# THE NEXUS

# AUGUST 2020

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#### Nicki's News

I just recently purchased a shirt that says, "This Pastor has an awesome congregation". This is truly how I feel because I am so grateful and feel so blessed by all of you. I would love to write an individual thank you card to each person who has sent a card or called to share in my family's loss of our Uncle Tim, but because so many of you shared in my loss, I would never have the time to thank each of you individually. Know that, although I do not have this time, I still want you to know how grateful I am to serve at a church where people really know what it means to weep together and rejoice together. Yesterday, during a continuing education course I am working on, our beloved Rev. Freeborn mentioned how he was grateful for such a wonderful congregation with whom he could finish his time in ministry. I followed up with how wonderful it is to start my ministry with an amazingly loving congregation. I pray you never change and just continue to grow even more in your spiritual journey. From all my family, we thank you for your support during this difficult time. You are truly a gift from God and live into the mission to be the voice and hands of God.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

#### **Nexus Deadline**

The Nexus deadline for the September issue is Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Nexus Sponsor**

This month's issue is sponsored by Horace and Sonya Cole. If you are interested in sponsoring a future Nexus issue, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex (next to the flower sign-up sheet). The cost is \$35.00.

## **Youth Group- Zoom meeting**

Join us for a zoom youth group meeting on August 16 at 6:00pm.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5704215821?pwd=bUh WQTZhNjRYVm5GbkNjMTIxbmRjUT09

Meeting ID: 570 421 5821

Passcode: 780002

Keep in mind zoom is now requiring either password or waiting room so, if a screen pops up that says waiting for host, just wait and your entrance into the group will be approved.



#### **Anniversaries**

Celebrating an anniversary in **August** are:

Tim and Lisa Swanson
David and Rachael Heath
Quentin and Charlotte Currie
Pete and Crista Varrica
Mark and Wendy Lichty
Sarah and Patrick Robinson



## **Birthdays**

Celebrating birthdays in **August** are:

Sandy Rydell
Amanda Demetros
Lisa Menio
Caius Demarest
Wendy Emery
Jean Warner
MaryAnne Gilbert
Sonya Cole
Ben Delaney
Lucas Swanson
Connie Powell
Rachael Heath
Theresa Lawrence
Karen Padgett
Bonnie Miller

# Treasurer and Stewardship Report through June 30, 2020

Income: \$141,259.91 Expenses: \$143,465.68 Net \$ -2,205.77

Year-to-Date Giving:

Pledge Giving: \$85,723.00 Non-Pledge Giving: \$2,234.00

### A new home for a dog

Bill and Sue Ellis are looking for someone to take in their 6 year-old female boxer, Princess They are no longer able to care for her. Please know that she has been neutered and all her shots are up-to-date. She doesn't really get along with other dogs, but loves children! Please call the church office if interested.



#### Yard Sale Canceled

The Annual Church Indoor Yard Sale has been canceled for 2020. It was originally scheduled for May, then tentatively rescheduled for August 28-29. At the July Session meeting, Session voted unanimously to cancel the sale for this year due to complications and restrictions of the COVID Pandemic. Many thanks to all who expressed willingness to work for the sale. We hope to be back in business next year, raising funds for Mission, as we recycle useful and interesting items and provide bargains that keep our buyers coming back year after year.



#### **Parking Lot Service**

The drive-in service for August will be held on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. Please be sure to tune your radio dial into 93.9 FM

Join us for the baptism of Adam Heffelfinger, son of Nicole and Brett Heffelfinger, during the worship service.

#### A Special thank You...

Mano Miller would like to thank everyone in her church family and all her friends for the wonderful birthday cards she received. As of this writing, Mano had received 94 cards! She was overwhelmed at the graciousness of everyone.

She also wanted to thank the Youth Group for the flamingoes that graced her yard earlier this spring. What a treat for all the neighbors to see and enjoy!

#### **Listen to the Bells!**

The church choir may be silent (hopefully not for too long) but the bell choir is alive and well! Starting in September, the Bell Choir will ring out the good news once or twice a month. Music is so important in the life of the church, especially now during these trying times. The members of the Bell Choir look forward to making music that comforts and gives joy and love to all. The first practice is August 16, after worship service.



# **Camp Kirkwood Opportunity**

Hey Parents,

I know Covid-19 has been hard on everyone, but I can't even imagine how it has been for all you parents. I know you love your kids, we love them too, but I'm sure they can get a little frustrating after being cooped up at home for so long. We have a lot of space for them to let out their energy and it'll be a nice break from all the screens (although we do have Wi-Fi in some areas). While you are here, staff are very willing to take you on a hike, build you a fire, or just show you cool spots around camo. They will be wearing masks and social distancing though.

At this time, we don't have any meal service, but several of our buildings have full kitchens available. For the low rate of \$100.00 per night, you can come stay at camp and have a small, non-contact family vacation. For any inquiries or questions, please email <a href="mailto:kirkwood@kirkwoodcamp.org">kirkwood@kirkwoodcamp.org</a> or call 570-421-8625. Whatever you decide, we hope you are staying safe and still having a great summer.

Blessings,

Ford Behne Camp Kirkwood



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Worship, 10:00	3	4	5	6	7	8 Tim McGary funeral
Communion						
9 Worship, 10:00	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship, 10:00 Drive-In Service Heffelfinger Baptism Bell Choir Practice Youth Group Zoom Meeting	17	18	19	20	21	22
via Zoom, 6:00	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship, 10:00 Bell Choir Practice	Nexus Deadline	20	20	21	20	29
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