

State Street Ministry VBS 2026: One Week-Two Locations

The best week of the summer for many kids (and kids at heart) can only be VBS! This year, children at both our Waverly and Jacksonville locations took on the Snowball Mountain Challenge! Through energetic music, creative games, engaging Bible stories, hands-on crafts, and plenty of laughter, our young adventurers grew in their faith while making lasting memories and new friendships. VBS is truly a church-wide ministry, and it simply wouldn't happen without the many hours of planning, preparation, prayer, and service from our incredible volunteers. Whether you donated supplies, decorated, led a station, served snacks, guided a crew, prayed for the week, or helped behind the scenes, thank you for investing in the lives of our children and families! A special thank you goes to our VBS Location Directors, Mandy Simmons (Waverly) and Rachael Borgman (Jacksonville), for their outstanding leadership. You'll see more pictures sprinkled through this

newsletter, but be sure to visit our Facebook page for more!



Jacksonville

"A.D. Rachel" with "Ollie" the arctic seal, and Pastor Kevin



Waverly

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2026 IL Great Rivers Annual Conference Summary

The annual gathering of clergy and lay members from central and southern Illinois to worship together, fellowship with one another, and accomplish necessary business tasks took place June 4-6 at the Peoria Civic Center. In addition to the pastors, State Street Ministry was represented by Phil and Terri Benz (Centenary), Cindy Potter (Grace; Jamie Potter attended as a guest), and Lou Anne Lowder (Waverly). Over the course of the Annual Conference (AC) worship services, we heard from a variety of preachers, were invited to give to various offerings, and enjoyed incredible music led by "The Many", a contemporary Christian music group based in Chicago. All elements of the conference – especially the worship – were centered on the theme of "Love Boldly," a key part of the UMC's vision statement.

The approved piece of legislation that brings perhaps the most noticeable changes is the decision to shift our conference from being organized in 5 districts to 4 districts beginning January 1, 2027. Our bishops began this process earlier this year by choosing to appoint just 4 Superintendents beginning in January 2027, so the vote to move to 4 districts aligns with those plans. **(continued on page 3)**

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**Please note: Friday is our pastors' Sabbath Day, so they are only available on Fridays for emergencies.*

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Bible Study Opportunity

Hello State Street Ministry! As many of you know, several members of several churches have been attending a verse-by-verse Bible study every Thursday morning at Waverly First UMC. This study began in the book of Acts and has progressed through 2nd Corinthians. We have taken a break for the summer but will resume Thurs, Sept, 10th at 10am. It's a perfect time to jump in as we start fresh with the book of Galatians. Please know you are welcome to join this great group of fellow students! We'd love to have you! As we discussed this study resuming, it occurred to us that there may be people who would like to attend such a study but the trip to Waverly makes it inconvenient if not impossible. Therefore, I am excited to announce we plan to bring the study to Jacksonville as well!

In thinking of when would be best for those who may be interested, it became apparent that Mondays are the only "free" day on the State Street calendar and that some may not be able to attend a daytime study. We admit that Monday holidays may pose a bit of a hurdle but not one that can't be overcome. The two Monday choices are Monday mornings at 10am or Monday evenings at 6pm. The third option would be on Thursdays at noon. The majority rules so please make your preference known. You can contact me with your interest and time preference at (217)371-8700 or call the church office.

Thanks so much and I look forward to hearing from you!

Kim Elliott



Cookout Moving Indoors

Everyone (men and women) is invited to a holiday cookout at **noon on Wednesday, July 1st** sponsored by Centenary's UWF. Due to the expected heat and humidity, the meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Since we will be grilling hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats, it will be helpful to know how much meat to prepare. Write your name and the type of meat you would like on the sheet in the Narthex or call the church office. If you need a ride, contact the church office or a UWFaith member. We hope that you will join us for food and fellowship. Those delivering Doorbell Dinners are invited to come when you finish your route.

2026 IGRC Annual Conference, *continued...*

Days after AC concluded, the boundaries of the new districts were announced alongside the assignments of District Superintendents (DS). We are currently located in the West District (see current map on the left); under the new arrangement, we will be in the new Central District (the yellow strip on the map on the right). With this change comes a change in leadership; our current DS, Rev. Dr. James Fielder, will serve the new Northwest District. Rev. Jessica Baldyga will serve as our DS, also beginning January 1; Rev. Baldyga begins serving the current Central District as their DS on July 1, 2026.



