

The Missive

June 2019

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“Dad, Do Dogs Go to Heaven?”

As I write this note to you all this week, we are worried about one of our dogs, Persephone. She is a three year old Boxer and is very sweet. But she has an abdominal mass that is going to have to be surgically removed in the next day or two. We are hopeful, but you never know. Persephone is the eighth Boxer that we have had as a pet, so obviously we have had dogs die before this. Which is one of the questions that I will have for God someday: “Why did you give dogs such a short lifespan?” Dogs are wonderful companions and teach us invaluable lessons about unconditional love, but they live too-short lives and when they die, we grieve. And so I think each of our three children at one point or another has asked me, “Dad, do dogs go to heaven?”

What do you think? Do our pets meet us in heaven? It would be nice to think so, but the Bible is silent on the subject. I've done a bit of reading on this subject and many theologians argue that animals will not be in heaven because they do not have souls as humans do. What do you think? Do dogs have souls like we do? What about cats? Or horses? Or goats? Or goldfish? Where do we draw the line? Since it's hard to draw that line, many teachers throughout the history of the church have taught that human beings are different, that we are the only creatures that have souls and so the only ones who can be resurrected into the heavenly kingdom. And that when animals die, they are gone.

I'll admit that I'm having a hard time with that idea. And I don't think it's just because I'm a sentimental pastor or that I'm a dad who wanted to tell our children, “Of course Molly will be in heaven with us.” But I think that we sometimes misread our Creator and our place in Creation. We've been talking this Spring about our focus as a Creation Care Congregation and what that means to us. We've been trying to emphasize ways that we can be part of caring for God's

creation. But why would we do that? Why should we care so much about the world, the environment, the animals, the water and the air? I think it is because we are beginning to recognize that we are part of God's creation, not something separate from it. Presbyterian pastor and author, Frederick Buechner says, “As far as anybody seems to know, the vast majority of things in the universe do not have whatever life is. Sticks, stones, stars, space—they simply are. A few things are and are somehow aware of it. They have broken through into Something, or Something has broken through into them. Even a jellyfish, a butternut squash. They're in it with us. We're all in it together, or it in us.”

We're all in it together. Not just you and me and all the other people. But all of life, all of creation. When the prophets speak of the culmination of history, of the new heaven and new earth that God will recreate, they speak of animals: “The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together . . .” (Isaiah 11:6) Maybe the prophet is not being poetic, but maybe he means that literally. The most recognized verse in all of the Bible does not say, “For God so loved humanity . . .” but John says, “For God so love the world, that he gave his only Son . . .” And in Greek the word for “world” is “cosmos”—the whole world, all of creation. And I have to believe that God's love extends to animals, and to dogs. I don't know if dogs have souls. I don't even always know if I have one. But the assurance of my future is not in my nature, I don't believe I'll go to heaven because I have a soul and that's what souls do, but I believe in heaven and resurrection because of God's nature. If I believe in a loving God who is going to assure that God's purposes are accomplished in the end, I'm content to leave my future in his hands. And Persephone's too.

Grace and Peace, Mark

June Volunteer Assignments

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>	<u>Nursery Help</u>	
2	Smith	Dishon G&L Lindenberg	Slezak Alexander	Smith	<p>And since all this loveliness can not be Heaven, I know in my heart it is June. <i>Abba Woolson</i></p> <p>It is better to be a young June bug than an old bird of paradise. <i>Mark Twain</i></p> <p>No price is set on the lavish summer; June may be had by the poorest comer. <i>James Russell Lowell</i></p> <p>Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June. <i>Al Bernstein</i></p>
9	Bryant	Spengler Steele	Zick Luscombe	Carisalez	
16	Hutchinson	Stegink Thorne Calkins	Ruser Ryan	Stafford	
23	Martin	Hart Hills Lynch	Stafford VOLUNTEER	Lindenberg	
30	VOLUNTEER	Petersen Remley Romyak	Hutchinson Williams	Smith	



