



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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DATE TO REMEMBER

June, July,
August

Worship in the
Park @ 11am

June, July,
August

Picnics at the
Beach @
6:00pm

July 15-22

Youth ASP
Mission Trip

Welcome Pastor Jeremy

Getting to Know You...

Many of you have already seen the self-introduction letter that went out a few months ago together with the announcement that I would be moving to Community. Tamara and I had a great time meeting many of you on May 21 when we came up to visit on Sunday morning. Thanks to all of you who have made us so welcome! We don't move in until June 26, but we can't wait to settle into your lovely parsonage and get to know all of you better! I want to get to know all of you as quickly and as well as I can. That's why the transition team is working to set up as many social gatherings as possible, including lots of folks who aren't currently connected to the church. And there's another thing: I need to sit down and talk with you, one-on-one. That's the absolute best way for me to know about you. Tell me about your role in the church, your family, your work, and tell me where you think the church is, where it ought to be heading, and how you can help. Wendy will help with scheduling, so be in touch with her in the office. I'll meet you at your favorite place to hang out or at the church.



Jesus 101

From July 2 through end of August, I'll be preaching through a lot of the basics of the Christian faith. Maybe you've heard it all before, and maybe you haven't. If you've heard it all before, then you get to see how I might say things differently from other pastors you've known. But I really hope you'll take this opportunity to drag your friends out to the park or into the sanctuary. Summer is for new friends and guests, so I'll be especially speaking to people who don't know about our faith, or who've been away from church for a long time. Here's a little outline:

July 2: Fear, Duty, Love--three ways of approaching God (and a little self-introduction)

July 9: What's the Good News?

July 16: Kevin Dick will be speaking because I'll be away on the Appalachia mission trip

July 23: Will Jesus Make Me Happy?

July 30: How Should a Christian Act?

August 6: Stepping up to the Life of Faith

August 13: Moving on to Perfection (if that sounds weird to you, you'd better come and hear it!)

August 20: New Clothes--what's it like to have a new life in Christ?

August 27: Less than I Want; More than I Need (message at 11:00 only; UMW Sunday at 9:00)

In the months and years ahead, you'll hear a lot more from me. I plan to stay here at Community until I retire, which is still a long way away! In that time, we will work together, walk together, love and serve together, showing others a path toward deeper life in Jesus. You have so far done such a great job of making me feel welcome, so I know you're good at hospitality! Together we need to spread our hospitality to people in every step of life's walk, in every moment of doubt and questioning, as well as every deep moment of faithful joy.

Here's my cell number: 231-720-5422. Don't be shy about calling, inviting, or asking for conversation. If I don't answer, I'm probably talking to someone else, sleeping, or taking my day off, which is Friday. But I'll call back if you leave a message or text.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!



- 1—Luna Harryman
- 4—Nate Harryman
- 5—Anna Basso-Dick
- 6—Jonas Slimko
- 8—Mike Greiner, Virginia Ruhstorfer,
Terry & Nancy Batch*,
Cliff & Joan Hassell*

- 9—Jim Boes
- 11—Dick & Jean Hammond*
- 12—Kaylee Martin
- 13—Logan Slimko
- 14—Jeep & Sheila Osborn*, Jon & Beth Proctor*
- 15—Irene Christensen
- 17—Sally Patton, Dan & Colleen Hoffer*
- 18—Jerry Slicker, Wayne & Vicki Halpin*
- 19—Tracey Lowe
- 24—Colton Basso-Dick
- 28—Mickayla Greiner, Ric
& Marjean Fritz*
- 29—Don Tubergen, Tom
Anderson
- 30—Melissa Beck

* denotes anniversary



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Community United Methodist and First Lutheran are pleased to present the Northside Summer Concert Series at Custer Park. Happening the last 3 Wednesday evenings in July, at 7:00pm, you're invited to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors while listening to amazing music. All three concerts are offered to the community FREE! A collection will be taken at each concert and ALL proceeds will go to Family Promise of the Lakeshore.

July 12th - Ruth & Max Bloomquist

July 19th - Edye Evans Hyde

July 26th - Westside Soul Surfers



ASP TRIP

A large group of our youth and adult volunteers will be headed down south for a mission trip with Appalachian Service Project. They leave July 15th, returning July 22nd. Please be in prayer for this group.

THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU to each person who generously gave of their time and treasurers to make the youth mission trip yard sale a success. We raised \$4,000 to help offset the cost of the trip.

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

As our team departs, they traditionally have a picnic on the trip down to Appalachia. They are looking for food donations. By clicking on this link <http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=HETP7178> you can see what foods they need and sign up to supply the needed item(s). They ask that all donations be dropped off at the church by **Friday evening, July 14th and marked ASP**. If you have additional questions, please contact Kim Zelinsky at 231-215-3927

ATTENDANCE

Here are attendance figures for June 2017 (and June 2016)

| | 1st Service | 2nd Service | 2017 Totals | 2016 Totals |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 6/4/17 | 90 | 49 | 139 | 170 |
| 6/11/17 | 106 | 58 | 164 | 153 |
| 6/18/17 | 71 | 29 | 100 | 134 |
| 6/25/17 | 200 | N/A | 200 | 108 |

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CAMPING FOR ALL!!!

Bring your tents or RV's and come camping with us!!! As a church family, we're camping Friday, Sept 1—Monday, Sept 4 at our conference campground located on the shores of Lake Michigan in Pentwater.

(For more information about the campground, visit www.lakemichigancampandretreat.org)

Cost is \$30/night + \$5.00/person for the weekend Included in this cost is your campsite, meal on Friday evening, coffee each morning, and breakfast Saturday and Monday.

To register, see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Sign up by July 1

If you would like to include news into the monthly newsletter, please submit an announcement form to the church office by the 20th of each month by dropping it off or emailing to:

wendy@communitychurchumc.org

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NOTE: The church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th.

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Financial Secretary: Deb Huisingsh (744.6160)

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Junior High Leaders: Matt & Stacie Vander Velde (903.9127)

Lay Leader: Marjean Fritz (766.8614) & Doug Wood (578.1463)

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Doug Wood (894.9677)

Member Care: Debbie Gale (744.0115)

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Nominations: Pastor Phil (670.7796)

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