



First Notes

by Rev. Jim Hoppert

We're now well into the long stretch of "Sundays after Pentecost" and into the summer season. For the longest time, I had wondered if it would ever warm up.

Some changes in the life of the church come with the change in the season. Starting June 26th, both of our services of worship (Sundays at 8:30 a.m and 10:30 a.m.) will be "mask optional." In order to gauge what the "new normal" of worship attendance patterns are, we knew that we would eventually go to worship formats where masking would be optional. We will look at attendance patterns over the next few weeks and make some recommendations for a more "permanent" schedule sometime in early August. Summer may not be the most ideal time to gauge patterns (even under the best of conditions), but it's the route we have to go.

I don't make any predictions on what we'll learn, but time will tell.

As we try to move things into a more "normal" pattern of operations, there are some things I would like to ask the members of the congregation to evaluate. For two years, we have not passed offering plates or communion trays in the pews. Early in the pandemic, it was felt that transmission through surface contact was a likely event; we have since learned that this was not case. That being said, are we more comfortable keeping those practices the way they are? Have we lost anything in not doing it the old way? These are things I would like to learn from you.

First Notes (continued)

The other event coming up shortly is the musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Nineveh," which runs July 15th-17th. I am pleased to report that rehearsals have been going well and that things are falling into place. Freewill offerings received during the performances will fund "Project Nineveh," which will be earmarked for Ukrainian refugee relief and support of the Plymouth Food Pantry. I hope that you'll be able to attend one of the performances.

Enjoy the summer months and don't forget to nourish your spiritual side.

Shalom aleichem—Peace be with you.

Rev. Jim Hoppert

WORKSHOP

We've begun the series of workshops to review and update the church's Constitution and Bylaws. The remaining dates are below and we would very much enjoy your attendance and input as we continue to carefully review and consider changes.

The meeting schedule is

Wed., July 20, 27 Wed., August 3, 10, 17, 24

If you would like a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws prior to the workshops, please call the church office and request a copy. Come to any/all parts you have interest in:

All meetings are being held in one of the classrooms.

7/20 - 7:00pm	Consistory / Governance Structure
7/27 - 7:00pm	Officers of Congregation and Duties
8/3 - 7:00pm	Dissolution / Church and Property
8/10 - 7:00pm	Meetings: Congregational, Assoc., Conference & General Synod
8/17 - 7:00pm	Pastors and Pastoral Call
8/24 - 7:00pm	Committees of the Consistory & Congregation

Your attendance will be helpful.

AN ORIGINAL PRODUCTION ...

"A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO NINEVEH"

The community is invited to experience this musical debut following the biblical story of Jonah in a contemporary setting.

A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED AT EACH PERFORMANCE FOR "PROJECT NINEVEH" - RAISING MONIES FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEE RELIEF AND SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY.

> Friday, July 15 at 7PM Saturday, July 16 at 7PM Sunday, July 17 at 2PM

Location: Salem United Church of Christ 217 Salem Drive, Plymouth, WI (920) 892-7456

PRAYING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR YOU ON YOUR





- 01 Betty Pearce
 01 Gary Hanson
 02 Bree Bunyea
 03 Janis Jarosch
 04 Dennis Kapellen
 05 Janis Knuth
 05 Ryan Halle
 07 Bette Humbracht
 07 Carol Groene
- 07 Evelyn Meinnert
- 07 Lynn York

- 08 Amy Debbink 08 Brittany Seifert
- 10 Maureen Rudebeck
- 10 Merrie Huenink
- 13 Cassie Pilling
- 13 Sandra Fritsch
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- 28 Ethan Gudex
- 28 Kolton Goetsch
- 28 Lauren Chisholm
- 28 Marianne Faas
- 29 Bret Schoenefeld
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- 29 Dorothy Baumann
- 30 Lena Schoenefeld



Hebrew Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-4 Epistle: Galatians 6:7-16 Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Amos 7:7-17 Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

July 17 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Amos 8:1-12 Epistle: Colossians 1:15-28 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

July 24 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Hosea 1:2-10 Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15 Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

July 31 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Epistle: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



Readings for July



July Anniversary Blessings go out to:

16th Duaine & Cindy Conrad

- 17th Jerome & Marlene Miller
- 20th Terry & Amy Debbink
- 21st Larry & Merrie Huenink
- 21st Jason & Liza Wilson
- 27th Brandon & Tabitha Munz
- 29th Joey & Kay Halle

Two families are currently living in the Bridgeway House---one larger family with 4 children and one family with 2 members. We have seen an increase in substance use relapse which adversely impacts residency.



The SCIO Summer Farmers Market is underway! The market runs from 8am-1pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays in Fountain Park and 12pm-5pm on Thursdays in Plymouth in the Dairy Queen parking lot.

Family Pathways, our supervised visitation program, has some potential openings for families experiencing temporary transitions. If you or someone you know is interested or wants more information, please send an email to admin@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org.



July 14th, 10-11:30am: Widow to Widow (Faith-based) this meeting is picnic/potluck style

Fellowship with other women who are willing to support and walk alongside you as you move forward. All ages and stages of life welcome! Location: King's Park, 1516 S 7th Street Sheboygan Please RSVP to 920.783.6142.

Prayer for a Friend

Stores don't sell, I must confess, the joys of life that cheer and bless, but friends and prayers are priceless treasures beyond all monetary measures and so, my friend, I say a prayer that God will keep you in His care.

Helen Steiner Rice

Sending this prayer to members of our church family are absent from our midst but not from our hearts.

Florence Blanke Vy Thiel Jean Halida Ben Meinnert Tim Miller Carol Groene Eugene Boll June Miller Rollie & Kathy Bruggink Kay Halle Eugene & Georgine Littlefield Don Hurlburt Ben Meinnert

Sending our best wishes for a sunny day.



CONFIRMATION Class of 2022

Amber Ausloos, Bree Bunyea, Ethan Feldner and Josiah Gundersen celebrated the Rite of Confirmation on June 5. They are pictured below with Rev. Hoppert.



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