

Prayer List

**Current Needs:** **John & Jim Stewart** (*V. Stewart’s sons*); **Mid Riggle**; **Lydie Voorhees** (*J. Voorhees’ daughter-in-law*); **Helen Melzer**; **Jack Wiburn** (*H. Bury’s son-in-law*); **Autumn Schildt**; **Karen Mullins**; **Myanne Compton**; **Barbara Stover**; **Bob Crabb**; **Susie Townsley**; **Rosie Newton**; **Ana Amorin** (*J. Chacon’s daughter*); **Morris Cline** (*J. Cline’s dad*); **Julia Vehlewald** (*F. Pan-coast’s mom*); **Jeff & Cindy Benefield** (*B. Royce*); **Phronsie Hart** (*P. Tarr’s sister-in-law*); **Larry Mullins** (*L. Cline*); **Judy Scott** (*J. Laker*); **Linda Knoblett** (*E. Cornwell*); **Amanda Weaver**; **Phil Briggs** (*D. Briggs’ dad*); **Lori Landers** (*P. de Place*); **Tama-lyn Cervin** (*H. Bury*); **Laurie Keys** (*L. Cline*); **Bob Menden-hall** (*B. Creamer*); **Nancy Fuller** (*J. Laker*); **Michelle Skelton** (*B. Creamer’s daughter*); **Bill Fellwork** (*B. Creamer*); **John Grygiel** (*L. Curtis’ friend*); **John McBride** (*S. Faulkner’s friend*); **Wayne Styck** (*K. Delzell’s brother-in-law*); **Edward Conrad** (*Jean Land’s father*); **Dave Conner** (*V. Stewart’s friend*); **Leonardo Luchetti** (*J. Laker’s great-nephew*); **Ra-mona Barnes** (*M. Hardy’s friend*); **Athena Brooks** (*P. Ev-ans*); **Judy Scott** (*J. Laker*); **Janet Gale** (*J. Gilliland*); **Pat Stevens** (*Cornwells*).

**Those who mourn:** The family and friends of **Darren Brew-ster**; **Monica Binette** (*J. Binette’s mom*); **Sue Torrey Carr** (*R. Torrey’s sister-in-law*).

**Ongoing:** **Teresa Andrews** (*neuromuscular disease*); **Diane Bales**; **Kay Barrett** (*R. Pancoast’s sister—cancer*); **Norma Burch**; **John Burton** (*Cornwells’ friend*); **Iris McHone-Chase** (*B. McHone’s granddaughter*); **Pastor Trent Cloin** (*L. Cline’s friend—bladder cancer*); **Carlene Coddington** (*Mullins’ friend*); **Roger Cornwell**; **Gary Crisp** (*Cornwells’ friend*); **Ann Corbett** (*B. McHone’s aunt*); **Wayne Dawes** (*L. & J. Cline’s friend—waiting for heart transplant*); **Mary Dison**; **Marj Gilli-land**; **Pam Green** (*L. Green’s sister-in-law*); **Ray Griffith**; **Carol Ingram** (*G. Milner’s cousin*); **Mary Jane Johnson** (*R. Pancoast’s sister; heart problem & liver transplant*); **Deronda Kimberlin**; **Pat Kuhs**; **Judy Laker**; **Brian Lemenager**; **Rob-bie Lewis**; **Jim Lyons** (*cancer*); **John C. Mason, Jr.**; **Bob Mil-ler** (*C. McLinden’s friend—cancer*); **Debbie Mullins**; **Natalie Mullins**; **Barb Nelson** (*S. Townsley’s friend*); **Kathy Parks**; **Bob Pyles** (*R. Pancoast’s brother-in-law*); **Rick Reebee** (*S. Townsley’s friend*); **John Rinkenberger** (*E. Gramm’s nephew*); **Mel Robinson** (*J. Laker’s brother—cancer*); **Jayne Robinson** (*J. Laker’s sister*); **Amie Rodgers** (*S. Hall’s sister*); **Jake Rud-er** (*brain tumor*); **Grover Seitzinger**; **Katie Slezak** (*Curtis fam-ily—breast cancer*); **Denise Smith** (*B. Royce cousin—chemo*); **Lois Stevenson**; **Jack & Wilma Thomas**; **Meghan Verkler**; **Carolyn Walser**; **Nancy & Charles Winchester**; **Marjorie Young**; **Military Personnel**.

