



CROSS CONNECTIONS

July
2018

• ***The Church - Together***

We are better together. But together is sometimes difficult.

The Scriptures are clear that we Christians are all in this together, deeply connected with each other. *For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into the one body - Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were made to drink of one Spirit.* (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

The New Testament is replete with references to the people of God coming together - as the varied disciples of Jesus, as Jewish and Gentile Christians in the early church, as people of varying socioeconomic backgrounds and perspectives.

We Presbyterians believe this too: We are better together.

Two weeks ago, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) was held in St. Louis. Mariah Martin, one of our elders, represented our Peace River Presbytery as a young adult advisory delegate with energy and dedication I was also there for the first three days of the assembly.

We Presbyterians believe the *General Assembly constitutes the bond of union, community, and mission among all its congregations and councils, to the end that the whole church becomes a community of faith, hope, love, and witness.* (G-3.0501, *The Book of Order*)

We came from every corner of the United States and Puerto Rico - city and countryside, small churches and very large churches. We represented all kinds of viewpoints. There was a rich exchange about issues like fossil fuels and Israel & Palestine.

We had the opportunity to rub elbows with mission workers and with Presbyterians and other Christians from all over the world. The diversity was dizzying - and a great blessing.

I am grateful for your prayers for Mariah as we commissioned her at worship - and for your sustaining prayers for her during her time in St. Louis.

Most of all, I am thankful for your willingness to receive the gift of one another, to welcome fellow church members with open arms, those who may see differently, listen differently and even vote differently than you.

As a denomination, as a congregation, as a circle, as a youth group, as a Bible study, we are better together.

May God give us the grace to lean into our relationships with each other, to the glory of Jesus Christ. May God together make us a true community of faith, hope, love, and witness, sharing the great Good News of Jesus!

Peace,

• Love Notes

First Presbyterian Family,

I want to thank you for the “We Care” poster and prayers for Allen during his long hospital and rehab stays. I especially want to thank Cheryl Track, Floyd Churn, and Glen Bell for their many visits, calls, texts, and prayers.

Sincerely,
Barbara Atkins

(Note from staff: After we received this love note Allen passed away on June 4. Please continue your prayers for Barbara and family.)



• College/Continuing Education/ Technical School Scholarships

Scholarship money is available for the upcoming school year. Interested students and families should pick up an application from the church office and return it by **Sunday, July 15**. Transcripts, including those from the spring 2018 semester, should be included or forwarded as soon as available. Returning applicants need only to update their grades and contact information. All college and technical school students are encouraged to apply.



• Presbyterian Women

All women of the church are invited to a luncheon at Bay Village hosted by Pat Woody on **Tuesday, July 17** at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the church office by end of day on Thursday, July 12. Cost of the luncheon is \$13. You may send a check to Pat or pay at the door. All checks should be made out to Mary Ann Woody. If you choose to mail Pat a check, send it to 8400 Vamo Road, Apt 814, Sarasota, FL 34231-7859 in time to receive it before the luncheon. Delicious chicken salad pineapple boats are on the menu that day. If you desire a different selection or have any questions, please contact Pat at (941) 966-8413. Bay Village is located at 8400 Vamo Road in Sarasota. For access, tell the guard at the gate you are visiting Pat Woody for lunch.

Save the date: **Tuesday, August 14** - Colleen Forristall and Marilyn Tschirgi will lead us in some fun craft time. Note, we are not meeting on Tuesday, August 7 as previously published

• Join the Team of Greeters!

As you enter the church each week, you are welcomed by friendly greeters. It's the first contact guests have on a Sunday morning or special event. Summer is a good time to become a greeter.

Greeting is a great way to meet church members and guests and make new friends. We are now assigning for the 11:00 a.m. service from July through September. Interested? Please contact Sue Hargis Spigel at hargisspigel@yahoo.com or (941) 371-1396.

