



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KEOKUK
 "The Church by the River"
 Honoring God in Word and Deed

RIVERSIDE CURRENT

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July 2010

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgists:

- July 4 — Rebecca Bliss
- July 11 — Lauren Bliss
- July 18 — Dena Cannon
- July 25 — Kim Terry

Greeters & Ushers:

- July 4 — Dustin & Jennifer Briscoe, Jana Hausch, Glenn Shultz
- July 11 — Dena & K.J. Cannon, Kim Terry, Bruce Brandt
- July 18 — Craig & Michelle Potratz, open
- July 25 — Steve & Jeanne McMahan, Bill & Sara Shaffer

Acolytes:

- July 4 — Bethany & Megan Lane
- July 11 — Bailey Brooks, Molly Montgomery
- July 18 — Gracie Briscoe, Emily Fuller
- July 25 — Drew Hymes, Ethan Marshall

Nursery Helpers:

- July 4 — Michelle Potratz
- July 11 — Barb Robertson
- July 18 — Sara Shaffer
- July 25 — Cindy King



If you are unable to serve as listed, please find a substitute and inform the church office.

If you'd like to serve in one of these areas, please let us know! Thanks!

From our Pastor...



What you say can mean life or death. —Proverbs 18:21

It is so easy to say hurtful things. Sometimes we may have a headache or be struggling with fatigue due to a sleepless night, and then in a stressful moment we can say something that is negative, critical, and very hurtful to another person. And it is so easy to do. It is so easy to hurt others. It only takes one thoughtless moment. I wonder how many people have left their family, job, or church due to careless words. I have preached three suicide funerals over the years. The common thread in each was the family and friends left behind who had to contend with wondering "Is there something more I could have said or done that would have made a difference?" God warns us that what we say can mean death. Death of hope. Death of a dream. Death of love. Death of a friendship. Death.

Jesus said, "I tell you on the judgment day you will be responsible for every careless thing you have ever said. The words you have said will be used to judge you. Some of your words will prove you right, but some of your words will prove you guilty." (Matthew 12:36-37). This sounds like a negative statement from Jesus. But I sincerely believe He intended it to be a statement of grace. He is giving us the chance to make a positive difference in the lives of others while we still can! Consider two phrases in His statement. First, "be responsible". If we are responsible when we choose our words, then we will say things that bring life to others. Second, He warns us not to be "careless" in our choice of words. We can be "careful" instead and choose words that encourage and give hope! We can choose words that give life!

Everyone you meet today is wrestling with something. Some feel hopeless. Some don't have enough money to pay their bills and feel alone in their struggle. Some are facing the end of a relationship. Some feel like giving up. Some are discouraged over their job and are ready to throw their hands up in surrender. What you say can mean life to that person. Your words can give life. Life to hope. Life to a dream. Life to love. Life to friendship. Life.

Every person you meet today is an opportunity for you to say something that will either make or break that person. Even though you may be experiencing a moment of stress or dealing with exhaustion, choose your words carefully. Choose life.

I thank God for you! I am grateful for the faithful members God has given to His Church by the river! We could not be a church without you!

In Jesus' deep love,
 Pastor Bob

JULY EVENTS



Each Sunday in July we'll be honoring our country.

We'll have a special service

Honoring Those Who Serve Our Country

July 25th at 10:30 a.m.

All are invited to bring photos and mementos of those serving in the Armed Forces. The items will be displayed before, during and after the service.

