



# The *MESSENGER*

July / August 2022



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Items for the **September** edition of this newsletter are accepted in the church office through **9:00AM, Monday, August 22, 2022.**

*Early submissions are  
always joyfully accepted!*

Submitted information will be edited for clarity, accuracy, and length.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be celebrated



Sunday, July 3

Sunday, August 7

Sunday, September 4



## Worship Committee

During your summer season we hope that you are enjoying travel, perhaps, reconnecting with friends and family and appreciating lovely summer evenings that are blessedly free from cicadas!

Please join us for summer worship as often as you can. We will be here to welcome you. Services will start at 10:00AM, and you can rely on thought provoking sermons and words of encouragement from Reverend Lang to carry along with you into the week to come.

We will celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of each month, continuing the use of the individual chalices that are now familiar to most of us. Music will be delightful and varied. Our choir director Kate will provide solo work, the men's and women's volunteer choral groups will be called into service, and we are planning for a Sunday or two featuring instrumental talents as well. We look forward to seeing you here!

Psalm 16:5,6

*O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.*



*From the Minister's Desk*

Homecoming church services may have originated shortly after the Civil War. People would use the weekend of Decoration Day, later Memorial Day, to gather at their family church to honor the recent war dead.

Others trace the origins of homecoming services earlier to the colonial era. Churches were often the hub of both religious and community life. In a nation characterized by frequent relocations westward to the expanding frontier, occasions of homecoming developed to provide an opportunity for those who had moved away to reconnect with family and friends.

Whatever the precise origins of homecoming services, today they frequently are held in September or October, but might occur anytime from June to November.

Regardless of when a homecoming takes place, or what features on the menu, its fundamental components are worship and fellowship. Homecoming is a celebration that our 'lines have fallen in pleasant places,' that we have a 'good inheritance.'

Sunday School teachers, pastors, friends, and others whom we have known and with whom we have lived life in common in a particular congregation helped to shape our religious life.

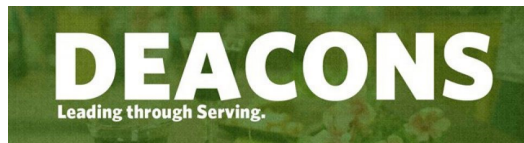
Homecoming reminds us of those relationships and the importance of connection to a congregation.

The First Presbyterian Church of Glendale will hold a homecoming service on Sunday, October 9. Bruce and Beth Archibald will be attending the event. The Rev. Dr. Archibald, HR will participate in the worship service. Following worship, a pig roast lunch catered by Vonderhaar's will be provided.

You will soon receive a reminder in the mail to 'save the date.' An invitation and response card will arrive shortly thereafter. It will be important to return your RSVP (for lunch only) to the church office no later than August 9 as seating is limited and to allow an accurate count for the lunch.

Homecoming this October will be a good opportunity to showcase our church, and reconnect with fellow church members, family, and friends as we offer our thanks to God in worship for our church, one another, and all of life's blessings.

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing - Life forevermore. ~ Psalm 133*



The Deacons offer prayer, companionship, rides, or meals, but don't always know where care is needed. If you know of a need (your own or another's), call the church office or any of our Deacons: Susan Armstrong, Marianna Briner, Jane Johnson, and Susy Spence serving as Moderator.



Diane and Mike B  
William B  
Levi C  
Sara Salvato H  
Thomas M  
Jackie O



### *Let's try something different!*

We'd like to get the newsletter into your hands more quickly while reducing the annual amount the church spends on postage. Beginning with the September issue, newsletters will be available in the Narthex on the last Sunday of the preceding month.



The September issue will be available on Sunday, August 28. Any newsletters remaining in the Narthex on the next business day will be mailed.

Debbie will prepare an alphabetical file from which to collect your

newsletter. A reminder will appear in the worship bulletin and weekly e-blast when newsletter are available.

Newsletters will continue to be mailed to our homebound members and friends and will be available on the website.



... to everyone who helped clean the Church House, kitchen, and restroom in preparation for Fern E's memorial service.



If you are able to help occasionally with general work around the church grounds (trim, water plants, for example) please email Peter. He'll be happy to have your help!

# Mission in *Motion*

Thank  
You!



## ***Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fill the Glendale Village Square with Food event was a great success!***

We loaded a lot of food, personal care items, and cleaning products into the Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center van and the Princeton Closet pickup truck on Saturday, June 17. We also received \$835.00 in cash and check donations to be distributed between these two agencies.

