

Dryden Presbyterian Church Newsletter

July/August 2023

Summertime! Summertime! Sum-Sum-Summertime!



Growing up in Southern California in the 70s and 80s, summers had two reasons to celebrate and one thing to dread.

Let's start with the bad news—SMOG! Ugh! That stagnant, stinky, silver-green sky glowering over hundred-plus degree days. As long as you didn't breathe you'd be fine.

But there were perks! The first of course being School's Out! (No further explanation of that seems necessary.)

The second celebration that was constantly on every kid's mind was playing in water. There were all kinds of ways to play.

Backyard Swimming Pools (if you could find an adult to watch).

The Beach (if you could drive). And push come to shove—Sprinklers.

Sprinklers were the "poor kid" solution to no supervised pools and no transport to beaches. But almost any kid could access a hose. And if you had a hose... the possibilities were only limited by your imagination and nerve (as long as you didn't get caught).



Life has a way of giving us lessons about faith, including childhood summers in LA County.

Have you ever experienced spiritual smog? That feeling of not being able to relate to the Spirit as Breath, Wind, Water, Life! It smothers your soul, and all you got is a dull numbness that looks better in black and white instead of Kodak Color.

Maybe you need a good romp in the Spirit Sprinklers. You don't have to be Mr. Bigwig with the fancy pool of chlorinated Spirit water, although such soaking can be nice. You don't have to go with the Spiritual Flutterbys to a weekend beach retreat, even though there is Power in those waves. But all of us have access to the Hose of Spirit Sprinklers, and the possibilities are endless.

Try these Spirit Sprinklers: Sing and dance to upbeat positive music (talent not required). Take a hike under a blue sky. Whistle. Read the Psalms—find a favorite & memorize it. Spend time with (well-behaved) children or away from children (depending on your circumstances). Laugh!



I pray your soul is filled with overflowing joy this summer!

- Pastor Nancy

Thank you for the one year anniversary gift. As we grow in serving one another, may the Lord strengthen our friendship and love. Blessings! Pastor Nancy

WORSHIP BY THE LAKE
Join us for church services
in the pavilion at Dryden Lake on
Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 10 AM
Stayed tuned for more details.

**Walking with God
Vacation Bible School
VBS for Adults & Kids!**

**NEW DATES
Aug 9, 10, 11
at 5:30-7:30 pm**

It's going to be FUN, FUN, FUN for all ages!

Dinner! Pulled pork, sloppy joes, and hamburgers.

Games! Beatle Walk & Jonah Relay Race

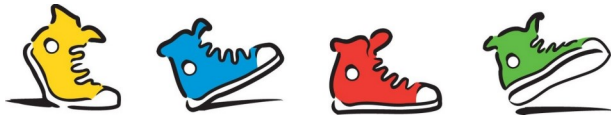
Crafts! Decoupage Cross & Bird Feeder

Science! Walking Paper Dogs & Wind Spinner

Bible Study! "Running from God" (Jonah),

"Limping with Joy" (Paul), & "BFFs Stick Together" (Naomi & Ruth)

To volunteer, contact Dan Carpenter or Pastor Nancy.



Help Dryden High stock up on sanitary essentials.



Please drop off items in Fellowship Hall.

Feminine products are not needed.



Gifts of the Spirit
Summer Sermon Series 2023

- June 18 Gifts 101
- June 25 Gifts of Seeing
Faith, Wisdom, Knowledge, Discernment
- July 2 Gifts of Proclamation
Preaching, Evangelism, Prophecy, Teaching
- July 9 Gifts of Intercession
Prayer, Healing, Miracles
- July 16 Gifts of Creating
Art, Crafts, Music, Dance, Writing
- July 23 & 30 (Guest Preachers)
- August 6 Gifts of Tongues
Languages, Prayers, Prophecy, Interpretation
- August 13 Gifts of Sacrifice
Giving, Celibacy, Martyrdom, Forgiveness
- August 20 Gifts of Mercy
Service, Hospitality, Encouragement
- August 27 Gifts of Mission
Tongues, Sacrifice, Mercy
- September 3 Gifts of Authority
Administration, Leadership, Shepherding
- September 10 A More Excellent Way

Second Wind Home for Women

Community build days continue every Thursday and Saturday of the week through the summer at the Second Wind house in Dryden .