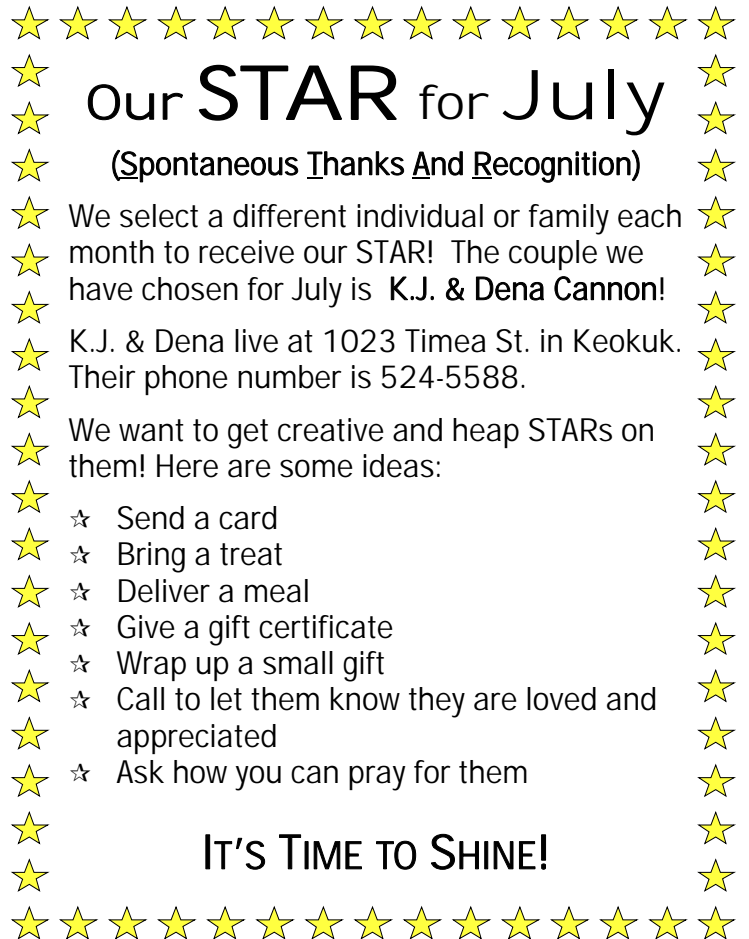


Adventure Club Park Clean-Up & Picnic

Wednesday, July 21

10:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

We'll meet at the church, clean up Gateway Park, have a picnic lunch and then have some water balloon fun! All ages welcome.



our STAR for July

(Spontaneous Thanks And Recognition)

We select a different individual or family each month to receive our STAR! The couple we have chosen for July is **K.J. & Dena Cannon!**

K.J. & Dena live at 1023 Timea St. in Keokuk. Their phone number is 524-5588.

We want to get creative and heap STARS on them! Here are some ideas:

- ☆ Send a card
- ☆ Bring a treat
- ☆ Deliver a meal
- ☆ Give a gift certificate
- ☆ Wrap up a small gift
- ☆ Call to let them know they are loved and appreciated
- ☆ Ask how you can pray for them

IT'S TIME TO SHINE!

Synod School 2010



"So many people having so much fun while examining issues related to faith."

July 25-30, 2010


Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa

Go to www.lakesandprairies.org/school.html or phone 1-800-328-1880, ext. 207.

Grace Notes

July 2010

July 2010							August 2010						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10:30am Worship		Presbytery Meeting		6:00pm Worship & Music 7:00pm Finance & Property C		9
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10:30am Worship						16
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10:30am Worship		Newsletter Deadline 7:00pm Session	10:30am Park Clean-Up & Picnic	10:30am - 12:30pm Food Pantry		23
18		19	20	21		22
						24
10:30am Worship - Honoring Those Who Serve Our Country	6:30pm Mission & Outreach			5:00pm Loaves & Fishes		30
25	26	27	28	29		31

Church Family News

 * **PRAYER CONCERNS** *
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 * Melody Burke *
 * Olive Davis *
 * Billy Jutte *
 * Dorothea Kultala *
 * Bonnie McLaughlin *
 * Sally Miller *
 * Amber Myers (Bobby Myers' daughter) *
 * Kevin Peterson *
 * Chris Wright *
 * Jo Anne Yoder *
 * Missionaries around the globe *
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July Birthdays

- 8 Ben Watts
- 9 Jocelyn Marshall
Janet Swan
Aiden Watts
- 13 Hank Billings
- 14 Dorothea Kultala
- 15 Elizabeth Potratz
- 17 Mindy Bishop
- 21 Lani Foster
Cindy King
Rebecca Marshall
- 23 Amanda Lambert
- 26 Dustin Briscoe
Esther Harding
Cole Sage
Matthew Smith
- 27 Bryan Nemecek
- 30 Anthony Potratz



FUN CITY



Our Adventure Club kids had a fun time at Fun City in Burlington on June 23rd. Rachel, Gracie, Ragen and Molly are having fun in the sun!

