



I've seen it in Iowa, but rarely. I'm talking about raging, reckless drivers. This week, Kathy and I had a wonderful time in Seattle for my niece's graduation. But while there, we drove along Interstate 5, where we encountered no less than three mad drivers, at times nearly forcing others off the road in their fast-paced fury to get to wherever they were going during the thickest of traffic.

It's crazy, isn't it, how some people can be so thoughtful and kind and polite in one setting, only to turn "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" in another. In the case of the three road maniacs in Seattle, I actually believe they got away with it. Eventually, though, the truth will surface and they will have to pay a price. I cannot tell you how many times while active duty I had to visit a servicemember who was caught DUI (driving under the influence), or popping positive (positive urinalysis for marijuana or some other illegal drug). Suffice it to say, their military careers were short-lived.

As one friend recently put it, people do all sorts of things when they are "off the reservation." One of the characteristics of a Christian is being of the same character in all settings. You cannot be a saint at work and a scoundrel at home. As Christians, we are called to lead pure lives, for "what is said in the dark will be heard in the light...."

I hope and pray that as you and I strive to walk the "narrow path," we will seek to bring our thoughts, words, and actions in line with those of our Lord.

Blessings to you!

Pastor Van

P.S. It's good to be home!

*Saturday, July 20 , M&M's will be going to the Stampede in Prairie City. Meet at the church at 5 p.m. to carpool or meet us there. Call 641 259 2784 to let Kathy and Marvin know you will be carpooling or meeting us there by July 15.*

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 10 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any agenda items please let Donna Stravers know.

**~ CALLING ALL HELPERS AND CONTRIBUTORS FOR THE 2019 BAZAAR ~**

Our annual UMW Fall Bazaar is Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please plan to showcase your talents with your contributions of homemade baked goods, jams, jellies, handmade creations, etc.

As always, we will have canned beef and chicken, homemade noodles, homemade frozen casseroles and pies, mincemeat, and pumpkin and chocolate cake rolls.

We will also be selling Rada Cutlery and Texas Durham Nuts.

If you would like to help in any way with the preparation(s) please contact

Jeanne Van Genderen at 515-371-7976.

Thank you to all of you who have said "yes" when someone has called/asked you to help on a committee. Also, thank you to all who have been or will be working to help make this year's bazaar a HUGE success!

Service in the Square will be held Sunday, July 21 at 10:00. Bring your favorite lawn chair, a cup of coffee and enjoy worshipping with others at this outdoor service with lunch to follow at 11:30.



WE can help those in need at the Ronald McDonald house! Watch for details how!

UMW Men's breakfast will be Wednesday morning, July 10 at 7:00.

Diapers for Haiti, that meets monthly at the Presbyterian Church, is in need of towels. We cut these up and use them as soakers in the diapers. If you have any absorbent terry cloth towels that you no longer want, we would appreciate your contribution. There will be a box in front of the stage for your donations. These diapers all go to help individuals through the Many Hands for Haiti group. If you have any

questions please do not hesitate to contact Jeanne Van Genderen (515-371-7976).



This Month we are collecting 175 rolls of toilet paper for the PCM food pantry. Leave your donations on the stage in Fellowship Hall.



July  
Community  
Table  
Wednesday  
July 17  
from 5-7

MUMC will host a clothing giveaway Friday July 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday July 27 from 8:00 to noon. Donations of gently used clothing are now being taken. We also need volunteers to help sort, set up and tear down as well as the days of the giveaway. If you have any questions contact Patty Eilander.

# Country Junction Vacation Bible School

for one day on

## Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

All activities are in the Square

10:00 Sunday Morning Worship

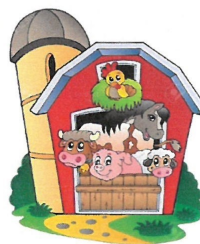
11:30 Potluck

12:30 – 3:45 VBS for ages 5-105!

