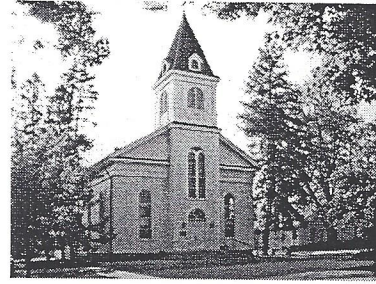


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"The Good Ol' Days"

Remember the "good ol' days?" I don't know if I do either. If there were good ol' days, I don't really know when that was. But I found myself thinking about that yesterday when I was looking forward to the summer. It used to be that most every June I would write a letter for the Missive about my Summer Reading List. I would share what I was reading in the quiet days of the summer and I would encourage you to share with me books that were significant to you. The assumption was that there would be more time during the lazy days of summer to get extra reading done. Ah, the good ol' days, when nothing interrupted our summers with any hustle and bustle except a nice parade and selling some pies on the 4th of July. No more.

It used to be that things would quiet down during the summer at the church, but it seems that this year we are gearing up for the summer:

**In June, we wrap up the program year with the Picnic in the Park on June 12th following worship. That is also Recognition Sunday when we express our thanks for those who have worked so hard for us all year. Soon after that Meredith and some of the youth are heading for West Virginia for a week-long mission trip. Also Murray will begin his summer internship at the church so instead of just working here a few hours a week, he will be with us 40 hours each week. I know Murray has plans for education, pastoral care, mission, and spiritual growth through some summer experiences. Personally, Erin and I will be going to Boston for Annie and Stacey's Wedding Shower (I'm beginning to discover all the responsibilities of the father of the bride!)*

**In July we will be excited about the 4th of July Pie Tent (as long as there are some rhubarb pies). But plans are also in the works to have a church outing to the Barn Theatre to see "Jesus Christ Superstar." It would be great to get a large group of people to go together. The Mission Committee is planning some one-day local mission work experiences.*




**In August we will be in planning mode for Fall Program, but in the midst of that will be Vacation Bible School which will take place in the evenings during the week of August 15-18. There will be classes and events for all ages. On top of these things there are plans in the works for a Movie Night, Staff Retreat, and even some stargazing outings.*

It's fun to have so much going on, but I have to say that it couldn't happen without the dedicated staff that we have at the church. I hope you will find some time to thank them for all that they do. I'm trying to do that too! Maybe we can make it so these are the "good ol' days!"

Grace and Peace,

Mark

June Volunteer Assignments

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>	<u>Nursery Help</u>	<u>Teacher/Crafter</u>
5	Newell	Dishon Greve	Gauthier Hubbard	Steele	Stafford & Ruser
12	Hart	Hart Hutchinson Martin	Luscombe Noall	Deater	
19	<u>VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>TWO VOLUNTEERS</u> Kubiak & Yoder	Ruser Thorne	Stafford	
26	Spengler	Spengler Nash Stegink	J & R Steele family	Slezak	

Serving Communion

Please remember that only ordained elders and deacons should serve communion.

June 5

Carol Coverly
Lee Coverly
Sandra Gobble
Judy Ruser
Ed Schaadt
Ronda Schaadt
Marilynn Simon
Jennifer Spengler
Tara Steele

July 3

Carol Thorne
Bob Tower
Terry Vantine
Donna Webb
Tunis Willemstyn
Jilisa Williams
Jerry Wittwer
Lib Wittwer

August 7

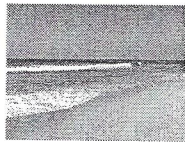


Mike Wright
Nancy Wright
Brian Young
Teresa Young
Phyllis Youse
Marsha Zick
Marilyn Alman
Andy Alspach

We rely on many members and friends to help Sundays run smoothly and be a good worship experience for those attending our church. If for some reason you are not able to help on the day originally selected, please find a replacement or someone to trade with, and let the church office know. The yearly list of volunteers can be found at www.fpcrich.com, under "Living the Faith", then "volunteer schedule". Or call Julie for a list of names. Thank you!