If you would like to help this summer, please let us know!

To sign-up, go to <https://app.helperhelper.com/inst/1138/opportunities?forg=26992>.

To learn more about this opportunity visit <https://www.secondwindcottages.org/dryden-house-for-women>.

Thanks so much to everyone for your prayers and partnership, we couldn't do it without you!

Worship/Praise Team

Christian Education Sunday was celebrated June 11.



Nathaniel, Evelyn, Connor and Collin played a rousing game of “Mama vs Llama” and were each given a balloon in recognition of their faithful participation in church events.

Peter Nydam was recognized for his many activities, and Emma Park-Miller was recognized as a high school graduate. Emma will be attending Boston College in the fall to major in Neuroscience and a minor in Theatre Arts. Congratulations to all our youth.

Fran Sincerbeaux and Pastor Nancy were also recognized for their valuable contributions to our youth and Christian Education.

We returned to summer hours with 10:00 am service on June 18. All men and boys of the church were asked to wear a plaid shirt for Fathers Day! Coffee and donuts were enjoyed after the service.



We welcome Pastor Jim Hicks back as our guest preacher on July 23.

Back to Church Sunday is September 10 with the return of 10:30 am service and communion. We will celebrate grandparents this day also. Invite a friend to join you.



If you're unable to attend our service in person, please join in via zoom.

PLEASE sign up to usher, greet and be a liturgist.

Summer months get busy and we need you!

A Note from the Missions Committee

First Presbyterian participated in the Blanket Sunday effort of Church World Service again this year. Thanks to all who were able to contribute, 46 blankets will be provided to people in need, a witness of our following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

There are no special offerings planned during the summer. We are mindful of the need for continued support of the Kitchen Cupboard and the summer WEB program. The Second Wind housing project in Dryden also welcomes continued support.

For the summer, we offer the following for contemplation. Maimonides was a 12th century Jewish philosopher whose thoughts had much influence on Christian thinkers. He wrote, “We are obligated to be more scrupulous in fulfilling the commandment of charity than any other positive commandment, because charity is the sign of a righteous man.” From that he offered the Golden Ladder, which provides a guide to the significance of a charitable gift. The further one goes up the ladder, the more meaningful and virtuous the gift. With 8 being the bottom, here are the 8 steps:

7. Giving unwillingly. 6. Giving willingly but inadequately. 5. Giving adequately after being asked. 4. Giving before being asked. 3. Giving to an unknown recipient. 2. Giving anonymously to a known recipient. 1. Giving anonymously to an unknown recipient. Then the highest step: To anticipate charity by preventing poverty and thus the need for charity.

Let us ponder how these thoughts square with the mission statement of Dryden Presbyterian Church.



SPIRITUAL GIFTS and REWARDS IN JUNE 2023

Kudos to Pastor Nancy, Scott, the choir, and Mike for using the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to share their talents in our weekly Sunday services. They coordinate worship services to present our congregation with scripture, messages, and music aimed at a specific goal for a Christ-driven life. We are obviously being motivated as we look back at the involvement of the congregation with services being given by so many of you in just the month of June.

I am not going to list all the names of participants as it would include nearly every member. Do look for yourself as the activities are listed. The Sunday service has a message, music/choir, ushers, greeters, liturgists, communion with bakers, Bible studies with a leader and attendees. A service for new members welcomed Sue Barry and Will Merrill. The following week Dan Carpenter honored the Education group of teachers, students and helper, Fran. We enjoyed the honor, by association, of special graduate Emma Miller and all her accomplishments, as well as Peter Nydam.

There were meetings of Elders, Deacons, and the many committee responsibilities for Treasurer/Resources, Property, Missions, Worship/Praise, Christian Education, Fellowship, Harmony, Deacons. Let's not forget Coffee Hours, Dryden Dairy Day, with our newly created cow by Cheryl, McKayla and Al Macomber, plus all the bakers, booth set up and sales. On Father's Day, all the "guys" wore plaid shirts, a suggestion from Connor Parsons.