• Summer Youth Mission Trip and Conference

Sunday, July 8, we will be commissioning the youth and chaperones who will be participating in this year's trips to Montreat High School Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina (July 14-21); Montreat Middle School Youth Conference in Maryville, Tennessee (July 18-22); and Raleigh Youth Mission Trip in Raleigh, North Carolina (July 22-27).



Update - July 2018

We are grateful for those who have been faithful in fulfilling their pledges for the *Imagine the Future* campaign and look forward to receiving the remainder of the pledges yet to come in. All pledges are needed to complete the last piece of the capital campaign - the build out of a permanent stage and storage area, as well as a renovation of the bathrooms in the fellowship hall.

Our goal is to have a stage that will not only meet our needs for Sunday morning worship, but one that will support future concerts, plays and Oak Street Stage performances. Construction for the stage will begin either this fall or after the first of next year, depending on the contractor's schedule and church programming.

Any remaining capital campaign monies after the stage project, will be placed in designated/endowment property funds for future needs throughout our campus. We have accomplished a considerable amount of renovations, upgrades and refurbishments, and these reserve funds will ensure that our church facilities will continue to be welcoming to our congregation, the community and worship guests.

If you were unable to pledge to the campaign in 2016 or if you are new to the church, we ask that you consider making a gift at this time. All gifts are welcome!

Mission Update: In June, we completed the mission component of our capital campaign. With an emphasis on making a significant impact with local, regional and world-wide mission partners, a total of \$250,000 has been disbursed as follows:

- **Family Promise Sarasota** - \$25,000 toward a new Day Center that will better serve the needs of the families in a housing crisis in the Sarasota area.

- **Fuller Center for Housing** - \$25,000 to repair and/or modify six houses in Sarasota to assist seniors and low-income families to remain in their homes.

- **Brentwood Elementary School** - \$22,000 toward furnishings in a reading center and a volunteer center in their newly renovated media center.

- **Brothers and Sisters Doing the Right Thing** - \$3,000 to be used for mentoring and tutoring area children and youth.

- **Designated Youth Ministry Endowment Fund** - \$50,000 supporting FPC youth and children ministry programs, mission trips, and conferences.

- **Peace Presbyterian Church, Lakewood Ranch** - \$10,000 toward the construction of their new sanctuary.

- **Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry** - \$25,000 toward their Step Up for Success program, dental clinic and continued work to provide food for migrant farmworkers.

- **Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center** - \$25,000 toward the renovation of the lower Cedar dining/meeting hall.

- **Ruku East African Presbyterian Church, Kenya** - \$5,000 to dig a well that will supply water to the church.

- **South Sudan Education and Peacebuilding Initiative, PC(USA)** - \$25,000 supporting work to address the root causes of poverty with an emphasis on women and children and the work for reconciliation amidst cultures of violence.

- **Designated Mission Fund** - \$10,000 to be allocated by the mission and justice committee for new and continuing mission partners for newly identified needs that arise during the year not covered by the regular budget.

- **Pastoral Development Seminars/Faith Focus Weekend** - \$10,000 to provide excellent speakers for our congregation and the community while supporting new pastors.

- **Benevolent Discretionary Fund** - \$15,000 to be allocated by the FPC clergy for immediate needs for a variety of mission efforts and partners.



• ***‘Invest in Children’ Links Church and School***

The following article was published in the *Presbyterians Today* June/July 2018 issue, written by member Mary Elle Hunter and pictures taken by member Kay Dunn.

Congregation, kids find blessings in Florida program ***By Mary Elle Hunter | Presbyterians Today***

A call to action was extended to members of First Presbyterian Church in Sarasota, Florida, in early 2017. Following the encouragement of the 221st General Assembly (2014) “to continue the long history of support in public education,” the church took steps to partner with a local elementary school.

