

Life Together



The First Presbyterian Church
of Morrison, Illinois
~est. March 28, 1855~

Reaching out to our neighbor with open hearts;
sharing God's blessings with others.

All Are Welcome!

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Summer arrives with heat and drought. In my yard the leaves of hackberry trees are turning yellow and falling. The cherries on my old cherry tree have grown to half size and have become stagnated and remain hard and green. I've just mowed portions of my yard for the first time, and the rest is growing slowly. Despite a wet April, spring is ending in a tough way for nature. Now in the fourth year of a drought in NW IL, we ponder how nature will fare. Meanwhile, as we seek to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday this year, it is difficult to get excited with all the worries of war, rising prices, and so many worrisome actions by world leadership, it is easy for fear to continue to linger within us. Yet despite what the state of our nation and world, and the continuing changes in weather and the environment, we can remain hopeful that humanity can improve and that we can take better care of one another and the earth.

In frightening times in our lives, it is difficult to remember that there have ever been times that were different. When we hit our low, or when everything around us seems to be falling apart, it is difficult to believe that life can ever be another way. In dark times, we feel trapped. It is easy to feel we are in a locked cage. Everything can appear to be out of our control. This creates anxiety, depression, hopelessness, doubt, etc. We can feel frozen in the cell of despair. At these times, it is easier to give up, because we no longer believe anything we do can make a difference. We throw our hands in the air and lower them into a perpetual state of apathy. This is a horrible place to be. It is easy to get here. It is a difficult place to get out of. The more weight the world places on us, the more bogged down we become in our helplessness.

This newsletter cover article is starting off like many of the ones in 2026. It's hard not to. We are in a scary time, but we need to be constantly reminded that no matter what is happening can't be more powerful than God's love for us. Though so many in our world continue to live for mammon, we know that we are called to live for the God. Striving to live for material wealth and power gets into the way of living for God. It breaks our spiritual connection between our soul and God. We forget that the most important goal for a human is to live for God and place top-most focus on our spirituality. When we focus on our spirituality, we can allow

ourselves to become detached from the woes of our world and life. No matter how hard it gets, we can have faith that God is with us and God will see us through until God takes us home to the long journey. This faith helps us realize that the locked cage we believe we are in is not locked, and even more, there is not even a cage. We are free in the Spirit to fully live. And in our freedom to fully live, we can connect to God and become vessels who will make changes in our communities and world that will help bring positive change to the world.

As the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Morrison, IL and I are celebrating 20 years together on August 1, I have given much reflection to the years we have had together and the ways in which we have grown as a faithful community to be able to continually worship Christ, the Holy Spirit and our Creator, and to seek a balance in living out the great commandment to love our neighbor as ourself.

When I was interviewing in the winter and spring of 2006, I found myself being called to a congregation who was living in fear of their future. They realized the world they lived in was changing and that being a church was going to be different. They weren't sure what their future would look like. Though they had plenty of money in investments, they were stumbling upon their path and wondered how God wanted to use them. They could have easily said that the times ahead would be too rough, that they had grown too old, that they hadn't retained enough young families, and that instead of putting in the effort to find a new focus, they could simply close their doors, donate their money, and join new churches. It was a moment of reflection for the congregation, and their true self showed. They weren't ready to give up. They just needed a leader to help them realize their potential. So they took a chance on a young man with no experience beyond being a youth director in a church 5 times their size and some work and training experience in chaplaincy. And so I moved to the area and began a journey with the congregation into the unknown.

A younger me might have said that I helped save the church. I could say that with my engineering background, overactive imagination and a lot of stamina, I was the reason we are doing so well today. But that's not actually true. I have

been a part of the process, but it has been a group effort by so many people over these years and the Triune God has been our leadership. We've been disciples and apostles.