Part of every AC session includes the bittersweet time of recognizing churches that have completed their mission and decided to close; this year, 67 congregations (with a combined 10,815 years of ministry!) closed, some of whom did so in order to relaunch as a non-UMC church. We also celebrated the careers of 21 pastors who retired and shared in excitement for the two Deacons who were fully ordained and one Provisional Elder who was commissioned.

Other legislative actions included choosing to allocate \$300,000 to help Little Grassy Camp revitalize their ministry, approving the 2027 IGRC Budget, increasing the minimum salary for clergy throughout the conference, and calling for a study to be done on the possibility of rotating the location of AC each year to different locations throughout the Conference.

If you have questions or just want to learn more about what this year's AC was like, feel free to ask any of the folks who attended this year!

Submitted by Pastor Erik

Popsicles in the Park

Join us for a sweet time of fellowship, fun, and frozen treats at Popsicles in the Park! We'll meet on **Tuesday, July 7, from 10–11am at Nichols Park in Jacksonville** and on **Wednesday, July 15, from 10–11am at Waverly's Salter Park**. Bring the kids, invite a friend, and enjoy a relaxed morning of conversation, play, and popsicles.

Everyone is welcome—popsicles aren't just for kids, ya know?! We'd love to see you there!

-Rachel Hinkle



Miles of Smiles

STATE STREET MINISTRY
CENTENARY-GRAVE-WAVERLY

Summer 2026

<u>7:30am Wednesdays</u>	<u>3:30pm Thursdays</u>
Holiday Week Off	Holiday Week Off
July 8	July 9
July 15	*July 16
July 22	July 23
July 29	July 30
Aug 5	Aug 6
Aug 11	Aug 12
Aug 18	Aug 19
Aug 25	*Aug 26

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Growing Through Every Season

Summer has a way of changing our routines. School is out, vacations are planned, families gather, and life often feels a little less structured. While these months can be a wonderful time to rest and recharge, they also remind us that our relationship with God isn't seasonal. Just as the trees continue to grow through the warmth of summer, God continues His work in our hearts every day.



Over the past several weeks, we've seen that growth firsthand. Children have filled our churches with laughter during VBS. Volunteers have faithfully served hundreds of meals through our Summer Lunch Program. Families have gathered in parks, neighborhoods, and worship services, sharing the love of Christ in tangible ways. These moments are reminders that the Church isn't just a building we visit on Sundays—it's God's people living out His love wherever He sends us. As we move through the rest of the summer, I encourage you to stay rooted in Christ. Make time for worship, spend a few moments each day in Scripture and prayer, and look for opportunities to serve someone around you. Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness become the greatest testimonies of God's love.

Beginning July 17, I will be taking two weeks of vacation before setting aside August 1–13 for a dedicated study retreat. This is something I've been looking forward to as an intentional time to step away from the day-to-day rhythm of ministry to pray, study God's Word, seek His direction, and prepare for the coming months of preaching, teaching, and ministry at State Street Ministry. My hope is that this focused time with the Lord will allow me to return refreshed, encouraged, and better equipped to serve our churches. I would be grateful for your prayers during this time—that God would grant wisdom, clarity, renewed strength, and fresh vision as together we continue following where He leads.

Galatians 6:9 reminds us, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Even when our efforts seem small or unnoticed, God is at work. Every encouraging word, every prayer, every meal served, every invitation extended, and every act of generosity helps build His Kingdom.

Thank you for being a church that loves well, serves faithfully, and welcomes others with open hearts. It is a joy to serve alongside each of you. I look forward to returning refreshed and excited for all God has in store for State Street Ministry in the months ahead.

Peace,
Pastor Kevin



Join us on Sunday mornings!

9:00am Worship

9:45am Coffee & Donuts
in the Gathering Room

Three Ways to Give



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VBS 2026 A Success!!

We had an amazing time learning about God's love through exciting Bible stories, worship, games, crafts, snacks, and fun challenges. Throughout the week, they learned a very important "mountain motto": "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" -Philippians 4:13.

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers (we had so many youth leaders which was so great), station leaders, parents, and everyone who helped make this week so special. We pray that the lessons learned at Snowball Mountain Challenge will stay in every heart long after VBS has ended.



