

**Serve Jesus Christ, Learn, Love, Witness, Support**  
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**Relying on Jesus**

Many of us have experienced the fun of playing sports. One of the more exhausting sports is basketball. The pace of the game can be very demanding. During the midst of an intense game, it is a great relief to hear the referee blow his whistle indicating a timeout during which time players get their energy revived after drinking some needed water. The player almost thinks, "That water saved my life!"

The Christian life can be compared to a basketball game. As Christians saved by Christ's atoning work on the cross, we remain on earth to be Christ's ambassadors in order that others might come to saving faith also (2 Corinthians 5:20). But it gets to be exhausting. No one seems to appreciate our efforts to be kind and loving. In fact, sometimes we're made fun of when we try to explain our relationship with Jesus. It's like being tripped on the basketball court with no ref to call a foul. We need the whistle to blow, so we can get to the sidelines to be refreshed. That's why it's so important to be reading and studying the Bible. The Word of God is like that water bottle during timeouts of the basketball game. It clears our heads. It reminds us of our goal and revives us so we can get back into the "game" of living the Christian life.

In our lives, we don't always win, but we don't dwell on our losses. As Christians, we experience failures. Mistakes, failures - SIN - are part of being a Christian. It's important to remember that Christ, knowing our sinfulness, lived the perfect life in our places. He took our mistakes, our failures, our SIN to the cross, and we are free from the burden of carrying our sin around.

The Apostle Paul knew about discouragement; he experienced failure. He was often tired and friendless. He was stoned and whipped by his own people! Still, he wrote, "Let us not become weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). He knew firsthand how difficult this command is to fulfill. In fact, it's impossible. We can't do it on our own. Only in Christ's strength can we find the energy to keep on "doing good." To that end he prayed, "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thessalonians 3:5).

So, don't give up! When you get tired, find your spiritual water bottle, your Bible. Health experts tell us to drink a minimum of eight glasses of water a day. Even eight minutes a day spent in reading God's Word, accompanied by prayer and meditation on your reading, could do wonders for your spiritual vitality. Persevere in Christ's energy!



## August Calendar

### August Birthdays

Russell Vonk	8/02
Marilyn Arnold	8/03
Rebecca Cox	8/03
Kaylee Putzier	8/03
Bruce Wise	8/04
Andy Gervais	8/04
Marisa Gish	8/07
Don Stevenson	8/08
Roberta Forret	8/10
Bev Patterson	8/12
Levi McDonald	8/15
Jennie Gervais	8/17
Norma Thierman	8/19
Lois Berndt	8/21
Teresa Gish	8/22
Gerry Langland	8/22
Sandy Hudnall	8/25
Ron Riley	8/26



1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>No UMW Meeting</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup>	DORCAS CIRCLE	10:00 a.m.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
6 <sup>th</sup>	China Painters	9:30 a.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
9 <sup>th</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Trustees Meeting</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Finance	6:30 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Esther Circle	9:30 a.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Ad Council Meeting</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Stamp Club Meeting</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
16 <sup>th</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Education Meeting</b>	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Caller Deadline</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fellowship time	11:00 a.m.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
28 <sup>h</sup>	Eve Circle	9:30 a.m.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Community Meal	5:00 p.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
30 <sup>th</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.

## Staves' Sandy McNamar Food Pantry

LIST OF DONATIONS THAT WOULD BE  
APPRECIATED ARE:

THE SANDY MCNAMAR FOOD  
PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE  
FOLLOWING ITEMS...

Soda Crackers  
Soup  
Cereal  
Mac & Cheese  
Canned Meat  
Cookies  
Cake/Brownie Mixes



### FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

The Food Pantry is still following COVID 19 protocol by prefilling boxes for families. We are still serving out the kitchen or main door. But we are starting plans to move back downstairs and allowing those in need to pick their own items from our shelves. We plan to make this change in September. We'll share this update with our clients starting in July.

Thanks for your faithful support of this ministry. With your support we have been able to replace all the frozen items lost last year.

Since October 2020 we have served:

- 107 families
- 382 people
- 2,499 pounds in
- 2,642 pounds out

Remember that the pounds of food in and out do not count frozen meat, eggs, dairy, bakery good or frozen vegetables. Terri Pollard

## Crafts, Conversation & Chow

Come join other women for a night of Crafting, Conversation, and Chow—*Free of Charge*.

Bring a project to work on and a dish to share, or simply come to connect with other women. We meet at the church every Thursday starting at 5 p.m. If you have a craft you'd like to learn, let us know so we can find the right person to help you learn.

If you have further questions, please contact Jennifer McDonald at 515-314-4761.

### NEW ADDRESS

New address for **Lee Hill**. His address is 200 SW Brookside Drive, Grimes, IA 50111. His phone number is 515-369-3913. He would appreciate a note, call or card. Ileta Wilson

**For the Lions Club,  
Save Your Eye Glasses,  
Hearing Aids, Postage  
Stamps & Can Tabs**

**Continue to Remember  
in Our Prayers**

**SAVE YOUR USED EYGLASSES AND  
HEARING AIDS**

The Lion's Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Even if the hearing aid doesn't work, they can use it for parts. Bring these items anytime during the year to the church.

You may place them in the designated basket marked "Used Eye Glasses," located by the mailboxes in the narthex.

**POSTAL HISTORY FOUNDATION**

The Postal History Foundation is an educational program where a group of volunteers collect stamps for teachers and students nationwide.