I took this call 20 years ago and moved into the unknown. I had \$50 left in the bank when I moved. I had a minimal church background. I was naïve. I was over-confident. I didn't need to listen to much advice. And the congregation shepherded me. They helped me grow. They helped me mature. They helped me listen. They helped me help them. Together, we both learned to open up to the Holy Spirit. We let go of our egos, and the history of the church that was no longer who we were, and we walked forward into the unknown together. Over these years we have seen the world change dramatically and have dealt with hard times together. In 2006, smart phones didn't exist, sending a text cost at least a quarter so few people did that, social media wasn't a phrase, and we were still feeling the effects of 9/11. In these two decades, technology has advanced beyond our imagination. We weathered a great recession from 2007-2009 as well as the recession of the COVID era. We made it through a global pandemic greater than anyone alive today had ever know. We also weathered a few hard moments within the congregation when some members sought to have me removed from being pastor in 2009 and 2013, which meant we lost a handful of long term members when I remained, and the rest of the congregation grew closer together. 2013 was the last time our church saw any internal conflict. It was a moment in time in which the 99% of the congregation that remained decided we are all in this together, the pastor included, and we are going to do our best to serve Christ with all our potential. Fighting of the past turned to love of the present and future. We have learned to grow in our love and have opened our doors to people who others in our community turn away. We have learned to feed one another and have been serving free meals for over 17 years. We have watched babies grow to college students and high schoolers grow toward being middle aged adults with families. We have said goodbye to over a hundred people who joined the church triumphant.

So often, we find ourselves as a church community that has come to a time of the unknown and

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Church News

CHURCH EVENTS

Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in-person at 10:15AM every Sunday morning. We livestream each service from our Facebook group page:

facebook.com/firstpresmorrison.

The services are also posted on Monday mornings to our YouTube channel:

youtube.com/@firstpresmorrison

Bible Study

Bible Study will be held at 9:45AM at La Bella on Tuesdays throughout the month. Everyone is welcome!

La Bella Ice Cream Socials

On the first Tuesday of every month, we host an ice cream social at 4:15PM. Come enjoy this time of fellowship with the residents and staff at La Bella of Morrison.

Please join us on June 2nd and July 7th!

Bingo at Homestead

Homestead invites one and all to join residents and friends to play BINGO on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 2—3:30PM. There will be refreshments and prizes!

Resthave Presbyterian

Social Hour

Join us every 3rd Monday of the month at 2PM for “Presbyterian

Social Hour” at Resthave. There will be plenty of coffee and conversation! Weather and illness permitting, please join us on June 15th and July 20th!

Free Tie-Dye Event a Success once again

On Sunday, May 31, we hosted our annual beginning of summer Free Tie-Dye event in our church yard. We didn’t break a record for attendance this year, but several families from the Morrison community attended to make clothes that will brighten up the summer! Thanks to all our volunteers. This year it was the smoothest run tie-dye event we’ve had.

Fire Department 150th Celebration

The Morrison Fire Department will be celebrating their 150th anniversary on Saturday, June 6th. See Page 4 for more information. Our church has been asked to be the food vendor at the fairgrounds for the car show in the morning as well as being one of two food vendors for the Main Street activity. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Mike. All money raised will support those going on the next Yucatan Peninsula Mission Work Trip, which is now slated for June 2027. Find our crew of cooks at

their food vendor stand at the Main Street Pop-Up Market on June 25th as well!

Stronghold Staff at FPC

On Sunday, June 7, the Stronghold Summer Camp Staff will be joining us for worship. This is the third year in a row we have been honored to host the summer camp staff for their first Sunday of the summer. We will serve a lunch following the service for everyone. Please join us!

Dixon Pride Event

For the 3rd year, the First Presbyterian Churches of Morrison, Sterling and Dixon will host a booth at the Dixon Pride Event. We will once again have a photo booth. Our goal is to let all people know that God loves them and so do we. Many people in the LGBTQ+ community do not believe that they are welcome at churches and that all churches believe they are unrepentive sinners and cast out from God’s love and community. We disagree and want people to know that we believe in God’s all encompassing love, and at churches like ours, they are welcome. The last two years had major impact on many people who found relief in learning that there are churches like us who affirm and support them being themselves. The event is on Saturday, June 13. If you would like to volunteer at the booth, please contact Deb Zigler.

Session Meeting

The next Session meetings will be held on Monday, June 15 and Monday, July 20 beginning at 6:30pm. These meetings are tentative and will be held if needed. Pastor Mike will be in contact with the Session.

Newsletter Deadline 07/23

Please get information to be included in the August *Life Together*

Prayer Requests

Those who have served the church in the past month; the Mission Starfish Haiti School; Yucatan Peninsula Mission; Victory Center; Sauk Valley Food Bank; Morrison Food Pantry; Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center and Blackhawk Presbytery; God’s Will Giving Center; and those in need of healing and support: Nursing & retirement home residents and staff, medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bev Bealer, Mavis Best, Dan Brandon, Glenda Hegwood, Dale Johnson, Lynn Knox, Marian Osborn, Jody Tucker, Ray Tucker, Edna Ulrich



newsletter to the office e-mail or voicemail by July 23rd.