**FPC Candidate for the Ministry:** James Potts, M.Div.

**Theological Students:** Mary Hoss Solliday (*Johnson Universi-ty*); Joseph Compton (*Moody Bible Institute*).

**Engaged:** David Rosendahl & Rachel Riggle.



A Prayer for the Month

I was asked for strength that I might achieve;  
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.

I was asked for health that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I was asked for riches that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I had asked for,  
But everything that I had hoped for.  
Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were  
answered;  
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

—Prayer of an unknown Confederate soldier

Address Updates

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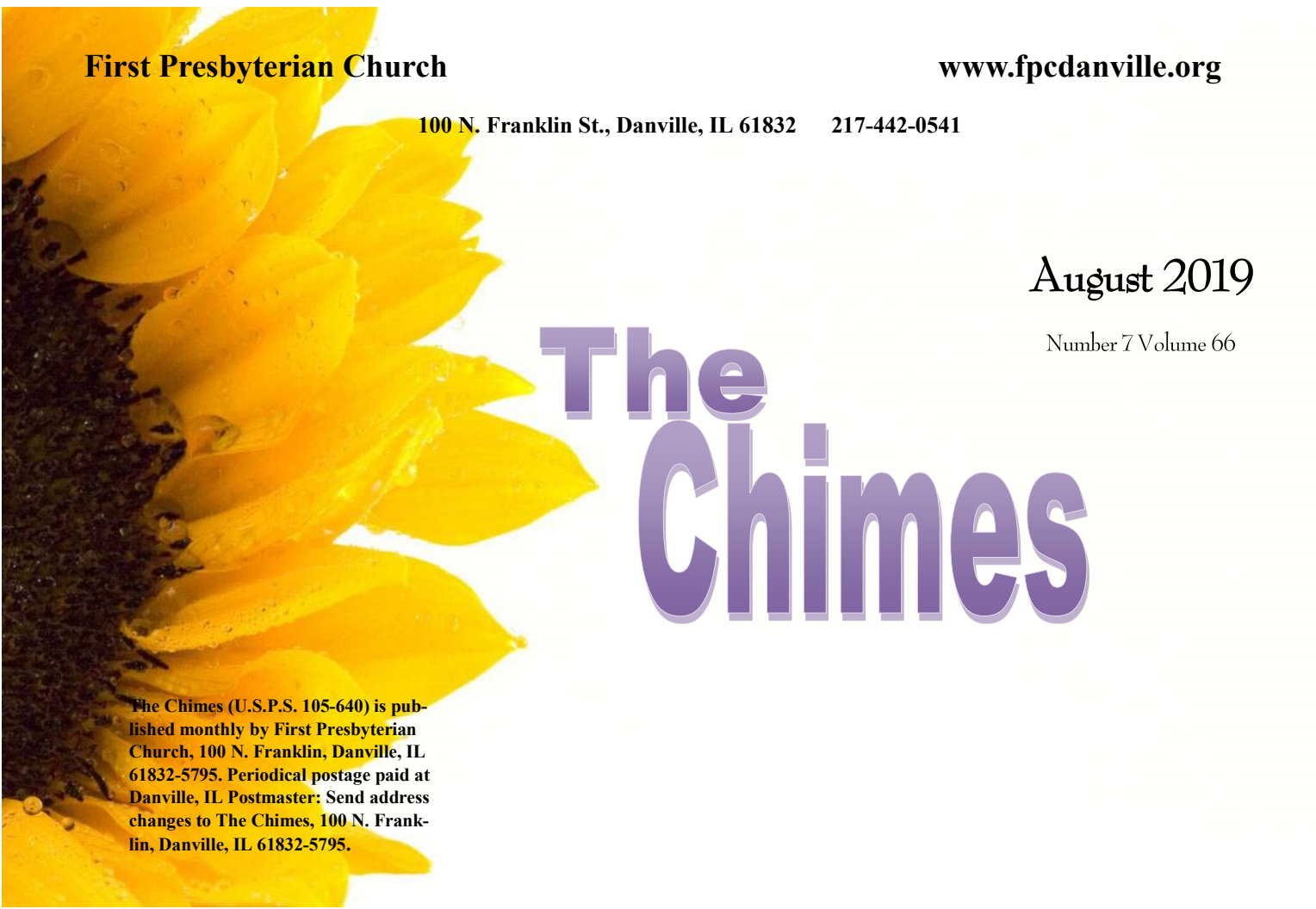
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August Meetings

Aug 11 ..... 11:00 am Worship Team  
Aug 12 ..... 4:00 pm Mission Team  
..... 5:30 pm Congregational Care Team  
..... 6:30 pm Facilities Team  
Aug 13 ..... 4:00 pm Faith Development Team  
Aug 14 ..... 5:00 pm Finance Team  
Aug 15 ..... 6:00 pm Nominating Committee  
Aug 19 ..... 4:30 pm Personnel Team  
Aug 20 ..... 3:30 pm Stephen Ministry  
..... 6:30 pm Session  
Aug 21 ..... 9:30 am Office Staff



Dear Friends,

Recently I’ve been asked by a couple of folks why Presbyterians don’t have “altar calls” during worship.

