



The Encounter

June 2016

A Word from Pastor Eric

Summer is here, and that means things will be slowing down a little! This will be reflected in worship, as I'll be doing a sermon series called "Pause", in which we'll focus on the meaning of Sabbath as a time for rest, care, restoration, and acceptance. Many of us are driven by a full schedule of activities, and it is easy to lose sight of the importance of Sabbath time. In June, we'll try to reclaim some of the Godly rest to which we are called. Just don't sleep during worship!

While Sunday school is over for the season, youth group will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings. If you'd like to help, please speak to Tom Albers, Amber Kent, or me. The youth will be getting ready for a mission trip to Murray, Iowa at the end of the month. It's always good to see the people from our church engaged in service to others, and we can be proud of our youth for taking such an active role in mission.

It's great that we have such an active, engaged congregation. It's also good to remember that God wants us to care for ourselves and each other. May this Summer be a time for at least some rest and relaxation, that we might be energized and refreshed and ready for the coming fall.

Your Companion on the Journey,

Pastor Eric

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June Calendar (attached file)



Little Free Library

The Little Free Library is open and ready for business. Please stop by, take a look at what is available and take home any book that looks interesting. We are hoping that many of these books will find their way into the homes of the surrounding neighborhood. But we can enjoy them, too. We are still accepting donations. There is a box under the window of Room 400 for just that purpose.



Happy Reading Everyone!

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Worship Committee News

Want a Good Reason to Play with Your Device in Church?

Are you wondering where to plug in at APC? Do you love working with technology? Are you a “behind the scenes” person? Could your gifts contribute to a high-quality worship experience on Sunday mornings? Worship Committee is seeking two persons to join the rotation of volunteers who work with MediaShout, our projection software. Responsibilities include inputting the projection information and then working in the media room during worship. If you’re feeling the call to serve God and our community in this way, please contact Beth Brooks at artistdoubleb@hotmail.com or Bonnie McCaughey or bonniemccaughey@gmail.com.

In June, Pastor Eric begins a new sermon series called “Pause”.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Sermon Text</u>
June 5 th	Resting	Exodus 20:8-11
June 12 th	Caring	Deuteronomy 5:12-15
June 19 th	Restoring	Matthew 12:1-14
June 26 th	Accepting	Romans 14:1-9

Worship Service Attendance			
April 2016	469	May 2016	519 (does not include 5/29)
Weekly Average	118	Weekly Average	130
April 2015	489	May 2015	601
Weekly Average	122	Weekly Average	120

Session Action Items

Session took action on the following items during May:

- Approved appointment of Carole Snook as Commissioner for the May 13, 2016 Presbytery meeting.
- Approved appointment of Bonnie McCaughey as Trustee.
- Approved baptisms of Jesse Hanke, Aiden Metcalfe, and Carson Hilsenbeck on May 15, 2016.
- Approved hiring of Lifetouch Photography for a new Church Directory.
- Appointed a task force to prioritize Church facility improvements.

Please contact any of your Session members with comments or concerns.

From the Christian Education Wing

The last day of school for the kids in Ankeny is June 7. Later than normal, but I have a feeling the kids are already feeling like summer has begun with the beautiful weather we have been having and the days are getting longer.

Amber



Sunday School is officially over for the summer, we will resume again in the fall. Thank you to all of the Sunday school teachers and volunteers who put their extra time into teaching our children about God and the Bible. I think it's safe to say it was another successful Sunday school year.

Youth Group

The Youth continue to meet every Wednesday. Both the Middle and High School are serving 1 Wednesday a month at On With Life.

The first Youth mission trip will happen this month. On Friday, June 24, 12 youth and 2 adult chaperones will make their way to Murray, IA. It is a weekend work camp so the group will be back in town on the following Monday. During their stay they will demonstrate Jesus's love and compassion in tangible ways through projects like....

Building wheelchair ramps and handrails

Fixing leaky roofs

Weatherizing homes and trailers

Reconstructing sagging porches

Significant painting projects

Interior and exterior carpentry



Other home repair projects that the homeowner cannot otherwise complete
While the group is gone, please pray daily for them and the people that they will serve.

Vacation Bible School

At *Surf Shack* VBS, we will help our children catch the wave of God's amazing love through dramas, crafts, games, music, and lots of fun on
August 1-5, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00pm. Entering K – 5th grade

**Register your *surfer* now at www.cokesburyvbs.com/ankenypresbyterian. You will want to register your children early to ensure your spot for this event.



Sign up for a Vacation Bible School leadership role and join us in the excitement at

Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love!

This—n—That

Worship Volunteers

June 5

Greeters: SchraderBachar Family, Cheryl Schwickerath
 Ushers: Gary & Janie Owens
 Youth Ushers: Rico Da Veiga, Jesse Hanke
 Worship Leader: Nathan Stephany
 Font of Identity Deacon: Janie Owens

June 12

Greeters: Olive Musoro, Nadine Greiman
 Ushers: Gary & Lois Anne Naylor
 Youth Ushers: Sarah Albers, Kelsey-Faith Abeh
 Worship Leader: Jan Klinker
 Font of Identity Deacon: Audrey Kobus

June 19

Greeters: Ralph & Nichole Bright, Rita & Randy Korn
 Ushers: Ray & Lola Peters
 Youth Ushers: Abby Seedorf, Kyla Morris
 Worship Leader: John Middents
 Font of Identity Deacon: Mark McAdoo

June 26

Greeters: Audrey Kobus, Pam Slippy
 Ushers: Gary & Theresa Shivers
 Worship Leader: Mark McAdoo
 Font of Identity Deacon: Cathy DeMoss



	June Birthdays	
	2 Becky Stadlman	
	6 Brayden Vander Wilt	
	7 Terri Blattner	
	10 Hayden Kent	
	11 Tom Thorpe	
	13 Nicholas Bern	
	15 Fuller Biehl	
	16 Rebecca Stewart	
	17 Teagan Morris	
	18 Kale Biehl	
	20 Cheryl Schwickerath	
	24 Mark McAdoo	
	25 John Richards	
	28 Adelaide Metcalfe	
	29 Connor McAdoo	
	30 Wayne Biehl	

MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON FOR MEN & WOMEN!

This group meets the first Wednesday of the month (**June 1st this month**) at Perkins at **12:00 noon**. Anyone who would like to fellowship is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.



Food Pantry

Recent donations to the Food Pantry were; 74 food items, 144 diapers, and 14 cans of formula. Money donations year to date are \$625.00.

Thank you for your donations!!

