



# THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter



## **A Message from Pastor Mike**

Music Camp is coming up soon! The kids will be learning during the week of July 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, and then they will present a special program on Sunday morning, July 17<sup>th</sup>, during our regular worship service. The kids will be learning new skills and stretching their existing talents and strengths. They will grow and have fun, while helping all of us remember how important music is in our lives of faith.

Worshipping God through music has a very long history which even predates the church. The Book of Psalms in our Bible was the psalter, or hymnal, of the Jewish people for centuries before the time of Christ. We don't talk about it very often, but music can be thought of as a form of prayer. We worship God in music and song, just as we do in prayer and in gathering around the communion table. When we gather for worship and raise our voices in song, we are actually praying together!

If you ever feel stuck in your prayer life, try sitting down with a hymnal and meditating on the lyrics of some of the hymns that have been the most meaningful for you at key moments in your life. Linger over a hymn that has spoken to us in the past can be a fruitful practice as our souls resonate with great truths which have been expressed in the hymnody of the church. Our Chalice Hymnal has some other nice features. If you scan through the index of first lines and titles, there are quite a few entries listed in italics. Those are prayers and quotes and reflections which are also helpful for private prayer practices. The Chalice Hymnal is a treasury of prayer!

When we meditate on the theological truths that are often reflected in the great hymns, we are also witnessing the power of the shared memories that we have with those who have gone before us. Many people associate certain hymns with parents, grandparents, other family, or church members from days gone by. For most of us, there have been many rich moments of shared worship based on the power of singing hymns together during times of joy and sorrow. If you'd like to try pondering the wisdom in a sample hymn, here are the words for number 16 in the Chalice Hymnal, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*:

*1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*2 Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;*

## **Music Notes**

**Sheila Doak, Music Director**

Music Camp Is Coming!

Please come join the fun! We are still accepting campers and volunteer help. Call or email the office or me personally if you would like to offer help or have any questions. 309-721-8868 or [sheiladoak6@gmail.com](mailto:sheiladoak6@gmail.com)

Thanks for your patience with our visiting musicians while I was traveling with Charlie. As you might've heard, he has decided to commit to Notre Dame. He's just a rising Senior, so one more year at Alleman before he heads to South Bend.

I hope you plan to be at church on July 10 when Lydia Olson joins us with her beautiful harp music! July 17 is Music Camp Sunday, July 24 Susan Runyon will sing The Lord's Prayer, and July 24 Jesse Andereck will sing Make It Clear. Quite a month to look forward to! I'm still looking for special music for a couple weeks in August, so let me know if there is someone you'd like to hear from!

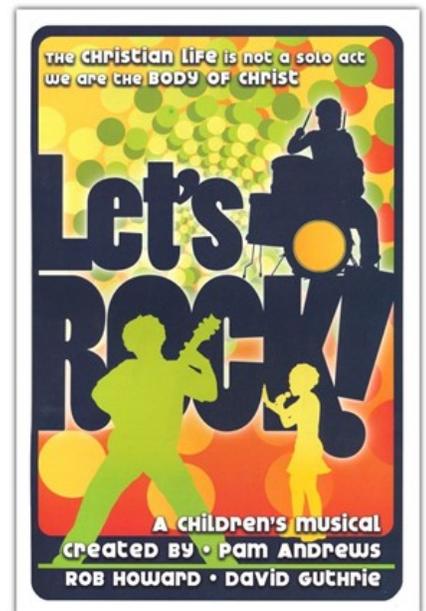


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A **HUGE** thank you to Judie and Bill Holmer for all their hard work on the beautiful flower beds! They all look amazing!

**THANK YOU!**





**A BIG Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our rummage sale. We had wonderful donations/treasures which makes people want to come to our sale. They watch for it every year. Second, I want to thank everyone who helped to set up, mark, and serve our customers on Friday and Saturday. Those people are: Marcia Nelson, Matt Nelson, Lynne and Steve Sheese, Judie and Bill Holmer, Kathy and Don Weston, Bob and Annie Bloomer, Ron Standley, Helen and Dave Popp, Zack Popp (putting some of our treasures on eBay), Tim, Jackie, Tyler Flemming and Tyler's friend Izaiah Burrage, Mark Carlson, Grace Carlson, Steve Swanson, Joy Miller, Connie, Mable Carlson, Donna Poston and Pastor Mike. Also the haul away crew: Mark Carlson, Bill Head, and Aaron Flemming. We were done with clean up by 1:30.**