Serving Communion

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

June 2

Carol Thorne
Brian Young
Teresa Young
Marsha Zick
Marilyn Alman

July 7

Andy Alspach
Sandy Barts
Heidi Bryant
Ed Calkins
Sandy Carahaly

August 4

Laura Carisalez
Judy Croasdale
Joyce Dishon
Wendy Field
Deb Fisher

*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 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship - Communion 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Meet Your Deacon	3 9:00 Care Team 10:30 Office Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 10:00 Connected Threads	5 1:00 PW Meeting at Wanda's 6:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Baccalaureate at Yorkville Church	6 9:00 Bible Study 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 Pony Club 7:00 Cub Scouts	7	8
9 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship - 2 cents-a-meal - Recognition Sunday 11:00 Potluck Picnic in the Park 2:00 Sanctuary and GPR being used	10 10:30 Office Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts	11 10:00 Connected Threads 6:00 Girl Scouts	12 1:00 Book Reading Group at Faye Luscombe's 6:00 Session	13 9:00 Bible Study 6:00 Deacons 7:00 Cub Scouts	14 3:00-8:00 Home Again Graduation in Sanctuary & GPR	15
16 9:45 Worship 	17 9:00 Care Team 10:30 Office Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts	18 10:00 Connected Threads	19 7:00 Cub Scout Leaders	20 9:00 Bible Study 6:00 Pony Club 7:00 Cub Scouts	21 Julie on vacation. Thanks to all who are helping!! 	22 Youth Mission Trippers take off
23 9:45 Worship	24 10:30 Office Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts	25 7:00 & 8:00 Men's Breakfasts at Liz's 10:00 Connected Threads	26	27 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Cub Scouts	28 10:30 Richland Library Puppet Show in GPR	29 Mission Trippers return
30 9:45 Worship						



Presbyterian Women

*This month PW meets Wednesday, June 5th, 1:00 p.m.
at Wanda Clawson's home, 1507 W. Gull Lake Dr.
EVERY WOMAN is welcome.
If you have questions, please call Kalli Inman, 998-3497*

Hello Everyone~

Our May PW meeting went well with the following attendants. Sara, Terry, Kalli, Wanda, Margaret, Nancy.

Need someone to host the annual PW Picnic this summer. Host picks day and time! So check your calendars and host the ladies!

News for the month!

Rummage sale...\$3121.18 + more to come in! Thank you to all who helped. Next Rummage Sale in October...some changes are coming but haven't been finalized yet.

Thank you to George Spengler for the new hanger stand!

Church cards have been ordered, so if you'd like a card with drawing of church on front you can purchase at church.

Margaret Hetzel has agreed to take over as PW Treasurer so once Barb Langshaw has done her final report Margaret will take over.

Looking for a new moderator taking over in 2020 as Kalli is not sure what days she'll have grandson Jack and he'll be on the move by then!

Next PW meeting on June 5th.
Submitted by PW Moderator Kalli Inman



Only a month away! July 4th is the date. Pies, pies and more pies are the goal. Raising money for many PW missions is the purpose. We're looking for fruit and berry pies in 9" or 5" disposable tins (no cream or pumpkin, please). Please bring your labeled pies to the church anytime before the 4th, and no later than 8:30 a.m. on the 4th. If you want to bake early, we are happy to freeze them! 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. Look for the sign up sheet soooooon! Judy Ruser and Terry Vantine be da bosses.



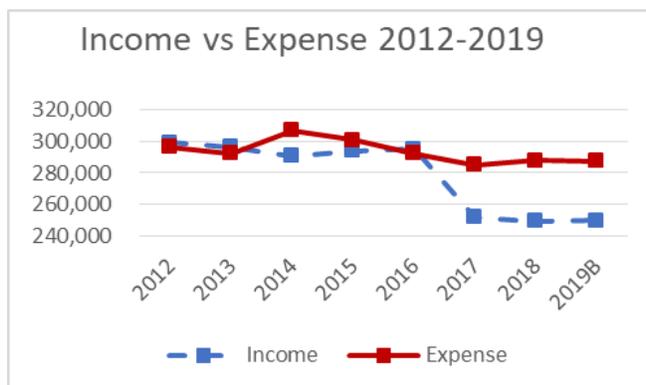
PW PURPOSE: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens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

MONEY MATTERS

April operating results were a deficit of \$4.2K, with expenditures of \$22.3K exceeding giving of \$18.1K. Giving for the month of May (through May 19th) has been light. **Full-year projections are now a deficit of \$17.5K**, which, when added to the deficit carried forward from prior years, result in a **multi-year deficit projection of \$41.4K**.

