



RIVERSIDE CURRENT

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgists:

- Aug. 1 — Ann Harshbarger
- Aug. 8 — Craig Potratz
- Aug. 15 — Ann Harshbarger
- Aug. 22 — Jean Montgomery
- Aug. 29 — Thomas Montgomery

Greeters & Ushers:

- Aug. 1 — Barb & Larry Robertson
Angie & Alicia Peterson
- Aug. 8 — Debbie Lane
Bill Jutte, Bill Heller
- Aug. 15 — Lauren Bliss, Ann
Harshbarger, Rebecca Bliss
& Mike Mauzy
- Aug. 22 — Dena & K.J. Cannon
Kim Terry, Bruce Brandt
- Aug. 29 — Dustin & Jennifer Briscoe
Jana Hausch, Glenn Shultz

Acolytes:

- Aug. 1 — Gracie Briscoe, Emily Fuller
- Aug. 8 — Abby & Gabby Brooks
- Aug. 15 — Molly Montgomery,
Bailey Brooks
- Aug. 22 — Elizabeth & Anthony Potratz
- Aug. 29 — Bethany & Megan Lane

Nursery Helpers:

- Aug. 1 — Sara Shaffer
- Aug. 8 — Kay Floyd
- Aug. 15 — Barb Robertson
- Aug. 22 — Sara Shaffer
- Aug. 29 — open

Elder Host: Larry Robertson



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...



Those who do what is right will grow like a palm tree. They will grow strong like a cedar tree in Lebanon. —Psalm 92:12

Have you ever wondered if the grass really IS greener on the other side? Sometimes with all of life's worries and problems we can daydream about life "on the other side of the fence."

We all face difficult challenges and moments in life that cause us to be wistful about leaving all our cares behind and making a fresh start somewhere else. In other words, sometimes it's tempting to just pack up & run away from our troubles. Job described our lot in life most succinctly when he said, "Mankind is born for trouble as the spark flies upward." (Job 5:7)

Satan certainly wants us to quit trying. "Quit your marriage. Quit on your family. Quit your job. Quit your church. Quit trying. Quit doing. Quit helping. Quit, quit, quit. What's the use?" he whispers during our moments of stress. Satan is right about one thing. Quitting is easy. But we must not forget that Jesus said Satan is a liar, the very "father of lies." Satan never tells us the whole story when he tries to make his lies sound better than God's truth. What he doesn't bother mentioning is that your troubles will still be with you, even on the other side of the proverbial fence.

God's solution is that we all would seek to "bloom where we are planted." After all, God is in control & He is the One who allowed you to be at this place and time in your life. God never advocates the pathway of least resistance simply because it may be faster or easier. Aren't you glad Jesus followed the way of the Cross to completion? When life is hard, God lovingly encourages us to "do what is right" in Psalm 92:12. As we continue to do what is right, He promises us growth and strength like a "palm tree" and a "cedar tree." In other words, we will bloom if we stay faithful and refuse to quit.

So my dear friends, even though there may be things in your life that are intensely difficult, stay faithful to "do what is right." You are never alone. God is with you. Ask Him for the extra grace and strength you need. Your church family loves you and holds you in prayer. Like the family of faith God has made us, let us turn to each other in our moments of need. And may we bloom where we are planted to the glory of our God!

I thank God for you! We could not be a church without faithful members like you! Remember, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!!

Have a blessed month!

In His great love,
Pastor Bob

August Events

Adventure Club 
Family Night
 at the Pool
 Wednesday, August 11
 7:00—8:30 p.m.
 Keokuk Aquatic Center

Join us for a Pool Party! All ages and their families are welcome!
 Snack provided.

Join us for an
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
 Friday, August 27th
 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Bring your family & friends!
 Everyone is invited!

This event is sponsored by the Outreach Committee. If you can donate cakes, pies, homemade ice cream (or loan your ice cream maker) see Barb Robertson or call the church office. Thank You!

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Our **STAR** for
 August

(Spontaneous Thanks And Recognition)

We select a different individual or family each month to receive our STAR! The family chosen for August is the **Peterson family!**

Kevin & Angie (and Keith and Alicia when they're home from college!) live at 2523 218th St., West Point, IA 52656.

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

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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FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2010	
Deposits	
Contributions	\$ 5,298.66
Investments	5,326.63
Other Income	222.00
Total Income:	\$10,847.29
Expenses	
Organist	272.00
Building/Maintenance	375.62
Property Insurance	0
Utilities	756.11
Postage	0
Telephone/Internet	169.71
Copier Lease	84.19
Supplies	283.57
Sunday School	35.45
Books, Subscriptions, QB	24.75
Worship & Music	0
Outreach	59.20
Payroll	5,821.05
Other	0
Total Expenses	\$7,881.65
Net Income	\$2,965.64

August Birthdays

- 3 George Norman
- 9 Cindy Dunn
- 16 Nancy Grisham
Keith Peterson
- 17 Kim Terry
- 18 Daniel Bliss
Hannah Washburn
- 19 Arlo Sinele
- 20 Penny Stebbings
Emily Terry
- 21 Leslie Dunn
Lee Ann Smith
- 26 Casidy Koeber
Gracie Koeber
Nathan Koeber
- 31 Ava Bliss
Kay Floyd



Anniversaries

- 9 Craig & Michelle Potratz
- 24 Bill & Doris Heller



Thank You

United Presbyterian Church,
 Thank you for everything!
 God Bless!
 The Southerland family

A cheerful heart is good medicine...
 Proverbs 17:22a (NIV)

A Message from our Youth Director

The summer is going by quickly, and August planning meetings for the fall Sunday school and Wednesday night activities will soon begin. Our meeting in August is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m. If you have suggestions for our youth activities, please let me know, or better yet, please attend the meeting to participate in the planning process. **1 Peter 4:10 says “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in various forms.”** Each one of us has a God given gift or many gifts that we can use to help our church grow and thrive! Sometimes it’s hard to know what gift you’ve been given, but you just have to keep trying different things until you find the right fit. If it’s not spending a few hours a week with the youth, then maybe it is attending a bible study, or serving on one of the church committees. Maybe starting a choir or hand bell group is on your mind. Well, do it! God is waiting to help you. Please pray over the next few weeks and make a commitment to your church to get active! If you have children, please make a commitment to bring them to Sunday school and Wednesday night programs each week starting in September.

With Faith & Love,

Dena Cannon

Word Search

BIBLE	JESUS
CHRISTIAN	MERCY
COMMUNION	RELIGIOUS
FATHER	SPIRIT
HONOR	CHRIST
LOVE	CHURCH
RELIGION	FAITH
SALVATION	HOLY
CHRISTIANITY	LORD
DELIVERANCE	PEACE
BLESSINGS	SACRAFICE
GOD	TRUTH

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Come see what's happening at the Church by the River...



You're Always Welcome!