Our sincere thanks to all who helped with the collection and all who made donations for such a worthy cause. Your donations and efforts are essential to families in the Valley area and the Princeton School District. You can be proud of the accomplishments of the First Presbyterian Church of Glendale!

Once again, Dave C puts his special skills to work organizing Fill the Glendale Village Square with Food. He certainly knows how to get it done successfully. Thank you Dave!



Let's fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year!

You may pick up a shoebox or boxes (label and gift suggestions inside each box) from the Narthex on Sundays, July 10 and 17. Don't forget to look for the number on the bottom of the box and write your name beside the corresponding number on the sheet provided. Boxes should be returned on or before Sunday, July 24.

You Mission committee thanks you for providing Christmas for a child or children who might otherwise feel forgotten.

To learn more about Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child, please visit their website

[www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/about-us](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/about-us)

Two shoeboxes were tracked last year via their label. One box went to a child in the South African state of Togo, and the other went to a child in Uganda.

## ***25th Annual Golf Outing Saturday, September 17***



... in memory of our friends

Sylvia and Tom A. Our non-golfing members and friends are invited to the awards and refreshments afterwards.

More details will be available in the Sunday worship bulletin and Thursday e-blast as the date approached.





# July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Norman O .....	1
Westi B.....	2
<i>Barbara and Craig W.....</i>	3
Connor C.....	10
Kate G.....	29
Sarah H.....	29



# August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jeffrey L.....	4
Carol F .....	12
Diane L .....	12
Bob S.....	12
<i>Linda and Tom S .....</i>	12
<i>Mary and Craig S.....</i>	17
Carol M.....	19
Karen R.....	19
Bob J .....	19
Mike F.....	19
<i>Carol and Bill F .....</i>	20
<i>Jackie and Dick O .....</i>	26



## Wednesdays, July 13 and August 10

All men are invited to lunch and fellowship at Gold Star on Springfield Pike in Springdale.

Fellowship begins when you arrive; lunch begins at 12:30pm.





# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3  10:00AM- Worship	4  INDEPENDENCE Day <b>Office Closed</b>	5 3:00PM- Mission committee mtg	6	7 10:00AM- Gentle Yoga	8	9
10 10:00AM- Worship <i>Christmas in July shoeboxes available</i>	11	12	13 12:30PM- Men's Lunch at Gold Star	14	15	16
17 10:00AM- Worship <i>Food Offering Christmas in July shoeboxes available</i>	18 2:00PM- Squirrely Stitchers	19	20	21 10:00AM- Gentle Yoga	22	23
24 10:00AM- Worship <i>Return Christmas in July shoeboxes</i>	25	26	27	28 10:00AM- Gentle Yoga	29	30
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# August

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	1 2:00PM- Squirrely Stitchers	2 <i>Have your returned your Homecoming lunch RSVP?</i>	3	4	5	6
7  10:00AM- Worship	8 9:00AM- Committee reports to Session due	9 <i>Homecoming lunch RSVP due to the church office <u>today</u>.</i>	10 12:30PM- Men's Lunch at Gold Star 6:00PM- Session meeting	11 10:00AM- Gentle Yoga	12	13
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Worship begins at 10:00AM  
Sunday, June 12 - Sunday, September 4.

### *Church Office Hours*

Monday, 9AM-3PM, Tuesday, 9AM-1PM  
Wednesday, 9AM-1PM, Thursday, 9AM-3PM  
The office is *closed* every Friday.

Shared with you in Christian love



## *God among the rubble*

The nonprofit World Central Kitchen (WCK) provides fresh meals for communities in need following natural disasters or during humanitarian crises. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, WCK fed millions of people in the country and refugees at border crossings.

When I feel discouraged by tragic news and ask where God is, I'm reminded that God shows up precisely in people such as the WCK teams. They are God's hands serving healthy food to people fleeing home. They are God's heart and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.

Often in the Bible, God shows up around meals: Sarah and Abraham host the Lord in the form of three visitors; God rains manna from heaven for the Israelites; an angel provides food for exhausted Elijah; Jesus eats with "tax collectors and sinners" and feeds crowds with a few loaves and fish. Supremely, Jesus give to all the meal of Holy Communion, the bread and wine that are his very body and blood.

In our broken world, God is among the rubble,  
among the helpers, among us.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