Continued deficit spending is not sustainable. Total annual disbursements from the General (operating) Fund have remained steady over the past three years, and in fact are lower than 2016 and prior years, as Session has made continued efforts to keep discretionary spending to a minimum. However, **the bulk of our budget is not discretionary.** Staff payrolls and pastoral ministry account for a combined 74% of total projected 2019 expenditures, with property, building and grounds, and administrative expenses accounting for 17%. Mission (including Per Capita apportionment not funded by members, currently estimated at close to \$5K) is the bulk of the remainder, at 6% of projected annual spending. That leaves 3% to cover music and worship, Christian education, and membership and fellowship expenses combined. (It is important to note that the actual cost of “running the church” is even higher than the budget. Expenses are offset in part with donations “in kind” from the congregation.)

By contrast, there has been a sharp decrease in giving to the General Fund, beginning with 2017. The comparative expenditure vs. giving is highlighted in the chart below, which was also presented at the Annual Meeting in January. As indicated at the Annual Meeting, **Session is regrettably considering deficit mitigation options including but not limited to using designated funds to cover the gaps, cutting or eliminating Mission giving, and cutting or eliminating payrolls or positions.** This is not a task that Session relishes, however, it is one which we are required to do, if we are to be fiscally responsible.



We are humbly asking you as a congregation to prayerfully consider increasing your financial support of the church. According to the 2017 census, our church has 145 “potential giving units.” Basically, this means families. **If every family were able and willing to give an additional \$300 per year (\$5 a week) in 2019, we could eliminate the projected multi-year deficit.**

We understand that even \$5 a week may be a hardship for some families. If yours is not one of them, are you willing to increase your giving, and perhaps give a bit more to cover a family who cannot afford to do so?

Questions? Comments? Contact Sandy Carahaly, Elder, Finance Committee.

Thon, Jr, Deng and Mary Alier



Friends, we received the following letter from Deng Thon Alier, our faithful friend and member, who's accomplished so much in his young life, including being one of the "lost boys of the Sudan", getting his education amid cultural and language barriers, becoming a US citizen, heading back to Africa to not only see his family for the first time in 20 years, but to serve the Lord by helping others and getting hospitals started.

Deng hasn't seen his wife and little boy in over 2 years. We need to help get them together!

Please prayerfully consider sending a donation to help with traveling for all three, the costs of paperwork, and to help with Deng's need to be gone from work.

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with "Deng" in the memo. Feel free to use a Love Fund envelope.

Thank you - from Deng, Mary, and Thon, Jr.

Dear Zip,

You have been asking me how the process of Mary, my wife going but I haven't had a chance to reply to your inquiries and I am sorry for that. As I told you, Mary Lou and the rest, to get my wife here is a long process. The application goes through many steps and these stages required certain documents and fees. I have been working very hard to obtain any required documents from Mary in Africa. This has not been easy process especially with government shutdown and President policies toward immigrants.

I was asked few weeks ago to submitted in all required documents for me and Mary. Some of those documents were not present from Mary and I first sent her to South Sudan in October last year to get Married Certificate and South Sudan police clearance.

My wife went to Nairobi two weeks ago to get Kenya police clearance as well. It was not easy to secure Kenya police clearance, however I paid nearly \$400 to get it through third party; nothing is easy nowadays in Africa. I submitted all documents two weeks ago to National Visa Center (NVC) in New Hampshire for final review and if everything goes well, they send the application to U.S. Embassy in Nairobi for interview and if they are not satisfy with my documents and Mary's documents, then they may ask for more proper documents or else they can denied Mary's petition.

Thankfully, I received Mary's approved petition email from National Visa Center on Friday, April 26th. They have approved all the documents I submitted to them regarding to Mary petition. The next thing is visa interview at U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, and they will send me an email soon they know the date.

I am planning to attend the interview in Nairobi and this will make things easy for my son, Thon Jr. Thon doesn't need a visa since he is U.S. citizen. I am going to ask my employer to give me some weeks off and if everything goes well for Mary, then I may bring them with me. It is my wish to have my family before 4th of July or prior to the end of July 2019.

