



# the Chimes

*Hello friends,*

*To become neighbors is to bridge the gap between people.*

*As long as there is distance between us, and we cannot look into one another's eyes, and all sorts of false ideas and images arise.*

*We give them names, make jokes about them, cover them with our prejudices, and avoid direct contact. We think of them as enemies.*

*We forget that they love as we love, care for their children as we care for ours, become sick and die as we do.*

*We forget that they are our brothers and sisters and treat them as objects that can be destroyed at will.*

*Only when we have the courage to cross the road and look into one another's eyes can we see there that we are children of the same*

*God and members of the same human family.*

*We are "bridges over troubled water," we share a common humanity and we are all united by the blood of Jesus Christ.*

*Many of us focus on what divides us, which only reinforces the distance and distrust between us.*

*We need to start focusing on the bridge that unites us and brings us together, and for me, that bridge is Christ Jesus.*

*He has bridged the gap between God The Father and us. He has ended the great divide.*

*We can come together and share food at the same table, praise God.*

*I will talk to you later friends, have a blessed month, Pastor Eric.*

# JUNE 2016

| Sunday   | Monday                                    | Tuesday | Wednesday                          | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday |
|--|---|---------|------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
|  |   |         | 1<br>1:00 New Horizons Bible Study | 2        | 3       | 4        |
| 5<br>8:30 Board of Trustee Mtg.<br>9:00 am Fellowship<br>9:30 Worship Service<br>10:30 Fellowship in Fellowship Hall<br>1:00 to 3:00 pm Bridal Shower for Alex Faust | 6<br>6:30 pm Session Meeting              | 7       | 8                                  | 9        | 10      | 11       |
| 12<br>9:00 am Fellowship in Vestibule<br>9:30am Worship Service<br>10:30 Fellowship in Fellowship Hall<br>10:45 Worship & Music Team Meeting                         | 13<br>6:15 pm Christian Education meeting | 14      | 15                                 | 16       | 17      | 18       |
| 19<br>9:00 am Fellowship in Vestibule<br>9:30 Worship Service<br>10:45 Fellowship in Fellowship Hall   | 20  | 21      | 22                                 | 23       | 24      | 25       |
| 26<br>9:00 am Fellowship in Vestibule<br>9:30 Worship Service<br>10:30 Fellowship in Fellowship Hall   | 27  | 28      | 29                                 | 30       | JULY 01 | JULY 02  |



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## June 2016

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Richard Bierman        | June 01 |
| Troy Valentine         | June 01 |
| Sharon Watts           | June 01 |
| Joni De Vos            | June 03 |
| Pat Veencamp           | June 05 |
| Marilyn Cedar          | June 06 |
| Richard Kruse          | June 06 |
| Colton Rietsma         | June 07 |
| Cheryl Ellis           | June 08 |
| Diane Jolly            | June 09 |
| Nate Patterson         | June 09 |
| Pat Schallehn          | June 09 |
| Megan Fuller           | June 11 |
| Brenda Haack           | June 15 |
| Virginia Whittenburg   | June 21 |
| Emalie Ladenthin       | June 26 |
| Lynn Rochelle Williams | June 26 |
| Noreen Moody           | June 27 |
| Jadyn Burch            | June 28 |
| Bree Knipper           | June 28 |
| Roger Sleezer          | June 29 |
| Lauren Woltman         | June 29 |



**\*\*Bruce Amundson**  
**Donna Amundson**  
**Ami Burch**  
**Marv Frey**

(\*\* designates Head Usher for the Month)



## greeters

June 05  
*Aaron & Joni De Vos  
and family*

June 12  
*David & Janet Sullivan*

June 19  
*Karen Nelson*

June 26  
*Don & Marilyn Reitsma*

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Ron & Donna Mortenson       | June 01 |
| John & Dianne Gordon        | June 04 |
| Paul & Marilyn Cedar        | June 05 |
| Todd & Sonja Faust          | June 11 |
| John & Pat Veencamp         | June 11 |
| James & Ann Robinson        | June 14 |
| Ross & Pat Schallehn        | June 14 |
| Jeff & LeAnn Burkhardt      | June 16 |
| George & Vicki Wittgraf     | June 16 |
| Richard & Janice Abrahamson | June 17 |
| Loren & Sharon Godfrey      | June 19 |
| Bob & Molly Ver Heul        | June 25 |
| Gil & Kathy Bremicker       | June 26 |

My recovery is aided by the many acts of kindness that I have received from all of you at MPC. Thank you!! Your caring has boosted my spirits.