After swimming, we went to Happy Joe's for pizza. Yum! Thank You to all our adult drivers & helpers!

Thank You

Thank you to all the ladies who put the Rummage Sale together for all your hard work!

Dorothea Kultala

Thanks to everyone for the calls, cards, flowers, and food sent to me during the month of May. Everything was deeply appreciated and meant so much! May was really quite a month for me..... being a UPC star of the month, having two granddaughters graduate from high school, Mother's Day, and my birthday at the end made it very special! Thank you again, church family!

Ann Harshbarger

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 4, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Bob Lane.

Clerk's Report—Glenn Shultz

Attendance: 4/4 — 124 April Average: 92
 4/11 — 90 April 2009 Average: 95
 4/18 — 88 YTD Average: 83
 4/25 — 65 Last Year: 86

Treasurer's Report—Cindy Dunn

- Report approved.

Worship & Music—Cindy Dunn

- Children are making cards for Mother's Day and Father's Day.
- Graduation Sunday is June 6; this year's graduates are Beckah Swan, Kiernan Watts, Amber Terry, Lori Cannon, Jean Montgomery and Meg McLaughy.

Outreach/Mission Committee

- No Brown Bags for summer, will discuss again in September.
- Sara Shaffer has joined the committee.
- Discussed free pamphlets from Life Touch pictures.

Christian Education

- Adult Sunday School is meeting thru June.
- PW donated \$300 for summer youth activities.
- Planned events are a trip to Fun City on June 23, Gateway Park Clean-Up and picnic on July 21, Family Night at Keokuk pool on August 11.
- There will be no Christian Ed. meetings in June or July.
- There will be no Children's Church over the summer.
- Decided to discontinue Wednesday night meals in the fall. Youth will meet from 6:00 to 7:00. A snack will be provided.
- Will re-use Sunday School curriculum from last year.

Finance & Property—Bill Watts

- Requested to move Session meetings later in month so financial reports are ready.
- Changed signature cards on banking and trust accounts.
- Received \$3,808.07 from insurance for roof damage.

Personnel—Dustin Briscoe

- No meeting to report.

Nominating—Glenn Shultz

- No meeting to report.

Pastor's Report—Pastor Bob

- Report from Pastor Bob approved.

Items for Session Action and/or Information

- **Motion** passed to move session meetings to 3rd Tuesdays each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Regarding steps and dates to have Pastor Bob's ordination recognized by Presbytery: projected time frame is 1-2 years.
Motion passed to extend Pastor Bob's contract by 6 weeks until discussion with COM.
- Approved to settle lawsuit to get little house from Doug Atterberg.
- Praise: Rebecca's nursing home received National award.

Meeting closed with prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 2010

Deposits

Contributions	\$ 6,052.65
Investments	9,497.08
Other Income	0
Total Income:	\$15,549.73

Expenses

Organist	340.00
Building/Maintenance	100.00
Property Insurance	0
Utilities	269.67
Postage	88.00
Telephone/Internet	0
Supplies	0
Sunday School	83.98
Books, Subscriptions, QB	0
Worship & Music	33.07
Outreach	122.57
Payroll	5,863.99
Presbytery per capita	1,824.06
Other	164.50
Total Expenses	\$8,889.84
Net Income	\$6,659.89

Roof Repair Needed

We lost some shingles off the sanctuary roof during a recent storm. Insurance will pay part of the replacement cost, but it will still cost us about \$15,000 to re-shingle the roof. The Finance & Property Committee is requesting donations to help pay for this project.

**The Holy Scriptures are
our letters from home.**

—Augustine

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Look what's happening at the Church by the River..



We always love visitors at United Presbyterian Church—even little spotted ones like this fellow who visited our front yard last month! If you haven't been here for awhile, come check out what's new. We'd love to see you!