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# The Church Window



July  
2017

## “Am I Like A Monkey?”

There are numerous television shows about hoarding and the number is predicted to increase. Why do people hoard? Another growing business is storage facilities. People do not have enough room so they pay for storage to store their excess belongings. Sometimes it is necessary but most of the time it is just because we have accumulated too many possessions. Is it greed? Why do we do it? Do we not want to let go? We do the same thing with our finances, afraid to let go and give back to God. You may have heard the famous anecdote about how people catch monkeys in India.

“Long ago, an insightful hunter figured out that monkeys are selfish creatures, so he created a method of capture that takes advantage of that nature.

First, the monkey hunter cuts a small hole in one end of a coconut – a hole just big enough for the monkey to fit his hand in – and ties a long cord to the other end. Then he puts peanuts, banana chunks, or some other enticing treat into the hole, places the coconut in the monkey's path, and sneaks away, holding the other end of the cord. Inevitably, an unsuspecting monkey comes along, sniffs out the treat, and wriggles his little hand into the hole to grab the treasure. With that, the hunter's job is done. All he has to do is yank his side of the cord, and the entire monkey/coconut kit and caboodle lands at his feet.

But isn't something missing here? Why wouldn't the monkey just pull his hand out of the coconut and run for his life? Remember that monkeys are selfish. Once they get their hands on something they want, they won't let go. With his fist wrapped around the goods, the monkey can't get his hand out of the hole. If he would just loosen his grip and let go of the bounty, he could save himself. But he clings tightfisted to what's "his" and finds himself ensnared... even unto his own demise.

It's easy for us to see how ridiculous the monkey is being. If we were sitting at the edge of the jungle watching the scenario play out, we would scream, “Let go! That little fortune isn't worth your life!” And yet back in our own corner of the world, we are guilty of approaching our money and possessions the same way the monkey approaches those peanuts and banana chunks. We hold on too tightly! We want what is ours, and we want it so badly that we are often blind to the consequences of our grasping.” (Maximize, Searcy, 75-76)

Author Gary Thomas observes, “One of the greatest spiritual challenges for any Christian is to become less self-absorbed. We are born intensely self-focused. We are born keen on self-preservation and self-promotion. Despite the seeds of generosity that may be in our hearts, we – and the people in our congregation – are prone to approach life with a hoarding mentality. We want to be secure. We want to get all we can. We are focused so intently on our “treasure” that we don't see the hunter lurking behind a nearby tree.” (Maximize, 76-77)

How can you and I begin to change this mentality? How do we open people's eyes to the truth of God's plan for their provision and their giving?

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6: 19-21)

***It starts with you and I...***

*Pastor Bud*

# Christian Ed. News

## VBS

VBS has come and gone already! It is always a crazy, busy week but it goes by so fast and we have **SO** much fun. We learned more about the Bible, new songs, Bible verses, made some hero crafts and learned some cool science projects during the week. Thank you to everyone that helped make the week such a success. We couldn't have done it without any of you.

***You are God's Heroes!***

We had some heroes of our own visit and tell us what they do. On Sunday Nate Burkum told us what he does in the Air Force. He brought in his uniforms to show and told us when he has to go overseas to work he is gone for months and is away from his family. Nate will be deploying again in August so please pray for him, his fellow troops and their safety.

On Monday Grant County Officer Ben Keller, along with K-9 Riko, came and talked about their job. He told us how Riko can help find drugs, find missing people and children and goes to work every day with Officer Keller. He hid Riko's favorite toy in a filing cabinet and made Riko find it. Riko found it within seconds and was very happy to have his toy!

On Wednesday firefighter Dan Leffler came and showed us a fire truck and some features on it that helps them do their job. He showed us all the gear and air tanks they have to wear while trying to put out a fire. With all that equipment on it adds an extra 70 lbs. that makes it harder to fight fires.

We again thank all of them for taking time out of their busy schedules to talk to us and tell us how they are true heroes!