July Birthdays

01 – Larry Brown
09 – Brandon Brown
11 – Marty (Rakes) Shine
14 – Anna Richie
28 – Tara Brown

July Anniversaries

01 – Bud & Wanda Burnett
09 – Kevin & Rachel Hinkle
19 – Chris & Gail Wilcox
22 – Brandon & Letitia Brown
31 – Larry & Karen Brown

Jim Potter, retired organist at Grace UMC, will be the guest organist at Waverly First UMC's 9:00am service on Sunday, July 5, 2026.



All are
welcome!

Saturday, July 4**Happy 250th birthday, America!**Sunday, July 5

Jim Potter will be guest organist at the 9am service!

Monday, July 6 & 20"Plarn" & Prayer—10-12pm, lower level
(prayer time 11:45-12, all are invited!)1st & 3rd Tuesdays, July 7 & 21Support Our Troops—
Franklin UMC lower level, 6-8pmThursdays, 10-11amBible Study—Waverly, on summer break, starting back up
On **September 10th**Week of July 13-17Serving Senior Meals, 1030am @ Senior Center
See Mary Jackson for details, questions, volunteerWednesday, July 15Popsicles in the Park, 10-11am
Salter Park, See article on page 3**Looking Ahead...**Tuesday, Aug 11

SSM SPRC @ 339, 6pm

Thurs, Fri & Sat, Aug 27-29Waverly Old-fashioned PICNIC
Think "UMC Dessert Tent"No meetings this month.Will call, if needed.**"All ministry travels
across the bridge of
Relationships."**

WORSHIP

with us

Sunday, July 5**9:00am**6th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
*Guest Organist: Jim Potter*Sunday, July 12**9:00am**

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19**9:00am**8th Sunday after Pentecost
*Guest Speaker: Barbara Wooldridge*Sunday, July 26**9:00am**

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Monthly Pastor Schedule

**1st & 3rd Sundays
Pastor Kevin****2nd & 4th Sundays
Pastor Erik****5th Sunday
(if applicable)
Youth Sunday
Lead Pastor may differ**

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Contribution from Carolyn...**Lamentations 3:19-24 (NIV):**

19 I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. **20** I well remember them, And my soul is downcast within me. **21** Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope; **22** Because Of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. **23** They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. **24** I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait For Him."

The book of Lamentations is in the Old Testament. Each of the five chapters contains separate "laments" (feel or show deep sorrow for). There are other books in the Bible that have laments such as Psalms and every prophetic except Haggai. This is the only book that entirely consists of laments. In the middle of the third chapter the focus changes from laments to the goodness of God. He is the Lord of hope, of love, of faithfulness, of salvation in spite of evidence to the contrary. "His compassions Never fail. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness".

Think of your own idea of new? Fresh? I know at times I can feel so bitter, angry and out-of-sorts. I Sleep on it and next morning I wonder — Why was I so angry?? A new morning brings us to realize that God is so faithful. I have used these verses as my help numerous times over the years. Will it help you?

Prayer: Lord, help us to bring our mind, body and spirit before you. We want to tone it up, keep it in shape and guide it to balance our life. AMEN

Midwest Mission Donations

20 bicycles, a cabinet sewing machine, 2 wheelchairs and various other durable medical equipment were dropped off at Waverly 1st UMC on June 6th during the community-wide Garage sale. Mark and Greg Jackson then transported these treasures to Midwest Mission near Pawnee where several Mission volunteers were able to help unload. The items will be refurbished and then sent worldwide to those in need.



Thanks to all in the Waverly Community that donated. It is much appreciated!

New Windows

Have you seen the new large windows on the west side of the church? Wow! They were installed during the week of VBS despite challenges of wind, rain, heaviness and height. Come and see!

**A Note About Housekeeping**

Volunteer church mice have been willing to fill the void since our custodian retired in January. Summer vacations and 'bum' knees, etc. have interfered some with a regular schedule. With the additional expense of window replacement and other programs being considered, the Waverly SPRC decided to continue the volunteer service for now and revisit at the end of August.

If you can clean only one time/several or can only do certain tasks, please leave a message with the office or talk with Brenda Mitchell, Norma Stein or Kathy Hankins.



We'll help you!

"Many hands make the work light."