**NOT BAD!!!**

**I am sorry if I missed someone and please let me know so that your name can be added to the greatest rummage sale team of all time at 15th Avenue. Without everyone's help we couldn't have made the \$ 2,022.51 that we did.**

**Bless you and our church.**

**Marcia Swanson**

**July Birthdays**

5	Erykay Haygood
14	Beverly Ducey
15	Mark Carlson
22	Dave Popp
26	Tim Flemming

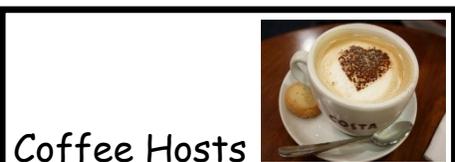
**July Anniversaries**

3	Patty & David Grubbs
4	Kelli & Doug Bowman
7	Jerry & Paula Sheese
10	Jesse & Melba Andereck
30	Karen & Kenny Hitchcock

**June Attendance**

June 5	51
June 12	41
June 19	35
June 26	32

**If you shop at Menards would you please save the Menard sacks/bags for our rummage sale. Before we close on Saturday we run a special of a bag of clothes for 2.00 (makes more money for us before we send things to Good Will) These bags would give our customers a better value than the puny little grocery sacks. Thanks, Marcia Swanson**



**Coffee Hosts**

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**Membership Nurture is looking for Coffee Hosts for all Sundays from now through October. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can contact Lisa Hatlett and let her know. Thank you!**

**PROFIT & LOSS REPORT YTD**

Total Income	\$69,885.10
Total Expenses	\$47,450.25
Net Income	\$22,435.85

## Elders Prayer Update Bell Edition

“As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you;  
And you will be comforted in Jerusalem.” Isaiah 66:13

Please keep these family, friends and caregivers in your daily thoughts and prayers. Let them know they are not forgotten while we are apart. Consider a phone call or send a card to tell them they are missed and loved.

Mike Rushing in Chicago Hospital, had surgery and will be there awhile. (Karen & Kenny)

Rhonda Simpson died, friend & sister of Karen Hitchcock. Karen & Kenny Hitchcock

Vikki.Blair had surgery Tues 21st to remove breast cancer. (Cali & family, our secretary)

Becky (cousin to Kathy and Dawn) John -auto incident (neighbor to Maggie Carrol)

Blake Field Kurt D. in rehab for leg problems (Lisa & family)

Christine White died, cousin of Cali Smith our secretary Joel Mlekush died June 9<sup>th</sup>. (Mona,Ron, Alice & family)

Lisa had knee replacement June 15th.(family) Lynne Sheese had back surgery (Steve & family)

Jesse and Melba Andereck had Covid 19 (family) Barb Hansen (family)

Diane Butcher (family) Clint Ziemer died of cancer (family)

Dawn Fensterbusch (Kathy, Don, Penny & family) Michael R. (J. Kiran's uncle)

Sophi, Melaine & family (Diane B.) Ted Vansickle family for grandson in neonatal unit in hospital. (J. Kirgan)

Mona Mlekush (Ron, Alice, & family) Karen (neighbor to Patty Pearsall)

Peggy Doak (Sheila Doak's mom) Jeff Mix (Marilyn & family) Pat (Lori & Jim Bickford)

Cara (friend of Diane Block) Mike (Kathi, Jeff and family)

Dorothy Coulson (Diane) David & Sonya Geenen Lois (Weston's friend)

Jessica Borland (Swanson's) Bob Bloomer (Annie & family) Michelle (Don & Kathy)

Wm. “Bill” Mockmore (Judie, Bill and family) Alice Lyons (family) Cathy Wilson (Lisa & family)

Wanda (Kathy & Don's friend) David O'Melia (Jeannie & family) C.D. Thompson (Family)

Sarah T. Julie (cancer) Sharon D. (Bartosh's neighbor)

Beverly Ducey (Jim & family) Bob, David and Jane (Kathy & Don)

Vickie Andereck (Jesse & Melba) Donna Spencer (Our former Parish Nurse)

Ron Lyons (Alice, Sandy, Mona and Margaret)

Kent Christensen (Kathy & Don)

Jo (Kathy & Don)

Judy (Kathy & Don)

Gabriel (friend of Weston's)

Tim M. (Jan & Roy)

**Next Elders meeting is July 10<sup>th</sup>.**



Thanksgiving in July ~

## Supporting Local Food Ministries

Yes, it is that time of year, as we make the turn through the halfway point and head toward the winter holidays. This year our Outreach Program will once again collect monetary donations to support our local food ministries. To make it fun, we will collect our \$1 bills, with either the "F" seal (food, faith, fun) and the "G" seal (God, giving, grateful.)