Blessings,  
Betty Berigan

## RADIO MINISTRY

A special thanks goes out to **Jim & Pat Compton** for sponsoring our Radio Ministry for the month of June.

Please feel free to listen to this program on KCHE Radio (92.1 fm) at 9:05 am each Sunday morning.

**Nursery Workers for JUNE:**

June 05: Cara Jacobson  
 Carter Jacobson  
 June 12: Libby Gustafson  
 Maddyson Reinhart  
 June 19: Joni De Vos  
 Nicole De Vos  
 June 26: Dave Ellis  
 Elizabeth Ellis

**PLEASE remember to find a replacement if you are unable to fulfill your obligation or contact the church office. THANK YOU**



*Chancel Flowers for JUNE:*

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <i>June 05 --</i> | <i>Jackie Courtright &amp; Frank Mikolz</i> |
| <i>June 12 --</i> | <i>Ron &amp; Donna Mortenson</i>            |
| <i>June 19 --</i> | <i>Marv Frey</i>                            |
| <i>June 26 --</i> | <i>Amy Sarchet</i>                          |

*Please sign up to help with the Altar Flowers...if you are able to sponsor an OPEN spot please sign up on the sheet outside the Church office. THANKS!!*

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**Our Mission Partners for the month of June is the Laborers with Christ organization. (this is the Les DeRoos Mission).**

*The DeRoos' family mission work in Haiti is based on practical research and raining for the physical well being of the people of Haiti. Les works with the agriculture and helps develop crops that are conducive with the temperatures, soil, and overall environment. Catherine has been teaching English to children in 1st – 4th grade. Seeds of Faith is also another ministry of the DeRoos' family. This is a project that makes available hard to get seeds to the needy people. Their desire and privilege is to make a difference both physically and spiritually in the lives of people in underdeveloped area of the world. By God's grace, this is being accomplished !!*

*To find out more information please look at their website [www.laborerswithchrist.org](http://www.laborerswithchrist.org).*

*For more information please contact the Church Office.*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Barnyard Round up**

**Monday, July 11 through**  
**Thursday, July 14, 2016**  
**at Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
**5:30 supper**  
**6:00 – 8:00 pm VBS fun**

**\*\*\*We are looking for volunteers,**  
**please contact the church office at**  
**712-225-2637\*\*\***



- Keith Johnson – brother-in-law of Gayle Cedar --Health Concerns
- Jerry Boatman – Health Concerns
- Patricia Mikolajczak – sister-in-law of Jackie Courtright – Health Concerns
- Clark Nixon -- Health concerns,
- Ann Krommendyk -- recovering from fall
- Noreen Moody -- Health Concerns
- Betty Stewart-- Health Concerns

(Please let the Church office know if you have any or know of any concerns or requests that need to be added here)

## Memorial Presbyterian Circles

June 01, 2016

New Horizon's Bible Study 1:00 p.m.  
Church Lounge

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, June 22, 2016  
at Danny's Sports Spot  
11:30 a.m.

July 06, 2016

**NO BIBLE STUDY**

*(Anyone is welcome at these meetings)*

*If you have any questions please feel free to contact  
Joyce Woods for more information.*

Synod School 2016 –  
Connecting with Jesus  
in an Over-Connected World

July 24-29, 2016  
Buena Vista University  
Storm Lake, Iowa

For more information please go to  
[www.lakesandprairies.org/synodschool](http://www.lakesandprairies.org/synodschool) or  
call (800) 328-1880 to request a catalog  
be sent to your home address.



