



Igniting Transformation under God's Direction
UMAB Vision Statement

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Remember the theme song from the television show *Cheers*?
“Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name.”
Community is something that we all long for and need - a place to belong, a place where we are cared for, or at least a place where everybody knows our name. No matter who we are, most of us are looking for community.

From the early followers of Jesus to today, people have gathered together in Christian community to pray together, worship together and serve together. As a community, the church's life together is not only about ourselves - our need to join together to care for one another and serve God - but also about the way our life together show the people around us something about God. In her recent book *Living Into Community*, Christine Pohl writes that “the best testimony to the truth of the gospel is the quality of our life together...The character of our shared life - as congregations, communities and families - has the power to draw people into the kingdom or to push them away. How we live together is the most persuasive sermon we'll ever get to preach.”*

This July in a sermon series based on Pohl's book, we're going to explore together a bit about how we live and grow as a community of believers together and the practices - like living gratefully, making and keeping promises, living truthfully, practicing hospitality and dreaming that sustain us and help us live into our call to be Christ's community on earth. I look forward to seeing you there!

Grace and Peace,
Sarah

**Living Into Community: Cultivating Practices That Sustain Us* by Christine D. Pohl (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2012)

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS TO PODER THIS SUMMER

When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you.

When we give to God, we are just taking our hands off what already belongs to Him.

God looks at the heart, not the hand—the giver, not the gift.

Seek joy in what you give, not in what you get.

“You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”

John Bunyan(1628-88), English Puritan writer and preacher

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” Mother Teresa

“To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.”

Anne Morrow Lindbergh

“No one has ever become poor by giving” Anne Frank.

UNITED METHODIST-AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

It was a picnic at Laurie Burnham’s home!! A group of ladies enjoyed a potluck and lots of talk and fellowship on June 14th. We will not have another regular meeting until September 13th. Have a great summer.

CHURCH IN THE PARK ON JULY 29

We will be worshipping together at Claudia Driscoll Park on Sunday July 29. Our congregation will gather for worship at the band shell at **10:00am**. After worship we will share a potluck lunch, so please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. Volunteers are needed to help with set up on Sunday morning before church, so if you can help, please call the office. This is a great opportunity to invite someone new to join us in worship, so invite a friend to join in the fun as we worship together in God’s beautiful creation!

LOVING HANDS FOR SARAH’S PARENTS

Think of all the little, necessary things we need to make life comfortable - the list goes on and on. It takes time to collect all this “stuff,” but we now have the opportunity to help gather these items for Dale and Peggy Beck. They lost their home to a Colorado wildfire on Saturday June 23.

The possibilities are endless, there is a bucket of suggestions in the Narthex—so take a suggestion or find something unique and useful, and put it in the box in the Narthex. Please keep it small and portable as they will need to pack it in their car. No food items.

God bless you for your loving hands hand hearts!

WE ARE PRAYING FOR

Health: Linda Springer, Donna Roth, Patti Duckworth, Margaret Peterson, Donna Hosko, Michael Padmos, Bill Stewart, Carl Spoonheim, Susan Matthews, Sandy Goodwin, Ed Spannuth, Patty Rennaker, Norma Secor, Carrie Madeen Benson, John Andersen, John and Ellen Nichols, Stuart Donaldson

Living in Care facilities: Jessie Faye McEntire, Jane Mears, , Eileen Spannuth, Thelma Sorenson

Other Prayers: Our nation

Military Service:

Dan Decker

Matthew Vetch (nephew of Bill & Nickie Goss)

Brian Ellinger, US Air Force

Jonathan Raymond, Stateside

Joseph Gleghorn (nephew of Millers serving in Afghanistan)