June



2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 Cub Scouts (the PW Meeting will be during the Picnic on the 18th)	2	3 5:30 Odegard/Merritt Rehearsal	4 4:30 Odegard/Merritt Wedding
5 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship - Communion 11:05 LAST DAY Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group Party at Westminster	6 9:00 Care Team 10:30 Office Staff 6:00 Boy Scouts	7 10:00 Connected Threads 5:45 Girl Scouts	8 1:00 Women's Book Club at Carole's 6:00 Session 5-8 Home Again Pre-school Graduation in Sanctuary & GPR	9 6 Deacons	10	11
12 9:45 Worship - 2 cents-a-meal RECOGNITION SUNDAY!! 11:00 End of season picnic! 4:00 Recital in Sanctuary and GPR	13 10:30 Office Staff	14 8:30 Modernistic Carpet Cleaning all day (not a good day to come and visit!) 10:00 Connected Threads	15 6:00 Committee Meetings Mark gone through the 20th	16	17 Julie on vacation!! Thank you Joyce :) 	18 8:30 a.m - 11:30 p.m. RELAY FOR LIFE! 11:00 PW Picnic at Terry's house
19 9:45 Worship Happy Fathers Day 	20 9:00 Care Team 10:30 Office Staff	21 10:00 Connected Threads	22 9:30 Flower Group in White Room 10:30 Richland Library Reading in the Park	23	24 10:30 Library Magician in the GPR 12-7ish Set up and Open House in GPR	25 Mission Trippers Depart!! 
26 9:45 Worship	27 10:30 Office Staff	28 10:00 Connected Threads	29	30		



Presbyterian Women

*PW meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the church,
The next meeting is June 1st. EVERY WOMAN is welcome.*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PICNIC

JUNE 18th * 11:00 a.m.

Relax, socialize, eat, drink, ahhhh...



Terry Vantine
will be hosting
this year.
9086 Cotters
Ridge, Richland
629-5381

Please come out
and be part of
the wonderful
women in our
church family!

You Still Have Time !! WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The next book club will be held at
Carole Knibloe's home,
1142 N. Willow Beach,
Augusta on June 8th at 1:00.
The book of discussion is,



**"The Orphan Train"
by Christina Baker Kline**

The ladies welcome anyone who'd
might have an interest and would like
to join them!

July 4th Pie Tent on the Village Green

The 4th of July will bring many folks in the
community to the Village Green for the annu-
al parade, chicken dinner and PIES! Presby-
terian Women will be selling pies to raise
funds for the missions we support.



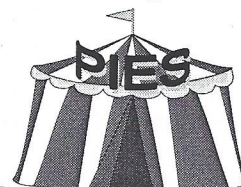
Our sale's success is dependent on the help of
ALL our members, so we hope our many
great bakers will make many, many fruit and
berry pies! We'll be making pies at our
homes this year. Please bake in 9" or 5" dis-
posable tins, and no cream or pumpkin pies!



Please bring your LABELED pies to the
church anytime before the 4th, and no later
that 8:30 a.m. on the 4th. We are happy to
freeze them, so you can start baking today!!



Not a baker but still want to help? Come
work at the Pie Tent on the 4th. Of course,
you can always buy a pie too. No matter
what, this is a fun time in the life of the
church. Be part of it!



PW PURPOSE: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit our-
selves to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work
for justice and peace and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian
Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

PRESBYTERIAN PIES

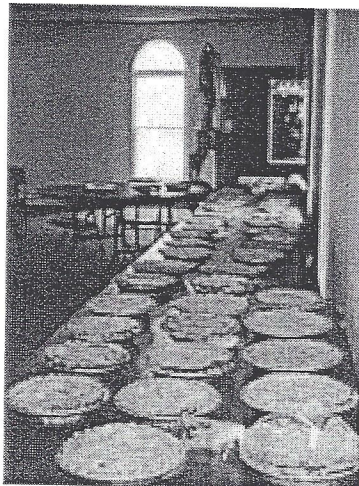
There is in the Village of Richland
A Pretty White Church on the Square
It is filled with Presbyterian Women
Who have great joy and much skill to share

Baking of Pies is their Tradition
To Celebrate the 4th of July
For the past 60 Years they've been making
The Very Best Pies You Can Buy

The Pies that You purchase raise money
To help keep Communities Strong
To give Hope to the hopeless and Joy to the sad
To show All a way to Belong

For the past 60 Years You've Supported
All the Works that these Ladies do
The Presbyterian Women are Grateful
And send a Big "Thank You" to You

So now the Pie Tent is Open
With Pecan and Fruit Pies Galore
They've been Made with Love and with Help from Above
They'll be baking for 60 Years More!!