Free Community Meal 6th Annual Morrison Fire Department Benefit

Our next meal will be on Thursday, July 30th. This is our 6th annual Morrison Fire Department Benefit!!! The meal is a brat and sides. It begins at **5PM**. In-person and drive-up meals are available. Help is needed Wednesday at 1:30pm and on Thursday at 4PM.

****Reminder**—There is no meal in the month of June.**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Celebration

Glenda Hegwood turns 100 years young on July 28th! Her family is hosting a birthday party in her honor on July 28 from 2-3:30 at Lutheran Hillside, Assisted Living, 6901 North Galena Rd, Peoria, IL. There will be birthday cake, beverages, and great fellowship. They ask for no gifts.

We will be creating a sign-up sheet in July for all interested in attending. We will carpool to Peoria to help celebrate Glenda's birthday.

If you are unable to attend and would like to send Glenda a birthday card, her address is:

Glenda Hegwood
6901 North Galena Rd, SP1303
Peoria, IL 61614

Congrats Jacie

Jacie Reynolds graduated from Morrison High School in May. She will be attending Sauk Valley Community College. We wish Jacie the best as she begins this next portion of life!

Bell Tower Renovation to Begin June 8

In March 1926, a new bell tower was dedicated along with a newly rebuilt church building. Last sum-

mer we fixed the exterior of the building but the interior of the bell tower remains in terrible shape. For nearly a year, we have been asking for donations to complete the renovation of the belltower. The final steps include descaling and tuckpointing the interior brick and removing the boards that cover up the windows, replacing them with metal mesh. We have had a donor come forward to give us \$11,000 for the entire project (the donor would like to remain anonymous). We have contracted Leo Gonzalez to perform the work. Leo performed tuckpointing for our entire exterior of the church last summer. We were impressed with the work he did and are excited to have him back to complete the final portion of the bell tower renovation. Further, for the moment, the entire exterior of the church is in great shape, as is our foundation and support beams for the sanctuary. Our old building is as good as new! For more information about this and other projects, please look at Page 7.

20th Anniversary for Pastor Mike & the Congregation

Pastor Mike and the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Morrison, IL will have their 20th anniversary on August 1!

Per Capita

The per capita in 2026 is \$45 per church member. If you haven't paid it yet, please do.

2025-26 Communion Dates

Tentative Communion dates for 2026 are: 6/21; 7/19; 8/16; 9/13; 10/4; 11/22; 12/20.

Children's Chairs for Sale

We have several old children's chairs that have been stored in various places in the church and it's time for them to find a new home. They have metal frames and wood seats and backs. We are asking for donations of your choice.

FOOD RESOURCES

Golden Meals:

Call 815 626-4442 (Mon—Thurs, 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) Hot meals delivered Mon—Thurs. (With frozen/sack meals for weekends.)

Morrison Food Pantry:

Open Thursday mornings, 8-10 a.m., for curbside pick-up of food and dry goods. Now located at the old bowling alley at 629 E. Lincolnway.
morrisonfoodpantry.org

Ebenezer Church

Free fresh produce given away on Thursdays 9:45a.m.

God's Will Giving Center

Limited free food, essential items, as well as household items. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sauk Valley Food Bank:

Offers drive-up "pantry day giveaways" on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, where food is provided to residents of the Sauk Valley area. 1801 Plant Drive Sterling, IL
saukvalleyfoodbank.org

211

Have other needs? Call 211. This directory of regional help covers a myriad of needs. Part of United Way.

Love
one another.
Feed
each other.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry personal items needed. Drop them off in the narthex. Any size is appreciated.

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| Toilet Paper | Paper Towels |
| Kleenex | Shampoo |
| Bleach | Bar Soap |
| Laundry Soap | Dish Soap |
| Men's & Women's | Deodorant |

Social Hour at The Loft

The Board of The Loft hosts a Third Thursday social hour each month, on — you guessed it — the Third Thursday of each month from 8-10AM. The Loft is a non-profit business on Main Street. Please stop in and check it out.

Morrison MFD 150th

Anniversary Celebration

Morrison Fire Department celebrates their 150th Anniversary on Saturday, June 6th.

The day will begin at 8am with a car show at the Whiteside County Fairgrounds from 10:30AM until 2PM. The festivities will then move to Main Street including a parade of emergency vehicles at 3pm from the fairgrounds to Cherry Street, then down Main Street to the Fire Department, where there will be an open house with refreshments. There will be fun and entertainment long after sunset. Come celebrate!

