

The Missive, July 2024

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Happy Birthday, America

Among the many books I read last summer was Walter Isaacson's biography on Benjamin Franklin. Franklin became a Deist as he jettisoned his Calvinistic roots in favor of a more "moral Christianity," one less concerned with doctrine, one more focused on living out lives of love and human kindness.

As a faithful Presbyterian, I am loath to go along with this common reductive description of Calvinism, believing that Calvin is both misunderstood and misrepresented. John Calvin, interpreted by some, could leave one with a very restrictive view of Christian life, without a lot of wiggle room for the Holy Spirit. But, regardless of Calvin's theology (or how it is interpreted), we all can see that the American tension between doctrine-driven fundamentalism and the open-hearted striving to live in love without judgment, remains as real today as in the inchoate days of our great American experiment.

237 years ago, on June 28, Benjamin Franklin, then 81 years old, asked that the founders of our country take a moment to pray. Now, Deists, as Franklin claimed to be, generally don't believe in prayer. They believe in a creator God who neither hears our prayers nor intervenes in the lives of his creation. Furthermore, Franklin, considered to be a pillar of the American Enlightenment, might be expected to relieve God of this moral duty, so that humanity can strive to bring about the best of all possible worlds.

Perhaps, what comes across most in the reading of Franklin's biography is the clear understanding that Franklin's mind and heart never stayed anywhere too long, and certainly he never compromised his values to fit any form of faith or philosophy. Perhaps one need only observe Congress today to be disabused of any notion that

enlightenment is a purely human accomplishment. And certainly, for Franklin, sitting among his colleagues as they argued about representation, big states and small states, and the scourge of slavery, must have felt the same despair.

"In this Situation of this Assembly, groping, as it were, in the dark, to find Political Truth," Franklin asked, "how has it happened, sir, that we have not, hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understandings? ... I have lived, sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this Truth, that God governs in the Affairs of Men!"

Thomas S. Kidd wrote "In pioneering this doctrineless, moralized Christianity, Franklin was helping to develop one of the most common forms of spirituality in modern America. Adherence to specific beliefs and congregations is slipping in many sectors of America today, but Americans remain an overwhelmingly theistic people."

It feels like we are in a renaissance of sorts lately. It has suddenly become far easier for us to put down our doctrines, our preconceived notions of who is saved, who is right, and who we are to reject. Putting love before all else seems so very 21st century yet this tension between exclusive and inclusive theology precedes our modern context.

Allowing humility to quiet our egos as we listen for the Word of God is a human aching that transcends time.

Grace and Peace
Mark

JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:45: Worship	JULY 1 1:00: Pastoral Care Team 5:00: Boy & Cub Scouts	2 8:30: FPC Walking Grp. 10:00: Food Pantry 10:00: Connected Threads	3 10:00: Food Pantry Noon: Seasoned Seniors 4:30: Girl Scouts 7:00: Mission Cmte. Meeting	4 ~ Independence Day ~ 8:30: Presbyterian Women Pie Tent	5	6
7 9:45: Worship & Communion	8 12:30: Worship & Music Mtg. 5:00: Boy & Cub Scouts	9 10:00: Food Pantry 10:00: Connected Threads 10:00: Church Staff Mtg. 6:15: Brownie & Daisy Scouts	10 10:00: Food Pantry 11:00: Library Event - Science Tales STEM Show in Gull Prairie Room	11 1:00: Library Bingo 5:00: Girl Scouts 5:30: Food Pantry 6:00: Deacons Meeting	12	13
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21 9:45: Worship 11:15: Just Love	22 5:00: Boy & Cub Scouts 6:00: Boy Scouts	23 10:00: Food Pantry 10:00: Connected Threads 10:00: Church Staff Mtg. 6:15: Brownie & Daisy Scouts	24 10:00: Food Pantry 1:00: Women's Book Club 3:00: Library Event - Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary in Gull Prairie Room	25 5:00: Girl Scouts 5:30: Food Pantry	26	27
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July Celebrations