Youth Group



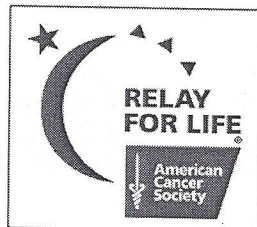
THANK YOU

TO OUR AMAZING CHURCH & COMMUNITY,
HARDINGS, MCDONALDS, TRUE VALUE
HARDWARE, PIZZA KING, RICHLAND PD,
ROGERS HEATING & AIR, ROBIN NOTT AND
BELL TOWER LAKEHOUSE LIVING FOR YOUR
HELP IN MAKING THIS A SUCCESS!

Youth Group

Kids In Boxes & Food Drive Fun Facts:

- ➔ *27 kids*
- ➔ *54 boxes*
- ➔ *492 items donated to the food pantry*
- ➔ *40+ church/community friends stopped by*
- ➔ *1 Richland Police Officer brought s'mores*
- ➔ *7 local businesses contributed supplies*
- ➔ *3 local news reports about the event*
- ➔ *Countless happy youth!*



Join our 2016 Relay for Life team!

June 18, 2015

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Richland Township Park (32nd Street south of the church)

Relay for Life is an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society at which teams of walkers occupy the track for the entire event non-stop. Cancer doesn't stop so we don't either. If you've never been, come out and see how much fun we have at the event.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) would like everyone to register online, especially if you'd like a t-shirt. It's not hard, but if you need help, your team captains, Heather Putt and Sandy Hart, can help you.

Here's how to register/donate online:

Go to www.RelayForLife.org/richlandareami

You can either Sign Up or Donate.

If you click Sign Up, then click Join A Team. Our team name is: 1st Presbyterian Follow the onscreen directions to complete the registration

If you click Donate, click on "Donate to a team" to have your donation apply to our team. (You may also donate to a participant on our team and it will qualify for our team, too.) Find our team and follow the directions.

If you cannot join us on June 18th, and just want to solicit donations or give a donation you can do it online or offline to help reach our team fundraising goal of \$1000. We are looking for track walkers now.

We will be selling Luminaria bags (minimum donation of \$10 per bag) for the ceremony. If you would like to have your loved one's picture in the slide show, let Heather or Sandy know and she'll help you get it there. Pictures are needed by May 18th.

Any survivors who would like to be invited to the Survivor ceremony and free dinner, let us know also. We'll make sure you're invited! Dinner is served around 6 p.m.

This year's Relay theme is "Be a Superhero". We haven't determined what we will be doing with this theme, but are open to suggestions. We may have Wishing Well onsite to accept donations to make a wish for someone touched by cancer.

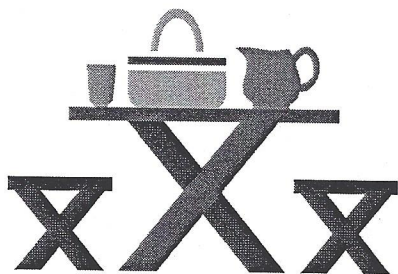
Questions? Want to join us? Contact Heather Putt (5017754 or linnea842003@yahoo.com) or Sandy Hart (4922933 or hart49004@sbcglobal.net) We or someone from the Mission Committee will be available each Sunday in the Gull Prairie room after service from now until June 17th.

RECOGNITION SUNDAY PICNIC!!

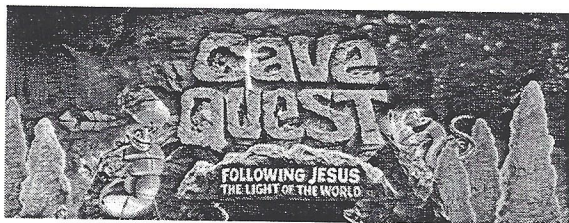
June 12 * following worship

Our end-of-the-season Sunday will be a busy day, with worship followed by the picnic!!

Membership and Fellowship will be supplying pulled pork and drinks. If everyone would please bring their favorite side dish, salad, or dessert, the rest of us who will be eating it would be grateful! Although we'll have some extras if needed, please also bring your own tableware.



We'll have activities for the kids right after worship, while the picnic gets set up. Really all we have to do now is keep fingers crossed for sunshine! Hope to see you on this glorious Recognition Sunday!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

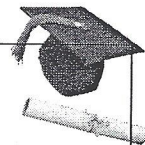
It's coming mark your calendars now!

August 15th through the 18th

5:00 to 8:00 p.m. * Dinner included



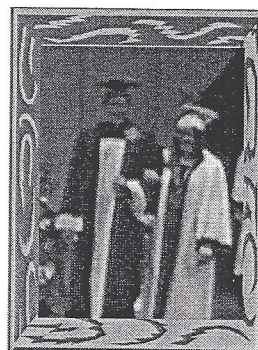
HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES



We'd love to get a picture of our graduates so we can show them off in the display case!

