

Tower Notes

June 2018

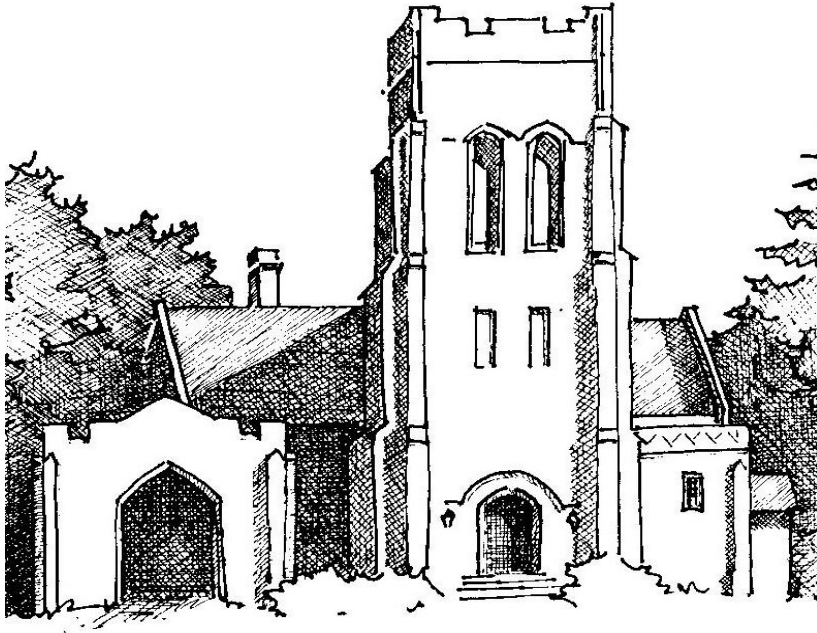
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**Worship Schedule: Sunday at 10:30 AM
YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US EVERY WEEK**

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| June 3 | Worship Service 10:30 AM
Communion, Food Shelf
Second Offering - Fuel Fund
Walk/Run 4:30 PM |
| June 10 | Worship Service 10:30 AM |
| June 17 | Worship Service 10:30 AM
Second Offering - Fuel Fund
Father's Day |
| June 24 | Worship Service 10:30 AM |

**Happy
Father's
Day!**

Moderator's Message

Hello All,

I want to tell you an experience I had with life and the way that sometimes the past comes back into your present life. Growing up, we had this cupboard in our kitchen which I later found out was called a Hoosier. I remember it was the only surface besides our table that my Mom could use as a work surface; we didn't have counter tops. After my Dad passed away, my Mom got remarried and moved to a different house and the Hoosier was put into her basement canning room. She later passed away and the house was being cleared out so I wanted the Hoosier and my brothers didn't object. I carted it home and it went into my garage where it stayed for 10 years or so, then, as it was starting to fall apart, I moved it to my basement where it stayed for another 10 years. I was always planning on resurrecting it but never quite found the time for it. This winter my son Mark asked if he could take it and fix it for me. YEAAA! This past Friday I had a surprise Mother's Day gift. My Hoosier now has a place in my dining area, and it's fully restored and looks great! It brought back so many memories of my past! Even though we want new and better stuff, sometimes it's good to have something of the past come back into our lives.

At our last Council meeting we decided to change our next meeting from June 12 to June 19. Council members, please note the change and put it on your calendars. We also authorized Guardian Pest Control to take care of the bee and beetle problem that we have. They did one treatment last week and will be doing another one in the fall. The cost is \$225 per treatment. Also, this from the Search Committee: We will have the pulpit taken care of through June. The Committee is getting close to having a suggestion to us for a pastor. We talked about having a fall craft/bazaar. Karen, Linda and Cari might be taking this on. Also on the Council agenda was concern about the garden in front of the church. We're hoping to get something done with that before the walk/run. Help is needed.

As you know, we are looking to fill the treat calendar for coffee after church. Please let me or Clarice know if you'd be willing to serve for a Sunday.

Thanks, and hope to see you in church!

Karen Robnik, Moderator

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Search & Call Committee Report

As noted in Karen's message, pulpit supply is scheduled through June. The Committee will begin formal interviews June 1. The plan is for the committee to have a recommendation to take to Council meeting on June 19 for approval. A congregational meeting could be called as soon as June 24 to present the recommendation for the congregation to vote on.

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Remember in Prayer

*The family of Ryan Martin. Ryan passed away on May 15 at the age of 53. His memorial service was on May 23.

*Continue to remember those who are unable to be with us on a regular basis; members, family and friends who are dealing with health problems or surgery; those who grieve; those who have emotional, financial or other hardship; those who are traveling; those who serve our community, country and world.

*If you would like prayer for yourself, family or friends, you may contact Sue Linde, 626-1272, and she will begin the prayer chain.

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Thank You

*Julie Lowe coordinated a successful rummage sale on May 5. It was a big job. Thanks also to the many people who brought things for the rummage and bake sales, helped with the bake sale and in the kitchen serving cones, and worked setting up and cleaning up.

*Kathy & Kevin Behm made arrangements for an exterminator to spray inside and outside the building to take care of the beetles and wasps.

*Thanks to Scott Nickila for mowing the church yard.

*Chet Johnson, Dick & Sue Linde, Sandy Chelstrom, and Karen Robnik all helped clean out the flower beds and plant flowers in front of the church.

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Sunday School is done for the summer, and will resume in September. Thank you to Chris Parenteau for her work teaching the children.