Led by retired pastor the Rev. Ronald Miller, and with the approval and support of the session and the current pastor, the Rev. Dr. Glen Bell, a committee that called itself “Invest in Children” was formed to explore the needs in the school system. The committee found that reading levels were far below the norm in several elementary schools.

Although many of the schools were receiving outside funding or community involvement to address the problem, one was identified as a school in a neighboring area with the most needs — Brentwood Elementary. At Brentwood, more than half of the students receive free lunch due to financial hardship.

A meeting was held with Dr. Patti Brustad Folino, Brentwood’s assistant principal, and what was to become a rewarding partnership with the church and school had its beginnings.

Folino stressed an ongoing need for volunteer support, particularly in the primary-level classrooms. Initially those needs were partially met by 12 members of First Presbyterian — six men and six women.

“Have you ever heard the quote ‘Who saved who?’ That is what I think of when I see the impact our First Presbyterian volunteers have on Brentwood’s staff and students,” said Folino. “Our teachers acknowledge their influence often to me, while children show their gratitude with smiles of appreciation to have extra help and attention.”



KAY DUNN

Steven Moore helps a Brentwood student with her lesson. The church, looking to partner with a school, decided to invest in Brentwood’s children when hearing that reading levels were below the norm in the area schools.

Volunteers say they too feel blessed by the experience as they accept the mission of loving others across lines of difference in the name of Jesus Christ.

“It’s a privilege to be present with the wonderfully diverse children as well as the deeply committed teachers in the classrooms,” said the Rev. Dr. Floyd Churn, another retiree in the congregation who volunteers. “Whether helping a second-grader increase his or her word recognition and vocabulary or encouraging a hyperactive kindergartner to focus on a science project, I know that I’m a small part of a vast network — teachers, administrators and parents — who desire that our children grow strong in learning.”

First Presbyterian’s Diane Bittner often assists the art teacher, preparing projects that will be used during class time so the teacher will have more time to work with students. She said the children are all appreciative.

Another volunteer, Drew Stuart, is enthusiastically welcomed by a class of first-graders when he comes each week. Twice in the last year he has presented a class lesson, as well as working with students

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independently. One lesson was on the difference between bats and birds; the other dealt with invention and innovation.



KAY DUNN

Bette Lou Cookson is just one of the many volunteers from First Presbyterian giving their time to tutor children at Brentwood Elementary School.

First Presbyterian's role at Brentwood has expanded beyond the work of the volunteers. Through the generosity of its members, a mountain of school supplies was made available to the students, and Brentwood's Reading Center was equipped with new furniture, through a contribution from First Presbyterian's portion of the Pentecost Offering.

A memorable gathering at Christmastime enabled congregation members to celebrate shared blessings with students and their families. Blessing Trees adorned the corridors of the church for several weeks in early December, allowing members to commit to gifts of toys, clothing and grocery gift cards. Then at a dinner celebration with a happy mix of children, parents, volunteers, teachers and church members, games were played, carols sung, the Christmas story told and gifts distributed.

"With so much that is wrong in the world today, it's gratifying to see people coming together to do something that's right for others," said Brentwood principal John Weida. "The impact that the First Presbyterian volunteers coming into our classrooms has on our children is phenomenal."

First Presbyterian's Invest in Children program continues to grow, with now more than 30 volunteers helping the school children.

"Invest in Children represents the best of our Christian faith," said Bell. "It's a creative effort to serve the children, parents and teachers of a nearby school. I join with the committee in thanking God for the presence of the Holy Spirit, guiding us through this mission."

Mary Elle Hunter is a freelance writer and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Sarasota, Florida.

• **Our Church Safety**

by Stephen Wright, business affairs member and chairperson of SSEPR ministry team

The safety, security and emergency preparedness and response (SSEPR) ministry team has recently been formed and is busily working to facilitate training and enhance preparedness for emergencies at FPC. The first training session is geared toward leaders, church members and staff involved in the operations/worship services of our church. It will be held on **Wednesday, August 8** at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We anticipate hearing presentations from local fire department officials and first responders, police department personnel and other area leaders in emergency response. A second training session will be held on **Wednesday, September 12** and topics for that meeting will include CPR training, use of a defibrillator and dealing with medical emergencies. Cheryl Track, faith community nurse, is leading that effort. All in the congregation are welcome to attend these meetings.