With the rising cost of food, and everything else, we know this is asking a lot. Please consider trying to give anything. Even the smallest donation is more than we had.

Please use any envelope you have to gather your \$1 bills. You can begin turning them in after July 24<sup>th</sup>. This gives you 4 weeks to collect. As always, you know we will take any type of monetary donation (checks are welcome 😊) Please make sure to mark your donation as Special Food Pantry or Thanksgiving in July. Please try to have donations turned in by August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance for your support!

The Outreach Team

Let's welcome Cali Smith to 15th Ave. Christian Church. Cali started on June 13, 2022 as our Administrative Assistant. Please stop in any morning or give her a call to say hello! 309 -786-6925

Did you know there was a suggestion box?!! Yes, there is! Down in the Fellowship hall there is a suggestion box on the small table on the East side. If you see anything around the building that needs to be done, please fill out a suggestion slip and put it in the box.

Thank you for the many cards, texts, calls, and prayers as I recover from my knee surgery. I am getting a little stronger every day and hope to be back to church soon. Your warm and caring thoughts, and love, is much appreciated. You are all a blessing!

Lisa Hatlett



## Scripture Writing Plan

July 2022

Friendship

- Day 1-Colossians 3:12-14
- Day 2-1 Corinthians 10:23-24
- Day 3-Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12
- Day 4-Ephesians 4: 25-28
- Day 5-Ephesians 4:29-32
- Day 6-Job 2: 11-13
- Day 7-Job 16: 19-21
  
- Day 8-Job 29: 4-6
- Day 9-1 John 4: 7-12
- Day 10-1 John 4: 13-21
- Day 11-John 13: 34-35
- Day 12-John 15:12-15
- Day 13-Luke 6: 27-31
- Day 14-Luke 6: 32-36
  
- Day 15-1 Peter 4: 8-11
- Day 16-Proverbs 11:14, 12:26
- Day 17-Proverbs 13:20, 14:5-6
- Day 18-Proverbs 15:22, 16:28
- Day 19-Proverbs 17:9, 17:17
- Day 20-Proverbs 18:24, 19:20
- Day 21-Proverbs 20:6, 22:24-25
  
- Day 22-Proverbs 24:5, 27:5-6
- Day 23-Proverbs 27:9, 27:17
- Day 24-Psalm 1:1-3
- Day 25-Psalm 133: 1-3
- Day 26-Romans 12: 3-7
- Day 27-Romans 12: 8-16
- Day 28-Romans 12: 17-21
  
- Day 29-Ruth 1: 16-17
- Day 30-1 Samuel 18: 1-3
- Day 31-1 Thessalonians 5: 4-11

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.  
 Psalm 119:18

# JULY 2022

# 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Christian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30AM Worship	4  Office Closed	5 6:30PM River-Bend Bronze	6	7 10AM Bible Study	8	9
10 8:30 Elder Meeting 9:30AM Worship	11 Music Camp <b>Let's Rock!</b>	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:30AM Worship <b>Let's Rock!</b>	18	19	20	21 10AM Bible Study	22	23
24 9:30AM Worship	25	26	27	28 10AM Bible Study	29	30
31 9:30AM Worship						

<b>Serving Elders</b>
3 Annie Bloomer
10 Kathi Barnes
17 Kathy Weston
24 Judie Holmer
31 Lisa Hatlett
<b>Visiting Elders</b>
Lisa Hatlett & Annie Bloomer

<b>Serving Deacons</b>
<b>HD</b> Sally Bartosh,
Ron Standley, Barb Hansen,
Marcia Nelson
<b>Preparing Deacon</b>
Helen Popp

<b>Fellowship Hour Hosts -</b>
3
10
17
24
31

<b>Flowers</b>
3 Lisa Hatlett
10 Sandy & Don Wentler
17 Lynne Swanson
24
31