Bring your lawn chair, blanket, and  
covered dish

Drink and table service provided.

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# Everyone Welcome!

Hosted by the Monroe United Methodist Church and the Monroe Presbyterian Church

# July Birthdays



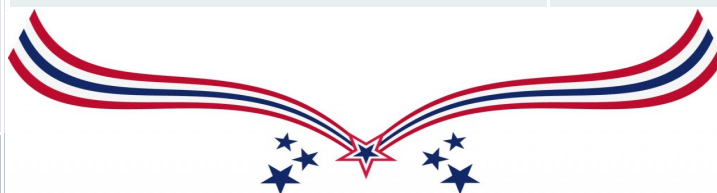
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| Amy Ver Heul      | 3rd  |
| Jim Barr          |      |
| Linda Birkenholtz | 5th  |
| Easton Van Veen   | 6th  |
| Donna Stravers    | 7th  |
| Rod Schakel       |      |
| Paul Kane         | 8th  |
| Bailee Lamb       | 9th  |
| Jodi Kingery      | 10th |
| Carley Strovers   | 11th |
| Janna Diekema     | 12th |
| Ardythe Timmins   | 13th |
| John Holdsworth   | 14th |
| Myra McConeghey   |      |
| Eric Ver Heul     | 15th |
| Kay Vriezelaar    |      |
| Kim Worth         |      |
| Doug Duinink      | 16th |
| Opal Van Der Hart |      |
| June Hjortshoj    | 19th |
| Robert Sheeler    |      |
| Deb Coulter       | 20th |
| Becky Konek       | 22th |
| Erik Thomas       | 25th |
| Emily Romick      | 27th |
| Diana Van Veen    |      |
| Greg Duinink      | 28th |
| Matthew Peery     | 29th |
| Mike Nolin        |      |
| Amy Fagg          | 30th |



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| July 7  | Usher       | Janice Cook, Patty Duinink,<br>Dianna Nolin, Judy Stock |
|         | Liturgist   | Kelly Phillips  |
|         | Communion   | Donna Stravers,<br>Jeanne Van Genderen                  |
| July 14 | Usher       | Janice Cook, Patty Duinink,<br>Dianna Nolin, Judy Stock |
|         | Liturgist   | Lori Schakel  |
| July 21 |             | Service in the Park                                     |
| July 28 | Usher       | Jim & Kelly Phillips,<br>Greg & Leslie Duinink          |
|         | Liturgist   | Melissa Van Der Hart                                    |
|         | Hospitality | Shirley McGregor  |

## July Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|------|
| Dave & Diana Van Veen     | 3rd  |
| Rod & Jeanne Van Genderen | 11th |
| Art & Sue Gregerson       | 14th |
| Dave & Bobbie Schrader    | 15th |
| Joh & Marcia McConeghey   | 17th |
| Charlie & Dawn Hoeksema   | 19th |
| Daryl & Liz Horman        | 20th |
| Rod & Lori Schakel        | 31st |





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*Independence Day*

Bible Study 9:00



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Sunday School 8:45

Coffee Time 9:00

Worship with  
Communion 9:30

AA 7:00

Men's Breakfast  
7:00 a.m.

MOMs 9:00

Chimes 6:30

Church Council  
7:00

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Coffee Time 9:00

Worship 9:30

Bible Study 9:00

Community Table  
5:00—7:00

AA 7:00

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*Service in the  
Square 10:00*

*Lunch 11:30*

*One Day VBS*

*12:30 - 3:45*

Bible Study 9:00

AA 7:00

Clothing Giveaway

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Sunday School 8:45

Coffee Time 9:00

Worship 9:30

Bible Study 9:00

AA 7:00



# Monroe United Methodist Church

Rev. Van Dickens, Pastor

(641) 259-2822

Sunday School 8:45

Coffee Time 9:00

Sunday Worship 9:30

*"We are a friendly, faithful, and loving family  
dedicated to sharing God with our neighbors."*



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