



BETTENDORF

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2025

LOVE ALL – SERVE ALL

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“Be still and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

Psalm 46:10

How do you “exalt” God? What does the exaltation of God mean to you? Is your exaltation of God more meaningful as a personal activity or when practiced in the community of faith?

For some of us, the praise and adoration of God comes more easily through music and song. For others it is more about quiet prayer and contemplation. For some, the vaulted glory of a gothic cathedral or the comfort of a home worship space evokes an upwelling of praise to God. For others, the vaulted glory of the mountains and the vastness of the sea draws out our exaltation of our Creator. For me personally, the glory of God’s creation – mountains, sea and forest – has always elicited my praise and adoration.

To that end, I recently came across once again a poem by Mary Oliver that speaks to my heart and captures so well my thoughts when I find myself in God’s glorious creation...

When I am Among the Trees
By Mary Oliver

*When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally among the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.*

*I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.*

*Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, “Stay awhile.”
The light flows from their branches.*

*And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say,
“and you too have come into the world to do this,
to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine.”*

I pray that you find the space in your life where the exaltation of God flows naturally from your heart. And I pray that you are able to visit the space often!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Troy

August Worship

August 3
Holy Communion and
Food Pantry Sunday
"Stuff"
Luke 12: 13-21

August 17
World-Changing Ideas
Isaiah 5: 1-7



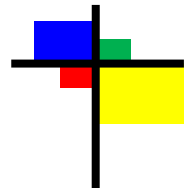
August 10
Look Busy
Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

August 24
Jesus vs Galactus
Colossians 1: 15-28

August 31
The Gold Standard
Luke 14: 1-14

Notes from the July Session Meeting

- There was no Session Meeting in July.



Please include in your prayers for Healing :

Jackie Anderson, Ryan Behnke, Kathy Blodig, Brad Campbell, Megan Daniels, Jeffrey Davies, Jane Fox, Jim Fox, Kay Getting, Marjorie Harden, Ben Hedlund, Stephanie Hitchings, Mike Hoenig, Joan Hovey, Jim Kaderbek, Katie, Shawn LaCarte, Helen Lensch, Carl Melton, Janie Mitchell, Darlene Neff, Peggy Nelson, Michelle Newton, Adam Pope, Sarah Qualls, Lee Rasmussen, Martie Reynolds, Kevin Ross, Mary Lou Sanders, Jo Bates' granddaughter: Laura Sanders, Jim Saul, Paul Schnyder, Brandy Schroeder, Kathy Schroeder, Sharon Shope, Liz Stoffer, Dick Stotlar, Mary Thul, Evelyn Thurston, Molly Van Horn, Arlene Vincent, Gene Vincent.

Please share with the church office when your prayers have been answered and/or you wish to be removed from the list.



Join us for a special fellowship hour!

NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION

August 3rd

Following 9am Service

Attendance & Offering

*I will be loyal to our Lord through the Church and be
supportive with my Prayers, Presence,
Gifts and Service*

June 2025

ATTENDANCE		OFFERING		
DATE	9am	10:45am	online	
1-Jun	83	32	6	\$ 1,690.22
8-Jun	99	33	12	\$ 11,722.14
15-Jun	114	25	13	\$ 21,200.50
22-Jun	89	37	13	\$ 3,630.00
29-Jun	90	77	UNK	\$ 1,747.00
other offerings				\$ 498.65
Total Month Offering				\$ 40,488.51
Other Month Income				\$ 266.55
Total Month Income				\$ 40,755.06
TOTAL expenses for Month			<u>% of Budget</u>	\$ 27,243.40
Year to Date Total Income			51.63%	\$ 233,878.61
Year to Date Total Expenses			51.83%	\$ 209,224.30
Annual Income budget 2025				\$ 453,003.00
Annual Expense budget 2025				\$ 403,660.00

GIVING TREE



- Any Candy Bars (full size)
- Granola Bars
- Gum/Mints
- Snack packages of crackers
- Large Boxes of Tissues

We want to **encourage** the teachers and staff at Mark Twain Elementary School in Bettendorf with a goody bag that is decorated by our VBS participants. We are putting together a goody bag for all 63 of them. This includes teachers, aides, nurse, secretaries, principal, etc. We are also collecting large boxes of tissues for the classrooms.

DUE BACK SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

We will assemble the goodies on Sunday, **August 10** between services in the room off of Fellowship Hall. *Questions? See Marie Winder*

Help us Assemble Gift Bags for Mark Twain Staff!

Between services on Sunday, August 10 (at approximately 9:50am), we will take the donations from the Giving Tree (see above) and assemble gift bags from them. We'll assemble bags for 63 staff - many hands will make light work! It won't take long and we'll still be able to enjoy Fellowship Hour.



Meet in the room off of Fellowship Hall at 9:50am (right after first service) on August 10th.



To help serve dinner to our Journey students Wednesday nights from 5:15-6:45pm starting in September. No cooking required and you can choose your dates to volunteer.