July Birthdays

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| 1 stJane Carpenter | 14 thJudy Kleis | 21 stJennifer Odar |
| 1 stJacob Pixley | 14 thLeslie Lindenberg | 22 nd ...Joseph Odar |
| 1 stGeorge Spengler | 14 thMelissa Spengler | 22 nd ...David Sizer |
| 2 ndMilt Pollock | 14 thPat Weatherwax | 22 nd ...Tineke Stolt |
| 3 rdBarb Perigo | 15 thMary Lou Cazers | 25 thSheryl Slezak |
| 4 thSandra Barts | 15 thTony Osborne | 26 thBrent Wieber |
| 5 thHelena Gartner | 16 thMarilynn Simon | 27 thBen Gibson |
| 5 thDavid Sutherland | 16 thOlivia Sullivan | 27 thAnnie Jennings Ferreira |
| 7 thRoselyn Becker | 17 thHarold Dishon | 28 thJulie Johnson |
| 7 thAnnette Huskin | 18 thMartha Croasdale | 28 thEvan Jones |
| 10 thLuke Fiordalis | 18 thSam Gibson | 30 thAnn Stolt Stopher |
| 10 thDonna Webb | 18 thGeoff Lindenberg | 30 thMegan Inman |
| 13 thJustin Barts | 20 thCarrie Stolt Meersman | 30 thJessica Wines Curry |
| 14 thDeb Fisher | 20 thTerry Vantine | |
| 14 thKathleen Griffin | 21 stGary Gibson | |

Anniversaries

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| 1 stTineke & Harry Stolt for 46 years | 9 thCatherine & Joe Gibson for 30 years |
| 1 stSara & Brent Wieber for 30 years | 9 thLeslie & Geoff Lindenberg for 13 years |
| 6 thJean Yoder & Jean Sowers for 5 years | 12 thJill & Rick Steele for 44 years |
| 7 thMaureen & George Lovequist for 12 years | 17 thJacquelyn & David Stasevich for 48 years |
| 9 thMary & Herb Brundage for 30years | 21 stNancy & Michael Wright for 51 years |

& Remembrances

26th We Remember the Wedding of Margaret & Ken Hetzel

SESSION

Class of 2024

Steve Sutherland, Buildings
& Grounds
Larry Irey, Personnel
Pam Foster, Membership
& Fellowship

Class of 2025

Sam Beals, Finance
Bethany Gauthier, Membership
& Fellowship
Brian Young, Mission
Joyce Gibson, Christian Education
Sandy Hart, Worship & Music

Class of 2026

Laura Carisalez, Finance
Jill Steele, Mission
Connie Kratzer, Worship & Music
Ruth Mason, Personnel

Moderator

Rev. Dr. Mark Jennings

Clerk of Session

Rick Foster

DEACONS

Class of 2024

Deb Fisher
Steve Hart
Cindi Lebiecki
Sara Wieber

Class of 2025

Anna Gross
Tineke Stolt
Jeremiah Smith
Christie Sutherland

Class of 2026

Amber Beals
Joan Willemstyn
Sandra Gobble
Margaret Hetzel

Reasonable Accommodation: What is it?

by Rev. Mark Jennings

“Under Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA), a reasonable accommodation is a modification or adjustment to a job, the work environment, or the way things are usually done...” [1]

When I returned to work part-time last August it was clear that there were certain things I’d done before without assistance that now needed accommodation. Perhaps the most basic of these was my ability to drive. I hope to regain this function in the next year or so but as I often need assistance getting in and out of the car, carrying things, and negotiating steps or precarious walkways, there is no pressing need for me to drive myself just yet.

Of course, once at church, I am more able-bodied now than I was last year. My movement is faster, I am able to stand at the pulpit, etc. Still, I need help with steps, occasional standing and sitting, reaching for things too high or too low to be safe, and personal assistance in the kitchen and the bathroom.

Thankfully, Erin is willing and able to provide the accommodation necessary for me to perform my job as your pastor.

“The ADA requires reasonable accommodations as they relate to three aspects of employment: 1) ensuring equal opportunity in the application process; 2) enabling a qualified individual with a disability to perform the essential functions of a job; and 3) making it possible for an employee with a disability to enjoy equal benefits and privileges of employment.”[2]

Number two, “enabling a qualified individual with a disability to perform the essential functions of his job” is the aspect of my employment as your pastor that is satisfied by the presence of a personal assistant.

The beauty of a congregation such as ours is that this need for accommodation, combined with the mutual love and desire to resume our ministry together, made for a seamless reentry. The members of the session (then and now) are supportive of my need for accommodation. Those members present in worship on Sundays witness firsthand my needs and remain expressly grateful to Erin for her help. Those present during office hours, such as the staff, also witness the need for accommodation firsthand and have been happy to have Erin aid in the numerous small tasks that otherwise would be impossible to complete on my own within a reasonable amount of time. The staff of our church is exceptionally competent,

intelligent, and compassionate. They have received both this need for accommodation in my continuing recovery, and they have received Erin’s kind and gentle presence, with grace and unfailing support.

Friends, as we journey together in my recovery, I cannot express how deeply appreciative I am to the session, the staff, and the church for your love, intelligence, and compassion.

