

The Brooke ~ August 2017

By the time you read this, Brooke Road UMC has:

1. Witnessed a couple pronounce their wedding vows;
2. Said goodbye and celebrated the life of a much beloved member;
3. Dispensed food items to the community in conjunction with another neighborhood church;
4. Nurtured children to become disciples of Jesus Christ through Sunday School and Vacation Bible School;
5. Opened our doors to Red Cross as they assisted flood victims rendered temporarily homeless;
6. Provided "dignity items" (such as deodorant and toothbrushes) to several households; and
7. Prepared and served lunch for homeless guests at Carpenter's Place.

I'm not used to this much activity in one month, coming from a quiet country church. But I love it! So many opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. So many opportunities to meet our Lord in the faces of strangers. So many opportunities to experience our Lord's grace. What a blessing to be part of The Brooke's family!

I can't begin to imagine how many lives we have touched this past month. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." And so, just this past month, we have celebrated with our Lord, we have welcomed our Lord, and we have fed our Lord. Jesus must be smiling upon The Brooke...

We have accomplished so much in the one month I've been here. I can't wait to see what else I'll be in for. Won't you continue to come with me, hand in hand, to serve our Lord?

In Christ,

Pastor Nancy

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Sermon Foci for August, 2017

August 6 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 32:22-31 and Matthew 14:13-21

The scripture focus is Matthew 14:16 – “Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’”

The title of the sermon will be: “RSVPs Not Necessary”

The feeding of the crowd of at least 5,000 is about gracious, abundant, radical hospitality. From this story, we learn that we are to welcome everyone who enters the doors of Brooke Road UMC with welcome arms. We don't turn anyone away. Everyone should ALWAYS be fed – either for body sustenance or for spiritual refills.

August 13 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Matthew 14:22-33

The scripture focus is Matthew 14:31 – Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’

The title of the sermon will be: “Don't Be Distracted by the D.O.T.s”

D.O.T. is an acronym I made up which stands for Distractions, Obligations, and Temptations. So many of us see the Lord and WANT to follow him – yet we get distracted by this world. We need to remember that the Lord will see to it that we will accomplish miracles if our eyes and attention are focused on HIM.

August 20 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – Blessings of the Backpacks

Readings: Genesis 45:1-15 and Matthew 15:21-28

The scripture focus is Matthew 15:24 – He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

The title of the sermon will be: “Fully God and Fully Man”

Jesus did a radical turn-around in his own attitude and ministry in the scripture reading for the day. Upon first reading of this passage, it seems that Jesus was a bit abrupt with the woman. Might I suggest he may have been a bit rude, perhaps? But when we delve into why he responded in such a way, we realize that Jesus was just being human – just like us.

August 27 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 1:8-2:10 and Matthew 16:13-20

The scripture focus is Matthew 16:15 – He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

The title of the sermon will be: “Who do the surrounding community say we are?”

The sermon will focus on what the surrounding community would lose if Brooke Road UMC was to go away. Will the community notice we are gone? Or will they say, “Brooke Road UMC is sorely missed by

Healthy Churches/Hopeful Future

The fourth and last session was held March 11, 2017 and the topic was “Picturing the Future”: realizing that God is not done with us ... And if that's the case, how will we participate in God's future?”

We looked at the life cycle of the church – Vision; Relationship; Program; Structure

“Fresh vision for the future”

“Relationship that embraces new people”

“Programs with focus outward”

“Structure - anchor vs skeleton”

What does the Bible say about the church?

Genesis 12: 1-5; Matthew 5: 13-16; Luke 4: 16-21; Isaiah 49: 1-7; 1 Peter 2: 9-12; Isaiah 62: 1-12; and 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27.

There was more to this session that will be in the next newsletter.

Sanctuary Choir

Sanctuary Choir will resume practices **Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 7:00pm**. First anthem of Fall will be **Sunday, September 17, 2017**.
Mark your calendars!



Thank You

Thank you so much for everything you did for my family and friends due to Darrel's unexpected death. May the Lord be with him!

Blessing of Backpacks

Sunday, August 20th during 10:00am worship

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is in the middle of switching banks. By the middle of August we will be capable of accepting your pledges electronically - from your bank to our account. We will have the information on how to do this available on the table in the narthex. We are finally creeping into the 21st century!

*Joanne Talbott,
Finance Chair*

Monthly Finance Update

The Finance Committee has provided the following Current Fund information:

June income:	\$ 9,610.46
June disbursements:	\$10,114.08

This information is always available to anyone who wants it by contacting Joanne Talbott (Finance Chair), or Sandy McCallum (Treasurer).