Contact Walter Henry if you are interested at 563-676-1634.

SERVE OUT OPPORTUNITY!

August 4th, 3:30-6:30pm

RIVER BEND FOOD BANK

Assist guests by restocking shelves, working check-in, shopping and/or maintaining cleanliness at the Food Bank located at Northpark Mall (on the NE side of the mall, near the Von Maur entrance). Anyone ages 10 and older is welcome to volunteer. Must wear closed-toed shoes. Some lifting and standing involved.



Sign up on the Serve Out Board in the Narthex or at bettpres.org/serve

Giving Tree - New needs, but NO TAGS!

Hope at the Brick House is a special mission to many at BPC. They are in need of school supplies for their students - all basic back-to-school items.

Items Needed:

Sharpened #2 pencils

Crayola crayons 24 ct.

pens

Highlighters

pencil topper erasers

wide rule loose leaf paper

Fiskar scissors

Pocket folders

colored pencils

dry erase markers

glue stix

hard plastic pencil boxes

composition books

large pink erasers

markers (8 count)

wide ruled notebooks

Just bring items to the bin next to the Giving Tree.

Collection runs from August 3 to August 17.





Adult Birthdays

Jan Ridgeway	1
Kathy Crooks	2
Ryan Luedtke	2
Sam Gustafson	3
Lucas Soncarty	3
Stephanie Gainey	4
Amber McCrea	5
Jacob Ruchotzke	8
Alison McCrary	11
Janet Tumey	12
Matthew Van Horn	12
William Fuhr	13
Courtney Murzyn	13
Claire Johnson	13
Kerry Biggs	14
Samuel Ruchotzke	14
Roger Crooks	15
Tracy Kimler	16
Emmelia Soncarty	16
Gene Vincent	17
Paul Schnyder	17
Kurt Matzen	18
Jane Fox	20
Penny D'Auben	21
Montie Gauss	22
Megan Batt	23
Jason Dollins	24
Aaron Williams	24
Angellette Lowry	26
Kara Mitvalsky	27
Keith Lehman	28
Sarah Barker	29
Bill Lesch	31
Daileen Sands	31
Benj Kost	31

Youth Birthdays

Alexander Gainey	1
Connor Lechelt	15
Kyah Ross	16
Kade Williams	22



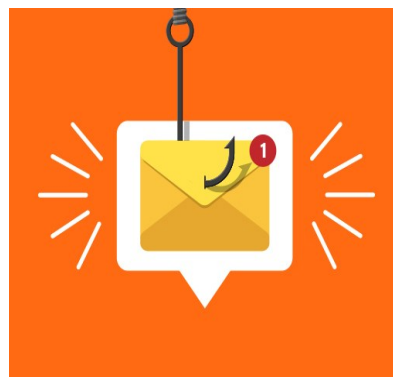
Anniversaries

William & Stephanie Hitchings	1
Jacob & Dawn O'Connor	3
Jeff & Kim Lindaman	5
Conrad & Abbie Keibler	7
Michael & Julie McCreary	8
Emilee & Gabriel Alesi	9
William & Ann Collett	10
Jay & Kim Kidwell	12
Marechal & Precious Childe	12
Tim & Kay Downing	15
Bob & Sue Noth	22
Daniel & Mary Hasty	24
William & Carrie Fuhr	26
Ken & Linda Beck	27
Matthew & Kristen Gropel	27
Dan & Julia Benson	28
Diana & Randy Schau	29
Debra & Michael Alvarado	30
Matthew & Heidi Erickson	30

Phishing alert!

Phishing is “the fraudulent practice of sending emails or other messages purporting to be from reputable companies (or persons) in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.”

If you receive an email from anyone on the church staff asking for money, gift cards, “a discreet meeting,” or anything like this, do not even open the email – delete it immediately! No one on staff would send such a note. This is good practice with any email that seems ‘phishy’ – and NEVER open attachments unless you are absolutely sure they are safe.



Please Keep the Church Informed!



If you experience a hospitalization or illness and want the church to be aware please contact the church office. Do not assume that the hospital will contact the church.

Likewise, if you move, change phone numbers or email address please let us know.



Donate your empty, clean pill bottles to the Bell Animal Hospital. Just bring your containers to the church office and place them in the box!

Gilded Pages

1:00 pm

August 25

Becoming

by Michelle Obama



Oners August Event

Oners will meet
Sunday, August 24

Location to be announced.



Who: All Men

Where: Bettendorf Presbyterian Church

When: Saturday, August 9th

Time: 8:00 AM

We would enjoy your company! If you have any questions call Ron Owen. The Coffee Pot Will Be On!

(Sometimes there are even donuts)

Illowa Folk Contra Dance

4th Friday of each Month, 7 pm

Bettendorf Presbyterian Church

- All dances taught before dancing
- No partner needed
- Lines, Trios, Groups, Circles etc.
- Danced to live music (whenever possible)
- Fun!