More information on these and other training sessions will be communicated in future editions of *Cross Connections* and other publications.

• **Salt Shakers**

A wonderful way for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church to get to know each other better is to “break bread” together. Groups of six to eight people (couples or singles) meet once a month from September-November/December. Each group can decide whether they want to have a potluck at a member’s home (each bring a dish), dine at a restaurant, have a picnic, or brunch. Be creative!

Complete the form below and put it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. The last day to sign up is Sunday, August 27.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Please check:

- Willing to organize your group for the first dinner at a home or restaurant? (Everyone takes a turn.)



• **Getting Ready for Another School Year**



Even though it is in the middle of a lazy Florida summer, school bells for the 2018-19 year will call children back to the classroom next month. and it’s time to start gathering school supplies for the students at Brentwood Elementary School.

The Invest in Children committee is seeking donations for school supplies for students whose family budgets are limited at Brentwood, the educational partner of one of First Presbyterian’s mission projects.

The response to the call for donations last year was amazing! In addition to typical items again being requested like pens, pencils, notebooks, paper and backpacks, these are especially needed items:

- Pencil sharpeners
- Glue sticks
- Zip-Lock baggies
- Boxes of tissues
- Headphones for computers

Any time during July, you are encouraged to drop off contributions in the designated containers in the narthex of the sanctuary, the fellowship hall entry way, or the church office.

If you wait for the tax-free shopping weekend August 3-5 at area retailers, please keep in mind that all donations have to be received at the church by **Sunday, August 5** in order to have the supplies delivered to Brentwood by the opening day of school.



Save your Box Tops for Education and support our partnership with Brentwood Elementary School. Box Tops for Education can be found on hundreds of items, such as cereal, cleaning products, snacks and paper products. Look for the small coupon on the product, clip it and deposit the box tops in the bright containers in the sanctuary narthex, the fellowship hall entry, or the church office. Questions? Call Jinny and Ron Miller (941) 924-9494.



• ***The Mediterranean Diet Takes Top Honor***

written by Dr. Rod Rhoades,
member

Are you looking to maintain your weight, eat healthy, and stay younger? You're in luck. The Mediterranean diet has recently been ranked as one of the best programs to accomplish these goals. In *Aging Well: Staying Younger Smarter and Fit*, I emphasized the importance of good nutrition and the Mediterranean diet was one of the better programs for healthy aging. When the book was being finished new research showed the diet prevented major diseases and slowed up the aging process. The following is an update on the Mediterranean diet.

What is the Mediterranean diet?

The Mediterranean diet evolved over many centuries and was inspired by the people who lived in countries that bordered the Mediterranean Sea. It is not a weight-loss program, but rather a lifetime approach that emphasizes healthy nutrition, physical activity, and anti-stress attitudes. The major characteristics of the diet include eating a proportionally higher amount of olive oil, legumes, whole grain cereals, fruits, vegetables, and moderate amounts of fish, dairy products (mostly as cheese and yogurt), eggs and a moderate consumption of wine.

The Mediterranean diet is ranked as one of the best overall diets in terms of ease to follow, healthy eating and maintaining your proportional weight. One of the attributes is the diet doesn't endanger your health with unbalanced malnutrition. The Mediterranean diet is loaded with anti-inflammatory foods, is low in sugar, and free, with no supplements or processed food. Another advantage is the diet is easy to maintain because it doesn't ban entire food groups.

The Mediterranean diet is a lifestyle approach that involves physical activity and a social component (sharing and eating together). The physical activity doesn't have to feel like exercise. Walking, a central part of the Mediterranean lifestyle is a good place to start.