## Farm Day

Back by popular demand is Farm Day at the Thomas Farm. We had such a great time last year at the farm we will get together again on August 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have a potluck lunch and go on a hayride. This is open for anyone of all ages to come and enjoy the fun!

## VBS Offering

Throughout the week we took up an offering which was going to be given to the Grant County Drug Task Force and the Fennimore Fire Dept. We are so happy to announce that our offering total including the offering we took during our program added up to \$453.34. We are so blessed to have families with such giving hearts. Thank you to everyone who gave to this mission. We were able to give the Grant County Drug Task Force and Fennimore Fire Dept. each a check for \$200. We have also decided that we will send Nate and his troop a care package in the fall when he is deployed. Look for more details in the fall if you would like to donate anything.

## Superhero Camynn Bruegmann

We are truly honored to have accepted a donation of \$350 in memory of a special superhero in heaven, Camynn. Camynn's parents Matt and Courtney along with his sisters Jaelynn and Irallynn gave a donation to Christian Education that will impact many, many youth in the years to come! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your thoughtfulness. Camynn will ***ALWAYS*** be a ***TRUE SUPERHERO*** in heaven looking over all of us.

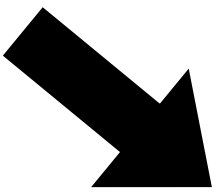
## LIFEST

A group of us will be heading out to Lifest on July 6-9. We are very excited to see our favorite bands, speakers and comedians. Please pray for our safe travels and that we open our hearts and let God grow our faith.

## Apple Orchard

We have been contacted and asked if we would like to work concessions at the Apple Orchard again this year. We don't have exact dates yet but we will be working at them. If you are interested in helping let Renee or Sherry know.

**We hope you are having a GREAT summer! See you on Sunday Morn-**



# July Mission

## Local Assistance Fund

The Fennimore United Methodist Mission/ Social Concerns emphasis for July will be the Local Assistance Fund, administered through our local church. This fund is for the purpose of helping people in the Fennimore School District, on a temporary basis, such as for gas money, milk and bread, etc. by providing limited funds for emergency needs. This fund replaces our participation in the *Helping Hands Fund*, because we do not have a fully functioning ministerial association at the present time.

Please place all mission offerings in the offering envelopes provided in the weekly bulletins, and use the missions line to list amount and what mission it is for, in this case, Local Assistance Fund. If you wish to give but cannot attend, please send checks to the church office. All checks should be made out to *Fennimore United Methodist Church*, with Mission Offering designation marked on the line provided on the check.



### July Food Pantry Needs:

- Vegetable Beef Soup
- Mixed Vegetables
- Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste

## Dream Team News

Summer. It is Summer! Summer officially started on June 21 and is already flying by! As the Dream Team, we encourage you to continue to grow your FAITH during the Summer. We often fall into the routine where Worship is not a priority. We are excited to see each and every one of you on Sunday and strive to make your guests feel like family when they attend with you!

VBS was AWESOME! Thank you to everyone who gave their time and talents. Children's lives are truly changed because of VBS.

Coming August 6th, following Worship, we will be having a brunch for the new members that will be presented on July 23. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a member, please have them contact Pastor Bud or Chelsea.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

## God is Good, All the Time!

### *The Dream Team*

Jeff Thomas, Dream Team Leader



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

### *From Renee*

We have two months "off" yet much work is happening behind the scenes. I can't say **THANK YOU** enough to the awesome team we have. We have others that will be joining us this year, and I seriously couldn't be more excited! We continue to improve, change and keep thinking how we can make Christian Education the best ever for the students, parents and teachers alike. **THANK YOU** to the teachers, assistants and parents for a great partnership. The Christian Education Team **ROCKS** and we're looking forward to a great year! If you're interested in joining an amazing team, let myself (Renee) or Sherry

# Join Us For Our Upcoming Teaching Series!

July 9 – 30

## WHY?

### Making Sense of God's Will

Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike?

When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when the waters rise, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations; where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to infest his creation?