If you are unfamiliar with that term, an altar call is the moment, usually at the end of a worship service, when the preacher invites forward anyone who has made the decision to “accept Christ.” Altar calls were once standard fare during church revivals in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries when traveling evangelists held tent meetings in one town after another with the goal of “saving” people. In some evangelical Christian traditions, altar calls are still routinely practiced.

Presbyterians believe in calling people to have faith in Jesus—and to publicly profess that faith. And so, whenever someone is baptized or confirmed or joins the church, they make a public profession of faith. In the case of infants and young children being baptized, their parents profess faith on their behalf and then, when the children are confirmed later, they make their own profession of faith. During every baptism, the entire congregation is invited to reaffirm their baptismal vows. Whenever someone is ordained/installed as an elder, deacon, or minister of Word and Sacrament, they renew their baptismal vows and profess their faith.

Generally, a worship service in a Presbyterian church is a gathering of those who have already professed their faith in Christ and who are there to praise and glorify God, pray, sing, listen to Scripture, hear God’s Word, and respond to God’s grace. We celebrate who God is and what God has done in the world and in us. And we are equipped, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to leave the church and do the ministry God calls us to do.

The purpose of preaching as we Presbyterians understand it is to proclaim God’s Word, to communicate God’s will and purposes, to build up the community, and to encourage and even challenge believers as they seek to be faithful disciples.

We don’t believe the purpose of every sermon is to provoke initial faith in Christ every time, because we understand that for most folks, coming to faith is a process—not a moment. That process is fostered by regular worship, the study of God’s Word, participation with and commitment to a community of believers, and acts of service within and beyond the church as one’s heart and life are transformed.

So if you have not been baptized and feel moved to do so, please talk with me and we will, in consultation with the Session, set a time for that to occur.

If you already have been baptized and are a member of the church but you are feeling the need to publicly re-commit or re-dedicate your life to Christ, please talk with me, and we’ll figure out what that might look like for you.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Ann*

Church Officers

- Session:
- Bob Boesdorfer (*Treasurer, Finance*)
  - Becky Briggs (*Worship, chair*)
  - Lisa Cline (*Congregational Care*)
  - Josh Compton (*Facilities*)
  - Roger Cornwell (*Personnel*)
  - Pat dePlace (*Mission, chair, and Congregational Care*)
  - Amy Iverson (*Faith Development*)
  - Libby Milner (*Clerk, Worship*)
  - Karen Schildt (*Congregational Care, chair*)
  - Matt Smiley (*Vinance, chair*)
  - Pat Tarr (*Faith Development, chair*)
  - Rita Torrey (*Personnel, chair*)

- Deacons:
- |                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Linda Anderson | Nancy Grimes                  |
| Joanne Chacon  | Mary Hardy                    |
| Jay Cline      | Jean Land                     |
| Myanne Compton | Kolby Riggle ( <i>chair</i> ) |
| Doni Duckett   | George Schildt                |
| Bill Garrison  | Diana Szaras                  |

May your life be like a  
wildflower,  
growing freely in the  
beauty  
and joy of each day.  
—Native American proverb



Of Mice and Presbyterians

For a period of time in the early 1900s, FPC staff published a periodical called *The Blazer* which served to communicate to church members and others in the community any number of things happening at the church. One of the more interesting pieces reads as follows:

“To many of the people who were at church last Sunday, the proverbial house is a living and terrible reality. Cavorting about the pulpit, exploring in the regions of the pews, nestling in women’s hats and making themselves generally conspicuous, a colony of mice took possession of the church to the utter destruction of the self-possession of several in the congregation.

There was not evidence of hysterics, however, for fortunately, only a few people really saw the mice; the excitement began after the service when those who saw began to tell about it; then the awful possibilities of the situation almost caused a panic.