—"Mom" quote

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School.....9:00am

Worship.....10:30am

**Listen on WLDS 1180AM
Sundays at 9:30am**

OFFICE HOURS *NOW AT 339

Monday: 9am-1pm

Tuesday: 9am-1pm

Wednesday: 9am-1pm

Thursday: Staff works from home

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Grace Midwest Mission Volunteers

Grace volunteers will work the afternoon shift at Midwest Mission on Thursday, July 23. As of the writing of this article, 10 of us are signed up and 1 slot remains open. That day we will meet at the Centenary parking lot at 10:20 AM and then carpool to Dairy Queen in Springfield for lunch before our 12:30 - 4:00 shift.

We will again work the afternoon shift on Tuesday, August 18. Five slots remain open for that shift. We will again leave from the Centenary parking lot at 10:20 AM. Lunch plans will be determined by participants.

We would love to have you join us while slots are still open. Please contact Lois Herbst ASAP if you can participate on either of these dates. There's a job for you, whatever your abilities. It's fun to work alongside caring people from near and far to help those in need.



6,000 Bibles Sent to a Jamaican Prison because of YOU!

As Midwest Mission's 14th international shipment of 2026 traveled to Jamaica, it carried supplies destined for several different ministries, including a prison ministry that serves men with dignity, compassion, and the promise of a new beginning.

Prison ministry is about more than meeting physical needs. It is about reminding people they are not forgotten and that transformation is possible. Through a faithful partnership with Food For The Poor, Midwest Mission is able to support ministries that offer encouragement and practical care to individuals seeking a brighter future. **(continued on page 10)**

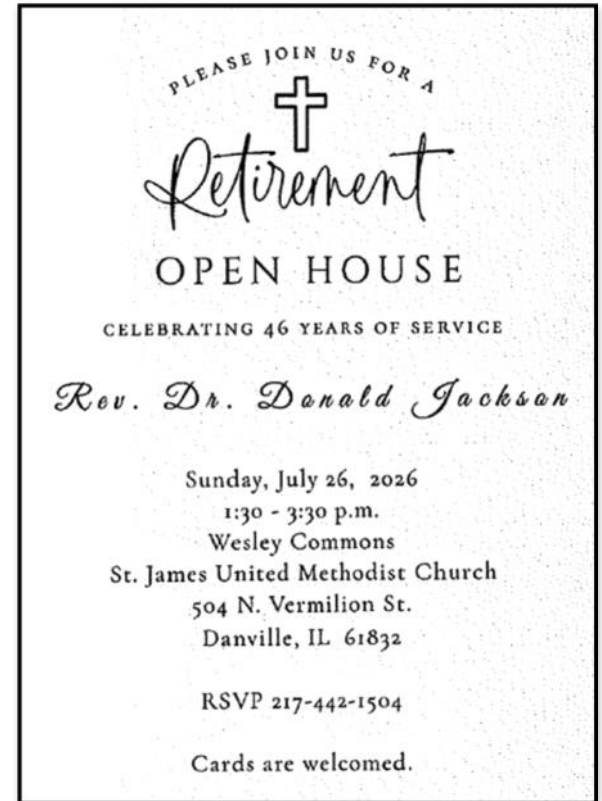
Grace Calendar

07/01 – Older Adult Ministry at Pat's home, 10am; All-church cook-out at Centenary's pavilion, 12pm
 07/05 – Sunday School, 9am; Worship, 10:30am
 07/06 – Seekers, 6pm
 07/07 – Popsicles in the Park, Nichols Park, 10am
 07/08 – Miles of Smiles, 7:30am;
 Congregational MAP team meeting at 339, 6pm
 07/09 – Miles of Smiles, 3:30pm
 07/12 – Sunday School, 9am; Worship, 10:30am
 07/14 – UWF Trip to IATP in Springfield, 9:30am;
 Discipleship, 4:30pm
 07/15 – Miles of Smiles, 7:30am
 07/16 – Trustees, 9am; Miles of Smiles, 3:30pm
 07/19 – Sunday School, 9am; Worship, 10:30am; Friendly
 Mixers lunch out, 11:30am
 07/21 – PLARN Party at 339, 10am
 07/22 – Miles of Smiles, 7:30am
 07/23 – Grace volunteers to Midwest Mission, 10:20am;
 Miles of Smiles, 3:30pm
 07/26 – Sunday School, 9am; Worship, 10:30am
 07/28 – Ad Council, 6pm
 07/29 – Miles of Smiles, 7:30am; Journey Youth Kickoff Party at Beardstown pool, 11am-4pm
 07/30 – Miles of Smiles, 3:30pm

Christina Antemate has scheduled time off for July 6-13. She will be back in the office on July 14. She can be reached on her cell phone or by email.

