

THE MESSENGER



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How I Spent My Summer Vacation

The Pastor's

TRAIN



OF THOUGHT

I'm not sure how it happened that "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" became such a clichéd topic for beginning-of-school-year essays. Do teachers really assign kids to write on that subject? None of mine ever did! It's a good thing, too, because as a general rule my summers off from school involved doing as much "nothing" as possible. That would have made for a short essay!

Nowadays I sort of like to mark the various natural transitions that happen during the year. I don't generally make New Year's resolutions because for some reason that one feels artificial to me; I'm more likely to make Lenten resolutions. But a lot of the time, when the kids are out of school for the summer, I do some different things, too; and then when they go back to school, I change my routine up a little bit again.

Public libraries everywhere have summer reading programs, with the goal of keeping kids learning. I participated in ours a few times, but found writing book reports rather tedious, and we had to do them in order to add segments to our "bookworms" or whatever it was they were doing in a given summer. Even so, as an adult I find it helpful to plan for some extra reading in the summer.

Some of my reading is related to my work, but some isn't. I have on my desk a brand-new book by Walter Brueggemann called *Preaching from the Old Testament*. Some time ago Diana Rich lent me a copy of Michelle Obama's book *Becoming*, and I'd like to sit down with it this summer, too.

How about you? Do you do anything differently in the summer? Adults don't generally get summer vacations like schoolkids do—even teachers are often working another job or doing continuing education while classes are out—but perhaps we change up some things anyway, whether or not we have kids who will be involved in sports over the summer. Can you make more time for reading, or exercise, or prayer, in the summer? (Notice I didn't say *find* time. That tends not to happen. If we think something is important, we *make* time for it.)

Don't worry: I won't assign an essay on "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" in the fall. But if I did, what would yours say?

Sharla

June Serving Schedule



Birthdays

08—Diane Boonstra
 15—Judy Colburn
 17—Carol Ann Winburn
 17—Ed Steele
 20—Lylah Linard
 23—Mary Coffman
 27—Juanita Huenefeldt
 27—Paul Miller
 28—Carl Shubert
 28—Peggy Fuller
 30—Mike Studards

Budget

April Income
 \$7,527.28

April Expenses
 \$14,263.37

Year-to-date Income
 \$32,293.68

Year-to-date Expenses
 \$40,746.68

You may view a complete financial report in the church office.

Important Dates

04—Disciples Women
 16—Father's Day
 16—Elders Meeting
 16—Board Meeting
 18—Community Café

June 2
 Elder: Phyllis McBrayer
 Scripture: Chuck Lewis

9:30 a.m. Worship
 Deacons: Denise Burch, Kathy Wood,
 Dorothy Carter, and Judy Daniel
 Greeter: Candi Agnew

June 9
 Elder: John Daniel
 Scripture: Judy Daniel

9:30 a.m. Worship
 Deacons: Judy Colburn, Carol Lewis,
 Carol Roberts, and Mike Studards
 Greeter: Carol Roberts

June 16
 Elder: Dolly Studards
 Scripture: Alan Munday

9:30 a.m. Worship
 Deacons: Derek Lile, Jennifer Schmehl,
 Lucille Munday, and Alan Munday
 Greeter: Bob Thomas

June 23
 Elder: Diana Rich
 Scripture: Carol Hedrick

9:30 a.m. Worship
 Deacons: Denise Burch, Kathy Wood,
 Dorothy Carter, and Judy Daniel
 Greeter: Judy Taylor

June 30
 Elder: Shawn Quick
 Scripture: Jennifer Schmehl

9:30 a.m. Worship
 Deacons: Judy Colburn, Carol Lewis,
 Carol Roberts, and Mike Studards
 Greeter: Jennifer Schmehl

Music Director: Carol Ann Winburn — Accompanist: Mary Coffman
 Sound Techs: Phyllis McBrayer, Dianna Silvers, Justin Quick,
 Communion Preparers: Carol Hedrick | Nursery Attendants: Jessika Blaser, Jakaila Rolph