Eric Joiner

Daniel Morris, USMC- Afghanistan

PRC Tim Lane- Afghanistan

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July and August

7/1 Irene Cook

7/8 Laurie Burnham

7/9 Jessi Faye McEntire

7/10 Virginia Simmons

Lucy Bean

7/12 Evelyn Savochka

7/19 Sarah Beck

7/20 Lynette Donkle

7/21 Autumn Gaddy

7/23 Carolyn Weisbecker

7/29 Claudie Jo Lund

Nita Jamison

7/30 Willie Christ

7/6 Chet and Jeanie Angel

7/19 Jim and JoAnn Whitlock

7/21 Scott and Lexie Holland

7/30 Larry and Verna Scott

8/4 Scott Holland

8/12 Dove Duus

8/13 Terry Wagner

8/17 Lee Miller

8/20 Elmer Sorenson

8/24 JoAnn Ellinger

8/26 Steve Hinton

8/27 Forest Hayes

8/31 Trysten Ewing

8/6 Bob and Gina Opitz

8/9 Jim and Virginia Simmons

8/11 Ed and Eileen Spannuth

8/27 Craig and April Johnson



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SATURDAY, July 7 , 2:00pm Memorial Service for Virginia Madeen.

SUNDAY, July 8. The Care Ministers are planning a Potluck Benefit for Ross and Wendy Dutton who lost their home in a fire on May 20. The benefit will take place after the 11:00am service in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share and a free will offering will be taken for the Duttons.

SATURDAY, July 21 from 1pm to 4pm. Celebrate an 80th Birthday Open House for Virginia Simmons to be held at the First Presbyterian Church 1220 West Main.

SUNDAY, July 29 Worship service at Claudia Driscoll Park. Our congregation will be gathering for worship at the band shell at **10:00am**. After worship we will share a potluck lunch. Plan to come and invite a friend to join us as we worship together in God's beautiful creation!!

SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS

Did you know our church has a library filled with interesting books? If you're looking for something to read this summer, stop by the church library and check something out! Here are a couple of suggestions:

***The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey** - "What happens when a respected Christian journalist decides to put his preconceptions aside and take a long look at the Jesus described in the Gospels? How does the Jesus of the New Testament compare to the 'new, rediscovered' Jesus - or even to the Jesus we think we know so well? Best-selling author Philip Yancey says, 'The Jesus I got to know in writing this book is very different from the Jesus I learned about in Sunday School. In some ways he is more comforting; in some ways more terrifying.' Yancey offers a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work - his teaching, his miracles, his death and resurrection - and ultimately, who he was and why he came. Relating the Gospel events to the world we live in today, *The Jesus I Never Knew* gives a moving and refreshing portrait of the central figure of history."

***Wisdom's Daughters* by Steve Wall** - "A unique book of interviews with women elders of several Native American nations...This is the first book in which spiritual leaders among Native American women portray in their own words their ancestral knowledge, philosophies and traditions...*Wisdom's Daughters* is a journey into the core of the lives and daily transforming events of Native America, through the voices and images of these women spiritual leaders and clan mothers who have been entrusted with handing down from generation to generation the wisdom of their peoples."

***The Gift of Years* by Joan Chittister** - This is the newest addition to our church library. "One of our most celebrated spiritual writers invites us to embrace older age as a natural part of life that is both active and contemplative, productive and reflective, and deeply rewarding. She encourages us to cherish the blessings of aging and to overcome its challenges, and shows us that this is a special period of life - maybe the most special of them all...*The Gift of Years* reflects on many aspects of aging, the purposes and concerns, the struggles and surprises, the potential and joys...Perhaps the most important dimension of older age, Joan Chittister illuminates, is to become aware of its profound purpose: These are the capstone years, the time in which a whole new life is in the making again. The gift of these years is not merely being alive, it is the gift of become more fully alive than ever."

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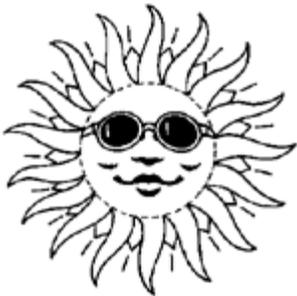
SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Worship Services at 8:30 & 11:00
Adult Sunday School at 9:30
Children's Sunday School at 11:00

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m.– Noon

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



HAVEN HOUSE:

1st SundayCanned fruit
2nd Sunday.....Canned vegetables
3rd Sunday.....Packaged, boxed or other canned goods
4th Sunday.....Coffee, tea, juices
5th Sunday..... Paper products

On the fourth Sunday items may be brought for the Bread Basket in Darby
