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CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 2022

TURNING THE PAGE

As I look back on our 30 years as members of the North Park Church of Christ, there are so many heartwarming memories, wonderful experiences, challenges faced and conquered, and amazing people who have blessed our family by making us feel a part of your families. There are some mixed emotions as we prepare to leave northern Illinois and relocate to northern Texas. We are excited to be able to live close to our daughters, but sad to leave behind friends whom we have come to love and appreciate.

While we do not fully know what the future has in store for us, we know that God will be in control. We look forward to new opportunities and experiences as well as the ability to plug into a church and see what God has in mind.

One thing about “turning the page” and beginning a new chapter in our lives is that the previous pages and chapters are still very much a part of us. In fact, you have contributed greatly to who the “Firm family” is today and we will be forever grateful.

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There are a few things that I ask of you as we travel south:

- Keep us in your prayers for safe travels (remember the last trip I took ended up being a bit of a stress-ball).
- Keep in touch with us whether by phone, text, Facebook, email, snail mail, or dropping by if you happen to be in the neighborhood.
- Keep loving one another as a church family. It is a unique quality that makes North Park a special place and a special group of people.
- Keep introducing God and Jesus Christ to others by the way you live your lives and by seizing those opportunities to share the Gospel.
- Keep choosing God whenever there is a decision to be made in your personal life, your professional life, and most of all, in your spiritual life. When in doubt, choose God.
- Keep being good sheep . . . don't wander off, stay with the flock, keep one another safe, and support the elders in their efforts to lead you and watch over you. Satan will try to disrupt from within the flock so be on guard and simply don't let him.
- Keep the fruit of the Spirit as your set of core values. You can't go wrong with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Keep looking for "burning bush moments" in your lives . . . those times when God is speaking to you, tugging at your heart, pointing you in a specific direction, or introducing you to someone who may need just what you have to offer.
- Keep counting your blessings, especially when challenging times may cloud your vision and throw your life into a spin cycle.
- Keep challenging yourself to daily shine like stars in the universe and never lose sight of heaven as your final destination and the greatest family reunion there will ever be.

To those of you who have been so very supportive and a constant source of encouragement . . . thank you. May God bless you richly and may He send the perfect person to serve as North Park's next minister.

We will miss you.

~Tim~

ATTENTION: If you are listed to serve and are unable to, please contact Wayne Morris to let him know as soon as possible.

Those to Serve –June 5, 2022

Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Opening Prayer: JJ Whaley
Preside: Sid Long
Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins
Scripture Reading: Jerry Gibson
Greeters: Scott & Tammy Weir
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern
Usher #1: Ron Willis
Usher #2: John Castree
A/V Booth: Tim Barton
Security: Jerry Gibson
Church Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Jeanne Wadsworth
Nursery: Mignon Soter

Those to Serve –June 12, 2022

Worship Director: Cameron Maupin
Opening Prayer: Ken Lynch
Preside: JJ Whaley
Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins
Scripture Reading: Simon-Peter Broughton
Greeters: Doug & Mignon Soter
Class Attendance: Marcus Cassady
Usher #1: JJ Whaley
Usher #2: Scott Weir
A/V Booth: Ken Maupin
Security: Joe Nicosia
Church Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Jeanne Wadsworth
Nursery: Valerie Nicosia

Those to Serve –June 19, 2022

Worship Director: Sid Long
Opening Prayer: Jeff Hagerman
Preside: Tim Barton
Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins
Scripture Reading: Wayne Morris
Greeters: Joe & Valerie Nicosia
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern
Usher #1: Jerry Gibson
Usher #2: Marcus Price
A/V Booth: Mark Murray
Security: Ken Maupin
Church Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Jeanne Wadsworth
Nursery: Elizabeth Soter

Those to Serve –June 26, 2022

Worship Director: Cameron Maupin
Opening Prayer: Marcus Price
Preside: Scott Weir
Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins
Scripture Reading: Joe Nicosia
Greeters: Joan Schmidt, Vikki Hatcher
Class Attendance: Marcus Cassady
Usher #1: Doug Soter
Usher #2: Jeremy Schulz
A/V Booth: Justin Reese
Security: Jaye Lavern
Church Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Jeanne Wadsworth
Nursery: Pat Seifert

Books of the New Testament

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Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

Thessalonians

Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

Peter

Jude

Revelation

Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
Elizabeth Soter	815-721-0405	Jeremy Schulz	630-418-0371
Cameron Maupin	815-978-3362	Ken Maupin	815-262-1487
Mary Riley	815-988-7440	Sara Maupin	815-262-0303
Tammy Weir	815-751-0866	Naomi Gibson	815-742-2291
Katie Schulz	630-418-0372	Liz Willis	815-494-0595
Maxine Bowers	815-494-2512	Brenda Mohler	815-505-7205
Joan Schmidt	815-708-3993		
Pat Seifert	815-871-7236		

Prayer List

***Those with ongoing health issues

Jason Willis
Wendy Williams

Helen Holland

Donna Fincher

Earline Nipp

Sue Ann Diaz

**** Please keep the people of Uvalde, TX in your prayers, especially the children and staff of Robb Elementary school and even more, those whose friends and family members were killed this week

People of Haiti

People of Ukraine

Lucy Chamberlain – too sick to meet with doctors in Madison to discuss a treatment plan for her cough, but cough has gotten better. Still has other ongoing issues. (most recent update on 5-17-2022)

Anneka Broughton – at a rehab facility

Terrie-Lyn Broughton -- help working with Anneka through all of her health challenges (5-17-2022)