The Mediterranean diet is ranked one of the best for staying fit, smarter, and younger.

Researchers have recently reported the results of one of the largest randomized clinical trials that studied the effect of diet in the prevention of several major chronic diseases. The dietary habits of more than 10,000 women in their 50s and 60s who followed the Mediterranean diet were compared to how well they fared health-wise 15 years later. The healthiest women were those who limited their alcohol intake and who supplemented their diet with extra olive oil and nuts. The report appeared in *Annals of Internal Medicine*, November (2017).

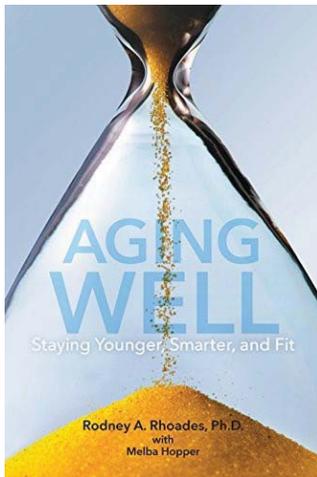
Not only did the women who were on the Mediterranean diet stay younger, they also had less chronic diseases and less mental illness than those on the low-fat diet. An earlier report that appeared in the *JAMA Internal Medicine*, July (2015) studied 447 cognitively healthy participants between the ages 55-80. The group which supplemented their diet with olive oil and nuts had better overall cognitive skills.

The study on brain health was a follow-up from previous research published in 2013 that provided convincing evidence for improved cardiovascular health. (Estruch R, et al. "Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease with a Mediterranean Diet," *The New England Journal of Medicine*, 2013). The participants on the Mediterranean diet showed a significant 28-30 percent reduction in heart attack, stroke and cardiovascular death compared to the standard low-fat diet. Patients also showed protection against type 2 diabetes and elevated LDL, reduction in Alzheimer's disease and increased longevity.

The take-home message is clear. The Mediterranean diet ranks as one of the best for staying younger, smarter and fit. It's certainly one of the best diets in preventing some of the world's leading chronic diseases. The diet is also a much better option for lowering blood cholesterol and blood pressure than prescription drugs. To learn more about aging well and thriving, please visit my website at <http://drrodRhoades.com/>

• Cowden Smith Library News

Aging Well: Staying Younger, Smarter, and Fit by Rodney A. Rhoades, Ph.D. and member of First Presbyterian Church, is about the importance of a spiritual component in thriving in later life. Research confirms the power behind the mind-body-spiritual connection and how a balance between the three draws on our deep inner healing power. Meaning and purpose, play and laughter, and friendship all play a part in having a healthier, happier life in our later years.



Two other books of interest recommended by Cheryl Track, RN are highlighted and are on our new book shelves. *The End of Alzheimer's: The First Program to Prevent and Reverse Cognitive Decline* by Dale Bredesen and *Alzheimer's Prevention Program* by Gary Small both address science-based research that is bringing mental clarity to individuals' daily lives and helping to take control of the brain's health.

The Cowden Smith library is on the second floor of the administration building and has many books on numerous topics, including a children's corner.

• American Heart CPR Class

Learn to save a life or renew your card. The cost of the class is \$25 (the fee may be higher for a healthcare provider card). You will receive a two-year CPR certificate. Join us **Tuesday, August 21**, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. or 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Call the church office to register, (941) 955-8119.



• Thank You, Stephen Ministry

A Care Receiver's Experience

"At a time when I was experiencing significant changes in my life — very unsettling changes — I had the benefit of visits with one of our church's Stephen Ministers. It was very helpful to have someone to talk to about these changes and their impact on my life. It was particularly important to have someone with spiritual insight and empathy. The conversations, scriptural readings, and prayers enabled me to put my unsettled feelings into perspective and to move on. I am grateful for my Stephen Minister and would recommend the experience to anyone."

