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A Word from Pastor Eric



May promises to be an exciting month! We are entering the crucial final phase of our capital campaign, during which the receipt of member pledges will be completed. The enthusiastic support of our members will not only result in a successful campaign, but also make it possible for us to fulfill our plans for the repair and improvement of our facility. Pledges will be received at a series of small group meetings during the first two weeks of the month, with a final deadline of May 17. Then, on Pentecost (May 20), we will prayerfully dedicate all the pledges during worship. Following the service, we will have a time of celebration featuring a short presentation, announcement of the results, and the serving of pie. (There are rumors that ice cream may also be available.) I anticipate a very happy conclusion to this campaign! Moving forward, we can expect our ministry and mission to be strengthened through the work that takes place as a result of your generous support.

I would like to thank the Capital Campaign Task Force, which has done an enormous amount of work to make the campaign happen. Co-chaired by Chris Wehrman and Scott Wood, the group has included Rich Flaugh, Audrey Kobus, Mary Kleis, Coleen Myers, Lois Anne Naylor, Ken Nelson, Steve Schrader Bachar, Carole Snook, Sue Tomlinson, and Lee White. These folks have done an extraordinary job completing their assigned tasks within a tight timeline, and they have done so with a positive and enthusiastic attitude. In addition, thanks are due to the Facility Improvement Task Force, which handled all communication with our architect. This group consisted of Del Konopka, Al Overbaugh, and Lee White. We also can thank the many, many others who have served on supporting task groups, provided hospitality, hosted group meetings, and served as stewards. This Campaign has been a team effort, including a large number of our members in leadership roles. It is their hard-work and participation, along with the positive response of our membership in general, that gives me confidence that we will have a very successful result. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication! Most of all, thanks be to God for being with us on this journey, and for making Ankeny Presbyterian Church such a wonderful, caring, and committed congregation.

Your Companion on the Journey,
Pastor Eric

Reminder
Annual
Congregational
Meeting
Sunday, May 6th
after Worship

Capital Campaign News



Join Us for Two Tasty Celebrations

1. THIS Sunday, April 29: The Faith, Fixes, Future task force invites every member or regular attender of APC to a fantastic brunch following worship Sunday, April 29th. The brunch is being prepared by some of APC's excellent cooks and includes an egg casserole, cheesy potatoes, a fancy fruit cup and pastries. Carole Snook, who is heading up the hospitality committee, tested the menu on her family over Easter weekend and reports that they heartily approved. This is your chance to enjoy a brunch where you don't need to bring a thing. Plus, you'll not only smell the food when you leave the sanctuary, but it will be served as soon as you walk out of worship and into Fellowship Hall.

As we share the meal and have fellowship together, our Faith, Fixes, Future team will present an overview of the planned projects, explaining how the Capital Campaign developed and the thought, research and work that has gone into the process. You'll also have a chance to look at architectural drawings of the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and kitchen improvements.

Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy the food, fellowship and short program. Since the Faith, Fixes, Future campaign covers three years, the April 29th brunch is your opportunity to be informed about it from the very beginning. Then when all the projects are completed, you'll be able to say, "I remember when we started out!"

Additionally, if you have not already attended a meeting, you are urged to choose one of the small group gatherings that will be held in members' homes April 30th and in early May. These get-togethers will be your opportunity to ask questions and learn more details about the planned projects. Mary Kleis and Ken Nelson are leading this part of the team and can help you find the most convenient meeting time and place.

2. Sunday, May 20: May 20th is Pentecost, which is always a time of joy and celebration for the church. But this year APC is going to give us additional reasons to rejoice during the Faith, Fixes, Future **Celebration** following worship. The hospitality committee will serve up a sweet treat to go along with the sweet news about our total pledged amount for the Capital Campaign. During this joyful time of fellowship, we can also praise God—and our congregation's generosity—for the new roof APC will get this summer and the other improvements that will be made in the coming [years because of our Faith, Fixes, Future campaign](#).

Put these dates on your calendar: **April 29th** to enjoy a brunch immediately following worship and **May 20th** to celebrate the sweet success of our Faith, Fixes, Future campaign.

Reminder of upcoming meeting times and locations.

NOTE a couple locations have changed so makes sure and check your dates.

Meeting Date Host

Monday, April 30	Carla Yeager & Tim Little
Tuesday, May 1	Mary Ellen Fischer
Wednesday, May 2	Jim & Marge Hennings (1:30 p.m. at APC)
Monday, May 7	Mike & Coleen Myers
Thursday, May 10	Ken & Myrna Rummer (for members new)
Tuesday, May 15	Phil & Shirley Pease

You spoke.

We listened.

Now it's time to act.