Please continue to place any stamps you may have in the basket by the mailboxes in the narthex. For any questions, please contact Dennis Crabtree at 515-261-7165.

**SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS:**

The Lion's Club is collecting tabs off of all aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House. Save your can tabs and put them in an envelope or baggie marked "Tabs" and put in the same white basket in the narthex marked "Postage Stamps."

**Our Members in Care Facilities:**

**Virginia Moore** (Prairie Vista Village Rehab Center), **Gerry Langland** (Valley View Village), and **Edna Rinard** at Edencrest at Riverwoods.

**Our Homebound Members**

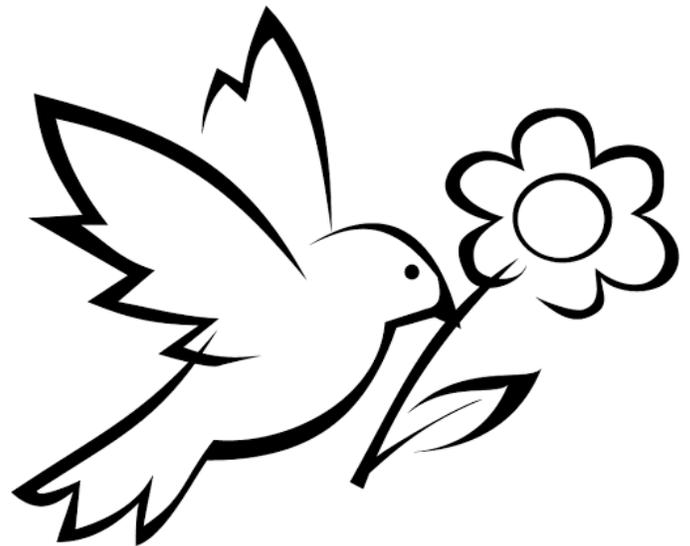
**Roberta Traviss**

**Madelyn Morey** (in MO with her daughter)

**Our Ill, Hospitalized or Recovering  
Members:**

**Arlene Keller** (in MO with daughter)

**Theresa Garrison**



## UPDATE

Judy Gustafson was approved for a visit with **Edna Rinard**. Edna is a patient at Eden Crest at Riverwoods on the south side of Des Moines. Judy spent three hours with her. Edna loves her room, the care she is given and the food they serve. She misses Staves Church, Pastor Tim and her friends. Edna asked Judy to tell all of the Staves family "hello." She appears to be in good spirits and is happy. Judy told her she would see her again.

## NOTE FROM JOANN PFALTZGRAFF

Dear Staves Church Friends,

Thank you so very much for Nita's family as we continue to grieve for her little two year old grandson Ben Gillham who passed away after a sudden illness June 27<sup>th</sup>.

And we thank you for prayers for Nita's recovery from surgery on right hip replacement. In about three months she'll need the left hip replaced also.

This family has undergone so much grief and pain.

Thank you, friends, for your caring and prayers.

With Love,  
JoAnn Pfaltzgraff

## **MEETINGS**

**EVE CIRCLE** will meet Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Marilyn Burch will discuss Blood Pressure and Stress. She will be doing Blood Pressure Readings. Please join us and bring a friend. Sherry Palmer, 515-991-1062.

**DORCAS CIRCLE** will meet August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch. Bring a friend. Sherry, 515-991-1062.

**COVENANT GROUP** will meet August 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and August 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISSION FOR AUGUST** is Midwest Mission instead of school or other kits. We will collect money for them to use for the different projects they have.

**ESTHER AND EVE CIRCLES** will be collecting school supplies for Garten Elementary School. There will be a container in the Narthex. Please join us with this project. Thank you. Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

If you have suggestions or questions, please contact a member of the Education Team. **There will not be an Education Meeting in August.**

**Classes:**

Noah’s Ark (ages 2 through middle school) We are looking for a person that would step up to teach this class. If you are interested, please contact Debbie or Mickey Wise. My email address is debbiewise50@gmail.com or you may leave Debbie or Mickey a voice mail.

Adult classes (need adults to attend)

Everyone is invited to attend our Sunday School Class and we would like to encourage you if you come to the church early to sit in on one of our classes.

**Education Team Upcoming Projects:**

**Halloween Fun Night**

The Education Committee is working on our Halloween Fun Night. Trick or Treat is Saturday, October 30, this year. we would like to make it into a big indoor fun night since it is on a Saturday, but we will need your help.

**We are looking for the following:**

- Wrapped Candy**
- Small prizes**
- Cookies to serve**
- 200 hot dogs and buns**
- Workers to help with the games**
- Or cash to help purchase items with**

*A special Thank you to everyone that helped with this year’s Vacation Bible School, whether it was giving of your time to help with the kids or financially. Our numbers were down but with COVID still in everyone’s mind it was wonderfully attended. We also would like to thank Casey’s Corporation who donated 14 cheese pizzas and to the Casey’s on E. 29<sup>th</sup> and Euclid who provided them.*

**Finance/Treasurer  
Report as of  
June 30, 2021**

Bank balance as of May 31, 2021	\$56,770.42
Receipts through June 30, 2021	\$15,987.57
Disbursements through June 30,2021	\$20,934.01
Bank balance as of June 30, 2021	\$51,824.28
Less Committed Funds as of June 30, 2021	\$23,567.58
Available funds as of June 30, 2021	\$28,256.70

This report is submitted by:  
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