Shopping & Wine Tasting

Morrison's Department of Fun is hosting another fun "Winesday Wednesday Walk" on Wednesday, June 10 from 4:30-7:30pm.

The cost is \$15 and includes a wine glass and over 15+ different wine samples to choose from. There will also be chances to win prizes!

To register or for more information search "Morrison Department of Fun" on Facebook or contact Amanda Cook at 630-605-5329.

Resthave Annual Ice Cream Social

Resthave's Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, June 11 from 5-6:30pm with entertainment beginning at 5:30 by Jeff Kagay. Please invite your friends and bring lawn chairs and come prepared to enjoy an evening of good food and entertainment. The meal will be served inside with space to eat outside.

Dixon Pride Fest

Dixon's Pride Fest will be held on Saturday, June 13th from 1-9pm at Page Park in Dixon. More info about our church's involvement on page 2.

Felix Adler Day

Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center will be hosting their 37th Annual Felix Adler Day Family Festival on Saturday, June 13 from 10am—3pm.

This event offers free admission to the festival grounds and the Children's Discovery Center. Punch cards are also available for \$5 and \$10 for additional rides and games such as pony rides, petting zoo, train ride, inflatable bounce houses, game tent full of old fashioned fun night games with prizes, hand & arm painting and balloon artists. All proceeds support Learning Through Play at the non-profit children's museum.

Food trucks will be available for lunch and popcorn will be provided by the Discovery Center. Come out and see all there is to offer at Iowa's Children's Museum!

Creating Sun Catchers

Join NAMI Sauk Area at Upcycle Junkie on Thursday, June 18 at 5:30pm to create your own beautiful crystal sun catcher!

This hands-on WellRounded workshop is about slowing down, connecting with others and creating

something of your own. No experience is needed. Just come ready to relax and enjoy the evening with others!

Spots are free, but registration is required. Visit www.namisaukarea.org or search "Upcycle Junkie" on Facebook.

WellRounded is a community wellness initiative offering free, inclusive events that support mental, emotional and social wellness. For more info, visit namisaukarea.org.

Chamber Pop Up Market

Morrison's Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Pop Up Market on Thursday, June 25 from 4-7pm downtown Main Street. Watch for more details to come or contact the chamber to be a vendor or to help! Our Yucatan Peninsula Work Trip Crew will have a food vending station at the market again this year.

PBS' Summer Adventure

Join WQPT on Tuesday, June 30th as they visit Odell Library at 10am and meet Elinor from Elinor Wonders Why!

4th of July!

This July 4th holiday marks America's 250th birthday! It is also known as the Semiquincentennial. Have a safe and celebratory 4th of July holiday!

"Murder Mystery on Main"

Upcycle Junkie and Kayla Sipes are planning a "Who Done It?" type mystery evening along with several Main Street businesses. This limited ticket event will benefit CAPA Scholarships.

You can search Upcycle Junkie on Facebook for more details or get your ticket here: <https://www.upcyclejunkie.com/murder-mystery-on-main>.



June 2026



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| 7 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 10:15AM Worship 11:15AM Coffee Hour | | 9:30AM Bible Study @ La Bella 4:15PM Ice Cream Social @ La Bella | 2PM BINGO @ Homestead 4:30PM Wednesday Walk | 5PM Resthaves's Ice Cream Social | | 8AM MFD 150th Anniversary Car Show 10AM Felix Adler Day @ Discovery Center 1PM Dixon Pride Event |
| 14 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 10:15AM Worship 11:15AM Coffee Hour | 2PM Social Hour @ Resthaves 6:30PM Session Meeting | 9:30AM Bible Study @ La Bella | 1:30PM BINGO @ Resthaves | 8AM Social Hour @ The Loft 5:30PM WellRounded Sun Catcher Class | | |
| 21 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 10:15AM Worship & Communion 11:15AM Coffee Hour <i>Father's Day</i> | | 9:30AM Bible Study @ La Bella | | 4pm Chamber Pop Up Market | | |
| 28 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> | 29 | 30 | | *NOTE: NO FREE COMMUNITY MEAL THIS MONTH* | | |
| 10:15AM Worship 11:15AM Coffee Hour | | 9:30AM Bible Study @ La Bella 10AM PBS Summer Adventure @ Odell | | | | |



July 2026



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| 26 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:15AM Worship 11:15AM Coffee Hour | 27 9:30AM Bible Study @ La Bella 2pm Glenda Hegwood Birthday Party Peoria, IL | 28 | 29 1:30PM Meal Prep | 30 5PM MFD Benefit—Free Community Meal | 31 | |



BUILDING FUND

We are in need of donations to our building fund for various projects. Please help us keep our church up and running! We have been asking for donations since the beginning of the year for these projects. We have had a donor cover the cost of the bell tower renovation, however, we have not received any other donations for these other needs. Please consider donating to our Building Fund.