Ann Krommendyk -- Cherokee Villa, Cherokee  
Marilyn Cedar-- Countryside Estates, Cherokee  
Betty French -- The Gardens, Cherokee  
Adrian Wright -- Countryside Estates, Cherokee  
Tom Grundman -- Careage Hills, Cherokee  
Bonnie Beck -- Careage Hills, Cherokee  
Betsy Christensen -- Sunset Knoll, Aurelia  
Dale Sleezer -- Countryside Estates, Cherokee  
Noreen Moody -- Countryside Estates, Cherokee



### CHURCH STATISTICS

#### 2016 MONTHLY GIVING REPORT

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| May 01       | \$ 5,012.00        |
| May 08       | \$ 2,728.75        |
| May 15       | \$ 1,704.25        |
| May 22       | \$ 5,128.55        |
| May 29       | \$ 5,093.20        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$19,666.75</b> |

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| General Budget Funds for 2016: | \$ 212,825.00 |
| Needed each week:              | \$ 4,092.78   |
| Received through 05/31/2016    | \$ 83,034.83  |
| Disbursed through 05/31/2016   | \$ 78,879.95  |

#### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH 05/31/16

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Radio Ministry                       | \$ 455.00   |
| Per Capita 2016                      | \$ 544.22   |
| PET (Personal Energy Transportation) | \$ 762.50   |
| Youth Programs                       | \$ 100.00   |
| Seminary Scholarship                 | \$ 100.00   |
| Center of Help Orphanage             | \$ 25.00    |
| One Great Hour of Sharing            | \$ 1,240.20 |
| CCMA                                 | \$ 602.00   |
| CAP                                  | \$ 902.00   |
| Cherish House                        | \$ 20.00    |
| Sunday School--Children              | \$ 123.76   |
| Presbyterian Camp                    | \$ 632.50   |

**TOTAL \$5,507.18**

#### Memorial Prebyterian Church Notecards---

Memorial Presbyterian Women would like to let everyone know that they still have notecards for sale. They are only \$3.00 for 10 cards and the envelopes come with them.

These notecards are blank on the inside and have a very detailed beautiful picture of Memorial Presbyterian Church on the front cover.

If you are interested in purchasing some please contact the Church office at 712-225-2637.

## **GIFT OF THE HEART KITS**

*Our New Horizon's Bible Study group is putting out a challenge to our congregation. These ladies would like to help make some of the below hygiene kits to send to the Presbytery office. The Presbytery office will hold onto these and then distributes them when there is a disaste to individuals that are in need of help..*

### Hygiene Kit

1 – hand towel (approximately 16” x 28”, no bath towels)

1 – washcloth

1 – wide-tooth comb

1 – nail clipper

1 – bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

1 – toothbrush (in original packaging)

6 – Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips

Please do not add toothpaste. Toothpaste with an extended expiraation date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

*Gifts of the Heart Kits are an excellent “hands on” project for youth groups and others that want a tangible way to be involved.*

***How many kits do you think our congregation can make?***

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### HY-VEE RECEIPT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Our local Hy-Vee store Director, Joe Bertino has implemented a new program for our community and our Board of Trustee's here at Memorial Presbyterian Church have decided to be a part of it.

What is the Receipt Program?

The receipt program will encourage our congregational members and families to shop local and help give back to the mission of our choice.

How does the Receipt Program work?

Customers will shop the Cherokee Hy-Vee Food Store, Hy-Vee Pharmacy, Hy-Vee Gifts & More and Hy-Vee Gas Station and save the receipts from their purchases. The receipts must then be turned into the church office or placed in the specially marked basket. MPC will keep a running total of the dollar amount from the receipts. Once the total dollars reach \$100,000 we will return then to Hy-Vee and then in return, Hy-Vee will make a donation of \$1,000 to us to use towards the mission of our choice.

Mission Suggestions?

Do you have a mission that you are passionate about? That you are involved with? If you have a suggestion were we should donate \$1,000 please let Joni in the church office know. She will keep a list of them and then when we receive our first \$1,000 check a decision can be made on where to donate it to.

Questions?

Please contact the church office at (712) 225-2637 or email Joni at [memorialpres@cmpres.com](mailto:memorialpres@cmpres.com).

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**OUR VISION STATEMENT**

“We are called to glorify God and to enjoy His presence, bringing others to know Jesus Christ.”

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

“The Memorial Presbyterian church is called to be a worshipping and working body of believers in Christ. Through humility and love in Christ, we share the Gospel, grow, pray, educate, give and forgive.”

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Monday thru Friday  
(closed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

***The church's email address is:  
memorialpres@cmpres.com  
and the web page is:  
<http://www.cmpres.com>***

***CALL YOUR CHURCH!!***

If you need to contact an Elder or the  
Church office for any reason, please call:  
Office: 712-225-2637

Pastor Eric Wright