



The Encounter

July 2016

A Word from Pastor Eric

This month marks the completion of my first year as your pastor. Time sure has flown by quickly! I'm very grateful for the warm welcome you have shown me and my family, as well as for your patience with me as I've spent the year learning about the things that make APC's ministry unique. It's been a good time to observe what is going well, and to spot areas that could stand a tune-up.

As we prepare for another program year (September through May), there are a number of things we will be needing in order to make 2016-2017 the best year it can be. I hope you will give some serious, prayerful consideration to ways you might help us move forward in a positive way. In particular, we need people to help carry out certain ministries. Here is where we need help:

Sunday school: Teachers are needed, including ones for the Middle School and High School classes. Please see Amber Scott Kent, our Director of Christian Education, if you can help.

Wednesday evening youth ministry: We have a couple adults lined up – but we need more in order to meet our child safety requirements, as well as to maintain a solid program. Please talk to Amber or me if you are interested in learning more about this ministry.

Worship: It is important that we find some more people to assist in putting together and running the media presentations (song lyrics and other projected items) in worship. This isn't much more difficult than assembling or running a PowerPoint presentation, and yet it is essential to every worship service. You can learn more about this ministry by speaking to Bonnie McCaughey or Beth Brooks.

APC is a great church, and it is wonderful to be part of such a caring Christian community. As we move into the future together, we have the opportunity to spread the blessing of God's love with people of every generation, both within and beyond our church's walls. I pray that God will bless us with all the resources we need to carry out the ministry to which we are called!

Your Companion on the Journey,

Pastor Eric



**Are YOU ready to
make a difference?**



Pastor Eric and Karisa will be on vacation starting Monday, July 4th. Pastor Eric will return to the office on Monday, July 18th. General pastoral care during this time will be available from our Elders and Deacons. Emergency pastoral care will be available from Pastor Bill O'Connell from St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Johnston.

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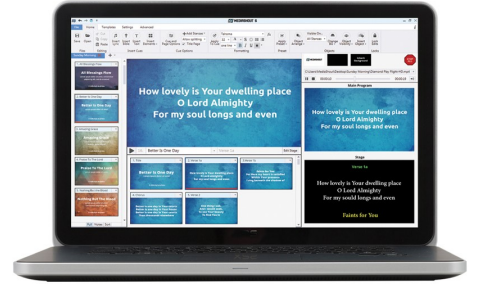
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Worship Committee News

July will be quickly upon us! During the month of July, Pastor Eric and Karisa will be taking some vacation time. Speakers for those Sundays have been found. We will also be baptizing Isla Wagener, daughter of Dylan Wagener and Jenny Scharn, later this month.

Our greatest need for the Worship Team at this time is that we are still looking for some people to serve as media technicians. Our goal is to find enough people so that each would need to serve only one weekend a month. We have been told that the program used is similar to PowerPoint, so if you have been able to navigate that, you should be able to pick up on MediaShout. If you have not used PowerPoint or Media-Shout but are interested in learning how to use it, training will be given.

Responsibilities include inputting the projection information and then working in the media room during worship that week to advance the slides. If you're feeling the call to serve God and our community in this way, please contact the worship elders; Beth Brooks at artistdoubleb@hotmail.com or Bonnie McCaughey or bonniemccaughey@gmail.com.



Blue Hymnals are coming back! It has come to our attention that Pastor Eric and Music Director Eric have been feeling somewhat stifled in music selection with the new edition of the Glory to God hymnal. This is the music source we have been using that uses projection only, no actual books. Lyrics have changed in some songs, changing the meaning, and some favorite songs have been dropped. Through discussion it was decided that we would return the Blue Hymnals to the pews. To eliminate confusion in the weekly bulletin, songs coming from the Blue Hymnal will be referred to as "Blue Hymnal" and songs coming from the source we currently use will be referred to as "Glory to God". Also, be aware that the Glory to God hymnal is the only one that has the full music notation available for projection. Blue Hymnal songs will be projected in words only.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
July 3 th	God and Country	Matthew 22:15-22	Pastor Eric Pasanchin
July 10 th	Samaritan, Robber of Passer-By?	Luke 10:25-37	Pastor Judy Winkelpleck
July 17 th	Guest Preacher		Pastor Robert Burnett
July 24 th	You Can Run, but You Can't Hide	Jonah 1:1-7, 15-17, 2:10, 3:1-3a	Pastor Eric Pasanchin
July 31 st	Get Over Yourself	excerpts from Jonah 3 & 4	Pastor Eric Pasanchin

Worship Service Attendance			
May 2016	626	June 2016	360
Weekly Average	125	Weekly Average	90
May 2015	601	June 2015	462
Weekly Average	120	Weekly Average	116

From the Christian Education Wing

As I reflect on the month of June, I am greatly reminded of the many things I am blessed with and sometimes even take advantage of. We endured a few tribulations as well as some great memories and I appreciate the bad with the good. The month of June was hotter than I had anticipated, which means July will be hotter yet! Saying many prayers for safe travels and memories made for the Triennium group this month. *Amber*

Youth Group

The first Youth Mission Trip to Murray, IA has just come to an end.

The next Mission Trip is scheduled from Tuesday, July 19 – Saturday, July 23, 2016. The Youth will be traveling to Purdue University for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium event. Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a gathering for high school age youth from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church that occurs every three years. The theme for the 2016 event is "GO".



"To go with GOD is to embark on a "worthy adventure."

If you are anxious to hear how their trips have gone, just wait until Sunday, August 14. The Youth will be hosts for worship; sharing and reflecting on the things they did and learned from their Mission Trips.