KITCHEN FRIDGE:

We purchased a new residential refrigerator for our kitchen in mid-March. We have split the cost with the daycare, with each paying \$1,260.

COMMERCIAL FRIDGE:

We purchased a new commercial refrigerator that is slated to be installed on March 4, in early March and now resides in the pantry. We are splitting the cost with the daycare at \$2,825 each.

BOILER ISSUES:

We have had multiple boiler issues

over the winter and soon when the heating season is over, we will have those issues fixed.

BELL TOWER RENOVATION:

We are finally fixing the interior of the bell tower! We learned last year from our mason that our belltower should never have been closed up. Decades ago, members decided to place wood boards behind the louvers to keep rain and birds/bats/critters out. However, that's not how the bell tower was designed when it was built in 1925 and dedicated in 1926. It needs to breathe. It was designed to be open, and to let rain in. It has enough ventilation to allow the brick and floors to dry out quickly. Instead, rain and moisture can still get in through the cracks in the boards, especially since some boards had been missing for several years, but then the moisture is trapped in for far too long. The result is that the inside layer of bricks became covered in scale and the mortar continually falls out.

SANCTUARY DAMAGE

Due to one of our boiler issues, extreme heat caused the paint to come off the paneling along the balcony in the sanctuary. Color Star has sanded and painted the paneling for approximately \$1,000.

Over the last six years, we have had leaking coming in through the area of the belltower in the sanctuary & bell tower and plaster has been destroyed. We believe the leaking has been stopped from last summer's tuckpointing. However, the Session does not want to perform the approximately \$2,000 it will cost to have Deerview fix the plaster issues until we have the rest of the bell tower tuckpointed, etc. Now that the bell tower renovation will be completed in June, we feel confident that we can finally fix the sanctuary walls as well as the entry into the bell tower. The mason work will only involve fixing what's above the ceiling. We will need to plaster and paint the walls along the bell tower stairwell.

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wonder what our future will be. There will always be some fear of being able to financially continue as a church in our world today. But money is not our center. Christ is. We keep going. And as time moves forward, we continue to take note of how often we see the Holy Spirit at work. That is the measure of how we are doing. That is how we take our pulse. It is not the way churches once calculated their health: worship attendance, church membership and the budget. Instead, we measure by how we recognize the Holy Spirit at work and our continued adherence to the will of God in our own works. During my time here, I have become more accustomed to paying attention to the Holy Spirit at work among us. I once passed off certain happenings as coincidences, but there finally came a time in which I became convinced that these were not coincidences, but rather, that the Holy Spirit was and is at work among us. Honestly, I see the Holy Spirit at work constantly. Within the last week, I witnessed multiple Holy Spirit encounters in relation to our church. The more I pay attention to the Holy Spirit at work, the more I notice it. And whenever I find doubt with our direction and future of our church, it doesn't take long until the Holy Spirit shows up and turns my doubt and fear into reassurance. My anxiety continually gets turned to joy. The Holy Spirit doesn't always keep things the way they are, but indeed, the Holy Spirit guides us to where we need to be and sends us the help along the way.

When asked how I can still be with my first-call congregation after two decades, I

have several answers and here are a few. I had never expected to be here this long. I have looked to go elsewhere, but God has always guided me and my family to stay here. Katie and I have never felt called to actually leave. And finally, after two decades, we feel that we can call ourselves settled into this area which we love. The church family long ago became my family. Many people had become grandparents to me, but that generation has walked on to the long journey. And now everyone to me are my aunts and uncles, cousins, and nieces and nephews. That is truly how it feels. I just get to be the pastor to them all! Further, I don't have the chance to get bored with my job. Everything keeps changing. No week is ever the exact same. It keeps me and the leadership on our toes. It keeps everything fresh. There are always new opportunities, and ways to improve upon what we have been doing, and ways to be confident in continuing some of our works in the way we have been doing them. Yet most of all is the presence of the Holy Spirit. It's easy to teach that when you are faithfully doing God's work that God will be with you. But there needs to be a proof in this teaching in order for one to believe and continue to believe it. And with 20 years of seeing God continually present among us, and watching us live together in a way that allows us to let the Holy Spirit guide us, and to live into that guidance through our works, it's simply amazing. I feel so blessed to have picked a profession in which I get to work with a church family that's filled with the Holy Spirit and to live into seeing the fruits of the Spirits produced.