From Your Wellness Team

A New Mother's Day Tradition

There's a reason Mother's Day is the most popular occasion to go out to eat. Seemingly from the beginning of time, women have been responsible for feeding their families. Three meals a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. That's 1,092* meals mom was historically responsible for. No wonder she coveted that annual break—only 1,091 meals to get on the table!

Sure, times have changed and most of us don't eat every meal at home. Actually, the modern reality for many busy families is to grab takeout a few times a week while rushing from one activity to another. So going to a restaurant on Mother's Day doesn't have the same once-a-year allure it previously held.

Plus in many families, responsibility for food prep isn't just women's work. And now that we are all more health conscious and learning about the negative consequences of fast food and packaged products, the trend is returning to the advantages of home-cooked meals. So how should you honor Mom in a fun, healthful way this Mother's Day?

Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. If you do go out to eat, certainly relax and enjoy that special occasion of family fellowship. Either pick Mom's favorite restaurant or go to a place she has always wanted to try. Make reservations if possible because wait times can be long, or else go later in the day when restaurants aren't as crowded. (Be sure to check their hours.)
2. Let Mom read a book, quilt, watch TV, work out uninterrupted or whatever her favorite activity is while the rest of you prepare a tasty, healthy meal.
3. If Mom enjoys cooking and doesn't want to be left out, make Mother's Day meal planning, grocery shopping and cooking a fun family activity you all do together.
4. Surprise Mom with a picnic lunch and savor eating outdoors in a scenic spot.

Add physical activity. Eating should be only one aspect of your Mother's Day festivities. Whether you choose to dine right after church or later, make some type of physical activity an integral part of your Mother's Day tradition. Take a family walk. Go bowling. Play mini-golf or try Frisbee golf. Shoot



hoops. Bike around the neighborhood or the High Trestle Trail. Fly kites. If Mom's a thrill seeker or adventuresome, treat her to a rock-climbing lesson. Or gather the neighbors for an all-ages game of softball.

Should age or a medical condition restrict your mother's ability to be physically active, holding her hand and conversing may be enough stimulation. Or pushing Mom's wheelchair outside for a bit of fresh air can perk up someone who spends all her time indoors.

Treat your mom to a happy, healthy, active Mother's Day this year and for years to come. It's a tradition you both can enjoy.

APC Wellness Team

Let's get healthy together

* For all you math majors, yes, ironically if you go 3 meals a day times 365 days in a year, the number equals 1,095—3 extra meals Mom prepares. Go figure!

Wellness Items and Free Info: APC cares about you. Please avail yourself of any of the following resources:

- **Medical equipment**—Wheelchairs, canes, bath chairs and other items. Located in the furnace room. Be sure to write your name on the checkout list and return equipment when you're done using it. Please use the sanitizing wipes so it will be ready for the next member.
- **CareNotes**—Brochures with helpful information covering a variety of topics from depression to financial stress. Be sure to check the rack periodically as we update it occasionally with new 8-page pamphlets. Located outside the sanctuary.

From the Christian Education Wing

May is certainly turning into a busy month for me. Lots of baseball games in the near future for JackJack as we've got 3 games to make up from all the crazy weather Iowa has given us. We will be traveling for a cousin that is graduating. And of course the end of school is near! Lots of things are happening this month through the church as well. Malinda Spencer with Presbyterian Publishing Corporation will be in town at our church on Wednesday, May 9 at noon to show us curriculum for all ages. A Ladies event is happening the first Friday of the month, and our Youth group has invited you all to join us for a Mission activity on Wednesday May 9. Baccalaureate for all Ankeny graduating seniors is at the end of this month. You may not know, but I have been a part of a team called ACE – Ankeny Christian Educators – where a handful of the Christian Educators in the Ankeny area meet once a month and pray for each other, talk about concerns, get ideas, plan things, etc... This team gets the honor to plan Baccalaureate for all graduating seniors in Ankeny.

I'm sure most of you will be just as busy during the month of May, and it will just fly by! Remember to cherish each memory made, and stop to admire God's beautiful creation. It's starting to look like Spring has sprung!

~Amber



Sunday School

- * Please pick up your child from their classrooms when Sunday School is over.
- * We've been learning the books of the Bible during the Sunday School hour, and will end this year with more information about the books. The kids have really enjoyed the activities we've done in learning the books in order. It's no easy task, but they've taken on the challenge!
- * **Last Day** of Sunday School for kids and Adults is May 20th.