Attendance

Date	Sunday School		Worship
April 28	Life Group—7 Elementary—4	Officers—0 Total—11	55
May 5	Life Group—0 Elementary—0	Officers—0 Total—0	60
May 12	Life Group—0 Elementary—0	Officers—0 Total—0	48
May 19	Life Group—0 Elementary—0	Officers—0 Total—0	60

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	3	4 6:30 p.m. Disciples Women	5 7 p.m. Choir Practice	6	7	8
9 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	10	11	12 7 p.m. Choir Practice	13 6 pm Elders	14	15
16 Father's Day 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	17	18 5:30-6:00 p.m. Community Café	19 7 p.m. Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 11 pm Board Meeting	24	25	26 7 p.m. Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School						

Upcoming Sermons

June 2

Message: "The New Me"

Scripture: Romans 6:1-14

What I was thinking: This part of the letter to the Romans explains what Paul believed the meaning of baptism to be. What do we believe about baptism, and why?

June 9

Message: "No Worries"

Scripture: Romans 8-14-39

What I was thinking: Christians have nothing to be afraid of. Here's why.

June 16

Message: "Cottonwoods and Tumbleweeds"

Scripture: Psalm 1

What I was thinking: Psalm 1 is a wisdom psalm, and it is the introduction to the entire Psalter. What does this psalm say constitutes a good life?

June 23

Message: "Joy to the World!"

Scripture: Psalm 98

What I was thinking: "Joy to the World!" was the most popular hymn in Disciples churches, according to a survey that was done before the *Chalice Hymnal* was published in 1995. We think of it as a Christmas carol, but it's more than that.

June 30

Message: "We Don't Have a King"

Scripture: Psalm 72

What I was thinking: Can the "royal psalms" have any relevance at all to us today, especially on a weekend when we are about to celebrate the day we declared our independence from the last kind who ruled us?

HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY

Save You Best Choice UPC Labels!

Please save all your Best Choice UPC labels and turn them in to the church. There is a box in the foyer to collect the labels. For us to get proper credit, please make sure you have the full label with the numbers. An example is to the right.



Mark Your Calendars

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 7 & 8th starting a 5:30 pm—8:30 pm. There will be a small meal for the kids at the start of VBS. A closing program will be on August 9th at 7 pm.



Thoughts & Prayers

Aimee Daniel Breiner, Barbara Walsh, Caleb Hoffard, Carl Shubert, Dennis Shannon, Dorothy Kincaid, Gary Studards, Jamie Hibbs, Jill Tiona, Kay Haile, Keera Brockman, Lona Grosshart, Pat Arnold, Paul Miller, Rachel Bittencourt, Rhonda Yarick, Sam McCombs, Shirley Berry, Sharon Jones, Tracy Clayton, Vanessa Coon, Verna Kooker



Youth Camp

Any kids interested in going to Youth Summer Camp, please talk to Carol Lewis. Carol has the forms for sign up. These forms need to be returned to the Carol or the church office **BEFORE** June 30th. We will be holding a Dessert Auction on May 19th to help sponsor the kids who would like to go.

Disciples Women

The next Disciples Women Group will meet on June 4th at 6:30 pm in the adult Sunday School Room. Judy Taylor is bringing refreshments and providing devotional.



YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED

Carol Lewis will be resigning as Youth Leader after this school year. We will need 2 new Youth Leaders for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. One leader will teach our elementary aged kids and one leader will teach our junior high aged kids. Please contact Carol Roberts if you are interested.

Board Minutes

May 20, 2019

Pending Board Approval

Board members present: Deacons- Judy Daniel, Judy Colburn, Carol Roberts, Jennifer Schmehl, Lucille Munday, and Alan Munday. Elders-Phyllis McBrayer, John Daniel and Diana Rich, and member Don Malan. Others present: Everett McBrayer.

Alan Munday called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Rev. Hulsey opened with prayer.

The agenda was adopted with additions on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Phyllis McBrayer.

The minutes of the 04-14-19 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented on motion of Judy Colburn and second by Diana Rich.