A very reasonable explanation of the appalling condition is that the good things enjoyed by the Noonday Club became known outside, and the attraction broke down the usual prejudice mice have against churches. This is no reflection upon the Club. It is attracting people as well as mice, and every day a lot of tired workers enjoy the quiet and rest of our comfortable rooms. We wish there might be a hundred women who would take advantage of the open church. They would be more than welcome.

But the mice – well, we will handle them: but not the same way. Already there have been offers of cats, traps and poisons innumerable, and vigorous steps have been taken this week to create the impression in mousedom that there are certain rules that must be observed about a church. It is safe to say that thereafter there will be no cause for apprehension among churchgoers – that is, people.

But speaking of disturbances, the mice are not the only offenders. There are people who apparently are as inconsiderate of the peace and comfort of those about them as these four-footed pests.

Take for instance a bunch of old and young who spend the service visiting in the rear pews... or late comers... baby-tormenters, who smile and nod to the baby in the pew ahead and the baby must be carried out... or the people who persist in flipping the leaves of the hymn books and calendars.

The fact that those mice didn’t think make their antics no less disturbing. MICE are NOT supposed to think.”

*The Blazer*, May 1908, Vol. II, No. 8, p. 8

—Jim Anderson

Happy Birthday

- Maggie Compton ..... Aug 1
- Harlie Huckelby ..... Aug 2
- Robert Iverson..... Aug 4
- Mary Dison ..... Aug 7
- Belinda Bowler ..... Aug 8
- Alice Faulkner..... Aug 8
- Grover Seitzinger..... Aug 9
- Christopher Morse ..... Aug 9
- Gracie Briggs ..... Aug 11
- Madison Peaslee ..... Aug 12
- Janet Martin ..... Aug 13
- Susie Townsley ..... Aug 13
- Mary Hardy..... Aug 15
- Samantha Grimes..... Aug 17
- Connie Lovell ..... Aug 20
- Jamarion Harris..... Aug 22
- Amy Iverson ..... Aug 23
- Kristin Verkler ..... Aug 24
- Kaylee Sykes ..... Aug 27
- Darren Whitehair ..... Aug 28
- Carryl Fox ..... Aug 29
- Julieanna Morse ..... Aug 31

Happy Anniversary

- Mike & Beverly Royce ..... Aug 4
- Charles & Nancy Winchester ..... Aug 5
- Bob & Judy Iverson ..... Aug 12
- George & Karen Schildt ..... Aug 15
- Stephen & Judith Laker ..... Aug 16
- Bob & Nancy Boesdorfer ..... Aug 16
- Nick & Pat de Place ..... Aug 26



The Mouse House  
All books and greeting  
cards are now .25 each!



Mission Matters

A calendar of ongoing mission opportunities:

**August 3:** Work day at Kemmerer Village. Sign up on the clipboard. Meet in the church parking lot at 7:30 am for 8:00 departure. Tasks for people of all ages and skills (cutting coupons, yard work, painting, cleaning). All are invited to donate socks for the youth who live at KV (for girls: medium and large, low rise or anklets, colored; for boys: medium and large, black), as well as combs and brushes, tooth brushes, flip flops (sizes 6/7, 8/9, 10/11). Return to church by 5:00 pm.

**September:** Open

**October 6:** Peace & Global Witness Offering

**November:** Prizes for Bingo games for patients/residents at the VA.

**December 22:** Christmas Joy Offering

Please share with the Mission and Outreach Team any ideas you have or opportunities you are aware of for doing mission in our community:  
*Pat de Place, Lisa Taylor, Diana Szaras, Judy Iverson, Myanne Compton*

From the Desk of the Deacons

During these lazy, hazy days of summer your Deacons have been mostly in our resting phase except for a couple of trips to Bloomington to supplement the food pantry for nourishing foods to give out to needy families in addition to those distributed from existing stores as we empty our pantry toward the end of the year.

However, your donations to the Deacons are supplying jobs and income for youth of the church through our Summer of Service program supervised capably once again by Kelly Whitehair.

Remember to note on your calendars our annual all-church picnic Sunday, September 22 at the Hideaway in Kennekuk County Park.

The Deacons can always use your assistance in serving coffee hour. If you haven't done it before, any deacon will be glad to assist. You can sign up in the lounge on the ubiquitous clipboards for coffee hour or to bring cookies for coffee hour.

Have a great rest of the summer.

