches of Marion Food Pantry. Please indicate your church affiliation on the memo line of the check.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We would like to focus on older children and boys as they tend to have fewer boxes donated. Sewing and fishing kits are a good idea for older children.



In July we will collect T-shirts, all sizes and colors, for boys.

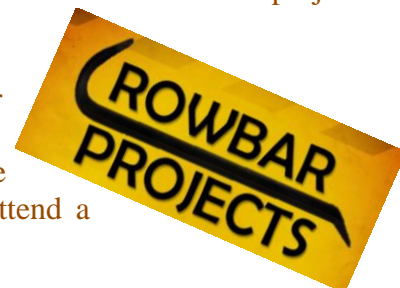
Donations this year have been limited. If we are to make our goal of 350 boxes, please help by donating items requested in past months: hats and gloves for boys & girls; fishing supplies and toys for boys; socks for boys and girls; and sewing supplies. Contributions of washcloths and soap have been totally filled through a generous donation.


Boxes cost \$8 to ship from the processing center to the final destination. If you choose, \$25 can be pledged to help purchase necessary items to fill your box. Monetary donations and pledges are accepted all year to help defray the costs. Contact Carrie Dancey for more information.

CROWBAR PROJECT

Over the past few months the Mission Committee has been able to help a couple of people through our Crowbar funds. We made it possible for a Marion child to attend Camp Wyoming and helped a member of this congregation with emergency car repairs. The Mission Committee is also working on another Crowbar project that is still in the planning process.

If you have seen a need that you alone cannot fill, let the church be a crowbar providing the extra “power” you need to make it happen. We are always looking for new Crowbar ideas that would help someone in this community so if you have an idea, please talk to Craig Brown or Pastor Beth. Everyone is welcome to attend a Mission Committee meeting.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JULY 2015			1	2	3	4
				9:00 Sewing 6:30 Knitters	OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	 INDEPENDENCE DAY
COMMUNION						
9:00 Worship 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening 10:15 Coffee Chats		5:00 Prayer Team 7:00 Building & Grounds	5:00 Finance & Stewardship 7:00 Martha Circle	1:00 Book Club 6:30 Knitters	8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	Social Hall rented afternoon
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Chats Family Promise Host	Family Promise Host	Family Promise Host 5:00 Prayer Team 6:30 Personnel 7:00 Evangelism & Membership	Family Promise Host 11:30 Cornerstone	Family Promise Host 6:30 Knitters	Family Promise Host 8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	Family Promise Host
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Chats		5:00 Prayer Team 7:00 Mission		9:00 Sewing 6:30 Knitters	8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00 Worship 10:15 Christmas in July Brunch 10:15 Haiti Update		5:00 Prayer Team		6:30 Knitters	8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AUGUST 2015						1
COMMUNION						
9:00 Worship 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening 10:15 Coffee Chats		5:00 Prayer Team 7:00 Building & Grounds		9:00 Sewing Group 6:30 Knitters	6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	4:00 Wedding
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 Worship All Church Picnic @ Thomas Park		5:00 Prayer Team 6:30 Personnel 7:00 Evangelism & Membership	5:00 Finance & Stewardship 7:00 Martha Circle	1:00 Book Club 6:30 Knitters	8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	
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