



# The Messenger

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## Doorstep

Last December Doorstep assisted 260 households involving 822 individuals with Christmas gifts and food. Each year we celebrate "Christmas in July" to get a jump start on collecting new items for our annual Christmas adoption! Our goal is to help alleviate some of the strain during the holidays by also collecting items mid-year. Doorstep will adopt 260 households

with 750+ individuals this December through the Christmas Bureau. By having items donated in July, our Christmas Store Chair, Judy Neher, has a better idea what items we still need by November. Judy is here every week sorting through donations, and organizing the basement where our Christmas donations are stored until the Christmas Store week arrives!

Our focus for Christmas in July is household items, health kit items, toys, school supplies, gifts for men and women, sheet sets, and blankets. These are items that are not seasonal, and easy to find this time of year! The families we adopt are in need of basic items. They are so happy to receive a new set of dishes, new sheets, pots and pan, or a crockpot! We give every family a blanket or quilt. Last year we were short 100 blankets, and had to purchase them the week of the Store.

Each school aged child we adopt receives school supplies and a backpack, if needed. Typically, they have used up their back to school supplies, and they need replenished. Also, each of the 260 households receives a health kit filled with hygiene products, and wrapped with a new bath towel, hand towel and washcloth!

Each child receives one bigger toy as their gift, and other smaller items are available along with games, books, stuffed animals, stocking stuffers etc. Typically, we are lacking in the main gift area. If you can help with toys for children ages 2-12 and gifts for the teenagers (make up and nail kits) we would be grateful.

Please look over the Christmas in July flyer and see how you can help. Doorstep continues to be successful helping people in need because of our member congregations who are working together to provide for their neighbors in need. If everyone pitches in just a little, big things will happen!

Please bring your Christmas donations to worship in July or to Doorstep, Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm.

**Food Room Needs:** Egg Noodles, canned fruit, tuna, spaghetti sauce, dry beans, can milk, jelly, cream of mushroom soup and pork 'n beans. We also need deodorant, shampoo/conditioner and razors for our hygiene packs.

**Clothing Room Needs:** Men's underwear, socks, shoes, jeans and dress slacks; Women's socks and underwear; Boy's jeans sizes 6-16 and underwear. King and queen sheets.

### **Men's Group Ladies' Groups**



The Men's and Ladies' groups met at Banjos on June 21st. Next get together will be on July 19th at 11:30 at Banjos. Take this opportunity for a time with your church family and friends.



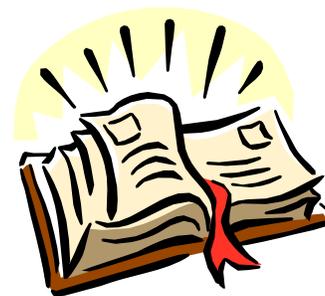
### **July 2019 LECTONARY READINGS**

**July 7 (7th Sunday after Pentecost)** – 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 14 (8th Sunday after Pentecost)** – Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10: 25-37

**July 21 (9th Sunday after Pentecost)** – Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

**July 28 (10th Sunday after Pentecost)** – Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]; Luke 11:1-13





Holy Communion will be observed on July 7th.

## We're Back in Our Sanctuary



**Out with the old**

We are now back in our sanctuary for worship after having to worship in our Fellowship Hall since the furnace fire back in February. Thanks to the generosity of members and friends, we were able to obtain the funds to replace all three furnaces and air conditioners. Two have been installed. We are waiting for some engineering issues to be resolved before the third set is installed. God is good!



**In with the new**

## July Birthdays

Lauren French, July 1<sup>st</sup>

Jo Ann Miller, July 1<sup>st</sup>

Misty Brown, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Francene Beall, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Alex Jones, July 13<sup>th</sup>

Brian McPherson, July 14<sup>th</sup>

Richard O'Neill, July 24<sup>th</sup>



Jim and Kelly Carr, July 18, 2015  
Larry and Susan William, July 24, 1993

## With Gratitude



Dear members:

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your loving care since I joined in June, 2016.

From attendance at my first worship service I knew this was the place God called me to be. The love and fellowship from then on has inspired and guided me through some tough times. After the passing of my wife Vicki I was searching to fill the next chapter in my book called life.

Being recently widowed brought on new challenges. I moved to Topeka to be near George and Bill to share our sorrow for her passing and joy that she was not suffering. You provided acceptance and encouragement like I have never known.

The next big hurdle was my surgery in 2018. The positive vibes continued on as I recovered. Still no cancer cells present!

This is truly a dedicated community of faith.

Shalom,

Charles Franks

### ***Caring for our Members and Friends***



Joy to be back in our sanctuary to worship. Dick and Aggie (joy in birth of great-grandson, Leo), Tad and Gail (joy in birth of great granddaughter, Layla Jean)

Keep these folks in your prayers this week: Mary Ottiwell, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, John Lucero, Jerry Barton, Matthew Rathgeber, Marlene Watson, George Franks, Gale Myers, Jim Carr, Tammy Calkins and Brighton, Paulette Schrock, Rowan Stremmel Kathryn, Mike Robinson

Remember our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, and police officers, the victims of violence in our country; victims of severe weather. Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community, all our government officials, the hungry and the homeless.

# SESSION

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

June 10, 2019



[A] '21 Bob Bodenheimer

[P] '20 Kathy Fuller

[P] '19 Claudia Hamer

[A] '21 Sharon McDaniels

[P] '20 Betty DeShazer

[P] '19 Jan Rice

[P] '21 Jo Ann Miller

[P] '20 Charles Franks

[P] '19 Matthew Reynolds

[A] '21 Janet Schiesser

[P] '20 Bill DeShazer

[P] '19 Stephanie Reynolds

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer

[P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

No formal Treasurer's report at this time. Will be out later. Utilities were lower last month. Water bill was \$20 lower, probably due to a leak that was discovered and capped off. If water bill is lower for three consecutive months, we can request a decrease in the waste water assessment.

Pastor Stacey, Jan Rice and Matthew Reynolds will be conducting a confirmation class for Alex and Ainsley.

Pastor Stacey will be gone July 21<sup>st</sup>. Will be asking Jerome Bernard to play and sing for worship that day.

Funds received to install all three furnaces and AC units. Two have been installed. Third unit will be installed after water issue in furnace room is resolved. May be an engineering issue.

July is St. Andrews month to work in the clothing room at Doorstep on Thursdays.

Next communion will be July 7<sup>th</sup>.

◀ June		July 2019						August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
	1 Lauren French B'day Jo Ann Miller B'day	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6		
7 Communion  Misty Brown B'day	8  6:00 Session	9	10  Francene Beall B'day	11	12	13  Alex Jones B'day		
14  Brian McPherson B'day	15	16	17	18  Jim & Kelly Carr Anniv.	19  11:30 Mens/Ladies Lunch-Banjoes	20  Presbytery Junction City		
21	22	23	24  Larry & Susan William- Anniv.  Dick O'Neill B'day	25	26	27		
28	29	30	31					

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