Mary and I do appreciate all your prayers and support throughout the years and through this long process. I can't wait to bring my family to the church for all the members and my prayer warriors to see my son and my wife. As always keep my family in your thoughts and prayers. I can now see the light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you and may God bless you all.

Blessings,

Deng Alier

Youth Group

YEAR END YOUTH EVENT
Sunday, June 9 from 4-7pm

BE THE CHURCH.

Youth Sunday FAQ'S

- ***A little about our senior Val Austin:***
 - Graduating from Pennfield High School
 - Plays varsity soccer
 - Has three brothers
 - Will attend University of Michigan in the fall
 - Plans to major in Psychology
 - Faithfully attends Youth Group and the Mission Trip
- ***A little about our senior Jeni Steele:***
 - Graduating from Delton Kellogg High School
 - Plays volleyball, cross country, soccer track and is a member of the Green Team
 - Is blessed to have three families who love her – here in town, in Guatemala and in San Diego
 - Will attend Grand Valley University in the fall
 - Plans to become an ultrasound technician or pediatric nurse
 - Faithfully attends Youth Group and the Mission Trip
- ***Who created the service?***
 - The Youth!!!
 - All components of the service were written by the youth group, except the items where references were listed
 - The Youth created a service of *Unity and Diversity* that represented how they wanted to share worship.
- ***What about the music?***
 - Yes, Brandon and Maureen are amazing
 - Yes, the youth were incredibly brave to share their musical talents with us
 - Yes, we know some of the songs were hard to sing, but we all made a joyful noise and had fun trying some new things!

An update from Meredith:

Why is Vacation Bible School so important and how can I help?

Have you discovered the blessing of serving?

What opportunities to serve are available to you?

What's stopping you from saying yes?

- ❖ VBS is a wonderful reminder of how exciting it is to learn about Jesus
- ❖ VBS has a daily message that can speak to each of us regardless of where we are on our faith journey. The focus of this year is that when life is unfair, when life is scary, when life changes, when life is sad, when life is good...
GOD IS GOOD!
- ❖ VBS offers a community outreach aspect that brings people and families together for a week of learning, fun and to share in a time of fellowship each evening during our dinner together where *all are welcome*.
- ❖ Helping with VBS is not one size fits all!
 - ✓ Can you help with a meal one night?
 - ✓ Can you drop off needed supplies?
 - ✓ Can you lead a crew?
 - ✓ Can you assist with a crew?
 - ✓ Can you make snacks?
 - ✓ Can you plan some fun yard games for the crews?
 - ✓ Can you stop by each day to help prep rooms for the lessons?
 - ✓ Can you help decorate or tear-down?
 - ✓ Can you gather some friends and tackle one small part of VBS together?

Hooked on the Book really captures the significance of VBS:

“Every summer churches have the opportunity to participate in one of the most effective and popular outreaches of the year: VBS! It’s such a blessing to see how VBS makes a difference in the lives of children and their parents. Kids from church bring their unchurched friends to VBS, and the kids bring their parents. Together they’ll hear the life-changing message of God’s love and grace. For some, it’s the first time they’ve heard how much Jesus loves them and wants them to be a part of God’s family. Teaching kids about Jesus’ message is why VBS programs were created. If you want to reach kids and their parents, VBS is the best way to do it!”

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

SAVE THE DATE!



**Monday, August 5 - Thursday, August 8
5:30pm - 8:00pm**

**Crews for rising Preschool - 6th graders
*Seeking Youth for assistant crew leaders!***

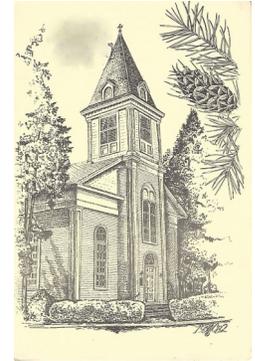
For the first time as part of VBS week...

KIDS IN BOXES

Thursday, August 8 - Friday, August 9!!!

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>Brad Hoorn's birthday</i>
6/12	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	<i>Donald James</i>
6/23	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	
6/28	<i>Old Rugged Cross</i>	



**FOOD
PANTRY
CORNER**



**FOOD PANTRY
Giving Suggestions**

**Creamy Peanut
Butter, Soups**
(no tomato or creams)



Host a Student, gain a family member!

