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# July 2018



Hello! My name is **Judy Doyle**. I am an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church. But I am also retired. I served at The United Methodist Church of Pekin for 17.25 years. The day after I retired, I was hired to serve as the Minister of Congregational Care. I ministered in that capacity for about 4 years, retiring again in January 2016. The old adage says: old ministers never die, they just go out to pasture (pastor). I guess that's true. There is no retirement from Christian life whether one is a minister or a lay person. We are in ministry together. Over the next few months, I look forward to ministering TOGETHER.

I enjoy writing. My husband and I published my first novel in March 2017. Many have asked for a sequel. It took 30 years to complete the first book. Not sure I have 30 years left to write one again.

I am married and we have one adult son. Our daughter lived only 6 weeks. It was the most difficult time we've gone through. But God is good ALL the time; all the time God is good. The experience helped me to grow spiritually and to lean more fully upon God. We have no grandchildren, so I love spoiling others' children (including the children at our church, so look out).



A big Thank You goes out to those few who helped at the garage sale. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you to the two men who stayed after church and brought a few tables up. If you have never attended the garage sale, you do not know that we use sixteen rectangle tables from downstairs, the five round tables, all the benches, the breakfast bar and hanging space, plus more hanging space and all the blue chairs to display all the items. We remove all the chairs, then on Friday we take all the tables back down stairs, replace all the chairs and tables upstairs after we have packed up all the leftovers and sent them on their way to the Salvation Army Distribution Center. We unpack and sort items on Monday and Tuesday after bringing them all upstairs. On Wednesday we try and make it look presentable. It is a lot of work for the volunteers. This year we made \$1747 and an anonymous donor supplied the rest to make it to our \$2000 goal. May God bless you. So our mission work will continue on next year. Thank you again to All. Some of our missions are Chaddock, Priscilla Jaiah, a missionary and school principal in Liberia, tuition for 2 African school children, Snack Packs for local school children, Midwest Distribution Center, Backpack Buddies for Riverview, African College, One Great Hour of Sharing and many more IGRC missions.

**Submitted by: Deb Kamp, Mission Committee Member**



Monthly **Food Pantry** Day is **July 13**. We will have our **King's Closet** upstairs at the Annex. We have clothes, other small items or produce for local people to take and use, if they need it. Bring items all month. It comes in free and goes out free, no charge. Anything left over will be taken to Good Will or South Side Missions.



10:30 a.m. **WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS** are still needed. If you are interested in ushering, reading scripture, greeting or being an acolyte, please sign up on the Schedule Sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

We still need one **SUNDAY SCHOOL** teacher. We are working towards having two teachers per class. Please talk with April Nauman if you'd like to help. Please help us raise the next generation of Christians.

The **PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM** is looking for singers and musicians. If you have any interest learning more, please contact Jarrod Doty at church, by email at [jdoty69@gmail.com](mailto:jdoty69@gmail.com) or by phone at 309.657.8904.

Dennis Hill want to work in small groups for **MUSIC SPECIALS**. There is room on the signup sheet for other specials (solos, duets, reading, etc.). If you are interested, please contact Judy at 822-8770 or 645-6625.

If you, or anyone you know, want to fill in on the **ORGAN** or **PIANO** occasionally, please text or call Carla Doty at 657-8903 or email at [dougdoty@aol.com](mailto:dougdoty@aol.com).

**NURSEY—PAID POSITION.** Need an adult to assist/oversee the nursery on Sunday mornings. See Matt Freeman or Ron Call if you are interested or know of anyone that might be or if you would like additional information.

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.** Would anybody like to take over the responsibility of straitening the pew contents, replacing prayer cards & envelopes and checking the pencils? Nancy Utsinger has been doing it for Judy for the last few months. She moved to Rapid City, South Dakota on June 20. Thanks to Nancy for her service.

*Submitted by: Judy Schaer*

**PARSONAGE PROJECT**—These projects still need to be completed before a new pastor is assigned:

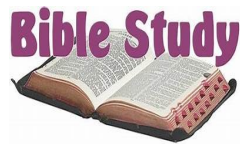
- Last room to be painted (upstairs master bedroom)
- Repair wall in downstairs hallway
- Install flooring in 4 bedrooms and downstairs hallway

To those of you who have already signed up ~ Thank you!! We still need volunteers ~ please consider sharing your time and talents! Instead of trying get all volunteers lined up to do work on the same day or weekend, I wanted to offer a solution that would work with your individual or team schedule. Please let me know when you (and your team) would like to do your project. We will make arrangements to let you in the parsonage. You may contact Holly Lynn with questions at [blynn7843@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blynn7843@sbcglobal.net) or 309-822-0642 or 309-208-6231.

*Submitted by: Holly Lynn, Trustees Committee Member*



- ◆ For the rain we received.
- ◆ For the successful Rummage Sale.
- ◆ Thanks to Joanne Helms for organizing Vacation Bible School.



**Sunday Morning** classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m. We will be digging deeper into the Bible passage we hear that morning, deeper into what it means to follow Jesus, deeper into how God is at work in our own lives and the world. Please come with questions and a learning spirit. Bring your favorite Bible, or use the ones we have. Let's learn together!



Be sure to check our website at [riversedgeumc.org](http://riversedgeumc.org) where you will find the newsletters, calendars and announcements regularly. If you see pictures that you are in and would like them removed, please let Judy Schaer know. The committee wanted pictures to depict the life of our church. Scan the QR code (Quick Response Code) at the end of the newsletter with your smart phone to easily access our website.

We have put up new Welcome signs inside the church entrances in addition to the directional signs. The signs on the front and back doors and in the restroom stalls will be changed monthly to inform you of current events happening at the church. **Submitted by: Communications Committee**



The Midwest Mission Distribution Center of the United Methodist Church is helping to supply clean-up buckets for the record THREE hurricanes. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Supplies bought through DollarDays (<https://www.dollardays.com/midwestmission/wishlist.html>) would be the best way to donate, as they are shipped directly to MMDC at the Center's bulk prices. Monetary donations may be sent to:

MMDC, P.O. Box 56, 1022 New City Road, Chatham, IL 62629  
[www.midwestmissiondc.org](http://www.midwestmissiondc.org) | [office@midwestmissiondc.org](mailto:office@midwestmissiondc.org)



John Schaer is still collecting **ALUMINUM CANS** to recycle. CANS only, no aluminum disposable pans or other items. You may leave them in the entry area of the river side of the church or call John at 822-8770 if you would like him to pick them up. Once he gets a truck load, he will take them to the recycle center. Not only will this help the earth, but the money will go to the Church account.





**RUMMAGE  
SALE**  
A benefit for missions



Message by  
Rev Mike Herzog  
'Our Father Waits for  
Our Prayers'



**Praise  
Team**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  5:30 p.m. O.U.R. @ Buzz & Dianne's	2  6:00 p.m. Trustees	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10  7:00 p.m. Ad Council	11	12	13  9-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry/ King's Closet	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

*Our Motto* "The Church That Cares"

## Our Mission

"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

## OUR VISION

"Our vision is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors through our witness, welcome and nurture ."

### WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

### NURSERY:

Sunday 8-11:45 a.m. (infant-kindergarten)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS : 9:15-10:15 a.m.

D.O.C.K. (Preschool – 5th grade)

Youth (grades 6 – 12)

Sunday Morning (All Ages)

### CHOIR PRACTICE: (7th grade-Adult)

September through May

7 p.m. Wednesday evenings, as announced

### O.U.R.: Outwardly Upwardly Righteously

(first Sunday of month)



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