If you have an extra photo, please leave it in Julie's office or box, asap.

A namecard and school announcement would be nice too! Thank you.



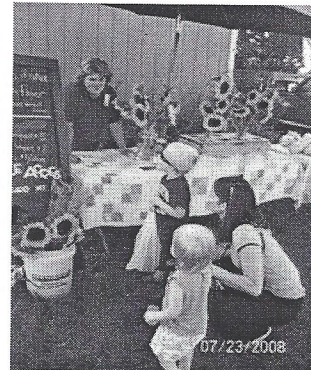
After June of this year, Meijer will no longer be participating in the Meijer Community Rewards program. The church has received many nice checks from them over the years, and we thank you all for contributing to the church in this way. But keep shopping at Meijer, as they donate more than 6% of their net profit to charitable organizations each year!



The blue mason jars on the table around from Julie's office, are to help raise money for a new Christmas tree! Grab a jar, fill it with loose change, bring it back to the church. Easy! You can even take it home again! We've already received several full ones!
The Deacons thank you!



Richland Farmers Market

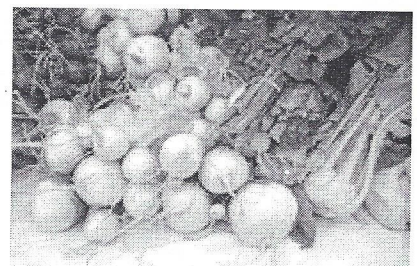
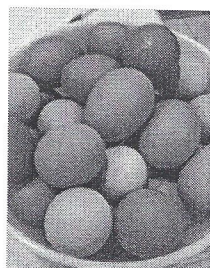
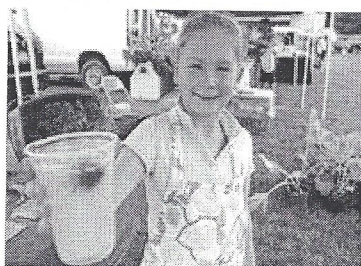


The Richland Farmers' Market, a mission of the First Presbyterian Church, in its 9th year of operation, and is located on the grounds of the Gull Lake Middle School (9550 East M-89). The market will be open Wednesday afternoons (3:00-6:00 p.m.), May 18th to October 12th.

Vendors set up in a small parking lot behind the Gull Lake Middle School, which can be reached by turning south into the school complex at the stop-light. There is access to restroom facilities on-site in the middle school building, but no running water or electricity.

The goals of the market are threefold: 1) to be a profitable outlet for local farmers and craft vendors, 2) to create a gathering spot and opportunity for social interactions for Richland area residents, and 3) to provide a predictable, ample selection and variety of high quality fresh, locally-grown produce and crafts for customers.

We are a proud partner of the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA) and the Food Assistance Partnership. We will again be accepting Bridge Cards at the market; come on out and use your cards for fresh, local, healthy food.



Endowment Fund News Flash

*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RICHLAND PROVIDES
CLEAN WATER TO FAMILIES IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC*

MAY 2016

**USING FUNDS PROVIDED BY EARNINGS FROM THEIR ENDOWMENT FUND
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RICHLAND HAS JOINED WITH ROTARI-
ANS TO PROVIDE CLEAN WATER TO FAMILIES IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.**

THROUGH THIS DONATION CLEAN WATER WILL BE PROVIDED SO THAT:

8 FAMILIES WILL LESSEN THEIR RISK OF BEING ONE OF THE 3.5 MILLION PEOPLE WHO DIE FROM WATER RELATED DISEASES EACH YEAR.

8 FAMILIES WILL BE ABLE TO DRINK AND BATHE IN WATER THAT DOES NOT CONTAIN DISEASE CAUSING ORGANISMS SUCH AS BACTERIA, VIRUSES, PROTOZOA, CYSTS, HELMINTHS AND WORMS.