If you would like a Stephen Minister to call on you, a loved one, or a friend, please contact Rev. Glen Bell or Rev. Kelly Fitzgerald or Steven Phillips.

To learn more about the Stephen Ministry program, go to firstpressarasota.org and find the "Stephen Ministry" category in the linear menu. Click on it to learn about this important confidential, one-on-one ministry that is available to you.



• Save the Date

On Sunday, August 26, we will be recognizing and celebrating the 30-year anniversary of Glen Bell's ordination in all three services and with a reception. More details to come!

• **New Member Bios**

submitted by Mary Elle Hunter, membership committee



Paul and Molly Cole became members of First Presbyterian Church in the group that joined in March. They have been residents of the Sarasota area for just over a year. Previously, the couple had lived in Wilmington, Delaware, and more recently had occupied a home in The Villages

in the midsection of Florida.

Paul and Molly Cole have two adult children, a son and a daughter. Each of their two offspring have three children, which means the Coles have six grandchildren whom they can spoil.

A committed volunteer with cat rescue shelters, Molly enjoys spending her leisure time kayaking, boating and walking. Paul likes to join her in boating and kayaking, and also is a golfer.

Having been members of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, the couple attended First Presbyterian Sarasota for several weeks and received a very warm welcome from the beginning. They were impressed by the family feeling and the church's community involvement.



New member, **Melinda Ray Marsh**, moved from Wisconsin to the Plantation in Venice with her husband, Truman Bruce Marsh, where they are happily retired.

Other cities where Melinda has lived include South Bend, Indiana and Dover, Delaware where she taught high school

classes for thirty years. Her area of expertise encompassed German, choral music, theater, set design, and gifted and talented programs. Her educational background spans a BA from

Kalamazoo College, a MA from University of Delaware in theater, and a PhD from LaSalle University in educational administration.

In southeastern Wisconsin, Melinda moved into administration in a cooperative education school district, serving as curriculum director for thirty-one small school districts. She also created three alternative high schools and administered them. She capped her career as an adjunct professor for National Louis University out of Chicago.

Melinda's husband is from Milwaukee, and they have one son, Michael, who resides in Madison. An emphasis on education has run throughout the family, with her husband's grandfather occupying the position of president at Ripon College for thirty-six years, as well as at Occidental College.

Westminster Presbyterian Church in South Bend was Melinda's home church, where she was active until she was married. She has been an organist at nearly every other denomination of church as well, and says it is so good to be "home" at First Presbyterian. The music and message drew her here.

Newlywed **Robert Scholten** became a member of First Presbyterian Church in March. And he married his best friend, Beverley Bovill, in a ceremony at First Presbyterian recently.

A resident of Venice since 2013, Robert previously lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan and later in Ft. Myers. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in public health at the University of Michigan.

Robert has two children and two grandchildren, all of whom live in Michigan. He worked in several different fields before settling at Pfizer Research and Development as a study manager.

He hopes to contribute to the mission of First Presbyterian in its efforts to secure social justice and peace in the community.

• **SURE Update**

by Will Newton,
Executive Director SURE

Though the summer in Sarasota is slower; our work to better the community continues. So far, SURE has met with over 20 companies in Sarasota to build relationships and support for our work. Through our corporate drive, we have raised over \$10,000 this summer, with more support on the way. SURE is also closing in on our individual investment goal. This investment drive means stability and strength for our organization as we move forward into the future.

In May, SURE joined Dr. Bowden and Jane Goodwin on their visit to Jacksonville, and is meeting with them soon to discuss a plan to implement Restorative Strategies in Sarasota more comprehensively. Soon, we hope to have a plan in hand for our school district.

Mark your calendars for September, when we will have house meetings to prepare for the next year and hear each other's concerns and issues in Sarasota. Our next large gathering is the Community Problems Assembly on Monday, October 15 at Bethlehem Bible Church. Starting at 6:00 p.m., we will share the needs we observe for Sarasota and plan for the work ahead.