Yours in Christ,  
Bill Garrison



Guest Worship Leaders

The Rev. Cindy Harris will preach and officiate at the Lord's Table on **August 4**. Being the good sport that she is, she will participate in the ongoing Psalm sermon series! We thank you for her willingness to lead worship. Marty Lindvahl will provide special music that day.

The youth will lead worship on **August 11**. Their preaching will come in the form of a puppet show. Children and youth are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship that day so that they (the children and their backpacks!) can receive a blessing as they prepare to return to school later that week. God's Girls will have an offering of special music to share.

Dedication of New Bibles

We will dedicate our new pew Bibles during worship on **August 25**—celebrating how God's Word continues to be present among us, giving thanks to those who purchased copies, and remembering the individuals in whose honor and memory they are given.

The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) will replace the Good News Bibles that have been in the pews. First published in 1989, the NRSV is a translation that is well-respected and widely used in both Protestant and Catholic churches. Its credibility is good because it was translated from the original languages by a group of scholars representing all three branches of the Christian faith—Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox—and one Jewish scholar.

The NRSV is an authorized revision of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible (RSV), which was an authorized revision of the American Standard Version, published in 1901, which was a revision of the King James Version, published in 1611. In other words, it is part of an important biblical tradition.

Improvements to the NRSV from earlier translations include:

- updated language, replacing archaic forms of speech addressed to God (Thee, Thou, wast, dost, etc.), and words whose meaning has changed significantly;
- making the translation more accurate;
- helping it to be more easily understood, especially when it is read out loud;
- making it clear where the original texts intend to include all people, and where they intend to refer only to the male or female gender.

Choir News

Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, **September 4** at a new time: **6:00 p.m.** There will be some new faces in the choir this year. Kelly Holden and Craig Smith sang with the choir Christmas Eve and have agreed to be a part of the choir for the upcoming year.

Speaking of new faces, maybe it's time for some of you in the congregation to give the choir a try. With the earlier rehearsal time, you won't be getting home too late. If you need a ride, we can provide that too.

The choir rehearsal on September 4 will be followed by dinner and drinks afterward (at no cost) at a local restaurant. Our first Sunday to sing is **September 8**. My contact information is [dottydetorres@gmail.com](mailto:dottydetorres@gmail.com) or text or call (217) 621-4843.

*"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise."—James 5:13*

Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for the annual church picnic, which will be held on Sunday, **September 22**, at Kennekuk County Park—rain or shine. We will worship at 10:30 AM and then enjoy a great meal and fellowship.

The deacons will provide fried chicken and beverages. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share.

5th Sunday in September

September has a fifth Sunday, the 29th, during which we will have a hymn sing. As the date gets closer, you'll be invited to request your favorite hymn. Also, in commemoration of the church's 190th celebration, we will make a banner for the sanctuary, much like we did in June for the men's shelter. More details to come.

Sunday Morning Schedule

Traditional Worship .....	9:45
Children's Sunday School .....	10:00
Coffee Hour:.....	10:45
Contemporary Christian Studies (CCS).....	11:00
Adult Ed .....	12:00

Save the Date

First Presbyterian Church  
Danville, Illinois  
190th Anniversary Celebration  
**October 20, 2019**

Organ concert, 9:00-9:45 am  
featuring Ray Wiggs, former organist

Worship, 9:45 am  
with Dave Schroeder, organist

Lunch, 11:00 am

## FPC Youth Calendar

Aug. 1 .....Last day of SOS, 12:00 pm  
 Aug. 3 ..... Kemmerer Village work day, 7:30 am  
 Aug. 10 ..... Church work day, 8:00 am  
 Aug. 11 ..... Youth lead worship, 9:45 am  
 Aug. 14 ..... Back to school pizza dinner, 5:30 pm  
 Sept. 4 ..... Youth group resumes, 5:30 pm



## Summer of Service Ministry

The last day of SOS is **August 1**. Thanks to the youth who have pulled weeds, swept floors, moved furniture, and cleaned: Alicia, Briana, Caleb, Gracee W., Gracie B., Isaac, Jamarion, Michael, and Molly.

Thanks also to Kelly Whitehair and Meagan Schildt for coordinating the effort, to the members who hired the youth to work in their homes and yards, and to the Deacons for the financial support that makes the program possible.

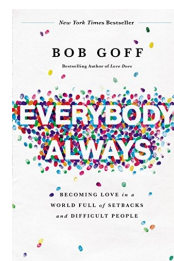
## Fall Sunday School Time Change

Children's Sunday school will take a break for the last few weeks of the summer. There will be no class during worship in August or on September 1. The new season of Sunday school will resume on **September 8**.