[1] <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/program-areas/employers/accommodations>

[2] Ibid

Just an Update Note

by Pat Weatherwax

I thank all who have prayed, and asked about my husband’s health. Unfortunately this past month he had some setbacks that make me hesitant to leave him home alone. Mornings are especially challenging, so I may not be able to participate on Sundays for a while. We are working to return him to his baseline, and are hoping that will happen, sooner rather than later.

I enjoy serving at the Thursday night Food Pantry, and encourage anyone interested in helping out to ask Paul Gobble for the link to the sign-up!

Grace and peace!

Mission Committee adopts Seita Scholar Program at WMU

by Jennifer Spengler

As many of you are aware, the Seita Scholar program at Western Michigan University provides mentoring and physical support for students who have “aged out” of the Foster Care system in the State of Michigan and qualified for their studies at WMU. The freshmen in this program are offered a Welcome Pack of supplies the students will need to begin their life in the dormitory.

The First Presbyterian Church of Richland generously purchased items and made financial donations (which were used to purchase needed items) last summer for the Seita Scholars program. The Mission Committee would like to adopt this group again this summer and is asking for our congregation’s support.

Please see the attached Welcome Pack donation needs list, and if you are able, please purchase items from the list (or make a financial donation which the committee will use to purchase the needed supplies). Your donation of Welcome Pack items can be brought to the church office for storage. **The deadline for receipt of the Welcome Pack donations is Thursday, July 18, 2024** so that our donation can be delivered to WMU the first week of August prior to Freshman Orientation.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

SEITA SCHOLARS PROGRAM WELCOME PACK DROP-OFF FORM

ITEMS DROPPED OFF (PLEASE FILL IN QUANTITY OF ITEMS IN BOXES):

Fall Welcome Pack Donation (complete pack donation)

Fall Welcome Pack Donation (miscellaneous pack items, not full pack)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing Sponges/Puffs | <input type="checkbox"/> Razors (multi-pack) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Body Wash/Bar Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> School Supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box Fan | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo and Conditioner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Combs/Brushes | <input type="checkbox"/> Shaving Cream or Gel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower Caddy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Erase Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower Shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension Cord | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper (four pack or more) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fabric Softener (dryer sheets) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste and Toothbrush (two pack) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine Hygiene Products (unscented) | <input type="checkbox"/> Twin Blanket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Twin Comforter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hypoallergenic Pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Twin XL Jersey Sheet Set |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Basket (large, rectangular) | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Size Sheet Set (as alternative to twin) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Detergent | <input type="checkbox"/> Bath Towels (2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mattress Pad (twin) | <input type="checkbox"/> Washcloths (five) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Clippers | <input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planner (2024-25) | <input type="checkbox"/> 30 Gallon Tote |



by Sandy Carahaly

Check out our updated logo! Do you JUST LOVE it? Be sure to let the artist, Marz Carahaly, know!

Thank you to everyone who showed up with bright colors and bright voices for our Pride worship service on June 23rd! We truly made a joyful noise in the sanctuary and enjoyed wonderful fellowship in the Gull Prairie Room. "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" (Psalm 133) If you missed it (or want to watch again to see Sandy sing during the sermon) it is archived on the church Facebook page. Some great pictures posted there, as well!

A Minute to Learn: What About Equality?

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." With these words, our nation's Founders declared independence from the British King, George III, and his increasingly authoritarian policies. In the Broadway musical, Hamilton, Angelica Schuyler sings about "include(ing) women in the sequel." This nod to gender equality is brief but meaningful. When I was a child, a young girl being raised in a Catholic home and school, I was taught that "men" meant "people." But I wondered: why didn't the Founders say "people"? (And why were slaves not included?) If what I was taught is true, that Equality isn't just for "men," and that "men" means "all people," then by logic that includes not only men and women, but also non-binary, agender, transgender... ALL people. All created equal. This resonates with me. After all, Genesis confirms that God created each of us in God's own image, and Paul said in his letter to the Galatians (3:28) "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Does this resonate with you as well?

Notable Quotes:

"I love America more than any other country in this world, and, exactly for this reason, I insist on the right to criticize her perpetually." – James Baldwin

Days of Significance, July, 2024

- July 6: Omnisexual and Ominromantic Pride and Visibility Day 2023
- July 13-19: Non-Binary Awareness Week 2023
- July 14: International Non-Binary People's Day 2023
- July 18-21: Battle Creek Pride www.battlecreekpride.org

Our next general meeting is August 18th at 11 a.m. in the church resource center.



Wait, What? Questions & Answers

by Rev. Mark Jennings

Do you have questions about something you heard in church? Have you always wondered why we do or say the things we do? Wondered what something means? This regular column is the place to bring up those questions and try to find an answer.