• **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

First Presbyterian Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and friends and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Credit and Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a predetermined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Online Giving lets you go to www.firstpressarasota.org at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.



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Going paperless not only helps the environment, it helps FPC save money and is convenient for you. At FPC, you can receive information via email in three ways:

- *News@First* is a weekly newsletter sent out on Friday. It highlights upcoming events.
- *First In Focus* is a monthly email with pictures of many of our activities.
- *Cross Connections*, our monthly publication, lets you know about activities at church and has special interest articles, "Love Notes" from members, and a calendar of birthdays and anniversaries for that month.

In addition to receiving electronic communications, you can also make your contributions electronically.

If you are interested in receiving the weekly, or monthly newsletters, or *First in Focus* via email, or if you would like to sign up for online contributions, contact Lisa Garcia at LGarcia@FirstPresSarasota.org or call (941) 955-8119.

• **Birthdays**

1	Greg Knudsen	12	Betsy Marshall	22	Andy Anderson
	Vicky Urban		Roger Cady		Eddie Burgess
2	Kathy Herron		Ken Putt, Jr		Anne Bell
	Dick Clapp		Susan Sanderson	23	Alex Romanenko
	Hal Serrie	13	Vicki Wacksman	25	Patricia Martin
3	Branden Baily		Bonnie Geer		Jayden Adumuah
	Jordan Cook		Hope Meyer		Andrew Strong
	Ethan Alsum		Hilda Gaeta	26	Paula Camastro
	Kade Dean		Nancy Racine		Mike Groninger
5	Dorothy Mullen	14	Georgia Cotter		Harris Hudson
	Ellen Millar	15	Katy Sabin	28	Scott Carter
	Raynette Lignos		Bob Johnson		Todd Williams
6	Peggy Messick		Shawn Icely		Mary Webb
	Zach Martin		Heidi Knudsen		Mike Swick
	Tricia Lewis		Sam Winship	29	Lynn Matthews
7	Olivia Wright	16	Jack Young	30	Jack Hutchens, Jr.
	Nancy Rodriguez		Liam Brelsford		Elena Bretoi
	Tom Hostetler	17	Robyn Collins		
	Janet Churn		Alan Nelson		
8	Tara Track	18	Kim Becking		
	Muffie Ochi	19	Alma Fleck		
9	Nancy Wilkinson		Jean Martin		
	Michael Taaffe		Al Zappala		
	Kyle Mendenhall		Sam Ochi		
10	Ann Moore		Bill Rice		
	Lauren Reasoner	20	Danielle Hall		
	Glen Bell		Allison Mendenhall		
11	Quigg Warnecke	21	Paige Houglan		
	Liza Strong		Julianne Romanenko		
	Billy Douglas, III		Maureen Jones		
	Kyle Hubert				

• **Anniversaries**

1	Jack & Susan McDonald	26	Bruce & Trina Lindell
3	Tom & Pat Jirus	27	David & Debbie Delaney
5	Doc & Sue Benjamin		Jimi & Paula Camastro
	Ryan & Lydia Chapdelain		William Morgan & Jane Rose
6	Tom & Judy Melly		Ron & Jackie Wright
	Rich & Flossie Paul	29	Dick & Mo Aubry
7	Bill & Peggy Strutton		David & Andrea Householder
	Thom & Verna Dederer	30	Phil & Jeannette Hohmann
9	Charles & Ann Proctor		
	Jorge & Clara Ordonez		
10	Jay & Candy Swick		
11	Jack & Sue Simpson		
13	Don & Ann Opdycke		
14	Patrick & Heather O'Neill		
15	Rich & Irene Dulaney		
16	Ward & Anita Brass		
19	Drew & Maryann Stuart		
25	Jeff & Ellen Steinwachs		



**Blessings from
your church family**



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