In Why?, we will bring fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, he lays out core ideas for comprehending God's plan for the world, including:

God will not take away our free will, even when we use it to grieve him.

God will never abandon us, especially in the midst of our suffering.

While God is not the author of suffering, God will bring blessing out of tragedy.

- July 9: Why do the Innocent Suffer?
- July 16: Why Do My Prayers Go Unanswered?
- July 23: Why Can't I See God's Will for My Life?
- July 30: Why God's Love Prevails!

# Why?

## UMW News

Anyone who would be interested in helping with the Salad Luncheon please contact Joann Schrader or the Church Office. The Lay committee is looking for more people to serve on the committee as well. The committee meets a few times a year and right now all that is on their duty list is the Salad Luncheon on the last Wednesday in August. Anyone who would be interested in helping with the Salad Luncheon please let us know.

Thank you!



To Everything  
there is a Season,  
and a time  
to every Purpose  
under Heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

### Attendance — June 2017

June 4	170
June 11	159
June 18	147
June 25	156

# Thank You!

We would like to thank all of our wonderful Church family for all their prayers, cards, calls and kind words. Much needed, much appreciated.  
The Monroe Family

Thank you for the flower, card and birthday wishes! They were greatly appreciated.  
Doris Schneider

## Thank You!

It was an awesome week and we can't say THANK YOU enough to everyone that helped out in **ANY** way. It takes a lot of people power, hands on, dedication to prepare for it and then to actually take part in the week of VBS. All that was working with 82 students and having over 1/2 of them under 5 years old! The theme of "EVERYONE IS A HERO" is so true and we saw lots of heroes at work during the week. THANK YOU for helping make FUMC an awesome place to worship, hang out, hold community events and have amazing outreach! It takes **EVERYONE** (all ages) ... are you on board?

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

We have many opportunities to serve the Lord, for those that may say "I'm too busy", think about that. Are you or is it not a priority in your life? Everyone can be "busy" doing something, but is it something impacting other lives, improving them, giving of yourself, helping people know Jesus Christ? Or is it a majority of self satisfying busyness? Watching your favorite TV show, cleaning house, your hobbies, relaxing, going to dinner often? Do NOT get me wrong, these things are NOT wrong or bad, but some of us need to find balance and consider what can we do to impact others? Is there something I can do in the community, in the schools, in the church, all of the above to help others and make a difference. How are you leaving a legacy? Will you be remembered or did you just exist on this earth? Yes, this is deep and direct, but we're not promised tomorrow, today matters, how are you making it count, what have you done today that is productive, impactful and making a difference? Please don't leave it up to someone else, or think you gave your time. If you're still alive, your time is now! God created you to do it, don't rely on someone else or think someone else can do it ... he created you!

## YOU HAVE PURPOSE!



## LIFEST

We'll be packing up and heading to Oshkosh for 4 days of incredible Christian Teachers, Speakers and Amazing Music. If you haven't gone, check it out at [lifest.com](http://lifest.com) and consider it for next year. Its mostly contemporary Christian music that is so inspiring, fulfilling and life changing. All ages enjoy it and there is something for everyone! Please pray for the 25(ish) people going. We hope to have even more join us next year!

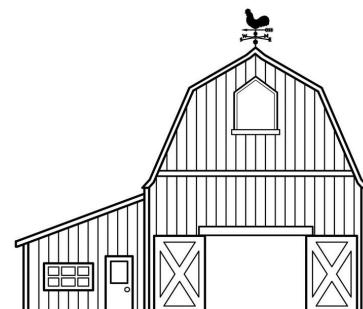
## Save the Date!