Watch for announcements on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/IllowaCommunityFolkDance>

Sign up for the email mailing list - send email to: illowafolkdance@gmail.com

Dance Schedule 2025:

22 August
26 September

28 November
26 December
24 October



Presbyterian Women's Circles

Groups meet for Bible Study, mission and fellowship.

Circles are open to any woman. Contact Nancy Duvall (563-449-6015) if you are interested in learning more.



Circles meet September-May on the schedule shown below -

No meetings in August!

Charis Circle - Meeting the second Thursday of the month at 1:00pm

Friendship Circle - Meeting the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm

Circle of Joy - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00am

Mary/Martha - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm

Deborah Circle - Meeting the second Sunday of the month at 12:00pm

NOTE: PW Board *usually* meets at 9 am, the first Saturday of the month - But NO MEETING this month - instead: BOARD RETREAT 9am-noon, Saturday, August 16th.

PW BOARD 2025-2026

Moderator 1: Nancy Duvall

Moderator 2: Janet Coogan

Secretary: Linda Beck

Treasurer: Margie Froeschle

Outreach: Sharon Pipe

Historian: Alison McCrary and Sharon Getty

Mission: Sue Rector

PW Bulletin Board: Janet Coogan

Search Committee: Alison McCrary and Ginny Tudeen

Communications: Marie Winder

EVENT COORDINATORS:

Ice Cream Social: Sharon Getty and Lynn Stotlar

Fall Vendor Event: Sue Rector, coordinator, Kim Turner

Cookie Walk: Nancy Duvall

Winter Fundraiser: Alison McCrary, coordinator, Kim Kidwell, Judy Hahm, Laurie Harrison

Spring Social: Deb Alvarado, Jane Garrett and Megan Batt

Circle Leaders:

Charis: Marilyn Owen and Judy Hiles

Circle of Joy: Sharon Getty and Lynn Stotlar

Deborah: Marie Winder and Amy Kuhel

Friendship: Janet Coogan and Doris Grimes

Mary/Martha: Mary Hasty and Linda Beck

PW FUNDRAISING EVENTS:


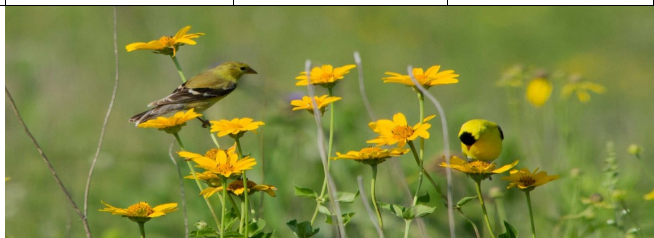
VENDOR FAIR: Saturday, November 1 at BPC

Cookie Walk: Saturday, December 6th at BPC



August




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
3 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 New Member Reception 10:45 Holy Communion Noon-4 Fellowship Hall and kitchen in use	4 3:30 Serve Out River Bend Food Bank	5 9:00 Exercise 6:30 BSA Troop 89	6	7 9:00 Exercise 6:30 Praise Band	8	9 8:00 Men's Prayer Group 9:30-11 Lower Level in use 5:00 Youth Stock Holders Dinner
10 9:00 Traditional Worship 9:50 Gift Bag Assembly 10:00 Fellowship 10:45 Modern Worship	11	12 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Happy Stampers 6:30 BSA Troop 89	13 6:00 Session	14 9:00 Exercise 3-9:00 Friendship Force 6:30 Praise Band	15	16 9-noon PW Board Retreat 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
17 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:45 Modern Worship	18 4:30 Mission Concerns	19 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Outreach 6:30 BSA Troop 89	20	21 9:00 Exercise 6:00 Board of Deacons 6:30 Praise Band	22 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Illowa Folk Dance	23 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
24 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:45 Modern Worship 11:15 Oners	25 1:00 Gilded Pages	26 9:00 Exercise 6:30 BSA Troop 89	27	28 9:00 Exercise 6:30 Praise Band	29	30 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
31 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:45 Modern Worship						



KIDS & YOUTH NEWSLETTER



FAMILY EVENT

August 10th: 11:45-2pm

Join us after 2nd service for hot dogs
& s'mores provided for lunch!
Tie-dye (bring your own shirts), water
activities, prizes, and games!
Rain Date: August 17th, 11:45pm



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the volunteers
who made this such a fun week!
There were close to 60 volunteers
throughout the week!! We had over
35 kids each night. The kids raised
money for our compassion kid -
Leselel!

STOCKHOLDERS DINNER

Our annual stockholders dinner
will take place in Fellowship Hall
on August 9th at 5pm. Please
RSVP to Jake or the office by
August 3rd. We are excited to
share about our mission trips!

Middle School: Kenosha, WI
High School: Muskegon, MI



GREAT NEWS!

Both middle and high school
mission trips are complete!
Prayers of thanks to the
wonderful adult leaders and
willing-hearted youth who
served this summer!

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 14TH
YOUTH GROUP WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 14TH
JOURNEY WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 10TH



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Organist, Deb Swift

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED