



## Mark your Calendar

### JUNE 2016

- 6-5 Communion
- 6-12 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 6-19 Father's Day
- 6-22 Session Meeting - 7 p.m.

### JULY 2016

- 7-3 Communion
- 7-10 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 7-18 – 7/22 VBS 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 7-27 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.  
(Tentative)

### AUGUST 2016

- 8-7 Communion
- 8-7-8-14 InterFaith Hospitality here
- 8-14 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 8-24 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.  
(Tentative)

## *Pastor's Message*

Truth is one of the most intriguing topics of our day. Whether you are debating whose truth is true or denying there is absolute truth, truth is a hot button issue. The "truth" is, we live in a culture which moves further and further toward a total rejection truth. Michael Duduit says it like this; "There is a sense that it is fine for us to sing and pray in our own little "holy huddles" as long as we don't try to influence the culture or bring biblical morality into the marketplace." Our culture affirms the right to believe whatever you want, but it is a no-no to share biblical truth with our culture. So, where does the gospel fit into this paradigm? Do we have a right to proclaim truth? Is Jesus charge to baptize and preach the gospel to the whole world antiquated?

For most of the later half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century there was a general attack on Christianity. Culture began to see the inadequacy of popular mainline religion which required nothing more than attendance and had grown due to a population explosion and not a focus on sharing the gospel. Biblical illiteracy has grown. Christianity's connection with society in regard to sharing the truth of God's plan of salvation was minimal and outreach focused more on social issues than the proclamation of the gospel. Social issues are important and should be important to Christians, but without the truth they are just good deeds and lack the witness and reason for reaching out; our response to Jesus call placed on our lives and His salvation freely given to us.

In the post modern world of today, our culture has replaced truth with tolerance. Rick Warren, senior pastor of Saddleback Community Church in southern California and author of the popular book [A Purpose Driven Life](#) says this: "Because preachers are called to communicate truth, we often mistakenly assume that unbelievers are eager to hear the truth. **They aren't!** Unbelievers aren't that interested in truth these days.... Today people value **tolerance** more than truth. People complain about crime, drug abuse, the breakup of the family, and other problems of our culture, but they don't realize the cause of it all is **their** rejection of truth. "Moral relativism is the root of what is wrong in our society. But it is a big mistake for us to think that unbelievers will race to church if we just proclaim, **'We have the truth!'** Their reaction will more likely be, 'Yeah, so does everybody else!' Proclaimers of truth don't get much attention in a society that devalues truth ...." Absolute tolerance has become the moral standard. And I fear the mainline church has lost her ability to be a prophetic witness to the truth of God's love shown to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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**UPDATES**

**Session Update**

**Regular June Session Meeting**

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular July Session Meeting - tentative**

Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular August Session Meeting - tentative**

Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**Note: Summer Session and Deacon Meetings are held if needed**

**Deacon Update**

**Regular June Meeting**

Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

**Regular July Meeting - tentative**

Sunday, July 10, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

**Regular August Meeting - tentative**

Sunday, August 14, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

*The nicest place to be is in  
someone's thoughts,  
the safest place to be is  
in someone's prayers, and the  
very best place to be is ....  
in the hands of God.*

*Prayer*  
**is the key to heaven but**  
*Faith*  
**unlocks the door.**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**JUNE**

**JUNE 5, 2016 – Communion**

Assisting Elder Joe Marchie Greeters Cindy Winters & family  
Assisting Deacon Suzanne Swanson  
Servers Ray Lalley, Lance Evans, Jan Kuhn, Vicki Stevens

**JUNE 12, 2016 -**

Assisting Elder John Ehasz Assisting Deacon Dianne Marchie  
Greeters Wismer Family

**JUNE 19, 2016 – Father's Day**

Assisting Elder Becky Brandt Assisting Deacon Tina Evans  
Greeters Evans Family

**JUNE 26, 2016 –**

Assisting Elder Bert Kuhn Assisting Deacon Emily Swanson  
Greeters McKenna Family

**JULY**

**JULY 3, 2016 – Communion**

Assisting Elder Natalie Dutt Assisting Deacon Tom Wismer  
Greeters Jeri Lynn Flynn  
Servers Joe Marchie, Lori Frankenfield, Karen Rose, Richard Fehr