In 2006, the church had a new slogan for their 150th anniversary which they celebrated in 2005: "150 Years Strong and Growing with God's Family Today. Come Grow with Us." I came to grow with this family, and in the Holy Spirit, serving Jesus Christ, we have certainly grown together. God is still at work with us. God will continue to show us what to maintain. God will let us know what we need to let go of. God will give us vision and the ability to create and live into new possibilities when the Spirit deems us ready.

In our life together, we can have faith, patience, assurance and peace in knowing that today we have Christ as our center, that the Holy Spirit is actively at work with us, and that our Creator is utilizing us to bring fruits of love into this world. In this faithful way of living together, there's no reason to fear our future as a congregation. Whenever the impossible is in front of us, God is with us. God will get us through. We have dedicated our lives to our Creator, to serving Christ, and to be conduits to let the Holy Spirit work through. We are doing this well. We have placed love at our center and we are active in bringing that love to our community and the world. Let us celebrate this amazing time we have had as a congregation since 1855, the time you and I have had since 2006, and for the ability to still be serving Christ into the future.

Grace and Peace,
Mike

Leadership and Staff

**Session Elders/
Board of Trustees/
Personnel Committee/
Safety Team/
Stewardship Team**

Rick Barr '26
Carol Wolf '26
Ron Shank '27*
Tim Reynolds '27
Jim Palmer '28
Angela Reamer '28

Stacie Baker, Clerk

**Elders in their 2nd consecutive term*

Corporation Officers

Ron Shank, President
Tim Reynolds, Vice President
Scott Vandermyde, Treasurer

Nominating Committee

Bryan Etter
Tim Reynolds
Greg Rider
Carol Wolf
Deb Zigler

**Resthave Home
Board of Directors**

Nancy Shank
FPC Representative

**Resthave Home
Women's Auxiliary Board**

Deb Zigler

Finance Team

Angela Reamer
Tim Reynolds
Scott Vandermyde

Staff

Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg, Pastor
Stacie Baker, Office Manager
Scott Vandermyde, Organist
Courtney Bruckner, Custodian



June & July Scripture

- June 7: Hos. 5:15-6:6
Ps. 50:7-15
Rom. 4:13-25
Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26
- June 14: Ex. 19:2-8a
Ps. 100
Rom. 5:1-8
Matt. 9:35-10:8 (9-23)
- June 21: Jer. 20:7-13
Ps. 69:7-10 (11-15) 16-18
Rom. 6:1b-11
Matt. 10:24-39
- June 28: Jer. 28:5-9
Ps. 89:1-4, 15-18
Rom. 6:12-23
Matt. 10:40-42
- July 5: Zech. 9:9-12
Ps. 145:8-14
Rom. 7:15-25a
Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30
- July 12: Isa. 55:10-13
Ps. 65:(1-8) 9-13
Rom. 8:1-11
Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 19: Isa. 44:6-8
Ps. 86:11-17
Rom. 8:12-25
Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 26: 1Kings 3:5-12
Ps. 119:129-136
Rom. 8:26-39
Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

Birthdays

06/01: John Reynolds
06/10: Xavior Velasco
06/16: Susan Davenport
06/27: Henry Selburg
06/29: Jenn Reynolds

07/01: Kari Horack
07/02: Chad Huizenga
07/05: Ella Laughlin
07/20: Stacie Baker
07/23: Erica Wolf
07/28: Glenda

Hegwood
(100th!!!)

Anniversaries

06/09: Greg & Katie Rider
06/14: Arlyn & Sally Hayen
06/23: Mike & Katie Selburg

07/15: Tim & Jenn Reynolds
07/19: John & Cynthia Reynolds

**Upcoming Free Drive-Up Community Meals
First Presbyterian Church, Morrison**

June—No Meal
Jul. 30—Brats (Fire Department Benefit)
Aug. 27—Pulled Pork Sandwich
Sept. 10—Baked Potato Sloppy Joe
Oct. 8—Chili & Cinnamon Roll
Nov. 12—Chicken & Veggie Soup

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