CIEE host families come in all shapes and sizes and make dreams comes true! If you have an interest in sharing your culture and learning something new, you can host! Google CIEE to read up on what they do, or contact Dennis Beste, dbeste@ciee.org for more information.

CHURCH READING GROUP

Gals and Guys are very welcome to join!

If you're a quick read, you still have time!
Faye Luscombe will host the next
book discussion on June 12th at 1:00,
10600 Wildwood, Richland.



The book this time is:

Where The Crawdads Sing
by Delia Owens

Pentecost Offering



At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. Because of the Spirit’s coming, we no longer need to settle for “business as usual” but can know the transforming and creative love of God that makes the impossible possible. Through our participation in the Pentecost Offering, we manifest that transforming love to youth and young adults and help make things possible for children at risk.

The Pentecost Offering is one of the four annual churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Through Pentecost Offering receipts, we minister to children at risk. We assist in guiding and nurturing the faith of Presbyterian young people. We call forth a new generation of leadership in mission service through the National and International Young Adult Volunteer Program.

Forty percent of the offering receipts remain in our congregation to address the needs of children at risk. The remainder of the offering receipts will be sent to the General Assembly to support programs that benefit children at risk and ministries with youth and young adults.

The Pentecost Offering is a tangible way to demonstrate that Spirit within us! It gives us the opportunity to use 40% of the amount we receive to minister in our own community on behalf of children at risk. Through General Assembly ministries, the Pentecost Offering supports, guides, and nurtures the faith of the Presbyterian young people, calls forth a new generation of church leadership, and advocates for children at risk on a national level.

We will be receiving this offering on June 9th during worship, or you can send the church your gift, noting “Pentecost” on the memo line. You can also visit www.presbyterianmission.org/give/pentecost for information or to give online.

Thank you for your much needed support.

RECOGNITION SUNDAY PICNIC!!

June 9 * following worship

Our end-of-the-season Sunday will be a busy day, with worship followed by the picnic!! Session members will be supplying pulled pork, buns, 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.



All we have to do now is keep fingers crossed for sunshine! Hope to see you on this glorious Recognition Sunday!

SUMMER MUSIC!!

The Worship & Music Committee would like to encourage people in the congregation who cannot participate musically on a regular basis, to provide an anthem or offertory song (or instrument) during the summer months. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gull Prairie Room. Larry will be happy to help select music and accompany you!



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Yes! We are going to continue with our Thursday morning, 9:00 to 11:00, bible study! Please join us so you can learn a little, laugh a lot, and even get a snack! Everyone is very welcome. We’ll be studying the Psalms of David.



MAY 19, 2019 MISSION FAIR CONTACT SUMMARY

If you wish to volunteer or donate, this should help!

YWCA DOMESTIC ASSAULT SHELTER

Emily Deering 269-345-5595
353 East Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

S.A.F.E. PLACE

Melissa – Shelter Director
Stacey – Program Director
Tina – Volunteer Coordinator
269-965-7233
P.O. Box 199
Battle Creek, MI 40917

FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

Courtenay VanderMolen 269-488-7936
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LOAVES AND FISHES

Marsha Zick 269-491-1320 or mar-
shazick@gmail.com
Donations to FPCR, check memo “food pantry”

MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY

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VISION AND HEARING PROGRAM

Has your child’s vision and hearing been tested?
A screening is **REQUIRED** for Kindergarten
entrance. This is a **FREE** screening! Please call
373-5031, 373-5029, 373-5008 to schedule an
appointment for your child.

The Richland Area Community Center will be
doing screening June 10th!! **FREE!!!!**



Richland Community Library presents

Exploring Shipwrecks
with Ross Richardson

*The Search For
The Westmoreland*

Thursday, June 27
7:00 p.m.