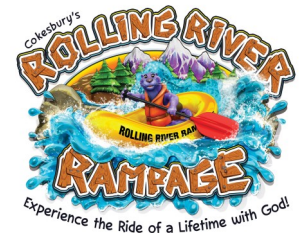
Youth Group

May 2 – No Youth Group
 May 9 – Meals from the Heartland
 May 16 – No Youth Group
 May 23 – Youth Group 6:15 – 8:30 – serving at Ankeny's Baccalaureate
 May 30 – No Youth Group



Vacation Bible School

Join us for the ride of a lifetime at Rolling River Rampage VBS. The adventure begins on Monday, July 30 through Friday, August 3 from 9:30 a.m. until Noon. If you'd like to help volunteer for VBS, please let Amber know.



Story Time—Every Wednesday @ 9:00 a.m.

The themes this month are:

May 2	Birds	May 9	Mothers
May 16	Berries	May 23	Turtles
May 30	Flowers		



Reminder!
Meals from the Heartland
Congregational event
Wednesday, May 9th
6:00—8:00 p.m.

Mission News

Pentecost Offering – Pentecost Sunday May 20th

“For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away...” – Acts 2:39

The Pentecost Offering is one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and is about guiding the Christian formation of our young people – building a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Offering Distribution:

40% Congregational ministries with children at risk

60% Presbyterian Mission Agency

50% ministries with youth and young adults
10% child advocacy/children at risk

40% of the offering we will receive at APC on Pentecost Sunday will go to local mission projects that support young folks at risk. This year our donations, once again, will go to backpacks filled with school supplies provided to Ankeny school children through Project Fresh Start. We will also support CROSS ministries' Back-to-school Giveaway of school supplies to low and no-income families. Both programs will have distributions during the summer.

Thank you for supporting our youth, both throughout the church and in our local community.

BY GIVING TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING

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that unite young people and
inspire them to share their
faith in Christ.



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Amazing Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing

APC members mightily rose to the challenge to increase our giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering this year. **Our collective giving increased from \$900 in 2017 to \$2,300+ in 2018!** Thank you for so generously answering the call to support these important ministries of PC(USA): Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People. You are amazing, and God is so good!

There are a number of great ways you can plug into **mission activities** throughout the summer months. Check out the mission bulletin board in the fellowship hall to see many of the opportunities for you to extend a hand. Contact Marcia McAdoo for more information: justicebern@mchsi.com.

DONATION of the MONTH



Fruit Cocktail
canned in 100% juice or lite syrup

**Culturally
Appropriate Food**



Canned Jackfruit
canned in water or brine

This-n-That

Sunday Assistants

Lock up Elder: Steve SchraderBachar

May 6

Communion Set up & Clean up: Steve SchraderBachar

Greeters: Wade, Dena & Jessie Cloud, Carolyn Rudisil

Ushers: Mark & Marcia McAdoo

Worship Leader: Gary Naylor

Font of Identity Deacon: Audrey Kobus

May 13

Greeters: John & Betty Luskoski, Ray & Lola Peters

Ushers: Lee & Alice White

Worship Leader: Audrey Kobus

Font of Identity Deacon: Janie Owens

May 20

Greeters: Mike & Coleen Myers, Stewart Family

Ushers: Rick Ruff & Mary Kleis

Worship Leader: Mark McAdoo

Font of Identity Deacon: Cathy Bucklin

May 27

Greeters: Dale & Jan Smith, Tom & Jo De Hart

Ushers: Jim & Marge Hennings

Worship Leader: Rich Flaugh

Font of Identity Deacon: Marge Hennings

**Ladies come out and
fellowship with us!**

**Enjoy great conversation and food as
we get to know each other better and feed our souls.**

Friday May 4 @ 6:30 p.m. at Cazador, 103 NE Delaware Ave.

LADIES

CHAT AND CHEW

Attendance Figures

April 2018	503 (Includes Easter but not 4/29)
Weekly Average	126
April 2017	693 (5 Sundays including Easter)
Weekly Average	139



- 2 Dale Smith
- Carla Yeager
- 4 Rico Musoro
- Jan Smith
- 6 Nelda Lamp
- 8 Ruth Wagner
- 10 Elliot Wagener
- Edna Todd
- 12 Chuck Miller
- 15 Theo Housker
- 16 Cathy Bucklin
- 17 Aaron Selby
- 18 Verne Murray
- 19 Heather Sanders
- 21 Jane Wood
- 22 Abby Housker
- Eric Rust
- 25 Julie Cloud
- 27 Jane Middents
- Wyatt Nutt
- 28 Elizabeth Flaugh
- 30 Randy Korn
- 31 Jenna Kauble

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MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON FOR MEN & WOMEN!

This group meets the first Wednesday of the month (**May 2nd this month**) at Perkins at **12:00 noon**. Anyone who would like to fellowship is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.