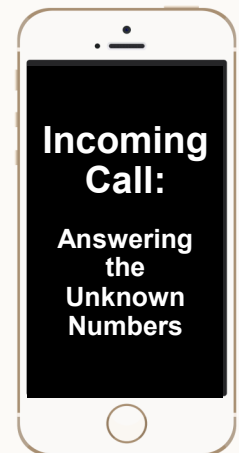


# The Brooke ~ June ~ 2018

Hello Church Family!

I am overjoyed to be writing my first newsletter article and am so excited to worship with you. As I write this, my husband Kyle and I are in the process of packing up our apartment in Chicago and preparing to move to Rockford. We can't thank you enough for the generous welcome you've already shown us in preparing the parsonage, planning meals with us, sending thoughtful emails, and most importantly - continuing to be exactly who you are as you've kept ministry moving at The Brooke. It says so much about a church and your love for God and one another that through times of transition, you faithfully keep moving forward, participating in meal programs, singing in choir, preparing for Vacation Bible School, working diligently in committees, and showing up for the many other ministries you participate in, all the while praising God for the opportunities we have to be of service.

As we get to know one another, I'm eager to learn about how God is calling each of you individually and The Brooke as a community to be part of the world-changing project that we call Christianity. We'll be exploring our callings together in the month of June with the sermon series, "Incoming Call: Answering the Unknown Numbers." When I worked my first job at Waukegan Harbor, we didn't have caller ID and the front desk staff had to answer every call the same way: introducing ourselves and asking how we could help the caller. As we look at four stories of God calling people and communities in scripture, we'll ask what it would mean for us to respond confidently to the calls on our own lives, knowing who we are and being brave enough to ask God how we can help – even when the call might be to something totally different than we've imagined.



On June 3rd, we'll celebrate communion and study the call story of Samuel, where he learns that nobody figures out a calling by themselves. On June 10th, we'll read Luke's account of Jesus calling the first disciples and ask just how big a deal it was that Jesus chose fishermen instead of scholars to be teachers and preachers. On June 17th, we'll spend some time thinking about the United Methodist mission statement and our collective calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, in the context of Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 22:36-40. Finally, we'll conclude the series on June 24th with the call story of Jeremiah, asking what God says about ageism – the type of discrimination experienced by both younger folks and older folks – learning how God's expectations of us are wildly different than society's expectations.

We have so much to learn about one another and so much that I know we will accomplish together, and I can't wait to get started! I've been praying for all of you, as you've celebrated the ministry of Pastor Nancy and her family, as you've done so much work to prepare for Kyle and me to come, and for all of those moving pieces in your own lives that don't stop when change happens at church. My prayer for each of you is that you know how deeply you are loved – by God, by your family at The Brooke, and by me. Please pray for me too, that God would use me to serve the church and our community so that all people will know that love!

***Looking forward to this new season together,  
Pastor Violet***

P.S. Please feel free to reach me at [violet@the-brooke.org](mailto:violet@the-brooke.org) or by text or call at 847-651-4857

## *Diabetes Group*

The Diabetes Group will meet on June 20, 2018 at 10 AM in the library.

## *United Methodist Women (UMW)*

It's time for **Peanut Butter Rally!** The Rock River Pantry's goal is 20,000 Jars. We collected 100 pounds last year. Let's see if we can beat that this year. Collection will begin June 6 and go through June 20. Look for the purple barrel.

On May 8, we heard from Anita Bedell from ILCAAAP about the gambling issue in IL. Did you know that Rockford has the highest losses due to video gambling in the state? The city has 418 machines and the loss for March 2018 was \$3,533,571.33! The video machine vendor gets 35%; the establishment 35%; the city 5%; and the gambler and family get nothing.

On June 12, we will meet at the Hoffman House for lunch. Please let Lyla Flynn (815.397.1904) know if you plan to attend.

## *Fellowship*

**Many thanks to Alvin Vidad for doing the dishes after fellowship.** We need someone to do this on Sunday mornings. If you can help, let the office (815.398.8914) know. Thanks.