Financial Reports: April 2019 financial reports including Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Budget Performance sheets were reviewed and approved on motion of Diana Rich and second by Jennifer Schmehl .

Minister Report: Rev. Hulsey submitted a written report noting activities, meetings, and office visits. She noted that she will be attending General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa July 20-24. She thanked everyone who participated in the dessert auction today. Her full report is available in the church office.

Old Business

Enhance current hearing devices project: It was noted that all actions have been taken that were suggested and there are still some problems. It was suggested that the problem is in the audio system and we may need to look at that to actually fix the hearing device problems.

Debit card vs. credit card: Since a credit card would require an individual person's social security number, it was decided the church will not secure a new card. Individuals will request reimbursement for allowed purchases with appropriate receipts.

Repair of North Wall: No date is set. Just waiting for contractor to be available.

Church Directory: Another proof was received recently, corrections made and returned to the company. No date given for expected completion.

New Business.

Date Change for June Board Meeting: Due to the next board meeting date being on Father's Day, the date has been changed to one week later, June 23rd at 11:00 AM following church service on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Diana Rich.

Dessert Auction: Alan Munday noted the Dessert Auction today has netted \$2140.03 so far with more donations to be received. John Daniel noted that since this fund raiser was for very specific line items in the budget, he noted that the proceeds should be divided equally between the Youth Camp line item and the VBS line item. This was approved by the board on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Diana Rich.

Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC): Alan Munday stated it is time to appoint this committee as the Pastoral Search committee has been acting in this capacity until a PRC is in place. It was (in part) noted that the church by-laws (page 8, Article V, Section D) state this committee shall consist of 6 individuals named by the Board Chair in consultation with the Minister and Search Committee Chair. The names shall be presented to the board for approval. Members shall serve for 3 year terms, in such a way that two (2) members are replaced every year.....This committee shall meet at least 4 times a year.

Board Minutes—Continued

Interest in a 2019 Music Concert at FCC: Diana Rich noted some have expressed interest in having a music concert/program. She wanted input from the Board. She suggested Duke Mason. She was given official approval from the board to proceed with this.

Committee Reports

Christian Education:

Library- Judy Daniel noted that a majority of the books from the library have been disposed of to several different entities as well as church members. She will continue to work on this project until completed.

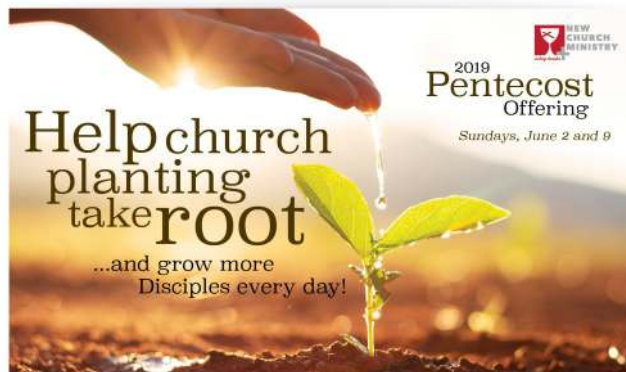
VBS- Carol Roberts reported the dates have been set for VBS to be held on the evenings of August 7 & 8 with a program on the 9th. Plans are being made to have a float in the Bates County Fair Parade.

Worship: Phyllis McBrayer requested help after the board meeting to assist with early preparations for Tuesday night, Community Cafe. She requested everyone wear red-white-and blue on Memorial Day Sunday.

Closing Prayer: Diana Rich closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjournment: With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM on motion of Jennifer Schmehl and second by Phyllis McBrayer.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, Secretary



How is the Pentecost offering used?

To help our new church movement continue to take root!

Each year, half of this offering stays in the local Region or Area where it's collected to start and uphold new churches.

The other half is used across the United States and Canada by New Church Ministry to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

Our church planters remain committed to answering God's call . . . to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel, and make more Disciples. But they need the nurturing and generous support of people like you through the 2019 Pentecost Offering, June 2 and 9.

Please help our new church movement continue to take root, bear fruit . . . and grow more Disciples every day!

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