All the church family offers services and financial assistance, proving the lyrics provided by Scott and Dough in their duet of "FRIENDS" . . . FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS FOREVER IF THE LORD'S THE LORD OF YOU". Gosh, I love being a part of this beautiful congregation!

Millie the Church Mouse

BE A KINDNESS MOTIVATOR

In line with Pastor Nancy's series on Spiritual Gifts this summer, we might want to think about kindness and how to give or receive it. A HARVARD HEALTH blog by Melissa Brodrick offers some insight.

Surprisingly KINDNESS begins by being kind to YOURSELF. It is not always the best practice to work through lunch or respond to an email when you are tired yourself. YOU need rest and relaxation. When you are upset with yourself it is easy to transfer those emotions to others. Take a nap, go for a walk in our beautiful rural surroundings or sit on your porch, listen to the birds and watch your gardens grow.

Begin your goal of giving kindness by starting with COMPASSION. This leads us to acts of kindness. Just listening to someone else's problems may be the most valuable gift you can give. Tests show the greatest return received from showing compassion is a boost to our own happiness. We cannot control the attitude or behavior of others, but we can control how we respond to them by setting a good example.

Ask yourself what your own goal is for kindness. Do you need an audience to foster attention or reward yourself? The most rewarding payback comes when there is no payback. Being treated unfairly only motivates us to behave in a similar fashion. Why not set the example of being helpful and observe if it doesn't give you kindness in return. My Mom used to say, "The happiest times in your life will be when you are doing something for someone else."

An unexpected compliment is something we remember long after we have forgotten a person's name. How do you want to be remembered?

Have a wonderful summer. Musically, "See You in September". Pastor Nancy is too young to recognize this song! Tee Hee!

Millie the Church Mouse



RESOURCE COMMITTEE REPORT

January through May Operating Results	2022 Actual (5 months)	2023 Actual (5 months)	2023 Budget (5 months)	2023 Budget (12 months)
<u>Operating Income</u>				
Pledge Receipts	\$ 46,363	\$ 47,611	\$ 44,750	\$ 107,400
Non-Pledge & Plate Contributions	4,847	5,107	4,167	10,000
Interest, Dividends & Misc Income	2,706	3,656	5,625	13,500
Expenses	(45,313)	(68,514)	(68,957)	(167,422)
To Capital, Copier and Piano & Organ Reserve Accounts	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)	(3,600)
From Designated for Purchase of Stoves	-	1,423	-	-
From Insurance for Preliminary Repair of Water Damage	1,798	920	-	-
From Dave Smith Memorial for Fire Alarm Cellular Dialer System	-	1,125	-	-
 Net Operating Income	 <u>\$ 8,901</u>	 <u>\$ (10,171)</u>	 <u>\$ (15,915)</u>	 <u>\$ (40,122)</u>

() Denotes reduction to Income.
Negative Net Income will be covered by the Session Discretionary Reserve.

Operating Results:

Contributions

YTD contributions (pledge + non-pledge + plate) are 3% higher than last year and nearly 8% above (5/12ths) of the budget. Amount-wise, the pledge increase is the highest, but plate is the highest percent-wise.

Interest & Dividends

In early January, \$100,000 was invested in a CD at 4.75% which increased interest income above last year however it is still behind the budget which is based on a \$200,000 investment for the year at 3.5%. An additional \$100,000 was invested in early June for one year at 5.3% which should bring the annual interest income close to budget by the end of the year.

Expenses

Overall, expenses through May, including the cost of the stoves and fire alarm cellular dialer, are within 1% of the budget.

Net Income (Cost)

Based on the budget, a net loss of \$15,915 was projected at the end of May. The actual loss was \$10,171. The primary reason for this difference is that funds from the designated account were used to pay for the stoves and cellular dialer. Also, contributions through May were higher than the budget, which is most likely due to timing.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Session has approved the church to hire R. C. Wilson Backhoe Inc. to repair and repave the driveway and parking lot. The driveway from the street to the corner of the Kitchen Cupboard will be resurfaced. The bad areas in the parking lot will be repaired and the entire lot will be sealed. In addition, the area between the office foundation and the existing parking lot will be paved to keep the water away from the building. The total cost is \$20,960.