Every week in the service, as a preface to The Lord's Prayer, we are told "to pray like this." In what ways should our prayers be like the Lord's Prayer? Verbatim? Only pray about those topics: food, forgiveness of sins, temptation and avoiding evil? If we pray at least once a day, won't this be pretty limiting? What about praying for a sick relative or a friend that's traveling? Should our prayers ONLY be like The Lord's Prayer? Is there any other praying advice offered to us in the Bible?

Dear Gentle Reader,

When Jesus says "pray like this," he models how to pray intimately by addressing God as Father. It is deferential to God, who is hallowed or holy. It acknowledges the need for God's kingdom here on earth. It acknowledges blessings and the need for forgiveness (both for ourselves and others). It asks for deliverance and ends with deference and glory to God. Some of you may remember the four types of prayer: Adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication (ACTS). The Lord's prayer contains all these types of prayer but we are not limited to praying only the Lord's Prayer. Life is a prayer: how we live it and love God through it is as varied as we are. There is no one right way to pray.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



The Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up is July 13th.

Join us Saturday, July 13th at 8:30am at church to walk with a group!

We need and welcome anyone (children must be over 12 years of age) to assist with pickup/clean up. There are two one-mile sections of road on each side of Gull Road from G Avenue towards Richland. They are at the water tower between the two MDOT signs with our church name.

Joyce Dishon or Cindi Lebiecki can meet with you briefly at your convenience at church to pass out vests, trash bags and review procedures. You can also stop in the church office to get your vests and trash bags.

You decide on your own schedule during the week or join us on Saturday, July 13th at 8:30am to walk with a group from church. Many hands help the clean-up go faster.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gull Prairie Room for anyone interested. Please text or call Joyce Dishon (269-366-5790) or Cindi (269-365-3115) if you want to volunteer and select your section to beautify!

Thank you and have fun with it!



July Small Groups

by Amber Beals

FPC Walking Group, Upcoming Walks

July 16, 8:30 a.m. - Walk in the MSU/Kellogg Forest. The parking lot is off of 42nd St, approx .5 mile south of M89 on the west side of the road. We will just walk a portion of it, then turn around and come back to the parking lot. Call or text Amber if questions. 269-303-1673.

Night at the Growlers

Get your tickets and enjoy the game with church friends! Those who wish can choose to support the Children’s hospital by participating in the “Teddy Bear Toss.” Bring a NEW (with tags) stuffed animal to the game to help support the work Brooke does. If you have trouble securing your tickets using the QR code or website with promo code (www.tinyurl.com/5n7zdm8c), or if you would like to come but the ticket cost is a concern, please reach out to Amber at amberbeals@gmail.com.

Family Pool Parties: Save the dates

Save the Dates! Gracious church members have offered to host pool parties over the summer for our church families. July 27, 2 to 6 p.m., at the Lindenberg’s; and August 24, 2 to 6 p.m., at the Carisalez’s. More details will be shared as we get closer.



Shared Blessings

by Erin Jennings

We are very excited to share the news that First Presbyterian Church of Richland has applied to become a Matthew 25 church.

A brief history: Shared Blessings formed in the fall of 2021 to explore the possibility of becoming a Matthew 25 church which, at that time, had 3 main areas of focus: Vitality, Racism, and Poverty. We had a robust response in our first year or so, working on being a welcoming church, revitalizing, and beginning difficult discussions on racism. In this time we began to work with Earth Care and Building and Grounds to make the campus of our church more hospitable. We sponsored the arrival of Jonathan and his boys from Guatemala. We began a conversation with SHARE of Kalamazoo regarding racism, we introduced a sign language class, etc.

2023 was a different year for our church as we adjusted to Mark's medical leave; the question of becoming a Matthew 25 church was tabled. The Matthew 25 program underwent some changes of its own. They added 3 areas of intersectionality to the existing 3 foci: these are Earth Care; Militarism/Peacemaking; and Heteropatriarchy/Gender Justice.

This spring, Shared Blessings participants met alongside Just Love and Earth Care team leaders to reask the question: should we be a Matthew 25 church? We had a great turn out of 9-10 people and unanimously, we said YES and agreed to approach the session for their consent. The session agreed unanimously that we are already doing the work of a Matthew 25 church and officially becoming one will only aid us with connections and resources as we move ahead.

Pastor Mark sent in the application with an indication that we, as a church, will focus on 1. Vitality, 2. Eradicating Poverty, 3. Earth Care, and 4. Heteropatriarchy/Gender Justice. The Earth Care and Just Love teams will continue as is, just under the Matthew 25 umbrella.