### Day at the Farm

August 12, 2017

Thomas

Farm



## Ushers

Date	9:00 AM
7/2/2017	Sandy Knapp
7/9/2017	Judy and Carl Nelson
7/16/2017	Ruth Mergen Logan Zabel
7/23/2017	Ginger Bishell Karla Jones
7/30/2017	Karen Rosemeyer Linda Stephenson

## Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	9:00 AM
7/2/2017	Curt and Kathi Freymiller
7/9/2017	Bob and Maggie Miller
7/16/2017	Handfelt Family
7/23/2017	Rob and Karla Rands
7/30/2017	Sharon and Tyson Barr

## Liturgist

Date	9:00 AM
7/2/2017	Phil Alm
7/9/2017	Judy Nelson
7/16/2017	Lori Budzinski
7/23/2017	Carmen Burkum
7/30/2017	Linda O'Kane

## Acolyte

Date	9:00 AM
7/2/2017	Tess Kenney
7/9/2017	Libby Wood
7/16/2017	Peyton Hollister
7/23/2017	Isaac Henkel
7/30/2017	Brady Pink or Pheobe

## Kid's Time

Date	9:00 AM
7/2/2017	Robert Kenney
7/9/2017	Tara Wood
7/16/2017	Renee Thomas
7/23/2017	Tracy/Mandy Henkel
7/30/2017	Bobbi Jo Pink

## Communion Assistants

Date	8:00 AM
7/2/2017	Jeff and Renee Thomas Sandy Knapp Phil Alm Mark and Carmen Burkum Audrey Doan Lori Budzinski

# Who's Serving in July?

*Remember our Members at:*

**Morningside Assisted Living**

Norma Neuroth

**Orchard Manor**

Doris Schneider

**Good Samaritan Center**

Bob Belscamper, Nip Leffler,  
Arlene Schmahlenberger, Dave Lindow,  
Gerry McReynolds, Lois Jean Preston,  
Jeannette Schneiderwind, Keith Kruel

**Sunset Fields**

Donna Blackburn

**Our House — Platteville**

Marie Gildersleeve

THE LORD

is the spirit

and where the

SPIRIT

of the Lord  
is

THERE IS

FREEDOM

2 Corinthians 3:17



## Happy Birthday!

1 Jackson Sheckler  
2 Rita Ketterer  
Nakkea Vogt  
3 Paula Bender  
4 Marianne Klais  
Tony Needham  
Talyn Witzig  
5 Trinity Klais  
6 Ethan Sheckler  
Finley Wood  
Brogan Demo  
7 Meghan Needham  
Dan Kroll  
8 Stephanie Miles  
9 Jeff Winkers II  
Marjene Leffler  
10 Jan Lintvedt  
Emersyn Loy  
12 Mary Schultz  
Iralynn Bruegmann  
13 Anthony Adney  
Kirk Martin  
Jeffrey Needham  
Preston Schmitz  
14 Derek Freymiller  
Jim Kloosterboer  
16 Mary Ellen Tredinnick  
Allie Tollefson  
17 Kathy Adney  
Steven Adney  
18 Christine Schaefer  
Ethan Burrgraf  
19 Bobbi Jo Pink  
Sharon Wells  
20 Kim Cathman  
21 Marissa Reed  
Joe Quincy  
22 Carol Bendorf  
Dennis Freymiller  
23 Donna Grimme  
24 Pauline Wetter  
Ron White  
Jacob Zintz

25 Keely Everson  
Mike Reed  
27 Curt Freymiller  
Brett Hubbard  
Alaina James  
28 Kara James  
Cecelia Hollister  
29 Sherri Seitz  
30 Terry Schildgen  
Leroy Hershberger

## Happy Anniversary!

1 Brett and Natasha Klais  
3 Brent and Mary Sheckler  
6 Jason and Erin Wehrle  
7 Carlos and Pat Freymiller  
David and Cheryl Gehrke  
10 Dallas and Helen Croft  
11 Tony and Stephanie Needham  
Dan and Colletta McLimans  
14 Brett and Rhonda Hubbard  
Allan and Mary Martin  
15 Floyd and Doris Monroe  
16 Adam and Bethany McLimans  
17 David and Ann Stenner  
18 Cody and Amanda Mara  
23 Tim and Cheryl Oechsle  
25 Greg and Linda Smith  
30 Mark and Carmen Burkum  
Charles and Whitney Zink  
31 Dan and Maggie Kartman

# July

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