8 FAMILIES WILL BE ABLE TO DRINK WATER THAT WILL NOT CAUSE THEM TO HAVE DIAHRRHEA.

8 FAMILIES WILL KNOW THAT THEIR *CHILDREN* WILL NOT BECOME ONE OF THE *CHILDREN* IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT GET DIARRHEA THREE OR MORE TIMES A YEAR (4 BILLION CASES ANNUALLY) FROM DRINKING TAINTED WATER. **DIAHERRA WAS NAMED BY UNICEF AS THE SECOND-LEADING CHILDHOOD KILLER**

8 FAMILIES WILL KNOW THAT THEIR *CHILDREN* WILL NOT HAVE TO DRINK TAINTED WATER THAT WILL CAUSE THEM TO BE ONE OF THOSE WHO SURVIVE DEHYDRATION, ONLY TO HAVE DIARRHEA GET IN THE WAY OF NUTRIENT ABSORPTION WHICH CAN LEAD TO MALNUTRITION, STUNTED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND REDUCED RESISTANCE TO OTHER INFECTIONS SUCH AS HEPATITIS, TYPHOID, GUINEA WORM, HIV AND CHOLERA.

"FROM THE GROUND UP"
BUILDING AND GROUNDS NEWSLETTER
MAY 2016

*THINGS HAVE BEEN BUSY DURING THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF 2016.
HERE IS A BRIEF SUMMARY.*

REPLACED BROKEN WINDOWS—DOOR LEADING TO MEMORIAL GARDEN & IN ROOM LEADING TO LIBRARY.

REVIEWED INSURANCE COVERAGE AND INCREASED LIABILITY COVERAGE TO ALIGN WITH TODAY'S SIZEABLE AWARDS. SLIGHTLY INCREASED DEDUCTIBLE FOR A NET ANNUAL SAVINGS.

CREATED A CATEGORIZED PROJECT LIST OF REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. (**COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GULL PRAIRIE ROOM**)

CORRECTED PROBLEMS WITH OUR WATER COLLECTION AND TAKE-AWAY SYSTEMS. QUOTED AND AWARDED CONTRACT FOR GUTTER & DOWNSPOUT CLEANING, ADDITIONS AND REPLACEMENTS TO HANDLE WATER COLLECTION AND TAKE-AWAY, FLASHING REVISIONS, VALLEY REWORK & ROTTED SOFFIT REPLACEMENT. **STATUS: WORK IS COMPLETE.**

QUOTED AND **AWARDED CONTRACT FOR CEMENT REPLACEMENT**—REAR STEPS, FRONT SIDEWALKS, LAST SECTION CENTER WALK & BETWEEN CENTER DOORS. **STATUS: SCHEDULED TO START MID-JULY.**

REPLACED ENTRY RUGS—FRONT & CENTER DOORS. (*LIKE THEM? LET JULIE KNOW—SHE PICKED THEM OUT*).

REPLACED COLD AIR INTAKE REGISTER IN GULL PRAIRIE ROOM.

APPLIED WEED & FEED TO LAWN

QUOTED AND **AWARDED CONTRACT FOR CARPET CLEANING** IN GULL PRAIRIE ROOM, FIREPLACE ROOM & HALLS, STEPS & LANDINGS, DOWNSTAIRS HALLS, SENIOR ROOMS AND MEETING ROOM AT BOTTOM OF STAIRS. **STATUS: WORK IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 14.**

ASSESSED BELFREY DETERIORATION AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SOLICITING PROPOSALS FOR REPAIR AND REVISIONS TO ADDRESS CAUSE OF WATER DAMAGE.

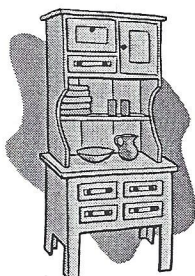
BEGAN INVESTIGATION INTO FOUNDATION CRACKING. WE NOTICED SEVERAL AREAS WHERE OUR ROCK WALL FOUNDATION IS CRACKING AND SEPARATING. THIS CORRESPONDS TO INTERIOR WALL CRACKS THAT WE ARE SEEING. WE ARE WORKING WITH STRUCTURAL DESIGN AND RESTORATION CONTRACTORS TO INVESTIGATE THE DAMAGE TO FIND THE ROOT CAUSE AND DEVELOP A PLAN OF REMEDIATION.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

PICK UP A COPY OF THE PROJECT LIST ON THE BUILDING & GROUNDS TABLE IN THE GULL PRARIE ROOM THAT INCLUDES MORE DETAILED INFORMATION.
THE LIST IS DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- *INSIDE MAINTENANCE
- *OUTSIDE MAINTENANCE
- *INSURANCE
- *MECHANICAL
- *SAFETY
- *WATER COLLECTION AND TAKE-AWAY SYSTEMS
- *ENERGY EFFICIENCY
- *MISCELLANEOUS