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



Hello Friends and Family of Camp Greenwood

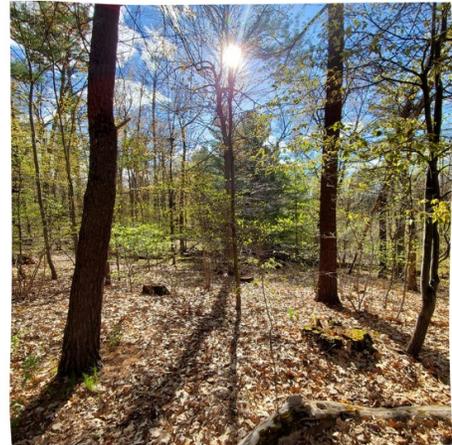


I had the chance to visit The United Church of Big Rapids recently and while I was there they had over 3,000 paper butterflies decorating the sanctuary and the entire church. While getting to know the congregation and pastor I found out during the lenten season they made a pact to make a 1,000 paper butterflies and to make a butterfly it takes 10 folds. With every fold they said a prayer. I loved how they took something so intangible such as prayer and made it something you could hold in your hand, and see with your eyes.

That is what I believe Camp Greenwood is; it is the intangible made tangible. The physical representation of God's grace and beauty around us. And we as the body of Christ are charged to protect, steward, and share that love, joy, and grace of God with all.

That is what we do through our camping and rental ministries. Just a little update on how things are going:

- Our Campers numbers are up 30% from last year at this time.
- Our Rentals numbers have also gone up.
- Our two workdays had a total of 52 people volunteer, and more family/church specific workdays coming.



All this is only possible due to our amazing volunteers, donors, staff, and campers. Without these people we are just a group with a vision. Without our donors, we have very little funding to do God's work. Without our volunteers would quite literally be buried in leaves, and without our staff we would have a very overwhelmed and worn out Camp Director. Last but far from least, without our campers we wouldn't have a purpose or someone to share the love of God with.

So I urge you, if you can donate please continue (\$5, \$10, \$20 any amount counts), if you can volunteer please do. If you are feeling called to be on staff please apply next year. And if you know someone between the ages of 0 - 125 get them signed up for camp because that is who camp is for!

*As Always,
Camp Greenwood Forever
Jake Dayringer
Camp Greenwood Director
616.754.7258
Jake@CampGreenwood.org*

Richland Farmers Market



Fresh all the time, and everything is just picked. I don't know about you but that's where I'm headed. So jump on the farm wagon and join us every Wednesday from 3:00 to 6:00 for shopping, and a chance to socialize.



Located at Richland Area Community Center!



Support your local vendors!!



June Birthdays



Paige Bell	1	Steve Inman	23
Christine Knowlton	1	Colin Kreager	25
Evan Scribner	1	Cheri Calkins	26
Mariela Carisalez	2	Abraham Smith	26
Shannon Wixson Smith	2	Tara Steele	26
Carol Miller Johnson	2	Bob Tower	26
Sharon Sorrell	3	Jarad White	26
Carol Belz	4	Kelly Schaad Boyle	27
John Welser	4	Evan Kreager	29
Shari Wynsma	4	Mary Gephart	30
Tom Farho	5	Joe Gibson	30
Gerry Hildenbrand	5	Jerry Petersen	30
Brandon Jennings	5	Ava Rogers	30
Larry Osborne	7	Nancy Woll	30
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		
Janet Fonger	19		
Gene Rothenberg	19		
Catherine Martin	20		
Lane Steele	20		
Jilisa Williams	20		
Tim Bair	21		
Don Kreinbring	21		

& Anniversaries

- 1 Milt and Linda Pollock ~ 51 years
- 12 Philip and Terri Dawson ~ 37
- 13 Marilyn and Bob Simon ~ 31
- 14 Rob and Suzie Carpenter ~ 33
- 14 Maria and Bob Hills ~ 62
- 17 Steve and Sandy Hart ~ 47
- 18 Brad and Mindy Hittle ~ 14
- 19 Mark and Lynn Hittle ~ 43
- 19 Rhonda and Brendan Hope ~ 26
- 19 Carol and Ron Reid ~ 44
- 20 Dave and Barb Fox ~ 55
- 22 Tim and Pat Peters ~ 55
- 23 Heather and Darwin Putt ~ 7
- 23 Joan and Larry Romyak ~ 46
- 24 George and Jennifer Spengler ~ 30
- 25 Faith and Zip Fiordalis ~ 42
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