



# Grace Notes

Enjoying the Gift of God Together at FCPC!

June 2017

## June Anniversaries

**Jim and Jill Shields**  
June 4

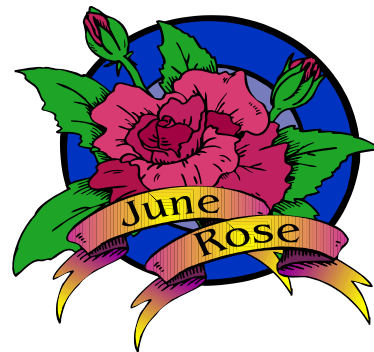
**Kyle and Rebecca McMahon**  
June 11

**Fred and Carol Schutz**  
June 22

**Ralph and Linda Bluedorn**  
June 30

## June Birthdays

Gregg Miller	June 1
Cameron Shaner	June 1
Josh Christensen	June 6
Paul Oestmann	June 8
Dale Everswick	June 10
Ritch Nelson	June 11
Nolyn Ruge	June 11
Marcia Delehoy	June 12
Marilyn Jensen	June 13
Bradley Lester	June 13
Melissa Ruge	June 14
Bailey Baxter	June 16
Donn Shaffer	June 18
Reg Boyer	June 19
Lee Everswick	June 23
Tracy Baxter	June 24
Jeff Shaner	June 29
Cole Bradburn	June 30
Carrolyn Oestmann	June 30
Jill Shields	June 30



# PASTOR'S CORNER

One of the areas in our Christian faith that has atrophied over the last decade or so is our ability to share our faith with others. This can be a little overwhelming and scary to put yourself out there and talk about God and your faith. But as we enjoy the summer months, I want to encourage you to not be afraid of talking about God or your faith with people. Remember the advice Peter gives us: "Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy" (1 Peter 3:15).

What I am talking about here is not a method, media or marketing gimmick. I want us to think about how are we letting people come to see and understand the God who is at work in you and me. How are we letting them experience the pounding heart of God's love through our love? It is all about developing your relationships with people. I am reading on Millennials, who are the least active group in society in church, but what they value is community. Well, we can do this – this is right up our alley. Church is to be a community of faith. We do this by hanging out with people and tell stories of our lives. As we are courteous in our sharing, we let God work on people. Churches spend 99% of their energy invested on those who are already coming and benefiting from a life of faith. I think we need to take this summer and be willing to pay the price of turning our focus to those who don't have a community to share their lives with.

Let's try an experiment this month. Take time as you sit in traffic, or at ball games, concerts, or walking trails to watch the people around you. Just watch them. Who do you see? Pray for them. Ask God what we need to do to bring the good news to the people you see?

Notice what it does to you as you watch and pray for people. I believe God is calling FCPC to reach out to people – to make disciples, and we need to trust God. So, will you agree that over the next 30 days, we would find opportunities to 'people watch' – at malls, during lunch breaks, waiting in line at amusement parks, at the taste of Omaha, College World series, at the Zoo. Pray for those you see. Pray that God would help them and help yourself to feel more comfortable in talking with people. I believe we need to ask God this question: "*what would it take, and what kind of church would we need to be, to reach those who are just down the street but may know nothing of your love?*"

The goal for this experiment is to simply to see. See your neighbors, notice those around you – they are also human beings with busy lives. The goal of this experiment is to help us grow closer to the heart of God. To gain a sense of what motivates God to care and call people into a relationship.

Ponder how you will allow God to not only live in you, but also lead you to help others come to know the presence of God in their lives. I pray that you will take up this experiment! Remember that faith-sharing involves varying degrees of motivation, skill training, confidence, and risk-taking. Assess your personal readiness in each realm.

Assign yourself a number from 1 (low) to 10 for each area.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Motivation: *I am eager to help others find real life in Christ.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Skill Training: *I know how to share the basics of the gospel.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Confidence: *I am ready and able to be used by God.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Risk-taking: *I am willing to step out on a limb to serve God.*

The next Session Meeting:  
June 14, 2017  
7:30 p.m.  
  
The next Deacon's Meeting  
June 21, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

**THE WASHINGTON COUNTY  
FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF  
PANCAKE MIX**

Church Lawn Care Schedule  
  
Spring has sprung and so has the grass!  
  
Please visit the sign-up sheet to help keep the grass  
mowed around the church and the education building.  
  
Thank you for your Help



**Live Life. Give Life. Donate blood with the American Red Cross.**

If you already donate blood, thank you! You are making a lifesaving contribution that benefits accident victims, cancer patients, surgical candidates, children with blood disorders and many others. If you have never donated blood, please consider doing so. Your donations are always in high demand and we are going to make it easy for you.

**The Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church is hosting a Blood Drive to be held on June 25th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Lower Level of the Church in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Please contact Steve Anderson at 402-880-5727 to schedule an appointment.**

**Or visit the sign up sheets to help when and where you can!**

**THANK YOU**

Teri's Office Hours  
Tuesday-Thursday  
9:00-4:00  
terifcpc@gmail.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
“Maker Fun Factory”  
JUNE 5-9  
9:00 a.m. – NOON  
Schwertley Hall  
Ages 4 by June 1<sup>st</sup> – completed 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

In order to guarantee that adequate staffing supplies are available pre-registration is requested.