July Birthdays

07/02 – Becky McGinnis
 07/03 – Jamie Potter
 07/13 – David Updegraff
 07/14 – Jon Cody
 07/19 – Lexie Cole
 07/19 – Sarah Wood
 07/20 – Ruth McClintock
 07/24 – Steve Hackett



July Anniversaries

07/07 – David & Linda Updegraff
 07/09 – Pastor Kevin & Rachel Hinkle
 07/12 – Steve & Cathy Hackett
 07/14 – Roger & Ruth McClintock
 07/20 – Ron & Karla Henderson

6,000 Bibles continued from page 8... A few years ago, a few staff members traveled to Jamaica to visit with people who have received gifts from Midwest Mission. One of the places they visited was a prison where Food For The Poor does prison ministry.

“You could feel the presence of the Lord in that prison,” said Chantel Corrie, Executive Director, thinking back on her visit. “They were teaching the inmates different trades so that they had opportunities for work when they would get out of prison. You could tell that the ministry was making a big impact on not only the inmates, but the correctional officers as well.”

One of our favorite stories of their time at the prison was of a young man who was learning to be a tailor. The prison was using Midwest Mission sewing machines to teach the men how to sew so they could use these skills in the future. When someone got out of prison, they always wanted to give them a sewing machine to jump-start their business. The man they met was getting out of prison the next day (although he was supposed to leave that night ... but they were having Chicken and Rice so he decided to stay until the next day!), but they didn't have a sewing machine for him. Thankfully, the team had brought one single sewing machine with them on the trip, not knowing what they would do with it. God knew. The team was able to get the machine from the van and give it to the officers for the man when he was leaving prison. Hope for his future, in the form of a sewing machine, orchestrated by God.

Earlier this year, we received the request for Bibles for a prison ministry in Jamaica. Immediately, we decided to make this happen, so more people would know the hope that they can have in Christ.

We put the call out for Bibles, and you responded with more than enough to meet the need. Extra Bibles will be sent to our partner Love Packages to be shipped around the world.

“It's a beautiful full-circle moment,” said Chantel. “My prayer is that each inmate who receives a Bible will know that he has hope for the future, and that his life can be transformed by Christ. I pray that they know they are loved and cared for by God, and by all of you who sent the Bibles and other items so that their lives may be changed forever.”

Here's a look at the contents of the shipment:

6,000 Bibles

144 Cases of Sponges

41 Tarps

15 Bicycles

Hospital Linens

Assorted towels, cloths, sheets, pillows, pillowcases, and crocheted items

2 Power Tools

12 Wheelchairs

10 Shower Chairs

20 Electric Sewing Machines

29 Walkers

2 Home Care Beds

2 275-Gallon Containers

58 Folding Chairs

32 Rolls of Fabric

26 School Desks

The total value of this shipment is \$123,016.98.

While the items inside the container meet practical needs, they also carry a deeper message — that every person is loved by God and worthy of compassion and hope. As this shipment reaches its destination, we pray it will strengthen those who minister and encourage those whose lives they touch.



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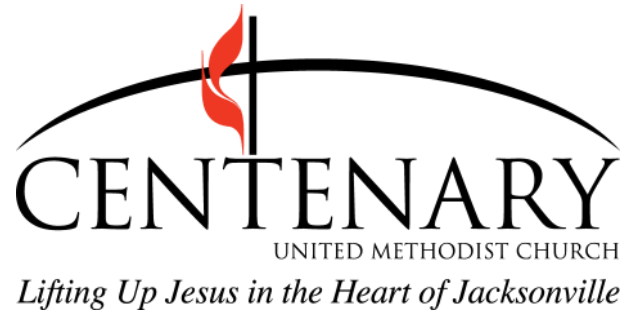
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Cookout Moving to the Fellowship Hall

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Support the Food Center

The Jacksonville Area Community Food Center always sees an increase in demand for food during the summer when school is out and kids are at home. You can help by leaving donations of non-perishable food in the Narthex or by donating cash or a check. Make checks to Centenary UMC with "food center" in the memo line. An easy way to support the food center is to donate to our monthly "Pennies for Hunger" collections which are always given to the food center.