Becoming A Green Church

Energy Use:

Cleaning Products

Use non-toxic dish detergent, laundry detergent and cleaning products.

Use safe cleaning products either purchased or homemade.

To be continued.....

Diabetes Group

Just a reminder that there are two diabetes magazines for your reading in the library now. They have articles that cover many aspects of diabetes management. For instance, in *Diabetes Self Management*, the articles run from children with type 2 diabetes to diabetic cooking. This magazine also makes comparisons of frozen treats that are on the market. In *Diabetes Forecast*, the focus is on an active lifestyle. **GET UP and GO! Summer Fitness & Travel Issue.**



Children's Sunday School volunteers needed Sunday mornings 9:45am - 11:15am

Please contact Joe Warner or Pastor Nancy if you can help with this rewarding ministry.

United Methodist Women

Date/Time	Program	Hostess
September 12, 2017 1 PM	Racial Justice	Hazel Dyke Mickey Navarro
September Mission Project	Flashlights for Rock House Kids September 10-25, 2017	
September 23, 2017 8:30 AM-Noon	Rockford District Fall Annual Meeting Pecatonica, IL	
October 10, 2017 1 PM	Gigi's Place	Sandy McCallum
November 14, 2017 1PM	World Thank Offering: A Community of Thankful Women – Nancy Wickson	Joella Warner
December 12, 2017 12 Noon	Lunch Out	Lyla Flynn
January 9, 2018 1 PM	Called To Serve Communities Around The World: Regional Missionaries Joella Warner	Char Doyle
January Mission Project	Midwest Mission Project To Be Determined	
February 13, 2018 1 PM	ESL – Literacy Council	Lyla Flynn
March 13, 2018 1 PM	Call To Prayer & Self-Denial Maternal & Child Health – Ann Phillips	Carol Scribner Char Mason
April 10, 2018 1 PM	Minimalist Living	Jackie Parod
May 8, 2018 1 PM	The Gambling Issue presentation by Anita Bedell, Ex. Director, IL Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems	Nancy Wickson
June 12, 2018 12 Noon	Out To Lunch	Lyla Flynn

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 1

Kim Fahlbeck

August 6

Aubrey Wallace

August 9

Jim Joiner

August 12

Mary Mitts

August 14

Jeralynn Cox

August 15

Mona Wilson

August 17

Bev Clendening

August 23

Bev Faerber
Nancy Wickson

August 27

Lisa Sarver-Schade

August 29

Kim Campbell

August 8

Don & Bev Faerber

August 18

Dan & Victoria O'Connell

August 22

Dennis & Sharon O'Hara
Carrol & Shirley Walker

Our Military

Matt Cowan, Matt Crabtree, Scott Dickson, Thomas Helsler,
Will Hoyum, Ian Long, Joshua Mattson, Jonathan Modler, Jerry Nettles,
Stacy Huser, Christine Tornow, Tommy Turnure, Ryan & Kate (Vowles) Levack

Our Homebound

June Durham, John Pippel,
John Sauer, Doug Skrinski, Charlene Taylor

Family and Friends

Chris Beebe, Dorothy Benjamin, Rick Bried, Marion Carlson, Dorothy Carpenter,
Lillian Dietz, Ardene Friest, Pastor Nancy & Alvin, Dan O'Connell,
Phil & Vivian Schwab, Dean Smith, Laurece Thompson, Shirley Walker, Maxine Zolk

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> 9:30am SPRC
<u>6</u> 9:00am Christianity & Islam 10:00am Worship	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 5:30pm Finance 6:30pm Trustees	<u>9</u> 6:00pm Celebration	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> 9:00am Christianity & Islam 10:00am Worship	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 10:30am Paper Angel Closet 6:30pm Council	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 9:00am - 1:00pm Clothing Give Away
<u>20</u> 9:00am Christianity & Islam 10:00am Worship	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> 6:00pm Celebration Choir	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> 9:00am Christianity & Islam 10:00am Worship	<u>28</u> 12:30pm Serve lunch at Carpenter's Place	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir	<u>31</u>		

Our Mission at The Brooke is

to transform lives
through faith, love, and service.

Our Vision for The Brooke is

to be a transforming congregation
of believers to serve the community,
renew lives, and build faith.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday **CLOSED**

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Sunday Schedule

9:00am

“Christianity and Islam”

10:00am

Worship & Sunday School
(Nursery available for NB - 4 years)

Following Worship

No fellowship time in August;
resuming in September in dining room