**JULY 10, 2016 -**

Assisting Elder Vicki Stevens Assisting Deacon Richard Fehr  
Greeters Rich & Betty Salter

**JULY 17, 2016 -**

Assisting Elder Scott Aydelotte Assisting Deacon Gail Bragin  
Greeters Harris Family

**JULY 24, 2016**

Assisting Elder Nancy Ehasz Assisting Deacon Ray Lalley  
Greeters Dick & Loyce Johnson

**JULY 31, 2016**

Assisting Elder Karen Rose Assisting Deacon Jan Kuhn  
Greeters David Ehasz Family

**AUGUST**

**AUGUST 7, 2016 – Communion**

Assisting Elder Dave Swanson Assisting Deacon Sue Gentle  
Greeters Niki Carr & family  
Servers Sandi Skivenes, Bev Lalley, Kate Harris, Nancy Farley

**AUGUST 14, 2016 –**

Assisting Elder Ruth Skirbst Assisting Deacon Suzanne Swanson  
Greeters Lee Smith Family

**AUGUST 21, 2016 -**

Assisting Elder Barbara Esposito Assisting Deacon Tina Evans  
Greeters Louise Harris, Olivia Swanson, Ben Rose, Ray Bragin

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE (cont)

AUGUST 28, 2016 –

*Assisting Elder*  
*Greeters*

*Lori Frankenfield*  
*Shirley and Elisa Beers*

*Assisting Deacon Richard Fehr*

### **Usher Schedule**

- June 5            Communion Servers will be the Ushers
- June 12          Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Tina & Lance Evans
- June 19          Cathy & Joe Haschak, Jeri Lynn Flynn, Tom Wismer
- June 26          Scott & Sherri Aydelotte, Niki & Andy Carr
  
- July 3            Communion Servers will be the Ushers
- July 10          Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Tina & Lance Evans
- July 17          Cathy & Joe Haschak,, John Ehasz, Mark Marason
- July 24          Scott & Sherri Aydelotte, Becky Brandt, Victoria Stevens
- July 31          Rich & JoAnn Fehr, Dianne & Joe Marchie
  
- August 7         Communion Servers will be the Ushers
- August 14        Charlie & Joyce Cummins, Lance & Tina Evans
- August 21        Suzanne Swanson Rex LaBarre, Jan Kuhn, Ray Lalley
- August 28        Dick & Loyce Johnson, Debbie McKenna, Nancy Farley

### **BAPTISMS**

We are always pleased to welcome God’s children into our church family. Baptized on May 29 was Noelle Michelle Brady, born on October 10, 2016, daughter of Michael and Amber Brady. Olivia Colucci, born on November 27, 2015, daughter of Anthony and Camie Colucci, will be baptized on June 5.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

It is a cause for joy when visitor become friends, and friends become members of our church family. Publicly received as new members during worship on May 29<sup>th</sup> were Michael and Amber Brady. Welcome!

### **SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to the family & friends of Joanna Vegh, who returned to her Lord on May 19, 2016.

We express our sympathy to Chuck Nowalk & family and friends on the death of his wife, Susan, who returned to her Lord on May 22, 2016.

### SUMMER DONATIONS

Summer is a fun time, but it is also a time when traditionally it is more difficult to meet the budget. Please help your church by mailing in your offering if you are going to be away. We need each of you to fulfill your obligation so that the church can continue to fulfill its own obligations. Thanks.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22, 2016      **5:30 to 8:00 p.m.**      **Dinner will be served**

The Christian Education Committee reminds parents that the deadline for registration for Vacation Bible School is July 20. Please fill out registration form and place in the offering plate, mail or deliver to the church office. You may also call the church office at 859-0355 to register by phone. Payment of \$10 per child is due at the first VBS gathering on Sunday, July 18, 2016.

### FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY

Remember the FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY is the first Sunday of every month. As you come to worship, please place your nonperishable food items in the baskets located in the downstairs hallway. Poverty and hunger, like God, do not take a vacation. The summer can be more difficult for parents as their children are home all day and cannot take advantage of federal school breakfast and lunch programs

### REMEMBER THESE FOLKS IN PRAYER

Sue Ann Cook Barr, Jim Barr, Joan Barry, Emily Beaton, Dick Collins, Mary Collins, Sheila Constanza, Christine Dancy, Glenn David, Flo Disarsky, Jean Dutt, Adrian Evans, Kelly Fox, Denise Frankenfield, Dick Frankenfield, Josephine A. Frankenfield, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Wes Garrison, Sr, Frank Gentle, Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, Hilton family, Hoff Family, Dick & Loyce Johnson, Eric Kirchgassner, Stan & Bobbye Kopec, Rex LaBarre, Ray Lalley, Sam Marino, Tracy Matlock's dad, Veronica Matus, Alice McElhinney, family of Susan Nowalk, Jace Nikoden, Rhonda Olsowski, Irma Cook Petersen, Janice Prostack, David Rehrig and his family, Joan Richards, Betty Salter, Rich Salter, Vicky Santini, Carol Scott, Russell Scott, Sandy Scott, Amy Shandor, Diane Shipe Armstrong, Sgt Ryan Skibenes, Ron Smith, Earl Steele, Sr., George Stevens, baby Trent, Bob Vannatta, family of Joanna Vegh, Dave Wared, Lois Wilde, Kevin Wisner, Debbie Wittschiebe.

### THANK FOR TONER/INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to all who have turned in ink and toner cartridges. We receive \$2 for each one turned back into Staples. We have received many rebate checks and have really saved on our office supply orders from Staples. Every little bit helps and we appreciate your support. ***Please keep them coming!!***



### GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

The following graduates were honored during worship on May 15, 2016: Junior High – Spencer Aydelotte, High School- Justin Garrison, College –Chad Robert Salter, Brittany Marchie Rocco Consiglio. Jr. We congratulate them and wish them the best on their next journey.

*In an attempt to save postage costs, the newsletter will be on the church website. **If you would be interested in not receiving a copy in the mail – please notify the church office.** Thank you.*

### **ARMED FORCE MEMBERS**

Please keep our armed force members in your thoughts and prayers.

### **CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM**

Our Children's Day Program was presented on May 22. We wish to thank all the children and their teachers for a wonderful, meaningful program. Thanks to Sandy Vliet for her assistance with this program.

### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

Do you want to remember a loved one? Or would you like to honor a special person or day, such as a birth, anniversary, marriage or birthday. Chancel flowers are only \$30 for two vases. You can take the flowers with you after the service or the Board of Deacons will see that they are distributed to a church member who is ill or shut-in. A sign-up chart is located on the door to Fellowship Hall. Please place your donation in the offering plate and make the envelope "flower fund." If you have any questions or if you can't come in to sign the chart please call the church office.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

Church School will resume on September 18th. Kids can register for Church School at the Church Picnic on Sunday, September 11.

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary please contact the church office at 908-859-0355 or send e-mail to [tomcat507@verizon.net](mailto:tomcat507@verizon.net). Please note that the birthday and anniversary lists will be no longer appear in the Tower but will be available on our website [tpcnh.org](http://tpcnh.org).

### **DOOR WILL BE LOCKED**

For the safety of our children in Church School please note that the side door – parking lot side – will be locked on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you arrive after 10:00 a.m. please use the front doors. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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So, where are we in the midst of this cultural truth debate? It is impossible to turn the clock backwards and the communication of the gospel needs to be reinterpreted for today's culture. But I believe that doesn't change our call. We do have a right to proclaim the truth of the gospel. People are seeking truth. People are looking for a way through the chaos. People are searching for a foundation and the Truth of Jesus is what they are searching for even if they do not realize it. The gospel can never be antiquated because the message it bears for humanity is God's redeeming sacrificial love for us. This is not time sensitive. This is an eternal truth. Tolerance is not a virtue when it is at the expense of truth. Which is worse; being tolerant and watching a world die without hope or sharing the truth of God's redeeming sacrificial love respectfully and with humility to a world searching for truth?

Just some thoughts... Pastor Scott

**CALENDAR REMINDER: CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE SEPTEMBER 11.**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
JUNE 19th



**ORDINATION CEREMONY**

Come and join us in the Ordination of Pastor Amy Sandlin on June 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the Harmony Presbyterian Sanctuary. Reception will follow.

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