Brandi Ostergard – friend of Wendy Williams who is recovering from cancerous tumor surgeries

Mike Trank – Melanie Lavern's dad, being treated for cancer

Kevin Sircloumb – tumor on his brain stem

Gregory Willis – Ron Willis's brother, diagnosed with Myeloma

Lindsey Farley – friend of Katrina Whaley's, in therapy for cognitive issues following an accident (5-17-2022)

Jan Lavern – leg is doing better and she is back to work. Still in therapy (5-17-2022)

Deckard family – friends of the Morris/Zomok family who are going through a lot after a cancer diagnosis and a job relocation

Myrtle Williams – recovering from surgery and other issues (5-17-2022)

Greg Jines - friend of the Morris's who is being treated for stage 5 kidney disease

Sherry McKuen and Dr. Rigby - two of Lisa Warkins' friends who were recently diagnosed with cancer

Joan Wadsworth – still struggling with auto-immune and having to stay home (5-17-2022)

John Parker – having low dose treatments every 3 weeks to shrink cancerous lymph nodes (5-17-2022)

Mary Ann Sircloumb's niece – being treated for severe burns

Pat Williams - recovering from a cracked rib from a fall and other issues (5-17-2022)

Jeff Hagerman – Doctors don't think it is cancer, but will have another test on May 21st. (5-17-2022)

Sandy Knight – Margaret Couch's daughter, having surgery on her shoulder and wrist this Thursday (4-6-2022)

Ellie Krepfle – daughter of a former student of Gloria Gregory, born with Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome and recently found out that she has cancer in her kidneys and will begin a 6 month course of treatment soon (5-17-2022)

Marsha Herndon - has multifocal adenocarcinoma lung cancer in both lungs, but caught early and not in lymph nodes. Is waiting on test results and will begin treatment in a couple weeks (5-25-2022)

Margaret Couch – recovering well after pacemaker surgery on April 13th (5-25-2022)

Cathy Oswald – friend of Gloria Gregory, in sub-acute hospice care after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (5-18-2022)

Rayven Forbes - Josephine Nicosia's softball teammate with stage 3 cancer at age 14 (5-17-2022)

Billee Jo Schmidt (Tracey Meinert's friend) - father has prostate cancer that has spread to his bones (5-17-2022)

Bonnie Cole – has been transferred to a rehab facility in Polo to continue recovering after a stroke (5-18-2022)

Ashley Raddenbach – Bolen's granddaughter; continues to struggle with the effects of POTS and Hashimoto's. Recently met with a gastroenterologist in Madison to help with her digestive issues. Please continue to pray for Ashley as she deals with her diagnoses and all of the physical and emotional drain that comes with her medical issues (5-21-2022)

JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Firm's Farewell potluck	6 Lavender Jones's bday ROMEO Club	7	8 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Devot/Singing HHP Food Delivery Alise Reese & John Castree's bday	9 6-7 pm Pantry Janice Adkins's bday Volgt's's ann.	10	11 Patsley Volgt's, Tonya Rodden & Lee McVay's bday
12 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Bill Morrow's bday	13 Yarnell Cervantes's bday	14 Blanket Ministry workday @ 9am	15 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Devot/Singing Helen Holland & Kevin Cillis's bday Riffle's ann.	16 Caylse Kulpa's bday Firm's ann.	17 Bobby Lettinger's bday	18 Pantry 10:00am Castree's ann.
19 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Judt Rogers & Tony Nicosia's bday	20 Sheila Peck's bday	21	22 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Devot/Singing HHP Food Delivery Grant & Ryan Gregory's ann.	23 6-7 pm Pantry Phillips's ann.	24 Simon-Peter Broughton's bday	25 Baby shower for baby Whaley 10am - 12:00 PM @ RCC
26 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship	27 Jennie Adams's bday Price's ann.	28	29	30		



NEWS & EVENTS

- If you would like make a donation to RCC to help with raising funds for the cabin siding, you can write a check made to RCC or you can go to this website:
<https://rockfordchristiancamp.org/donate/>

- There is a Meijer Simply Give campaign running from Sunday, April 3rd through Saturday, July 2nd. The double match day will be Saturday, June 18th

- There will be an area wide singing at North Park on Sunday, May 29th starting at 2 pm

- You are all invited to a 50th Anniversary open house for Stan and Gloria Gregory on Friday, August 5th from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at The Twisted Tulip in Machesney Park (7901 Burden Rd.) Food will be provided, please no gifts.

- North Park will have an opening for our Ministry Assistant most likely in the late fall. This will be a part-time position. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Ken Maupin for details.

- James Castree will be our guest speaker on June 5th

- There will be a baby shower to celebrate JJ and Katrina's baby girl on June 25th from 10 am to noon at RCC. JJ and Katrina are registered at Target and Amazon.

- We will be having a potluck after worship on June 5th to honor Tim and Cathy Firm. Please plan on joining us for a time of fellowship and spending some time with the Firms

- There will be a prayer meeting at 6 pm on Sunday May 29th

- The elders have formed a Minister Search team and have begun the process. If you know of a candidate that would want to be considered, please provide them with the email address for them to request more information. The email address is: NPCCoCMinisterSearch@gmail.com

- The dates for the 2022 season at Rockford Christian Camp

- Senior Week (7th –12th grade) - July 8th - 16th

- Junior Week (2nd - 6th grade) - July 16th - 23rd

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The North Park Church of Christ is committed to sharing Jesus with our community and the world; while encouraging the spiritual development of our youth, strengthening the bond of our families, and serving the needs of our senior adults to build a church known by its love and message that flows from the very heart of God.

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