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*The best way to contact her is by her cell phone.

Session	Deacons	Staff
Discipleship Dan Carpenter	Phyllis Byrn	Clerk of Session..... John Scott
Fellowship Cheryl Nemecek	Evan Carpenter	Office Admin. Susan Barry
Harmony Jeanine Scott	Christi LaPlant	Treasurer..... Dottie Slocum
Missions Chuck Nydam	Fran Sincerbeaux	Financial Secy..... Jay Engels
Property Dave Parsons	Dottie Slocum	Organist Michael Singbusch
Resources Joyce Day	MJ Uttech	Music Director Scott Miller
..... Brad Perkins	Connie Walker	Custodian Rob White
Worship Doug Barton		Librarian..... Gretchen Young
..... Brenda Carpenter		

Ode to Church Volunteers

There are many among you who volunteer here
You volunteer tirelessly and (usually) with cheer

Even though we ask you at the last minute,
If it needs to be done, we can count on you to be in it.

You help teach our children or dry the dishes
You plant or uproot things based on our wishes

Some flip pancakes, some make treats
Coffee gets made to enjoy with our sweets.

You decorate the church and then put it away
You host the fun things we do day after day

You greet and usher and serve Communion,
Every Sunday is like a volunteer reunion!

Some of you sing and hit the right notes,
Others play music great composers wrote.

You shuffle papers for mailings and fold the bulletins
You lead classes and meetings no matter what room they're in.

You commit for a day, a month or the year,
Whenever you're needed, you're always here

If it seems at times you are overcommitted
It's because you are generous, resourceful, quick-witted

Every great volunteer is in great demand
Without you these little jobs can get out of hand

We know you have lives and it's hard to commit
We hope the difference you make, makes all this ... worth it.

The impact of your kindness brings many folks cheer,
First Presbyterian Church of Dryden volunteers: we are in awe of you this year!

Thank you, thank you, and thank you again,
“Well done, faithful servants,” well done, our friends!

Adapted from a poem for St. Paul's Parish
by Cheryl Nemecek and family

July Birthdays

- Peggy Parsons—2
- M.J. Uttech—3
- Brenda Armitage—10
- Ben Taylor—11
- Brenda Carpenter—19
- Carol Robinson—24
- David Gross—29
- Bryon Newbury—31


No July Anniversaries


August Birthdays

- Cate Hicks—1
- Tina McHerron—2
- Shelly Taylor—4
- Bill Maddren—9
- Joyce Day—10
- Arlene Krebs—10
- Joan Watros—15
- Spenser Dodds—16
- Jack Scott—16
- Kat Riggs—17
- Julie Maddren—22
- Dan Carpenter—26
- Danielle Perkins—26
- Jan Shay—28
- Olivia Barton—29
- Ernie Walker—30
- Fran Sincerbeaux—31

August Anniversaries

- Ernie and Connie Walker—15
- Jack and Jeanine Scott—26
- John and Gale Conway—31

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 <h1>July</h1>						1
2 Celebrating Independence Day	3 Office closed KitCupd 11-12	4 Office Closed Independence Day	5 Bulletin Deadline KitCupd 5-6	6	7 KitCupd 11-12	8
9	10 KitCupd 11-12 Pastor Nancy out of the office	11 Quilters 10AM	12 Bulletin Deadline KitCupd 5-6 VBS 5:30-7:30	13 VBS 5:30-7:30	14 KitCupd 11-12 VBS 5:30-7:30	15
16 VBS Sunday	17 KitCupd 11-12	18	19 Bulletin Deadline KitCupd 5-6	20	21 KitCupd 11-12	22
Pastor Nancy on Vacation July 17 - 30						
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30 Vacation	31 KitCupd 11-12					

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the Lord

Worship — Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
(Summer Hours)