Shared Blessings will continue but in a new role: we are the leadership team of Matthew 25, meeting a few times a year to evaluate projects, set new goals, share our progress with others in the Matthew 25 network, and seek resources to ever-improve our ability to be a more vibrant Matthew 25 church.

First Presbyterian Church

Night at the Growlers

Saturday, July 20th

Gates: 5:35pm | First Pitch: 6:35pm

**SCAN HERE TO
GET YOUR
TICKETS:**

**\$14
per
ticket**



Or go to growlerstickets.com
Promo Code: First24

YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:

- A Reserved Bleacher Seat
- Growlers hat



Your seats:
Ticket + Hat
Section 210

Questions? Contact Cole Kuehl at 269-364-6326 or
cole@growlersbaseball.com

FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING LIST

The Food Pantry is now open three days a week. With more people shopping the pantry every week, we welcome any contributions to our pantry shelves. **Boxed breakfast cereals, cups of yogurt & fruit, and baked sweets like cookies** are always most welcome. Monetary donations can also be made by listing the Food Pantry as your chosen recipient in the check memo line or on your donation envelope

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Richland Food Pantry to help fill the gaps.



Styrofoam Recycling

by Andee Trautman

Expanded Polystyrene foam, known more commonly as styrofoam, can be recycled on July 13 at Mayors' Riverfront Park 251 Mills Street in Kalamazoo. on July 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If the foam can be snapped, (like a ginger cookie), it can be recycled. Excluded are packing peanuts and beads.

The location is the park that is home to the Kalamazoo Growlers baseball team and is across the street from Red Arrow Golf Course. The nearest intersection is Mills Street and Kings Highway (M-96).

If you can't be there for the July collection, future dates are October 12, and December 28.

The Giving Update

by Laura Carisalez

This monthly statement is prepared by the Financial Committee to help members understand our position on meeting our budgeted giving commitments.

Giving Update*:

Budget need as of June 30: \$175,244

Contributions as of June 30: \$143,288

Deficit: -\$31,962

*Session approved a \$305,212 budget for 2024



NEED FOOD?

Our food programs are **FREE** and serve all of Kalamazoo County*.

GROCERY PANTRY PROGRAM

- No eligibility requirements. No ID required.
- Pick-up groceries 2 times per month.
- Someone else can pick up on your behalf.
- Home deliveries available county-wide.**
- Non-perishable food as well as fresh produce, meat, dairy, bread, and eggs.
- At least four days' worth of food for everyone in your household.
- Special dietary needs? Let us know!

To Schedule A Same-Day Pantry Pick-Up:

Call 269.343.3663 Monday-Friday from 9AM-4PM

If you are unable to call or reach us during these times, email info@kzoolf.org or message us on Facebook.

NEED FOOD LINE: 269.343.3663

901 PORTAGE STREET, KALAMAZOO KZOOLF.ORG INFO@KZOOLF.ORG

*If you live outside the County and need assistance, give us a call. We may be able to help.



DOWN UNDER DISCOVERY



2024 Vacation Bible School Registration Form

First Presbyterian Church of Richland is excited to offer a week of fun “down under” to any children between 4 years old - entering 5th grade. VBS will take place from 6-8pm (dinner will be served at 5:30pm) August 11-14.

Please return completed form to church office by Sunday, July 21.

Child’s Name (First and Last): _____

Last Grade Completed:

Preschool

1st Grade

3rd Grade

Kindergarten

2nd Grade

4th Grade

Child’s Street Address: _____

Name of Caregiver(s): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone number: _____

Emergency Contact (if other than caregiver listed above): _____

Phone number: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies/Medical Conditions: _____

Will your family join for dinner any/all of the evenings? (Dinner will be provided free of charge at 5:30pm prior to the start of VBS each evening.)

Yes

No

Child’s T-shirt size (youth sizes):

X-small

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

Do you give First Presbyterian permission to use photographs taken during VBS on our Facebook page or in church publications?

Yes

No

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

JULY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Dr. Mark W. Jennings, Pastor
Reverend Pat Weatherwax, Parish Associate
Rachel Little, Office Manager
*Erin Jennings, Pastoral Assistant
Paul Gobble, Director of Communications
Andrea Large, Choir Director
Amber Beals, Small Group Ministries
Brooke Heck, Sunday School Director

Chris Gobble, Financial Secretary
Laura Carisalez, Treasurer
Connie Slater, Sexton
*Jeremiah Smith and Zoe Gobble, Production
*Karen Urban, Office Volunteer

*Volunteer