Please register online at  
<https://vbspro.events/p/calhounvbs>

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

Cheryl Miller – 402-885-0204  
Ashley Hallberg – 402-490-4431

FORT CALHOUN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENTS

Cole Bradburn  
Caitlyn Weeks

Election of New Elders

Pat Arndt  
Kristy Bolen  
Tracy Baxter  
Laura Pullen  
Fred Schutz

Election of New  
Deacons

Robin and Steve  
Anderson  
Jamie Bouwman  
Linda Bluedorn  
Betty Kucera

RECYCLING  
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017  
TWO SHIFTS AVAILABLE

PLEASE VISIT THE SIGN-UP SHEET AND  
HELP WHEN YOU CAN WITH THIS  
IMPORTANT MISSION!

THANK YOU

FUNERAL MEAL PROVIDERS

The Board of Deacons is looking for people willing to provide a side dish or dessert for funeral luncheons.

Please visit the sign up sheet if you are willing to help out. The Deacons will call those on the list on a rotating basis to bring a dish when needed.

**REAL WOMEN OUTING**

**WHERE: JAZZ ON THE GREEN**

**WHEN: JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**TIME: MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 6:30**

**PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR, DRINKS AND SNACKS TO SHARE!**

**Fort Calhoun Community Garden Update**

**We wanted to hold a planting party, but due to all of the wet weather we had during May, we just put out on Facebook our pleas for planters and we have put in a few crops for this season. I just want to invite you to stop up at the garden at any time to see what is happening, and even if you pull one weed that would be a huge help. We are working on getting wood chips donated to place around the raised beds, We would like to put weed barrier (carpet) down between the rows, and we are looking for donations of some rolls that we could keep the weeds down. If you would like to donate a roll, please let either Cheryl or Gregg know.**

**Please like us on Facebook so that you will receive updates on the needs and harvesting. Help us feed our county with fresh produce!**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**THE SERMON IS LIVE EVERY WEEK! JUST GO TO THE CHURCH'S FACEBOOK PAGE AND ENJOY THE MESSAGE.**

**PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO SHUT-INS OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW FROM OUT OF TOWN THAT WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE SERMONE.**

**FESTIVAL AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH  
JUNE 25, 2017  
11:00-3:00**

**THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE SANCTUARY. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS SAID THAT THE MIDDLE SHIFT (12:30-2:00) IS WHERE HELP IS NEEDED MOST.**

**AND DONATIONS OF CAKE FOR THE CAKE WALK WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS IN A THROW-AWAY CONTAINER.**

Community Vacation Bible School

Since its formation more than 39 years ago it has been the mission of Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church to jointly provide a FREE ecumenical Vacation Bible School week filled with fun and faith for ALL children.

We estimate that supplies for one child attending VBS cost about \$15.00. If you would like to help offset the costs of this program please use the envelopes provided on the table for your donation and place it in the offering basket or drop it off in the church office.

Please make checks payable to Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church and note in the memo line VBS.

Thank you for your continued support of this

The Mission Team Needs Volunteers for the Following:

**Joseph's Coat**—2nd Monday of each month

1:30-3:00 pm

Hanging and Pricing Clothing Donations or helping in the Pantry

**Open Door Mission**—3rd Tuesday of each month

9:00-11:00 am

Preparing Sack Lunches

**Open Door Mission**—3rd Thursday of each month

5:00-7:00 pm

Serve Dinner to Residents and Walk-Ins

If you have any questions, please contact

Ronee Christensen or Michelle Quinlan

Open Door Mission  
Sack Lunch Making

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

9:00-11:00 am

Open Door Mission  
Dinner Servers

Thursday, June 15, 2017

5:00-7:00 pm

**Sr. High Youth Group  
June 25th**

**6:00-7:30 pm**

**At The Miller's House**

**Jr. High Youth Group  
June 27th**

**5:00-7:30 pm**

**At The Shaner's House**

# June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 9:00-Noon VBS	6 9:00-Noon VBS	7 9:00-Noon VBS	8 9:00-Noon VBS 6:00 pm VBS BBQ	9 9:00-Noon VBS	10 Moriarty Bridal Shower
11	12 1:00-3:00 pm Joseph's Coat Volunteers	13	14 9:30 am Low Impact Aerobics 1:00 pm Quilters 7:30 pm Session Mtg	15 5:00-7:00 pm Open Door Mission	16	17 Moriarty Wedding 8:00-Noon Recycling
18 	19	20 9:00-11:00 am Open Door Mission	21 9:30 am Low Impact Aerobics 1:00 pm Quilters 6:30 pm Deacon's Mtg	22	23	24
25 9:00 am-3:00 pm FCPC Blood Drive 11:00-3:00 Festival 6:00 pm Sr. High YG	26	27 5:00 Jr. High YG 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl	28 9:30 am Low Impact Aerobics 1:00 pm Quilters REAL Women Small Group	29	30	