Thank you to those who provided delicious goodies during May. The June providers are:

June 3	Potluck
June 10	Nancy Wickson
June 17	Joella Warner
June 24	Open

Please see the list on the bulletin board to sign up on open date.

## *Community Garden*

A big THANK YOU to everyone who pitched in to get the gardens ready for planting! To Lori for the great flyers; to Gene, Denny, Pastor Joe & Judy for shoveling the 2 yards of dirt; to Denny for tilling the beds and not breaking any bones when he fell out of one of them; to Judy for helping distribute the flyers; and a special thanks to Gene & Denny for building the platforms behind the trees to set the rain barrels on. It was a big job, and we may all be "seniors", but we are mighty in deed and spirit! We still have a bed or two not reserved, so call the church if you want to reserve a bed.

Let's get planting!

## *Name Tags & Directory*

Please be sure to wear your name tag during worship and fellowship. This is nice for visitors and will be especially helpful for Pastor Violet and Kyle Johnicker when they join us in June. If you need a name tag, please print name on list in narthex.

If you have changed your address, phone and/or email address and have not yet notified office, please do so as soon as possible. We're not able to update directory if you don't provide new information to us.

## *Monthly Finance Update*

The Finance Committee has provided the following Current Fund information:

**April income: \$23,062.29**

**April disbursements: \$10,832.65**

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

## *June Birthdays and Anniversaries*

### **June 5**

Randy Cook  
Mary Ann Sarver  
Joe Warner

### **June 9**

Steve Witz

### **June 10**

Denny O'Hara

### **June 15**

Don Carlson

### **June 16**

Kyle Johnicker

### **June 18**

Laurece Thompson

### **June 24**

Sara Helser

### **June 26**

Shelby Coleman

Joanne Talbott

### **June 30**

Jack O'Hara

### **June 2**

Bob & Joanne McKinney

### **June 8**

Phil & Vivian Schwab  
Don & JoAnne Carlson

### **June 14**

Shelby Colman & Cheryl May

### **June 18**

Randy & Jan Cook

### **June 25**

Chas & Judy Parks

### *Our Military*

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

### *Our Homebound*

John Pippel, John Sauer,  
Doug Skrinski, Charlene Taylor

### *Family and Friends*

Boots Baxter, Chris Beebe, Dorothy Benjamin, Jeff Bennett, Rick Bried,  
Dorothy Carpenter, Ardene Friest, Pastor Violet and Kyle Johnicker,  
Mike McClanahan, Dan O'Connell, Phil & Vivian Schwab, Ronna Tewell,  
Laurece Thompson, Pastor Nancy and Alvin Vidad, Maxine Zolk, Diane Zwirblis

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 9:00am - 1:00pm Clothing Sale
<u>3</u> 9:00am Worship  Following Worship Welcome Potluck	<u>4</u>  5:30pm Christian Ed	<u>5</u>  6pm Trustees	<u>6</u>  6:00pm Celebration Choir	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>  Noon SPRC/Staff/ Volunteers Picnic at Warners'
<u>10</u> 9:00am Worship	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>  Noon UMW lunch at Hoffman House  5:45pm Finance	<u>13</u>  6:00pm Celebration Choir	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 9:00am Quilters	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> 9:00am Worship	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>  10:30am Paper Angel Closet  6:00pm Council	<u>20</u>  10:00am Diabetes Group  6:00pm Celebration Choir	<u>21</u>  5:00pm Book Group at Warners'	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> 9:00am Worship	<u>25</u>  12:30pm Serve lunch at Carpenter's Place	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>  9:00am Breakfast at Alpinie View  6:00pm Celebration Choir	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</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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**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 - 3:30 PM  
Friday **CLOSED**

Phone: 815-398-8914

Website: [www.the-brooke.org](http://www.the-brooke.org)

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**Sunday Schedule**

*Worship ~ 10:00am*

*Nursery available for NB - 4 years*

**Pastoral Care**

**May 30-June 5**

**Pastor Joe**

Phone 815-222-2100

Email [jojoewarn@aol.com](mailto:jojoewarn@aol.com)

**Beginning June 6**

**Pastor Violet**

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