



Pickford Presbyterian Pages

From the Pastor...

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them." We called the children of the community to come for Vacation Bible School and they did. As I write this, we've had 45 kids both Monday and Tuesday for VBS, with a total of 47 different kids. We talked of Jesus and how Jesus rescues us when we're lonely or worried or at other times as well. We're having a fun and exciting week together and I expect that to continue.

But what about after VBS is over? Do we still talk with our kids about how Jesus rescues? Do we still welcome the children into worship and the church building? Do we invite them to learn from us, and perhaps even extend an invitation for them to teach us what they know? What happens after our fun and exciting week has ended?

I ask these questions because while children might not always be listening, but they are always watching. They are watching what we do, what we say, how we act, how we treat others, and every other thing that is happening around them. And so the question then becomes, what do they see as they watch us? Are we modeling a life of discipleship for our children? Are we showing them that all are welcome and loved by God? Are we teaching them how to work through their disagreements without fighting, or how to keep talking even if they disagree?

I've started wondering about what kids are learning from watching us. As hate speech continues to grow in our country, becoming more public and more blatant, what are our kids learning? As minor disagreements, such as one over a parking spot, turn into deadly shootings, what are our kids learning? As they hear us judge others, for their clothes or their hair or their skin color, what are our kids learning?

For all these things, kids learn from watching us. We often like to think our kids won't or don't notice what is happening around them. We hope to shelter them from the world and raise them to live in a better place, a better way. But they know. They know what has happened and what is still happening. They hear the adults around them talk about the events and they see the stories on the internet and in the news.

If they know, perhaps then, the best way forward, is to bring everything out in the open and talk about it. To show with our words and our actions a different way of living; a way that models God's love for all people. Because if we, the disciples and followers of Christ, don't talk about it, who will? What will our kids be learning? May they learn from us.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jessica

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Thursday
starting @ 8:30 a.m.

Things to Note...

MARK YOU CALENDAR - COMMUNION DATES

Following are the communion dates for the rest of 2018:

Sunday, August 19th

Sunday, October 7th (World Communion)

Sunday, November 25th (Christ the King Sunday)

OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Jessica will be out of the office Monday, August 27th through Friday, August 31st for vacation. During that time, RB Smith will serve as the elder on call so if you should need anything please reach out to him at 484-3053 or talk with Jessica Bjunes when she is in the office.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All church women are invited to the annual dinner at Main Street Café on Thursday, August 16th at 6:00 p.m. Reservations should be made with Clara Hillock (647-5692).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Presbyterian Women will again be collecting school supplies starting on August 1st. Please place items in bin located in the narthex.



Financial Updates:

As of June 30, 2018							
	Operating				Sunday		
	Fund	Investments	PI – Regular	PI – Roof	School	Youth	Memorial
Cash on hand	48,936.71	12,000.00	11,717.12	19,505.48	405.49	495.43	6,828.44
Income	6,970.59	0.00	318.46	15.78	134.00	0.00	0.28
Expenses	11,533.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	(181.00)	0.00	0.00
Ending Bal	44,373.98	12,000.00	12,035.58	19,521.26	358.49	495.43	6,828.72

SUNDAY MORNING ROTATIONS

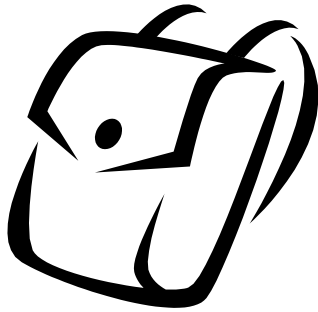
Date	Liturgists	Greeters	Ushers	Nursery
8/5/2018	Hay Days	Hay Days Worship	Hay Days Worship	Hay Days
8/12/2018	Bob Slater	Don Stirling & Family	Bob Rye & Family	Denice Portice
8/19/2018	Alice Halsey	Chuck & Mary Jane Bennin	Bill & Curt Beacom	Cheryl Harrison
8/26/2018	Dick Morrison	Jodi Soeltner & Denice Portice	Jim Rye	Mandy Stec

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the families of Keith MacDonald and John Kronemeyer.



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BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS!

Bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, September 9th! Everyone attending school and carrying a backpack is invited to bring their backpack on that Sunday. During the service we will be asking a blessing on all of the backpacks. So don't forget—get your backpack ready to go early that weekend and bring it with you on Sunday, September 9th.

2018 CAMP SCHEDULE

- Sunday Sept. 2** **Labor Day Sunday Worship** followed by a picnic and a variety of activities.
- Oct. 1-Oct. 6** **Fall Work Camp:** enjoy fellowship as we prepare camp for winter and off-season events.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WRAP-UP

Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus was held July 23rd-27th. The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to make Vacation Bible School a meaningful experience for the students.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

8/1	Mike Quinnell			8/16	Bryanne Fountain
8/2	Camden Van Blaricum				John Fountain
	Blaine Burnaby			8/18	Deb Wise
	Blake Mastaw			8/20	Lorma Ames
	Julie Rye Zimmerman				Diane Nettleton
8/3	Mary Jean Michalski			8/21	Ben Skinner
	Adam Skinner	8/9	Sandie Rye	8/22	Curt Beacom
8/4	Claire Morrison		Jaelinn Soeltner		Pat Knox
	Sean Franklin		Jeryn Soeltner	8/23	Trevor Layton
	Cheri Skinner	8/12	Marjorie Schmitigal	8/24	Chad Firack
8/6	Tammy Sue Fountain	8/13	Jacob Andrzejak		Paul Prucha
	Adam Taylor		Morgan Brown	8/26	Lauryn Wood
	Jacob Warner		Owen Campbell	8/27	Ryan Carson
8/7	Joyce Smith	8/14	Ginger Michalski		Janet Skinner
	Isaac Terrian		Tom Portice	8/28	Paige Fehner
8/8	Ken Dunton	8/15	Austin Beamish	8/31	Thomas Hayes
	Donald Stirling		Tanny Armstrong		



8/14 Mike & Jennifer Kennedy
 8/15 Ken & Jen Dunton
 8/17 Shawn & Jacque Rye

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let Jessica Bjunes know.

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Church Services: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.



August

Children have never been very good
at listening to their elders, but they
have never failed to imitate them.

- James Baldwin