When the class begins next month, children will again leave worship after the children's time (except for the first Sunday of the month when they stay in the sanctuary so they can receive communion with the rest of the congregation. The teachers have asked for additional time in order to complete lessons, so the class will extend to 11:00 am.

## Wednesday Book Group

If you like to read and enjoy good conversation, won't you consider attending the Wednesday afternoon book group? Starting on **August 14**, we will begin reading *Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People*.



In this New York Times bestseller, author Bob Goff writes about living without fear, constraint, or worry. He claims that the only real path to liberation is to love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction or limits. (Sounds like something Jesus would say, doesn't it?)

Books are \$10 each and will be ordered on August 1. Please notify the office ASAP if you'd like a copy. The group meets at 2:00 pm in the board room.

## The Bible in Politics

The Sunday adult education class continues our slow and intentional discussion of *The Bible in Politics*. Our civil and respectful conversations touch on immigration issues, the political landscape, stewardship of the earth, economic systems, gender roles, leadership, and faith. Why? Because all of those are theological issues, and all of them are in the Bible.

Our reading of the book provides a framework for our discussions—but does not limit us. So even if you don't have the book (or want to read the book), feel free to come Sundays at noon in the board room. You might find yourself like us . . . pondering the issues long after the class is over.

## Lunch and Schmitt Farms

With lots of help from Mother Nature and Father God, we hope to travel to Eugene, Indiana for lunch at the Covered Bridge Restaurant and tomato picking at Schmitt farm on Friday, **August 16**. All are welcome. Transportation will be provided. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:30 am (Central time). Please call Joyce Schmitt at 446-4625 to RSVP.



## Session Highlights

Session met on July 16, 2019. Following are highlights of their meeting:

- 11 out of 12 elders present
- Voted to extend children's Sunday school to 11:00 am, starting in the fall
- Approved giving children's Sunday school students and teachers a brief hiatus during August
- Voted to remove Andrew and Pat Phillips from the membership rolls after they informed the church they were moving out of state
- Established priorities for current facilities projects and expenditures

The next stated Session meeting will be **August 20, 2019**.

## Church Work Day Scheduled

Bring your shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, and work gloves for a morning of church work! Members and friends of all ages are invited to weed, mulch, and do whatever else needs to be done outside on **August 10** from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon.

In the event of rain or excessive heat, the work day will be rescheduled. You'll get a robo-call that morning if we cancel.

## Coffee Talk with the Session

There's been great turnout the past two months for Coffee Talk, the monthly gathering after the worship service when the Session updates the congregation on news from the previous week's Session meeting. Session members highlight a few items of interest and then answer questions. It lasts about 15 minutes. Thanks for all who have attended. Our next Coffee Talk will be **August 25** at 11:00 am in the lounge.



## Facilities Updates

Here's a status update on notable facilities projects:

- The turquoise table is under the mahogany tree on the lawn north of the church—and you are welcome to enjoy it! Thanks to Dick and Norma Burch for contributing the table and to Pat dePlace and Karen Schildt for painting it.
- Sentry Roofing will replace flashing on the east side of the building. We are hopeful that the work will not simply be cosmetic but will resolve some of the leaking that is occurring in that area.
- The city Fire Marshall conducted an annual inspection of the building a few weeks ago. He called our attention to some minor violations (items stored in stairwells and too close to water heaters, nonfunctioning exit signs, missing ceiling tiles) and one major one—our lack of a working fire alarm system. The City of Danville requires it—whether or not The Dwelling Place is here. We are in the process of getting bids for that major project.
- The city building inspector informed us that, unless we make structural changes to the building, we are not required to make the entrance or basement handicapped accessible for The Dwelling Place. Therefore, instead of constructing a wall (temporary or permanent) to direct TDP clients to the basement, we will purchase “soft walls” or another kind of movable divider.
- The exterior boiler room and gym doors will be replaced in the next few months.
- For the safety of members and visitors, we need to repair the sinking, uneven concrete slab outside the gym door. We've begun reaching out to contractors.
- The stone on the sanctuary's exterior is flaking and chipping. Facilities is contacting contractors who may be able to assess the cause and remedy.
- The kitchen project (new paint, floor, and exterior door) has been postponed to early 2020 so that we can focus on the installation of the fire alarm system and The Dwelling Place renovations.