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 – 8:00 pm for kids 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.

Below is our Wish List if you would like to donate any of these items, it is greatly appreciated. Drop your items off in the Fellowship Hall on the table under the donation bulletin boards. There is a roll of tape and a sharpie so you can label your items that you want back after VBS has ended. Please have your donated items to the church by Monday, July 25.

- Beach Balls
- Life savers
- Blow up inner tubes
- White balloons
- Clear contact paper
- Blue tissue paper
- Green tissue paper
- Shaving cream x 10
- White paper plates x 3
- Paper towels x 5 rolls
- Toothpicks x 2 boxes
- Jumbo craft sticks
- Vegetable oil x 10
- Fish beads
- Sea shells (little ones for crafts)
- Any kind of surf décor you have that we may use for the
- Sand (tan colored)
- Flip flops
- Sand buckets
- Food coloring
- Beach towels
- Lawn chairs

Join us for a BBQ after worship on August 7th as we celebrate all the fun things the kids did in VBS!



Sunday School

Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 11.

APC Wednesday

APC Wednesday will begin Wednesday, September 14.

Mission News



Roberta Victor, Ph.D, ATR-BC, Executive Director

May 27, 2016

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Dear Friends at Ankeny Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$400 made to CROSS Ministries in April and \$200 in May. Your gift truly makes a difference in the lives of the struggling people we serve.

While there are many reasons why a family arrives at CROSS in crisis, one of the common precipitating situations we encounter is caused by physical health problems. One such family that we recently helped was an older couple in their early 60s, both of whom are dealing with physical ailments so extensive that they could no longer work. Elizabeth is barely able to walk and has had two surgeries on her knees while John struggles with diabetes and a heart condition. They receive a combined total of \$1,200 a month from social security disability insurance, which means that they live well below the poverty level. In spite of that, they are typically able to get by with some careful budgeting, a frugal lifestyle, and a bit of help from their daughter. Unfortunately during the month of May they ran into some new financial problems when Elizabeth had to have eye surgery followed by the purchase of new bifocal glasses and extra medical prescriptions. When the couple were unable to pay the full amount of their month's rent, they came to CROSS fearful of being evicted. CROSS was able to help this husband and wife with their one time crisis by paying the last \$200 owed on their rent.

Elizabeth and John are just one of **660 households representing 1,517 people** that received some form of financial help through CROSS Ministries **during the month of April** toward the payment of either rent, mortgage, rent deposit, water or electric bill, or received a personal hygiene kit, Laundromat voucher, or an emergency food box.

We are so grateful for your support of this outreach to the many low and no income people of all ages that we serve. It is because of the kindness of people like you that we can continue to come to the aid of those who are experiencing the most urgent need.

In peace,
Roberta Victor, Ph.D., ATR-BC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roberta Victor".

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This—n—That

Worship Volunteers

July 3

Greeters: Rick & Del Konopka, Audrey Kobus
 Ushers: Arnie & Carole Snook
 Worship Leader: Rich Flaugh
 Font of Identity Deacon: Bob Zinn

July 10

Greeters: Dave & Anne Dirks, Stewart Family
 Ushers: Aaron & Mary Selby
 Worship Leader: Phil Pease
 Font of Identity Deacon: Tim Little

July 17

Greeters: Gary & Mary Weeks, Diana Haines
 Ushers: Lee & Alice White
 Worship Leader: Alestair Metcalfe
 Font of Identity Deacon: Mark McAdoo

July 24

Greeters: Verne & Kelly Murray, Terri Blattner
 Ushers: Rick Ruff & Mary Kleis
 Worship Leader: Marcia McAdoo
 Font of Identity Deacon: Terri Blattner

July 31

Greeters: Dale & Jan Smith, Jan Klinker
 Ushers: Mark & Marcia McAdoo
 Worship Leader: Sarah Albers
 Font of Identity Deacon: Bob Zinn

Happy Summer Youth Ushers.
 Enjoy the month of July off from ushering duties.



July Birthdays		
2	Chuck Edmondson	✓
5	Sam Housker	✓
6	Kim Rust	✓
11	Patrick Clancy	✓
	Judy Garner	✓
	Brady Seedorf	✓
12	John Flaugh	✓
16	Connie Schamerhorn	✓
19	Bill Wehage	✓
21	Theresa Shivvers	✓
23	Alice Bergstrom	✓
	Jackson Flaugh	✓
	Kelly Murray	✓
25	Steve Gibbons	✓
26	Jan Klinker	✓
28	Carole Snook	✓
29	Carson Hilsenbeck	✓

Bottle & Can Donations

Remember that your donation of empty **clean beverage cans and bottles** will support our youth group's expenses. Just drop them off in the furnace room at church. Bins are labeled for cans and bottles. If you need someone to pick them up from you, contact the office at 515-964-0264.

Thank you for your support of the APC youth!



MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON FOR MEN & WOMEN!

This group meets the first Wednesday of the month (**July 6th this month**) at Perkins at **12:00 noon**.

Everyone who likes to fellowship is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

Session Action Items

Session took action on the following items during June:

- ◆ Determined there will be no Stated Session meeting in July.
- ◆ Approved appointment of Heather Housker as Plan Administrator for APC credit cards.
- ◆ Approved ACH and Internet access to APC bank accounts for bookkeeper Bill Collins.
- ◆ Approved revised position description for APC Nursery Attendant.
- ◆ Rescheduled August Sacrament of Holy Communion from August 7, 2016 to August 14, 2016.
- ◆ Approved participation of APC Youth in serving August Communion.

Please contact Clerk of Session, Scott Woods at apc.scott@hotmail.com with comments or concerns.