Gardeners are encouraged to donate surplus fruits and vegetables to the food center. The center officially opens at 9:00 am but garden produce can be dropped off after 7:30 am on weekday mornings. The center also needs medium size boxes. (Small enough to carry but big enough to hold a supply of food.) Put donations of non-perishable food and/or boxes near the items that the Sunday School collects in the Narthex.

Thrive!

We are excited about our Children's Ministry called THRIVE! We meet during worship directly after Small Talk and return to the sanctuary at the beginning of the last song. Each week, two teachers and one assistant share their faith and guide the children in experiencing the love and grace of God. There is multi-age grouping and age level grouping as appropriate. We will continue to use the Simply Loved Curriculum along with children's studies from Adam Hamilton. As in the past we will have 5th Sunday Service Projects and the teachers and the children will be in worship on those days.



Thrive Lessons in July

Lessons will all be centered on the topic of Peacemaking.

July 5~ God Helps Us Get Along With Our Families

Genesis 13: 1-18. Abram and Lot Work Out Their Differences

July 13 ~ We Make Peace

Genesis 31: ;4-55. Laban Pursues Jacob

July 19 ~ We Pray When People Are Mean

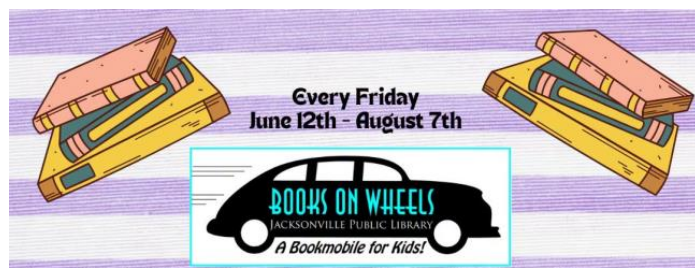
Nehemiah 4: 1-9. Enemies Threaten Nehemiah.

July 26 ~ God Gives Us Peace.

Matthew 6: 25-34 . Jesus Teaches About Peace.

5th Sunday Project

We have another 5th Sunday approaching on August 30. We will be partnering with the Jacksonville Food Center again to provide school supplies to their clients. Jacksonville School District #117 begins classes on August 13. Therefore, we will repeat what we did last year. We will collect school supplies during July and deliver them to the Food center at the beginning of August. As soon as supply lists are available, we will share them. Donations may be placed in the containers near the egg carton collection. Thank you in advance for your support!



Thanks for serving!

July Acolytes

July 5 ~ Crue, Land, and Adam Stiltz

July 12 ~ Annabelle and Zachary hardy

July 19 ~ Delaney, Molly, and Collin Ruyle

July 26 ~ Jayden and Blake Batty

Children's Ministry Leaders

1st Sundays: Rusti Cummings,
Mary Tomlin

Assistant: Barb Keehner

2nd Sundays: Maza Tomhave
Linda Tribble

Assistant: LuAnne Woodrum

3rd Sundays: Nancy Hardy
Rachael Borgman

Assistant: Annabelle Hardy

4th Sundays: Kayleigh McNeal
Diana Phillips

Assistant: Delaney Ruyle

Kayleigh McNeal will continue to provide our Nursery Care during worship every week of the month, except for the 4th week when she is leading THRIVE.

We need a volunteer to cover that 4th Sunday in the nursery with our littlest friends.

Just a reminder that the Bookmobile coming to a location near you!

Please make sure to stop by one of our 3 locations:

Pavilion @ Centenary United Methodist Church - 321 East Morgan St.

1:00pm - 1:30pm

Dunlap Court - 612 North West St.

2:15pm - 3:15pm

Greenbriar Apartments - 12 Greenbriar Dr.

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Children ages 2 through seniors in high school are able to check out books. They are able to check out 2 books each week. You do not need a library card to participate in Bookmobile! Please return or renew books each week. There are no late fees or registration involved. Kids will be able to win prizes and snacks for reading.