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June 3: Morgan Park 5K Run/2.5K Walk 4:30 pm

Bake Sale, Raffle/Silent Auction, Cones

Eve Graves is expecting a great turn-out of runners and walkers. We have received a number of nice donations for the raffle/silent auction. Be sure to bring in your items, too. The bake sale is very popular with the runners - they love the homemade goodies from our church! If you would like to race or walk, or volunteer to help with the race, contact Eve at runnski@gmail.com or 218-355-0960. Thank you to Eve for her energy and organizational skills to make this a successful and fun event.



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2018 Financial Report – year to date (5/31/18)

Income:	\$ 19,513
Expenses:	19,927
Difference:	\$ - 414

During our search for a new pastor, Rev. Kathy Nelson and Rev. Sara Lund have volunteered to assist as needed (including hospital visits, funerals, etc.). Kathy may be contacted at 724-3637 (Peace Church). Sara may be reached at 218-341-0339 (cell) or at 724-0661.

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Lord, you have poured out amazing blessings on this land!... *Psalm 85:1*

Like many “proud to be an American” citizens, I have always had the utmost respect and devotion to the American flag. Old Glory flew on the front porch of my childhood home in Rock Falls, Illinois, on every holiday and on top of my dad’s pontoon boat that cruised the Rock River for many years.

In my own home I have a sturdy nylon three-by-five-foot American flag that I fly proudly near my front door on every holiday and on days when I just feel like hollering from the rooftops that it’s great to be an American, like the days when my grandchildren were born, or the day my friend won a cruise and invited me to go along.

My son Michael attended the University of Wisconsin, a school known as “the Berkeley of the Midwest,” where students often find something to protest. In January 1991, during the Gulf War, a group of students decided to march down one of the campus’s main streets. At one point, they stopped and set an American flag on fire. Michael heard the commotion from his dorm room and followed the crowd to the burning flag. As a proud member of the National Guard Band, an organization he joined at age seventeen to help pay his way through college, he quickly pushed his way to the center of the crowd where the flag was burning and stomped it out. The protesters were furious, jeering and shouting insults. Finally, the police arrived, and Michael was quickly whisked away in a squad car. “For your own protection, son,” one officer explained as Michael was driven back to his dorm by a couple of officers who were no doubt proud that the young college student had defended his flag.

Here’s to all the red-white-and-blue days in our lives. May Old Glory remind us to cherish our American citizenship every day, not just on Flag Day.




Father, thank You for allowing me to be born in a country where freedom of government, religion and speech - including the right to protest - reign supreme. Help me to appreciate the freedom our flag represents.

Patricia Lorenz

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UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office 10-2	2
3 Worship 10:30 Communion Fuel Fund Food Shelf Rev. Paul VanAntwerp	4	5	6 Office 10-2 Women's Fellowship 12 Noon Trophys	7	8 Office 10-2	9
10 Worship 10:30 Rev. Cherie Daniel	11	12 Council 7:30 Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm	13 Office 10-2	14 Flag Day 	15 Office 10-2	16
17 Worship 10:30 Fuel Fund Father's Day Rev. Paul VanAntwerp	18	19	20 Office 10-2	21 First Day of Summer 	22 Office 10-2	23 Ruby's Pantry Mission Creek Church 11 am
24 Worship 10:30	25	26	27 Office 10-2	28	29 Office 10-2	30
July 1 Worship 10:30 Communion Food Shelf Fuel Fund	2	3	4 	5	6 Office 10-2	7
8 Worship 10:30	9	10 Council 7:30 Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm	11 Office 10-2	12	13 Office 10-2	14

Coming Up in June

- June 3 *Communion, Food Shelf, Fuel Fund
- June 3 *5K Run/2.5K Walk, Silent Auction, Raffle, Bake Sale, Cones 4:30 pm
- June 6 *Women's Fellowship meets 12:00 Noon at Trophys. All women invited.
- June 8 *Asbury Methodist Church donut sale, 7:00-11:00 am, \$4/dozen.
Call church (624-0061) for orders by Wednesday, June 6
- June 14 *Flag Day
- June 17 *Second Offering - Fuel Fund
- June 17 *Father's Day
- June 19 *Council Meeting 7:30 pm, Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm
- June 21 *First Day of Summer
- June 23 *Ruby's Pantry at Mission Creek Church, 11 am-12:30 pm

Looking Ahead to July

- July 1 *Communion, Food Shelf, Fuel Fund
- July 4 *Independence Day
- July 10 *Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm
- July 15 *Second Offering - Fuel Fund
- July 28 *Ruby's Pantry at Mission Creek Church, 11 am-12:30 pm

*All you need is love.
But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt
- Charles Schulz*



June Birthdays

1	Mike Rapaich	9	Todd Nickila
18	Donna Benson	27	Ernest Strandberg

June Anniversaries

1	Jeri & Keith Erickson	11	Jill & Nathan Williamson
13	Lorna & Keith Martin	29	Karen & Kenneth Donald
30	Beth & Peter Bagley		

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United Protestant Church Vision Statement

The United Protestant Church aspires to be a vibrant Christian congregation that is sustainable and welcoming to all, putting its faith into practice through its outreach activities. The church strives to be the center of the community's mind, body and spirit through its ministries and the programs it offers.

June 2018

*100 Years
1917 - 2017*

Father's Day June 17

*The steps of a Good Man
are ordered by the Lord.*

Psalm 37:23