FOOD
PANTRY
CORNER

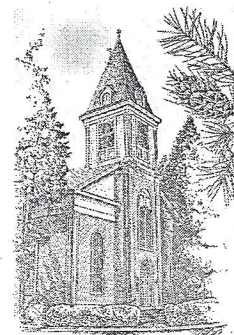


FOOD PANTRY

CEREAL, SOUP, CRACKERS
SNACK TREATS
BOXED POTATOES

Carillon Hymns and Honoree's for June

<i>Date</i>	<i>Selection</i>	<i>Honoree</i>
6/1	<i>Here I Am Lord</i>	<i>CJ Hoorn</i>
6/1	<i>Take My Life</i>	<i>Mary E. Jones</i>
6/3	<i>Onward Christian Soldiers</i>	<i>Brad Hoorn</i>
6/3	<i>Pass It On</i>	<i>Brad Hoorn</i>
6/3	<i>America The Beautiful</i>	<i>Brand Hoorn's birthday</i>
6/12	<i>When Morning Guilds the Skies</i>	<i>Donald E. James</i>
6/23	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	<i>Julia Stephens</i>
6/28	<i>Old Rugged Cross</i>	<i>Alice & Harold Ostrander</i>



June Birthdays



Paige Bell	1
Christine Knowlton	1
Evan Scribner	1
Shannon Wixson Smith	2
Carol Miller Johnson	2
Sharon Sorrell	3
John Welser	4
Shari Wynsma	4
Tom Farho	5
Gerry Hildenbrand	5
Brandon Jennings	5
Larry Osborne	7
Mark Williams	7
Keagan Miller	8
Brandon Wynsma	9
Mark Fisher	10
Chase Sullivan	10
Maria Hills	11
Peter Mattes	11
Alexis Rairigh	11
Gavin Gibson	12
John Kelly	13
Amy Mack	14
Bethany Gibson Gauthier	14
Aimee Robinson	14
Patrick Vantine	14
Michelle Fisher	15
Justin Gibson	15
Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne	15
Jerry Bryer	16
Sandy Carahaly	16
Taylor Dolbee	16
Carol Thorne	16
Tina Brignall	17
Mary Lindenberg	17
Michael Odar	17
Karen Stasevich	17
Jim Collier	18
Tim Peters	18
Tom M. Ryan	18
Janet Fonger	19
Gene Rothenberg	19
Catherine Martin	20
Lane Steele	20
Jilisa Williams	20
Tim Bair	21
Don Kreinbring	21

Dick Gross	23
Steve Inman	23
Marcia Sizer	24
Colin Kreager	25
Cheri Calkins	26
Tara Steele	26
Bob Tower	26
Jarad White	26
Stirling Fenner	27
Kelly Schaadt Boyle	27
Evan Kreager	29
Mary Gephart	30
Joe Gibson	30
Jerry Petersen	30
Ava Rogers	30
Nancy Woll	30

& Anniversaries

- 1 Milt and Linda Pollock ~ 48 years
- 8 Jane and Terry Carpenter ~ 54
- 12 Philip and Terri Dawson ~ 34
- 13 Marilynn and Bob Simon ~ 28
- 14 Rob and Suzie Carpenter ~ 30
- 14 Maria and Bob Hills ~ 59
- 17 Jo and Sterling Fenner ~ 49
- 17 Steve and Sandy Hart ~ 44
- 18 Brad and Mindy Hittle ~ 11
- 19 Mark and Lynn Hittle ~ 40
- 19 Rhonda and Brendan Hope ~ 23
- 19 Carol and Ron Reid ~ 41
- 20 Dave and Barb Fox ~ 52
- 21 Judy and Tim Kleis ~ 30
- 22 Tim and Pat Peters ~ 52
- 23 Heather and Darwin Putt ~ 4
- 23 Joan and Larry Romyak ~ 43
- 24 George and Jennifer Spengler ~ 27
- 25 Faith and Zip Fiordalis ~ 39
- 25 Andrew and Laura Fiordalis ~ 11
- 26 Meegin and Dave Rozeboom ~ 12



Happy Father's Day!

Father's Day was first observed in America on June 17, 1910. In 1923 the third Sunday of June was fixed as the official day, and in 1924 President Coolidge recommended its national observance. Today it has a fixed place in the calendar of special days in our country.

But devotion to and pride in fathers does not need to wait for official approval. As long as there have been families, love and respect for fathers has existed.

-William Preston



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Sadarra Fields, *Director of Choirs*
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Connie Slater, *Sexton*
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