July Birthdays

- 1.....Steven Woodrum
 3.....Janet Heyen
 5.....Brian Borgman
 7.....Jarice Crenshaw
 Trevor Birdsell
 8.....Rachael Borgman
 Adam Stiltz
 9.....Steve Quigg
 10.....Bonita Day
 11.....Elizabeth Chamberlain
 12.....Kalyssa Brickey
 Jean Shafer
 Galen O'Neil
 Reneé Brewer
 13.....Tom Newby
 17.....Paul Hamilton
 22.....Benjamin Craddock
 25.....Robert Dalton
 26.....Scott Baptist
 Dorothy Long
 28.....Christopher Prosser
 29.....Darcy Adams



July Anniversaries

- 2Bill & Johanna Betters
 4.....Gale & Bonnie Waltrip
 9.....Jess & Daphne Spradlin
 Pastor Kevin & Rachel Hinkle
 13.....Jon and Casey Zang
 25.....Steve & Kathy McCarty
 30.....Jason & Monica Schriber

Centenary Worship Schedule

Sunday, July 5th **9:00am**

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
 Holy Communion
Pastor Erik Slingerland

Sunday, July 12th **9:00am**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Kevin Hinkle

Sunday, July 19th **9:00am**

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Erik Slingerland

Sunday, July 26th **9:00am**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Pennies For Hunger Collection
Guest Speaker: Becky McGinnis

Immediately following worship, we invite you to stay for fellowship, with coffee and donuts!

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are encouraged to join in "Thrive"! At the end of Small Talk, around 9:15, the children will go to the classrooms on the 2nd floor. They wrap up with donuts after 9am service.



Happy 4th of July!

MISSIONS

Midwest Mission Work Day

Barb Fernandes, Barb Keehner, Rita Northrop, and Martha Vaché volunteered at Midwest Mission on the morning of Thursday, June 25. They delivered a box of miscellaneous school supplies that will be sent to schools in Honduras. If you are interested in going to Midwest Mission with the group in the future, contact Martha Vaché



Donate Blood

There is an urgent need for blood donors. Donations will be accepted on Mon. July 6 and Mon. July 13 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at Jacksonville Memorial Hospital. Appointments are recommended. Contact the Impact Blood Center by calling 800-747-5401 or sign up online at <https://www.bloodcenter.org/impactlife> In addition to blood drive at hospital, there are often pop-up donation sites in the area, too. When you log in to Impact Life and put in your Zip code it will show all the locations and dates of other local blood drives.

Connie Wieck on Vacation

Connie Wieck will be back home in Illinois from southeast Asia for a couple of months this summer. She will be attending Mission u, speaking at churches, and visiting her family. Centenary has been helping to support her mission work. Pray that she has a relaxing vacation.



Centenary Calendar—July 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
Pastor Erik Vacation Time: Mon. June 29—Mon. July 6						
Doorbell Dinners Monday, June 29—Friday, July 3						
5 9am Centenary Worship 9:15am Thrive 10:30am Grace Workshop	6 11am Kids Summer Lunches!	7 9:30a Bible Study 10-11am Popsicles in the Park @Nichols Park	8 7:30am Miles of Smiles 7pm AI-Anon	9 11am Kids Summer Lunches! 3:30pm Miles of Smiles	10 10am Popsicles in the Park	11 10am Centenary Crafters
12 9am Cent Worship 9:15am Thrive 10:30am Grace Workshop	13 11am Kids Summer Lunches!	14 12:30pm Card Outreach 3:30pm Book Club	15 7:30am Miles of Smiles 10-11am Popsicles in Park @Waverly 3:30p Missions 7pm AI-Anon	16 11am Kids Summer Lunches! 3:30pm Miles of Smiles	17 6pm Jax Museum Event @ Centenary	18
Pastor Kevin Vacation Time: July 17 - 31						
19 9am Worship 9:15am Thrive 10:30am Grace Workshop	20 11am Kids Summer Lunches! 6pm Trustees	21 9:30am Bible Study 10am PLARN Party @339	22 7:30am Miles of Smiles 6:15pm Ad Council 7pm AI-Anon	23 11am Kids Summer Lunches! 3:30pm Miles of Smiles	24	25
Pastor Kevin Vacation Time: July 17 - 31						
26 <i>Pennies for Hunger</i> 9am Worship 9:15am Thrive 10:30a Grace Workshop <i>Guest Speaker:</i>	27 11am Kids Summer Lunches!	28 9:30a Bible Study 12:30pm Card Outreach	29 7:30am Miles of Smiles 7pm AI-Anon	30 11am Kids Summer Lunches! 3:30pm Miles of Smiles	31	
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